



THE NAVIGATOR'S LOG

Fr. Walter F. Malloy Assembly, #1894
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Faithful Navigator's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

After a rather busy couple of months, it is nice to relax a bit in February and take it easy for a switch. If nothing else, this gives us a great opportunity to talk up the 4th Degree to our 3rd Degree Brothers, and try to recruit them into the Assembly. Remember that our meeting on Wednesday, March 15 will be the last opportunity to vote on Candidates for the April 1 Exemplification... so please get out there and recruit now!

At our February meeting, we will be conducting our annual Renewal of Obligations, and we will be doing this jointly with Marian, Msgr. Bradican, and Fr. Casey Assemblies... all three of which were split offs from Fr. Malloy Assembly. It will be a great opportunity for us to visit with those Brother Sir Knights who once belonged to our Assembly, as well as a great opportunity to renew the pledges we have taken as we have advanced through each of the four Degrees. We will begin the Rosary half an hour earlier than normal: at 7PM. The Ceremony will begin at about 7:30PM, and will be followed by a social with a "Mardi Gras" theme (in light of Lent beginning two weeks later). Please come in your Social Regalia if you can; otherwise, Coat & Tie.

Finally, the Nominating Committee is getting ready to begin interviewing potential Faithful Officers for the 2017-2018 Fraternal Year. Anyone interested in being considered for an office should contact Committee Chairman SK Francis J. "Frank" Loughney, PSD, FVSM, at floughney@msn.com. The Committee will present their report and nominate a Slate of Officers at the April Meeting, and we will conduct Elections at the May Meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting on February 15!

Fraternally,
SK David J. Todd, Jr., PFN
Faithful Navigator

Faithful Friar's Report



My Brother Sir Knights,

When a reporter asked St. Teresa of Calcutta what they could do to bring happiness into the world, the gritty mother responded, "Go home, and love your family."

January was filled with the big events of the Presidential Inauguration and the March for Life. Both of these rightly put our focus on major national and international issues. At the same time, these issues will just remain issues unless the culture underneath it is radically changed. In other words, we will still have a culture of death even if abortion is outlawed. I heard a Priest once put it this way: "The future belongs to the fertile. Fertile families and fertile parishes."

As Catholic men, we are the ones responsible for fruitful families; naturally and spiritually. Men are the ones who generate life but also defend it, protect it, and created an environment for this life to thrive. Let us be renewed in our efforts this February to love our families; natural and parochial. This, of course, entails desiring what is best for them.

May we all gain a deeper appreciation that all the things we do should be ordered toward our thriving families. Our work, our money, our social time, our hobbies, everything. There is no such thing as taking a vacation from our vocation. Time we spend alone, be it with the Lord in prayer or for work on travel, is time spent forming our character which makes us a better or worse gift to our families.

May we ask the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph for the grace to see what we need to do this month to help make our families closer resemble that of the Holy Family.

Fraternally,
SK Rev. David A. Dufresne
Faithful Friar



New Sword Policy for the Diocese of Arlington

In January, District Master Thomas A. Trudeau announced a new policy with regards to the use of swords in the Diocese of Arlington. This new policy reflects the desires of our new Bishop, the Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, and it pertains specifically to Masses and other liturgies in which he is personally present. The policy reads as follows:

“With the installation of the new Bishop in the Arlington Diocese, we reviewed our Color Corps procedures to ensure they comply with the intent of the new Bishop.

“Bishop Burbidge has no objections to the Color Corps carrying swords at his liturgies if they remain in their scabbards.

“Based on this guidance, the current Color Corps policy for liturgical events when Bishop Burbidge is present, shall be modified.

“When Bishop Burbidge is present, Color Corps members may carry swords but they will not be un-sheathed. Swords will not be drawn, at the carry, or presented during liturgies in which the Bishop is present. All salutes will be hand salutes.

“Color Corps activities at local parish events, when the Bishop is not present, is not changed. Swords may be used with the permission of the local Pastor.

“This guideline does not affect current policy in the Richmond Diocese.”

Keep in mind, we are not permitted to even wear the swords at liturgical events that occur at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. As Sir Knights, we should not question the motives of our Supreme Pontiff, Bishops, or Priests... it is part of being in Solidarity with them in deference to our Founder.

If you have any questions or need clarification on this new policy, please feel free to contact our Faithful Navigator, SK David J. Todd, Jr., PFN, at djtoddjr@gmail.com.

Faithful Captain's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

Our February meeting will be starting a half hour early, at 7:00 PM, with praying the Rosary. This will be followed by the Renewal of Obligations ceremony at 7:30 PM. As mentioned by the Faithful Navigator, we will be joined by other Assemblies to renew those special vows that we have all undertaken that make us Knights. Following the ceremony, we will have a social gathering celebrating Mardi Gras, complete with your favorite Cajun delicacies. This will take place in Providence Hall at St. Leo the Great. It will be a wonderful night to come out to this special Assembly meeting and join us in renewing our bonds of Knighthood with our fellow Sir Knights from around the area in a truly fraternal event. And, it will be a Mardi Gras (or more precisely for you French speakers, a Mercredi Gras) that you won't want to miss. To paraphrase Hank Williams, *"Hello Joe, you gotta go, me oh my oh... Son of a gun, we'll have big fun on the bayou."*

I look forward to seeing you all at our very special meeting on February 15.

