

Navigator's Log

Fr. Walter F. Malloy Assembly #1894 January 2021



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Member Contact Information

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Navigator's Report SK David J. Todd, Jr., PGK, PFN Faithful Navigator

As we ring in the new calendar year, we mark the mid-point of the fraternal year. Normally, this would be a great opportunity to take stock in our accomplishments so far. However, this is not a normal year, and as I look back at the last six months, I cannot help but notice the many holes in our schedule.

Many of our events have been cancelled: Independence Day Parade, Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns, Thanksgiving Banquet, Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass, and Simbang Gabi Mass, just to name a few. Other events have been scaled back from the normal: the postponed Pass in Review & Installation of Officers, Mass Honoring Military & First Responders, and our monthly Assembly meetings, again just to name a few.

At the same time, we have had great success in some of our activities. When the District's semi-annual Exemplification was held virtually due to the ongoing pandemic, Fr. Malloy Assembly stepped up by hosting a viewing of that Exemplification AND by recruiting 25 new Sir Knights! And when one of our members turned 100 years old, another Sir Knight stepped up and planned a special parade for him; Fr. Malloy Assembly was able to take lead in that parade with a Color Guard and Honor Guard (more details can be found later in this edition of the *Navigator's Log*).

It has been quite a six-months, and now we look forward to the next six months and what they have in store for us. While the annual Religious Freedom Day events have been cancelled this year, as of the publication of this newsletter, the March for Life is still scheduled to be held on January 29th. Hopefully, we will see things returning to normal soon, especially now that vaccines are being administered.

In the meantime, I begin to look ahead to the next Fraternal Year. I am happy to announce the appointment of our Nominating Committee: **SK Matthew T. West, PFN** has graciously agreed to serve as the Chairman, while **SK Isaias** "Cy" Alba, III, PSD, FM, PFN and SK William W. Weich, PFN have both agreed to serve on the committee with him. I encourage anyone who is willing to serve next year as a Faithful Officer please contact one of these Sir Knights to make your interest known.

I close with a personal wish for each of you and your families: may you all have a Happy and Blessed New Year!

Friar's Report

Rev. SK Philip S. Majka Faithful Friar

A.M.D.G. (For the great glory of God), we have again celebrated the birth of the King of Peace this past December 25th. He has shown Himself in glory; we desire to know Him.

The King of Peace sent His message to earth and His commands spread throughout the world. Jesus humbled Himself and took on human nature for the purpose of peace. He bestowed peace as His gift for the whole world. He came to make peace between God and man and among all peoples. We also become at peace within ourselves, body and soul, flesh and spirit.

The birth of Christ was the beginning and the ultimate cause of all blessings upon earth. <u>All Mankind Doing Good!</u> (A.M.D.G.)

A blessed and happy holiday and New Year to all!

Captain's Report

SK Patrick A. McGuire, PGK Faithful Captain

Now that the Holiday Season is over, we can try to get back to some kind of normalcy. Our January Meeting will again be virtual, on Wednesday, January 20th, starting at 7:30pm. The link will be emailed out by the Faithful Navigator a week before the meeting.

I personally want to thank all who participate in these on-line meetings. If you can, please try to attend these meetings.

Please have a safe and healthy New Year!

Pilot's Report

SK Joseph M. Gesker, PGK Faithful Pilot

Please pray for the following:

- Repose of the soul of SK Leo J. Weston, and comfort of his widow Bernadette and the Weston family
- Repose of the soul of SK Thomas Maishak, and comfort of his widow Ann and the Maishak family
- Response of the soul of Mr. Louis Young, father of SK Michael L. Young
- Repose of the soul of SK Roger A. Schumacher, PSD (Arizona):
 Godfather of Lady Wendy Kehoe (wife of SK Stephen J. Kehoe,
 PSD), and close friend of the Todd family
- Mr. C. Gary Benevento, brother-in-law of SK David J. Todd, Sr., PFN, uncle to SK David J. Todd, Jr., PFN, and Lady Wendy Kehoe (wife of SK Stephen J. Kehoe, PSD)
- Healing of **SK Paul F. Cataldo** (upcoming surgery)
- Healing of SK Thomas J. Hogan, PSD (stage 4 cancer, he is receiving new treatment)
- Healing of all persons suffering because of COVID-19, and success of COVID-19 vaccines

Please advise Faithful Pilot **SK Joseph M. Gesker** of any prayer requests at jgesker@verizon.net.



