

NEXT MEETING JAN. 17TH

NAVIGATOR'S REPORT Worthy Sir Knights

First and foremost I hope every Sir Knight of Malloy Assembly and his family enjoyed a very happy and blessed New Year. Now comes the time when we must try to liveup to the New Year's resolutions we have made. I hope every Sir Knight has resolved to attend at least two Assembly meetings this year. We need the ideas and directions of every Sir Knight. Our next meeting will be held on January 17th at Providence Hall, St Leo the Great Church, Fairfax at 7:30 PM

While on the subject of participation I want to thank every Sir Knight who participated in the many Color Corp activities during the month of December. We were especially pleased to see so many of our new Sir Knights in regalia and participating it those events.

Keep up the good work and participate in the upcoming requests for Color Corp appearances. Participation in Color Corp events is indeed the main activity of the Fourth Degree.

To remain proficient as a member of the Color Corp we must, from time to time, be certified as a Color Corp member. Whenever a new District Master is assigned he must verify that all Color Corp members are skilled in marching techniques and proper handling of the Knights Sword. Our new District Master Richie Head has requested that all teams be recertified and that will occur at our February meeting on Feb 21st, Ash Wednesday. We ask that all present and aspiring members of Malloy Assembly attend this (re)certification. Please bring your sword and service baldric (not social baldric) to this event. It is necessary for all new Sir Knights desiring to participate in Color Corp events take part in this certification. Again, this will occur at our **February** meeting.

We are also in need of someone to prepare the food for the January meeting. The February meeting will occur on Ash Wednesday and the meal for that meeting will be Cheese Pizza and a salad. (Anyone want to volunteer)

On Saturday, January 13th Father Diamond Council at St. Leo's will host the Quarterly Meeting of the Virginia State Council. Fr. Malloy Assembly has been requested to present

the colors prior to the meeting. We are in need of three Knights in regalia to participate in this ceremony. Please call or email me at your earliest convenience if you can participate in this event if you have not already so notified me. Color Corp Commander George Billy will require that you be drilled in the correct procedure prior to the event. This will be a high visibility event in the State and an honor for Fr. Malloy Assembly.

Please remember in your prayers the repose of two devoted Sir Knights who died during the month of January; Kevin Hayes and Charles Riesbeck. Kevin was the State Advocate for the Jurisdiction of Virginia and his sudden death in December came as a shock to all knights in Virginia. Charles Riesbeck was the retired Supreme Treasurer for many years and retired from this post in New Haven, CT within the past few years. Charles was a high school classmate of mine many years ago and a loyal and dedicated Knight.

Once again, Sir Knights, I wish you and yours a very Happy New Year and hope to see you at our January Meeting. At our November meeting we were shorted two Exemplification Certificates for SK James Connell and SK Paul Maltagliati. These Certificates will be presented at the January meeting.

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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In Memoriam

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

1/05/1992 SK Lawrence J. Reardon 1/24/1994 SK Edward A. Brophy 1/13/2000 SK Theodore A. Primavera 1/19/2002 SK Albert V. Alesandrelli 1/14/2004 SK Frank L. Bosch

SK's January Birthdays PFNs in bold

1/01 Franklin Bautista 1/01 Sikvin Ip 1/02 David Todd, Jr. 1/03 Peter Tompkins 1/09 Robert Pauly 1/10 George Wassif 1/12 Frederick Walker 1/13 Donald E. Trayer 1/15 Conrad Donahue 1/15 Peter Garry 1/17 Donald Martin 1/17 Michael DeMarco 1/19 Frank Ramano 1/20 Robert Collette 1/23 Joseph Cunningham 1/28 Joseph Lemieux 1/30 Charles Seed

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1/30 Josefino Arevalo



The Captain's Corner SK Richard Lee

'Tis the season of "resolutions"... that time of looking forward to a New Year, an

opportunity to reassess priorities, make promises to ourselves and build upon the Hope we feel with the birth of Jesus.

