



FootNotes



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Director's Notes

GIVE THANKS

- > Why did the Pilgrims eat turkey on Thanksgiving? They couldn't get the moose in the oven.
- > How did the Mayflower show that it liked America? It hugged the shore.
- > Can a turkey jump higher than the Empire State Building? Yes- a building cannot jump at all.

Thanksgiving Day is a festival and a holiday celebrated primarily in the United States. Traditionally, it is a time to give thanks for the harvest and express general gratitude. The date and location of the first Thanksgiving celebration is a topic of modest contention. The traditional "first Thanksgiving" is the celebration that occurred at the site of Plymouth Plantation, in 1621, occurring early in the history of what would become one of the original thirteen colonies that became the United States. That Thanksgiving, modeled after celebrations that were commonplace in contemporary Europe, is generally regarded as America's first, although a Florida elementary school teacher Robyn Gioia has argued that the earliest attested "thanksgiving" celebration was on September 8, 1565 in what is now Saint Augustine, Florida. By the 1800s it became an important part of the American culture. President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day during the Civil War, on October 3, 1863. He asked that the nation give thanks for the Union on the last Thursday of November which made the first true national autumn Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 26, 1863. Lincoln did it partially to help soothe the national mood, which was weary of the Civil War.

In 1941, Congress passed a bill that FDR signed, fixing the date as the fourth Thursday in November. Today, Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States and Thanksgiving dinner is held on this day, usually as a gathering of family members and friends.

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Calendar

- Nov. 28: Glenridge Christmas Shows
Saturday 2 & 7pm
- Nov. 29: Longboat Chapel, (16-20 men)
Sunday
- Dec. 5: Bird Key, 8pm, (12-14 men)
Saturday
- Dec. 20: Glenridge Christmas Shows 2 & 7pm
Sunday
- 2010
- Jan. 9: Annual Installation Dinner,
Bent Tree Country Club, (pending)
- Jan. 26 to 31: 2010 Midwinter Convention, Tampa
Florida at the Tampa Bay Performing
Arts Center, Carol Morsani Hall.
Details to come later.

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In 2009 it is reckoned that nearly 300 million turkeys have been reared for Thanksgiving celebrations. Many people report drowsiness after eating the Thanksgiving dinner and while turkey often receives the blame, studies suggest that carbohydrate-rich meals may cause sleepiness by increasing the number of tryptophans in the brain. It is the unusually large, multi-coursed, carbohydrate-rich meal most people eat on Thanksgiving that is more likely the cause of the sleepiness. After the dinner, the top five most popular ways to serve leftover turkey will be Sandwiches, Soup/Stew, Casserole, Stir-fry & Salad. And then there is football, football & MORE FOOTBALL.

So before this holiday week gets away from us all, let me suggest the following:

- 1) Gather with your family- tell them you LOVE them. HOLD them closely.
- 2) Count your blessings...individually & collectively.
- 3) Be thankful we live in a country that is FREE.
- 4) Help someone LESS fortunate than you.
- 5) Call or write your fellow SCOK chorus members/ brothers...tell them how much they mean to you... tell them you love them for all the joy they bring into you life.

God Bless Us All.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Member

11-27 Charlie Lenny
11-29 Jacques (Jack) Cormier
11-30 Clyde Hall

And Spouse

11-28 Kirsten Ulring, Harold
11-29 Mary Ellen Hagen, Bob
11-29 Janice Reckard, Jim
11-30 Dee Glass, John

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

11-17 Ray & Carol Gape- with apology
11-20 John & Dee Glass- with apology
11-27 Bob & Mary King

Longboat Island Chapel

The Chapel is located at 6200 Gulf of Mexico Dr. at the north end of Longboat Key.

Directions—

Coming from St. Armands Circle: Follow the sign to Longboat Key at the north end of the Circle. The Chapel is approximately 12 miles north on Gulf of Mexico Drive on your right. (Cannons Marina is almost immediately south of the Chapel entrance.)

Coming from Bradenton: Take Cortez Rd. west to Bradenton Beach. Turn south onto Gulf Drive through Coquina Beach and over the Longboat Key drawbridge. The Chapel is 1-1/2 miles south on your left.

Time of arrival: 9 am

Warm-up & brief rehearsal

Meeting place is the 2nd floor choir room- stairs to your left as you walk in the main entrance. Coffee & water will be available.

Charlie Alexander's cell phone# is 1-941-730-7073 in case you get lost.

SARASOTA CHORUS SPRING SHOW

Saturday March 6th & 7th, 2010 at the brand new Riverview Performing Arts Center. The Center is at the corner of Proctor Road & Lords Ave. (south of Bee Ridge Rd & east of US 41, the trail). We will likely be the first Community group to perform at this venue. Times & prices TBA. Ticket Chairman is Joe Nanfито, 941-484-7589.

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should be sent to the editor at—

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Sunshine News

A THOUGHT TO REMEMBER

To be a Diplomat, you must be able to bring home the bacon without spilling the beans.

No new news of anyone.

Cards, calls & prayers are always welcome.

Sunshine Chair— Ed Manville **941-346-8219**

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7 PERFORMANCES— 5 DATES

The following dates have been confirmed. Please mark your calendars.

Sat. Nov. 28: 2:00 & 7:00 PM, Glenridge
Christmas Shows
Sun. Nov. 29: Longboat Chapel. (16-20 men)

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Christmas Shows
2010

Sun. Feb. 21: 5:00 PM Church of the Redeemer,
Sarasota

CHRISTMAS SHOW TICKETS

Joe Nanfито has tickets for our two Christmas Shows at Glenridge on November 28th. Please step up, take some tickets and either buy or sell them. On Tuesday, November 24th, please return unsold tickets to Joe and give him a check or cash for the tickets you bought or sold,

DIRECTONS TO GLENRIDGE

From I-75 take exit #205, Clark Rd. west to Honore (be in the left lane) turn left onto Honore. At the second traffic signal, turn left onto Palmer Ranch Parkway. Turn left at first opportunity. Turn right at the first opportunity for the better parking.

UNIFORM

We will wear the same as we wore in last years Christmas Shows.

Formal Pleated White Shirt

Red Sequin Bow Tie

Red Sequin Vest

Black Tux Pants

Black Sox

Black Shiny Shoes