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NAVIGATORS REPORT



Sir Knights,

Pope Benedict's general prayer intention for the month of September is: "That the right to religious freedom may be respected by the governments of all peoples." His mission intention is: "That the proclamation of the Christian message in the new Churches may ensure its thorough insertion into the existing cultures."

Membership in the Fourth Degree

Catholic gentlemen.

September gives us a special opportunity to fulfill these obligations. Two of our parishes celebrate patronal feasts this month.

St. Mary of Sorrows on September 15th and St. Michael the Archangel on September 29th. St. Mary's will have a 48 hour Eucharistic adoration culminating in 7pm Mass on the 15th. The pastor, Fr Barkett, has requested an Honor Guard for the Mass. Please let me or the Faithful Commander, George Billy, know if you need regalia. Fr. Barkett has also requested the Knights participate in the Eucharistic adoration. St. Mary's of Sorrows Council 8600 has an electronic sign up sheet on their council web site <http://www.kofc8600.org/Devotion.asp>

St. Michael Parish has 24/7 Eucharistic Adoration. Please recall the request of Pope John Paul II when he *asked everyone not to forget the Prayer to St Michael it and to recite it to obtain help in the battle against forces of darkness and against the spirit of this world.*"

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host -by the Divine Power of God -cast into hell, satan and all the evil spirits, who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls.

We can also demonstrate fealty to the principles of the fourth degree by registering to vote for the Virginia general election on Tuesday, November 8th. You must be registered to vote no later than 29 days before the election.

Please do not wait! If you will be out of the state on November, (for a honeymoon or any other worthy purpose) request an absentee ballot and vote before you leave.

Finally, Your Color Corps has supported the Installation of Council Officers for the councils which comprise our assembly. Each was stirring in its own way but none as special as last weekend's installation of the new officers of Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe Council 10723 during Mass at St. Anthony of Padua parish in Falls Church. We congratulate the new officers and look forward to supporting them in their newly energized council.

Vivat Jesu

Tom Connelly, Faithful Navigator

Hurricane Katrina Relief

If you plan to contribute to the relief effort for the victims of Hurricane Katrina on the Gulf Coast but have not yet done so, read the Captain's Corner on page two and contribute through the Knights of Columbus Charities.

**NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST, 7:30 PM**

The next meeting of Fr. Malloy Assembly will be held at Providence Hall, St. Leo the Great Parish on Wednesday, September 21st. 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 Knight Dick Owen. 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

Sir Knights

Congratulations to the newly installed Officers on Fr. Malloy Assembly and thanks to SK Greg Skorupski for a fine meal provided for Sir Knights and their Ladies. Some pictures of this Installation are included on the outer cover for your review. We shall now begin our regular course of Assembly business at our next meeting on September 21. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

We are still in need of brother Sir Knights to volunteer to prepare a meal for our Assembly Meetings in December, February, March, May and June. Please volunteer your culinary skills and offer to prepare one of these pre-meeting meals. Call me at (703) 385-2819 or e-mail to Fairfaxtom@msn.com

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul on SK Frank Principe. His passing will leave a huge void in the Virginia State Council. In his years of loyal service to the Order Frank has held nearly every office in the third and fourth degree. I had the pleasure of knowing Frank for many years during my service as a Knight. Truly he was a sterling example of what Knighthood is all about and will be missed by the State of Virginia Council and the Order.

How many hours have you spent in front of your TV watching as the Hurricane disaster in the Gulf States unfolds? Have you made a contribution to the relief effort? If so, do you wonder where the money will end up? The **Knights of Columbus** has responded to the **Katrina** disaster with the largest disaster effort in its history. The Order has pledged a minimum of \$2.5 million in financial assistance *and will match* any funds beyond that donated to the **Knights of Columbus Relief Fund** over the next 60 days. Of that money, \$250,000 will be immediately distributed to Catholic Charities in affected areas, and \$1.25 million will be used in the immediate future to assist those displaced and made indefinitely homeless. An additional \$1 million will be set aside and used to rebuild the estimated 130 Catholic schools destroyed or seriously damaged by the storm and its aftermath.

If you wish to donate make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Charities USA, Inc. Both your check and envelope should be clearly marked: **Attention: Hurricane KATRINA Relief Inc.** Donations should be sent to: **Knights of Columbus Charities, USA, Inc.; Gift Processing Center, PO Box 9028; Pittsfield, MA 01202-9028; Attention: Hurricane Katrina Relief.**

Meanwhile, remember in your prayers the thousands of dead and displaced people in the affected Gulf States.

Vivat Jesu
Tom Kelley, Captain

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS (PFN'S in BOLD)

9/01 Jay Hoffmeier	9/13 Tim Coe
9/02 Andrew Criscuolo	9/14 Robert Flournoy
9/03 Doug Fehrer	9/14 Robert Billeaud
9/04 Rosalino Garcia	9/14 Rodolfo Karaan
9/08 Irwin Oliver	9/18 Greg Kowalski
9/09 Jim Gleisner	9/19 Dan Turgeon
9/09 Gary Piper	9/24 Larry Anderson
9/10 Edward Gallagher	9/25 Bill Ward
9/10 Carl Vercio	9/28 Jim Kemble
9/11 Vic Warzinski	



IN MEMORIAM

Brother Sir Knights who died in September

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

9/03/1998 SK Kenneth Fischer

9/08/1987 SK Alfred Pisani

9/13/1990 SK James Duffy



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.



