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NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING

THE NEXT MEETING OF FATHER MALLOY ASSEMBLY WILL BE ON DECEMBER 19TH AT PROVIDENCE HALL

THIS WILL BE A REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AND WILL BEGIN WITH A RECITATION OF THE ROSARY AT 7:30 FOLLOWED WITH THE KNIGHTS CAFÉ MEAL AND SHORT BUSINESS MEETING. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND

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NAVIGATOR'S REPORT

Thanksgiving! Although the formal celebration is just behind us, I have much for which to be thankful. The Father Walter F Malloy Assembly is an extraordinary group of men and families. It is an honor to be associated with a group that is dedicated to public Catholic patriotism.

We had an incredible month of November, a month in which we remember those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, our fallen heroes who gave the last full measure of patriotic devotion to country, and our veterans, both in military and public service, who likewise "stepped up" to the challenges of service to the nation. Also this past month, our Assembly got involved in a new and exciting opportunity to display publicly our dedication to Catholic patriotism and devotion to our Church.

Reported on in the Color Corps Commander's column, it is worth emphasizing the activities of the Assembly this past month. A memorial Mass at St Mary of Sorrows was well supported by a Malloy 7-man Honor Guard, led by our Color Corps Commander. Our participation was particularly important because one of our newest Sir Knights (Class of 2007), Father Ephrem Houndje was the main celebrant, and the Mass remembered, amongst others, Father Ephrem's younger brother who had passed away only weeks before.

The Assembly was invited by one of our newest Sir Knights (Class of 2007), SK Bob Sussan, Commander of the Fairfax American Legion Post, to participate in

the Legions' annual Veterans' day celebration and formal flag disposal ceremony. Although the Assembly turnout was light (Sir Knights Carl Kazmarek, PFN, Al Obuchowski, Paul Gauthier, and me), we were highly visible in a place of honor leading the ceremonial guard and then "guarding" the approaches to the flag disposal drums. The ceremony was impressive, and should become an annual event for the Color Corps.

On November 17, Fr Malloy Assembly was well represented by nine members in regalia for the dedication of the Knights of Columbus Dome of the Incarnation in the Basilica of the National Shrine to the Immaculate Conception. Archbishop Wuerl (main celebrant), five Bishops and more priests than I could count concelebrated the Mass! There were 137 Sir Knights in regalia! The Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, the State Deputies, and District Masters attended. It was quite the sight to see, with so many colorful chapeaus and capes. The dedication ceremony was impressive and the homily inspiring.

Speaking of the Dome of the Incarnation, it is worth a trip into Washington to see the beautiful artwork donated to the National Shrine by the Order. Watch for your annual dues assessment this year. We are asking each Sir Knight to contribute at least \$3.00 toward the construction of the Dome's artwork. Of course, if you are feeling more generous, a larger donation is most welcome. If every Sir Knight in the Order contributes just three dollars, the Fourth Degree will meet its obligation to Supreme toward retiring the pledge for the Dome.

Finally, in the Month of November, we celebrated our annual welcome for new Sir Knights from the Class of 2007, and our annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Even

though we moved the date forward a week because of the early Thanksgiving Day this year, making it difficult for some to attend because of schedule conflicts, we did have a good turnout. Sir Knights Jack Cerny, Greg Skorupski and Tom Connelly outdid themselves again this year in preparing our meal. (SK Tom Connelly, PFN, was unfortunately unable to participate because of a scheduled business commitment, but had gone by Providence Hall at 4:30 AM to start the cooking! That's dedication! Thanks, Tom.)

Advent is upon us. Remember to "Keep Christ in Christmas." I was encouraged to read recently that surveys show the majority of Americans want to hear "Merry Christmas" while shopping. Don't be shy, greet your coworkers, fellow shoppers and shopkeepers with the "reason for the season." Our next meeting is December 19, starting with the Rosary. In the bustle of the season, take some time for yourself to reinforce your relationship to Our Lord. December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Make the effort to get to Mass, recalling our Order's devotion to Mary, and renewing your relationship with our heavenly Mother.

I do have one last request for the membership: I am stilling trying to find someone to volunteer to coordinate the Assembly's participation in the Virginia District's VA support program. Please prayerfully consider taking on this opportunity. Contact me for details.

Vivat Jesu!

