



# THE NAVIGATOR'S LOG



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**"Ask not what your country can do for you;  
Ask what you can do for your country!"**

## Faithful Navigator's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

This month, I would like to take a moment and consider how the Knightly virtue of Unity is so important to what we do in the Fourth Degree. As Knights, we are taught that TOGETHER, we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. To put it another way, "alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." (Helen Keller) In undertaking the mission of the Fourth Degree to show the patriotic and Catholic nature of our Order, the virtue of Unity brings us together, like small drops of water in a mighty ocean, to bear witness to our important charge.

Our Sir Knights have truly exemplified the virtue, and power, of Unity in the workings of this Assembly. Whether it be marching together in parade, greeting veterans arriving after a long bus journey, standing proudly on the steps of the Tomb of the Unknowns, or being resolutely beside the casket of a departed Sir Knight, by acting together, we show all who see us that we are proud patriotic Catholics in support of our country, our Church, and our fellow Knights. Thank you to all who have banded together this year to make this strong and impressive showing.

The success that our Assembly has had this year in being a unified show of patriotic Catholicity can only happen when Sir Knights step up to serve their fellow Knights as leaders in the Assembly. I have been blessed to be working with a top-notch group of dedicated Sir Knights who lead our Assembly this fraternal year. But, the future success of Assembly can only continue if Sir Knights continue to help, and in particular, step up to take leadership positions in the Assembly. Before we know it, the fraternal year will be coming to an end and we will be looking for new men to take on officer positions within the Assembly. I will be announcing the nominating committee soon, and they will be interested in talking to anyone who might consider helping lead the Assembly next fraternal year. For me, being an officer in the Assembly has been a very rewarding experience; and one that I have been glad I could share with my brother Knights and fellow officers. As we look for the new leaders of the Assembly, consider what you have to give, and remember, "You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give."

Fraternally,  
SK Matthew T. West  
Faithful Navigator

## Faithful Friar's Report



My Brother Sir Knights,

Right before Christmas, a Priest friend of mine recommended that I start reading "The Roman Martyrology" and "Prologue of Ochrid," which are the official chronicles of the lives of the Saints for both the Western and Eastern Churches, respectively. Every day, there are dozens of Saints who on that day in history celebrate their "birthday into heaven." The Western version is typically Roman... which means it is brief, concise, and sober. The Eastern version is also true to form in that it is rather elaborate, packs a punch, and utilizes verbose vocabulary.

Reading about the lives of the Saints who have gone before us is a very good way to grow in virtue and holiness; reminding ourselves there is no cookie-cutter approach to sanctity but there are nevertheless many common themes. Heroic sacrifice is certainly one of them. For true love always entails great sacrifice.

Reading the Prologue of Ochrid has also exposed me to how the Eastern Church still celebrates Lent. It puts us in the West to shame. I fear we have gotten soft. First of all, they begin with a "Little Lent"—or the "Clean Fast"—which in the West is called "Septuagesima," meaning the 70<sup>th</sup> day (before Easter). Everyone goes vegetarian every single day leading up to the "Great Fast" of 40 days. Then everyone goes vegan... with only two meals a day. Not only does everyone go vegan every single day, but they also give up all olive oil and alcohol. Now that's a fast! Since Sundays are still days of celebration, they relax their fast by having one glass of wine and one tablespoon of olive oil.

I'm not necessarily recommending that we do that... but I am suggesting we take Lent more seriously. Not in the sense of "seeing if we are strong enough" to do something that hard, and certainly not as an excuse to try to lose weight! Rather, we follow our Lord into the desert and do some real spiritual battle. That is the point of Lent, and fasting is a central part of spiritual warfare. We need to start fasting like men and doing battle like Knights

Fraternally,  
SK Rev. David A. Dufresne  
Faithful Friar



## Faithful Captain's Report



*(Faithful Captain's Report not received  
prior to deadline!)*

## Faithful Pilot's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

Please pray for:

