



Fr. Walter F. Malloy Assembly

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NAVIGATOR'S LOG

October

Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree, Virginia District, Calvert Province

October! Month of the Holy Rosary! Join us in prayer at the next meeting, Oct 15th

Navigator's Report



Worthy Sir Knights:

25 Years – a Joyous Celebration

As Knights of Columbus it is our responsibility and pleasure to provide support for our priests. This can take several forms from doing special projects within the parish to being a friendly face in the pew with an understanding personality. We Knights can make a difference in the life and ministry of our priests. And, our priests quite obviously make a difference in our lives. We do not take our priests and religious for granted. It is our absolute duty as Knights and Catholic gentlemen to let our priests know that we are there for them and that we support them in their ministry. And we are so very grateful for the many priests who have stepped forward to be our chaplains and friars or to support our membership drives, our activities and our fund raising efforts. Without them we certainly would not succeed at the levels we enjoy today.

One of those selfless priests we know is our own Faithful Friar, Father Cedric Wilson. The Knights of Fr. Sikora Council recently headed up a celebration at Nativity to pay tribute to Fr. Wilson upon his reaching the milestone of his 25th year of ordination. The Council at Nativity was the prime mover on this project but they were also helped by the Women of Nativity, the general parish membership and the Malloy Assembly of the 4th Degree. It was truly a joyous celebration and it gave us graphic example of what a single priest can do for a community. Father Wilson gets around in the Diocese helping wherever he is called. The result is that a lot of us have benefited from his ministry.

It used to be that support and respect for priests was easily given by all parishioners and most of the public in general. Today, as Fr. Martin of Nativity said during his homily at the Jubilee Mass celebration for Fr. Cedric Wilson, "priests must earn that respect. And that is a good thing." Well Father Cedric has indeed earned the respect of everyone with whom he comes in contact.

He has earned that reverence because of who he is. He is the product of a loving home. He is a priest who loves his calling, loves his God, loves his faith, loves his mother and indeed loves us. He shows this love through his exemplary devotion to all of us.

On the occasion of the celebration at Nativity, I took the liberty to write him a letter from all of us at Malloy Assembly. Here is what we said,

"Dear Father Cedric:

May we join with the many in wishing you the very best as you celebrate your 25th Anniversary of Ordination. This is not only a milestone of importance for you but also a most happy event for those of us who have been able to be the beneficiaries of your ministry. You embody all the attributes so noble to your calling as a priest. We have been truly blessed by your presence, your quick smile, your counsel and your wisdom.

Whenever you are able to be at one of our meetings of the 4th Degree, we leave inspired by your words, encouraged by your friendship and more knowledgeable about our faith. You have been truly good and generous to us.

Your path to the priesthood was laid out for you at a young age. It is obvious to all that the Lord knew a good thing when he saw it. He knew where you should be and we are thankful that you, like Mary, said yes. The Lord blessed you with special gifts and you honor the Lord and the priesthood in the manner with which you humbly utilize those gifts to the benefit of His Kingdom.

Thank you so very much for being such an important part of our lives. May God bless you in all that you have left to do."

See you at the meeting on Wednesday October 15th

Vivat Jesus,
SK Timothy G. Donovan, FN

Next Assembly Meeting Wednesday, October 15th

The next meeting of Fr. Malloy Assembly will be held at Providence Hall, St. Leo the Great Parish on Wednesday, October 15th. 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 David Todd,
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Faithful Captain



Worthy Sir Knights:

It was slightly before sunrise on August 3 when a 40-year-old Italian boarded the flagship of a small fleet financed by the royal couple of Spain. He soon gave the order for the anchors to be weighed, and quickly the three ships under his command sailed from the small inlet of the Río Tinto, first south for three weeks to the Canary Islands, and then west toward the Indies. The commander was out to discover a faster and safer route to the Orient, and in the process, prove the world was round. Little did he know two months later, he would stumble upon a discovery that would change the world forever... the discovery of a New World!

This month, Americans remember and honor the Admiral of the Sea, and recall that day when he stepped onto the shores of San Salvador and into the history books. Catholics and other Christians recall the arrival of Christianity and the beginning of the great evangelization that lasts till this day. And we Knights commemorate and honor our namesake, Christopher Columbus!

As we prepare to celebrate Columbus Day, let us recall that we do not celebrate just a holiday from work or school, but that we celebrate the memory of a man who had a vision, the fortitude to pursue his dreams, and the patience to allow God to lead him. We consider what it must have been like for him as his men began to revolt against him and demand that he order the ships turned around. We remember the mutiny that almost took place, an act that would have humiliated Columbus, and that would have kept many tribes isolated from the Gospel of our Lord much longer. And we also consider the reaction that both Columbus and his men had when land was finally sighted: prayers and songs of thanksgiving to the Almighty.

What it must have been like to see the three ships gather together and the men aboard breaking the silence of the sea with the chanting of the *Salve Regina*. Imagine the confusion that the natives must have experienced seeing these strangers arrive from the sea, speaking a foreign language, and practicing strange rituals. What it must have been like for Columbus and his crews, sailing around the newly discovered islands for three months, exploring and investigating their discovery. And imagine the reaction of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella when Columbus returned with the good news that he had increased their kingdom.

