



THE NAVIGATOR'S LOG

Fr. Walter F. Malloy Assembly, #1894
August 2016

Faithful Navigator's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

As we wrap up summer and our children (and some of our members) return to school, our Assembly is picking up the pace a bit. This month's newsletter is full of important information regarding each of the upcoming events.

November 8th is not too far away, and now is the time to think about who we will select as our next President. While the Knights of Columbus (or our Assembly) will not endorse or promote any candidate or party, we do encourage each of our members to consider the teachings of the Church, specifically with regards to the Culture of Life, the Sanctity of Marriage, and the Dignity of the Person.

Finally, I must announce a temporary appointment. Recently, Faithful Captain underwent surgery to remove a tumor behind his right optic nerve. I have asked **SK Vince Wilson** to cover the responsibilities of Faithful Captain until **SK Matt West** is able to resume this office, hopefully in October.

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

Faithful Friar's Report



My Brother Sir Knights,

Mother Teresa, one of the newest Saints on the Church's calendar, famously called America the poorest country in the world. She obviously meant a spirituality poverty. Yet, this spiritual problem has many physical symptoms.

As the election season is reaching a fevered pitch, it is easy to become anxious, obsessed, and worried about the state of our union. It is easy to place the blame for our poverty on various sources while looking for a solution.

As bad as things are, as bad as some of the policies of politicians are, and as bad as the Islamic Jihadism is, we, as Catholic men and Knights of Columbus, must remember our common enemy is not flesh and blood. Certainly, this enemy does use politicians and false religions—but even these poor souls have been created by our loving Father for eternal glory. If only they realized this and acted accordingly!

That is where we come in. As we approach this election and the many severe challenges our country faces a common reaction can be a sense of helplessness. What can just one person do?

The Church is proposing Mother Teresa for our reflection. This Apostle of Calcutta never sought to be famous. In fact, as she got older, she prayed that she would die in obscurity. Many thought this prayer was answered as the news of her passing was overshadowed by that of Princess Diana's. Mother was by no means savvy. But her direct boldness won the way every time. She was not beautiful. Yet her holiness made that short, wrinkly, awkward Albanian nun more radiant and captivating than any pin-up. She was not rich. In fact, she owned nothing. The 4,500 sisters who joined her made the same vow of poverty. Yet she made the world rich through spreading the love of Jesus. Through all of her work, Mother Teresa was a spiritual warrior.

We as Catholic men and Knights, must take on our common enemy head on. The devil is a sore loser who has wreaked havoc on our beloved country for far too long. May we be inflamed with courage by the example of St Teresa of Calcutta. Especially in the months to come, may we each develop a battle plan. May we invite a few close friends to engage in this battle with us; for "iron strengthens iron" (Proverbs 27). May we take on extra prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. May we take on substantial fasting: fasting from food and from technology and other comforts. May we take on works of charity and mercy. These are the weapons that destroy the power of darkness. A darkness that has cast a shadow over many parts of our land. This spiritual warfare is what causes the Son of Justice to rise and cast out the power of evil. Jesus Christ alone is the treasure that alleviates the destitute poverty of our age. We cannot let this old, frail, nun show us up! If she could do it, how much more can we?!

Fraternally,
SK Rev. David A. Dufresne
Faithful Friar

Faithful Captain's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

This month's theme for 4th Degree Café: *Oktoberfest*. **PFN Dennis Brown** (with help from **Faithful Pilot Carroll Glass**) will host the Café, providing a dinner including spätzle pasta, American salad, German potato salad, cooked Weisswurst & Bierwurst, Krakauer & Schinkerwurst cold cuts, spiral cut ham, Butterkase and Jarlsberg cheese, Brötchen white rolls, Rubschlager rye bread, Warsteiner and Würzburger German beer, Bernkasteler & Reisling wine, and Apple Struedel for desert. A \$5 donation is recommended to help off-set the cost.