The Commanders Corner

SK George Billy

Welcome to the Commander's Corner.

Last month was a little easier on the Color Corps with the summer doldrums. Thanks to the Sir Knights that were able to participate in some of the short notice events including two council installation of officers, a wake/funeral, and a memorial mass.

Where We've Been:

- Installation of Officers for St. Mary of Sorrows Council and Our Lady of Guadalupe Council.
- Memorial Mass at St. Timothy's followed by wreath laying at Fairfax Cemetery for deceased chaplains.

Where We're Going: Upcoming events:

- Columbus Day ceremonies at Union Station, Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns
- Diocesan Pilgrimage Mass

Color Corps Tip of the Month:

From the *Color Corps Drill Manual*

Hand Salutes

"The military hand salute may be used to render respect to the flag by Fourth Degree members who are in regalia and with or without swords."

"The hand salute is a one-count movement. The command is **"Hand."** On the command of execution, **"SALUTE,"** raise the right hand to the head until the tip of the forefinger touches the peak of the chapeau. The fingers and thumb are extended and joined, palm down. The outer edge of the hand is barely tilted downward so that neither the palm nor the back of the hand is visible from the front. The upper arm is horizontal with the elbow inclined slightly forward and the hand and wrist straight. Order arms from this salute is a one-count movement. The command is **"Ready."** On the command of execution, **"TWO,"** return your hand smartly to your side, resuming the position of *Attention.*"

"Tipping of chapeau is appropriate, when in full regalia, (if not drilling or moving with the drawn sword) upon meeting members of the clergy or women. This salute is accomplished by grasping the visor of the chapeau with the right hand and lifting the chapeau from the head and replacing the chapeau immediately."

A final reminder - I'm asking all Color Corps members to 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.

Fraternally yours – George Billy



The Pilots Portal

SK Bill Weich, Pilot

Brother Sir Knights

By the time you receive this newsletter, Labor Day will have come and gone. I did some research and discovered how and why Labor Day came into being. There had been some disagreement as to who invented, or proposed Labor Day as a holiday. It has been some 100 years since the first observance of Labor Day on Tuesday, September 5th 1882. Some records in history show that Peter McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, also a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, was the first to suggest such a day to honor those who "have delved and carved the grandeur we behold." ...

Pilots Portal, (cont)

However, this has been challenged by those who believe that Matthew McGuire, a machinist and later secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Peterson, NJ, proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of Central Labor Union in New York. Despite all the debate about who proposed Labor Day, it is clear that Central Labor Union first adopted a Labor Day proposal and celebrated the first Labor Day in New York City on Tuesday, Sept. 5th 1882. The following year it was celebrated – again on Sept 5.

In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday and Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow their example and celebrate "workingmen's holiday." As a result the idea spread and by 1885 many industrial areas of the country celebrated Labor Day. The first state to propose legislation for a Labor Day holiday was New York, however, it was Oregon, on February 21, 1907, as the first state to pass legislation. Four more state passed legislation in 1907 – Colorado, New York, New Jersey, and Massachusetts. By 1894, 30 state had passed legislation making Labor Day a holiday and on June 28 of that year, Congress passed an act making the first Monday of September of each year a national holiday.

In closing, please pray for the repose of the soul of Frank Principe, PSD, FM, and for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Vivat Jesus!

SK William Weich

Faithful Pilot



On Patriotism

SK Rick Munoz, PFN

In last month's column, I discussed the essential element that we Americans pioneered on the world stage: a form of government in which we, the people, were sovereign, and we the people selected our leaders.

That was an especially timely observation for citizens of Virginia, because this fall we have the opportunity to exercise that sovereignty and select our state leaders. In contention this year are the governor, lieutenant governor, and attorney general positions, as well as Virginia House of Delegates seats for our area.

Historically, these elections garner a relatively small turnout – they are not held in conjunction with federal elections for Congress or the President, and there seems to be an unspoken sense amongst the electorate that state elected office is not as important as the federal version. This is a grave error.

In our system, the federal government is one of limited powers; the general plenary police and legislative power rests with the states. While it is true that federal law is supreme over state law, the federal government may only legislate in the areas in which the federal constitution grants it power. Over the years, the federal government has amassed considerable reach in a much wider area than the founders originally contemplated.

But when it comes to the issues that affect our lives, the state government is still tremendously influential. The Supreme Court has held that early-term abortion is a federal constitutional right; the specific implementation of that general right is a matter for the state to decide. Parental notification, funding, licensing... all of these are at the first level state issues. Euthanasia – permitting or forbidding it, and under what specific conditions – is a matter of state law. Matters of social justice such as fair wages and working conditions may be addressed by state law. The ultimate penalty for murder – death – if it exists at all, and how it is applied – is a matter of state law.

In short, we ignore or minimize state elections at our own peril. You may be assured of one thing: there are groups that lobby against principles that we as Knights and Catholic hold dear. And those groups are urging their members, and the undecided among us, to get out and vote. We can do no less.

Selection of candidates is not always a simple choice. The Knights of Columbus have always maintained a non-partisan stance, and for good reason: no one political party can truly be said to advocate all the positions advanced by our Church. And our Church does not purport to supply positions for all political issues. Our Church is concerned with matters of faith and morals – there are issues for which this concern intersects with secular law, and issues on which each Catholic must examine his own conscience and reach his own conclusions.

This year, exercise your right to select our leaders. Decide what you stand for, and stand up for it. Vote.

Rick Munoz, PFN, Patriotic Chairman



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