Mary, Queen of the Knights, Pray for us!
Merry Christmas,
Dick Lee
FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR

Sir Knights December Birthday's



- 12/01 Steven Fahar
- 12/05 Rev. Luis Valdivieso
- 12/06 Noel Montoya
- 12/09 James Caruso
- 12/09 Dennis O'Reilly
- 12/11 Donald Champagny
- 12/12 James Kelly
- 12/12 James Seidl
- 12/12 William Weich
- 12/13 Herb Zimmerman
- 12/13 Kevin McGrail
- 12/14 Richard Ryan
- 12/14 Donald R. Wilkinson
- 12/17 Geoffrey D'Alelio
- 12/18 Al Obuchowski
- 12/18 Brian Vaccaro
- 12/20 Paul Simmons
- 12/22 Gerald Weigand
- 12/22 Dwight Doane
- 12/23 James Meenan
- 12/24 Hector Contreras
- 12/25 Joseph Lipari
- 12/27 Richard Kelly
- 12/27 Rev. David Murungi
- 12/27 John LaRosa
- 12/28 Stephen Mahoney
- 12/28 Richard Owen, PFN
- 12/28 Charles Lucket

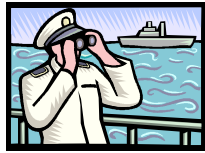


In Memoriam

"Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O' Lord, May Their Souls Rest in Peace"

- 12/16/1989
Rev. Vincent S. Sikora
- 12/28/1985
Charles D. T. Lenhoff
- 12/31/2003
Eugene T. Sheehan

The Captain's Corner



Brother Sir Knights,

Welcome to December and the beginning of the Christmas and Advent season! A hearty welcome also to the new Sir Knights who were unable to attend the Welcome Dinner at our November meeting. I hope you will be able to attend one of our upcoming meetings so we can meet you in person. Attending Assembly meetings are a good way to keep up on the various activities that we are involved in, so we look forward to seeing you soon.

Our Assembly was one of many within the Calvert Province to participate in the dedication of the Incarnation Dome at the basilica at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, held on November 17. Over 100 Sir Knights were in attendance to participate in the Mass and dedication. Also in attendance were our Supreme Officers, Board of Directors, State Deputies, Vice Supreme Masters, and many others. It was a great showing of all Sir Knights in demonstrating our faith. This is one of many events in which we will participate this year.

I highly encourage all new Sir Knights, and our current members, to become part of the Color Corps and demonstrate your faith and patriotism with us. Fr. Malloy Assembly has in place an incentive program to join the Color Corps. Those who purchase the entire set of regalia either through the Assembly or on their own will be reimbursed for the cost of the sword – a \$100 value. The complete regalia set (sword, cape, chapeaux, gloves, service baldric, and carrying case) costs approximately

\$300. So you will save almost one third the cost. Our Faithful Comptroller, Larry Novak, will be happy to answer any questions you have regarding ordering regalia or the incentive program. I am still looking for volunteers to provide a meal for the Sir Knights Café for December, April, and May. The meal should be enough for approximately 18-20 Brother Sir Knights. Any new member care to show of their culinary skills? Please contact me at wweich@yahoo.com or 301-527-1207 to discuss specifics.

In closing, I extend my best wishes to all my Brother Sir Knights and your families for a wonderful Christmas season and a very Happy New Year! I also ask each Sir Knight to do his part to Keep Christ in Christmas. Please continue to pray for our service men and women overseas defending our country and our freedom. Pray that they too will have a very blessed Christmas and that they will soon be coming home to their loved ones.

Vivat Jesus!

SK William Weich Faithful Captain

The Pilot's Portal



The Pilot's Portal

Welcome to the newly exemplified Sir Knights and their ladies to the Father Walter Malloy Assembly! We are excited that you have taken the step to advance yourself to the highest level within our Order. I was happy to meet several of our new members at the November dinner and look forward to meeting the remaining members of the class of 2007 at a future meeting or event.

I hope everyone had a Happy

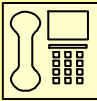
Thanksgiving and was able to spend some time with family and friends. Soon Advent will begin, and the many preparations for Christmas will keep us busy. Many members will be helping in their councils selling Keep Christ in Christmas cards, Christmas trees, etc. Use this time to talk up the Fourth Degree with your brother Knights that have yet to advance to the Fourth Degree. Having a membership application with you would really help in sealing the deal.

During December we typically do not have many scheduled Assembly or Color Corps events, but always a few seem to pop up at the last minute. Please try to be responsive, as it is sometimes difficult to get the requisite number for the Color Corps during the holidays. If you don't have your own set of regalia perhaps you could put it on your Christmas list!

Please keep the Faithful Navigator and I informed of Sir Knights and their families in need of prayers or assistance. At each meeting we pray for these members and their families that the good Lord may grant them healing and peace. Also keep in your prayers the men and women of our Armed Forces serving in harm's way; as well as those protecting our homeland security at home.

My wife, Thelma, and I extend our sincere wish that you and yours have a **Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!**

**Fraternally yours,
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Faithful Pilot**



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Commanders Corner



Welcome to the Com- mander's Corner.

