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Member Contact Information

Sir Knights who have moved or have changes to their email or phone number should contact Faithful Comptroller **SK William W. Weich, PFN**, to update your information with the Assembly and with Supreme. This will ensure we can keep in contact with you. PFN Weich can be reached at <u>wweich@yahoo.com</u>, or at (703) 307-9163.

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

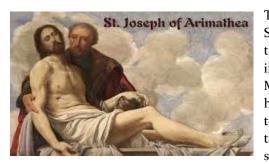
I begin this month's report with several of words of gratitude. For starters, I thank the 25 Sir Knights who joined on-line for our Assembly meeting in February. It was great to see so many of you, and I hope that this continues, especially since March's meeting will once again be conducted virtually (a decision for April's meeting will soon be made). Additionally, I thank those of you who have recently placed your orders for the Regalia. As the visible arm of the Order, we depend on a strong Color Corps, which requires more of our membership to purchase the Regalia. Along those lines, I also thank John Paul II Council #4522 for taking the initiative of supplementing the Assembly's rebates with an additional rebate for their members (hopefully we will see other Councils who can afford to do likewise do so).

In the meantime, we are quickly approaching the April Exemplification. Our March 17th meeting is the last scheduled meeting before the Exemplification, which makes it the last scheduled opportunity to approve Form 4's. I encourage every Sir Knight of Fr. Malloy Assembly to invite a brother 3rd Degree Knight to join us. We will host a viewing of the Exemplification in the gym at St. Leo the Great Catholic School for those who are able to join us (those in attendance will be treated to donuts & coffee prior to the Exemplification, and lunch afterwards; Candidates in attendance will be Knighted!). For those Candidates who are unable to attend the in-person viewing, they may take the Exemplification remotely from home; they will be Knighted at a future meeting.

In the meantime, I encourage Sir Knights who are willing to serve the Assembly as Faithful Officers in the upcoming Fraternal Year to contact a member of the Nominating Committee. The Committee is chaired by **SK Matthew T**. **West, PFN** (askmekofc@yahoo.com), and includes **SK Isaias** "Cy" Abla, III, PSD, FM, PFN (albai@cox.net) and SK William W. Weich, PFN (wweich@yahoo.com). Very few positions require much time (a word of thanks for Faithful Comptroller **SK William W. Weich** and Faithful Pilot **SK Paul F. Cataldo** for all they do!), so please give it some consideration!

I finish with a word of encouragement! The pandemic has been with us for a year, now, and many of us are struggling, feeling isolated and discouraged. But with the rollout of the vaccine, we hope and pray that the end of this is near. Whether you are feeling isolated or not, PLEASE join us for our March 17th meeting!

<u>Friar's Report</u> Rev. SK Philip S. Majka Faithful Friar



There are two Saints who share the same feast day in the month of March. They both had great courage to perform the tasks which they set out to do. In

fact, they both placed their very life on the line to perform these tasks with their whole heart, mind, and soul. In the first century, it did take courage for Joseph of Arimathea to boldly ask Pilate for the body of Christ so that he could place it in his

tomb for burial. The other Saint in the fifth century found himself in a pagan land as a slave and became a Christian. He is noted as the evangelizer of an entire nation which was no easy task in those days. In this third millennium of Christianity, Holy Mother the Church asks us to be modern-day evangelizers. It, or course, takes courage and perseverance to fulfill this request, and with the help of St.



Patrick and St. Joseph of Arimathea, all things are possible!

<u>Captain's Report</u> SK Patrick A. McGuire, PGK Faithful Captain

As we continue being quarantined, we have almost nothing to report. In the month of March, our meeting will again be virtual. As a reminder, the meeting for March 17th will be starting at 7:30pm.

Please look online and attend the Zoom meeting, and find out what is going on with our Assembly. This is the year of St. Joseph. Please pray for our families that we will all be safe and

healthy!



<u>Pilot's Report</u> SK Joseph M. Gesker, PGK Faithful Pilot

Please pray for the following:

- Repose of the soul of SK James F. Connolly
- Repose of the soul of SK Michael J. Simpson
- Repose of the soul of Mrs. Julia Espinoza, mother-inlaw of **SK James G. Beauchamp**
- Repose of the soul of Mrs. Dino Zavoli, mother-in-law of **SK John P. Cesarini**
- Healing of SK Allan P. Botticelli
- Healing of SK John J. "Jack" Cotner
- Healing of **SK Thomas J. Gross**
- Healing of SK Michael J. Lazzuri, PSD
- All persons adversely affected by the severe cold and winter storms especially in Texas, Louisiana and North Carolina.

