



THE NAVIGATOR'S LOG

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

Faithful Navigator's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

As we wind down the first half of the fraternal year, I want to thank everyone who has led, helped out with, or participated in the various events that the Assembly has undertaken. It has been a busy time for our Assembly, and I truly appreciate each of the Sir Knights who have supported our work. There are still a number of events coming up, as discussed in this newsletter, where we will need your support.

But with all of these activities added to our own personal lives and Christmas preparations, I think it is important that we not forget the real reason for the Season. This realization hit me the other night as I was working around the house while watching *A Charlie Brown Christmas* with my kids. In the cartoon, amidst the bedlam of preparing for the Christmas pageant, one character, Linus, stopped, stood up, and quieted the hustle to explain what Christmas was really about. He simply said:

“And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were afraid. And the angel said unto them, ‘Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.’” (Luke 2:8-14)

For all of the parties, presents, and pageantry that we put into our lives during the run up to Christmas, I think this simple verse, recited by a children’s cartoon character in 1965, really focusses on what is important to remember this Advent as we make ourselves ready for Christmas and the celebration of the birth of our Lord. If we miss this message, we’re really missing the reason for the party. Thanks for the reminder Linus.

Join me, my fellow Sir Knights, in keeping Linus’s simple recitation in your heart as we prepare to enjoy the parties and rejoice in festivities that are planned in the Advent and Christmas season. On behalf of my family and me, I would like to wish each of you and your families, a merry and peaceful Christmas.

VIVAT JESUS!!!

Fraternally,
SK Matthew T. West
Faithful Navigator

Faithful Friar's Report



My Brother Sir Knights,

We Knights of Columbus should be proud of promoting the message “Keep Christ in Christmas.” We ourselves are also challenges that our message will take on power only when we live it. There are many ways in which Christ can take a larger role in our Christmas celebration—but let me propose two:

First, keep Mass in Christmas. Not just December 25th, but every day we can. Whether it is one week or two, many will have time off work, or at least a break in their routine. It will be a powerful message to everyone in your life if you make Christ a priority every day by making Mass a priority. Even if you are travelling, look up the local parish on www.masstimes.org. If nothing else, go in front of our Eucharistic Lord for your morning prayers. Closely tied to going to Mass more frequently is making room for the King of Kings by making a good confession. Many parishes offer a penance service and additional confession times during Advent. Make it a family event. Invite a buddy to go with you. Christ becomes a bigger part of our Christmas when we encounter Him the way He desires—through the Sacraments He instituted.

The second way we can Keep Christ in Christmas is to keep Christmas connected to non-material things. St. Paul reminds us that the Second Person of the Holy Trinity became a poor human being so that all of humanity might become rich in God. Jesus Christ is indeed the reason for the season and it is insulting at best, and blasphemous at worse, to obsess about buying and receiving gadgets on the day where Jesus chose to be born in a cave and sleep in a feeding trough. This can become blasphemous if someone gives lip-service to Jesus on Christmas while having an idolatrous and greedy heart. Of course, we don’t want to be scrooge or a curmudgeon in response to the commercialization of Christmas. We are each challenged to show our family and friends how much we love them and that they are gifts to us. Hopefully we know from experience that the most meaningful gifts are those where people have put thought and effort into them.

May we lead by example and thus lead others to the real and true reason for the season.

Fraternally,
SK Rev. David A. Dufresne
Faithful Friar

Fr. Malloy Assembly Named Star Assembly

For the second year in a row, Fr. Water F. Malloy Assembly, #1894, in Fairfax, has earned the Star Assembly Award. This year, there were only 101 Assemblies in the Order—four from Virginia—that earned this prestigious award. The Star Assembly Award, introduced last year, recognizes those Assemblies that meet their recruitment goal of 7% net increase, submit all of their reports in a timely manner, and publish a monthly newsletter. Many thanks to all those who helped the Assembly meet these requirements, especially those who recruited new Sir Knights into our Assembly! SK Thomas A. Trudeau, Master of the 4th Degree for the Virginia District, has sent his congratulations to the Assembly, and as promised to present the award at his next opportunity.

