

ANGULO

On the 19th January 2016 our Province celebrated “Angulo Day”. This is the anniversary of Angulo’s death in 1583. Who was this man *Angulo* and why are we celebrating his life? His initial claim to fame was that he worked with John of God in Granada for the last 6 years of John’s life. His job description in today’s language would probably be “*Administrative Manager*”.



Castro, John of God’s first biographer wrote in his introduction to his story about a *man “who accompanied John of God on all his journeys”* Castro goes on to say “*In writing this I have made use principally of a notebook that Angulo has left us.*” We read further that “*He went with them on foot, taking with him an employee of the hospital called Juan de Avila. . . .it was he who recorded everything that happened on the journeys*”. This is very important because John of God was recorded as saying about Juan de Avila that “*he was a man very much like himself in spirit*”. Soon after Juan de Avila came to work with John he gave him the nickname **Angulo**. We read in the most recent book on John of God’s life “*Loco in Granada*” by Jose Maria Javierre “*John felt the need to have a paid helper; to have a young man to accompany him in the street and to mind the house during his absence.*” “*He chose one who was trustworthy and reliable and who stayed with him to the very end. His name was Juan de Avila which, by coincidence, was the same name as famous preacher and John’s spiritual director Master Avila.*” “*To avoid any confusion, John gave him the nickname ‘Angulo’.*”

“Angulo had just turned 30 in 1544, when he first came to know John of God and entered his service.” He was a bachelor at that time but he married a few years later in the spring of 1549.” “*John took him on as ‘a salaried worker’, not as a disciple.* He continued to work in the Hospital in Granada for the next 33 years! *Angulo speaks of John of God “I took part in the work of John of God from 1544 for six years before his death. John was a man of great patience and holy life and he went about the city dressed in clothing of rough material with a hood and in bare feet.”*

John of God had complete trust and reliance on Angulo and there was genuine friendship and love. There was a sharing of the joys and worries, successes and failures of the day. They shared the same values and this is evidenced by Angulo spending the rest of his working life in the hospital in Granada long after John of God died. They had a genuine concern for one another. Angulo was a great model of a Lay-Hospitaller or Co-worker because he was value driven and bought into John’s dream that everyone has the right to the best possible care whether they are sick, have a disability or are poor. John of God as an employer treated everyone with justice and respect and Angulo and the other employees responded positively to him. Angulo as a married man reached out in his own way from his own life style with John of God during his whole life to fulfil their mutual mission of hospitality. May we all as Lay-Hospitallers and Brothers do the same! Thank you Angulo!

Wishing you all much joy today on the feast of St. Bridget and for the rest of February.

Bro. Gregory



STEWARD OF THE LIGHT

In the 19th century, lighthouses on the U.S. coasts were tended by lighthouse keepers and their families. If a man who tended the light took ill or became disabled, often the work was picked up by his wife or children. Such was the case of Hosea Lewis. Having become, in 1853, the keeper of the light on Lime Rock Island at Newport, Rhode Island, Lewis suffered a stroke four years later, at which time his teenage daughter Ida assumed responsibility for the light. Each day included cleaning the reflectors, trimming the wick, and filling the oil reservoir at sunset and midnight, along with providing for her father's care.

With long and demanding tasks, Ida was unable to continue her schooling, but daily delivered her siblings to class, whatever the weather, by rowing the 500 yards to the mainland. In the mid-1800s, it was unusual to see a woman maneuvering a boat, but Ida became well-skilled and well-known for handling the heavy craft.

The teenager gained a measure of fame at age sixteen when she rescued four young men after their boat capsized. She rowed to their aid, hearing their screams as they clung to their overturned craft.

On March 29, 1869, Ida saved two drowning servicemen from nearby Fort Adams. Public knowledge of Ida's courage spread as far as Washington, inspiring President Ulysses S. Grant to visit Ida at Newport later that year. Ida rescued another two soldiers in 1881, for which she was awarded the U.S. Lifesaving Service's highest medal.

In early February of that year two soldiers were crossing from Newport to Lime Rock Island on foot when the ice gave way. Ida, the lighthouse keeper, came running with a rope. Ignoring peril to herself from weak and rotten ice, she pulled one, then the other to safety. All told, Ida Lewis personally saved something like 25 people in fifty-plus years of keeping the light. Her last reported rescue came at age 63 when she saved a friend who had fallen into the water on her way to visit Ida on the island.

Asked where she found strength and courage for such a feat, Ida answered: *'I don't know, I ain't particularly strong. The Lord Almighty gives it to me when I need it, that's all.'* Ida Lewis was a faithful steward. But the reason she was so faithful in her task is that she realized there were always people that would need to be saved.

