

THE NAVIGATOR'S LOG

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

Faithful Navigator's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

November is the month that we celebrate Thanksgiving for all of the bounty that we have been given in our lives. While we typically commemorate the first Thanksgiving with feasting and family, it is equally as important that we take time out of our busy lives to give thanks for the people in our lives, the community in which we live, and the Faith that we receive from God.

In this season of thanksgiving, I am personally thankful for the opportunity to demonstrate Faith through action with the Assembly's Color Corps. In the past month, we have supported our Church at the Sacrament of Confirmation as well as demonstrated our Patriotism as Catholics by serving as the Color Guard for the Annandale Fall Parade. In the upcoming months, we will have more opportunities to present our Faith at Color Corps activities. I hope that you will each take these opportunities to visibly demonstrate your Faith as proud Sir Knights.

I am also thankful for new Sir Knights joining our Assembly. At the November Exemplification, SK Isaac Acheampong and SK David Meredith took their 4th Degree and joined our Assembly. We congratulate and welcome them to Fr. Malloy Assembly. As the Fraternal Year continues, we will need to keep up our efforts to recruit brother Knights to our ranks as Sir Knights.

Finally, I am thankful for the support that each of you provide to the service work of the Assembly in the Church and the community. Efforts such as our outreach to veterans through the Honor Flight (Bus) program are important in showing our Catholic values as proud Americans. During this Fraternal Year, let us keep looking for those opportunities to show our Faith and patriotism in service to others in our communities.

On behalf of my family and myself, I would like to wish each Sir Knight and his family a blessed and happy Thanksgiving!

VIVAT JESUS!!!

Fraternally, SK Matthew T. West Faithful Navigator

Faithful Friar's Report



My Brother Sir Knights,

Not too many Sunday's ago, we had the Gospel reading where Jesus tells us "to give unto Caesar what is Caesar's and give unto God what is God's" (Matt 22:21). We may take this separation between the powers of the State and Religion for granted... but for the ancient world, whoever was on the top controlled every aspect of life. Even the ancient Roman Republic, with their limited powers of government, together exerted all the power in society.

But as Socrates would point out four hundred years before Christ, the government cannot make us happy. We have desires that they cannot fulfill because it is simply outside its competency; desires for justice that will never be satisfied here on earth, even by the fairest and most just country. We desire truth and beauty; we desire to love and to be loved unconditionally. The revolution that Christianity ushered in world history is this distinction between the role of the state and the role of religion. Each have their own competency and aim at serving a distinct aspect of human life. While this distinction is very important, we currently face the threat of those who wish to create a wall to separate the two. The same is true of the distinction between our soul and our bodies. They obviously have different competencies but we are ultimately unified. What we do in our bodies impacts the state of our soul and our spiritual health influences how we act.

I was deeply moved by a recent press conference delivered by White House Chief of Staff Gen. John Kelly. He lamented how little in our culture seems sacred, especially compared to when he was growing up in the 1950's. We need not look too far for reasons why. God has been shut out from almost every possible public sphere. Even godly values have been persecuted. Despite this persecution, we remain free—at least free to fight back and to live our faith publically. This will undoubtedly result in social awkward moments and perhaps even forms of persecution. I seem to recall Jesus tells us what will happen if we are ashamed of Him (see Luke 9:26).

Socrates chose death for his convictions rather than be silenced by power. The Pharisees wanted for the Romans to kill Jesus on the basis that He threatened the power of Caesar. Indeed, He did—just not in the way they thought. His Kingdom is not of this world. May we have our feet firmly planted here and how in our own communities, but with our gaze and our heart focused on the Lord's Kingdom.

Fraternally, SK Rev. David A. Dufresne Faithful Friar

Faithful Captain's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

As the season for giving thanks is upon us, Fr. Malloy Assembly would like to invite all Sir Knights and their Ladies to our annual Thanksgiving and New Sir Knights Welcome Dinner. SK's Patrick McGuire and Gib Flodine will host this 4th Degree Café. The menu includes:

- Assorted Appetizers
- Turkey
- Mashed Potatoes
- Sweet Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Fresh Garden Salad
- Assorted Desserts



Our dinner will take place on Wednesday, November 15, at Providence Hall behind St. Leo the Great Catholic Church. We will begin at 7 PM with recitation of the Rosary; Dinner will follow. There will be a short presentation welcoming our Assembly's newest Sir Knights. Attire for the evening is:

- Faithful Officers: Dark Suit, New Uniform, or Tuxedo, with Jewel of Office
- All Other Sir Knights: Dark Suit, New Uniform, or Tuxedo
- Ladies: Semi-Formal

The cost for the dinner is: \$15 per person, \$30 per couple, for those who RSVP prior to the 10th; \$20 per person, \$40 per couple for those who do not RSVP prior to the 10th; there is no cost for our new Sir Knights and their Ladies.

