



# THE NAVIGATOR'S LOG

Fr. Walter F. Malloy Assembly, #1894  
May 2017

## Faithful Navigator's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

I begin this month's report with a heart-felt congratulations to one of our members. **SK Stephen J. Kehoe** has been elected as the new State Deputy for Virginia for the 2017-18 Fraternal Year. We wish SK Kehoe the very best in the year to come, and pledge our continued support!

After a few relatively calm months, we are now seeing our activities picking up again. There are plenty of opportunities in May and June to participate in Color Corps. While details can be found later in this issue on many of the activities, I would like to touch on two in particular.

I encourage all Sir Knights who can to come join us on Wednesday, May 17, for our scheduled meeting. It will be during this meeting that we will elect our new Faithful Officers for the upcoming 2017-18 Fraternal Year. Many thanks to the Nominating Committee. They have assembled a phenomenal slate of officers for us. If anyone wishes to nominate someone or be nominated from the floor, they are welcome to do so... we just ask that they speak to a member of the Committee ahead of time for guidance.

On June 21, we will be having our annual Pass in Review. For the benefit of our newer Sir Knights, this is similar to a Grand Knight's Ball. It will be an opportunity for us to look back at a spectacular year, thank our Faithful Officers for their service, and pass the gavel to the new Faithful Navigator. Additionally, we will be welcoming our newest Sir Knights to the Assembly in a formal manner. Cost is \$15 per person, \$30 per couple (new Sir Knights and their Ladies are free!). **Please note**, we are requesting RSVP's **prior to June 14**; RSVP's received after will be \$20 per person, \$40 per couple. Please RSVP to Faithful Captain, Matt West, at [askmekofc@yahoo.com](mailto:askmekofc@yahoo.com) if you plan to attend.

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

## Faithful Friar's Report



My Brother Sir Knights,

It is said that behind every good man is an even better woman. How true this is of Knights and the Blessed Virgin Mary! In times not too long ago, it was much more common Catholic knowledge that each day and each month was dedicated to a specific devotion. While most of these devotional reminders seems to be forgotten, how can we forget our Mother? We are aware of her in a unique way every Saturday—as is fitting because Saturday leads us to Sunday just like Mary leads us to Jesus.

Similarly, May is our Mother's month, which leads to June and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This is the same Sacred Heart which first started to beat within Mary's virginal womb. Our devotional life should reflect reality; that Mary leads us to Jesus. When she looks down upon us her sons, she sees Jesus in us. Likewise, when we look upon her daughters we should see Mary in them. We should recognize the great dignity of every woman even if they don't recognize it themselves. We should see their noble calling and their unfathomable destiny to be models and imitators of the Mother of God. Especially as temperatures get warmer in May and people begin to wear less clothing, let us redouble our efforts and our determination to view every person, and especially women, the way God views them. Let us see Mary in every woman. Let us strive to earn the dignity of being seen as Jesus in the world. Indeed, behind every good Knight of Columbus is the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Fraternally,  
SK Rev. David A. Dufresne  
Faithful Friar



## Report of the Nominating Committee

Faithful Navigator,

You appointed a Nominating Committee to propose a slate of officers for the Fr. Walter F. Malloy Assembly during the upcoming 2017-2018 Fraternal Year. The Committee took this task very seriously. Announcements were made through the newsletter and at Assembly meetings. Committee members conducted interviews and many conversations about possible nominees.

We believe that the proposed slate of officers listed below is solid, blending commitment, experience, knowledge of the Assembly, and the desire to build on our Assembly's successes.

For the Office of:

Faithful Navigator: **SK Matthew T. West**  
 Faithful Pilot: **SK F. Randy Bordelon**  
 Faithful Scribe: **SK S. Michael Pollak**  
 Faithful Inner Sentinel: **SK Patrick A. McGuire**  
 Faithful Outer Sentinel: **SK Gilbert J. Flodine**  
 Faithful 3-Year Trustee: **SK Richard P. Owen, PFN**

Faithful Captain: **SK Carroll D. Glass**  
 Faithful Comptroller: **SK William W. Weich, PFN**  
 Faithful Purser: **SK Paul F. Cataldo**  
 Faithful Outer Sentinel: **SK Lawrence L. Holmes, Jr.**  
 Faithful Admiral: **SK David J. Todd, Jr., PFN**

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, I place this slate of officers in nomination to serve during the 2017-2018 Fraternal Year.

