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Next Exemplification: May 22 in Roanoke. Recruit a New Sir Knight!

## Navigator's Report



### Worthy Sir Knights: Report from the District Meeting

The Biennial meeting of the Virginia District was held on March 14 at in Richmond under the gavel of our Master of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, SK J.P. McCusker. The delegates from Father Malloy assembly were SK Timothy G. Donovan, FN; SK David J. Todd, Jr, Faithful Captain; SK Steven T. Smith, Faithful Pilot and Commander; and SK William W. Weich, Faithful Scribe. Twenty-seven of the twenty-nine Assemblies in the State had delegates in attendance.

The Master reported that there are now 4616 Sir Knights within 29 Assemblies in the Virginia District. One new Assembly was established this year. As we now stand, 21 percent of the Knights of Columbus in Virginia are Fourth Degree Knights. The Master has set a goal of raising the percent of Knights in the Fourth Degree to 50 percent. In addition the quota set for Father Malloy Assembly for new members into the Assembly is now 18 new members before the end of the fraternal year.

To accommodate potential new members, a second Exemplification has been scheduled for the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May at Roanoke Catholic High School in Roanoke, VA. The hotel is the Best Western Inn at Valley View (800 362-2410). If you have a potential candidate, please contact me or our Faithful Admiral, Tom Snee by e-mail or phone and I will see that you receive full details. The Honoree is S. Wayne Stump. Next year's fall Exemplification will once again return to our area in November and will be held at the Fairview Marriott as in the past.

Three resolutions were brought before the meeting and all three were recommended for approval by the resolutions committee and were sub sequentially approved by those SK's in attendance. In summary, the three resolutions call for (1) reduction of the time needed for a Knight to be eligible for the Fourth Degree without wavier from one year to six months (2) the establishment of a form of accepted weather protective gear for capes and chapeaux (3) and that when voting on membership a voice vote be acceptable on the 1<sup>st</sup> vote and that written ballot would be only required for a 2<sup>nd</sup> vote.

As required by Supreme, three names were selected and forwarded to Supreme for the position of Virginia District Master of the Fourth Degree. The names forwarded are: Richard G. Head, Sr., James P. McCusker and John F. (Jack) Michalski. Supreme will select one of these Sir Knights to be our next Master.

In closing remarks the Master stated that it is quite possible that new Assemblies will be established next year in western Fairfax County and in Arlington. This could have an affect on which Councils will be in Malloy Assembly in the future. The next meeting of the Virginia District will be the meeting of new Faithful Navigators on June 26<sup>th</sup> in Richmond.

Vivat Jesus –

Timothy G. Donovan  
Faithful Navigator

#### Congratulations

To SK William J. Brill and SK John L. Kvasnicka, PFN who have been awarded the status of "Honorary Life Membership" in the Fourth Degree of the Order. This privilege is awarded to those who have attained the actual age of 70 years and who have been members of the Fourth Degree for 25 consecutive years. Thank You Sir Knights Bill and John.

#### Next Assembly Meeting Wednesday, April 21st

**The next meeting of Fr. Malloy Assembly will be held at Providence Hall, St. Leo the Great Parish on Wednesday, April 21st. The meeting will start with a recitation of the Holy Rosary at 7:30 PM. This will be followed by The Knights Cafe, a social, sit-down repast prepared by Brother Sir Knights. A business meeting will follow The Knights Cafe. All Sir Knights are urged to attend.**

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# The Captain's Corner

SK David Todd,  
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Faithful Captain

## Worthy Sir Knights:

Several years ago, I befriended a co-worker of mine who is of the Jewish Faith. As I prepared my Christmas cards that year, I made a point of specifically buying her a Hanukkah card. While she was appreciative of the gesture, she pointed out to me that in Judaism, the real celebration is not the eight nights of light, but rather the commemoration of Passover. Recently, I reflected back on this and learned a lesson that had escaped me for so many years, and I fear has escaped so many Christians.

It should be asked of every Christian which is more important: Christmas or Easter. Both play an important role in salvation history, and our Faith would mean nothing if either was absent. But all too often, we focus on Christmas as a season of giving, and as such, place greater emphasis on it rather than the great celebration of Easter. We see Christmas decorations being sold as early as September and October, and houses being decorated by mid-November. Everyone hustles around buying gifts and cards and wrapping paper. But what all do most of us do to prepare for Easter... buy candy and baskets?

As I said, Christmas is an important part of our Faith. It is accompanied by four weeks of preparation and about two additional weeks of celebration. Christmas reminds us of Christ's manifestation into this world... along with the Solemnity of the Annunciation, it reminds us that the Word became flesh, that the Son of God became man.

However, in celebrating Easter, we lengthen both our preparation AND the celebration itself. We begin with 40 days of penance, marked with fasting, almsgiving, and prayer, and then follow it with 50 days of additional celebration, marked with alleluias and great joy. However, these externals mean nothing without the true meaning of Easter. While God lowering Himself to our level and taking on flesh is extremely important, our salvation comes through the Cross on Cavalry, and the empty tomb. After all, Christ, the Son of God, died for our sins, and then rose from the dead to break the bonds death had on us.

So let us all take these last few days before Easter to properly prepare ourselves for the great celebration. Let us take the time to remember what our Lord went thru for our redemption: the Agony in the Garden, the Scourging, the Crowning with Thorns, the Carrying of the Cross, and his Crucifixion and Death. And then, let us all celebrate with great joy the Resurrection of our Lord and remember that for 40 days after Easter, He walked the face of the earth proclaiming His victory (and for that matter, OUR victory!) over death and sin. While we're at it, let us also keep in mind Our Lady of Sorrows and the pain and anguish she endured seeing her beloved son tortured and put to death.

