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NAVIGATOR'S REPORT

Worthy Sir Knights

As we begin this month of March I would like to pause and thank all the Sir Knights who participated in the recertification program at last month's meeting. Eighteen Sir Knights participated and became certified members of the Fr Walter Malloy Color Corps. I congratulate those Sir Knights and also extend my thanks on behalf of the Assembly to District Marshall Tom Trudeau for conducting the recertification ably assisted by our Color Corps Commander SK George Billy. I look forward to seeing the newly certified members of the Color Corps participating in upcoming events. One of these "Upcoming Events" will be the City of Fairfax, Fourth of July Parade. I have just received from the City Fairfax a letter verifying that Father Malloy Assembly has once again been invited to participate. More about this parade will be in later issues of the Navigator's Log.

With the month of March we close out the third Quarter of this Assembly Year and we must now begin to thing forward to next year. With that in mind I have named a Nominating Committee to interview and recommend a slate of Officers for the next Assembly Year. The Committee will be chaired by our Worthy Admiral Tom Connelly, PFN and SK David Todd, PFN and SK Richard Owen, PFN. If you, as a member of the Fourth Degree, are interested in participating as an Officer of the Assembly please notify the Nominating Committee of your desire. I encourage all members from all feeder councils to the Assembly to consider holding an office.

I have just received from the District Master information regarding the next exemplifications of the Fourth Degree. The first will be conducted on Saturday, May 19th, at Norfolk Council 367 in Norfolk. The second and perhaps larger of the two will be held on October 20th at the Holiday Inn Koger Center in Richmond. Now is the time to begin recruiting candidates for either of these 2 degrees. Begin a recruitment drive in your particular Council for new members for these exemplifications.

Try to join your Brother Sir Knights for out meeting on March 21st. In addition to our regular meeting we will be

treated to SK Ed. Kennedy's famous Corned Beef and Cabbage. Ed has cooked for us for a couple of years now and does a great job with his Irish Bill of Fare. Although a few days late, this will be our St. Patrick's Day Celebration. March 29th will be the 125th Anniversary of the Knights of Columbus and it will also mark the 25th Anniversary of Fr. Malloy Assembly. We are planning a celebration of this anniversary and hope to have a dinner at some location in the area in June in place of our annual Steak Dinner. Our main concern at this point in time is how many would attend? If you would attend a dinner celebration for the Assembly please notify me at once at fairfaxtom@msn.com or contact out Worthy Captain Dick Lee. We would like to have a large turnout and need a head count for planning purposes so please let us know as soon as you can.

In closing, my wife and I want to take this opportunity to wish each of you, and your families, a joyous Easter season. Hope to see all of you at our upcoming Irish feast.

Vivat Jesu
Thomas Kelley
Faithful Navigator

Note from the Faithful Comptroller

Have you paid your 2007 Membership Dues?
As of this writing we still have 15% of our members who have not. I know that bills are sent in December during Christmas rush and put aside and easily forgotten. Take a moment to check to see if you have your membership card for 2007.
Dues are only \$20 per year.



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We continue to make progress in planning a celebration of 25 years as an Assembly. We are focusing on a dinner away from Providence Hall on Wednesday June 20 for Sir Knights and their spouses (or "significant other") in lieu of the traditional annual June steak dinner. While we are considering a number of options, the American Legion offers a good value at a reasonable price, and is the current front-running venue. For planning purposes, we need to know how many Sir Knights can attend, and if they will be bringing a guest. When we have an approximate count, we can negotiate and come up with a per-person/per-couple cost. Please send an email indicating your intention to participate in the 25th anniversary celebration to the Captain at Richard.p.lee@verizon.net by **March 19** for discussion at the regular meeting on March 21.

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 it means to be Knights in today's world.

Your attendance at least one meeting per quarter (third Wednesday of each month: March 21, April 18 and May 16 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.