- Repose of the soul of **SK Michael A. Murphy, PGK**
- Repose of the soul of **SK Douglas A. Schneyman, PGK**
- Repose of the soul of **SK Carl C. Kaczmarek, FDD, PGK, PFN** (SK Kaczmarek was Faithful Navigator of Fr. Malloy Assembly 1993-94)
- Repose of the soul of Brother James M. Ballard (member of Msgr. Thomas P. Scannell Council, #14523)
- Repose of the soul of Mrs. Karen Snee, wife of SK Thomas J. Snee (SK Snee was Faithful Navigator of Fr. Malloy Assembly 2002-03)
- Repose of the soul of Mrs. Beatrix Peternell, wife of SK Robert Peternell
- Healing of **SK William W. Weich, FDD, PGK, PFN**



*(Continued from Faithful Pilot's Report)*  
 "Lenten Not Lite"

As the season of Lent moves along, one of our reflections should be on the seriousness of our practice. Contemporary Christianity seems to prefer a focus on communal activity, and though soup suppers and penance services are worthwhile in their way, it is always our Catholic belief that each soul receives a particular judgement based on their compliance with the Lord's saving grace.

The spirit of this age is not one of sacrifice. We must work to rouse ourselves as Catholic Knights to counter the culture and deepen our personal walk with Christ in His desert wanderings and fasts (CCC, 540). Repeating last year's prayers and penance is not enough—we should seek to go beyond, at least another step higher in His service.

If your usual plan is to leave off sweets or some favorite dish, then add a weekday Mass or a private exercise of the Stations of the Cross for the intentions of your family, or Holy Mother Church, or that crazy lout down the street.

The options for observance are many and varied (CCC, 1438), but our need is without doubt. For always we must remember that we have no permanent home here, the journey is now, and the end is joy beyond measure.

Fraternally,  
 SK F. "Randy" Bordelon  
 Faithful Pilot

### Color Corps Commander's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

I was out of town for the most part of January, and therefore unable to participate in any of the various events that took place during the first month of 2018. Notwithstanding my absence, I have compiled the below report based on emails I received.

Where we have been:

- **Viewing and Funeral for Brother James M. Ballard:** This was the first time in a while for Msgr. Scannell Council, #14523, to have an Honor Guard for one of its deceased members, and was the first time two Sir Knights participated in Color Corps. Many thanks to: **FN Matthew T. West** and **SK C. Lynn Butler** for coordinating the necessary arrangements; **GK Steven J. Jarvis**, **SK George H. Billy**, PFN (CC Commander), **SK Dennis A. Brown**, PFN, **SK C. Lynn Butler**, **SK Vincent J. Wilson** participated in the Honor Guard at the Viewing on January 5; and to **GK Steven J. Jarvis**, **SK F. Randy Bordelon**, **SK C. Lynn Butler**, **SK Karl**

**R. Leshner**, **SK Joel J. Levesque**, **SK James D. Milosavich**, **SK S. Michael Pollak**, and **SK Vincent J. Wilson** for participating in the Honor Guard at the Funeral on January 6.