Commander's Report

SK George H. Billy, FDD, PGK, PFN Color Corps Commander

The Color Corps participated in two events last month. Most notable was the parade in Fairfax City for SK James Smith's (WWII USMC veteran) 100th birthday.

Where We Were:

- Funeral Mass for SK Leo Weston: December 5th; Honor Guard consisted of SK George H. Billy, PFN; SK Dennis A. Brown, PFN; SK Carroll D. Glass, PFN; SK James T. "Jay" Moore; SK Roger L. Williams
- Parade Honoring SK James Smith: December 7th; Color Guard and Honor Guard, along with other participants, included:
 - SK Isaias "Cy" Alba, III, PSD, FM, PFN
 - SK Keith Amburgey (Commander, Honor America Corps)
 - SK George H. Billy, PFN
 - SK Dennis A. Brown, PFN
 - SK Lawrence L. Holmes, Ir.
 - SK Patrick A. Leffas
 - SK Phillip R. Kennedy, PFN (Marshal, Virginia District)
 - SK James T. "Jay" Moore
 - SK Thomas E. Nemeth
 - SK Michael W. Thumm, FM, PFN (Vice Supreme Master, Calvert Province)
 - SK Stephen P. Raschke, PSD, PFN (Master of the 4th Degree, Virginia District)
 - SK David J. Todd, Jr., PFN (Faithful Navigator)
 - SK David J. Todd, Sr., PFN (Secretary, Virginia District)
 - SK Roger L. Williams

Additional word of thanks to **SK Albert L. Leightley** for planning and coordinating the parade, and those who assisted him with logistics during the parade:

- SK Joseph M. Gesker
- SK Patrick A. McGuire
- SK Timothy T. Tilson
- SK Herbert F. Zimmerman

Other Sir Knights who participated included:

- Rev. SK David A. Whitestone
- SK Paul F. Cooke, PFN
- SK Dennis M. Makurat, PFN
- SK Charles A. Kraiger
- SK Paul E. Kyle
- SK Daniel P. Short

Currently, there are no Color Corps events planned for January. If any materialize, we will send out notification via Assembly e-mail. The annual March for Life is Friday, January 29th; the traditional "Life is Very Good Mass" before the March (held at George Mason University) will not be held this year. Instead, consider serving as a Marshal for the March (or donation collector with Fr. Diamond Council).

Admiral's Report

SK F. Randy Bordelon, PGK, PFN
Faithful Admiral

Two Days in January

1/16/2021 – Religious Freedom Day

1/29/2021 - March For Life

Faith in God, His Providence, and His Love is a fundamental American value since our founding. Fairfax County's own George Mason authored the Virginia Declaration of Rights in Richmond during May 1776 with input from James Madison and Thomas Ludwell Lee. A foundation stone for religious liberty was set in Section 16.

"That religion, or the duty which we owe to our Creator, and the



manner of discharging it, can be directed only by reason and conviction, not by force or violence; and therefore all men are equally entitled to the free exercise of religion, according to the dictates of conscience; and that it is the mutual duty of all to practice Christian forbearance, love, and charity toward each other."

This phrasing clearly influenced the Declaration of Independence later in 1776 and the Constitution in 1789.

We who support the Pro-Life cause are motivated by religious belief in the sanctity of human life. In past years, the machinery of state has been brought against our institutions to enforce policies contrary to our faith. While the courts and the present administration have abated those threats temporarily, it is clear from the bitter opposition in public discourse that the fight is not over. We may expect, from the records and statements of some powerful public figures, that 2021 will see a resumption of efforts to force institutions of faith and then individuals to submit to and support policies that are clearly against faith and morals.

So, consider your commitment as a Catholic citizen and support the March for Life in January. Our Virginia Founding Fathers would be appreciative.

