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Faithful Friar's Report – Father Joseph Piskura

A new year has begun. I'm still trying to find out where 2014 went. I keep wondering why the time goes by so quickly. Time – where does it go? Time – how do we define it? The dictionary spends a half of a page trying to do so. It's not easy. I still like the definition of time as Saint Thomas Aquinas defined it. He wrote, "Time is the measure of motion and change according to the before and after." He understood time in terms of change and motion of material creation. He saw the change in the seasons of the year and in watching a child grow to maturity. He looked at the heavens and knew about the earth endlessly revolving on its axis and day by day traveling around and around the sun.

The point I'm driving at is that our whole notion of time is based on material things. Time as we know it would not exist without our material world and universe.

What is eternity? How does our notion of time relate to God's idea of time? It doesn't. God is pure spirit. His experience of time is spiritual. He has no present, past or future as we experience them. We can't truly comprehend God. He is pure spirit. We cannot comprehend anything we can't touch, or see or put in a test tube. The more we try to understand God in terms of our human experience, the less we truly know about Him. His time is not our time. His ways are not our ways.

So what's the point of all this? We'll never understand eternity or time the way God does. The only thing that matters is the way we use the precious gift of time. Every moment counts. We know only how fast it goes by. We must never waste one precious moment. We must use it in the way that God wants us to. That's all I really want to say. It took me a long time to get to the point. Sometimes it takes us a long time before we finally start to see a lot of things God wants us to see.

Faithful Navigator's Report – Brian Shollenberger

I hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

This month's meeting is **January 28, 2015 at 7:30 PM** in the Kiwanis Lodge.

Faithful Comptroller's Report – John C. Perry, PFN

Meetings are the 4th Wednesday of the Month at 7:30 PM

The winners of the 20-40-60 drawing for December 3, 2014 are the following:

\$20 – Steve Kandrach #38

\$40 – Diane Bretz #27

\$60 – Danielle Morris #84

20-40-60 raffle tickets are available! They are only \$3/number each month. Please contact me if you wish to purchase a number.

Please remember, any checks written out specifically to the Assembly should be made out to:
Archbishop Paul J. Hallinan Assembly 1767.

Upcoming Turnouts

Congratulations to all who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries!

Vivat Jesus,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Shollenberger', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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