

THE NAVIGATOR'S LOG

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

Faithful Navigator's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

Time seems to be going by faster and faster each month. It seems no sooner do we send out one month's *Navigator's Log* and it is time to start on the next month's issue.

I want to take a moment to thank all those who came out and participated in our annual Renewal of Obligations in February. We had a decent number of Sir Knights from four separate Assemblies. Everything went off without a hitch, and the remarks I have received from the other Navigators have all been very positive. A special thanks to the members of Ambrose Council, and specifically **SK Lawrence L. Holmes, Jr.**, for coordinating the food for the social that followed.

For the past several months, I have been encouraging each of you to recruit new Sir Knights. Well, we are down to the wire, and before you know it, the Spring Exemplification will be a memory. I once again encourage each of you to find that 3rd Degree member in your Council who you think would be a great asset to the Assembly. This is a great opportunity to attend, considering the close proximity of the Exemplification. March 15 will be the last day we will vote on applications for the Exemplification, so get your candidate(s) to fill out their Form 4, get your Financial Secretary to sign it, and bring it along with their \$70 fee to the meeting.

Finally, a treat for each of you. As I stated earlier, time is passing by quickly, and quickly, many of us are losing sight of the importance of our namesake. Several years ago, I came into possession of copy of a biography of Fr. Walter F. Malloy. It is my honor to share that biography with each of you later in this issue of the *Navigator's Log*. I encourage each of you to take the time to read it and learn about the man our Assembly honors.

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

Faithful Friar's Report



My Brother Sir Knights,

Earlier today, I was visiting our 5th grade class, and naturally we were talking about Lent. We started by the standard three elements: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We talked about how we are imitating our Lord's own 40 days in the desert. We talked about how these days were a preparation for His public ministry.

Then one student profoundly commented how Lent prepares us for life and for heaven. I challenged them to think about how. Like practicing a musical instrument prepares us for the performance, we really only practice when we intentionally do what we are bad at... until we aren't bad. The student starts with "Twinkle-Twinkle" and then moves on once that is perfected to something more difficult. And the first few rounds of practice will be pretty brutal. Sometimes, the student needs to go to band camp or to take intense lessons where they intentionally practice what they are bad at... that is what our Lent should be about.

We examine those areas of virtue, those elements of our spiritual life, of our life of charity that we are bad at... and practice them in a very intense way the next 40 days. Hopefully looking back at Easter to see the progress the Lord has been able to make in us because we gave Him permission, we gave Him the opportunity to work out those discordant notes.

May our Lady help give us the courage to practice those parts of our life that need improvement. May this Lent be a good and intense preparation for our lives, in this world and the life to come. Praise be Jesus Christ.

Fraternally,
SK Rev. David A. Dufresne
Faithful Friar

Faithful Captain's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

Our March meeting will take place on March 15, at our usual location, Providence Hall at St. Leo the Great, and at the usual start time, 7:30 PM. We will begin with praying the Rosary, and will then have our Sir Knights' Café. Our Sir Knights' Café for March will be a St. Patrick's Day feast. Our very own Patrick McGuire will be cooking an authentic Irish meal of corned beef, cabbage, and all the trimmings. Following the dinner, we will be having our monthly business meeting of the Assembly.



We are three months into the New Year, so it is a good time to take stock of how you are doing on your New Year's resolutions. Did you make a resolution to join us for an Assembly meeting? If not, you can make that resolution now. If you have not been able to make a meeting regularly, I hope that you will resolve to join us at the March Assembly meeting and share prayer and fellowship with your brother Sir Knights (and partake in Pat's Irish feast).

I look forward to seeing you all at our meeting on March 15.

Fraternally,
SK Matthew T. West
Faithful Captain



Faithful Pilot's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

Please pray for the following:

- Faithful Captain, **SK Matthew T. West**, who is suffering from a possible tumor growth on his eye.
- **SK Richard P. Owen, PFN**, who is undergoing cancer treatment.
- Gwyneth, 12-year old niece of **SK Roberto Bacalski**, who is hospitalized in Hershey, PA.

If you have any prayer requests, please contact me directly at cdglass@gmail.com.

Fraternally,
SK Carroll D. Glass
Faithful Pilot



Color Corps Commander's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

February was a quiet month, especially in light of the previous several months. Many thanks to three of our Sir Knights for representing Fr. Malloy Assembly in the Alexandria City's George Washington Parade on Monday, February 20.

Looking ahead we have two events in April. First and foremost is the 4th Degree Exemplification on Saturday, April 1st, for which Escorts are needed in Service Regalia. The second event is Color Corps and Commander Training on Saturday, April 29th, at St. Mary of Sorrows Parish Center on Sideburn Rd.

Finally, I would like to encourage anyone who has not already participated in a Color Corps event to consider doing so. Fr. Malloy Assembly has a few spare sets of Regalia that can be borrowed... all you have to do is wear a tuxedo.

