

*** ST. JUDE NEWS ***

June 2019

News

The Year is coming to an end. The New Year begins July 1st with the changing of the guards. The New Officers elected May 30th are as follows:

Faithful Navigator	Kellmis Fernandez
Faithful Captain	John Funk
Faithful Pilot	Bob Allen
Faithful Admiral	David Richardson
Faithful Comptroller	Tom Moore
Faithful Purser	Mike Rockenstyre
Faithful Scribe	Peter Catauro
Faithful Trustee 3 yr.	Al Cote
Faithful Trustee 2 yr.	Denny Knaub
Faithful Trustee 1 yr.	Roger Chavez
Outside Sentinel	Terry Cockran
Inside Sentinel	Bob Milam

Dates to Remember:

June 15th 4th Degree Exemplification @ West Palm Beach

June 27th Ice Cream Social @ Jacobson Veterans Home 2 p.m.

June 27th 4th Degree Business Meeting @ San Antonio 7 p.m. with lite meal 6:15

July 1st New Officers take charge

I would like to thank all members for their support and help to me during my term. I could not have accomplished all that we did without your help. Our successful year was because of you and all your hard and dedicated work and support.

Thank You

David Richardson F.N.

An Article sent by Andy Moran follows: It is very true so read all, as you will learn more about our National Anthem.

Like most of the people I know, I thrill at the sound of our National Anthem. And I cringe when some entertainer, selected to sing its words at a nationally televised event, decides to fabricate their own melody, or worse, forget or eliminate or change the words.

We all believe that we know the words to our National Anthem. But, do we? I for one, always thought that there were only two stanzas...I was amazed to learn there are four.

If I may, I'd like to offer a bit of history with which most of us are not that familiar.

In August, 1814, the British had taken Washington D.C. and sailed up the Chesapeake Bay to attack Baltimore. There were 1000 troops in Fort McHenry, and the British plan was to capture the fort and so control the harbor.

On the night of September 13th, the bombardment of Fort McHenry was about to start. On board the British ship was a prisoner, Dr. William Beanes, and his friend, a lawyer, by the name of Francis Scott Key. As night fell, the Flag of the American States was visible. The bombardment began and continued throughout the night. At last, when the morning had dawned, the bombardment stopped. The two friends must have wondered if the Fort had fallen and as they strained to see which flag flew over it, they surely asked each other what could be seen.

The Anthem begins with the words that the Doctor asked his lawyer:

Oh say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming ?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming ?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh! say, does that star spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave.

So, the first stanza asks the question...the second gives the answer.

On the shore dimly seen through the mist of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that with the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses ?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam
In full glory reflected, now shines on the stream:
'Tis the star spangled banner. Oh! long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

(For those who don't remember the lessons from history class, 'ramparts' are the protective elevated heights around forts; and 'the towering steep' in the second stanza is a reference to the word ramparts in the first stanza)

In the third verse, Francis Scott Key seems to be rightfully gloating about the evident victory of the patriots who manned the fort.

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion
A home and a country should leave us no more ?
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling or slave
From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave.
And the star spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

I learned this fourth stanza, but have always mistakenly thought that it was the second.

Oh ! Thus be it ever when freemen shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation
Blessed with vict'ry and peace, may the Heaven rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.
Then conquer we must when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto - "IN GOD IS OUR TRUST"
And the star spangled banner in triumph doth wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

We have read all four stanzas, and hopefully have a new insight about our anthem.

My hope is that we will STAND PROUDLY when we hear this played or sung, because "...our dependency on our God begets fealty to our great nation."