I would also note that SK's Dennis A. Brown, PFN, and Joel Levesque agreed to continue their respective terms in their roles as Trustees and do not require re-election.

The Faithful Friar will be appointed by the Bishop of Arlington, at the request of the Faithful Navigator.

Additionally, the Faithful Navigator will have the responsibility of appointing the new Color Corps Commander.

Should anyone wish to still be considered for a position, they will have the opportunity to run from the floor on May 17 (Election Night). If anyone wishes to be nominated for a position, so seek to nominate someone else, we do request that they discuss this with a member of the Nominating Committee prior to May 17. This will allow the election process to move more smoothly.

Respectfully submitted:

SK Francis J. Loughney, PSD, FVSM (Chairman)  
 SK William W. Weich, PFN

SK Isaias "Cy" Alba, III, PSD, FM  
 SK Dennis A. Brown, PFN

### Faithful Captain's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

Our May meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 17, at our usual location, Providence Hall at St. Leo the Great, and at the usual time, 7:30PM. We will begin with praying the Rosary and will then have our Sir Knights' Café. Our Sir Knights' Café for May will be a Diecisiete de Mayo feast, for a belated celebration of Mexico's victory over the French at the Battle of Puebla. Yours truly (and my wife Ruth) will be cooking an authentic Mexican meal of enchiladas, beans, rice, tortillas, and all the trimmings. Following dinner, we will be having our monthly business meeting of the Assembly.



This meeting will be our election of officers. It is a significant night for the Assembly as we choose our officers and chart our course for the next year. We hope you will join us for this important meeting.



I look forward to seeing you all at our meeting on May 17.

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 Henry W. Kowalski**, charter member and 2<sup>nd</sup> Faithful Navigator of the Assembly
- Repose of the soul of Jayne Eckert, wife of **SK Robert L. Eckert**
- Mrs. Patricia West, mother of **SK Matthew T. West**
- Shirley, 80 year old mother-in-law of **SK Roger L. Williams**
- Betty, 86 year old grandmother of **SK Roger L. Williams**
- Sherwood, 79 year old aunt of **SK Roger L. Williams**
- Bruce, 78 year old uncle of **SK Roger L. Williams**



If you have any prayer requests, please contact me directly at [cdglass@gmail.com](mailto:cdglass@gmail.com).

Fraternally,  
SK Carroll D. Glass  
Faithful Pilot

## Color Corps Commander's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

The Fraternal Year is winding down, but that doesn't mean that the Color Corps is any less active or vital! On April 28 we had three Sir Knights provide an Honor Guard at the Fair Oaks Marriott to welcome veterans from Northeast Tennessee as part of the Honor Flight Program. SK's Bill Weich, Matt West, and Vince Wilson donned their service regalia to show their support for our vets. Sir Knight Pat Leffas also attended with two of his children. Thank you, gentlemen!

On May 21, we have the opportunity to participate in the annual Memorial Mass, hosted by the Archdiocese of the Military

Services, honoring those who have given their lives in service to our country. The Mass will be celebrated at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. by Archbishop Broglio. The Mass will be televised on EWTN. Mass begins at 4:30PM. Muster WITHOUT sword is at 3:15PM. This is a Provincial event so contact Faithful Navigator SK David Todd, Jr. at [djtoddjr@gmail.com](mailto:djtoddjr@gmail.com) to participate.

It is an honor to be a member of the Fourth Degree Color Corps and display our patriotism and love for democratic values. I look forward to seeing all of you at the penultimate assembly meeting on May 17 when, in our own microcosm of American democracy, we will vote to elect next year's leaders of Fr. Malloy Assembly. Do not deny yourself the opportunity to have your voice heard.

Fraternally,  
SK Roberto Bacalski  
Color Corps Commander

## Faithful Admiral's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

As Admiral, my primary concern this year was increasing our membership. In that regard, this has been an excellent year because of the hard work of you, the members. We can also be proud of the level of participation in color corps events this year.

However, I would like to suggest that when we become 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights, we took on additional responsibilities.

As 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights, we have been addressed as "good citizens." And we were reminded that as such, we have a duty to do our part in preserving and defending our rights and freedom. That this requires more than merely casting our ballots at election time. We were told that we should be involved in framing the issues and helping to mold public opinion.