Vivat Jesus!
SK Roberto Bacalski
Color Corps Commander

Faithful Admiral's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

The Spring Exemplification is just a few weeks away. You might think about attending this year since it is so convenient, especially if it has been a while since you have been to an Exemplification. It is said that every time you observe a Degree, you learn a little more about the Knights. I think this is especially true for the 4th Degree.

You will get even more out of the Degree if you participate as an escort. So why not take a few hours to spend with your brothers and let the new Sir Knights know they are welcome and appreciated.

See you in Manassas on April 1st!

Fraternally,
SK Dennis M. Makurat, PFN
Faithful Admiral

Faithful Comptroller's Report

Worthy Sir Knights,

As of March 1, 2017, Fr. Walter F. Malloy Assembly membership remains at 300 Sir Knights.

The next 4th Degree Exemplification will be held in Manassas on Saturday, April 1st. All applications for 4th Degree membership need to be submitted no later than our March 15 Assembly meeting, along with a check (\$70) made payable to Fr. Malloy Assembly. Current 4th Degree members planning on attending the lunch following the Degree need to submit their \$30 payment to me as soon as possible, but no later than March 15.

2nd Notices have been mailed for those who have not yet paid their dues. Please remit payment upon receipt of the notice. If you are unable to remit payment at this time due to hardship or other circumstances, please contact me to discuss and/or make other arrangements.

If you have any questions, please contact me at wweaich@yahoo.com, or at (703) 307-9163.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,
SK William W. Weich, PFN
Faithful Comptroller

Renewal of Obligations

On Wednesday, February 15, members of Fr. Malloy Assembly were joined by members of Marian, Msgr. Bradican, and Fr. Casey Assembly for the Renewal of Obligations ceremony. Led by **FM Cy Alba, III**, who was assisted by **District Secretary David Todd, Sr.**, approximately 60 Sir Knights renewed the pledges taken by them in each of the Degrees as they advanced in our Order.

The ceremony was followed by a Mardi Gras themed social, in which Sir Knights were asked to mingle with members of other Assemblies, creating a truly Fraternal atmosphere. Many thanks to the Sir Knights from Ambrose Council (especially **SK Larry Holmes**) who headed up the refreshments, and to all who came and participated!

George Washington Parade



To commemorate the birth of our nation's first President, the City of Alexandria hosted its annual George Washington Parade on Monday, March 20, 2017. Fourteen Sir Knights from Northern Virginia, including three from Fr. Malloy Assembly, had wonderful weather to march in the parade. Many thanks to **SK Carroll Glass** (left end), **SK Randy Bordelon** (3rd from left), and **FM Cy Alba, III** (5th from right, next to Virginia flag) for representing our Assembly so well!

Exemplification

As has been announced several times, the next 4th Degree Exemplification for the Virginia District will be conducted on Saturday, April 1, at All Saints in Manassas. First and foremost, we need Candidates. PLEASE bring Form 4's for anyone interested to the March 15 meeting... after we close the meeting, we will NOT be balloting on any additional Form 4's!

We also need Escorts and Observers. Escorts must be in full Service Regalia (with sword), and must attend a training at 9AM that morning. Observers must be in Social Regalia (Clergy may wear clerics; Military & First Responders may wear Dress Mess/Dress Blues), and must arrive by Noon.

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There will be a luncheon after the Exemplification. While luncheon tickets for Candidates is included in their \$70 fee, additional tickets are available for \$30. If you intend to attend the luncheon, please forward your \$30 to **Faithful Comptroller Bill Weich** immediately (checks made payable to **Fr. Malloy Assembly**). Ladies are welcome to attend the luncheon.

If you are willing to serve as an Escort, please advise **Faithful Navigator Dave Todd, Jr.**, as soon as possible.

Transportation to Exemplification

After some consideration, Fr. Malloy Assembly is looking to rent (pending approval from the Assembly) two 15-person vans to help transport Candidates and Sir Knights from St. Leo the Great Church in Fairfax to All Saints Church in Manassas. This will do several things: ease everyone's minds on where to go and where to find parking, reduce our Assembly's impact on parking, and allow Candidates some ease in locating our Assembly and the tickets/name badges they will need for the Exemplification.

The plan is to have one van leave St. Leo's about 8AM, but no later than 8:15AM, and the second leave about 9:45AM, but no later than 10AM. The first van will be specifically for those willing to serve as Escorts; the second van will be geared more

towards Candidates. If there is enough interest, we may have the first van return to St. Leo's to assist in bringing Candidates and Sir Knights.

A motion will be made at this month's meeting for the Assembly to cover the cost of both vans. Anyone willing to contribute in order to off-set the cost is welcome to do so (if each van makes one trip, average cost per seat is \$15). Please understand contributions are totally voluntary, and no one will be denied a seat for not donating.

Seats will be assigned on a first-come-first-serve basis. If you are interested in riding, please email **Faithful Navigator SK Dave Todd, Jr., PFN** at djtoddjr@gmail.com at your earliest convenience. Please advise which van you plan to ride (8AM or 10AM).