Assembly Officers and Past Faithful Navigators are requested to bring either an appetizer or a dessert to share. Please advise what you will be bringing when you RSVP.

Please RSVP to Faithful Captain, **SK Carroll D. Glass**, at cdglass@gmail.com, or by calling (571) 210-2302 and leaving a message. In order to help us plan for the size of the dinner, please let our Faithful Captain know by Friday, November 10, if you will be joining us.

We look forward to seeing you at the dinner on November 15.

Also, beginning with December, we will have six 4th Degree Cafés remaining in this Fraternal Year. Our remaining themes are:

- December 20, 2017: Christmas Dinner
- January 17, 2018: Most Holy Name of Jesus
- February 21, 2018: The Holy Family
- March 21, 2018: St. Patrick's Day
- April 18, 2018: Blessed Sacrament
- May 16, 2018: Cinco de Mayo



While SK Patrick McGuire and FN Matt West have volunteered to cover the March and May dinners respectively, we are in need to cover the other dinners. Anyone willing to provide any of these dinners should contact Faithful Captain, **SK Carroll D. Glass**, at your earliest convenience.

Fraternally, SK Carroll D. Glass Faithful Captain

Faithful Pilot's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

Please pray for the following:

- Victims of the Las Vegas attack
- · California wildfire casualties
- Victims of the Texas church attack



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,

In the month of October, Sir Knights were available to display our Colors in the following two events:

- October 26, four Sir Knights of our Assembly processed in the Confirmation Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Many thanks to SK Roberto M. Bacalski, F. Randy Bordelon, SK Karl R. Lesher, and SK James D. Milosavich.
- October 28, seven Sir Knights of our Assembly marched in the Annandale Fall Parade, in which SK Richard P. "Dick" Owen, PFN, served as Grand Marshal. Many thanks to FN Matthew T. West, SK Carroll D. Glass, SK Joseph E. King, James T. "Jay" Moore, SK Ramon J. Venero, and SK Roger L. Williams, GK (SK Lawrence Cirignano mustered, but was unable to march due to lack of Regalia).

Where we are going:

- Confirmation at St. Leo the Great, Tuesday, November 28. Mass to begin at 7:30, Muster no later than 7 PM in full Service Regalia or New Uniform, with Sword (they will not be drawn or carried as Bishop Burbidge will be present; they WILL be worn, however). As this will be Bishop Burbidge's first visit to St. Leo the Great, a good turnout is desired. RSVP to CCC Alfonso Munevar at amunevar1@verizon.net, or FN Matthew T. West at askmekofc@yahoo.com (please advise if you need to borrow Regalia).
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass, Saturday, December 9.
 Mass to begin at 12 Noon, Muster no later than 11:30

 AM in full Service Regalia or New Uniform, with Sword. RSVP to CCC Alfonso Munevar at amunevar1@verizon.net, or FN Matthew T. West at <a href="maintenance-assume-
- Simbang Gabi Mass, Saturday, December 16. Details to come!

Fraternally, SK Alfonso Munevar Color Corps Commander



Faithful Admiral's Report



Worthy Sir Knights,

Shortly after this issue goes to print, several of us will be traveling to Portsmouth for the Exemplification. Our Assembly will have two new Sir Knights... they will be introduced in next month's newsletter. I encourage all who can to come to our annual Thanksgiving Dinner to welcome our new Sir Knights to the Assembly (details can be found in the Faithful Captain's Report!).



The next Exemplification is scheduled for Saturday, April 21, 2018... at a location to be announced (anticipate to learn this information on November 12th... will pass along as soon as we know!). NOW is the time to start recruiting for it. Encourage those who have not taken the Knighthood Degree to do so... there will be one hosted by Fr. Diamond Council in the gym of St. Leo the Great Catholic School on Saturday, January 27.

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

Faithful Comptroller's Report

Worthy Sir Knights,

As of November 1, 2017, Fr. Walter F. Malloy Assembly has 316 Sir Knights, a decrease from October of 2 Sir Knights.

Sir Knights will be receiving their 2018 dues billing notices during the first week of December. Please remit payment as soon as you receive your dues notice and I will forward your membership card.

Any Sir Knight having financial or other difficulties should contact me to discuss and/or make alternative payment arrangements

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

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 by Wednesday, November 15 with your vote of color: Royal Blue, Maroon, or Dark Green.