We will be electing a new state administration this fall. It is not too early to begin learning the positions of those seeking to lead us and to let them know where we stand on the issues as Catholics and Knights of Columbus.

Let's do our part to make our voices heard and help make our country One Nation Under God with Liberty and Justice for All.

Fraternally,  
SK Dennis M. Makurat, PFN  
Faithful Admiral

## Faithful Comptroller's Report

Worthy Sir Knights,

Per Supreme Records, as of May 1, 2017, Fr. Walter F. Malloy Assembly membership stands at 322 Sir Knights. This includes one transfer out due to relocation, and 23 new Sir Knights exemplified into the Fourth Degree on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Membership cards for the new Sir Knights are being distributed to the new Sir Knights.

Just a reminder: A new member who purchases a regalia package within one year from joining the Assembly will be reimbursed for the cost of their sword... a \$125 value.

Assembly Dues are \$20 per year based on a calendar year (Jan. to Dec.). New members' 2017 dues are included in their Exemplification fee. 2018 dues will be mailed in early December.

We still have approximately 30 members who have not paid their 2017 dues. If you are unable to remit payment at this time due to hardship or other circumstances, please contact me to discuss and or make other arrangements.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [wweich@yahoo.com](mailto:wweich@yahoo.com), or at (703) 307-9163.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,  
SK William W. Weich, PFN  
Faithful Comptroller

## AMS Memorial Mass

The Archdiocese of the Military Services will be hosting their annual Memorial Mass on Sunday, May 21, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, beginning at 4:30PM, and the Calvert Province has been requested to provide an Honor Guard for this Mass. This Mass will be televised on EWTN, so a good showing is essential. Those participating will muster at the Basilica by 3:15PM in full Service Regalia, but WITHOUT sword; be sure to wear the PG-113 (4<sup>th</sup> Degree Lapel Pin). Please RSVP to Faithful Navigator Dave Todd, Jr. at [djtoddjr@gmail.com](mailto:djtoddjr@gmail.com) as soon as possible (before May 15!) if you can participate.

## Confirmation at St. Michael's

An Honor Guard has been requested to support a Confirmation Mass at St. Michael's Church (7401 St. Michaels Ln, Annandale, 22003), on Wednesday, May 24, at 7:30PM. Bishop Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of the Arlington Diocese, be the Confirming Prelate. Color Corps members that can participate should muster in full Service Regalia with Sword by 7PM. Please advise Color Corps Commander SK Roberto Bacalski at [robertobiz@mac.com](mailto:robertobiz@mac.com) if you can assist.

## Pass in Review

We will be conducting annual "Pass in Review" on Wednesday, June 21, in the gym at St. Leo the Great Catholic School (3704 Old Lee Hwy, Fairfax, 22030; entrance faces west side of church). This is an opportunity for us to gather to celebrate the successes of this Fraternal Year, welcome our newest Sir Knights, and present several awards. It is also on this occasion that the gavel is passed from the outgoing Faithful Navigator to his successor.

Cost is \$15 per person/\$30 per couple (new Sir Knights and their Ladies will be covered by the Assembly) for reservations made prior to June 14; after that, cost will be \$20 per person/\$40 per couple. Faithful Officers are requested to be in Social Regalia; all other Sir Knights are encouraged to be in Social Regalia (tuxedo with social baldric), but may be in coat & tie (without baldric!); Ladies are encouraged to be in semi-formal attire.

Rosary will begin at 7PM, and will be followed immediately by dinner (steaks & baked potatoes!). At the end of dinner, there will be remarks and presentations. RSVP to Faithful Captain SK Matt West at [askmekofc@yahoo.com](mailto:askmekofc@yahoo.com).



## Next Exemplification

The next 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification for the Virginia District will be conducted on Saturday, November 11 (Veterans Day!), at the Renaissance Hotel in Portsmouth. NOW is the time to begin recruiting for this Exemplification.

Please talk to the members of your Council and encourage those who are not 4<sup>th</sup> Degree to consider this opportunity. Cost is \$70 per Candidate (this covers the cost of their Social Baldric and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Lapel, as well as their Banquet ticket). There is an additional cost for tickets to the Ladies Program, as well as for extra Banquet tickets (as needed).

