

Navigator's Log

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Member Contact Information

Sir Knights who have moved or have changes to their email or phone number should contact Faithful Comptroller **SK William W. Weich**, **PFN**, to update your information with the Assembly and with Supreme. This will ensure we can keep in contact with you. PFN Weich can be reached at wweich@yahoo.com, or at (703) 307-9163.

Navigator's Report SK David J. Todd, Jr., PGK, PFN

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

HAPPY EASTER!!!

As we begin April, we also begin the last quarter of the Fraternal Year. Our Nominating Committee, chaired by **SK Matthew T. West, PFN**, and including **SK Isaias "Cy" Alba, III, PSD, FM, PFN**, and **SK William W. Weich, PFN**, is hard at work preparing a slate of officers to be read-in at our meeting this month. This slate, if elected next month, will lead the Assembly during the 2021-2022 Fraternal Year. To those who have already voiced interest in serving as an Officer next year, thank you! To those who have not, please consider stepping up. If you have any questions, please reach out to one of the members of the Committee.

With regards to April's meeting, we have decided to conduct it 100% virtually, as we have for several months. We are hoping to conduct the May meeting in a hybrid format, but are not committed to that yet. Likewise, no decision has been made with regards to June's Pass-in-Review. I ask everyone to be on the lookout for decisions regarding these events, and please be patient. We long to meet in person again, but want to do so safely!

Finally, I have to discuss Regalia, and specifically the use of the old Regalia (cape & chapeau). Sir Knights have brought to my attention they have seen pictures on Facebook of Sir Knights wearing the old Regalia still, and the question has been asked if there are exceptions being made. The answer to that question is most emphatically NO! After introducing the new Regalia at the Supreme Convention in 2017, a *temporary* allowance was made for Sir Knights to wear the old Regalia as we transitioned to the new Regalia. However, Supreme was extremely clear when they announced that after June 30, 2019,

SIR KNIGHTS ARE NO LONGER PERMITTED TO WEAR THE OLD REGALIA!!!

There is absolutely NO exception to this! A Sir Knight who violates this directive is in danger of having their membership in the Order terminated, as is their Faithful Navigator, and even their District Master. Any pictures posted on Facebook are either older pictures, OR are direct violation of Supreme Directives. In either case, we at Fr. Malloy Assembly are pledged to obey our Superior Officers, and will therefore comply with the Supreme Directive.

Friar's Report

Rev. SK Philip S. Majka Faithful Friar

The high holy days of Christianity are here! Passion Sunday sets our sights to what is going to happen. In the years past, the first day of Holy Week was called Palm Sunday; but today it is called Passion Sunday. The word "passion" is the traditional designation of the last events of Jesus' life. We must set out minds on the person of Christ, and also on the complete story of His Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

Holy Thursday centers our thoughts on two great Sacraments: the Priesthood and the Eucharist. That morning, the Priests of our Diocese, along with the Bishop, Concelebrate the Chrism Mass at the Mother Church, the Cathedral of St. Thomas More. The Bishop will bless the holy oils which will be used in our churches throughout the year. Also, the Priests will renew their commitment as coworkers with Christ in His vineyard.

Good Friday is the day that we recall the love of Christ. He died for us! Then Saturday evening, we celebrate!... the longest and most beautiful ceremony of the Roman Rite: the Easter Vigil. The large Paschal Candles is blessed, this symbol of Christ being the light of the world, and that we too are to continue to keep out lights burning brightly. The Baptismal Water is also blessed. Our new converts are baptized and join with us to keep the light of Christ burning.

Easter Sunday is the day that Christ proved His divinity. He rose from the dead, as He said! This is the day we show God we believe in Him by the renewal of our Baptismal Promises.

As we enter this very important week on the road to spiritual maturity, let us spend some extra time to understand the meaning of these events.

A Blessed Easter Day to you all!



Captain's Report

SK Patrick A. McGuire, PGK Faithful Captain

As another month of COVID-19 has past, we are reminded how a pandemic can affect all of us. The numbers allowed in a meeting limit us, and the COVID-19 pandemic has constrained us from having any effective fund raisers. We are even limited on how many can attend weddings and funerals. Please pray



we get over this problem soon. Get your COVID shots as soon as possible.

In the meantime, our next meeting will again be virtual on April 21st, at 7:30 PM. Hopefully, we will be able to participate in the City of Fairfax Independence Day parade this year!

