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The Swiss Guards of the Vatican (From the Vatican Web Site)

The "Helvetians":

Not many of the visitors to Rome, who pose for a photograph in front of the Swiss soldiers on guard at the gates of Vatican City, are familiar with the history of these troops who take an oath of loyalty to the Pope. To know more we must go back to the period of the Renaissance and discover the motives that in 1506 caused Pope Julius II to invite to Rome the Helvetian soldiers, renowned for their courage, noble sentiments and loyalty. Many centuries earlier the great Latin historian, Tacitus, had said: "The Helvetians are a people of warriors, famous for the valour of their soldiers." This is why the Swiss Cantons, as allies first with one side and then with another, played such an important role in the history of European politics. In fact as allies of Pope Julius II in 1512 they helped to shape Italy's destiny and were granted by the Pope the title of "Defenders of the Church's freedom". In those times, when to be a mercenary soldier was a commonplace occupation, there lived a people of warriors in the very heart of the Alps. The first Swiss Cantons had about 500,000 inhabitants and formed an overpopulated country, where, because of the precarious economic conditions of the times, there was much poverty. There was no choice but to emigrate and one of the most profitable jobs was that of a mercenary soldier abroad.

The Swiss Mercenaries:

There were some 15,000 men available for this type of work which was "organized" and controlled by the small Confederation of Cantons. The Confederation authorized the enlistment of the men and in return received corn, salt, or other commercial goods. The men themselves regarded this warring as a temporary period of summer emigration. They took part in brief but glorious wars and then returned home with the "pay" and the booty, to spend the winter. They were the best troops of those times. Without cavalry and with little artillery, they had invented a tactic of movement that was superior to all others. Therefore they were in great demand both by France and Spain. They were similar to a semimobile rampart, standing tall and impenetrable, and it is impossible to understand the Italian Wars without taking these mercenaries into account. Already in the 13th and 14th centuries, after the Swiss Cantons had become independent, many of their men were fighting in Germany and Italy and as the Cantons were unable to prevent this type of emigration, they sought at least to organize it.

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The Grand Knight's Message...

I hope you all had a happy and safe holiday season. My family and I enjoyed our time with our in-laws in Connecticut (even though it was 50 degrees — unheard of in CT this time of year!).

Thanks to all the brothers who helped with the Christmas trees, including our leads, Jim Copio and Peter Reyda. It was a great success and everyone loved the new location (which, I believe, we will use from now on).

For those of you who missed the clergy appreciation dinner and Christmas party, Brother Paul St. Laurent did an outstanding job hosting both. The food at the clergy appreciation dinner was incredible, and we also surprised Father Weymes with a \$1,000 check for a new vestment dedicated to the members of our deceased Brothers.

After some difficulty, we made it to West Virginia with the toys! We were snowed out in our first attempt, but made it up the Saturday before Christmas in a rented 17-foot truck, which, I am happy to say, was packed to the ceiling. Driving the winding roads of WV with a full truck was challenging, especially since Brother Bob James, who was leading, sometimes confuses his truck for a Porsche!

Now that the holidays are past, it is time to start planning for the most important holiday in our faith in my opinion – Easter. Lenten meals are coming up, and we will need all the help we can get to plan and serve these meals. I would also ask you to bring a friend to the meals – we really want to get the attendance up. Watch the calendar and the website for the dates.

We can also use your assistance taking down the Nativity scene on January 17 (at 8:00 a.m.) and with the Parish breakfast on January 25.

Again, never hesitate to bring any concern or suggestion to me at my home (703) 814-8153, cell (571) 212-0822, or at Grand_Knight@kofc-council7369.org.

Many Thanks and God Bless,

C.J. Staton

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The Swiss Mercenaries and France:

The alliance with France was the most important and it began with Charles VII in 1453, and was later renewed in 1474 by Louis XI, who had seen for himself near Basle how 1,500 Swiss soldiers had resisted against twenty times as many men. Louis XI hired some of the Confederate soldiers as instructors for the French army and the King of Spain did the same. When, at the end of the 15th century, with Charles VIII the Italian Wars began, the Swiss were described by the Italian historian, Guicciardini, as “the nerve and the hope of an army”. In 1495 the life of the King of France was saved thanks to the immovable firmness of his Swiss foot-soldiers.

