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Your Assembly's First Meeting of the Year. July 20. Plan to Attend.

NAVIGATORS REPORT

Worthy Sir Knights,

Last week, Dave and I attend this year's first organizational meeting. SK J.P. McCusker, Master of the Fourth Degree for the District of Virginia, and SK Bill Mulvihill, Vice Supreme Master of the Calvert Province, offered guidance and direction for the upcoming year. The Master's goals are a 10% increase in membership, increased support to council recruitment programs, increased support to veterans, and support to parish voter registration efforts.

State Deputy Ray Wycoff and incoming State Deputy Mike Lazzuri both expressed their thanks to the 4th Degree and pledged to work closely with us. The Master indicated that he would be addressing the prospect of creating a new assembly and or realigning councils within the assemblies in our area. I invite your thoughts on this issue. He is also looking in Richmond, Staunton, and Harrisonburg

J.P. further indicated he would be speaking with the District Deputies to offer support for council efforts. I am writing to each new Grand Knight to offer similar support and to invite him to designate a representative to our assembly who will provide us with notice council and parish events on a regular basis. Please encourage your Grand Knight to do so.

The District has a website <http://www.kofc-vadistrict.org/> with significant information. All Fourth Degree events listed on the website have been approved by the Master for participation by any Sir Knight in good standing.

We are fortunate that our outstanding Color Corps Commander, SK George Billy has agreed to continue serving and that SK Rick Munoz, PFN, will continue to chair the Patriotic Committee. His words in our newsletter will continue to be inspirational. Finally, permit me to again thank Sir Knight Dave Todd, Sr. for his leadership of our assembly this past year. Dave is an exceptional leader, mentor and friend to so many of us. I am humbled by the opportunity to build on what he and his predecessors have done.

Vivat Jesu
Tom Connelly
Faithful Navigator



Upcoming Events

July 4th	Fairfax City Parade
July 20	Regular meeting
August 17-	Installation of officers by the Master of the Fourth Degree (open meeting)
September 21-	Regular meeting
October 10	Columbus Day ceremony at Union Station and wreath laying at Tomb of the Unknowns
October 19-	Recognition of Past Faithful Navigators
November 1,	Feast of All Saints
November 12	Exemplification Richmond Marriott
November 14	Opening Mass for Bishop's Conference (Shrine)
November 16	Thanksgiving meeting and welcome to new Sir Knights
December 8,	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 21-	Christmas meeting
January-18	Renewal of obligations
February 15	Delegate election for bi-annual 4th degree meeting
March 15-	Recognition of Faithful Friar and priests of our assembly
April 19	
May 17-	Elections of Officers for 2006-2007
May 21-	Archdiocese for the Military Services Memorial Day Mass (At the Shrine)
June 21	Steak Night

Other events Farewell to VSM Bill Mulvihill, TBA

NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING WEDNESDAY, JULY 20TH, 7:30 PM

The next meeting of Fr. Malloy Assembly will be held at Providence Hall, St. Leo the Great Parish on Wednesday, July 20th. The meeting will start with a recitation of the Holy Rosary at 7:30 PM. This will be followed by The Knights Cafe, a social, sit-down repast prepared by Brother Sir Knights. A business meeting will follow The Knights Cafe. All Sir Knights are urged to attend.

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The Captain's Corner

SK Tom Kelley, Captain

Worthy Sir Knights

As yet another Assembly year draws to a close we must pause and thank the outgoing Faithful Navigator, David Todd Sr., and his administration for another job well done. Sir Knight Todd has completed his second term as Faithful Navigator and leaves behind him a strong Assembly thanks to his leadership and that of all his predecessors. Fr. Malloy Assembly has been blessed with many outstanding Navigators over the past several years and has received much acclaim for its activities.

At the "Pass in Review" Dinner on June 15th the gavel was passed to SK Tom Connelly and a new administration began. SK Connelly has proven time and again that he is a very strong administrator and deserving of the title "Worthy Faithful Navigator". What is needed at this time is more participation on the part of the members of Fr. Malloy Assembly.

