



Navigator's Log

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Member Contact Information

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Navigator's Report

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

Through the month of November, we sadly saw an increase of reported cases of COVID-19, leading to many activities being cancelled. Our own monthly meeting went back to 100% virtual, and it appears that this will be the case for a while. While it is not the preferred manner of meeting, it is the prudent course to follow until things settle down again.

Looking forward, the annual Mass honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Simbang Gabi Mass have both been cancelled. We have also learned the Religious Freedom Day activities in Fredericksburg has likewise been cancelled. Latest word that the March for Life scheduled for January 29th is, at least as of now, still scheduled to be conducted.

In the meantime, we WILL be participating in an in-person event. On Monday, December 7th, Sir Knights from Fr. Malloy Assembly will participate in a small parade being hosted by the City of Fairfax to honor one of our own members. Details can be found on page 2 of this edition of the *Navigator's Log*, but I encourage all who can to come join us in honoring **SK James "Horse-Collar" Smith** on the occasion of his 100th birthday!

I am in the process of appointing the Nominating Committee that will recommend a slate of officers to serve during the 2021-2022 Fraternal Year. For now, I ask all Sir Knights to consider the possibility of serving the Assembly as a Faithful Officer. If you have questions about a particular office, please contact the incumbent listed to the left of this article.

Finally, I pray that each of you and your family have a joyful Advent, a Merry Christmas, and a Blessed New Year.





Sir Knight Turns 100!!!

SK Jim Smith was born on December 6, 1920, in Cleveland, OH. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1939, becoming an electronics/communications specialist. He earned the nickname “Horse” (or sometimes “Horse Collar”) as he was usually in a harness pulling a cart full of his section’s communications gear. Volunteered for the famous USMC unit “Edson’s Raiders” in 1941, he was deployed to the Solomon Islands in 1942, where he fought in the battles of Tulagi and Guadalcanal. For his service, he earned two Silver Stars and the Purple Heart. During

After World War II, SK Jim was married, and employed at Remington Rand. In 1950, he joined the Central Intelligence Agency. During his time with the CIA, he served overseas at Taiwan Islands, Manila, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Germany, and the United Kingdom, as well as a number of stateside assignments including training sites for other Intelligence Officers. He retired as a Senior Executive Service Officer in 1989.

Since retiring from the CIA, SK Jim has been active at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, where he has been a Lector and a member of both Fr. Francis J. Diamond Council #6292 and Fr. Walter F. Malloy Assembly #1894. Additionally, he has been a rugby referee and became a World Champion Skeet Shooter. He has two recorded history videos of his World War II experiences. The first is on display at the Marine Corps Museum in Quantico, the other displayed at the WWII Memorial in New Orleans. He also participated in the groundbreaking ceremony for the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Friar’s Report

*Rev. SK Philip S. Majka
Faithful Friar*

The Advent season is a time of preparation, a time of holy desire, longing and expectancy for the coming of Emmanuel (God is with us). Our preparations focus on three things:

1. Scripture readings of the season centering on the Covenant between God and we His people.
2. St. John the Baptist and his message of repentance and conversion as we “Prepare the way of the Lord.”
3. The Blessed Virgin Mary whose feast day of December 8th (the Immaculate Conception) shows us that as God prepared Mary in His mind, he also prepares us, through the Scriptures and the preaching of John the Baptist, as His people.

The Lord Jesus has already been born, suffered, and died for us. We know this, so we cannot long for our savior in the flesh, but we can long for His coming in grace. As we grow in wisdom and age on the road of life, we realize that we need this annual season to renew ourselves with thankful remembrance of God’s kindness to us. We long to celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace. We desire to participate in the Kingdom of God as soon as possible... a kingdom of truth and life, holiness and grace, justice, love, and peace... Thy Kingdom Come! (Adveniat regnum tuum).

It would almost appear that Advent took its name from this Adveniat. A second Our Father! A second chance to take

advantage of God’s grace. The reign of God is at hand, and now is the acceptable time. We pray “Thy Kingdom Come.” We are the ones who make it so! So be it! (Amen!)



Captain’s Report

*SK Patrick A. McGuire, PGK
Faithful Captain*

The month of November was an extremely slow month, as you all know. Many programs have been cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. We held a virtual meeting this past month, and have not had an in-person Rosary or a Sir Knights’ Café for a couple of months. In December, we will have another virtual meeting.

In the meantime, please be safe. I would like to wish all Sir Knights a happy Advent and Christmas Season!

