

Navigator's Log

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Navigator's Report

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

It is hard to believe that it is already February. This month, we remember in a special way our Assembly's namesake, who passed away on February 17, 1978. Later in this edition of the *Navigator's Log* is a brief biography of Fr. Malloy. I encourage all to read it to learn a little more about the Priest who our Assembly honors.

In the meantime, I have made the difficult decision that our meetings through the month of March will be 100% virtual. This is our attempt at slowing the transmission of the virus that has slowed many aspects of our lives, and to keep our Sir Knights safe. As the month of April approaches, I will review with my Faithful Officers our plans going forward, and will report to the Assembly our decision.

Additionally, the 3rd Wednesday of February (which is our normal meeting night) happens to be Ash Wednesday! For that reason, we will be conducting our meeting the day before, on TUESDAY, February 16th, at 7:30 PM. The link to the meeting will be forwarded a week ahead of time, and with a reminder a day or two before the meeting.

The next exemplification of the 4th Degree for the Virginia District will be conducted virtually on Saturday, April 17, 2021, at Noon. This is another great opportunity to recruit our Brother Knights into the Patriotic Degree. Details can be found later in this edition of the *Navigator's Log*.

Finally, I am pleading with those of you who have not purchased the official Regalia to consider doing so, and soon. This past month, our Assembly bid farewell to one of our Sir Knights. Sadly, there was no one with Regalia available to provide an Honor Guard at the Funeral Mass for SK C. Lynn Butler (please note, the old cape & chapeau are no longer acceptable regalia, and use of them will bring about disciplinary action against not only the Sir Knight(s) who wear it, but also their Faithful Navigator!). Although many of our normal activities have been put on hold recently, there are occasions such as Funerals when the family of our deceased Sir Knights ask for an Honor Guard... we need more guys with Regalia in order to fulfill these requests. So, I ask anyone who has animosity toward the new Regalia to put aside their feelings for the betterment of the Assembly and the Order, and consider purchasing the new Regalia. If you have any questions about it, please feel free to reach out to me!

Friar's Report

*Rev. SK Philip S. Majka
Faithful Friar*

In Saint Matthew's Gospel, we read, "If you are about to offer your gift at the Altar and there you remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the Altar, go at once and make peace with your brother, and then come back and offer your gift to God." (Mt 5:23 & 24) This quote is part of Christ's Sermon on the Mount. How did Christ practice what He preached? On our behalf, He said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." (Lk 23:34) We know that those few people had it in for Christ, they had something against Him. He gave them His peaceful forgiveness, and then gave His life for us on the Altar of the Cross! By that Altar, on Calvary, Dismus, the "good thief" took notice of this gesture of forgiveness (Lk 23:24) and made his peace with Christ who was dying for his sins. As we begin this Lenten Season 2021 Christ, as always, is available for us in the Sacraments; can we once and for all time be reconciled to Him? If so, then the Holy Sacrifice of the mass can be a gesture of peace and good will to all



Captain's Report

*SK Patrick A. McGuire, PGK
Faithful Captain*

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

It is not often I express my opinion, but I am now. One thing has been bothering me for months, and that is attendance at the virtual meetings. Our Faithful Navigator has consolidated



the meetings to about 30 to 45 minutes. I have been extremely disappointed that less than 5% of the assembly has attended.

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!

Pilot's Report

*SK Joseph M. Gesker, PGK
Faithful Pilot*

Please pray for the following:

- Repose of the soul of **SK C. Lynn Butler**
- Repose of the soul of SK Robert Canfield
- Repose of the soul of Mr. Louis Young, **SK Michael L. Young**
- Repose of the soul of Mrs. Pauline Brown, sister-in-law of **SK Dennis A. Brown, PFN**
- Repose of the soul of Mrs. Lucille Brown, sister-in-law of **SK Dennis A. Brown, PFN**
- Repose of the soul of Mr. Robert J. Hughes, father-in-law of **SK Francis J. Cuccias** and grandfather of **SK Patrick L. Cuccias**
- Healing of Mrs. Julia Espinoza, mother-in-law of **SK James G. Beauchamp**
- Healing of the niece of **SK Edward P. Cuccias** and **SK Francis J. Cuccias**



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*

The Color Corps participated in one event last month.