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

Where We Were in February:

- February 9: Funeral Mass for SK John T. Battaglia at Queen of Apostles Catholic Church. Thank you to Parish Commander SK Roger L. Williams for leading the Honor Guard with SK F. Randy Bordelon, PFN, SK Carroll D. Glass, PFN, SK Dennis A. Brown, PFN, and SK James T. "Jay" Moore participating.
- February 23: Funeral Mass for SK Michael J. Simpson at St. Leo the Great. At the family's request, there was no formal Honor Guard. Color Corps Commander SK George H. Billy, PFN, SK Lawrence L. Holmes, Jr., Grand Knight SK Mark D. Walther, and SK Herbert F. Zimmerman attended the funeral.

Currently, there are no Color Corps events planned for March. If any materialize, we will send out notification via Assembly email. Looking ahead to April, we will need escorts for the Exemplification on April 17, that will be live streamed at St. Leo the Great Catholic School gym.

I understand several Sir Knights are stepping up to get the Official Regalia Dress. This is truly good news for the Assembly as we will be able to better support the Color Corps! I urge our members to take advantage of incentives under our 50 Swords program.

<u>Admiral's Report</u> SK F. Randy Bordelon, PGK, PFN Faithful Admiral

The March of Folly

Attention must be paid—the U.S. Bishops Conference has objected to the introduction of national legislation which will adversely affect Catholic institutions and families. The Bill in question is the Equality Act H.R. 5. The provisions of this act will fund cultural propaganda against church teaching (based on the Natural Law) and severely affects the constitutional right to freedom of religion. Our voices need to be heard with the Bishops to defend our Faith.

https://www.usccb.org/resources/Letter to Congress on Eq uality Act Feb 23 2021

RECRUIT!

The next 4th Degree Exemplification is April 17; ALL completed Form 4's with checks need to be in my hands no later than March 16. Call me if I can help in any way. To assist in submitting complete Form 4's, please use this checklist:

- Name, Address, Phone Number, Date of Birth, Marital Status, Parish
- First Degree Date, Council Number, and Membership Number (Financial Secretary can assist with these, as needed; membership number is on 3rd Degree membership card!)
- Citizenship Questions
- New Assembly Number (<u>1894</u>) and City/State (<u>Fairfax, VA</u>)
- Signature of Candidate
- Signature and Member Number of Proposer
- Signature of Financial Secretary
- Initiation Fee is \$50; checks should be made payable to *Fr. Malloy Assembly*

<u>Comptroller's Report</u> SK William W. Weich, FDD, PGK, PFN Faithful Comptroller

Member Contact Info

Change in mailing address, phone number, email address? Please send updated information to me. This will ensure our assembly records and Supreme records remain current.

Membership/Dues

Our Assembly membership, as of February 24, 2021, stands at 340 Sir Knights. The number was reduced from 342 due to the deaths of **SK Michael T. Simpson** and **SK James F. Connolly**.

Congratulations to SK George Billy who has attained Honorary membership in the 4th degree!

Thank you to the 200 Sir Knights who have paid their 2021 dues thus far. As of February 24, 78 Sir Knights have NOT paid their dues. Second notices will be sent out in early March.

As a reminder, Assembly dues are \$30 per calendar year and are PAYABLE UPON RECEIPT of the dues notice. If you have not received your dues notice, please let me know and I will send you a copy.

2020 Membership cards are only valid until February 28, 2021. Membership cards are not provided unless Assembly dues have been received by the Faithful Comptroller—me.

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. <u>As stated in many</u> previous newsletters, dues notices, and Assembly emails, I AM willing to work with Sir Knights in bringing their dues current; however, those Sir Knights need to reach out to me using the <u>contact information below</u>. There are a few options available and all discussions will remain confidential.

Sir Knights in arrears in Assembly dues for multiple years <u>are</u> in danger of being suspended from the Assembly and the 4th <u>degree</u>.

If you have any other questions regarding membership, dues processing or other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 703-307-9163 or <u>wweich@yahoo.com</u>.

Fifty Swords Initiative

Recently several new Sir Knights ordered the new Official Regalia Dress (and they are in the process of getting these items altered). We move ahead to provide FREE black swords while our supply lasts. Thanks to **SK Matthew T. Housley, SK Mark E. Mitchell, GK**, and **SK John P "J.P." Garces**. (Apologies to anyone else who has purchased Regalia... if I missed you, please let me know.)