- **Funeral of Mrs. Beatrix Peternell:** This was for the wife of SK Robert Peternell, (SK Peternell's stepson passed away in December... we provided an Honor Guard for his Funeral). Many thanks to: **SK C. Lynn Butler**, **SK Karl R. Leshner**, **SK James D. Milosavich**, and **SK S. Michael Pollak** for participating in the Honor Guard at the Funeral on January 10.
- **Presentation of Colors at State Mid-Year Meeting:** District Master SK Thomas A. Trudeau had nothing but positive remarks regarding our Color Corps' Presentation of Colors. Many thanks to: **FN Matthew T. West**, **District Secretary David J. Todd, Sr.**, **SK George H. Billy**, **PFN**, **SK David J. Todd, Jr.**, **PFN**, **SK Vincent J. Wilson**, **SK F. Randy Bordelon**, **SK Carrol D. Glass**, **SK Patrick A. McGuire**, **SK Daniel J. O'Malley**, and **SK S. Michael Pollak** for providing an exemplary Color Guard, and representing the State Deputy's Assembly well on January 13!
- **Religious Freedom Day Celebration:** Members of Fr. Malloy Assembly participated with Rappahannock Assembly, #1613, and other Assemblies of Virginia in the annual Religious Freedom Celebration in Fredericksburg. Many thanks to: **District Secretary SK David J. Todd, Sr.**, **PFN** for representing our Assembly on January 14.
- **Life is Very Good Mass:** A member of Fr. Malloy Assembly participated in the annual Life if Very Good Mass preceding the March for Life. This event, held at Eagle Bank Arena, draws thousands of youth from around the country for an evening of reflection and prayer, culminating in the Mass, celebrated by the Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington. Many thanks to **District Secretary David J. Todd, Sr.**, **PFN** for representing our Assembly on January 19.
- **Funeral of SK Carl C. Kaczmarek, PFN:** Members of Fr. Malloy Assembly joined the members of Fr. Thomas A. Casey Assembly, #3596, in honoring our Past Faithful Navigator, SK Carl Kaczmarek. Many thanks to those who represented Fr. Malloy Assembly on January 22.
- **Funeral of SK Douglas A. Schneyman:** Members participated in the Viewing and Funeral of **SK Douglas A. Schneyman**. The Funeral Mass was celebrated by **Faithful Friar Rev. SK David A. Dufresne**. Many thanks to **District Secretary David J. Todd, Sr.**, **PFN**, **SK Alfonso Munevar**, **SK Isaias "Cy" Alba**, **PSD**, **FM**, **PFN**, **SK Charles A. Kraiger**, **SK Karl R. Leshner**, and **SK James D. Milosavich**.



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Where we are going:

- **Funeral of SK Michael A. Murphy:** We are still awaiting information on the Viewing and Funeral arrangements for **SK Michael A. Murphy**. Details will be emailed to the members as soon as received.

Fraternally,  
SK Alfonso Munevar  
Color Corps Commander

### Faithful Admiral's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

We are coming down to the wire on applications for new members for the April 21 Exemplification! Our monthly Assembly meeting on Wednesday, March 21, will be the last opportunity to read in Form 4's and ballot for these potential new Sir Knights (the April meeting, while preceding the Exemplification, will follow the weekend during which the Master's staff will be finalizing plans for the Exemplification). PLEASE, recruit new Sir Knights and bring their Form 4's (with \$70 Initiation Fee... set by Supreme!) to either the February or March meeting. Be sure that potential candidates understand that there is no longer a requirement to wear a tuxedo for the Exemplification (a dark business suit, either black, dark gray, or dark blue, will suffice). Also, please be sure to explain purchasing the New Uniform is optional (it will only be required for Color Corps participants beginning July 1, 2019).

As stated previously, we are planning on renting a 15-person van (or two, if there is enough interest!) for the day. A seat on the van will be made available to any Sir Knight or Candidate from Fr. Malloy Assembly, as well as their respective Ladies (there will be a Ladies Program run concurrent to the Exemplification, and the Ladies are welcome to attend the luncheon that follows the Exemplification).

If you have any questions, or if you need a Form 4, please feel free to contact me directly at [djtoddjr@gmail.com](mailto:djtoddjr@gmail.com), or at (703) 463-1499.

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



### Faithful Comptroller's Report

Worthy Sir Knights,

As of February 1, 2018, Fr. Walter F. Malloy Assembly has 317 Sir Knights, a decrease from January of 1 Sir Knight due to withdrawal.

#### Assembly Dues

Thanks to all Sir Knights who have remitted their dues payment thus far. Second notices have been sent to Brother Sir Knights with dues outstanding. There is a grace period of ONE MONTH—through January 31 for your 2017 membership card to be accepted.

Any Sir Knight having financial or other difficulties, and are unable to remit payment at this time, should contact me to discuss and/or make alternative payment arrangements. I am willing to work with Sir Knights... but I have to hear from you in order to work with you. Please contact me at [wweich@yahoo.com](mailto:wweich@yahoo.com), or at (703) 307-9163.

