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Faithful Navigator's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

I hope you all had an enjoyable and peaceful Christmas season. With the start of the new calendar year we are halfway through the fraternal year. It continues to be a busy time for the Assembly as we have a number of activities coming up over the next few weeks (discussed in this newsletter). But as we once again get busy with our lives, let us not forget the spirit of Christmas.

A poem I came across while packing up the Christmas decorations, "Keeping Christmas" by Henry Van Dyke, plainly and beautifully expresses what it means to keep Christmas the whole year through:

"It is a good thing to observe Christmas day. The mere making of times and seasons, when men agree to stop work and make merry together, is a wise and wholesome custom. It helps one to feel the supremacy of the common life over the individual life. It reminds a man to set his own little watch, now and then, by the great clock of humanity which runs on sun time. But there is a better thing than the observance of Christmas day, and that is, keeping Christmas!

"Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death—and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love? Then you keep Christmas.

"And if you keep it for a day, why not always? But you can never keep it alone."

As Sir Knights, we should work with one another to keep Christmas alive, for the spirit of Christmas is the spirit of the Knights of Columbus the whole year through. I wish the happiest of new years to you all and pray that we may together continue our good works and keep Christmas alive throughout the year.

VIVAT JESUS!!!

Fraternally,
SK Matthew T. West
Faithful Navigator



Faithful Friar's Report



My Brother Sir Knights,

Have you ever stopped to wonder why we are called knights? Isn't that archaic? Medieval? Backwards? Perhaps if such a knight were going around trying to slay windmills like Don Quixote. When I think of a knight, it conjures in my mind two realities: first, we are subject to our King, Jesus Christ: and second, that we fight for those who cannot fight for themselves. It is the King who gives us our mission, who gives us our training, and who gives us our reward. We fight for Him, in the way that He wants, ultimately so we can live in eternal peace in the fullness of His Kingdom.

The month of January presents us with several causes worthy of our attention. The U.S. Bishops in particular would like us to become knights for the weakest in our society, among them are the immigrant and the pre-born. Rather than list all the things we can do this month to help protect the defenseless, I propose that we just examine our first reaction to this mission. Do we grumble? Do we have a sense that we are already too busy and burned to be concerned with another event or "issue"? Does the mission of our King rub our political views the wrong way? Even if we don't have a lot of extra time to devote, do we have a tender place in our heart for those that need our help? In short, do we take our title as knights seriously?

If you are like me, which I suspect you are, you are a work in progress. You know where you should be and are aware that you fall short. This month, dedicated to the immigrant and to the pre-born, let us redouble our effort to conform our heart and mind to that of our King. Praised be Jesus Christ, now and forever.

Fraternally,
SK Rev. David A. Dufresne
Faithful Friar



Faithful Captain's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

Happy New Year! I hope the Christmas season was enjoyable for you and your family. To start the New Year, our January meeting date will be its normal 3rd Wednesday of the month, January 17. The meeting will be at the same location, Providence Hall at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church. However, we will begin a half hour early at 7 PM. We will begin with praying the Rosary and will then have our Sir Knights' Café (requesting a \$5 contribution from those partaking to help cover the expense). The theme for the January Café will be a surprise Italian cuisine, celebrating the start of the New Year.

As you think about your New Year's resolutions for 2018, consider making a resolution to join us for an Assembly meeting. On one evening a month, for a couple of hours, you have the opportunity to share prayer and fellowship (including some great food) with your brother Sir Knights in the 4th Degree at an Assembly meeting. If you haven't been able to make a meeting regularly, I hope that you will resolve to join us soon at an Assembly meeting. And if you have attended meetings, keep coming back in 2018; it's not the same without you. I look forward to seeing you all at our meeting on January 17

Fraternally,
SK Carroll D. Glass
Faithful Captain

Faithful Pilot's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

Ad Jesum per Mariam

The works of the Order are many and we each have our favorite activities. KOVAR drive, March for Life, Christmas cards, food drives, Color Corps events, and the list goes on. But key to all of these is the spiritual foundation on which we rely for inspiration and instruction. I well remember coming home from my First Degree years ago and pulling a new Rosary from my pocket. As much or more than anything, it spoke to me of the deep Catholic character of the organization which I had just joined. That sense has been reinforced over many years now as I have attended meetings of Knights locally and around the state, which invariably begin with the Rosary.

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This is so appropriate. Since the Middle Ages, every Saint of the Western Church has practiced this devotion. So often in our history has this prayer been a source of hope and deliverance. Yet sadly we see today that many Catholics, even Knights, feel that it is an imposition on time and attention to go through the Mysteries of the day.

It is the solemn truth that this form of communal prayer is the most important part of any of our gatherings. Yes, we have the protocols, discuss motions, and announcements. But in time these will come to little without grace to guard and guide us. And who can intercede for that grace better than Our Blessed Mother who showed us at Cana her power of petition to her Son, Our Lord.

