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Faithful Navigator's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

In March, we celebrate the feast day of St. Joseph. As Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph is a figure worthy of reflection as a man who accepted God's Word to fulfill the humbling task of leading and protecting the Holy Family. According to St. Bernadine of Siena, Joseph "was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of His greatest treasures, namely His Divine Son and Mary, Joseph's wife. He carried out his vocation with complete fidelity ... " Joseph was a man who protected his family, taking significant steps to support the family and keep Mary and Jesus from harm. Not only did Joseph do all he did out of love for his family, but also out of obedience to God. When we see Joseph in the Bible we see a man who listens to God and lets God rules his life, a man who does not demand his own way, a man who lets God call him to his vocation. Joseph took Mary into his house when instructed to do so by an angel; he led Mary and Jesus to Egypt when they were in danger; and he accepted Jesus was the Son of God, when he found Jesus, at the age of 12, in the temple. Like St. Joseph, we as Knights, should listen when God is speaking to us and strive to protect our family, the families of our brothers and our collective family that is the Order.

Like a family, our Order and our Assembly depends on its members stepping forward to lead and guide our organization. This service can take the form of serving as an officer for the fraternal year or developing and leading a program to promote the patriotic mission of the 4th Degree. To help in the selection of officers for the next fraternal year, I have appointed the following Sir Knights as our nominating committee: SK Isaias "Cy" Alba, III, FM, Dennis Makurat, PFN Chairman (albai@cox.net), SK М. (denmak38@yahoo.com), and SK Joel J. Levesque (mainejjl@aol.com). Anyone considering serving as an officer in the upcoming fraternal year should contact one of these members to express their interest.

Just as we need men to step forward and lead the Assembly, we need men to step forward and lead the programs that show our patriotic Catholic spirit. Some of our most moving programs, such as our support for Honor Flight veterans, have come to us from our own Sir Knights. If you have an idea for a program, we want to hear from you. Please contact our Faithful Captain SK Carroll D. Glass or myself, and we can help bring your idea to life with the Assembly.

As we move forward in selecting the Sir Knights that will lead us for the next fraternal year, both as officers and program leaders, I ask that you prayerfully consider how you can support your brothers Sir Knights and listen for that calling to step forward and help lead our Assembly.

Fraternally, SK Matthew T. West Faithful Navigator

Faithful Friar's Report



My Brother Sir Knights,

It has been bitter-sweet to see some social commentary around the common factor of deeper causes of why young men open fire upon innocent crowds: they almost all have absent fathers. The only sweet part is that more and more people are seeing this reality. Bitter because it is true.

It has also been disappointing to see many yell and scream for a quick-fix solution to a problem that has been decades in the making. Obviously, these mass shootings are the canary in our cultural coalmine. We have a serious problem, which demands our response. It struck me, however, the way that many people were talking, it seems they have more faith in government than they do in God. It seems the same people who say, "We need more than thoughts and prayers" are the same who are pushing for specific legislation.

Call me cynical, but passing a law, no matter how good, necessary and just it may be, will not fix our problem. Murder is already against the law. Washington cannot wave a magic wand to make this all go away. Those who demand that they do, reveal not only the impotent nudity of the emperor but also of the court jesters. Real cultural change always comes from the family *cultus*; what the family worships. If there is right worship within the family, healthy culture will follow. If the family is sick, society will be sick.

The family is the core of the problem, but also the solution. The health of the family largely depends on the quality of the father. By being baptized men and be being Knights of Columbus, we are fathers. Whether within our spiritual or natural families, we are called to show the face of God the Father. This is an increasingly difficult and courageous task as our society is increasingly hostile to God and to authentic masculine fatherhood. It seems that it has a "daddy-wound" that runs many levels deep.

Obviously, the solution is not to get rid of the daddy—but to have fathers help heal the wounds. This is our challenge and I think we Knights of Columbus are particularly well suited for the task.

Fraternally, SK Rev. David A. Dufresne Faithful Friar



Faithful Captain's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

Our 2018 March meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 21, at our usual location, Providence Hall behind St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, and at the usual start time. We will begin with the Rosary at 7:30 PM, followed by our Sir Knights' Café. The Sir Knights' Café for March will be a St. Patrick's Day feast, cooked by our very own SK Patrick A. McGuire, and will be an authentic Irish meal of Cabbage with Carrots, Corned Beef, Irish Colcannon Potatoes, Irish Soda Bread, plus Dessert Cookies. Following the dinner, we will have our monthly Assembly business meeting.



We are three months into the New Year, and several weeks into our Lenten Season. This is a wonderful time to check our Good Samaritan progress and 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 21.

Fraternally, SK Carroll D. Glass Faithful Captain



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Faithful Pilot's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

Please pray for:

- Repose of the soul of Mrs. Betty Jaramillo, wife of Brother Carlos Jaramillo (Council #6292)
- Healing of Mrs. Patricia West, mother of **FN Matthew T. West**
- Healing of Mrs. Susan McLaughlin, cousin of SK Paul F. Cataldo

Proud to be Knight of Columbus

The Order welcomed me a stranger, and named me a brother.