A dead baby is not progress.

Comptroller's Report

SK William W. Weich, FDD, PGK, PFN
Faithful Comptroller

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a joyous Christmas!

As of December 1, 2020, Assembly membership stood at 346 Sir Knights, which includes 4 Honorary Members and 66 Honorary Life Members.

Thank you to the 120+ Sir Knights who have paid their dues thus far. Membership cards are in the process of being mailed to those whose dues have been received. 2020 Membership cards are only valid through February 28, 2021.

As a reminder, Assembly dues are **PAYABLE UPON RECEIPT of the dues notice.** Dues notices were sent out in early December.

Dues are \$30 per calendar year. Sir Knights who have attained Honorary Life Membership in the 4th Degree are exempt from paying

dues. If you have not received your dues notice, please let me know and I will send you a copy. If you have moved, please email me your address and I will update our records and send you a copy.

Members experiencing financial hardship, disability, or other reasons for not being able to remit dues payment should contact me as soon as possible to discuss. I am willing to work with any Sir Knight, but need to hear from them as the first step.

Member Contact Info

Change in mailing address, phone number, email address? Please send updated information to me at wweich@yahoo.com or call me at 703-307-9163. This will ensure our assembly records and Supreme records remain current.

If you have any other questions regarding membership, dues processing, ordering Assembly shirts, or other questions, please contact me at 703-307-9163 or www.wweich@yahoo.com.

Historian Report

SK Richard D. Muñoz, FDD, PGK, PFN Assembly Historian

An interesting thing about history: the closer we come to examining the present, the more history begins to merge with politics. It loses the academic detachment of the remote observer and begins to suffer from the passions of the current tides. We can safely examine the decisions of the funny people in black and white photographs but find it more distracting, more dividing, to examine the color video from living memory.

Yet the past is prologue to the present, and what we do today is built almost entirely upon the pylons and footings placed back then.

In 1960, John F. Kennedy was elected as the President of the United States. In a country of then 180 million people, he was the first Catholic President, and only the second Catholic nominee of a major political party in the entire history of the country to that point. It is perhaps difficult now to look back at that event with entirely neutral objectivity: Kennedy was a Democrat, but the legalization of abortion was twelve years in the future, and many Catholics were unconflicted in their support of the Democratic party, whose social justice positions tracked well with Church teaching.

But Kennedy's candidacy was not unmarred by religious bigotry—far from it. Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State ("POAU") we discussed in last month's column, mobilized again in a Protestant effort to defeat a Catholic candidate (and thereby keep religion out of politics, you see). Once again, dire warnings of Vatican control of the White House were circulated. Norman Vincent Peale, author of "The Power of Positive Thinking," organized voter drives intended to stop the Catholic menace. He also chaired a new group, the National Conference of Citizens for Religious Freedom, speaking initially for 150 Protestant ministers.

But there was a counterweight this time: former President Harry Truman, no doubt still stung by his own run-in with POAU, denounced Peale as a bigot. Other prominent Protestants followed suit. Time magazine's September 19th issue that year included a condemning article titled "The Power of Negative Thinking," rebuking

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Peale. Even Reinhold Niebuhr, the author of the famous Serenity Prayer ("God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change...") spoke up against the prejudice being leveled against Kennedy.

In the end, the election was a razor-thin margin of victory for Kennedy. He became the nation's first Catholic, and the nation's first and only Knight of Columbus, to hold the highest office in the land: Kennedy was a Fourth-Degree member of Bunker Hill Council No. 62.

<u>50 Swords Iniative</u>

SK Dennis A. Brown, FDD, PGK, PFN
Chairman

Fr. Malloy Assembly is in need of more Sir Knights in Official Regalia Dress (ORD) as part of our 4th Degree role as the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus in public.

In several recent Color Corps events, our Assembly was challenged to muster a full compliment of Sir Knights in ORD. Yet we mustered escorts for the October 31st 4th Degree Exemplification and both a Color Guard and Honor Guard for the December 7th parade honoring SK James Smith. We also mustered five Sir Knights for the December 5th funeral of SK Leo Weston.