Faithful Captain's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

Our December meeting will take place on December 20, at our usual location, Providence Hall, St. Leo the Great, and at its usual start time, 7:30 PM. We will begin with the Rosary, and will then have our Sir Knights' Café, the theme of which is Christmas Around the World.

“Mary wraps up a small bundle of clothes for the use of her little Son, and then, going to the crib, she says with tears in her eyes to her sleeping Child, ‘O my Son, and my God! Thou hast come from heaven to save men; but hardly art Thou born when they seek to take Thy life.’” (2010 Catholic Calendar)

Faithful Admiral, **SK David J. Todd, Jr., PFN**, will provide this month's Sir Knights' Café, with the help of **SK & Mrs. George H. Billy, PFN**, and anyone else who wishes to contribute (please notify PFN Todd at djtoddjr@gmail.com if you would like to provide a Christmas dish traditional to a particular nationality). The menu includes:

- Lumpia (Philippines)
- Pierogi & Sausage (Poland)
- Tamales (Mexico)
- Struffoli (Italy)



Please contact me at cdglass@gmail.com for providing next month's menu!

Following the dinner, we will be having our monthly Assembly business meeting. If you have not been able to make a meeting regularly, I hope that you will find a way to join us at the December meeting to share prayer and fellowship with us... and join us for some important business.

I look forward to seeing all of you on December 20!

Fraternally,
SK Carroll D. Glass
Faithful Captain

Faithful Pilot's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

Please pray for the following:

- For the repose of the soul of **SK William J. Brill**
- For the repose of the soul of SK Deacon Salvatore Clarizio, brother-in-law of **SK Patrick A. McGuire**

“In Hoc Signo Vinces”

In our troubled times, we often lose sight of the momentous changes that mark human history. These occurrences are notable for their effect on the societies and cultures of that time. An ancient example is the victory of Constantine at the Milvian Bridge in 312. He was the son of an emperor, a pagan, and a renegade general contesting for the imperial crown. His tired army of 30,000 completely defeated a force three times their number and caused the death of the reigning emperor.

What sets this victory apart from other military events is that it brought about the startling reversal of Roman policy toward the Christian Faith—from vicious persecution to total acceptance. The story of Constantine's vision—the sign of the Chi Rho in the evening clouds and the heavenly voice intoning “In This Sign you will conquer” receives scant credence from today's secular scholars. But the fact stands that the outcome of the battle and the Edict of Milan that followed were an astounding change in the flow of human events.

As people of faith today, this event long in the past instructs and inspires us that the hand of God can and does work in our chaotic world. His coming follows faith and prayer.



If you have any prayer requests, please contact me directly at fbordelon@verizon.net.

Fraternally,
SK F. “Randy” Bordelon
Faithful Pilot

Color Corps Commander's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

Where we have been:

- Confirmation at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church: On November 28, 11 Sir Knights participated in the Honor Guard, including District Secretary **SK David J. Todd, Sr., PFN**, Faithful Admiral **SK David J. Todd, Jr., PFN**, Color Corps Commander **SK Alfonso Munevar, SK Roberto M. Bacalski, SK F. "Randy" Bordelon, SK James E. Connell, DD, SK Gilbert J. Flodine, SK Karl R. Leshner, SK James D. Milosavich, SK Jose R. Olivero, and SK George S. Vogen**. Many thanks to each of them.
- Dedication of the Dome at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception: On December 8, District Secretary **SK David J. Todd, Sr., PFN**, and Color Corps Commander **SK Alfonso Munevar** represented Fr. Malloy Assembly at this Provincial event, which was attended by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. In all, 59 Sir Knights donned the Service Regalia or New Uniform... impressive for midday on a weekday!



- Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church: On December 9, District Secretary **SK David J. Todd, Sr., PFN**, Faithful Navigator **SK Matthew T. West**, Faithful Admiral **SK David J. Todd, Jr., PFN**, **SK George H. Billy, PFN**, and Color Corps Commander **SK Alfonso Munevar** braved the snow to provide an Honor Guard for the 25th annual Mass honoring the Patroness of the Americas. The Mass included a performance reminding those present of the story of Our Lady's appearance to St. Juan Diego, and was followed by a fiesta in the school gym.



Where we are going:

- Simbang Gabi Mass at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church: On Saturday, December 16th, Mass begins at 7PM. Muster in full Service Regalia or New Uniform, with Sword, no later than 6:30PM. Please advise Commander SK Alfonso Munevar at amunevar1@verizon.net if you can participate.

We would greatly appreciate a response from you as to your availability for the December events.

Finally, I want to express my appreciation to Faithful Navigator SK Matt West, Faithful Admiral SK Dave Todd, Jr., and Faithful Captain SK Carroll Glass for their kind guidance and support provided to me during the past months.

Fraternally,
SK Alfonso Munevar
Color Corps Commander

Faithful Admiral's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

We congratulate and welcome our two newest Sir Knights, **SK Isaac A. Acheampong** and **SK David P. Meredith**, to the 4th Degree and to the Assembly!

The next Exemplification will be Saturday, April 21, 2018, at the Parish Center of Sts. Peter and Paul in Palmyra (east of Charlottesville), with the luncheon held at the Best Western Select in near-by Zion's Crossing (formerly Gordonsville). While additional details are forthcoming, NOW is the time to recruit for this Exemplification. Please invite our 3rd Degree Brothers to join us in the 4th Degree. For those who have yet to take the 3rd Degree, there will be an Exemplification of the Knighthood Degree conducted at the school gym of St. Leo the Great on Saturday, January 27th. Once they take the 3rd Degree, they are eligible for the 4th Degree.

The cost for Candidates taking the 4th Degree is \$70 (\$60 for Priest... the Assembly usually will cover the cost for Priest joining us). This cost is set by Supreme, and does not even cover all of the expenses the District incurs for the Candidate. Candidates are required to wear a dark suit (either black, dark grey, or blue) with a traditional/conservative tie and a white button down shirt (no button down collars!). Please feel free to contact me at djtoddjr@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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

Faithful Comptroller's Report

Worthy Sir Knights,

Per Supreme Records, as of December 1, 2017, Fr. Walter F. Malloy Assembly membership increased from 316 to 317 Sir Knights. During the month of November, we welcomed two new members to the 4th Degree: **SK David P. Meredith** and **SK Isaac A. Acheampong**; we welcomed one transfer SK Thomas Reed; and we mourned the passing of SK William J. Brill, and incurred the one suspension.

Membership dues notices for the 2018 calendar year were mailed in early December. As a reminder, Assembly dues are currently \$20 per year and are due upon receipt of your dues notice. Membership cards will be mailed to Sir Knights upon receipt of their dues payment.

As mentioned in the November newsletter, a written resolution was made to amend the Assembly By-Laws to increase Assembly dues from \$20 to \$24 per year. This would help close the budget shortfall the assembly has been incurring the last few years. If approved, we would work with Supreme to update the By-Laws. For now, the dues remain \$20.

Sir Knights having financial hardship or unable to make their dues payment should contact me to discuss and/or make other arrangements.

If you have any questions about the membership or dues, please contact me at wweich@yahoo.com, or at (703) 307-9163.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,
SK William W. Weich, PFN
Faithful Comptroller

Resolution to Increase Assembly Dues

At our October 18 Assembly meeting, a Resolution was verbally and in writing proposed to increase the annual Assembly membership dues from \$20 to \$24. The proposed Resolution was seconded, and will be discussed and voted on at our next business meeting. If approved, this would require a change in our Assembly By-Laws.

Background: The Assembly dues have remained \$20 for more than 20 years. During this time, the costs of supplies, events, and donations, and social gatherings have increased. Each of the last three years has seen a financial shortfall for the Assembly of over \$2,000. The additional \$4 per Sir Knight would provide an additional \$1,000 in dues, which along with being judicious in our spending, and additional fundraisers, would help our financial position.