Fraternally,
SK Vincent J. Wilson
Acting-Faithful Captain

Faithful Pilot's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

Please commit the following requests to your daily prayers:

- **Faithful Captain SK Matt West**, who has undergone surgery to remove a brain tumor located behind his right optic nerve
- For Alexander Lash (son of **SK Jonathon Lash**) and Christiana Rivers, who are getting married on September 15
- **SK Vance Brahosky** and his wife Jessica, as they move to Los Angeles (Godspeed, Worthy Sir Knight!)
- Success of Novena for our Nation, which runs thru October 7
- **SK Larry Holmes'** mother who turned 90 years old in August
- **SK Robert Hodoway**, uncle of SK Deacon David Maurer, passed away last month
- Ed Hogan, brother of **SK Tim Hogan** & uncle of **SK James Hogan** (and son of PSD Tom Hogan), is in intensive care at Leesburg Hospital with serious health concerns

If you have any prayer requests, please contact me at cdglass@gmail.com, or at (571) 210-2302.

Fraternally,
SK Carroll D. Glass
Faithful Pilot

Color Corps Commander's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

We have been busy this past month... reports on each of the events may be found later in this edition. In the meantime, we have numerous events coming up in the next couple of months... please consider participating in at least one of these:

- Saturday & Sunday, October 8 & 9: Membership Blitz for Msgr. Scannell Council at St. Michael's. We need one or two Sir Knights in full Service Regalia WITH sword after each of the Masses. Contact **FN Todd** at djtoddjr@gmail.com if you are available.
- Sunday, October 9 (muster at 11:30AM): Columbus Day Mass for Msgr. Scannell Council at St. Michael's. As we are trying to increase the 4th Degree presence at St. Michael's, a good showing would be great... we need as many Sir Knights in full Service Regalia WITH swords for the Noon Mass. Contact **CCC Roberto Bacalski** at robertobiz@mac.com if you are available.
- Monday, October 10, 10AM (muster at 9:30AM): Annual Columbus Day Celebration at the statue of Christopher Columbus in front of Union Station. Full Service Regalia WITH swords. Contact **CCC Roberto Bacalski** at robertobiz@mac.com if you are available.
- Monday, October 10, 4:15PM (muster at 3:45PM): Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington National Cemetery. Full Service Regalia **WITHOUT** swords. Contact **CCC Roberto Bacalski** at robertobiz@mac.com if you are available.
- Saturday, October 22, 10AM (muster at 9:30AM): Annandale Parade. Details will be included in the next newsletter. Contact **Associate Commander Steve Zust** at momoftwins1994@yahoo.com for more information or if you are available.

Vivat Jesus!
SK Roberto Bacalski
Color Corps Commander



Faithful Admiral's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

I hope you noticed that the September meeting is an open meeting. How about asking one or two of your buddies in the 3rd Degree to come with you to see what the 4th Degree is all about. You are not asking them to join, just take a look at who we are and what we do.

And if it has been a while since you were at a meeting, why not come to this one and bring a friend? I think you will be pleased to see what a dynamic and diverse group we are.

I remember when I joined the 4th Degree how great it was to meet brothers from other councils and exchange ideas about what the different councils are doing.

The next Exemplification is Saturday, November 5th at the Koger Center in Richmond. This is close enough that you can do it in one day. If it has been a while since you have seen the degree, I recommend you take this opportunity to observe it again, *especially if you sign up a new member... which I hope you will do.*

Although it can be done in a day, to get the full "4th Degree experience", it is best to make a weekend of it. It is a weekend I look forward to each year and I am sure you will enjoy it. For all the details, contact the Navigator or the Comptroller (their contact information is located at the end of this newsletter!).

I hope to see you at the open meeting, and I hope you will bring a brother 3rd Degree member with you.