Through our Order, I have

worked to help those in need, been humbled by the example of brother Knights, and challenged to examine and deepen my faith.

There are many groups in the Church today, but none stand out like the Knights of Columbus—

our many millions in charity, our unity across regions and races, our fraternity in Christ,

and our patriotism for our native land.

I am a better person, a better Catholic, a better husband, and better father for what the Order has meant in my life.

For all that, I cherish my Knighthood. And I pray that every Sir Knight share that sentiment, for there are troubled times already upon us. May we find the strength to do more, not less, than those generations before in whose footsteps we follow.

Fraternally, SK F. "Randy" Bordelon Faithful Pilot

Color Corps Commander's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

Where we have been:

• Funeral of SK Michael A. Murphy: On Monday, February 12, we provided an Honor Guard for the Viewing; thanks to SK Isaias "Cy" Alba, III, FM, SK Dennis A. Brown, PFN, SK Alfonso Munevar, CCC, and SK Nicholas Sherrouse (Assembly #2331). On February 13, we provided an Honor Guard for the Funeral at St. Bernadette's; thanks to **SK Isaias "Cy" Alba, III, FM, SK Alfonso Munevar, CCC**, SK Frank B. Guest, II, PFN, and SK Nicholas Sherrouse (both of Assembly #2331).

Where we are going:

• Honor Flight Arrival: On Friday, April 27th, at 7PM, we will be welcoming veterans from Northeast Tennessee arriving as part of the Honor Flight program at the Fairfax Marriott. We would like to have several Sir Knights in Regalia or New Uniform to provide a proper welcome to these heroes.

In the meantime, this is a great time to recruit new Sir Knights. Invite our 3rd Degree Brothers to join us in the 4th Degree. And if it's been a while since you've attended an Exemplification, consider attending as an Observer.

Fraternally, SK Alfonso Munevar Color Corps Commander

Faithful Admiral's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

The deadline is now upon us! Currently, we have two Candidates that have been approved and have paid their fees, with at least one more to read in at our meeting on March 21st. If you know a 3rd Degree member in good standing who is interested in taking the 4th Degree (they may need some encouragement!), please get them to fill out and sign a Form 4, and bring it with their \$70 (\$60 if they are a Priest) to the meeting.

Likewise, any of you who would like to attend should let us know as soon as possible. The luncheon after the Exemplification is \$30 per person (Candidates are paid for thru their \$70 fee), and will be buffet. This is a great chance to be reminded of our Patriotic responsibilities, as well as a chance to visit with Sir Knights from throughout the Virginia District.

And in case you know someone who wishes to become a 4th Degree Knight but is not available on April 21st, the next Exemplification is tentatively scheduled for October 27th, at a location to be announced at a later date.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at <u>djtoddjr@gmail.com</u>.

Fraternally, SK David J. Todd, Jr., PFN Faithful Admiral Page 3

Faithful Comptroller's Report

Worthy Sir Knights,

As of March 1, 2018, Fr. Walter F. Malloy Assembly has 317 Sir Knights, a decrease from February 1 of 1 Sir Knight due to withdrawl.

Assembly Dues

Thanks to all Sir Knights who have remitted their dues payment thus far. There are 65 Brother Sir Knights with dues outstanding. As a reminder, Assembly dues are payable upon receipt of the dues notice.

Any Sir Knight having financial or other difficulties, and unable to remit payment at this time should contact me to discuss and/or make alternative payment arrangements. I am willing to work with Sir Knights but I have to hear from you in order to work with you. Please contact me at <u>wweich@yahoo.com</u>, or at (703) 307-9163.

Member Contact Information

Sir Knights who have moved, or have changes to their email or phone number should contact me to update your information with the Assembly & Supreme. This will ensure we can keep in contact with you.

April Exemplification

The next 4th Degree Exemplification will be held April 21st. The cost for candidates is \$70—set by Supreme!—and includes a luncheon. The cost for the luncheon for Assembly members and for all guests (Assembly members' and candidates') is \$30 per person. There is also a wine tasting for the Ladies at local Barboursville Vineyards. The cost is \$20 per Lady. The deadline for applications and fees is Wednesday, March 21. Please ensure candidates applications are completed in their entirety and submitted with all fees. Checks should be made payable to "Fr. Malloy Assembly", and sent to:

SK Bill Weich Faithful Comptroller 809 Pointer Ridge Dr Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Should you have any questions at any time, please do not hesitate to contact me at <u>wweich@yahoo.com</u>, or (703) 307-9163.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally, SK William W. Weich, PFN Faithful Comptroller

Membership Cards

Just as a quick reminder, every Sir Knight receives membership cards from both the Council and the Assembly. Provided your dues are current in BOTH, your Council card will reflect your membership in the 3rd Degree, while your Assembly card reflects your 4th Degree membership. While only the 3rd Degree Card is required for Council meetings, BOTH are required for Assembly

meetings, as well as 4th Degree Exemplifications. If you have any questions, please speak to the Faithful Navigator, Faithful Admiral, or the Faithful Comptroller.

