



The Sword and Scabbard



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FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR , SIR KNIGHT JERRY CAIN, PGK

Faithful Sir Knights,

It is Thanksgiving night as I sit here writing this. As I think upon all that I am thankful for, my wife, family and friends come to mind first. I feel that I am truly blessed to have my wonderful and supportive wife of 10 years in my life. My life would be so different without her. I probably would not know any of you, as she was the reason that I converted to Catholicism and became so very active in the Knights of Columbus.

I have been very blessed to have my family there whenever I needed them and to have made so many friends in so many Councils and Assemblies in the Central Pa. region. It is always a blessing to me, to be out and about and to run into a Knight that I haven't seen in a while or to meet a new Knight. It saddens me though when we lose a brother. I feel that I must share the following with you.

Over the last year, we have lost a many of our brothers and it always saddens me to learn of the passing of a Brother Knight. The death of S/K John Ford plays heavy on my heart. Even though you know it is coming, your never really ready for it. John and I for the last year and a 1/2, worked closely together, e-mailing each other or on the phone with each other , with him as our Faithful Comptroller. Even when he told me at our August meeting that he needed to resign, it still broke my heart when he sent me his resignation. It really hurt when I learned of John's death. John's wife and I talked on the phone for about 30 minutes or so. She shared some stories of John with me that I will forever hold in my heart. I knew how she was hurting, and I feel she knew how I was also, in her time of sorrow, Anna was trying to comfort all those around her. What a remarkable lady. Anna, the Bishop John W. Shanahan Assembly 917 stands ready should you need us and you are, and always will be part of the Shanahan Family. Sir Knight, your job on earth is complete, and you have been called home to Glory, may you rest in the arms of Jesus.

The other death we had this month, S/K Richard (Dick) Schmidt took me by surprise and weighed heavy on my heart. Dick and I met and became friends in June of 1971. As a fifteen year old kid, I joined the Liberty Fire Co.No.1 in Middletown as a Junior Firefighter. Dick joined there several months before me after returning home from serving in Vietnam. We both served on the same committees there and fought fire side by side until the late 70's when we both sort of went our separate ways and left the Fire Dept. Dick had a young family and wanted to spend time with them and I married and wanted to be the best I could be for my wife. I always knew Dick belonged to the Knights of Columbus in Middletown, but never knew he belonged to our Assembly until I was doing a newsletter several months ago and I was looking up members birthdays and found Dick's birthday for that month. Just knowing that my friend, who I depended on in so many situations in the fire service had been a Sir Knight for many years sent a calming sensation over me. My old friend, we served together side by side and I will miss you. Your job here is now complete, the Lord has called you home, may you also rest in the arms of Jesus.

Vivat Jesus,

Sir Knight Jerry Cain

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Please remember our sick and deceased Brothers,
Clergy, Family and Friends Of Bishop John W.
Shanahan Assembly 917. Your thoughts and
prayers would greatly be appreciated.



The Sir Knights and Families of
Bishop John W. Shanahan Assembly 917,

Msgr. Vincent Smith, Msgr. Hugh Overbaugh

Soul of S/K John Ford , Rich Wisner & Family,
S/K Otto Binker, S/K Paul Kenny, S/K John Castillo,
Ralph Fulginitti, S/K Dan Zak, Ed Mily, Dennis Bavaria

Soul of S/K Richard Schmidt, Our Military, Colleen Zak

In Loving Memory of Our Brother, and Our Friend Sir Knight John J. Ford, P.G.K., P.F.N.



On Monday November 18, 2013, our dear brother and friend, John J. Ford was call home to his Lord, Jesus Christ. He was surrounded by his loved ones. John was a very devoted Catholic and was devoted to his Parish , Good Shepherd in Camp Hill. He was also very devoted to his wife of 51 years, Anna, his four children, and his 16 grandchildren. John lived every day of his life with the Catholic values that he so much respected, loved and cherished.

John was also a long time member of Our Lady of Queenship Council 4068, where he was a Past Grand Knight and currently the Deputy Grand Knight.

John was also a Fourth Degree Knight in the Bishop John W. Shanahan Assembly 917, where he was a Past Faithful Navigator and up to last month when he resigned his position, he was the Faithful Comptroller. John was also very active in the Color Corp of the Shanahan Assembly.

