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ON COURSE.....SIR KNIGHT ROGER SALES



Hope everyone had a nice thanksgiving. We are coming up on the most important time of the church year, the birth of Christ. It is a time when we gather with family and friends to give praise for the wonders He has blessed us with. I would like to wish all my brother Knights and their families a very Merry and Blessed Christmas.

I am looking forward to sharing in the fellowship at our December dinner at the River Station. Contact Sir Knight Tom Martin for reservations.

I look forward to seeing you at the December meeting and upcoming honor guards. God bless and keep up the good work.

Vivat Jesus
Your Faithful Navigator
Sir Knight Roger Sales

The Twelve Days of Christmas: One Fibber Fibbing

In the mid-1900s we began to hear about a hidden meaning that underlay the charmingly nonsensical song "The Twelve Days of Christmas." According to Fr. Hal Stockert of the Catholic Information Network, the song was a coded catechism, used by persecuted English Catholics to pass on the faith to their children. Here's what he said the various gifts in the song really mean:

My true love = Christ

1. 1 partridge in a pear tree = the One God
2. 2 turtle doves = the Old and New Testaments
3. 3 French hens = Faith, Hope, and Charity
4. 4 calling birds = the Four Gospels/Evangelists
5. 5 golden rings = the first five books of the Old Testament, the "Pentateuch"

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NOTICE!!

December Business Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of Spalding Assembly 0206, 4th Degree Knights of Columbus will be Wednesday, December 12, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Radnor Road in Peoria.

If anyone wants to bring a snack to share, please feel free to do so!!

MARCHING ORDERS SIR KNIGHT RON SWOLLEY



HONOR GUARDS FOR DECEMBER

Saturday - December 1 - Special Olympics - Landmark Lanes - 9:00 a.m.

Dress at 8:30 p.m.

Monday - December 24 - Christmas Eve Family Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, Peoria - 4:00 p.m.

Dress at 3:30 p.m.

Monday - December 24 - Solemn Mass of Christmas Eve - St. Mary's Cathedral, Peoria - 9:00 p.m.

Dress at 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday - December 25 - Solemn Mass of Christmas Day - St. Mary's Cathedral, Peoria - 10:30 a.m.

Dress at 10:00 a.m.

Faithful Captain Ron Swolley

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6. 6 geese a-laying = the six days of creation
7. 7 swans a-swimming = the seven sacraments
8. 8 maids a-milking = the eight Beatitudes
9. 9 ladies dancing = the nine fruits of the spirit
10. 10 lords a-leaping = the Ten Commandments
11. 11 pipers piping = the eleven faithful apostles
12. 12 drummers drumming = the twelve doctrines in the Apostle's Creed.

The author didn't provide his source for this information, and a number of critics have raised objections—for instance, the fact that Anglicans, too, believe in each of the things enumerated above (except for the seven sacraments; they've slimmed down to three). A more obvious point: Would using such a song really help kids remember all those complex, sometimes abstruse theological points?

In the scientific spirit, we propose an experiment. Try out this handy mnemonic device on your or a neighbor's child. Better yet, try it on a group of several children of both sexes and various ages and temperaments. Remember what nuns and brothers always considered the secret to successful, lifetime rote learning: corporal punishment. Administer it liberally. It's Christmastime: brook no laxity.

Ruler in hand, teach the children the song and then "decode" it for them, carefully explaining the beatitudes, the points of doctrine in the Creed, the fruits of the spirit and the notion of the Pentateuch. (That should take you a good six months of weekly CCD classes.) Once you're done, sing the song again and demand the kids recite back the symbolism encoded among the leaping lords, lactating cows, and laying geese. Remind them how important all this is, and how many English Catholics died horribly for these points of doctrine. When they start to cry, your work is done.

(From "The Bad Catholic's Guide to Good Living by John Zmirak & Denise Matychowiak)



Annual Christmas "Party"
December 16, 2007,
River Station.

Cocktails at 5:30 p.m.
Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Buffet: \$17.00 per person
Rolled Roast Beef
Baked Potato
Corn
Salad
Iced Tea and Coffee

An optional dessert will be
available (double chocolate torte cake or
Key lime pie) for an additional \$3.95.

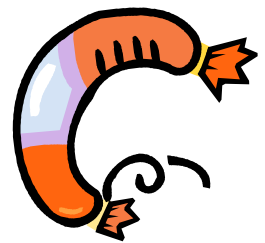
Reservations needed by December 6th
Call Tom Martin at 385-2544 or 253-8298
E-Mail: janeandtom@verizon.net

FOR SALE BY Fourth Degree
"Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets
\$5.00 each

FROM THE EDITOR:
E-MAIL ADDRESSES?
For several months, a few Sir Knights have been receiving their newsletter by e-mail. If you have e-mail, and would like to receive the newsletter in this manner, please send me an e-mail and let me know your address. My e-mail address is: janeandtom@verizon.net
If you decide you want to receive the newsletter by e-mail, please be advised that when it is sent it will show that it is coming from Mr&MrsPDG.



*January Dinner
January 13, 2008*



*Kaiserhof Restaurant
Bradford, Illinois*

*Cocktails: 6:00 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.*

Order From the Menu

Reservations: Sir Knight Mike West 385-4419

