



Father Walter Malloy Assembly Navigator's Log

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The Navigator's Report

Brother Sir Knights –

I bid a hearty welcome to our six new member of Fr. Malloy Assembly who joined the Sir Knight ranks of the 4th Degree on November 8. Our new members are: Fred Hundemer, Jr, Tim Murtha, Jim Connolly, Michael Pollack, Fidel Rodriguez, and Virgilio Villapando. These new Sir Knights were part of the 179 Sir Knight in the State of Virginia. I encourage each new member to become involved in our Assembly Color Crops and I hope to see you all at our next meeting on Wed, December 17.

Fr. Malloy officially welcomed these men at our annual Welcome/Thanksgiving Dinner on Wednesday, November 19. For those of you who were unable to attend, a fabulous time was held by all. Over 50 people (30 Sir Knights and their families attended. This is the largest attendance at an Assembly social affair in my 7 years in Fr. Malloy Assembly. The Thanksgiving fare was prepared by SK Greg Skorupski and PFN Tom Connelly and while there was enough food, I was a little worried that we might run out as we had planned for 40 or so. My deepest appreciation to Greg and Tom for their extraordinary efforts.

A new program has begun within the 4th Degree Virginia District, it was actually begun by an Assembly. The program recognizes a Sir Knight of the Month, similar to the Knight of the Month at the 3rd Degree level. The program is designed to recognize a Sir Knight who his outstanding contributions to the 4th Degree. After careful thought, our first Sir Knight

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of the Month for Fr. Malloy Assembly, for the month of October, is our Faithful Comptroller Lawrence "Larry" Novack. Larry is recognized for his organization and administration of the candidates and attendees to the Richmond Exemplification. Larry has been serving as Faithful Comptroller for over 25 years and he has it down to a science. Larry you make everything look so easy. Thanks for your help.

I will be thinking of the Sir Knight of the Month for November; however, I am also open to suggestions.

As we enter the Advent season, our Color Corps continues to be very active. By the time you read this edition, we will have participated in a Confirmation Mass at St. Leo the Great and also provided Honor Guard for the 25th Anniversary Mass of Catholic Distance University which was held at the Ritz-Carlton Pentagon City. Other events included an Honor Guard for the Commemoration of our lady of Guadalupe at St. Anthony of Padua Parish, and an Honor Guard for the Devotional Hour for Our Lady of Charity, also at St. Anthony's. As you can see there are plenty of events for everyone in which to participate.

In closing, I ask for your prayers this Advent season for those less fortunate and in need. I also ask that you pray for our Veterans, and our Active Duty personnel away from their loved ones. Pray that they come home safe and sound. My wife, Kathy and I extend our best wishes to you and your families for a very blessed Christmas and a very safe, but prosperous New Year!

Vivat Jesus!
SK Bill Weich
Faithful Navigator

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The Captain's Corner



Just a brief message to wish you and your families a very blessed and Merry Christmas! Thanks to SK Greg Skorupski and PFN Tom Connelly for putting on a delicious turkey dinner at our last meeting. We had a very nice gathering of Sir Knights and their ladies to welcome our new members. I would like to extend a hearty welcome to our six new Sir Knights: LTC Timothy Murtha, Fidel Rodriguez, Virgilio Vilapando, James Connolly, Frederick Hundemer, Jr., and S. Michael Pollack. I hope you will immediately become active in our Assembly. The best way to start is to attend our next meeting on December 17th. We will with the recitation of the Rosary at 7:30 p.m. followed by the Sir Knights Café. This month our Faithful Navigator Bill Weich will be preparing a delicious meal prior to our meeting. Cost is only \$5.

I want to thank all the Sir Knights that have supported the Color Corps during the past month. We have a very busy schedule for December so please check out the Commander's Column and our assembly's web-site for the schedule of Color Corps events, and then plan on participating! For the new Sir Knights, this is the next best way to become active in the Fourth Degree is to join the Color

Corps. No military / or marching experience is required. The Color Corps Commander Ernesto Gonzalez will provide all the instruction you need, and we have a few loaner sets of regalia you can borrow until you have a chance to get your own (hint, hint for Santa's list!).

Finally, let us remember the young men and women in the Armed Forces who are deployed and away from their families during the holidays. It is very tough on the families, especially those with children, for their fathers/mothers being gone and they need all the support we can give to them. Also remember the less fortunate. There are many ways to express our charity during this Christmas season. During this rough economic time let us band together to help our brother Knights and their families.