John was appointed by the late Bishop Joseph T. Daley, bishop of Harrisburg as the first Eucharistic minister in the Diocese of Harrisburg at Good Shepherd Parish.

John was also a member of the Ancient Order of Hiberians (AOH) He was also very active with the Dauphin County ARC, Camp Sertoma. He was also very civic minded as he was elected to office in Hampden Township as a Commissioner, Past Member of Good Shepherd School Board, Board of Directors for Wildwood Nature Center, and Keystone Area Council of Boy Scouts of America.

John will be missed by a lot of people who's lives and heart he touched immensely. Sir Knight, job well done, rest easy Brother. You may be gone, but you will forever live in our hearts and in our memory.

S/K Jerry Cain, P.G.K., F.N.

Up Coming Assembly Meetings

Monday, December 2, 2013

Holy Rosary Council 869 Home, Harrisburg 7:00PM

PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE

Monday, January 6, 2014

St Joseph, Mechanicsburg 7:00 PM

PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE

Monday, March 3, 2014

St. Katherine Drexel, Mechanicsburg 7:00 PM

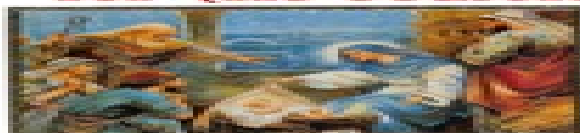
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We are currently looking for meeting places for February, April, May, and June 2014. If your council would like to host us, please contact the Faithful Navigator at 221-8873 or by e-mail at engine37@comcast.net

Why not come to one of our meetings and get
reacquainted with your
Brother Sir Knights, we would love to see you !!



Jesus is the Reason
for the Season



Keep CHRIST in
CHRISTmas





We wish a very Happy Anniversary to our Sir Knights and Ladies who are celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in the month of November!! May the Lord bless you with many more!!

Happy Birthday wishes to all of our Sir Knights who are celebrating a birthday in the month of November!!

Our November Birthday Boys are : Sam Magaro, Thomas Wargo, Ronald Solomon, Bernard Taylor, Daniel Boyer, Robert Coyne, Fredrick Cabell, Thomas Herweg, Mike Yakubick, William Fenwick, James Scheuren, Thomas Stewart, Paul Kenney, Paul Kearney, Harry McKey, Michael Tracy, Francis Crupi, John Tomko, James Husic, Edward Millhouse, Joseph Witmer, Ray Pugliese, Al Diangelantonio, Jon Reardon, John Valle and John Resetar.

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**Bishop John W. Shanahan Assembly 917 Celebrates
The Christmas Season at Miller's Smorgasbord and
American Music Theater In Lancaster**

On Saturday November 23, 2013, twenty four Sir Knights and there Ladies celebrated the Christmas Season with a very delicious smorgasbord meal at Miller's Smorgasbord and the 2013 Christmas Show, "The First Noel" at the American Music Theater on Route 30 in Lancaster. It was a great day of camaraderie, excellent food and a very, very good show. My thanks to our Faithful Captain, S/K Steve Bowker for a terrific job on setting this up!! Job well done Faithful Captain!! A very wonderful time was had by all!!

**Bishop John W. Shanahan Assembly 917
2014 Dues are now due.**

2014 Dues for the Bishop John W. Shanahan Assembly are due at this time. Please have your check made out to the Bishop J.W. Shanahan Assembly 917, and send the to our Faithful Comptroller Mike Rybacki at 602 Inared Court Mechancisburg, Pa. 17055. Dues are \$20.00 plus a donation if you care to for the Bishop Daley Seminary Fund.

**Bishop J.W. Shanahan Assembly #0917
Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus
602 Inared Court
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055**



Due by 12/31/2013

Dear Sir Knight:

Your dues in the Bishop Shanahan Assembly for this coming year are **\$20.00**. You may also **make a donation to the Bishop Daley Seminary Fund**. All donations to the Seminary Fund support the education of priests for the Harrisburg Diocese. Please return your check made out to the Bishop Shanahan Assembly.

Check #: _____

Dues: _____

Seminary Fund: _____



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