As mentioned above, if approved, this Resolution would require a change in our by-laws and requires a two-thirds vote of the Assembly membership in attendance at the next business

meeting. Please plan to attend this meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 20th.

Assembly Shirts

The Assembly has been researching the selection of Assembly polo shirts for members to purchase. At the October meeting, the Committee recommended that the same style and color be selected. The polo shirts will have a pocket for Assembly name badges and Assembly logo on the front. The recommended color is Royal Blue, which would match nicely with our Logo. Other color options are Maroon or Dark Green. However, the Assembly will have only one color. Sir Knights are asked to vote their color of choice by contacting Faithful Comptroller **SK William W. Weich** by Wednesday, November 15.



The cost of the shirts will be \$25-\$30. Once we have the shirt color determined, the Assembly (Faithful Comptroller) will order the shirts in bulk for those wishing to purchase. Sir Knights will prepay the Assembly for the shirts.

Again, please contact the Faithful Comptroller with your vote of color: Royal Blue, Maroon, or Dark Green.

Service Regalia Use Extended!

During the State Deputies Meeting in Washington this past month, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson announced that due to a back-order of more than 8,000 new Uniforms, the use of Service Regalia will be extended until June 30, 2019!

This will allow us more time to transition to the new Uniform, and allow our parishes and community the opportunity to associate the new Uniform as the replacement to the Service Regalia. Those who have ordered and received the new Uniform are welcome to wear it for any and all Color Corps activities. Those who do not have the new Uniform are strongly encouraged to continue to participate in the Service Regalia for all Color Corps activities thru June 30, 2019.

Of particular interest, we will be able to provide Color Corps that includes both the new Uniform AND Service Regalia for the Independence Day Parade, as well as the Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns. Please put these important events on your calendar and plan to participate in each... let's have a great showing of support for them, and all of our activities, for the next year and a half!

Exemplification

The Virginia District conducted its annual Fall Exemplification on Saturday, November 11th, at the Renaissance Hotel in Portsmouth. 145 Catholic American gentlemen had the honors of the 4th Degree bestowed upon them! Two of the new Sir Knights joined Fr. Malloy Assembly.

We are happy to welcome **SK Isaac A. Acheampong**, a member of Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Council, #10723, in Falls Church, and **SK David P. Meredith**, a member of Fr. Francis J. Diamond Council, #6292, in Fairfax. All three members of Fr. Malloy Assembly that participate in the Bernice C. Williams Exemplification Team, were present, two of whom served as Exemplars. Additionally, two members of the Assembly knighted the new Sir Knights, and one participated in the Color Guard.

One of the highlights of the weekend focused on one of the youngest new Sir Knights. SK Ryan Z. Kehoe was knighted by his father, **State Deputy SK Stephen J. Kehoe**, while BOTH of his grandfathers, **SK Donald R. Kehoe, FSS, PSD**, and **District Secretary SK David J. Todd, Sr., PFN** stood behind him with a hand on either shoulder. A members of Fr. Diamond Council, SK

Ryan is a freshman at James Madison University, and joined Shenandoah Assembly, #2237.

Thanksgiving & Welcome Dinner

On Wednesday, November 15th, 48 Sir Knights & guests of Fr. Malloy Assembly gathered for their annual Thanksgiving & Welcome Dinner. After reciting the Rosary, attendees dined on traditional Thanksgiving fare of turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, and green beans, along with cranberry sauce, salad, and rolls. This was followed by a formal welcoming of our two newest Sir Knights and presentation of their 4th Degree Certificates.

Many thanks **SK Carroll D. Glass** for organizing the evening, and to each of the Faithful Officers and Past Faithful Navigators for bringing appetizers and desserts to be shared. Thanks also to all who assisted with serving and clean-up, especially **SK Joseph M. Gesker** and **SK Timothy J. Pollak**. Finally, but not least, thanks to our chefs, **SK Gilbert J. Flodine** and **SK Patrick A. McGuire**.

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Sir Knights of Fr. Malloy Assembly at the Fall Exemplification

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