Where We Were:

- Visitation for **SK C. Lynn Butler, PGK, CAPT, USN (RET)**, on Sunday, January 3. Thank you, **SK Dennis A. Brown, PFN**, for assisting me. (*Sadly, we were unable to provide an Honor Guard for the Funeral the next day!*)

Currently, there are no Color Corps events planned for February. If any materialize, we will send out notification via Assembly e-mail.

We continue to need more Sir Knights to step up and get the new Official Regalia Dress (ORD), Service. The 50 Swords Program has service baldrics and swords available, so you do not need to buy them. Besides being the visible, patriotic arm of the order, the Color Corps provides valuable fraternal service for our deceased. We can only do so if we have more members with the ORD.

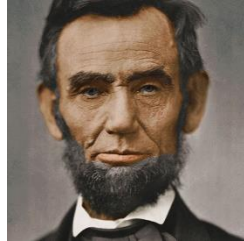
Admiral's Report

SK F. Randy Bordelon, PGK, PFN
Faithful Admiral

Uncle Abe

February 12 is remembered as the birthdate of Abraham Lincoln – a great man and one of our greatest presidents. Although his own religious views were at some points ambiguous, after seeing the vast ranks of graves at Gettysburg he was moved to write “I love Jesus”. At the least, a baptism of desire.

Remembered chiefly for the Emancipation Proclamation, he was also deeply committed to the principle of religious freedom. Early in his political career, he publicly resisted the nativist “Know Nothing” movement declaring that Catholics as well as Protestants must enjoy freedom of conscience. In so doing, he consciously continued the tradition of the Founding Fathers.



These days we may expect soon that Catholics in America will again be challenged by taxes, fees, and edicts to support morally reprehensible policies and activities. May the Saints help us, and may we be guided by their courage and that of Lincoln and other statesmen who have supported religious liberty.

The April exemplification approaches; I am available to help with candidate meetings, forms, signatures, etc. Contact me as indicated in the officer roster. Have a holy Lent.

Comptroller's Report

SK William W. Weich, FDD, PGK, PFN
Faithful Comptroller

Our Assembly membership, as of January 20, 2021, stands at 342 Sir Knights. Of the 342 Sir Knights, 4 are Honorary Members, and 64 are Honorary Life Members.

Thank you to the 189 Sir Knights who have paid their 2021 dues thus far. As of January 24, 89 SKs have NOT paid their dues. Second notices will be sent out in early February.

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. As stated in many

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

Sir Knights in arrears in their Assembly dues for multiple years are in danger of being suspended from the Assembly.

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.

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 wweich@yahoo.com.

Fr. Francis J. Diamond Council #6292

SK Mark D. Walther
Grand Knight



Invite all men of the parish to attend a one-day

**Men's Retreat and
Day of Recollection**
Saturday, February 20

7:30AM – 3:30 PM

St. Leo The Great School Gym
Free Admission



Space is limited. Please RSVP

Mike Plumstead
mplumstead@verizon.net

or Call/Text
Herb Zimmerman at
703-623-6299

The retreat will begin with coffee donuts and registration at 7:45-8:00AM followed by Mass at 9:00AM. We will have inspirational speakers and lively discussions throughout the day (with a lunch) and culminating in day time prayer.

St. Philip's Council #17056

SK Mark E. Mitchell
Grand Knight

Council 17056 was pleased to support St. Philip's Catholic Church and Fr. Dennis Donahue by providing ushers to assist with the expanded Christmas Mass schedule. St. Philip's scheduled additional Masses to ensure availability, while also maintaining the safety measures necessitated by the pandemic. We were very much looking forward to participating in the March for Life. In lieu of that, we will now support a pro-life rally and prayer service followed by Eucharistic adoration.

Fr. Walter F. Malloy

+ *Fr. Arthur Vestræte, CICM* +

Walter F. Malloy was born April 3, 1921, in Boston, Massachusetts, the second son of a family of four children. On both sides he was from purely Irish ancestry. After grade school, he attended Boston College Latin School and decided to join the Passionists. He spent two years (junior college) at the Passionist College in Dunkirk, New York. In 1941 he entered the novitiate in Scranton, Pennsylvania, where he also studied philosophy at the Passionist seminary. In 1945 he left the Passionist Order and applied for admission to St. John's Seminary at Brighton, Massachusetts, where after a short time, he transferred to St. Mary's in Baltimore, becoming a Seminarian for the Diocese of Richmond. He was ordained to the Priesthood in May 1949.