Pilot's Report

SK Joseph M. Gesker, PGK

Faithful Pilot

Please pray for the following:

- Repose of the soul of **Rev. Msgr. SK Robert E. Avella**
- Repose of the soul of Rev. SK Michael J. Dobbins
- Repose of the soul of Mr. Bobby Zimmerman, son of **SK Herbert F. Zimmerman**
- Repose of the soul of Mr. Felecio Solano, father of **SK Manuel Solano**
- Repose of the soul of Mrs. Bernice Hughes, mother-in-law of **SK Francis J. Cuccias** and grandmother of **SK Patrick L. Cuccias**
- Healing of **SK Paul F. Cataldo**
- Healing of **SK Terrance R. Hines**
- Healing of Mrs. Patricia West, mother of **SK Matthew T. West, PFN**
- Healing of SK Richard G. Head, PSD, FVSM, FM

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

November was another slow month for the Color Corps. Due to the uptick in COVID-19 cases in the area, Color Corps

Training that was scheduled for November 14th was cancelled. We will inform all of the next Training in our area.

Where we have been:

- Viewing and Funeral for **Rev. Msgr. SK Robert E. Avella**. **SK Carroll D. Glass, PFN** participated in the Viewing, while **SK F. Randy Brodelon, PFN** participated in the Funeral. Msgr. Avella was laid to rest at Fairfax Memorial Park.

Where we are going:

- Parade honoring **SK Jim "Horse Collar" Smith** on the occasion of his 100th birthday. Color Guard and Honor Guard will muster at the intersection of Brookwood Dr & Colony Rd at 2:30 PM; all others (that is, those participating in vehicles) will assemble at Country Club Hills Pool (3622 Old Post Rd, Fairfax, 22030) at 2:15 PM. Color Guard & Honor Guard will join in the parade for the last block of the parade, and will stand to the side as City officials arrive to present SK Jim with a proclamation. ALL members of the Color Guard are to be in Official Regalia Dress—Service (those carrying Colors will be without sword; those escorting the Colors will carry swords). Any member of the Honor Guard who has ORD should wear it; all others should be in Social Dress Uniform. Please advise Faithful Navigator **SK David J. Todd, Jr., PFN** if you can participate at djtoddjr@gmail.com, or at (703) 463-1499.

Admiral's Report

SK F. Randy Bordelon, PGK, PFN

Faithful Admiral

In non-pandemic times we refer to the 4th Degree as the "visible arm" of the Knights of Columbus. These days, with liturgies restricted as well as other events cancelled, our opportunities to be a patriotic presence are very diminished. But there are things we can and should be doing, especially in these circumstances. Here are some things to consider for holding our lamp up in dark times:

- Wear the 4th Degree lapel pin... the Assembly has a supply—contact the Faithful Captain
- Wear a sweater or cap with a Knights of Columbus emblem
- Dress appropriately for Holy Mass... boys and girls notice
- Serve your parish—projects, committees, etc. Participate with commitment and cheer
- Move beyond Sunday Catholicism

What Jesus wants for Christmas is you. Blessed Advent.

Comptroller's Report

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

As of Tuesday, November 24, Fr. Walter F Malloy Assembly has 346 Sir Knights.

Assembly Dues

Be on the Lookout!!! Dues Notices for the 2021 Calendar Year were sent via US Postal Service the Saturday after Thanksgiving. **Dues are \$30 and are PAYABLE UPON RECEIPT of the dues notice.** When remitting dues payments, please remember to:

- Date the check
- Make Payable to **Fr. Malloy Assembly**
- Sign the check
- Include billing stub

Note: Assembly dues are SEPARATE from Council dues.

Membership cards will be provided upon receipt of dues payments.

Sir Knights who have attained Honorary Life Membership in the 4th Degree are exempt from paying dues.

Members experiencing financial hardship, disability, or other reasons for not being able to remit dues payment should contact me as soon as possible to discuss. As has been previously stated, I am willing to work with Sir Knights in their respective situations, but I need to hear from them.

Donations

Donations to the Assembly are welcome to help defray some of the operating costs. Sir Knights wishing to make a donation can include with their dues payment, but PLEASE indicate such action either on the check or billing stub.

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.

If you have any other questions regarding membership, dues processing, ordering Assembly shirts, or other questions, please contact me at 703-307-9163 or wweich@yahoo.com.

Historian Report

SK Richard D. Muñoz, FDD, PGK, PFN
Assembly Historian

Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose.

Last month, this column reported a triumph in the culture wars: the 1954 Fourth Degree-led effort to add "Under God," to

the Pledge of Allegiance. Today we discuss the counterattack: Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, POAU.

POAU was founded to combat proposals that would have permitted Catholic school children to use public school buses for school transport, and to oppose tax rebates or an eerily familiar debate, school vouchers for religious schools. But their mission, ostensibly arrayed against all mixtures of public policy with religion, quickly took on a distinct anti-Catholic tinge, and their first victory was derailing the appointment of an ambassador to the Holy See.