The foreign service of the Confederates was better regulated under the 1521 alliance between France and the Cantons. With it the Swiss agreed to provide from six to sixteen thousand men for the King and in return the Cantons would benefit from the protection of the most powerful European prince. They became permanent allies and auxiliaries, but the Cantons were still the true sovereigns of the troops and reserved to themselves the right to withdraw them. These armed corps were completely independent, with their own regulations, their own judges and their own flags. The orders were given in their own language, German, by Swiss officers and they remained under the law of their Cantons: in short, the regiment was their fatherland and all these customs were confirmed in similar agreements made in later years.

The Swiss Guards in the Vatican:

January 22, 1506, is the official date of birth of the Pontifical Swiss Guard, because on that day, towards the evening, a group of one hundred and fifty Swiss soldiers commanded by Captain Kaspar von Silenen, of Canton Uri, passed through the Porta del Popolo and entered for the first time the Vatican, where they were blessed by Pope Julius II. The prelate Johann Burchard of Stras-bourg, Master of Pontifical Ceremonies at that time, and author of a famous chronicle, noted the event in his diary. In actual fact Pope Sixtus IV made a previous alliance in 1497 with the Confederates, which foresaw the possibility of recruiting mercenaries, and he had barracks built for them near where there is, still today, the small Church of St. Pellegrino, in Via Pellegrino in Vatican City.

Later, renewing the old pact, Innocent VIII (1484-1492) also desired to make use of them against the Duke of Milan. And Alexander VI also engaged Confederate soldiers during the time of the alliance between the Borgia family and the King of France. While the Borgias were so powerful the so called Italian Wars began in which the Swiss soldiers were always present, in the front line, at times for France, and at others to support the Holy See or the Holy Roman Empire ruled by a German sovereign. When the Swiss mercenaries heard that Charles VIII, King of France, was planning a great expedition against Naples, they flocked to enlist. Towards the end of the year 1494, thousands of them were in Rome, passing through with the French army, which in February of the following year, occupied Naples.

Among the participants in that expedition against Naples, there was also Cardinal Giuliano della Rovere, future Pope Julius II, who under Pope Alexander VI had left Italy and gone to France. He was well acquainted with the Swiss, because some twenty years earlier he had been granted as one of many benefices, the Bishopric of Lausanne. A few months later however, Charles VIII was forced to abandon Naples in all haste and he barely succeeded in forcing a blockade and escaping to France. In fact Pope Alexander VI had connected Milan, Venice, the Germanic Empire and Ferdinand the Catholic to form a barrier against the French.

The Sack of Rome:

On the morning of May 6, 1527, from his headquarters set up in St. Onofrio's Convent on the Gianicolo hill, Captain General Bourbon launched a series of attacks on Rome. During one of them, at the Torrione Gate, while leading the assault of the walls, he himself was mortally wounded. After just a moment's hesitation, the Spanish mercenaries broke through the Torrione Gate, while the lansquenets invaded the road of Borgo Santo Spirito and St. Peter's. The Swiss Guard, standing firm at the foot of the obelisk (now in St. Peter's Square, but then near the German cemetery within the Vatican close to the Basilica), together with the few remnants of the Roman troops, resisted desperately.

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From the Pen of the Worthy Chaplain...



Dear Brother Knights,

First of all I wish to extend my deepest appreciation to the Council on behalf of the priests and deacons for the Clergy Appreciation Night of Friday, December 5. The food was excellent, as usual. The company of our Brother Knights and their spouses was enjoyable, again as usual. I especially want to thank the council for donating \$1,000 towards the purchase of a chasuble in memory of our Council's deceased members. It is deeply appreciated by the priests of the parish.



The Christmas Season is not yet over but January 1 marks two events. It is the beginning of the calendar year and the midpoint of the Columbian Year. January is typically a snowy and cold month. Let us pray that we will have good weather this year for the March for Life in Washington, DC on Thursday, January 22. I know that some of you regularly work as marshals for The March. May Mary, Mother of Life, be with you and your families as you work to protect Her unborn children here on earth. May Our Lord be with you as you carry on the events of the next six months of the Columbian Year.

Lastly, I wish to express my thanks to all of you that helped with the various Christmas Liturgies.