Last month I was privileged to attend the ordination of five men elevated to Permanent Lay Deacon in the Arch Diocese of Washington. One of these men is a neighbor of mine and a Past Grand Knight of Our Lady of Guadeloupe Council, Cardinal McCarick presided over the ordination and challenged the new Deacons to "...Keep the Faith alive...." An enormous challenge in these troubled times within our church as vocations dwindle and many people drift away from their church. As I listened I thought that the Cardinal's words could also apply to those within our Order, our councils and our assemblies.

In these times, as recruitment becomes more and more difficult and attendance at meetings drops off, we must also strive to "Keep the Faith alive". As members of the Fourth Degree we, by our participation in Color Corps events, are the most visible group in the order and by our presence we will be recognized as catholic men willing to stand up for our Faith. And, unfortunately, our absence we shall also be noted.

The Navigator, in his report, outlined several activities for the coming year. Review this list and plan to attend at least 3 activities of the Color Corps. Plan also to attend some meetings of the Assembly throughout the year. Our meetings are normally held in Providence Hall at St. Leo's and begin at 7:30 with the recitation of the Rosary followed by a meal. A short business meeting follows and is usually finished by 9PM. The Assembly meeting on August 17th will be an open meeting with Installation of Officers. Get your Assembly year off to a good start and attend this meeting with your lady.

Thomas Kelley
Faithful Captain



JULY BIRTHDAYS (PFN'S in BOLD)

7/01 Frank Gallo	7/17 Alan Terpolilli
7/02 John Cerny	7/18 John Kvasnicka, PFN
7/02 David Hunninghake	7/18 Paul Cutlip
7/04 Luke Schierer	7/19 Richard Sacra
7/05 Rev. John Gould	7/19 Anthony Rozga
7/06 Robin Parker	7/20 Michael Sakraida
7/07 Larry Brindza	7/21 Edward Kennedy
7/11 Walter Bethea	7/22 Patrick Colton
7/13 Kendall Girard	7/22 Thomas Howard
7/13 James Smith	7/23 Vance Stewart
7/13 William Decker	7/24 Michael Stephens
7/14 Elmer May	7/25 Kevin Boland
7/15 Larry Novack	7/27 Vincent Apostolico
7/16 Johnny Restivo	7/31 Stephen Kehoe

Wanted!! A Few Good Cooks



We are in need of a few volunteers to prepare a light meal prior to our Assembly meetings for the year 2005-2006. If you could volunteer to prepare a meal prior to one or two of our meetings please call the Faithful Captain at (703) 385-2819 or e-mail to Fairfaxtom@msn.com. For further details please contact the Captain.



IN MEMORIAM

Brother Sir Knights who died in July

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and may their souls rest in pea

7/19/1992 George "Pat" Murphy	7/18/2004 R. Francis Minnehan
7/24/2002 Henry H. Tufts	7/25/2004 Rev. Salvator L. Ciulio



The Commanders Corner SK George Billy

Welcome to the Commander's Corner.

I want to thank all the members of the Assembly that have served in the Color Corps this last fraternal year. I am very grateful for your support, and I know the people we serve appreciate the beauty of the Color Corps whether at a special Mass, wakes for departed brothers, or parades displaying our pride in our Country and Order. I hope all Assembly members can participate in at least one Color Corps event this coming fraternal year. As always, please let me know if you need to borrow a set of regalia if you don't have your own.

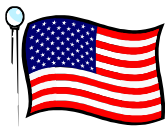
Where We've Been: St. Mary of Sorrows Council Memorial Mass. Thanks especially to SK Dick Lee for coordinating the Color Corps for this event and to all the 4th degree members who attended in regalia.