#### Member Contact Information

Sir Knights who have moved, or have changes to their email or phone number, should contact me to update your information with the Assembly and Supreme. This will ensure we can keep in contact with you.

#### Assembly Shirts

Yes, we are still moving forward with Assembly Shirts. As previously mentioned, we have selected Royal Blue for the color. Samples of the shirt style will be available at the February Assembly meeting. Upon the Assembly vote on shirt style and the cost, shirts will be available for purchase. Sir Knights will place their shirt order through me. Will keep you advised on the process.

Should you have any questions at any time, please do not hesitate to contact me at [wweich@yahoo.com](mailto:wweich@yahoo.com), or (703) 307-9163.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,  
SK William W. Weich, PFN  
Faithful Comptroller

### Renewal of Obligations

Many thanks to all who came out on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, for our monthly Assembly meeting. During this special meeting, we were joined by our brother Sir Knights of Fr. Thomas A. Casey Assembly, #3596, and we all participated in the annual Renewal of Obligations. The ceremony was overseen by our District Secretary, **SK David J. Todd, Sr., PFN**, assisted by **SK George H. Billy, PFN**. Chair Officers of the two Assemblies led the Sir Knights in renewing the pledges taken in each of the four Degrees. Thanks to the Sir Knights from Ambrose Council, #8403, for providing a great dinner!

## Delegates Needed

On Saturday, March 10, 2018, the Virginia District of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree will be conducting its Biennial Meeting in Woodbridge. Among other things, it will be at this meeting that the District will select three the names of three Sir Knights to be submitted to Supreme for consideration to become the next District Master (current Master SK Thomas A. Trudeau is coming to the end of his second 2-year term, and is therefore no longer eligible to continue). It was at our October meeting that a Resolution of Support for District Secretary SK David J. Todd, Sr., PFN, was introduced and accepted unanimously by the Assembly.

Due to our Assembly's size, we are authorized to have up to four Delegates to the Biennial Meeting. FN Matthew T. West intends to attend, and will therefore intends to be one of the Delegates. Anyone else interested in representing Fr. Malloy Assembly at this important meeting should contact FN West at their earliest opportunity. We will vote on Delegates at the February 21<sup>st</sup> Assembly meeting.

## Exemplification

The next Exemplification will be Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church (4309 Thomas Jefferson Pkwy, Palmyra, 22963-9506). Any 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight that is in good standing with the Order is eligible to receive the honors of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. There is a \$70 fee (set by Supreme) for each Candidate

(\$60 for Priests); they will receive the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree lapel pin, the Social Baldrick, a certificate, and a luncheon ticket.

Attire for Candidates is dark black, grey, or blue suit (jacket and trousers must both be dark), white button down shirt, and a basic/conservative style tie. Observers should be in New Uniform, or dark suit (like the Candidates) with Social Baldrick under the jacket and over the tie; all current 4<sup>th</sup> Degree members should wear the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree lapel pin.

There will be a Ladies program conducted during the Exemplification. The program will be a no host wine tasting at the Barboursville Vineyard. Cost is approximately \$20, and carpools will be organized, leaving the hotel (mentioned in the next paragraph) at 10:30AM.

There will be a Luncheon after the Exemplification at the Best Western Plus Crossroads Inn & Suites, (Wood Ridge Terrace, Zion Crossing, 22942). Extra tickets (for Observers, Ladies, and other Guests) may be purchased for \$30; all fees should be sent to Faithful Comptroller SK William W. Weich, PFN.

We are looking into renting one or two (possible more... if there is enough interest!) 15-person vans in order to transport Candidates and Observers to the Exemplification.

If you have any questions, please contact Faithful Navigator SK Matthew T. West, Faithful Admiral SK David J. Todd, Jr., PFN, or Faithful Comptroller SK William W. Weich, PFN.

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*Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. We will begin with Rosary at 7:30 PM, followed by Sir Knights' Café (dinner). The meeting should begin between 8:20 and 8:30.*