However, we are in great need for more Sir Knights to come forward. We anticipate that the stringent COVID-19 restrictions on parish and church events will be relieved in the future, opening up 4th Degree opportunities for Sir Knights in the parish we support.

Here are some of the incentives we have for those who purchase the ORD:

- Limited supply of black-handled swords, offered free to Sir Knights who obtain ORD
- \$100 reimbursement by the Faithful Comptroller for those who purchase ORD, and agree to some reasonable participation requirements
- \$150 reimbursement by the Faithful Comptroller for the purchase of a black-handled sword (once we run out of the supply of swords listed above)

The official website to order the uniform items is www.kofcuniform.com; the official website to order the sword is www.kofcsupplies.com. Th site for the uniform recommends that Sir Knights visit a local tailer for measurements prior to ordering... this will help ensure you are selecting the correct size. One local tailor is:

K&G Mens Wear Fashion Superstore 5832 Columbia Pike

Fr. Francis J. Diamond Council #6292

SK Mark D. Walther Grand Knight

Fr. Diamond Council will be conducting a Chicken Pot Pie Sale on Saturday, February 6, 2020. Orders can be made https://forms.gie/hkfDWKiidzmyLPHjg. Sales support KOVAR! See the attached flyer (for those receiving this electronically).



Msgr. Thomas P. Scannell Council #14523

SK Cedric M. Bernescut Grand Knight

On November 8, 2020, Msgr. Scannell Council #14523 partnered with St. Michael's parish to host the first Bag Toss Tournament. This event was organized to support couples and build the parish community.

St Michael's is pioneering a new program for the Arlington Diocese wherein the parish teams up with Communio.org to market through social media, organize parish events, and provide resources for couples. Through these efforts, we seek to draw new members to the parish and strengthen marriages to help grow the parish. The Knights worked to construct 12 boards for the tournament.

Saturday, November 22, 2020, we held our annual soccer challenge in conjunction with the Pope Paul II Council #4522.



Top row, left to right: SK Steve J. Jarvis, PGK; SK John W. Ray; SK Paul J. Walhout, PGK; SK Carroll D. Glass, DW, PGK, PFN; SK Joseph M. Caporaletti, PGK; SK Paul J. Hines

Bottom row, left to right: future Knight Philip Ray; SK John H. Knox, DD; **SK**Cedric M. Bernescut, GK; Brother Joseph Moser; Brother Eric Williams

St. Philip's Council #17056

SK Mark E. Mitchell Grand Knight

Council 17056 completed a major project as part of our "No Neighbor Left Behind" program. The project involved substantial drywall repairs (dozens of holes) in a parishioner's home after extensive electrical work throughout the house.

The project involved working in nearly every room in the home and, because of the age of the home and the structure of existing walls, required approximately 200 man-hours over two months. Some of those hours came, once again, from our Worthy District Deputy, **SK Joseph M. Gesker**.

We are all prayerfully anticipating a dramatically improved New Year. On behalf of the entire council, we extend our best wishes to all of our brothers and their families a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

<u>Wreaths Across America</u> <u>Fr. Malloy Assembly Honors the Fallen</u>

On Sunday, December 13, 2020, Father Malloy Assembly Sir Knights and family members welcomed and presented Christmas wreaths to families of those veterans who are now at rest in Arlington National Cemetery.

SK Joseph M. Gesker served as Truck Crew Chief. Other Sir Knights and family members who graciously partook in this distinct honor included: **SK Phillip E. Coletti, SK Lawrence J. Cook**, Jason Johnsrud, **SK Kenneth H. Miller**, and his lovely wife Page, Mrs. Julie Boelstler and Miss Natasha Boelstler (daughter & granddaughter of SK Joe Gesker.

Due to the pandemic, the Fr. Malloy Assembly Truck Crew was one of only a few to be invited by the Arlington Wreath Project (AWP) to participate in this hallowed and much appreciated exercise. They were complimented by AWP leaders for their dignity and courtesy in greeting the affected families and in presenting the wreaths.



