

THE PATRIOT

*Monsignor Albury Assembly 2006 Knights of Columbus 4th. Degree
Central and Northern Vancouver Island
March 2017*



Bearers of this emblem are committed to conduct themselves honourably as Christian gentlemen in their private and public lives, as well as acting patriotically for the good of their nations.



Assembly Executive

- Faithful Navigator – SK. Ron Stothers
- Faithful Friar – SK. Rev. Fr. Joe Killoran
- Faithful Admiral – SK. Philip Riley
- Faithful Captain – SK. André Melançon
- Faithful Pilot – SK. Rum Hykaway
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Committees

- Nicholson Fund – SK. Al Walsh
- Admissions – SK. Philip Riley
- Colour Corp – SK. André Melançon
- Flag Watch – SK. André Melançon
- Newsletter – SK. Bernie Mason

Meetings 2016/2017

- March 19th. - Comox Valley
- May 28th. - Parksville



FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S REPORT

Yvonne and I hope that everyone has fared well during our very difficult cold winter. We are just not used to this kind of winter. The only positive is for our skiers who are enjoying Mount Washington.

SK Phil Riley will be presenting an impressive Proposed Slate of Officers for the 2017/2018 year. Please advise me if you are interested in allowing your name to stand.

Does any SK have any ideas that we do for our 150th birthday?

There is an Exemplification May 27th in Victoria.

The Faithful Master has advised that our annual 4th Degree Convention will be held in Prince George on Mothers' Day weekend, May 14th.

This will be 3 full days of Travel and meetings.

Yvonne and I are unable to attend.

Is there a Past Faithful Navigator that would like to go to visit with family as well, as it is a long way to go for just a Convention and Exemplification.

The basic costs are as follows:

Convention including Banquet with Spouse	\$175.00
Ferry both ways	160.00
Hotel	240.00

Our Assembly presently would reimburse \$450.00 at present.

If any past F/N is interested please advise at our meeting to discuss.

F/N Ron Stothers

Our Monsignor Albury Assembly #2006 will hold its next meeting in Courtenay on Sunday, **19th March 2017**, which will not conflict with Easter celebrations. Mass will be celebrated at Christ the King Church at 10:30 AM. The church address is 1599 Tunner Drive. Following the Mass, will be a lunch buffet at approximately 11:45 PM in the Church Hall at a cost of \$15.00 per person. The Assembly General Meeting will follow lunch at approximately 12:30 PM.

The Ladies Program is being organized at "Hot Chocolate".

Please call your Area Rep to indicate your intention to attend or not to attend. Planning for the meal and ladies program is contingent upon numbers attending, and it will be appreciated if you provide that information to the coordinator as early as possible. Each Area Representative-

SK Mike Gariepy,	Parksville	(250-752-3351)	kmgariepy@telus.net
SK Ivan Rioux,	Alberni Valley	(250-724-6308)	ivanjackie@shaw.ca
SK Richard Graebner	Campbell River	(250-286-0187)	rickgraebner428@msn.com

SK Kyle Jones

Comox Valley (250-338-7181)

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-shall coordinate within their own respective area, accumulating numbers and names of committed attendees for the brunch (and whether spouse is also attending the brunch and/or the ladies program). Please pass the attendance information to SK Kyle Jones, 250-338-7181 or email at ak7181@telus.net and me. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU REPORT THIS INFORMATION SO THAT THE PROPER CATERING AND TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE!!

For those Area Reps who know of any of their members who are not on line, I ask that you please call them and relay this meeting information to them.

Finally, if there are agenda items anyone wants included for this meeting, send an email to me rystothers@shaw.ca so that I can add it to our agenda.

Please come and join your fellow Sir Knights and their Ladies in fraternity and fellowship. I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

Fraternally in Christ,

Ron Stothers
Faithful Navigator
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Sir Knight Worden advises that the Ladies' Program visit to Hot Chocolates, 368 5th. St., Courtenay, hosted by Michelle is a go and further information will be provided at the luncheon.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

MARCH

Support for Persecuted Christians.

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

APRIL

Young People.

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

DAILY MASS

Sir Knights there are a number of ways in which we can partake in Daily Mass if it is not offered or we cannot attend at our local parish church.

On television Mass is celebrated on several channels. Vision TV is included on the basic package offering of both Shaw and Telus in Canada. Salt and Light and EWTN broadcast Mass several times daily but you need a subscription for both channels.

Online Mass is also available at dailytvmass.com where you can choose when you want to stream and watch it. This is the same Mass as celebrated on Vision TV.

CANADA 150 BIRTHDAY

Remember Sir Knights that a good way to celebrate our National Birthday is by fulfilling our “Patriotism” pledge of honouring our National Flag.

Should you notice a house or business who constantly flies the flag, please note the address and pass the information to our Flag Watch Chairman so that he can make inquiries about awarding a “Flag Watch Certificate”.

FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord. Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky.

In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand. Sometimes there were two sets of footprints, other times there was one only.

This bothered me because I noticed that during the low periods of my life, when I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat, I could see only one set of footprints, so I said to the Lord,

“You promised me Lord, that if I followed you, you would walk with me always. But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life there has only been one set of footprints in the sand. Why, when I needed you most, have you not been there for me?”

