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NEXT MEETING DEC. 20TH

NAVIGATOR'S REPORT

Worthy Sir Knights

With this December Newsletter we are at the halfway point of this Assembly Year. It has been a very productive year so far for the Assembly and I look forward to another exciting 6 months yet to come. In the past month we have attended the Exemplification of the Fourth Degree here in Northern Virginia and welcomed into our ranks over 200 new Sir Knights and Fr Malloy Assembly recruited 32 of these new Sir Knights. Fr. Malloy Assembly also provided a Color Corp Honor Guard for Bishop Loverde's Mass at the Exemplification and the turn out of participating Sir Knights was well received by both the Bishop and our New District Master Ritchie Head. Thanks to all who took part in this Color Corps event. I would like to once again welcome these new Sir Knights and look forward to their participation in upcoming Color Corps events some of which are discussed in our Color Corp Commander's report.

We welcomed many of the new Sir Knights at our November meeting and Thanksgiving Dinner. It was quite an event as over 70 people dined on a great meal prepared by Past Faithful Navigator Tom Connelly and Sir Knight Jac Cerney who prepared 3 smoked turkeys for the event. I also wish to thank all those who participated in the preparation for and clean up after the event. Although our District Master Ritchie Head was unable to attend because of other commitments we were glad to welcome Past Faithful Navigator of Fr. Malloy Assembly and current State Deputy of the Jurisdiction of Virginia Cy Alba. In addition to presenting Fourth Degree certificates to our new Sir Knights we also presented a certificate of merit to Sir Knight Felix Tacaraya who recruited 10 new Sir Knights. Thank you, Felix, from all in Fr. Malloy Assembly, for a job well done.

The Fourth Degree has long been recognized as the "Visible Arm" of the Knights of Columbus. We have attained this status not by having attended the Fourth Degree Exemplification and monthly meetings but by our participation in regalia at church, civic and patriotic events. These Color Corps' events are what the Fourth Degree is all about and I, once again, encourage all Fourth Degree members to participate in as many events as possible. The

month of December will have several opportunities to participate. Please review the Commander's Report and try to participate in at least one event during December. The Commander does have some regalia available to loan to those who have not yet purchased their own.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 20th. This will be a short business meeting preceded by a light meal and Rosary at 7:30 and our new members are encouraged to attend. We are in need of someone to prepare the Knight's Café for this meeting and for the rest of the Assembly year. Please step up and volunteer to prepare a meal for one of these events.

As we enter this joyous time of the year I would like to extend to each and every member of Fr. Malloy Assembly and their families a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Joy filled New Year. And let us all resolve to attend some of the remaining meeting of this Assembly Year.

Vivat Jesu Thomas Kelley Faithful Navigator

!!! COOKS NEEDED !!!

The meals we all enjoy before our monthly meetings are graciously provided by volunteers from our Assembly. We are in need of additional help this fraternal year, and would like to encourage all of our Sir Knights, new and old, to pitch in to help provide a meal for one of our upcoming meetings. Please contact Faithful Navigator Tom Kelley at (703) 385-2819 if you can help out. If we all chip in just once, the task will be a light one indeed.

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"Eternal rest grant unto them O' Lord May their souls rest in peace."

12/16/1989 Rev. Vincent S. Sikora 12/28/1985 Charles D. T. Lenhoff 12/31/2003 Eugene T. Sheehan



12/28 SK Charles Luckett

SK's December Birthdays PFNs in bold

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12/05	SK Steven Fahar	12/05	Rev. Luis Valdivieso
12/09	SK James Caruso	12/09	SK Dennis O'Reilly
12/11	SK Joseph Chalk	12/11	SK Donald Champagny
12/12	SK James Kelly	12/12	SK James Seidl
12/12	SK William Weich	12/13	SK Herb Zimmerman
12/13	SK Kevin McGrail	12/14	SK Richard Ryan
12/14	SK Donald R. Wilkinson	12/17	SK Geoffrey D'Alelio
12/18	SK Al Obuchowski	12/18	SK Brian Vaccaro
12/20	SK Paul Simmons	12/22	SK Gerald Weigand
12/23	SK James Meenan	12/24	SK Hector Contreras
12/25	SK Joseph Lipari	12/27	SK Richard Kelly
12/27	Rev. David Murungi	12/27	SK John LaRosa
12/28	SK Stephen Mahoney	12/28	SK Richard Owen PFN

The Captain's Corner SK Richard Lee

The Captain;'s Corner will return in our next issue. In the meantime, here is some great information concerning the flag of our great country. While not a part of the official Flag Code, it is interesting nonetheless.

The 13 Folds of the Flag

- 1. The first fold in our flag is a symbol of life.
- 2. The second fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.
- The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.
- 4. The fourth fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for His divine guidance.
- 5. The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."
- 6. The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.
- 7. The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all of her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.
- 8. The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.
- 9. The ninth fold is in tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.
- 10. The tenth fold is a tribute to the father, for he too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.
- 11. The eleventh fold, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
- 12. The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit.
- 13. When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of our nation's motto: "In God We Trust." After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a tucked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and of the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who was followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today. This final condition represents the thirteenth fold.