At the invitation of American Legion Post 177's Commander Bob Sussan (who is also one of our newest members), the Assembly participated in a Veterans Day luncheon and flag retirement ceremony on November 11th. This is a new event for our Assembly, and I'd like to thank Bob for the invitation. Hopefully, this will be an event we can continue to support in the future.

Lead by our Faithful Navigator Lee and Faithful Captain Weich our assembly participated in the dedication of the Dome of the Incarnation at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on November 17th. There were over 120 Sir Knights in regalia and the dedication Mass was televised on EWTN. I'd like to thank all our Color Corps members that were able to attend.

Where We've Been:

November 11th – Retirement of Flags at American Legion Post #177, Fairfax.

November 17th – Dedication Mass of the Dome of the Incarnation at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC.

Upcoming Events:

November 29th – Confirmation Mass at St. Leo the Great at 7:30 p.m. Meet at the rear of the church NLT 7 p.m. Bishop Loverde will celebrate the Mass, and I'd like to see a nice turnout for this event.

If you become aware of an event, please notify the Faithful Navigator Dick Lee and

myself as soon as possible to see if we can participate as an Assembly. Events outside of church require approval of the District Master so early notification is needed. Again, if you need to borrow regalia then please contact me. If you want to be informed of the Color Corps events between newsletters, please sign up to the list server on the Assembly's web site. This is the primary means of communication to the Color Corps.

Color Corps Tip of the Month:

Hand and Sword Salutes (from the Color Corps Drill Manual). I recommend practicing the hand and sword salutes in front of a mirror. "The military hand salute may be used to render respect to the flag by Fourth Degree members who are in regalia and with or without swords. Note 1: Those members in civilian attire should salute by placing the right hand over the heart."

Note 2: By recent act of Congress, veterans in civilian attire may render the military hand salute.

"The hand salute is a one-count movement. The command is "Hand." On the command of execution, "SALUTE," raise the right hand to the head until the tip of the forefinger touches the peak of the chapeau. The fingers and thumb are extended and joined, palm down. The outer edge of the hand is barely tilted downward so that neither the palm nor the back of the hand is visible from the front. The upper arm is horizontal with the elbow inclined slightly forward and the hand and wrist straight. Order arms from this salute is a one-count movement. The command is "READY." On the command of execution, "TWO," return your hand smartly to your side, resuming the position of Attention."

"The sword salute is used in executing "Present ARMS" when the unit is presented to the colors, to any person, or when the National Anthem or "To The Colors" is played. The preparatory command is "Present." At the command of execution, "SWORD," raise and move the sword to the front, base of the hilt as high as and three inches in front of the chin, guard flange to the front, point six inches farther to the front than the hilt, thumb extended on the left of the grip, all fingers grasping the grip, right elbow resting against the breast. Being at the Present Sword position the preparatory command, of "Order" is an alert signal; and at the command of execution, "SWORD," bring the sword to the Carry Sword position." "The ceremonial hand salute (representing the tree of the cross and the arm of the cross) is used at appropriate times – as taught in the First Degree." "Tipping of the chapeau is appropriate, when in full regalia, (if not moving or drilling with the sword drawn) upon meeting members of the clergy or women. This salute is accomplished by grasping the visor of the chapeau with the right hand and lifting the chapeau from the head and replacing the chapeau immediately."

George Billy.
**Color Corps Com-
mander**

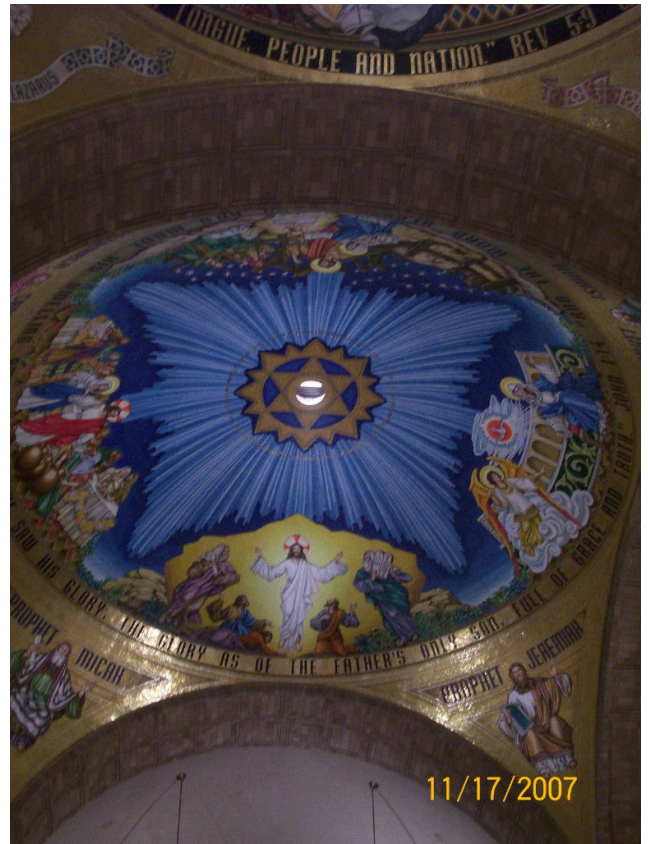
**PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE REPOSE OF
THE SOUL OF
JAMES J. TODD
WHO PASSED
AWAY ON SATUR-
DAY, NOV. 24. HE IS
THE YOUNGER
BROTHER OF PFN
DAVID TODD, SR.**



