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## *Navigator's Log*

Sir Knights,

Sir Knights I wish and hope that all of you and your family had a wonderful thanksgiving as I and my family did. We are now going forward to celebrate Christmas just around the corner. Time goes by very fast. There is really much to report. I do hope you will attend our next meeting on December 11, 2008. It will be held at St. Mark's at Christopher Hall. Officers please are to be there at 6:30 P.M., the meeting will start at 7:00 P.M. We are planning a good meal; almost as good as we had at our last meeting at Holy Trinity. Thank you all at Holy Trinity for your hospitality and of course the meal which was excellent, and as you always do. The assembly is also raffling a wind breaker with our logo. All you have to do is attend and register to win, every meeting you attend you have more chances to win. The raffle will be held either on January or in February. It all depends when the wind breaker with our logo will be ready.



Change of topic, I will like to encourage more of you Sir Knights to get your full regalia, we always have the same Sir Knights turn out for all of our turn out functions, and that is not enough of us. With Christmas coming up why don't you make a suggestion to your family all you want for Christmas is your full regalia? I am just making a suggestion to every one who does not have full regalia. We sure need more Sir Knights with full regalia. I just do not know how to stress the importance of more Sir Knights with full regalia. Please order your regalia and once you get your regalia turn out when it is requested.  
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SCHEDULED  
FOR DEC 11**

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I also would like to wish all of you Sir Knights and your families a Holy and Merry Christmas plus a very Prosperous and Happy New Year.

Viva Jesus.

Fraternally,

Nieves Gonzalez III  
Faithful Navigator

## *Captain's Corner*

Dear Sir Knights,

### **Do You Know Where You Are Going?**

If you ask the captain of a ship what his next destination is, he will tell you in one sentence. He knows where he is going, how he will get there, and how long it will take. Suppose we start another ship and do not put a captain and crew on it. We give it no aim and no destination. What do you think the chances are that it will reach the desired port? Which ship represents your life?

- What do you plan to accomplish in this New Year?
- The next five years?
- How do you plan to do it?

We must first set a goal in order to work out the details to accomplish it. A woman who does not plan to bake an apple pie for dinner will not get the needed ingredients when she shops. All too often, many people go through life with no aim, no goal, and no planned destination.

The loudspeaker of the big jet clicked on and the captain's voice announced in a clear, even tone; "Now there's no cause for alarm but we felt you should know that for the last three hours we have been flying without the benefit of radio, compass, radar, or navigational beam. This means that we are, in the broad sense of the word, lost and not quite sure in which direction we are heading. However, on the brighter side of the picture, I'm sure you will be interested to know that we are making excellent time!" Many people go through life making excellent time but have no idea where they are going.

Fraternally,

*William Boes*  
*Faithful Captain*



## ***Prayer for the 2009 New Year***

Dear God, I do not want to know what things there are in store, but I implore Your help this year that I may accomplish more.



Your Hand alone can lead me through the darkness of the night and bless me with encouragement to keep on doing right.

Be with me every morning when the sky is gray or blue and let me find the stars at night that light the way to You.

Almighty God, in every thought, I most sincerely pray for just enough assistance now that I may never stray.

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### **NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**

**Council 7613 would like to invite all of the Assembly 3018 to Christopher Hall on the 31st of December. Bring your own snacks to share and BYOB. The Hall will have music, dance, guards, and lots of safe fun for one and all. The fun starts at 8 pm.**

**So if your looking to go out but don't want to spend a lot, come to Christopher Hall.**

**Don Williams  
Grand Knight, 7613**

# **OFFICERS**

## **ASSEMBLY 3018**

Faithful Navigator	-	Nieves Gonzales
Faithful Captain	-	William Boes
Faithful Admiral	-	John Thabet
Faithful Pilot	-	Clarence Grayer
Faithful Scribe	-	Larry Zoller
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Faithful Outer Sentinel	-	Jesse Govea
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Faithful Trustee 2nd Year	-	Steve Hluchanek
Faithful Trustee 1st Year	-	Luis Luis

**Surviving the Massacre in Mumbai: To Whom Much Is Given**  
by Peter O'Malley

Last Wednesday evening around 10pm, following a relaxing supper, my friend Eugene and I arrived at the check-out desk at the Taj Hotel in Mumbai, as we have done together hundreds of times in our travels as New York investment bankers currently living in Hong Kong.

As I placed my bag on the table I heard a loud gunshot, which I recognized from my years living in South Africa to be the distinctive snap of an AK-47 assault rifle. Hearing another shot a second later, I looked at Eugene and said, "Run, that's AK!"

We streaked away from the gunfire toward the nearest exit as the terrorists were entering the hotel lobby from various points. I smashed through the doors toward the pool area and ducked into some bushes as the gunfire grew in intensity. I realized Eugene did not make it out of the lobby.

Five or six people had arrived in the bushes before me, all now paralyzed in fear. From the sound of things I realized that a Columbine-like shooting spree was taking place inside, with gunmen walking around methodically executing people. Mind racing, I concluded that being bunched up in the bushes in the corner of the pool area was not safe.

Surveying the scene brought the dispiriting conclusion that we were trapped, surrounded by dozen foot-high walls on all sides. I scanned the walls and then scrambled for a finger or toehold, but found none. I did, however, spy an air conditioning duct about nine feet above me. I leaped and was able to knock a cover away. I jumped again and grabbed onto the unit, but as I tried to pull myself up, I fell, causing the folks in the bushes to hush me to be quiet.

A quick aspiration to the Holy Spirit – "Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the heart of thy faithful!" – and then another leap upward. This time I was able to grab on and pull myself up over the wall where I flipped onto a lean-to roof of the pool shed. I laid low and quiet, partially concealing myself with tree branches.

Breathless, I thought to email my colleagues in London and apprise them of our plight. "Urgent: This is not a joke. At Taj Hotel in Mumbai. Gunmen on loose. People killed. Call police." Then I turned off my phone, thinking a ring could give away my position and bring on a quick and violent death.

For the rest of the article: <http://catholicexchange.com/2008/12/08/114661/>

To visit Catholic Exchange, go to [www.CatholicExchange.com](http://www.CatholicExchange.com).

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## Schedule of Events

### ASSEMBLY 3018

#### December

<i>December 11</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>Membership Meeting Christopher Hall</i>
<i>December 25</i>		<i>CHRISTMAS</i>
<i>December 31</i>	<i>8:00 PM</i>	<i>New Year's Eve Party—Christopher Hall</i> <i>All invited from all Councils (BYOB)</i>

#### January

<i>January 15</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>Membership Meeting - TBA</i>
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