Again, thank you for all of your hard work. May God bless each and every one of you and your families this New Year.

Fr. Weymes

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Their Captain, Kaspar Röist was wounded, and later killed by the Spaniards in his quarters in front of his wife, Elizabeth Klingler. Of the 189 Swiss Guards, only 42 survived, the ones who, when all was lost, under the command of Hercules Göldli guarded Clement VII's retreat to safety in Castel Sant'Angelo. The rest fell gloriously, massacred together with two hundred fugitives, on the steps of the High Altar in St. Peter's Basilica. Pope Clement VII and his men were able to escape to safety, thanks to the "Passetto", a secret corridor which Pope Alexander VI had built along the top of the wall connect-ing the Vatican with Castel Sant'Angelo. The savage horde was in a hurry, for fear that the League troupes would cut off their retreat. Across the Sisto bridge the lansquenets and Spaniards fell on the city and for eight days committed every sort of violence, theft, sacrilege and massacre, even the tombs of the Popes, including that of Julius II, were violated in search of spoils. There were as many as 12,000 dead and the booty amounted to 10 million ducats. All that happened cannot really be regarded with surprise because the imperial army and in particular Frundsberg's lansquenets, were animated by a violent spirit of crusade against the Pope.

In front of Castel Sant'Angelo where the Pope had retreated, a parody of a religious procession was set up, in which Clement was asked to cede the sails and oars of the "Navicella" (boat of Peter) to Luther, and the angry soldiery shouted "Vivat Lutherus pontifex!" (Long live Luther, Pontiff!) The name of Luther was incised with the tip of a sword across the painting of the "Dispute of the Most Holy Sacrament" in the Rooms of Raffaello, out of disdain, while on another wall a graffito hailed Charles V, emperor. Concise and exact was the description given by the Prior of the Canons of St. Augustine at that time: "Mali fuere Germani, peiores Itali, Hispani vero pessimi." (The Germans were bad, the Italians were worse, the Spaniards were the worst.)

Besides the irreplaceable damage of the destruction of the relics, during the Sack of Rome, inestimable art treasures, namely the greater part of the Church's finest artisan-made gold and silver ware, were lost forever. On June 5th, Clement had to surrender and to accept heavy conditions: he had to cede the fortresses of Ostia, Civitavecchia, and Civita Castellana, to hand over the cities of Modena, Parma and Piacenza, and to pay the sum of four thousand ducats. Moreover, a ransom for the freedom of prisoners was demanded. The papal garrison was replaced by four companies of Germans and Spaniards, and two hundred lansquenets took the place of the Swiss Guard which had been suppressed. The Pope obtained permission for the surviving Swiss Guards to join the new Guard, but only 12 of them accepted, among them Hans Gutenberg of Chur and Albert Rosin of Zurich. The others wished to have nothing to do with the hated lansquenets.

St. Tim's Traffic Control



After working these past nine months on the traffic control issues with the county government this is what has taken place.

Captain Dennis Wilson of the Fair Oaks District Station has been with me to enter legislation to start a traffic control unit led by deputized civilians. This is a unit of trained civilians that are to be deputized and work for the county Fairfax. This legislation has been passed and been approved by the county. The next step will occur after the first of the year because we have a new board of supervisors and this must be signed off by them. There should be no problem with this.

Here is what will take place. The Fairfax County Police Department and I are working on a design for the uniforms. This should be completed by January 3, 2004. The uniform will consist of navy blue pants, a light blue shirt, a hat with a shield on it, badges, a raincoat with the county logo, a reflective vest with the county logo and department issued whistles.

There will be an eight-hour training course and at the completion of this course we will be sworn in as deputies. The county will pay for the insurance for this work as if we were on the payroll. There will be no expense to St. Timothy Catholic Church. The only thing that the county would like to have in return is that we also serve the community on an emergency basis to work with the police department during times of emergency.

I am asking all of the Knights to consider going through this class even if you will not be doing traffic work for the church. This can be a valuable service to our community.