The Pilot's Portal SK Bill Weich

First, let me extend a hearty welcome to our 32 new sir Knights that joined the 4th Degree and Fr. Walter Malloy Assembly on October 28th! I met a good many of you at the Welcome Dinner on November 15th. For those of you who were not able to attend the Dinner, I hope to meet you at one of our monthly 4th Degree meetings. Remember, our meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month (the next meeting will be December 20th) beginning with a recitation of the Rosary, followed by the Sir Knights Café - a scrumptious dinner prepared by a fellow Sir Knight, followed by a usually short business meeting. Please make an effort to attend meetings on a regular basis and become involved.

I also encourage all new Sir Knights (as well as existing Sir Knights) to take an active part in the Assembly including meetings and the many Color Corps events. Our Assembly is a very active one, participating in parades, wakes and funerals, confirmations, parish-related dedications, and other civic and community activities. As you may know, the 4th Degree is the most visible arm of the Knights of Columbus and our Assembly is one of the most visible. If you are interested in participating in any Color Corps event, please contact our Color Corps Commander, SK George Billy. For those of you who may not have the regalia but want to participate, the Assembly has a few extra sets for loan. If anyone is interested in purchasing their own regalia, our Assembly has a nice program for you. If you purchase the regalia, the Assembly will pay for your sword (normally a \$110-120 item). For more information, please contact our Faithful Comptroller Larry Novack and he will explain the program in more detail.

December will bring a few more Color Corps events to include: a Christmas Parade in Sterling, a Confirmation Mass at St. Leo the Great, Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Leo the Great, and others to come. I know this is a truly busy season for you and your families but I encourage all to participate where possible.

In closing, I extend my best wishes to you and your families for a very blessed Christmas and a safe, joyous New Year! In this season of giving, please remember to keep in your prayers those less fortunate and remember those men and women serving our country in defense of freedom. Keep them and their families in your prayers that they may also have a joyous Christmas season!

Vivat Jesus! SK William Weich

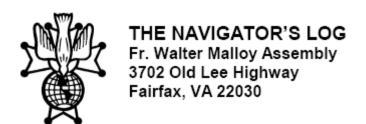
The Commander's Corner SK George Billy

First, I'd like to thank those who participated in the Fourth Degree Exemplification and then the Mass celebrated by Bishop Loverde. We received a nice compliment from our District Master Richie Head for our strong showing. Second, I'd like to welcome our new Sir Knights and extend an invitation to join the Color Corps. Information on purchasing regalia is below. The Assembly will reimburse the cost of your sword if you purchase your regalia within the next year.

Where We're Going:

- Dec 2nd City of Manassas Christmas Parade. Bishop Flaherty Assembly has invited our Assembly to join them in marching in the parade. From their invitation, "This year's parade will be on Saturday, December 2, 2006. Each year the local crowd continues to grow & always enjoys having the Knights of Columbus participating in the parade. You know this because of the deafening cheers we get as we march by. This is truly one of the most gratifying experiences any Sir Knight will ever have." "We are also planning on having a vehicle(s) for those Sir Knights to ride in that are no longer able to march. Please contact us if you plan on taking advantage of this opportunity to participate so we can be sure to have enough vehicles available. Meet at 9 a.m. at the George Brent Council # 5332 Home (a.k.a. Bishop Russell Hall), 9290 Stonewall Road Manassas, VA 20110-2545. After the parade we will return to the Hall for some fellowship, a bite to eat and a spot to drink. For directions to the George Brent Council Home please go to http://www.georgebrent.org/Index.html and click on the directions link. If can participate please contact Faithful Commander Dick Quintana (703-368-4723), or Deputy Commander George Darnell (703-791-5153)."
- Dec 6th Confirmation Mass at St. Leo the Great. Meet at the back of church at 5:30 p.m. I would like to have 8 Sir Knights in regalia for the Honor Guard for the bishop.
- Dec 19th Dedication of St. Raymond of Peñafort Church. The dedication will start at 4 p.m. and last approximately 3 hours. Bishop Loverde will be presiding. We will be joining with Marian Assembly in supporting this important event. Please plan on arriving at 3:30 p.m..
- Please check the Assembly's web site for updates; and if you want to be informed of the Color Corps events between newsletters, please sign up to the list server on the web site.

There are two suppliers for your regalia – Lynch & Kelly, 888-548-3890, lynchkelly.com; and the English Company, 800-444-5632, kofcsupplies.com for their price lists and to place your order. The complete regalia include chapeau (white plume), cape (red), sword, service baldric, white gloves, and tuxedo. We wear the American Flag pin (purchase from SK Larry Novack) and 4th Degree pin on our left lapel. If you need to borrow regalia for an event don't hesitate to call me at (H) 703-323-6470 or e-mail at geobilly@aol.com



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