I would encourage the Candidates to consider spending the weekend in Portsmouth at the Renaissance Hotel. There will be several Hospitality Rooms, as well as the annual Memorial Mass before the Banquet. There will be a special room rate for those participating in the Exemplification.

Additionally, we are looking for current 4<sup>th</sup> Degree members to participate in the Exemplification as Escorts or Observers, as well as some to assist in the Hospitality Room. Please consider attending the Exemplification and Banquet to show support for our Assembly's Candidates.



## Pictures Needed

We are looking for pictures from this Fraternal Year for a presentation that will be made in June. Activities can include (but are not limited to) the Installation of Officers, Parades, Wreath Laying (Fr. Malloy's grave & Tomb of the Unknowns), Mass Honoring 1<sup>st</sup> Responders & Military, Membership Drives, Confirmations, Exemplifications, Installation of Bishop Burbidge, Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass, Simbang Gabi, Color Corps & Commander Training, Renewal of Obligations, and anything else we have done. Pictures can be of us in Regalia or not in Regalia. The goal is to show what has made this a great year. If you have any pictures from any of our Assembly's activities, please forward them to Faithful Navigator **SK Dave Todd, Jr.**, at [djtoddjr@gmail.com](mailto:djtoddjr@gmail.com).

## Color of the Capes & Chapeaux

Last month, we discussed the difference between Social & Service Regalia. This month, we examine the different colors of the capes and chapeaux, as well as the different types of swords used.

Every Sir Knight of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree is entitled to wear a red cape and a white plumed chapeau, and they are entitled to carry a black handled sword. This is the only time the color of the plume does not match the lining of the cape.

During his time in office, a Color Corps Commander wears a purple cape and plume. The color of the sword handle is black, unless he has served as a Faithful Navigator or a Master.

Current and Past Faithful Navigators may wear a white cape and plume. Additionally, they carry a white handled sword.

During their term in office, a District Marshal wears green cape and chapeau. Here in the Virginia District, all members of the District Staff (with the exception of the District Master) wear green. The sword handle is determined by whether or not they are a Past Faithful Navigator (which, typically, they are).

Current and Former District Masters wear a gold cape and plume. Additionally, they carry a gold plated sword.

Current and Former Vice Supreme Masters wear a light blue cape and plume. Like the District Master, they carry a gold plated sword.

Finally, Current and Former Supreme Masters wear a dark blue cape and plume. They also wear a gold plated sword.

Fr. Malloy Assembly has the unique distinction of being the only Assembly in the Virginia District that can provide an Honor Guard with nearly every color cape represented... the only color we lack is the dark blue of a Supreme Master.

## Captain Ed Freeman

*The following was provided by SK John Bland:*

"Think about this:

You're a 19 year old kid. You're critically wounded and dying in the jungle somewhere in the Central Highlands of Vietnam.

It's November 14, 1967. LZ (landing zone) X-ray.

Your unit is outnumbered 8-1, and the enemy fire is so intense from 100 yards away, that your CO (Commanding Officer) has ordered the MedEvac helicopters to stop coming in.

You're lying there, listening to the enemy machine guns and you know you'll never see them again. As the world starts to fade in and out, you know this is the day. Then, over the machine gun noise, you faintly hear that sound of a helicopter. You look up to see a Huey coming in. But... it doesn't seem real because no MedEvac markings are on it.

Captain Ed Freeman is coming in for you.

He's not MedEvac, so it's not his job... but he heard the radio call and decided he's flying his Huey down into the machine gun fire anyway. Even after the MedEvacs were ordered not to come, he's coming anyway. And he drops it in and sits there in the machine gun fire, as they load 3 of you at a time on board.

Then he flies you up and out through the gunfire to the doctors and nurses and safety. And, he kept coming back! 13 more times!! Until all the wounded were out. No one knew until the mission was over that the Captain had been hit 4 times in the legs and left arm.

He took you and 29 of your buddies out that day. Some would have not made it without the Captain and his Huey."

*Captain Ed "Too Tall" Freeman was subsequently promoted to the rank of Major, designated as a Master Army Aviator, and was sent home from Vietnam in 1966. Shortly thereafter, he received the Distinguished Flying Cross. Major Freeman was awarded the Medal of Honor on July 16, 2001, by President W. Bush. He passed away on August 20, 2008.*