Color Corps & Commander Training

Fr. Casey Assembly will be hosting a Color Corps & Commander Training at St. Mary of Sorrows Parish Center on Sideburn Rd., on Saturday, April 29. The Color Corps Training will begin at 8:30AM, and will last a couple of hours. There will be a short break after CC Training before Commander Training begins... it will also last a couple of hours.

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Fr. Walter F. Malloy

Here is a short biography of Fr. Malloy, written by Fr. Arthur Verstraete, C.I.C.M., at the suggestion of the Diocese of Arlington Chancery Office:

Fr. Walter F. Malloy was born April 3, 1921, in Boston, MA, the 2nd son of a family of four children. On both sides, he was from purely Irish ancestry. After grade school, he attended Boston College Latin School and decided to join the Passionists. He spent two years (junior college) at the Passionist College in Dunkirk, NY. In 1941, he entered the novitiate in Scranton, PA, where he also studied philosophy at the Passionist seminary. In 1945, he left the Passionist Order and applied for admission to St. John's Seminary at Brighton, MA, where, after a short time, he transferred to St. Mary's in Baltimore, becoming a seminarian for the Diocese of Richmond. He was Ordained to the Priesthood in May 1949.

His Priestly career began as assistant at Holy Trinity church in Norfolk from 1949 to 1953. He was active in the youth organizations and became well-known for his very practical and, for that time, rather timely sermons. He was deeply interested in bringing people into the Church, the fruit of endless hours of instruction. The opportunities in Norfolk for reaching out towards non-Catholics were very great. This missionary instinct was probably responsible for his being appointed a member of the Diocesan Mission Band, which in those days travelled and preached through rural Virginia. The Mission Band travelled mostly during the summer. During the winter time, the Band was in Richmond and fanned out to all the parishes in the Diocese, in Richmond, Tidewater, and Northern Virginia areas, to preach parish missions.

After six years on the Mission Band, Fr. Malloy became Pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Clifton Forge, where he found the so-needed rest and solitude to put all things together. After ten years of very busy ministry, he redecorated the church, built the parish hall, and was most concerned about the religious education of the young for which he had the help of religious; an exception in the mountain area of Virginia. At the same time, he was responsible for the hospital the Chesapeake and Ohio had built for its employees and retirees in Clifton Forge.

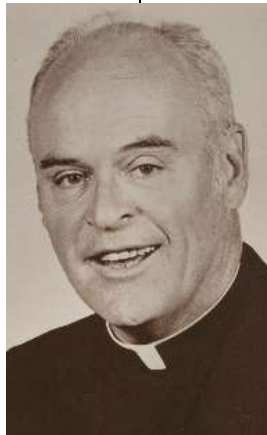
Three years later, he became Pastor of the rapidly expanding parish of St. Leo's in Fairfax, VA, where he right away began planning a new church and a rectory.

He was a man who had known the old Church and was somewhat shaken by the changes that came after Vatican II. He was deeply interested in Catholic education and had to find sisters for his parochial school when one religious community after the other, because of personnel problems, withdrew from St. Leo's Catholic School. In 1966, the church and rectory were dedicated, and then began the very difficult work of implementing the decrees of Vatican II on the parish level. Fr.

Malloy was director of the Family Life Bureau and also very active in the beginning of the Priests' Council of the Diocese of Richmond. He made it a point of following the trends in pastoral theology, but made his own decisions as to what was practical and good for his parish and his people.

He suffered a first heart attack in October 1971, from which he recovered quite well. The quiet and rest that were imposed upon him made him think of a renewal, and in the fall of 1972, he went to Rome to follow a two-months course with the Movement for a Better World. He came back with renewed zeal and wanted to implement many of the things he had learned in his parish. He organized a parish retreat in May of 1973. The prayer group started around the same time.

However, the burden and the problems of this very large parish began to weigh upon him. He was not a hundred percent happy anymore in this environment. He wanted time to think, time to reflect, and a less harried life.



He asked from the newly-appointed Bishop of Arlington that he be moved to a small parish. The mission of St. Stephen the Martyr in Middleburg was erected into a parish in June 1975. Although there was no residence for the Priest in Middleburg, he spent the summer of 1975 in one rented house and moved again towards the fall into another rented home to finally end up in an apartment in town while he was building a rectory and church hall at St. Stephen's. He seemed to be very happy, very devoted to his people; got involved in the Cursillo

Movement of Northern Virginia, and was at last more relaxed with the renewal that was taking place in the Church. He took plenty of time to read the Scriptures and his homilies acquired a new character. His ministry had taught him over the years that it is not the human instrument who does produce grace, but that it is the Lord Himself.

Fr. Malloy died on February 17, 1978, early in the morning from a heart attack at Fairfax Hospital.

He was a great Priest and a good pastor to the great majority of his people.”

Fr. Malloy was a great friend of the Knights of Columbus. It was through the thoughtfulness and kindness of Fr. Malloy, while Pastor at St. Leo's, Fairfax, that he provided support and materials for the renovation of an old two-room school building for the purpose of providing Providence Council, #6292, a council home which is being utilized to this day. His interest in, and support of Council #6292, was and continues to be most appreciated by all of the council members. He was a good friend and a great Priest and Pastor!