SK Lawrence J. Cook, ready with wreath, and Jason Johnsrud greeting visiting family



Jason Johnsrud and SK Phillip E. Coletti ready to present wreaths



SK Kenneth H. Miller, and his wife Page, presenting wreaths

Parade for SK James Smith's 100th Birthday

On Monday, December 7, 2020, Officers and Sir Knights of Fr. Walter F. Malloy Assembly #1894, Fairfax, Virginia, participated in a parade to honor one of their own on the occasion of his 100th birthday!

SK James "Horse Collar" Smith, is a U.S. Marine who served during World War II as part of the Edson Raiders, fighting at the Battles of Tulagi and Guadalcanal. He was awarded two Silver Stars, one of which was presented to him by Fleet Admiral William Halsey, Jr., and a Purple Heart. Following a brief employment with Remington Rand, SK Smith went to work for the Central Intelligence Agency. He retired from the CIA in 1989 as a member of the Senior Executive Service. Since then, he has kept busy as an active member of St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, where he is a Lector, and as a member of the Knights of Columbus. He has also served as a rugby referee, and has become a World Champion Skeet Shooter. SK Smith has recorded two history videos of his WWII experiences, one on display at the Marine Corps Museum in Quantico, the other at the WWII Memorial in New Orleans. On November 11, 2000, SK Smith participated in the groundbreaking ceremony for the World War II Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

The Parade was organized and planned by Assembly member SK Albert L. Leightley, and was led by the Assembly's Color Guard and Honor Guard. It included City of Fairfax Police Department, City of Fairfax Fire & Rescue Department, Patriot Harley Davidson, citizens of the City of Fairfax, and parishioners of St. Leo the Great Catholic Church. At the conclusion of the Parade, several presentations were made to SK Smith, beginning with a blessing from Rev. SK David A. Whitestone, Pastor of St. Leo the Great Catholic Church. State Delegate David L. Bulova (member of St. Mary of Sorrows Council #8600) and State Senator John C. "Chap" Petersen were given the opportunity to speak and make presentations. Vice Supreme Master SK Micheal W. Thumm, FM, FDD, PGK, PFN (retired Colonel, USMC), accompanied by the Master of the Virginia District SK Stephen P. Raschke, PSD, FDD, PGK, PFN, presented SK Smith with VSM Citation. The events concluded with the City of Fairfax Mayor, David L. Meyer, presenting SK Smith with a proclamation in honor of all of his achievements, most notably his 100th birthday!

<u>Navigator's Note</u>: For a better understanding of who the dignitaries who joined us are

- Fr. Malloy Assembly belongs to the Virginia District, which is under the direction of the District Master (who is assisted by a Marshal and Secretary). SK Isaias "Cy" Alba, III, PSD, PFN, is a Former Master; SK David J. Todd, Sr., PFN, is a former District Marshal and the current District Secretary.
- The Virginia District (along with Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and the Archdiocese of Washington) belongs to the Calvert Province, which is under the direction of the Vice Supreme Master. SK Francis J. Loughney, PSD, is a Former Vice Supreme Master.

(Pictures may be found on page 6)



Fr. Malloy Assembly's Color Guard and Honor Guard step into the parade.



The Color Guard carried the U.S., Vatican, Virginia, and U.S. Marine Corps flags.



 $\it SK\ Smith\ salutes\ as\ the\ Colors\ pass\ in\ front\ of\ him.$



The Color Guard presented the Colors during the Presentations.



Vice Supreme Master Thumm presents SK Smith a VSM's Citation.



Vice Supreme Master Thumm & District Master Raschke pose with SK Smith.



 $Color\ Guard\ and\ Honor\ Guard\ members\ pose\ with\ SK\ Smith.$

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"SK & Mrs. John T. Doe"

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"SK John T. Doe & Family (Jane, Johnny, & Janie)"

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Council Sponsor:

"St. John T. Doe Council #12345"

Platinum Level	\$100 per year
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Please join us for our virtual Assembly meeting on Wednesday, January 20, at 7:30 PM (link will be emailed about January 13th).

Rosary is to be prayed on your own or with your family.