His Priestly Ministry began as assistant at Holy Trinity Church in Norfolk from 1949 to 1953. He was very active in the youth organizations and became well-known for his very practical and, for that time, rather timely sermons. He was deeply interested in bringing people into the Church, the fruit of endless hours of instruction. The opportunities in Norfolk for reaching out towards non-Catholics were very great. This missionary instinct was probably responsible for his being appointed a member of the Diocesan Mission Band which in those days travelled and preached through rural Virginia. The Mission Band travelled mostly during the summer. During the wintertime, the Band was in Richmond and fanned out to all the parishes in the Diocese, in the Richmond, Tidewater, and Northern Virginia areas to preach parish missions.

After six years on the Mission Band, Fr. Malloy became pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Clifton Forge, where he found the so-needed rest and solitude to put all things in together. After ten years of very busy ministry, he redecorated the church, built the parish hall, and was most concerned about the religious education of the young for which he had the help of religious: an exception in the mountain area of Virginia. At the same time, he was responsible for the hospital the Chesapeake and Ohio had built for its employees and retirees at Clifton Forge.

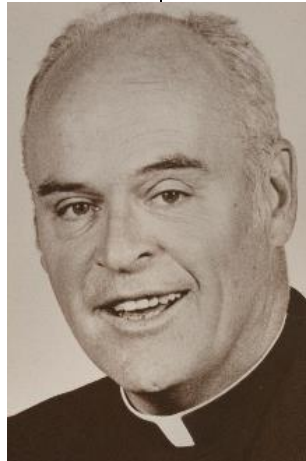
Three years later, he became the Pastor of the rapidly expanding parish of St. Leo the Great in Fairfax, Virginia, where he right away began planning a new church and a rectory.

He was a man who had known the old Church and was somewhat shaken by the changes that came about after Vatican II. He was deeply interested in Catholic education and had to find sisters for his parochial school when one religious community after the other, because of personnel problems, withdrew from St. Leo's Catholic School. In 1966, the church and rectory were dedicated and then began the very difficult

work implementing the decrees of Vatican II on the parish level. Fr. Malloy was director of Family Life Bureau and also very active in the beginning of the Priests' Council of the Diocese of Richmond. He made it a point of following the trends in pastoral theology but made his own decisions as to what was practical and good for his parish and his people.

He suffered his first heart attack in October 1971 from which he recovered quite well. The quiet and rest that were imposed upon him made him think of a renewal and in the Fall of 1972, he went to Rome to follow a two-month course with the Movement for a Better World. He came back with renewed zeal and wanted to implement many of the things he had learned in his parish. He organized a parish retreat in May of 1973. The prayer group started around the same time.

However, the burden and the problems of this very large parish began to weigh upon him. He was not a hundred percent happy anymore in this environment. He wanted time to think, time to reflect, and a less harried life.



He asked from the newly appointed Bishop of Arlington that he be moved to a small parish. The mission of St. Stephen the Martyr in Middleburg was erected into a parish in June 1975. Although there was no residence for the Priest in Middleburg, he spent the Summer of 1975 in one rented house and moved again towards the Fall into another rented home to finally end up in an apartment in town while he was building the rectory and church hall at St. Stephen's. He seemed to be very happy, very devoted to his people; he got involved in the Cursillo Movement in Northern Virginia and was at last more relaxed with the renewal that was taking place in the Church. He took plenty of time to read

the Scriptures and his homilies acquired a new character. His Ministry had taught him over the years that it is not the human instrument who does produce grace, but that it is the Lord Himself.

Fr. Malloy died on February 17, 1978, early in the morning from a heart attack at Fairfax Hospital.

He was a great Priest and a good Pastor to the great majority of his people.

In addition the above biography, provided at the suggestion of the Chancery Office, Arlington Diocese, Fr. Malloy was a great friend of the Knights of Columbus. It was through the thoughtfulness and kindness of Fr. Malloy, while Pastor of St. Leo's Church, Fairfax, that he provided support and materials for the renovation of an old school building for the purpose of providing Providence Council #6292 a council home, which is being utilized to this day. His interest in, and support of Council #6292, Knights of Columbus, was and continues to be most appreciated by all of the council members. He was indeed a good friend and a great Priest and Pastor.

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