



Father Walter Malloy Assembly Navigator's Log

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The Navigator's Report

Brother Sir Knights –

Happy News Year to you and your families! Wow! What a busy November and December we had. We had at least one event (if not more) each weekend between our last meeting in November until Christmas. I extend my thanks to each Sir Knight who was able to participate in those events. This was an especially busy time with Thanksgiving and the beginning of the Advent season. I also extend my sincere thanks to Faithful Commander Ernesto Gonzalez for leading the events where I was unable to participate. Great job Ernesto!

2009 bring new resolutions to each of us. I hope everyone has made a resolution to attend at least two meetings this year and participate in as many Color Corps events as possible. As you can see from the number of events we had in November and December, we need as many Sir Knights in regalia as possible to support our Parish Priests and our Catholic community when we receive the call for Color Corps. For those new Sir Knights who joined our Assembly in November, now is the time to take advantage of our regalia promotion. Those Sir Knights who order regalia within one year of joining our Assembly, we will pay you for

the cost of the sword, a \$100 value. Please contact our Faithful Comptroller Larry Novak for more information about the program or to place your order.

In November, I began selecting a Sir Knight of the Month. This program is similar to the Knight of the Month at the Council level and recognizes a Sir Knight for his outstanding service to the Assembly, the principles of the 4th Degree, and his patriotism. This month I am recognizing two Sir Knights for their team work in preparing and cooking the wonderful Thanksgiving/Welcome Dinner. Both worked tirelessly to make the dinner a great success. I congratulate SK Greg Skorupski and PFN Tom Connelly for a job well done!

At our dinner in November, we welcomed 6 new Sir Knights to our Assembly. However, our job is still not complete. We need to keep recruiting new members from our respective Councils. Whenever you meet a fellow Knight, inquire if they have joined the 4th Degree and if they have not, promote the principle of patriotism and hand them a Form 4 to fill out – on the spot if possible. Talk with your Council members at meetings and social functions and invite

them to join their Brothers wearing their capes, their chapeaux, and carrying their swords, demonstrating their faith AND their patriotism. I ask each Sir Knight to carry a Form 4 (4th Degree membership application) at all times and to give to someone who wants to join the patriotic arm of the Knights of Columbus.

Every two years our Assembly Color Corps team must be certified to participate. Our last re-certification was Feb 2007. We are scheduled for our next re-certification at our February meeting. All members participating in Color Corps need to attend. Please bring your sword and service baldric to the meeting.

In closing I ask for your prayers for the repose of the soul of Beatrice Grassi, mother-in-law of VA District Secretary Tony Fortunato and mother of Tony's wife Pauline. In also ask that you continue to pray for our men and women defending our country and our freedom. Fly those American Flags!

Vivat Jesus
SK William Weich
Faithful Navigator

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- F. Captain
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SK Dennis Brown
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- F. 2 Yr Trustee
SK Marion Kuhlman, PFN
- F. 3 Yr Trustee
SK Thomas Kelley, PFN



The Captain's Corner

I hope you had a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year and that the coming year brings you good health and happiness! Hopefully, everyone had an opportunity to visit with family and friends, and got a chance for some rest and relaxation after a busy year. I want to thank the Sir Knights that supported the many Color Corps activities during the past month. We were indeed very busy!

January brings in a new Administration. It will be incumbent on all members of the Knights of Columbus and their families to become more active in the pro-life movement so that the voices of the unborn can be heard. Bearing witness to the truth of the sanctity of life in all its stages from conception through natural death is our cause; and the last of the great human rights struggles. Every time we bear witness to this truth by praying rosaries outside abortion facilities, marching in the annual March for Life, forming life chains, lobbying our representatives, and supporting pro-life activities we help to change the hearts and minds of those who are ambivalent to the righteousness of our cause.

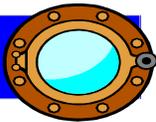
I invite all members of Fr. Malloy Assembly and their families to join with Fr. Diamond Council to participate in the annual March for Life in Washington DC on Thursday, January 22nd. Since 1994 Fr. Diamond Council has been collecting money in the line of the March on Constitution Avenue. All money collected goes directly to the National Right to Life Committee to help defray the cost of the March. Last year 22 Brother Knights and family members joined to collect \$16,735. Since 1994 a total of \$239,800 has been collected during the annual Marches for Life; and each year's success is directly related to the number of people we have collecting during the March. Below is information from Fr. Diamond Council on how you can participate in this worthy effort.

"The March starts at Noon and it normally takes about an hour for the Marchers to pass by our collection site where we stand in the line of March wearing white jackets and RTL Marshal Ball Caps and do our collection. The March starts on 7th St this year and we will collect in front of the Art Museum on Constitution. We normally meet at Providence Hall and proceed as a group via Cue Bus and Metro to the collection site, some folks meet us at that location. We then gather at the Hall after the March and count the funds and prepare it for deposit. Mike Plumstead is our coordinator this year, if you can help please contact Mike ASAP at 703-250-2367 or Email at m.plumstead@cox.net because he has to submit your names to the DC Police to get solicitation permits for each individual. He knows some folks aren't able to plan that far ahead—but let him know if there is any chance you can make it so he can arrange for the permits. Again, the more folks we can get to help the greater our success, let's see if we can set a new record again this year.