Where We're Going: Upcoming events:

- City of Fairfax 4th of July Parade. We will be in Division VII. Because of the construction in front of the Massey Building, parking and several other changes will be in effect. Parking will be in the new parking garage (behind the new post office). Carpooling from Providence Hall (Father Diamond's council, behind St. Leo's) is still the preference. The hall will be open at 8:30 and the last shared ride should leave by 9:30. After that, park at Courthouse plaza (Safeway, etc.). Coffee, etc., will be available prior to the parade and a light luncheon afterwards. This is the major event for our Assembly, so let's have a great turnout. Please e-mail (geobilly@aol.com) or call me at 703-323-6470 if you will participate.
- Stay tuned for council installations during months of July and August. Notification will be via e-mail from the Assembly's list server. Please don't unsubscribe from the list server if you want to be cut in on our events!

I am still soliciting a Color Corps liaison member from each council in our Assembly to assist me at events at your council/parish. I'm hoping we can broaden our Assembly's participation by reaching out to more of the members that are in your council. Please let me know if you will be willing to perform this valuable duty.

Fraternally yours – George Billy



On Patriotism SK Rick Munoz, PFN

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

When Thomas Jefferson penned those words, he could not have known precisely what he was helping to set in motion. But he must have had some sense that it was momentous indeed: the founding of a new nation, if things went well; the ignominy of being branded a traitor to the British Crown if things did not. And yet he, along with all the other men pledged themselves:

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(On Patriotism, cont.)

And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

This is July – the month in which we celebrate our nation's founding with the adoption of that document, the Declaration of Independence. Certainly this event should resonate with the hearts of all those patriotic.

It's also well to remember that this nation did spring forth, fully formed, from that moment on July 4th, 1776, when the Declaration was adopted. Our Constitution was not adopted until 1789; many of us forget the Articles of Confederation which were our first crack at forming a national government. Our Constitution has been amended twenty-seven times since 1789, and our practices and traditions have effectively amended our government in uncounted ways over the years.

Not all of these changes have been positive. We are proud today that the promise of "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness" has been extended to all races, a welcome and appropriate change from the racial divisions of previous centuries. But we should well look askance at the steady erosion, in the last fifty years, of religion in the public sphere and outright hostility leveled against the mere mention of "God" in public, a gross mischaracterization of the First Amendment's guarantee against government's establishment of religion.

As we celebrate our Independence Day, we should remember that just as Thomas Jefferson and the rest of the brave signers of the Declaration were willing to fight for what they knew was right, so, too, must we patriots of this modern age continue to show our love of country by supporting and strengthening the right, and fighting the encroachment of the wrong.

To this, Sir Knights, let us pledge our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.



The Pilots Portal SK Bill Weich, Pilot

Worthy Sir Knights,

As we begin our new fraternal year, we will be recognizing Independence Day on July 4th. This is one of the most famous holidays in the United States. On this day we celebrate the anniversary of our Independence from Britain. Many of us celebrate this holiday by gathering with our family and friends for cookouts. Another way of celebrating this holiday is by showing our patriotism as Knights of Columbus. Our Assembly will be hosting and participating in the Annual July 4th Fairfax City Parade. Please come join your Brother Sir Knights in celebrating our freedom and demonstrating our patriotism.

The annual July 4th Fairfax City Parade is just one of many Color Corps events that our Assembly participates in. Other events include providing honor guard at funerals and weddings of Sir Knights, Color Guard at 4th Degree and Council events as requested, wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, parades, Confirmation Masses, and other special events as requested by Parishes. Please take an active role in the Assembly and participate when available. The Assembly has extra regalia and will be happy to furnish if to any Sir Knight in need. All you need to do is contact the Color Corps Commander and he will assist you. If you are interested in purchasing your own regalia, please contact our Faithful Comptroller who will assist you in making this worthwhile purchase.

In closing, I ask all of you to please keep the following Sir Knights, Knights, and their families in your prayers: John DeSantis (PGK of Fr. Diamond Council), Susan Torres (wife of Jason Torres of Fr. Diamond Council), and Georgie O'Shea (wife of deceased PKG Robert O'Shea of Fr. Diamond Council). If you know of anyone else in need of prayers, please forward them to me and I will include them in my reports and at the next Assembly meeting on July 20th

Vivat Jesus!

William Weich
Faithful Pilot