Fraternally,
SK Matthew T. West
Faithful Captain

Faithful Pilot's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

Please pray for the following:

- Repose of the soul of **SK Norbert T. Kidd**
- Repose of the soul of SK Tom Gavin
- Repose of the soul of Mary Therese Uhland, sister of **SK John J. "Jack" Cotner**.
- Repose of the soul of Else Mae Lacour, mother of **SK Patrick P. Lacour**.
- Repose of the soul of Dolores C. Levesque, mother of **SK Joel J. Levesque**.

If you have any prayer requests, please contact me directly at cdglass@gmail.com.

Fraternally,
SK Carroll D. Glass
Faithful Pilot



Color Corps Commander's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

We have reached a relatively calm point in the Fraternal Year. After the Fourth of July, Columbus Day, and Veterans' Day parades; the special Masses for Fr. Capodanno, First Responders & Military, and Our Lady of Guadalupe (just to name a few); and of course the Advent and Christmas seasons, Color Corps events seem to taper off in January and February. That allows time to brush up on our skills and take advantage of training sessions, such as the one that I attended in Winchester on January 21, or the upcoming training on February 18 in Stafford. Participating in the Color Corps is an honor and a privilege reserved for members of the Fourth Degree. As such, we owe it to the Order and those that came before us to do it right! I, for one, had no idea how many "little" mistakes I'd been making, from how to properly hold the sword at the carry, to where to place the sword when seated. What is the proper way to grip the scabbard in procession so that it doesn't make noise? At what point during Mass do you remove your gloves? Might there be a Mass where gloves are not removed? If so, how do you receive Communion? And finally: Why does all of this matter?

It matters because we are the ceremonial face of the Knights of Columbus. We exemplify, better than anyone else, the fraternal pillar of Unity. Our acts of Charity are visible through KOVAR and VKCCI campaigns. Our commitment to Patriotism is clear from our participation in Honor Flights and our mere attendance at patriotic celebrations. Our Fraternity is obvious to anyone who attends a Knights-sponsored social event. But where do we display our Unity? In the Color Corps. Commitment to uniform standards and ceremonial protocols is the one obvious sign of our commitment to Unity. Unity isn't something we do. It's an awareness we share. The only way to show that unity to those who have not yet joined our ranks is symbolically in the Color Corps. I encourage everyone, whether donning service regalia for the first time or the millionth time, to attend the next Color Corps and Commander Training that you are able.

The next Color Corps and Commander Training will be Saturday, February 18, at St. William of York Church in Stafford, VA, at 9:00 AM, hosted by Holy Trinity Assembly, #2520. Please notify Commander Roberto Bacalski at robertobiz@msn.com if you plan to attend.

Vivat Jesus!

SK Roberto Bacalski

Color Corps Commander

Faithful Admiral's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

Are you still recruiting? Time is getting short! There must be at least one of your brother knights who would make a good addition to our Assembly.

Take advantage of the degree being in Northern Virginia this time. It may be a long time before the taking the degree will be this convenient again!

So let's all make a push to get those applications to me or the Navigator (with a check for the \$70 fee) so they can be voted on at our next meeting!

Fraternally,

SK Dennis M. Makurat, PFN

Faithful Admiral



Faithful Comptroller's Report

Worthy Sir Knights,

The next 4th Degree Exemplification will be held in Manassas on Saturday, April 1st. All applications for 4th Degree membership need to be submitted as soon as possible along with a check made payable to "Fr. Malloy Assembly". Current 4th Degree members planning on attending the lunch following the Degree need to submit their payment to me as soon as possible.

As a reminder, Assembly dues and membership cards are based on calendar year and are separate from Council dues. To be in good standing in the 4th Degree, members must also be in good standing in their Council. If you have not received your Assembly dues notice, please contact me and I will forward to you.

If you have any questions, please contact me at wweich@yahoo.com, or at 703-307-9163.

Fraternally,

SK William W. Weich, PFN

Faithful Comptroller

Permanent Diaconate Ordination

The Diocese of Arlington has been blessed with six new Permanent Deacons! On Saturday, January 14th, Bishop Burbidge ordained Gerard-Marie Anthony, Orlando J. Barros, Thomas L. Grodek, Mark R. Maines, Michael J. O'Neil, and Timothy H. Slayter to the Diaconate. As Permanent Deacons, these men will assist the Priest of their parishes in serving the people, specifically through baptizing, administering the Most Blessed Sacrament, and officiating over marriages.

Several Sir Knights of our Assembly were among the 28 members in the Honor Guard. Many thanks to **SK David J. Todd, Sr.**, **SK James E. Connell**, and **SK George S. Vogen** for participating!

Deanery Masses with Bishop Burbidge

Many thanks to all those who came out to give support and participate in the two Deanery Masses that Fr. Malloy Assembly was involved. The Bishop seemed pleased with our presence at both Masses, as were many of the Priests, Deacons, and Laity present.