Fraternally,
SK Dennis M. Makurat, PFN
Faithful Admiral

Faithful Comptroller's Report

Worthy Sir Knights,

The next Exemplification of the 4th Degree will be held on Saturday, November 5th in Richmond. Please continue recruiting your fellow 3rd Degree Brothers to join the patriotic arm of the Order. Also, if you would like to attend the ceremony, banquet, and bring your Lady to the Ladies Program, please contact me to make arrangements. Costs: Candidates \$70; Banquet Tickets \$65; Ladies Program/Luncheon \$35.

Note: Please make checks payable to: **Fr. Malloy Assembly**

All fees for candidates, current Sir Knights, and spouses need to be forwarded to me and the Assembly will coordinate all Candidates tickets, Banquet tickets, and Ladies Program tickets

Please contact me with any questions.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,
SK William W. Weich, PFN
Faithful Comptroller

Wreath Laying at the Grave of Fr. Malloy



On Sunday, August 14, **PFN George H. Billy** and **Color Corps Commander Roberto Bacalski** represented Fr. Malloy Assembly at a Memorial Mass for Fr. Robert E. Nudd (namesake of Council #7369) at St. Timothy's Catholic Church in Chantilly. Following the Mass, **Faithful Navigator David J. Todd, Jr.** joined them at Fairfax Memorial Park for a wreath laying at the graves of Fr. Nudd and Fr. Walter F. Malloy. A total of eight Sir Knights in regalia from Fr. Malloy Assembly and Acts of Apostles Assembly joined Fr. William Schierer for a small prayer service. Afterwards, all present enjoyed some refreshments and fraternalism, sharing stories of Frs. Nudd and Malloy.



SK David J. Todd, Jr., Faithful Navigator (third from right) and **SK Roberto Bacalski, Color Corps Commander** (third from left) stand at attention during the Wreath Laying ceremony at the graves of Fr. Robert E. Nudd and Fr. Walter F. Malloy. Also present but not shown in this picture was **SK George H. Billy, PFN**.

Mass Honoring First Responders & Military

On Sunday, September 11, 17 Sir Knights provided an Honor Guard at the 11AM Mass at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, commemorating the 15th anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy, and honoring those who place their lives on the line to defend, protect, and serve us each day.

Those participating in the Honor Guard included: **FN Dave Todd, Jr., District Secretary Dave Todd, Sr., Associate Marshal Al Grimmig, Commander Roberto Bacalski, Former Master Cy Alba, PFN Paul Cooke, SK Randy Bordelon, SK Ed Cuccias, SK Carroll Glass, SK Karl Leshner, SK Pat McGuire, SK John Morgan, SK Keith**

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Morrison, SK Alfonso Munevar, SK Dan O'Malley, SK Michael Pollak, and SK Vince Wilson. A picture taken by **SK Jack Cotner** may be found on the last page of this edition of the "Navigator's Log".

Three members of the City of Fairfax Police Department (including Chief of Police Colonel Carl Pardiny) presented the gifts. About eight members of the City of Fairfax Fire Department also attended, as well as about four members of our nation's Armed Forces, in uniform!

Following Mass, a reception was held in Providence Hall. Many thanks to **SK John Eldred, SK James Hogan, SK Joe Gesker**, Brother Gib Flodine, Brother Joe Monin, and Brother David Weigand (all from Fr. Diamond Council) for their assistance. All those who attended were truly pleased and expressed their appreciation!

September's Meeting

Our September meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 21. We will begin with a Rosary at 7:30 PM, which will be followed immediately by 4th Degree Café ("Oktoberfest", presented by **PFN Dennis Brown**, assisted by **Faithful Pilot Carroll Glass**). The meeting itself will begin about 8:20 PM, and will hopefully be completed by 9PM.



This meeting will be an OPEN MEETING. Any and all potential Candidates for the 4th Degree are invited, encouraged, and will be welcome to attend. The meeting will be conducted as normal, with any details regarding the ceremonial of the 4th Degree Exemplification prohibited. Please extend the invitation to the members of your Councils to come see what the 4th Degree is all about.