But it is not only for the needs of the Council and Assembly for which we pray. In each of our lives, there are needs that cry for prayer. Our families, workplaces, neighborhoods, indeed the very world is waiting for the benefit of more Rosaries. So, brothers, I entreat you to attend the next Assembly meeting in time to participate in the recitation. And if cannot be present, wherever you might be at 7:30 PM on the third Wednesday, stop for a while and pray with us in spirit.

Fraternally,
SK F. "Randy" Bordelon
Faithful Pilot

Color Corps Commander's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

I hope that everyone enjoyed the Christmas festivities in the company of your family, and have welcomed, with much joy and devotion, the New Year 2018. Below is a simple list of the 17 events that occurred between July and December, 2017, in which Sir Knights of this Assembly and others had the pride of serving. The intention is that this be viewed as a reflection and to encourage Sir Knights' participation in the months to come.

- July 4, Independence Day Parade in the City of Fairfax
- July 8, State Organization Meeting at St. Leo the Great
- July 13, Installation of Pastor at St. Anthony of Padua
- August 13, Fr. Nudd Memorial Mass at St. Timothy's, and Wreath Laying at Graves of Fr. Nudd and Fr. Malloy at Fairfax Memorial Park
- September 5: Fr. Capodanno Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
- September 10: Mass for Military and 1st Responders at St. Leo the Great
- October 7: Columbus Day Parade in Alexandria

- October 9: National Columbus Day Celebration at Union Station
- October 9: Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown, Arlington National Cemetery
- October 13: Honor Flight Arrival at Fair Oaks Marriott
- October 26: Confirmation Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel
- October 28: Fall Parade in Annandale
- November 11: Exemplification in Portsmouth
- November 28: Confirmation Mass at St Leo the Great
- December 8: Dedication of the Dome at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
- December 9: Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass at St. Leo the Great
- December 16: Simbang Gabi at St. Leo the Great

Where we are going:

- January 14: Religious Freedom Ceremony. Muster in full Service Regalia or New Uniform with sword at 12:45 PM, at the Fredericksburg Train Station; we will be marching with Rappahannock Assembly, #1613. The parade begins at 1:30, ending with a Wreath Laying ceremony at the Religious Freedom Monument. There will be a reception at the St. John Bosco Center, Catholic Campus Ministry, of the University of Mary Washington, beginning at 3 PM... all Knights are welcome to attend. Please RSVP ASAP to Faithful Navigator SK Matt West at askmekofc@yahoo.com if you plan to attend.

Fraternally,
SK Alfonso Munevar
Color Corps Commander

Faithful Admiral's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

Do you remember why you joined the Knights of Columbus? More specifically, do you remember why you took the 4th Degree? Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has often said we have no greater responsibility than to offer membership in our honored Order to every practical Catholic gentleman. Could it also be said that we have a responsibility to offer membership in the 4th Degree to every 3rd Degree Knight in good standing?

With the recent implementation to the uniform, it has never been easier to become a Sir Knight! No longer to Candidates need to wear a tuxedo; a dark suit (black, dark blue, or grey) with a tie is all that is required. And the Spring Exemplification is designed to arrive and return home all in the same day.

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I encourage each Sir Knight to talk up the 4th Degree with the members of their Council. The next Exemplification will be Saturday, April 21st, at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Palmyra (east of Charlottesville). The Assembly is exploring the possibility of renting two or more 15-person vans to transport Candidates and Observers to the Exemplification. As there will be a Ladies Program that will run concurrent to the Exemplification, wives would be welcome to ride down also.

Details will hopefully be available in the February edition of the *Navigator's Log*, but NOW is the time to start recruiting. If you have any questions, or need Form 4's, please feel free to contact me at djtoddjr@gmail.com at your convenience.

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

Faithful Comptroller's Report

Worthy Sir Knights,

As of January 2, 2018, Fr. Walter F. Malloy Assembly has 316 Sir Knights, a decrease from December of one Sir Knight due to transfer. The 316 Sir Knights does not include three Sir Knights (SK Matthew J. Baumgartner, SK Francis B. Hallahan, and SK Gregory W. Miller) who were welcomed into our Assembly as transfers during the December meeting. Supreme is processing their transfers.

Current Dues

Dues notices were sent out in early December, and as a reminder, dues are payable upon receipt of the dues notices. Thanks to all Sir Knights who have remitted payment thus far. For those who have not remitted payment, please do so at your earliest opportunity. There is a grace period of one month—through January 31 for your 2017 membership card to be accepted at meetings. A Second Notice will be sent in early February to those with dues outstanding.

Any Sir Knights having financial or other difficulties, and unable to remit payment at this time should contact me to discuss and/or make alternative payment arrangements.

By-Laws Change—Dues

As previously mentioned, a motion/resolution was made to increase Assembly dues from \$20 per year which has been in place for many years. The original motion was made to increase to \$24 per annum; however, an amendment to the original motion was made at the December meeting to increase the dues to \$30 per year. The amended motion was approved by the Assembly membership to increase the dues to \$30 per annum. We have submitted and received approval for the By-Laws change from Supreme. Since our dues for the 2018 billing cycle is already underway, we will implement the \$30 dues for the 2019 billing cycle (dues notices will be sent in December 2018).