On Wednesday, January 18, we impressed many at Our Lady of Good Counsel with 18 Sir Knights (12 from Fr. Malloy Assembly!) in full Service Regalia, representing six of the seven different colored capes. Many thanks to **FVSM Francis J. Loughney**, **FM Isaias "Cy" Alba, III**, **ADM Alvin E. Grimmig**, **FN David J. Todd, Jr.**, **FN Johnny D. Restivo**, **PFN Daniel J. Turgeon**, **CCC Roberto Bacalski**, **SK F. Randy Bordelon**, **SK Paul F. Cataldo**, **SK Carroll D. Glass**, **SK Keith J. Green**, **SK Karl R. Leshner**, **SK Donald B. Mailki**, **SK Patrick A. McGuire**, **SK John P. Morgan**, **SK Thomas E. Silva**, **SK Matthew T. West**, and **SK Roger L. Williams**.



The following Monday, January 23, we supported Marian Assembly, #2331, at St. Bernadette Catholic Church with 12 Sir Knights (6 from Fr. Malloy Assembly!). Many thanks to **FN Manuel Juarez**, **FN David J. Todd, Jr.**, **FN Johnny D. Restivo**, **PFN Richard P. Owen**, **PFN Frank B. Guest, III**, **CCC Nick Sherrouse**, **SK Larry J. Brindza**, **SK Carroll D. Glass**, **SK Karl R. Leshner**, **SK Alfonso Munevar**, **SK Herman Rollandini**, and **SK Roger L. Williams**.

Renewal of Obligations

The Renewal of Obligations previously scheduled for our January meeting, has been postponed until February 15. At that time, we will renew the pledges taken during each of the four Exemplifications, and we will be joined by members of Marian, Msgr. Bradican, and Fr. Casey Assemblies.

We will begin with Rosary at 7:00PM, with the ceremony to follow immediately (beginning about 7:30PM); refreshments of a Mardi Gras theme will be served following the ceremony, allowing the Sir Knights from all four Assemblies to join in a spirit of Columbian Fraternalism. Fr. Malloy Assembly will conduct an extremely brief, abbreviated meeting aside from the other Assemblies (we will read in applications for membership in the 4th Degree, and will have at least one motion made, discussed, and voted on).

We encourage all Sir Knights who attend and participate to wear Social Regalia (tuxedo with social baldric) as this is considered to be a Supreme Event (similar to an Installation of Officers or an Exemplification); IF you are unable to wear Social Regalia, you may wear Coat & Tie, but with no social baldric (Faithful Officers are expected to be in Social Regalia!).

Color Corps & Commander Training

There will be a Color Corps & Commander Training conducted at St. William of York Catholic Church Parish Center (3130 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Stafford, 22554) on Saturday, February 15, beginning at 9AM (donuts & coffee will be available beginning at 8:30AM). If you have not attended a training session, or if it has been a while, consider this as a great opportunity. Please let Faithful Comptroller Roberto Bacalski know if you can attend (contact him at robertobiz@mac.com). Attire for this event is casual; however, you will want to bring your sword, service baldric, gloves, and chapeau (we have a limited supply that can be borrowed if needed).

Nomination Committee

It's hard to believe, but it is already that time to start looking toward our next Fraternal Year and the leadership that we will have moving forward. I have appointed the following Sir Knights to serve on this year's Nominating Committee:

- Chairman: **SK Francis J. Loughney, FVSM, PSD**
- Member: **SK Isaias "Cy" Alba, III, FM, PSD**
- Member: **SK William W. Weich, PFN**
- Member: **SK Dennis A. Brown, PFN**

Anyone interested in serving as an officer in the upcoming 2017-2018 Fraternal Year should contact one of these members to express their interest. A Slate of Officers will be presented to the Assembly at the April meeting, and we will conduct elections at the May meeting.

Website Redesign

We are in the process of redesigning and rebuilding our Assembly's website in an effort to help streamline our methods of communication. Anyone interested in assisting with the new website, or anyone who has ideas for the new website, should contact Faithful Navigator **SK Dave Todd, Jr.** at djtoddjr@gmail.com. No experience in web design is necessary to provide ideas, which can include appearance and/or functions that are desired. The sky is the limit as far as ideas that will be considered... let your creative side out and give us your concepts.



Hard Copy of the Newsletter



After some careful consideration, we have made a change to our policy regarding mailing out the hard copy of the "*Navigator's Log*". Many of our Sir Knights have been receiving it both my mail and by email. Unfortunately, with approximately 250 Sir Knights receiving the hard copy, we have been spending too much each month. Several Sir Knights have "opted-out" of the hard copy, but it has not been enough.

From now on, only those who are not on our email list are receiving a hard copy. If you know of a Sir Knight in our Assembly that is not receiving emails, please let the Faithful Navigator or the Faithful Comptroller know so they can add them to the email list. Anyone who is receiving emails but would still like to receive the hard copy should contact the Faithful Navigator directly (we will not prevent you from getting it... consider it as "opting-IN").



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