Nominating Committee

In anticipation for the upcoming Fraternal Year, **FN Matthew T. West** has appointed a Nominating Committee to select and recommend a Slate of Officers to serve during the 2018-2019 Fraternal Year. The Committee is as follows:

- SK Isaias "Cy" Alba, III, FM (Chairman), <u>Albai@cox.net</u>
- SK Dennis M. Makurat, PFN, <u>denmak38@yahoo.com</u>
- SK Joel J. Levesque, <u>mainejj@aol.com</u>

Anyone interested in being considered for an office should contact one these members as soon as possible and make their preferences known.

Chrism Mass

There is an opportunity for members of our Assembly to participate in the Chrism Mass at St. Thomas More Cathedral in Arlington, on Holy Thursday, March 29. Muster time is 9:45 AM for inspection and instruction. Procession begins at 10:10 AM, with Mass beginning at 10:30 AM. Participants will be in full Service Regalia or the New Uniform. Swords will be worn, however they will remain sheathed. The size of the Honor Guard will be limited to 6 Sir Knights from around the Diocese.

Please advise Color Corps Commander **SK Alfonso Munevar** at <u>amunevar@verizon.net</u> ASAP if you wish to participate. He will in turn submit all names received to District Marshal/Secretary **SK David J. Todd, Sr.** Those selected will be notified directly by the District Marshal on Tuesday, March 27.



Exemplification

The next Exemplification will be Saturday, April 21st at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church (4309 Thomas Jefferson Pkwy, Palmyra, 22963-9506). Any 3rd Degree Knight that is in good standing with the Order is eligible to receive the honors of the 4th Degree. There is a \$70 fee (set by Supreme) for each Candidate (\$60 for Priests); they will receive the 4th Degree lapel pin, the Social Baldric, a certificate, and a luncheon ticket.

Attire for Candidates is dark black, grey, or blue suit (jacket and trousers must both be dark), white button down shirt, and a basic/conservative style tie. Observers should be in New Uniform, or dark suit (like the Candidates) with Social Baldric under the jacket and over the tie; all current 4th Degree members should wear the 4th Degree lapel pin.

There will be a Ladies program conducted during the Exemplification. The program will be a no host wine tasting at the Barboursville Vineyard. Cost is approximately \$20, and carpools will be organized, leaving the hotel (mentioned in the next paragraph) at 10:30AM.

There will be a Luncheon after the Exemplification at the Best Western Plus Crossroads Inn & Suites, (Wood Ridge Terrace, Zion Crossing, 22942). Extra tickets (for Observers, Ladies, and other Guests) may be purchased for \$30; all fees should be sent to Faithful Comptroller SK William W. Weich, PFN.

At our February meeting, a motion was made and passed to provide funds as an Advance in order to rent a van (or two, if needed). While the Assembly will cover Candidates that ride the van, all others will be asked to provide a donation of \$10-\$15 to

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

Add YOUR name to this list... contact Faithful Comptroller SK William W. Weich, PFN, at <u>wweich@yahoo.com</u>, or Faithful Admiral SK David J. Todd, Jr., PFN, at <u>ditoddjr@gmail.com</u>. help defray the cost of the van(s). Vans will depart and return to St. Leo the Great Catholic Church... times to be determined.

If you have any questions, please contact Faithful Navigator SK Matthew T. West, Faithful Admiral SK David J. Todd, Jr., PFN, or Faithful Comptroller SK William W. Weich, PFN.

Honor Flight Arrival

Please consider joining us on Friday evening, April 27th, in the Fairfax Marriott at Fair Oaks (11787 Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy, Fairfax), at 7PM as World War II and Korean War Veterans traveling with the Northeast Tennessee Honor Flight arrive for their Tour of Honor in our Nation's Captial to see their respective memorials.

Because they travel into our area by bus, these brave men and women who served so many years ago do not get the opportunity to experience the Hero's Welcome Reception other veteran groups receive when they arrive at Dulles, Reagan, and BWI airports. This is a very Family Friendly Patriotic event... you could even invite your neighbors and make this a community event.

As the late Will Rogers once said, "We can't all be Heroes. Some of us have to stand on the sidelines and cheer." We can never repay these Veterans for the sacrifices they made for our country, but we can show them our appreciation. We hope to see you and your families on April 27th.

Thank you all for your consideration supporting this wonderful event for our Senior Veterans. If you have any questions, please contact **SK Vincent J. Wilson** at <u>vjwilson@avaya.com</u>.

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