SK's March Birthdays

PFNs in bold

3/01 Michael Lupo	3/02 Salvatore DiBartolo
3/03 Christopher Botticelli	3/04 Vincent Fetta
3/06 Samuel Stafford	3/07 Daniel Purtill
3/07 Walter Vanderbeck	3/09 Edward Cuccias
3/10 Gerry Pepin, HLM	3/10 Edward May
3/10 Antonio Donato	3/12 Charles Conner, Jr.
3/13 Timothy Cooke	3/14 Donald Kehoe
3/14 Jose Lopez	3/15 Rev. James Knapp, SJ
3/16 Joseph Underwood	3/18 Michael Young
3/18 Richard Webb	3/22 James Burns, HLM
3/22 John Weis	3/23 Rev. Paul Dudzinski
3/24 Errett Thomas	3/26 Randall Perkins
3/27 John Okay	3/27 Matt Terbilox
3/29 Thomas Kelley, FN	3/29 Greg Hartley
3/29 Craig Radcliff	3/30 William Laux, HLM

In Memoriam

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

- 3/23/1990 SK Bernard R. Mullady
- 3/21/2002 SK Carl J. Bender, PFN
- 3/22/2002 SK John J. Prenzel
- 3/24/2005 SK Francis R. Bray, Jr.





The Pilot's Portal

SK Bill Weich

This month of March I would like to reflect on two notable events in history.

The first event would be that of St. Patrick's Day. This event is marked with celebrations on or around the 17th of the month depending of course on which day of the week it falls on. It is celebrated by Irish people (and many non-Irish) all over the world, including Christian and non-Christians. Celebrations include the wearing of green clothing, drinking Irish Beer, eating Irish food, and/or attending parades. It was originally celebrated as a feast day in honor of Saint Patrick (386-493 – the patron saint of Ireland. It is a national holiday in the Republic of Ireland and many, if not all, cities hold their own parades and festivals to celebrate. It is widely celebrated in many countries, including the United States where the largest parade is held in New York City. New York held its first St. Patrick's Day parade on March 17, 1766 when Irish soldiers marched through the city.

While it is a celebration of Irish culture, it is also a religious and Christian celebration in the Catholic Church, the Church of Ireland, as well as other denominations. It always falls during the Lenten season. In some Church calendars if the day falls on a Friday, it is not uncommon for those observing the fast tradition to take a break and enjoy the St. Patrick's Day traditions that may include Irish beer, Irish whiskey Bailey's, Irish Coffee, corned beef and cabbage, and Irish stew.

The month of March in 2007 marks another event in history. That event is the 25th anniversary of Fr. Walter F. Malloy Assembly. That's right 25 years ago our Assembly was created. In honor of the occasion, a committee has been established to celebrate our history and the many things and people who have been a part of the Assembly. As of this time, it looks like the celebration will be held in the warmer months. More specific details will follow as they become known.

With March now upon us, the time has come to look at the leaders for the next fraternal year. Our Faithful Navigator has appointed the Nominating Committee. Any Officer interested in moving to a higher level or any other Sir Knight interested in holding an Officer position in the Assembly should contact either PFN Tom Connelly (Chairman), PFN Dave Todd, Sr., or PFN Dick Owen.

In closing I remind all members of the importance of attending meetings to keep current on Assembly happenings and news. I also ask for your continued prayers for all of our men and women serving and protecting our country, and defending our freedom. Please keep them in your prayers and until they come home safe and sound.

Vivat Jesus! SK William Weich



The Commander's Corner

SK George Billy

I'd like to thank the Color Corps members that completed recertification at the last meeting. We had an excellent turnout of 18 members and received training from our District Marshall Sir Knight Tom Trudeau. Thanks to Tom for providing this training! I hope we remember the pointers, especially regarding the need for uniformity in our regalia.

Thanks to the Color Corps members for being part of the Honor Guard at the wake of Sal Anzalone. Also to the Color Corps that participated in the Washington Birthday parade in Arlington. The Faithful Navigator reported that the carrying of the United States flags was especially impressive. Thanks again for your short notice participation.

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. This is the primary means of communication to the Color Corps.

Upcoming Events: Stay tuned for upcoming events such as the St. Patrick's Day parade. Also please mark your calendar to participate in the Memorial Mass being celebrated by Bishop Loverde at Fairfax Memorial Park cemetery on Memorial Day.

Fraternally yours – George Billy, Color Corps Commander



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