Pray for all of us!

Pilot's Report

SK Joseph M. Gesker, PGK Faithful Pilot

Please pray for the following:

- Repose of the soul of SK Michael J. Simpson
- Health of **SK John J. "Jack" Cotner**
- Health of SK Lawrence R. Novack
- Health of SK Richard G. Head, PSD, FVSM, FM, Board Member of VKCCI
- Health of SK Michael J. Lazzuri, PSD, Chairman of the Blessed Michael McGivney Found, Board Member of VKCCI, and father-in-law of State Deputy SK Brian M. Ripple
- Health of Mrs. Kristin Stumpf, wife of SK Andrew W.
 Stumpf
- Health of Brother Bill Stumpf, father of SK Andrew W.
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- All those who need our prayers, including those who do not wish to publicly ask for them.

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 attended no events last month.

For April, the only event currently known is the Exemplification to be held on Saturday, April 17th. We will need several escorts for the candidates and for the knighting ceremony. Honor Guard should arrive NLT 11:00 AM at the St. Leo the Great School Gym (3704 Old Lee Hwy, Fairfax, 22030) dressed in Official Regalia Dress, Service.

Please let me know (copy to the Faithful Navigator) if you will serve as an escort. You may contact me at geobilly@aol.com or (703) 887-8149.

Admiral's Report

SK F. Randy Bordelon, PGK, PFN Faithful Admiral

April - let the planting begin.

Even as we meet the joy of Easter, worldly concerns weigh us down. As we are the Patriotic Degree, it is especially incumbent on us to participate in civic activity to include assessment of proposed legislation. This is even more necessary when the obvious intent and effect of new statutes threaten not only the Church (us) but the very fabric of Christian Life.

Much is written by Catholic commentators on the Equality Act (HR5) passed recently by the House of Representatives. Let me commend at least one article for you to realize the danger we face both institutionally and personally -

 $\frac{https://www.firstthings.com/web-exclusives/2021/03/woke-rights-the-equality-act-and-speaker-pelosi$

Semper Recruiting. As of the publication of this edition, we are beyond the closure date for more applicants for the April 17 Exemplification. But we know that successful sports teams still train in the off season. So stay on it. Be meeting with new (or even old) members and sound them out about the 4th Degree. When Fall comes, we will have a bumper crop for the next membership event.

Comptroller's Report

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

As of the March 17 Assembly meeting, our membership stands at 339 Sir Knights, which includes 4 Honorary and 64 Honorary Life Members.

Assembly Dues

Assembly dues are \$30 annually and are separate from Council dues. The majority of the Assembly's operating fund comes

from the payment of dues and helps pay for our charitable donations, activities, and social events. The majority of volunteer organizations assess dues to their members, and in many cases, these organizations' dues are hundreds of dollars. Many of these same organizations also require a minimum number of service hours. Our Assembly does not have this requirement, we only ask you to participate when you can.

I extend my thanks to those Sir Knights who have made donations to the Assembly, whether by sponsoring the Assembly newsletter or by making nominal donations. Your donations are sincerely appreciated.

The number of Sir Knights who have not yet paid their dues are decreasing and I thank all who are current (paid) their dues. For those members who still have not submitted their dues, please do so at your earliest convenience. If you are unable to do so at this time, please contact me to discuss at wweich@yahoo.com or call me at 703-307-9163. I am willing to help in working out alternative solutions, but you need to reach out to me.

Member Contact Info

Change in mailing address, phone number, email address? Please send updated information to me at wweich@yahoo.com or call me at 703-307-9163. This will ensure our assembly records and Supreme records remain current.

Vivat Jesus!

Fifty Swords Initiative

We emerge from chilly weather and see more opportunities for Sir Knights in the new Official Regalia Dress (ORD). Parishes will have Confirmations and processions for ORD with sword, as well as parades and funerals.

Parishes and other civic events are opportunities for ORD without the sword, such as lector Assembly announcements and parish banquets.

ORD regalia package (Blue Blazer with 4th Degree Crest, Official 4th Degree gray trousers, Official 4th Degree Necktie, Official 4th Degree Black Beret with 4th Degree Badge) can be ordered at www.kofcuniform.com. Replacement parts such as Parish Color Corps Commander purple Beret Patches can also be ordered at this site. Swords can be ordered at www.kofcsupplies.com.