Our Assembly is responding to the needs in our parishes. At the recent funerals of **SK John T. Battaglia** and **SK C. Lynn Butler**, each family was profuse in their thanks for the presence of our Sir Knights. Our parishes really appreciate the presence of our Sir Knights.

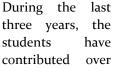
Our Assembly responds to calls for service beyond our parishes. Some, like our Virginia District, welcome our ORD service as Escorts in the approaching Exemplification. Other calls are for public events such as patriotic events and parades in the community.

50 Swords with its cash incentives is our effort to present the public and patriotic face of the Knights of Columbus here in Virginia. Remember our \$100 ORD and \$150 sword reimbursement incentives. We hear that Pope John Paul II Council 4522 has its own \$100 incentive to purchase the new ORD uniform... hopefully other Councils will soon have their own incentives.

John Paul II Council #4522 SK Patrick K. Okoronkwo Grand Knight

Pope John Paul II Council 4522 has once again partnered with Queen of Apostles Catholic School to conduct the 4th Annual 40 Cans for 40 Days Campaign. The Campaign offers the children (and their families and school staff) blessings each day during Lent, providing them with the opportunity to give alms, promote charity to others, and learn/know more about

sacrifice in the way of bringing a canned good to school each school day.



contributed over TWO TONS of canned good. Pictured is just some of the donations gathered in 2019 (2020 campaign was cut short by the pandemic).

Also, we will be conducting a Drive-Thru Fish Fry on Friday, March 5, 2021, at Queen of Apostles Catholic Church (drivethru pick-up location is at the rear of the church—Kitchen Entrance; please enter between the church and the parish center. Order forms may be found at:

https://forms.gle/ingo4hUmgK8wySMY6

Service Times will be 5:30 PM, 6:00 PM, and 6:30 PM. Cost per order is \$8.00 (maximum of \$40 per family!). Each order contains three pieces of fish (fried or baked... your choice), fries, coleslaw, a cookie, and condiments. Do not delay ordering... the deadline for placing your order is Noon, Wednesday, March 3rd.





<u>St. Philip's Council #17056</u> SK Mark E. Mitchell Grand Knight

With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021.

In recognition of this, Council 17056 is leading St. Philip's through a 33-day spiritual exercise using the book *"Consecration to St Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father"* by Fr. Donald Calloway to guide our spiritual exercise. In addition to selling the book to parishioners to promote this consecration, we are reciting the Litany of St. Joseph prior to each weekday evening Mass during the consecration. The consecration will culminate on Friday March 19th with the celebration of the Feast of St. Joseph.

Our council was also proud to support the March for Life last month and grateful for the opportunity to participate as marshals.

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Sponsors & Ads Needed

Single Sponsor:

"SK John T. Doe"		
Platinum Level	\$25 per year	
Gold Level	\$15 per year	
Silver Level	\$10 per year	
Bronze Level	\$5 per year	

Couple Sponsor:

"SK & Mrs. John T. Doe"

"SK & Mrs. John T. Doe (Jane)"

Platinum Level	\$50 per year
Gold Level	\$30 per year
Silver Level	\$20 per year
Bronze Level	\$10 per year

Family Sponsor:

"SK John T. Doe & Family"

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

Platinum Level	\$75 per year
Gold Level	\$45 per year
Silver Level	\$30 per year
Bronze Level	\$15 per year
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Council Sponsor:

"St. John T. Doe Council #12345"

Platinum Level	\$100 per year
Gold Level	\$60 per year
Silver Level	\$40 per year
Bronze Level	\$20 per year

Anyone wishing to sponsor the Assembly should send a check made payable to <u>Fr. Walter F. Malloy Assembly</u>, with <u>Sponsorship</u> in the memo line, to Faithful Comptroller SK William W. Weich, PFN, at 809 Pointer Ridge Dr, Gaithersburg, MD 20878-1130; indicate which type (Single, Couple, Family, Council); for Couple and Family Sponsorship, please provide names to be included in the sponsoring listing.

Anyone wishing to advertise should send a check for \$50, made payable to <u>Fr. Walter F. Malloy Assembly</u>, with <u>Advertisement</u> in the memo line, to Faithful Comptroller SK William W. Weich, PFN, at 809 Pointer Ridge Dr., Gaithersburg, MD 20878-1130. Additionally, please forward a copy of your business card to Newsletter Editor SK Francisco R. Klein, electronically to <u>francisco.klein@klein-engineering.com</u>.

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Please join us for our monthly Assembly meeting on Wednesday, March 17, beginning at 7:30 PM. An invitation to the Zoom meeting will be emailed on March 10th.

Please pray the Rosary on your own or with your family.