May God bless each of you during this Easter Season!

Fraternally,  
SK Dave Todd, Jr  
Faithful Captain



## SK April Birthdays (PFN's in BOLD)

4/01 Austin McHale	4/08 Rev. Anthony Percy
4/02 Vincas Ciziunas	<b>4/13 Jay Cabacar, PFN</b>
<b>4/03 Daniel Quaid, FSM</b>	4/16 Tim DiGuiseppe
4/03 John White	<b>4/16 Thomas Snee, PFN</b>
4/04 John Cotner	4/16 Joseph McAuliffe
4/05 Lawrence Holmes, Jr.	4/17 Thomas Connelly
4/05 James Jacobson	4/17 George Seamands
4/06 Jack Oliva	4/30 Dennis Gresdo
4/08 Joseph Domzalski	

### In Memoriam

"Eternal rest grant unto them Lord, May they rest in peace."

4/17/1994 Joseph Elwood      4/21/1997 Gladwyn Anderson  
4/21/1990 William P. Symonds      4/21/1998 James P. Politte

# The Pilot's Message

SK Stephan  
Smith  
Faithful Pilot

## Worthy Sir Knights:

The more memorable segments of the U.S. Armed Services are their more visible Honor Guards and Marching Units. Soldiers, from all over our great land, in division, on parade, moving in precise, coordinated, practiced stride, under minimum commands from their leaders, visually exemplify the singleness of purpose, discipline, corporate unity, values, determination and reliance upon each other as they execute their drills and field maneuvers. Once soldiers master the drill routines universal to their branch of the Armed Services, they carry this experience to new assignments and instantly assimilate into their platoon / division / regiment, etc. and its manifold activities.

The parade ground and public exercises evidence the greater power of a united group over its separate members. While functioning as elements of the group, individuals seem to disappear, sublimating their personal uniqueness to serve the needs of the unit. By bonding into a cohesive body, these brave soldiers are forged into powerful fighting forces, relying upon each other for the most efficient execution of their assigned duties. In time of war, as these, we may be more aware of their tremendous sacrifices, but let us remember, they are always on the job, defending our country, preserving our freedoms and protecting our way of life.

Similarly, while lacking the crisp, practiced precision of the U.S. Armed Services Marching Units, we Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, "the visible arm of the Order", from all walks of life, experience, etc., are the more memorable portion of the Knights of Columbus, as we march together as one and exemplify the virtue of our section's degree: Patriotism, not behind closed doors, but publicly, for others to see. Like soldiers on parade, garbed in our colorful regalia, we forgo our individual desires, acting in unison, in the footsteps of our predecessor Sir Knights, as we openly profess and protect our common treasure, Roman Catholicism and witness to our faith: standing as Honor Guard at wakes and funerals of deceased Sir Knights; parading behind and / or presenting our country's glorious Colors at various occasions; and especially, joining in and adding dignity to liturgical celebrations, professing the Kingship of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Each Sir Knight comes from, and owes his primary allegiance within our Order to his council, supporting its many charitable, civic, fundraising and other activities, depending on his busy schedule: balancing family, work, civic, and other obligations, while encouraging, by personal example and friendly persuasion, other Catholic gentlemen to follow suit. Some Knights are seen only once or twice each year, as they work KOVAR, sell Christmas trees, prepare spaghetti suppers, staff Lenten Fish Fries, cook at parish breakfasts or other function(s). Whatever they do to support their council is important and of extreme value as these corporal works provide silent, active witness to our faith.

The Assembly receives numerous invitations: installations, presenting the U.S. Colors, parades, wakes, funerals, Confirmations, etc. All Sir Knights are welcome to participate in whichever event(s) they choose. If lack of regalia is a problem, extras are available.

SK Stephan Smith  
Faithful Pilot

## Did You Know?

April 9: On this day in 1865, on a Palm Sunday, the Civil War officially ended. General Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant at a farmhouse in the village of Appomattox Court House, Virginia. The following day, General Lee issued his last order to his men, in which he said: "I need not tell the brave survivors of so many hard-fought battles, who have remained steadfast to the last, that I have consented to the result from no distrust of them. But valor and devotion could accomplish nothing that could compensate for the loss [of more men]. I bid you all an affectionate farewell."

And then in 1939, Marian Anderson performed on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. Why? Because the Daughters of the American Revolution would not allow her to perform in Constitution Hall because she was black. So she sang instead at the Lincoln Memorial for over 75,000 people. Later that year she won a Springarn Medal for her achievements as a singer. She was a U.S. delegate to the United Nations in 1958 and won the U.N. peace prize in 1977.

## The Date of Easter

Prior to A.D. 325, Easter was variously celebrated on different days of the week, including Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. In that year, the Council of Nicaea was convened by emperor Constantine. It issued the Easter Rule which states that Easter shall be celebrated on the first Sunday that occurs after the first full moon on or after the vernal equinox. However, a caveat must be introduced here. The "full moon" in the rule is the ecclesiastical full moon, which is defined as the fourteenth day of a tabular lunation, where day 1 corresponds to the ecclesiastical New Moon. It does not always occur on the same date as the astronomical full moon. The ecclesiastical "vernal equinox" is always on March 21. Therefore, Easter must be celebrated on a Sunday between the dates of March 22 and April 25.

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