Remember our Assembly cash incentives: \$100 from Comptroller SK Bill Weich for ORD purchase; FREE black swords from SK George Billy while supply lasts; \$150 sword reimbursement when purchased.

Also, some individual Councils are now offering \$100 incentives to purchase ORD uniforms.

St. Philip's Council #17056

SK Mark E. Mitchell Grand Knight

With the celebration of the Feast of St. Joseph on 19 March, Council 17056 and St. Philip's culminated the first iteration of our consecration to St. Joseph. We are planning a second iteration beginning on 30 March. This second 33-day consecration will culminate on the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker on 1 May.

Council 17056 was also pleased to host Mrs. Angela Clark, the founder of A Best Choice Mobile Ultrasound. This important ministry provides free ultrasounds to women who are considering an abortion. They are in dire need of an upgrade to their platform and Council 17056 is exploring ways that we can support the ministry.

Finally, we were happy to support our brothers from Council 6292 and District 16 Deputy SK Joe Gesker in praying the Holy Rosary to End Abortion on 13 March 2021.

4th Degree Exemplification

As has been announced, the Virginia District of the 4th Degree will be conducting an Exemplification on Saturday, April 17th, at 12:00 Noon. Due to the ongoing pandemic, this will be done virtually. As there is a limit of 250 sign-in slots (this includes the Exemplification Team and other dignitaries!) to the on-line ceremony, Fr. Malloy Assembly will once again host an inperson viewing in the gym at St. Leo the Great Catholic School (3704 Old Lee Hwy, Fairfax, VA 22030).

Plans are to set up the Chamber (the gym) the morning of the Exemplification (since we do not have many Candidates, it should be fairly quick... less than an hour). We will have coffee & donuts available for all those attending, beginning at 11:00 AM. ALL persons attending our viewing must arrive no later

than 11:30 AM. Following the ceremony, **SK Isaias "Cy Alba, III, PSD, FM, PFN**, will Knight our new Sir Knights, after which we will serve lunch to those attending.

To facilitate all this, we need several Sir Knights to volunteer to assist:

- Set-Up (9:00 AM on 4/17): need four (4) Sir Knights
- Pick-Up Donuts: need one (1) Sir Knight
- Escorts (arrive NLT 11:00 AM on 4/17): need six (6) Color Corps members
- Observers: any Sir Knight who wishes to attend!
- Pick-Up Lunch: need one (1) Sir Knight
- Clean-Up (around 3:00 PM): need four (4) Sir Knights

Please advise the Faithful Navigator ASAP if you can assist, or if you plan to attend.

For Escorts, proper attire is Official Regalia Dress (ORD), Service, including white gloves, Service Baldric, and sword.

For Observers, proper attire is ORD, Social (NO gloves, Baldric, or sword), OR Social Dress Uniform (SDU): dark suit (black, blue, or dark gray, jacket & trousers should match), white dress shirt (no button-down collar or French cuffs), conservative or traditional style necktie (no bow tie or bolo), dark dress shoes and socks, and Social Baldric.

Whether wearing the ORD or the SDU, the PG-113 (4th Degree Lapel Pin) is to be worn; NO OTHER LAPEL PINS may be worn. Those who have earned and are entitled to "Past" and/or "Former" titles should wear the corresponding miniature ribbons. All current Officers (whether 3rd Degree or 4th Degree) should wear their Jewel of Office. Those in SDU may wear a name badge (those in ORD should not!).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Faithful Navigator **SK David J. Todd, Jr., PFN**, at your convenience.



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Single Sponsor:

"SK John T. Doe"

Platinum Level	\$25 per year
Gold Level	\$15 per year
Silver Level	\$10 per year
Bronze Level	\$5 per year

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"SK & Mrs. John T. Doe (Jane)"

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Silver Level	\$20 per year
Bronze Level	\$10 per year

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"SK John T. Doe & Family"

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Platinum Level	\$75 per year
Gold Level	\$45 per year
Silver Level	\$30 per year
Bronze Level	\$15 per year

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"St. John T. Doe Council #12345"

Platinum Level	\$100 per year
Gold Level	\$60 per year
Silver Level	\$40 per year
Bronze Level	\$20 per year

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Please join us via Zoom for our monthly Assembly meeting on Wednesday, April 21^t, beginning at 7:30 PM.

As we will not be meeting in person, please pray the Rosary on your own... or with your family!