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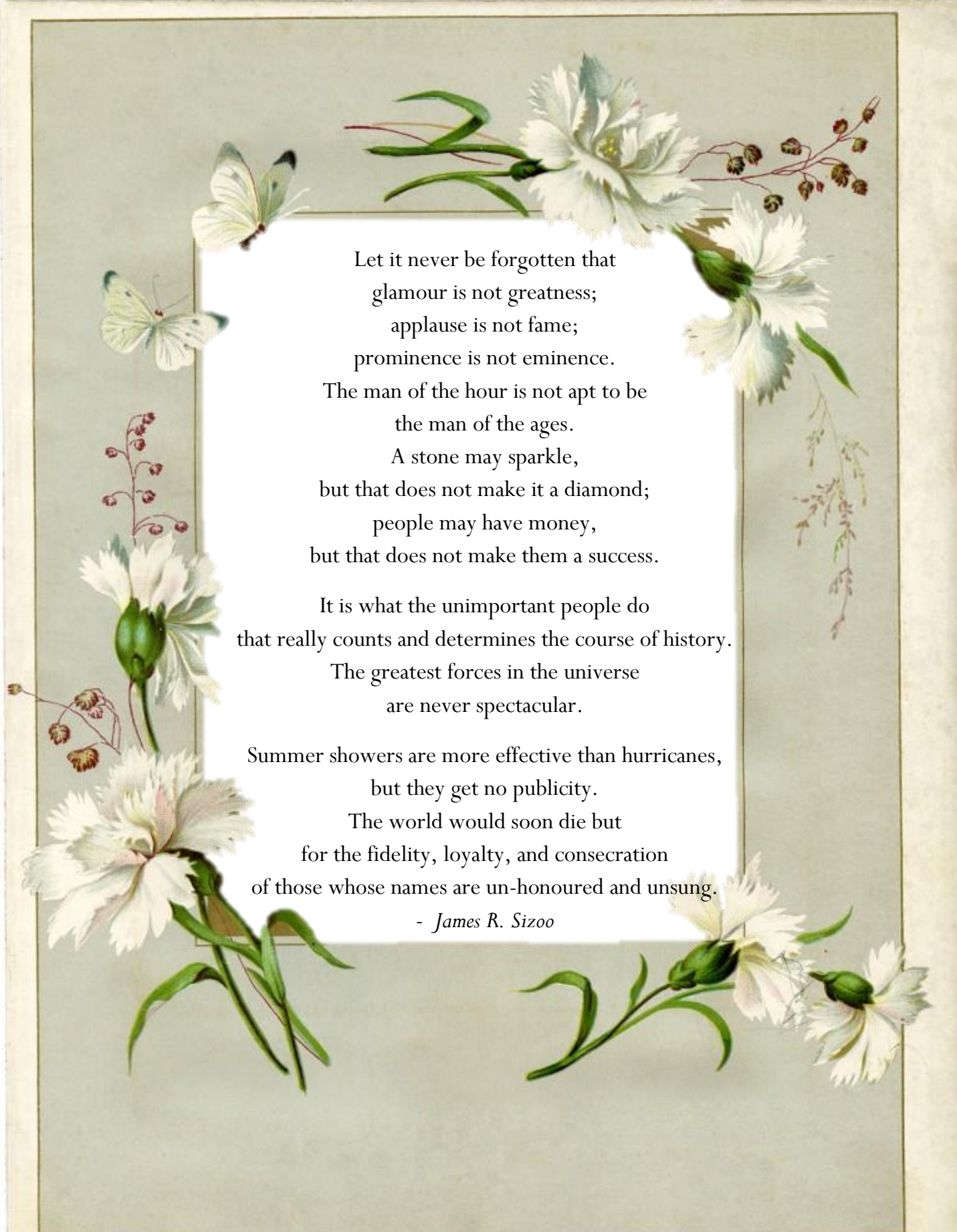
- February 15-16 (Mon-Tue)
- March 14-15 (Mon-Tue)
- April 4 -5 (Mon-Tue)
- May 16-17 (Mon-Tue)
- June 13-14 (Mon-Tue)
- July 11-12 (Mon-Tue)
- August 31-September 1 (Wed-Thu)
- October 26-27 (Wed-Thu)
- November 14-15 (Mon-Tue)
- December 5-6 (Mon-Tue)

One Day Workshop 2016 “Revisiting the Values”

- March 10 (Thursday)
- June 22 (Wednesday)
- October 6 (Thursday)

Please contact your Supervisor if you haven't attended the Foundation Programme for permission to attend. If you have already attended the Foundation Programme, we welcome you to the Workshop “Revisiting the Values” on any of the above dates.

Glamour is not Greatness



Let it never be forgotten that
glamour is not greatness;
applause is not fame;
prominence is not eminence.

The man of the hour is not apt to be
the man of the ages.

A stone may sparkle,
but that does not make it a diamond;
people may have money,
but that does not make them a success.

It is what the unimportant people do
that really counts and determines the course of history.

The greatest forces in the universe
are never spectacular.

Summer showers are more effective than hurricanes,
but they get no publicity.

The world would soon die but
for the fidelity, loyalty, and consecration
of those whose names are un-honoured and unsung.

- *James R. Sizoo*