Wives, kids, and grandkids are invited to participate. It gets more difficult every year to raise money because of the number of young people. That, however, is certainly a blessing as it bodes well for those who will continue the battle for the unborn. If you can't help with the collection effort in Washington we could still use your help at Providence Hall about 3 PM when the collectors return to help count the monies collected."

Fraternally yours,
George Billy
Faithful Captain

The Pilot's Portal



As we begin a new calendar year, many of us Sir Knights are catching our breath after the large number of Color corps events in our parishes and community in November and December. I am gratified that several new Sir Knights who received their exemplification on November 8 have already stepped forward in response to calls for help under Color Commander Ernesto Gonzalez.

It seems that we are receiving more and more requests for 4th Degree support from our parishes. Sir Knights, consider the needs of your parish. We work toward a goal of enough Sir Knights in regalia in each parish to meet the needs of the pastor.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson commented on the 20th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's extraordinary document on the role of the lay faithful, *Christifideles Laici*. This document challenges us laymen

to "a mending of the Christian fabric of society." Anderson also quoted Pope Benedict XVI, referring to his visit to the United States in April 2008: "I wished to encourage the lay faithful, above all, to recommit themselves to growth in holiness and active participation in the Church's mission. This was the vision that inspired the foundation of the Knights of Columbus ... and it continues to find privileged expression in your Order's charitable works."

On Thursday, January 22, many of our fellow Knights join together for the March for Life. Please join a growing number of laity, priests and bishops who are not merely deploring the loss of so many millions of innocent lives in our country, but demanding that the government make abortion illegal. We in the laity are in a position to encourage and support each other and pray for the end of legal abortion.

One of the promises of the incoming Administration is for passage of the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA), H.R. 1964 and S. 1173, introduced January 21, 2004 and January 22, 2004, respectively. This bill is before the United States Congress. If enacted, this bill would abolish all restrictions and limitations on women in the United States to have an abortion.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is vehemently opposed to this Act. Francis Cardinal George, president of the USCCB warned on November 12, 2008: those who support FOCA must realize that if Catholic hospitals are ever required to perform abortions, the bishops will close every one of them; no one would be hurt more than the poor." Wow! Not mere hand wringing! Please, fellow Sir Knights and laymen everywhere, pray for and encourage our lay and religious leaders to be similarly courageous.

The Commanders Corner SK Ernesto González

On December 8 we commemorated the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary. This is one of our beautiful teachings; that because of the infinite graces resulting from the passion and death of Jesus Christ, the Virgin Mary would be born without original sin, by the singular privilege granted by God the Father.

This teaching was declared a dogma of our faith by Pope Pius IX on December 8, 1584. This was not a statement borne of man's whims, or the social or political pressures of the times. It was the result of painstaking studies guided by prayer and the Holy Spirit. For over a thousand years the fathers of the church, religious scholars and theologians studied every word of the Sacred Scripture pertaining to Mary from Genesis through the Apocalypse. The dogmatic decree of 1584 confirmed what the Catholic faithful have been believing since the early days of our faith.

The commemoration of the Immaculate Conception is another example of God's infinite love for us. Pope Benedict XVI said that Jesus Christ is the light of lights, the "sun that shines throughout the darkness of history. But to reach him

we need lights closer to us, people that reflect His divine light, to orient us in our journey. Whom better than Mary to be the star of hope for us?" Our contemplation of the Immaculate Mary offers us a lesson. When she learns she has been chosen to conceive our Savior, she gives her Fiat with humility: "Behold, I am the handmaid



of the Lord".

This month our Assembly's Color Corp has been an exemplar of Service: On November 21 four SKs and I provided the Honor Guard for the confirmation mass at St. Leo the Great celebrated by the Archbishop of the Military Diocese. On November 22, SK Richard Bowman, Associate Marshall, led our Faithful Pilot SK Dennis Brown and six of our SKs in the 25th Anniversary Mass of the Catholic Distance University, celebrated by Archbishop Pietro Sambini, Papal Nuncio, our Bishop Paul Loverde and several other bishops in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Pentagon City. On November 29

four SKs and I presented the Colors at the opening of the Hispanic youth talent show in St. Anthony of Padua, attended by over 1,500 people. On December fifth three SKs and I provided the Honor Guard for the K of C devotion to of Lady of Charity, patron Saint of Cuba, at St. Anthony.

The third weekend of December our Assembly was devoted to Celebrations of our Lady of Guadalupe. On December 12 our Faithful Admiral, SK Richard Lee led the Honor Guard at St. Mary of Sorrow. On December 13 our Faithful Navigator led the Guard at St. Leo the Great. On the fourteen I led the Honor Guard at the two Spanish masses at St. Anthony, with a combined attendance of over 3,000 Hispanic faithful. We are closing the year with an Honor Guard for the Filipino Simbang Gabi Mass on Dec. 21st at St. Leo the Great, celebrated by our Bishop.

St. Thomas Aquinas had said that it is more worthy and beautiful to illuminate than just to shine. During this season and throughout the year, let us serve as luminaries to those around us. When it is turn to be called to serve, let us proclaim our own fiat.

Mary Queen of the Knights, pray for us!

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