



# Knights of Columbus

## FOURTH DEGREE

St. Elizabeth Bayley Seton Assembly #1781



*An organization committed to education, prayer and service.*



*“Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful.”*

*-Norman Vincent Peale*

### Leesburg Christmas Parade

The Sir Knights from St. Elizabeth Bayley Seton Assembly served in full Regalia on a cold, snowy Saturday, marching down the center of Leesburg, in support of Leesburg’s Annual Christmas Parade. The Knights lead the parade carrying the flag of our country and to the cheers of “Merry Christmas” from all onlookers along the route. Sir Knights from Seton Assembly were **PFN Steve Rogers**, **SK Chris Yorke** and **FN Everett Barnes**. Thank you, Sir Knights, for your support in our community.



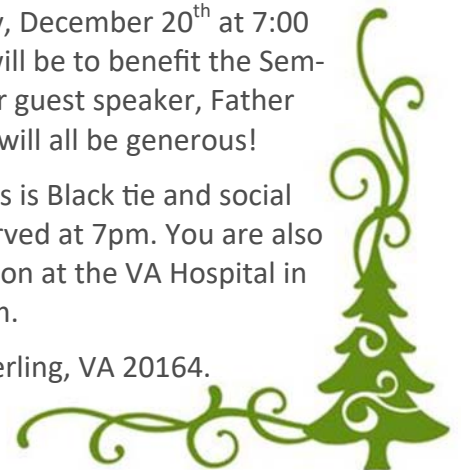
### Assembly Christmas Party

I hope you will all join us for our Assembly Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Christ the Redeemer Church, Atonement Hall. Our party this year will be to benefit the Seminarians of the Archdiocese of the Military. We are pleased to have, as our guest speaker, Father Jim Hinkle, Parochial Vicar at St. Theresa’s Church in Ashburn. I hope you will all be generous!

Cost for this event is \$20.00 per person and you can pay at the door. Dress is Black tie and social baldric or suit and tie and ladies as appropriate. Catered dinner will be served at 7pm. You are also invited to bring a sweat suit for our vets as we collect these for presentation at the VA Hospital in Martinsburg on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Please RSVP to Everett at [evbarnes@aol.com](mailto:evbarnes@aol.com).

Address for Christ the Redeemer Church is 46833 Harry Byrd Highway, Sterling, VA 20164.

We look forward to seeing you there!





*Cheerfulness prepares a glorious mind for all the noblest acts.*

*~ Saint Elizabeth Bayley Seton*



### Memorial Mass at St. John Neumann Church

A beautiful Mass, celebrated by Family of Man Council Chaplain, Father Don Heet, remembered our brothers who have passed. The necrology was read by two of the PGKs of Family of Man Council 7566. SK Richard Devlin served as an Altar Server. The Mass was very well attended. I was proud to participate in this celebration.

Our Color Corps participants were **SK Steve Saiget, SK Chris Gallagher, SK Thomas Carter, SK Chris Yorke, SK Jim Masterson and FN Everett Barnes**. Thank you, Sir Knights, for your service to our parish and our faith community.

*“At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern.” -Mother Teresa*



I am sorry to share word of the passing of **Sir Knight Larry Spallanzani**. Larry was a Past Grand Knight of Holy Family Council #6831 in Leesburg, Past Faithful Navigator of St. Elizabeth Bayley Seton Assembly #1781, and a Former District Deputy. Larry also served the State Council as State Membership Director. Larry was stricken with multiple myeloma, a type of blood cancer that attacks plasma cells. He fought the disease for over five years enduring multiple trials and treatments until finally succumbing to the disease. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for strength for Diane and the Spallanzani family as they mourn his passing.



### Confirmation Mass at St. Theresa's Church

The Sir Knights of Seton Assembly escorted Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, of the Archdiocese of the Military Services, USA, celebrant at two Confirmation Masses on Sunday, 19 November at St. Theresa's Church. There were 251 confirm ante at the two Masses. Serving at the Masses were **SK Ray Cook, SK Rudy Flores, SK Greg DiMuzio, SK Dave Schreder, PFN Steve Rogers, SK Jeff Peiffer, SK Manny Galvan, SK Emer Credo, PFN Commander Jay McCarthy and FN Everett Barnes**.