Byron Beall
Director
(703) 304-8299

March for Life



January 22, 2004



Fr. Nudd Council Activities January – March 2004



Month	Date	Event	KOC Contact	Contact Tel.
January 2004	7	Council Meeting	C.J. Staton	814-8153
	9	District Meeting	C.J. Staton	814-8153
	10	State Quarterly Meeting	C.J. Staton	814-8153
	14	Director's Meeting	C.J. Staton	814-8153
	17	Nativity Scene Take Down	Jim Frazer	802-6905
	18	Coffee and Donuts	Chris Moniz	378-7145
	21	Council Meeting	C.J. Staton	814-8153
	25	Parish Breakfast	Jim Frazer	802-6905
February 2004	4	Council Meeting	C.J. Staton	814-8153
	7	Brunswick Stew	Jim Frazer	802-6905
	11	Director's Meeting	C.J. Staton	814-8153
	15	Coffee and Donuts	Chris Moniz	378-7145
	18	Council Meeting	C.J. Staton	814-8153
	21	Corporate Communion	Jim Frazer	802-6905
	27	Lenten Meal No. 1	Jim Frazer	802-6905
March 2004	3	Council Meeting and First Degree	C.J. Staton	814-8153
	5	Lenten Meal No. 2	Jim Frazer	802-6905
	10	Director's Meeting	C.J. Staton	814-8153
	12	Lenten Meal No. 3	Jim Frazer	802-6905
	17	Council Meeting	C.J. Staton	814-8153
	19	Lenten Meal No. 4	Jim Frazer	802-6905
	20	Irish Night	Jim Frazer	802-6905
	21	Coffee and Donuts	Chris Moniz	378-7145
	26	Lenten Meal No. 5	Jim Frazer	802-6905
	27-28	State Bowling Tournament	Jim Frazer	802-6905
28	Parish Breakfast	Jim Frazer	802-6905	

*For a complete listing of all Council activities for the entire Columbian Year,
visit the Council's Internet web site at www.fathernudd.org.*

Fr. Robert E. Nudd Council was founded on June 28, 1979

Our Grand Knights:

Jim Danoy (79-80)	Rick Morin (88-89)	Joel Parfitt (97-98)
Bob Jackson (80-81)	Dennis Stoebner (89-90)	Joseph Jones Jr. (98-99)
Gary Mester (81-82)	Ray Hurst (90-91)	Bill Gott (99-00)
Howard Hall (82-83)	Michael Wells (91-92)	Richard Zacosky (00-01)
Ed Bates (83-84)	Michael Mancini (92-93)	Paul St. Laurent (01-02)
William Hassan (84-85)	Joseph Jones Sr. (93-94)	Byron Beall (02-03)
Carl Hebert (85-86)	Ron Savage (94-95)	C.J. Staton (03-04)
Tom Trudeau (86-87)	Joseph Burke (95-96)	
George Leda (87-88)	Matt Reres (96-97)	

Knight of the Month

The Knight of the Month is our Treasurer **Michael Lynch**. December was a challenging month for Mike, as he had to handle more financial transactions than an ATM at a casino! Thanks for all the great work, Mike.

Family of the Month

The Family of the Month is the **Ray Kenna** family. Ray, his wife Kim, and their children are active participants at our garage sales, parish breakfasts, and Lenten meals. They are also involved in our charity events, and are an outstanding example of a Catholic family.



Remembering the Sick and Our Special Intentions in Your Prayers

Walter and Hazel Zaczofsky
Steve Sanders
Walter Barkhouse
Leon Boucher
Karen Besecky and the entire Besecky Family
Olivia B. Menez
Andrew Li and Family
Carolyn Morton Family
Carolyn DeWilde
Dorothy Neyland
Gary Gamcsik
Elaine Trudeau and the entire Trudeau Family
All of the First Communicants of St. Timothy's Parish
All of our Priests in the Catholic Church
Ed Childs, RIP
Hans Pieters
Peter Palermo
Richard Kelly, Ordination to
Permanent Deaconate
Grandchildren of Mr. Santiago
Fr. Edwin Tewes



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RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED



<i>January 2004</i>						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY	2	3
4	5	6	7 7:30 PM Council Meeting and First Degree	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 7:30 PM Directors Meeting	15	16	17 8:00 AM Take Down Nativity Scene
18	19	20	21 7:30 PM Rosary and Council Meeting	22 MARCH FOR LIFE	23	24
25 Parish Breakfast	26	27	28	29	30	31