We were reminded in the First Degree of the certainty of death, ameliorated by the realization that a short life can be a happy one, if we remember to listen carefully for the call (sometimes only as a whisper) from God.

From a recent, personal experience with my Mother, I know the importance of communicating personal wishes about our individual readiness to accept the will of God in our lives, and the call to "return to Him." As Knights we are committed to Life, from conception to natural death. With the marvels of modern medical technology, natural death can be postponed almost indefinitely. For our loved ones, it is important to know, because they <u>will</u> be asked, what our wishes are with respect to accepting and embracing the natural end to our lives. To the medical person, the question comes down to how vigorously we want medical technology brought to bear when we are close to death.

I encourage all my Brother Sir Knights to review the church's teaching regarding end of life issues, to consult with clergy if or as needed, and to discuss with loved ones your understanding and desires if faced unexpectedly with an end of life situation. Make a New Year's resolution to prepare a "living will" or an "advance directive", and to appoint a "Health Care Agent"... for your peace of mind and that of your loved ones.

Balancing our individual commitments to God, family, nation and job is difficult. "Wise people" remind us no one ever lay dying and said, "Gee, I wish I had spent more time at the office!" All Sir Knights feel the same tugs in many directions as their fellow travelers through life... with perhaps an important distinction. We feel strongly about the importance of publicly proclaiming the solid foundation of our faith provides in our families, in our Parishes and in our work.

In the Malloy Assembly, we band together to provide public support to our Parish priests, our Knights' Councils, and civil authorities in a very visible Catholic way. Our meetings are not long. The recitation of the Rosary provides the prayerful beginning to our gatherings, followed by the fellowship of a meal. Our formal meetings provide Sir Knights present with inspirational insight from our Friar, highlights of near term future events focused primarily on Color Corps activities and reports of our Councils' events, and an uplifting reminder of what is means to be Knights in today's world. Your attendance at least one meeting per quarter (3rd Wednesday of each month: January 17, February 21, and March 21 coming up) helps the Assembly get the word out, and build camaraderie. We hope to see you soon at Providence Hall, St Leo's Parish campus in Fairfax City.



The Pilot's Portal SK Bill Weich

Happy New Year to all my Brother Sir Knights and your families! We begin the second half of the fraternal year. As I have mentioned in my previous articles, we will continue to be very active. It starts with the our Assembly providing Color Corps to present the Colors at the Mid-Year Year VA State Meeting to be hosted by Fr. Diamond Council at St. Leo the Great on Saturday, January 13. The very next day will be the celebration of Religious Freedom Day in Fredericksburg, VA. In February, we will participate with other Assemblies in the Annual President's Day Parade through the streets of Alexandria, VA. In March, we will be back in Alexandria and also Manassas to join again other Assemblies for the traditional St. Patrick's Day Parades. In April and May we will participate (when requested) in Confirmation Masses. As you can see, we will need as much participation as possible. We need to continue to show our patriotism and our faith as much as we can. If you are interested in participating and/or would like to borrow extra regalia, please advise myself or Faithful Navigator Tom Kelley.

I would like to extend a thank you to all those Sir Knights who attended the December meeting. Please keep up making as many meetings as you can. Not only will you enjoy a reciting the Rosary with your Brothers, but you will enjoy a nice meal with them, and be a part of the usually brief but lively meeting. Our next meeting will take place on Wed, January 17 with the Rosary commencing at 7:30.

In closing, I ask for your continued prayers for the following beginning with the repose of the soul for our State Advocate Kevin Hayes and also for the peace and comfort of his family, as well as our men and women defending our freedom and our United States of America.

Vivat Jesus! SK William Weich



The Commander's Corner SK George Billy

Members of Malloy Assembly Color Corp and those desiring to become members are requested to attend the February 21st Assembly Meeting. At this meeting the District Marshal and staff will recertify our Color Corp. This will involve marching procedures and sword drills. Those who wish to participate must bring with them their Sword and Service Baldric. This will occur after our business meeting. If you are or wish to become a member of our Color Corp you should make an effort to attend this event.

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

Vivat Jesus! SK George Billy



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