The Lord replied, “The years when you have seen only one set of footprints, my child, is when I carried you.” Mary Stevenson 1936

Astronauts Received Holy Communion in Space

Dr. Thomas D. Jones, a NASA astronaut who flew on four space shuttle missions and is the recipient of the NASA Distinguished Service Medal and many other awards, tells a great story in his book **“Sky Walking: An Astronaut’s Memoir:**

I thanked God each night before falling asleep for these glorious views of Earth and for the success of our mission thus far. I asked for the continued safety of our crew and a joyful reunion with our families. I was conscious of the special gift of each day in space, aware of the unique privilege I had been granted. And I remembered Father Tom Bevan's words on the beach back in Florida. When Sunday rolled around again, two weeks after Easter, it seemed particularly appropriate to share our thanks and thoughts on what we had seen. Sid, [Gutierrez], Kevin [Chilton], and I — all Catholics — gathered on the flight deck one orbital night for a short Communion service.

Kevin, a Eucharistic minister, carried the Blessed Sacrament with him, the hosts protected within a simple golden pyx. The three of us thanked God for the views of His universe, for good companions, and for the success granted our crew so far. Then Kevin shared the Body of Christ with Sid and me, and we floated weightless on the flight deck, silently reflecting on this moment of peace and true communion with Christ.

As we meditated quietly in the darkened cockpit, a dazzling white light burst through space and into the cabin. Pure radiance from the risen sun streamed through Endeavour's forward cockpit windows and bathed us in its warmth. What else could this be but a sign? — God's gentle affirmation of our union with Him. Drifting parallel to the floor, I rolled away from my crewmates, embarrassed at my reaction to that singular sunrise. Through tears I looked instead through the overhead windows at the Pacific below, the dawn painting its surface with a rich, limitless blue.

“Look at that,” I called out almost unconsciously to my friends. From the living water below, we drank in hues unmatched by the palette of any human artist. After a moment, Kevin said simply, “It's the blue of the Virgin's veil, Tom.” He was right. He had found the perfect way to express the vision we were seeing out the window.



Ash Wednesday, Lent, Easter

(From Online Catholic)

Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer.



Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too.

Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel."

Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

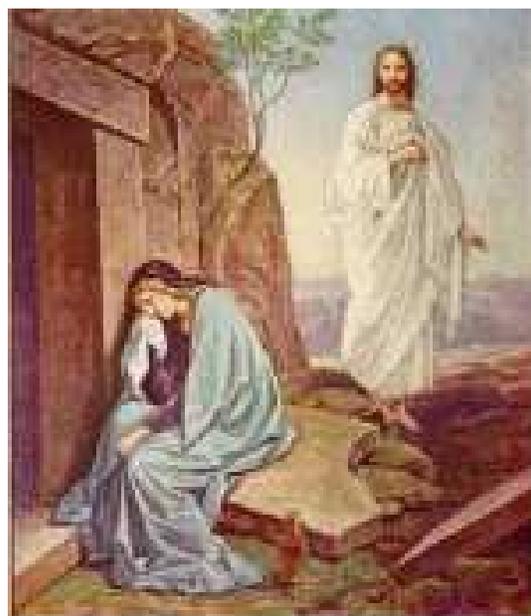
Easter is the celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. It is celebrated on Sunday, and marks the end of Holy Week, the end of Lent, the last day of the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday), and is the beginning of the Easter season of the liturgical year.

As we know from the Gospels, Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day following his crucifixion, which would be Sunday. His resurrection marks the triumph of good over evil, sin and death. It is the singular event which proves that those who trust in God and accept Christ will be raised from the dead.

Since Easter represents the fulfillment of God's promises to mankind, it is the most important holiday on the Christian calendar.

The Easter date is movable and always falls on a Sunday between March 22 and April 25. Easter in the Roman Catholic Church is always on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox.

Following Easter Sunday, the season of Easter begins and lasts for seven weeks, ending with Pentecost.





Monsignor Albury Assembly 2006

2 March 2017

Reference: Laws and Rules Governing the Fourth Degree: Article VIII

Worthy Faithful Navigator SK Ron Stothers, as directed during our Assembly's previous meeting in Parksville on 20 Nov, 2016 the undersigned canvassed members to fill positions for the next Executive Committee for the 2017 - 2018 season. As indicated many members graciously volunteered to take on the arduous task to serve on the committee. and is much appreciated.

Therefore please find below a proposed list of members who are willing to volunteer their time for the positions indicated for Msgr. Albury No. 2006 Proposed Officers for 2017/2018 as follows:

Faithful Navigator:	Sir Knight Murray Wilson	(CV)
Faithful Admiral:	Sir Knight Ron Stothers	(Q/P)
Faithful Captain:	Sir Knight Andre Melancon	(CV)
Faithful Pilot:	Sir Knight Rum Hykaway	(Q/P)
Faithful Scribe:	Sir Knight Liam Richardson	(Q/P)
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Duties of Assembly Officers can be found in Reference: Article VIII, Section 24, Pages (13) thru (17). and the same Article VIII, Section 24 (j) directs election to be held annually at the first business meeting of the Assembly in May of each year.

For you consideration.

SK Phil Riley
Elections Coordinator
Msgr. Albury No. 2006