Again, Thelma and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Fraternally yours,
George Billy
Faithful Captain

The Pilot's Portal



Has our nation lost its moral compass? Supreme Knight Carl Anderson commented recently about the current financial crisis:

The current system depends upon the exercise of moral responsibility at many levels, and there was a collective failure.

Small wonder that a recent poll commissioned by the Knights of Columbus found that more than 70% of the American public and American Catholics think that our nation's moral compass is pointing in the wrong direction. What the American people see — and many of our leaders do not — is a need for a new paradigm of values-based leadership.

In my book *A Civilization of Love*, I proposed Pope John Paul II's idea of a civilization of love as an operating principle for society. In such a society, when there is an injury, love demands honesty, admission, forgiveness and

reconciliation — and more than a little humility as the foundation to recovery. This is what must now happen here in the United States.

We have seen a beginning with former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan admitting an imperfect understanding of the market. He is one man, and his admission was certainly limited, but it was a start. Catholics understand that cultures, like individuals, can be sinful. And just as individuals are in need of conversion, so are cultures.

As the visible arm of the Knights, we are in a good position to promote a civilization of love by calling for honesty, admission, forgiveness and reconciliation. As I write these notes, our Assembly is preparing to welcome seven new Sir Knights and is putting together a team of Sir Knights in regalia for the Holy Mass and reception

which kicks off the 25th anniversary of Catholic Distance University. Bishop Paul S. Loverde and Apostolic Nuncio to the United States Archbishop Pietro Sambi will concelebrate the Holy Mass. The ceremonies that evening honor Bishop Thomas J. Welch, first Bishop of Arlington and founder of Catholic Distance University, and Virgil Dechant, immediate past Supreme Knight. Once again, Father Malloy Assembly is making a public expression of our faith and solidarity with our bishops and priests. Please pray for our nation and encourage our leaders to speak with clarity and courage when addressing the moral, cultural and financial needs of our American civilization.

Vivat Jesus!
Dennis Brown
Faithful Pilot

The Commanders Corner SK Ernesto González

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for November is: "That the testimony of love offered by the Saints, may fortify Christians in their service to God and neighbor, imitating Christ who came not to be served but to serve".

We began the month with the Feast for all Saints. Saints are our friends closest to God, since they achieved the goal of our human pilgrimage. They are the mirror by which we can look upon ourselves and the example for our life. Serve is not a fashionable verb these days, yet Christ came to us as the Servant of God.

The Church also commemorated this month St. Martin de Porres. St. Martin lived in Lima, Peru, during the first half of the seventeenth century. Martin received a good education and became a barber. At that time barbers, who also extracted teeth, performed minor surgeries and served as pharmacists, were in great demand. Martin chose to use his talents to serve and heal the poor of all walks of life. He lived with the Dominican friars and was the poorest among them. Also known for his intense devotion to the Eucharist, St. Martin spent entire nights in the presence of the Sacrament,

leave at daybreak for mass, and then continue with his duties and service.

We can learn many things from St. Martin. To serve others, especially those in most need. To be humble, especially when serving others. To lead a life of prayer. Prayer must be the founda-



tion of our life. Like St. Martin, Fourth Degree Knights are called to serve. As St. Martin wore the habit of a Dominican, let our regalia be our habit as we serve others.

In the next few weeks our Assembly will have several opportunities to serve. A Fourth Degree Honor Guard has been requested for the Confirmation Mass on November 21 at St. Leo the Great Parish. The Mass begins at 7:30 PM. We will muster at 7:00 PM in Providence Hall, our meeting place.

There are also two events in St. Anthony of Padua Parish

(Falls Church VA) for which Honor Guards are requested. On Friday, December 5, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Council #10723 will host an devotional hour to Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre, patron saint of Cuba. This will include escorting the image of our Lady which has been traveling throughout the U.S. as part of the yearlong Marian Hour established by our Supreme Knight. Participants will include the parish Legions of Mary. The other event is the commemoration of our Lady of Guadalupe, on Sunday December 14. Our Honor Guard has been requested for both Spanish masses, at 1:00 PM and 3:30 PM. These masses are spectacular displays of devotion for our Holy Mother. At least 2,000 Hispanics attend this 1:00 PM mass and about 1,000 the 3:30 mass.

Please contact me as soon as possible if you can support any of these events. If you would like to participate but do not have regalia, the Assembly has extra regalia for your use. I remind or new Sir Knights that if you purchase your regalia within a year of your exemplification, the Assembly will refund the cost of the sword.

Let us pray that this Lent St. Martin's example service, humility and prayer help us prepare to celebrate with joy the Incarnation of our Lord.

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