President Roosevelt, during the Second World War, had appointed a "personal representative," to the Vatican. But his successor, President Harry Truman, citing purposes of diplomacy and humanitarianism as well as the Vatican's struggle against communism, announced that full diplomatic relations with the Vatican was his policy, and he forwarded the name of General Mark W. Clark to the Senate for confirmation as ambassador to the Holy See.

And POAU lost their collective minds.

A full-scale assault against the move unfolded. Clark, who had risen to become, at the time, the youngest four-star general in Army history, was an Episcopalian with a distinguished record in Europe commanding Fifth Army, and, in the conduct of the Italian campaign, had met with His Holiness Pope Pius XII at the end of the war. But to POAU, this was nothing less than a plan to hand over the keys to the White House to papal control, and they mobilized to scuttle the entire idea of an accredited ambassador to the Vatican. At first, Truman was unworried, writing to a friend that it was merely a "great deal of ballyhoo being stirred up by some of my bigoted Protestant friends."

But Truman did not appreciate the maelstrom that was to unfold. The initial reaction of the secular mainstream press was positive, with luminaries the New York Times, San Francisco Chronicle, and Washington Post all writing favorably of the plan. Even newspapers that opposed the plan did so for reasons unrelated to the supposed problems with separation of church and state.

But the POAU began a coordinated effort to unite Protestant leaders in opposition. The Sunday following the news of the nomination, Protestant pulpits across the country delivered the message: this was nothing less than enshrining Catholicism as mandatory. Parishioners were urged to write to the President and to their senators. The pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Rhode Island declared the move exposed "the political chicanery of the Roman Catholic Church," while an evangelical rally in St. Louis distributed 10,000 opposition postcards for attendees to fill out, then

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collected them and mailed them in a giant box. Even Truman's own Baptist pastor, Rev. Edward Pruden, announced at his service that he had begged the President to withdraw the nomination.

Within a month, a "pilgrimage," of thousands of Protestants marched on Washington to deliver a scroll with 1,776 signatures opposing the move. (On a personal note, your Worthy Historian must confess a bit of mocking laughter emerged when reviewing pictures of the event: thousands of Protestants holding signs demanding that we "Keep Religion Out of Politics.")

But whatever their lapses of logic, their grasp of political pressure points was keen. In January 1952, the White House announced that President Truman was withdrawing the nomination.

POAU had won. And diplomatic relations with the Vatican would not be formalized until 1969, when President Nixon appointed a personal representative, former senator Henry Cabot Lodge. The United States did not have an ambassador in the Vatican until 1984, when President Reagan nominated diplomat William Wilson and the Senate finally agreed.

So, you might be wondering, whatever happened to POAU?

Today they are simply known as "Americans United," and are a multi-million-dollar advocacy group for anti-religious legislation and policy.

Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose.

Santa Maria Council #4654

*SK Andy Zaso
Grand Knight*

Through donations raised by the council this year, Santa Maria Council was able to donate 6 cases of Coats to those in needs.

The coats were donated to the Committee for Helping Others (CHO) where they will be donated to those in need this winter. The Council has also continued its support of Christ House this fall by providing meals in September and November.

Throughout the pandemic the council has served as porters at Saint Mark and OLG. The role of porter has allowed mass to continue by ensuring proper procedures are followed to protect the health of people attending mass.

St. Philip's Council #17056

*SK Mark E. Mitchell
Grand Knight*

The highlight of the month of November was the opportunity to support St. Philip's "40 Hours of Adoration" in preparation for the feast of Jesus Christ: King of the Universe. In addition to their personal devotions, Knights participated in the opening Mass, helped maintain a vigil during the 40 hours, and supported a Eucharistic Procession. It was an exceptional opportunity to visit the Lord in the presence of His most Blessed Sacrament, acknowledge our dependence on Him as our God and Savior.

Council 17056, joined by several spouses and guests, also conducted a one-day pilgrimage to the Lourdes Grotto and the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Basilica in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The pilgrimage included Stations of the Cross, recitation of the Rosary, Confession at the Lourdes Grotto. After lunch we enjoyed a tour of the National Shrine grounds provided by the sister-in-law of our pastor, Fr. Denis Donahue! The day culminated in a Mass celebrated by **Rev. SK C. William Nyce** at the Altar of Relics in the Basilica where Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's remains are entombed. Council 17056 was delighted to have our Worth District Deputy, **SK Joseph M. Gesker**, join us for both of these events!

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*Please join us for our monthly
Assembly meeting on
Wednesday, December 16th, at
7:30 PM. This will be a Virtual
Meeting via Zoom... be on the
lookout for details!*

*Please pray the Rosary on your
own, or with your family.
There will be no Sir Knights'
Café.*