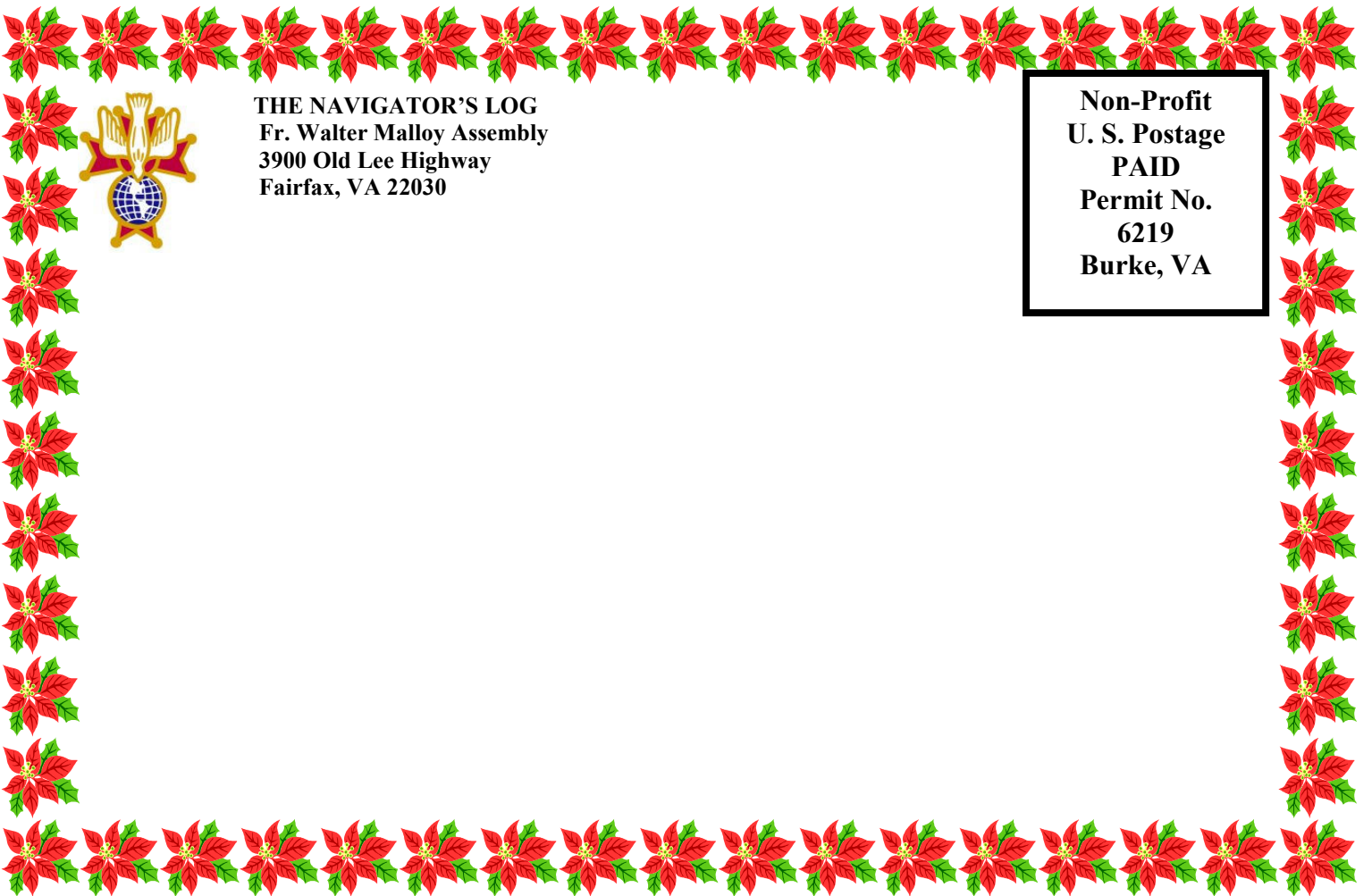
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