Thanksgiving & Welcome Dinner

Each November, our monthly Assembly Meeting is replaced by an open Thanksgiving and Welcome Dinner. It is a chance for us to gather with our Ladies to celebrate Thanksgiving and welcome our newest Sir Knights. This year's Dinner will be on Wednesday, November 15, at Providence Hall (behind St. Leo the Great Catholic Church). Doors will open at 6:30 PM for appetizers. We will recite the Rosary at 7:00 PM, with dinner following immediately (please note, this is earlier than our normal routine!). Remarks and an official welcome to our new Sir Knights will follow dinner. Faithful Officers and Past Faithful Navigators are requested to bring an appetizer or a dessert to be shared.

Cost for the night will be \$15 per person (\$30 per couple) for those who RSVP on or before Friday, November 10th; those who RSVP after the 10th, or who just show up at the door will be \$20 per person (\$40 per couple); new Sir Knights and their guest will be free. Reservations may be made thru Faithful Captain **SK Carroll D. Glass** at cdglass@gmail.com, or at (571) 245-6250.

Advertisements in the Newsletter

When we resurrected the *Navigator's Log* last year, we initially sent it to all Sir Knights on our roster via postal service. We requested that Sir Knights who were receiving the newsletter via email voluntarily opt-out of the hard copy. While there was some good response on that, there were not enough "opt-outs" to make a significant difference in the expense. We then made the difficult decision to limit the hard-copies to those who were not receiving the emails.

Currently, 34 Sir Knights in the Assembly receive a hard-copy of the newsletter at an expense of more than \$50 per month (everyone else receives the electronic-copy via email at no expense to the Assembly!). This is over \$600 annually that the Assembly could use for other charities and operations. For this reason, we have a proposal to help off-set the expense of the monthly newsletter that is mailed out to our Sir Knights who do not receive email.

Beginning with January's issue of the *Navigator's Log*, we will be including advertisements. The advertisements will be business card size, will be limited to no more than 12, and will cost \$50 for a one year inclusion in each newsletter. We are giving priority to Knights of Columbus Insurance Agents (both General and Field), and to Sir Knights of the Assembly. If we still have room for more, then we will solicit from outside sources. Currently, we have already received two advertisements, and a commitment for a third one.

In keeping with the laws of the Knights of Columbus, no advertisements for insurance (other than Knights of Columbus insurance) will be permitted. This includes (but not limited to) life, health, car, or property insurance. Additionally, advertisements will not be accepted from any business that contradicts the ideals of the Order or the Church.

Anyone interested in advertising may contact Newsletter Editor, **SK David J. Todd, Jr., PFN**, at djtoddjr@gmail.com. Payments may be made directly to the Faithful Comptroller, and should be made payable to "Fr. Malloy Assembly".

Sponsorship of the Assembly

As noted earlier in this issue, our Assembly has been operating in a deficit these past couple of years. While there is a resolution to assist in reversing this, we are looking to see what else can be done to rectify this problem.

One suggestion that has been made is to allow Sir Knights (and their families) to sponsor the Assembly through a donation. The donation would be separate from our annual dues (that is, it would not replace the dues owed), and would be completely voluntary. Those who sponsor the Assembly would have their name published in the *Navigator's Log* for one year; sponsorship may be made anonymously. To encourage larger donations, several levels are being established, and within each level are differences based on an individual's name, a couple's names, or a family's names.

Anyone interested in sponsoring the Assembly may contact Newsletter Editor, **SK David J. Todd, Jr., PFN** at djtoddjr@gmail.com. Payments may be made directly to the Faithful Comptroller, and should be made payable to "Fr. Malloy Assembly". Sponsorship payments may be made separately or combined with your dues payment. Please advise both the Newsletter Editor and the Faithful Comptroller when sponsoring and submitting payment for it.

The rates are as follows:

•Single Sponsorship:

SK David J. Todd, Jr., PFN

Platinum Level	\$25 per year
Gold Level	\$15 per year
Silver Level	\$10 per year
Bronze Level	\$5 per year

•Couple Sponsorship:

SK & Mrs. William W. Weich, PFN (Kathy)

or

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)

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".

Newsletter Redesign

Our Newsletter Editor, **SK David J. Todd, Jr., PFN**, is looking to redesign the *Navigator's Log*, and he seeks your input. The hope is to have a new layout for our Assembly's newsletter for the January issue. Please feel free to share any thoughts or ideas you might have with PFN Todd at ditodifr@gmail.com.

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