**Around the Globe**  
Visayas, Philippines



Bernardo Pojas (left) of St. Paul Council 10775 and Cirino Anabi-eza of St. Vincent Ferrer-Lawis Council 16312, both in Inabanga, Bohol, prepare a roof for a home. The councils work with St. Paul the Apostle Parish to provide shelter for families in dire need.



## Friar's Remarks

Recently, a parishioner who went to the new bible museum in Washington D.C., expressed disappointment that the museum succumbed to the new secular dating method – C.E. and B.C.E. (Common Era and Before Common Era) instead of the familiar A.D. and B.C. I suppose historians believe removing Christ from their dating will somehow allow for a cleaner analysis of history? While it may seem an unsubstantial change, removing Christ, and the recognition that something of our very humanity changed at the birth of the Christ is nothing to take lightly.

Everything did change. While we may celebrate our own birthdays year after year, taking count as time ticks by, Christmas exists not as merely a birthday party for Our Lord, but a participation in the timeless event when God became Man, for us. We do not merely mark the years with the celebration of The Birth; rather, Christmas Mass, with all of the excitement in the pews, suspends our very notion of time and space – the flesh given to us for our salvation at a moment in history, becomes present to us again.

The flesh, that sustains our very life in Christ, a life sanctified by Baptism, becomes present on the altar and reminds us of our proximity to God and His closeness to us and how near we are to the Kingdom of Heaven. While we mark Christmas and Easter in different celebrations in the Church, the incarnation of God in the flesh of God-Man Jesus Christ is inseparable from the death and resurrection of the same Man. God took on the flesh, He lived among us, He died for us, He conquered death and slavery to sin and opened up for us the gates of heaven.

When we extend to each other, "Merry Christmas," it is not Merry Christmas 2017, it is Merry Christmas now and forever.

Eternally yours in Christ, Fr Jim



## 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification in Portsmouth



I am proud to introduce the newest member to our order and to Saint Elizabeth Bayley Seton Assembly 1781, **Loren Biegler**. Loren took his 4th Degree in Portsmouth, VA. Loren, and his wife Donna, enjoyed the weekend in Portsmouth and the hospitality extended by all the assemblies throughout Virginia. Loren also served in the procession of the flags preceding the Saturday banquet. Loren was sponsored by **SK Bob Balog**.

Also present at the exemplification was our **Captain Jeff Peiffer** who served in the Northern VA hospitality room and **PFN Steve Rogers** and **Ken Moore** who served in the Exemplification Choir. We were happy to

have **SK Bob Balog** join us for the exemplification also.

We will look forward to meeting Loren and his wife Donna soon at our Assembly functions.

Above is a picture of Loren with District Master Tom Trudeau with his wife Jerri and Donna Biegler.



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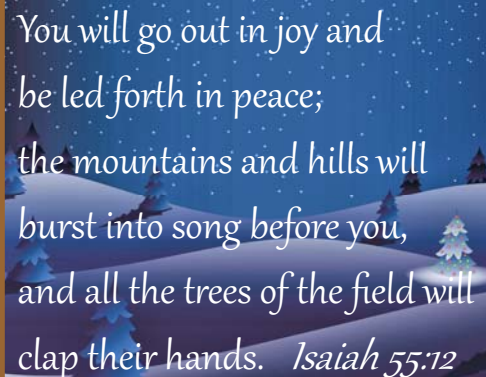


*The officers of our Assembly join me in wishing you and your loved ones a most blessed and joyous Christmas Day. We hope that you are enriched and uplifted by this wondrous gift of the birth of our savior on this day, for our salvation.*

*We are grateful to be surrounded by so many wonderful families and friends in our Assembly and in our faith community with which we can share this Holy Season.*

*We wish you a Happy New Year filled with good health and good cheer. We will continue to pray for you and your loved ones and hope you enjoy a new year bountiful in God's blessings.*

*Fraternally, Everett Barnes, Navigator 1781*



*You will go out in joy and  
be led forth in peace;  
the mountains and hills will  
burst into song before you,  
and all the trees of the field will  
clap their hands. Isaiah 55:12*

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