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

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,
SK William W. Weich, PFN
Faithful Comptroller

Religious Freedom Day Parade

Members of Fr. Malloy Assembly are invited and encouraged to participate in the annual Religious Freedom Day Parade in Fredericksburg on Sunday, January 14. Muster is at 12:45 PM at the Fredericksburg Train Station; we will be marching with Rappahannock Assembly, #1613. The parade begins at 1:30 PM, and will be followed by a Wreath Laying ceremony at the Religious Freedom Monument at 2 PM. A reception will follow the parade and wreath laying at 3 PM in the St. John Bosco Center, Catholic Campus Ministry, University of Mary Washington; all Knights are welcome to attend.

District Master SK Thomas A. Trudeau has this to say regarding the parade:

“We hear varying accounts of Religious Freedom and varied views on what Religious Freedom should entail. But what do each of us do to tangibly support the cause of Religious Freedom? Each January, we march for our Pro-Life cause. Why not support Religious Freedom in the same manner? Join us in Fredericksburg on Sunday, January 14, to celebrate the annual Religious Freedom Day. Come and be counted. Stand with others to show by your presence your support for our right to Religious Freedom.”

Renewal of Obligations

At our meeting on Wednesday, January 17, we will once again renew the obligations we pledged at each of the Exemplifications. This annual event is our opportunity to recall the pledges of Secrecy, Unity, Fraternalism, and Patriotism that are the hallmarks of Order. Once again, our Brother Sir Knights from Fr. Casey Assembly will be joining us.

The attire for all Officers and Sir Knights is dark with a white shirt, a neck tie, a social baldric (worn OVER the tie), and the PG-113 pin (miniature 4th Degree Emblem... similar to the one received when taking the 4th Degree). Officers and Sir Knights may wear the New Uniform, but without any baldric.

In light of the ceremony and our guests, we will begin the rosary half an hour earlier at 7 PM; Sir Knights' Café will immediately follow the Rosary. The Renewal ceremony will begin at 8 PM, and will be followed immediately by an abbreviated meeting (we will only touch on time sensitive reports and motions; all other reports and motions will be tabled until the February meeting).

Delegates Needed

On Saturday, March 10, 2018, the Virginia District of the 4th Degree will be conducting its Biennial Meeting in Woodbridge. Among other things, it will be at this meeting that the District will select three the names of three Sir Knights to be submitted to Supreme for consideration to become the next District Master (current Master SK Thomas A. Trudeau is coming to the end of his second 2-year term, and is therefore no longer eligible to continue). It was at our October meeting that a Resolution of Support for District Secretary SK David J. Todd, Sr., PFN, was introduced and accepted unanimously by the Assembly.

Due to our Assembly's size, we are authorized to have up to four Delegates to the Biennial Meeting. FN Matthew T. West intends to attend, and will therefore be one of the Delegates. Anyone else interested in representing Fr. Malloy Assembly at this important meeting should contact FN West at their earliest opportunity, but no later than February 9th. We will vote on Delegates at the February 21st Assembly meeting.

Sponsorships & Advertising

Later in this edition, you will find our first set of Sponsors and Advertisements. These two new programs will hopefully help to offset the ever increasing expenses that our Assembly is incurring.

Anyone wishing to sponsor the Assembly or Advertise in the *Navigator's Log* is invited to contact Faithful Comptroller SK William W. Weich, PFN, at wweich@yahoo.com, and/or Faithful Admiral SK David J. Todd, Jr., PFN, at djtoddjr@gmail.com. The rates for Sponsorship is:

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Platinum Level	\$25 per year
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SK & Mrs. William W. Weich, PFN

Platinum Level	\$50 per year
Gold Level	\$30 per year
Silver Level	\$20 per year
Bronze Level	\$10 per year

•Family Sponsorship:

SK Matthew T. West Family (Ruth, Ben, Katie)

or

SK Matthew T. West Family

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

Listing of names of spouse and/or family members (in parenthesis) is optional: please advise of your preference when donating.

All sponsorships in a particular level will be listed together (all Bronze Sponsors will be in one group, Silver another, etc.).

Anonymous Sponsorships are permitted: just advise that you wish your sponsorship to be anonymous, and we will list as "Anonymous".

The rate for an Advertisement is \$50 for a twelve month period, and the advertisement should be business card sized. Per Supreme By-Laws, we are not permitted to advertise for any form of insurance, be it life, medical, vehicle, or otherwise. All advertisements should be for businesses conducive to the Catholic nature of our Order (that is, we will not include an advertisement for any organization to supports or promotes anything contrary to Church teaching).

Sponsors

We thank those who have sponsored our Assembly:

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- FN Matthew T. West, and Family
- SK Edward P. Cuccias

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*Please join us for our monthly
Assembly meeting on Wednesday,
January 17th.*

*We will begin with Rosary at 7PM,
followed by Sir Knights' Café
(Italian themed). This will be
followed by Renewal of Obligations
at 8PM. A short, abbreviated
meeting will follow.*