Officers are requested to wear coat & tie, with jewel of office and name badge; all other Sir Knights are welcome to wear coat & tie (with name badge, please) or business casual (Knights of Columbus polo or golf shirt... with your name, please).

Honor Flight Welcome



Please consider joining us at the Fairfax Marriott at Fair Oaks on Friday, October 7th, at 7PM, as World War II and Korean veterans traveling with the North East Tennessee Honor Flight

arrive for their Tour of Honor in our Nation's Capital to see their respective Memorials.

Because they travel into our area by bus from North East Tennessee, these brave men and women who answered the call to serve do not get the opportunity to experience the Hero's Welcome Reception other veteran groups enjoy when they arrive at Reagan or Dulles airports.

We can never repay them for the sacrifices they made for our country so many years ago, but we can come out and show them our appreciation.

If you can participate, please notify SK Vince Wilson at vjwilson@avaya.com. Hope to see you and your family on the 7th.

Columbus Day Celebration at Union Station



On Monday, October 10, Fr. Malloy Assembly will be participating in the Columbus Day Celebration at the statue of Christopher Columbus in front of Union Station. We will muster behind the statue of Columbus at 9:30AM in full Service Regalia WITH swords. As it is a holiday, the Congressional parking lot will be open to the public. Please advise Color Corps Commander Roberto Bacalski at robertobiz@mac.com if you can participate.

Wreath Laying at Tomb of the Unknowns



On Monday, October 10, our nation will celebrate Columbus Day. That same day, we will once again lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns. Our Wreath Laying will take place after the 4 PM "Changing of the Guard" (about 4:15). Only four Sir Knights are permitted to enter the plaza: Faithful Navigator Dave Todd, Jr. and State Deputy Mike Gasper will lay the wreath, and they will be accompanied by Vice Supreme Master Wayne Freet and District Master Tom Trudeau. All other Sir Knights will line the steps leading to the plaza. In light of the dignitaries that will be participating, we would like to have a good showing of Sir Knights present. Please gather to the side of Tomb, near the sentinels' barracks, no later than 3:45 PM in full Service Regalia, with NO swords. And please remember the solemn atmosphere that must be maintained.

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Prior to 11AM Mass honoring First Responders and Military, September 11, 2016, St. Leo the Great Catholic Church.

Pictured: SK John P. Morgan; SK Paul F. Cooke, PGK, PFN, FDD; SK & Acting Faithful Captain Vincent J. Wilson, PGK; SK & Chancellor Daniel J. O'Malley; SK & Faithful Pilot Carroll D. Glass, PGK; SK Isaias "Cy" Alba, PGK, PFN, FDD, PSD, FM; SK & Grand Knight R. Keith Morrison; Captain Daniel Grimm, Patrol Division Commander, City of Fairfax Police Department; SK & District Secretary David J. Todd, Sr., PGK, PFN, FDD; Colonel Carl R. Pardiny, Chief of Police, City of Fairfax Police Department; Sergeant Michael Bartholme, Criminal Investigations Division Sergeant, City of Fairfax Police Department; SK & Faithful Navigator David J. Todd, Jr., PGK, PFN; SK & Grand Knight & CC Commander Roberto Bacalski; Associate District Marshal Alvin Grimmig, PGK, PFN, FDD; SK & Faithful Outer Sentinel S. Michael Pollak, PGK; SK & Outside Guard Alfonso Munevar; SK & Lecturer Edward P. Cuccias; SK Karl R. Leshner; SK & Faithful Scribe F. Randy Bordelon; SK & District Warden Patrick A. McGuire, PGK.

Thank you SK John J. "Jack" Cotner, PGK for taking this (and other) pictures! Also, thank you SK & Warden John F. Eldred; SK & Deputy Grand Knight Joseph M. Gesker; SK & Recorder James T. Hogan; Outside Guard Gib Flodine; Brother Joe Monin; and Brother David Weigand for all they did in setting up and serving at the reception after Mass.