Today, Columbus is often labeled an opportunist by many of his detractors. But we, his followers, know him to be an adventurer and a discoverer, a visionary and an explorer, a subject and an Admiral. We honor his memory not only in name, but also in action. May we, the Knights of Columbus rise to the occasion and seek ways to bring Christ to others. Let us follow the instructions of our Holy Church, while seeking ways to be Catholic leaders (I'll write about this idea next month!).

And by the way, be sure to fly your flag on October 12 & 13!!!

SK David Todd, Jr.
Faithful Captain



SK October Birthdays (PFN's in BOLD)

10/02 Rev. Terry Specht	10/23 Jack Devaney
10/03 John Buczacki	10/23 Art Narro
10/03 Donald A. Trayer	10/26 Don Lemming
10/08 Peter Barnett	10/26 Ed Moscatelli
10/08 Alick Shirley	10/27 Tony DiGregorio
10/08 Steve Delaney	10/27 Pat Lacour
10/08 Frank Nigro	10/27 Rev. Cedric Wilson,
10/09 "Skip" Rogers	OSA
10/11 Bill York	10/28 Ken Bishop
10/12 Mike Portele	10/28 Tony Munera
10/15 Mike Purtill	10/28 David Wilson
10/16 Tony Vaitekunas	10/28 Rev. Michael Weston
10/18 Tim Tilson	10/29 Dan Mahoney
10/19 Don Conway	10/30 Jim Manning

The Pilot's Message

SK Stephan
Smith
Faithful Pilot

Worthy Sir Knights:

With Hurricane Isabel, Mother Nature reminded us of the fragility of human enterprises. While dealing with the storm's inconveniences, many took the occasion to strengthen the centrality and fundamental unity of the family. Seemingly commonplace, families are extraordinarily unique, almost tangible expressions of faith, hope and love, witnessing daily to God's true love while surrounded by this world's 'culture of death'. From these hotbeds of faith, after their caring parents' instructions and examples, children fly off like sparks, carrying forth the torch of our faith against the dark forces of this world. May God shower His blessings upon parents in their selfless, invaluable ministries!

After numerous 4th degree events, observers have commented on the importance of the Order to their families, many of whose members are/were Knights. Non-Catholic family members at SK Richard Chapman's wake were touched upon learning the significance of the Chalice set. Following SK Chapman's instructions, SK Thomas J Snee, PFN, with his former Assembly, personally presented the Chalice Set to the Abbot of Portsmouth Abbey, Portsmouth, RI, in gratitude for their prayers and support in SK Chapman's long illness. We have several Chalice Sets from deceased SKs. If you know of any needy priests or missions, please let SK Larry Novack or myself know.

We have several upcoming events this month:

Oct. 11, Presenting the Colors, George Mason University Field House, arrive 8:45 AM;

Oct. 12, Our Lord of Miracles, Queen of Apostles, Alexandria, arrive 1:30 pm;

Oct. 13, Columbus Day Celebration, Union Station, Washington, DC, arrive 10 AM;

Oct. 13, Wreath Laying – Tomb of Unknowns, Arlington National Cemetery, arrive 12:45 PM;

Oct. 18, Arlington Diocesan Pilgrimage to Shrine, Basilica, arrive 9 AM;

(Oct 25?), Annandale Parade, United Methodist Church, Annandale, arrival time TBA.

Our assembly hosts this short parade.

For the Diocesan Pilgrimage, we have also been asked to provide Ushers. Our Navigator must provide a headcount before October 10. Please inform him if you can participate.

Attendance by members in the Basilica Usher Ministry is not required, but is encouraged. Volunteers should report to SK Dave Chichester, Rappahannock Assembly, Chief Usher, in Usher Room in Narthex area of Basilica's Upper Church by 9:00 AM for instructions. Mass concelebrated by Bishop Loverde and other Arlington Diocese clergy should be completed by about 2:30 PM.

The uniform dress code for all SK Ushers will be as follows:
Black Tuxedo (must be able to comfortably button the jacket at all times);

Black Cummerbund (no vests); White Plain Tuxedo Shirt (regular collar, no ruffles);

Plain Black Bowtie; Black Socks and Plain (but comfortable) Black Shoes;

Social Baldric; White Gloves; Local Assembly Name Badge; Plain 4th Degree Lapel Pin;

Clean White Handkerchief (in pants pocket--in case someone drops a host).

Personal Rosary (to participate in the recitation of the Rosary).

NO JEWELS OF OFFICE OR MINIATURE JEWELS.

The Archdiocese of Military Services has extended their hospitality for refreshments afterwards. Please let me know if you can attend

any of these events. We have several extra sets of regalia.

SK Stephan Smith
Faithful Pilot

In Memoriam

Members of Fr. Malloy Assembly who died in the month of October.

**“Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O’ Lord,
May Their Souls Rest in Peace”**

10/07/1982 Rev. Francis J. Diamond, SJ

10/15/2000 SK. Rene C. Pastorelli

10/17/2002 SK Gypsy S. Blevins

\$\$An Appeal for Financial Aid\$\$

Sir Knights, The Navigators Log is published monthly as an effort to keep all members of Father Malloy Assembly advised of the activities of the Assembly and to inform you of upcoming events within the Assembly. It costs the Assembly approximately \$1,300 per year to prepare, print and mail the Log. Currently the Assembly has no other source of income other than your annual dues. You can help us defray these expenses by contributing \$20 (more or less) to a publishing fund. Mail your contribution to:

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Thanks you for your assistance

If you wish to contribute to this fund you may consider including your contribution when you submit your Annual Dues Payment in the next few months!!



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