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Fr. Walter F. Malloy Assembly #1894 September 2020



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# **Member Contact Information**

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#### Navigator's Report SK David J. Todd, Jr., PGK, PFN Faithful Navigator

I begin this month's remarks with a well-deserved "Thank You!" On Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, we conducted our annual Installation of Officers and Pass in Review. It was a spectacular event, well received by all who attended. Many thanks go to: event coordinator, Faithful Captain **SK Patrick A. McGuire**, and his assistant/sous chef **SK Herbert F. Zimemrman**; chefs **SK Christopher A. Botticelli** and **SK Michael V. Purtill**; bartender **SK Charles A. Kraiger**; and servers Miss Siobhan Murray, Miss Kathleen Murray, Mr. Vince Gude, and Mr. James Turner, all under the watchful supervision of **SK Patrick J. Murray**. Additionally, thanks to all of the Faithful Officers for attending the Installation... it was nice not needing to depend on "stand-ins" for any of the Offices!

As our children/grandchildren head back to school, we prepare for what is typically our busy time. We begin this month joining with the Archdiocese of the Military Services in not

only remembering the "Grunt Padre," Navy Chaplain and Servant of God Fr. Vincent R. Capodanno and all those who gave their lives in defense of our nation (the annual Memorial Mass typically conducted in May was postponed this year). A week later, as our nation remembers the horrific acts of 19 years ago, we pause to honor those who serve our nation in the



Military, as well as those who serve our communities as Law Enforcement and as Fire & Rescue. Soon, we will remember our Order's namesake, and we will welcome new Sir Knights into the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree and our Assembly, as well as celebrate the Beatification of our Order's founder.

This is a great time to invite our brothers who have not attained the fullness of Knighthood to take the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. There are many reasons for them to do this now: they do not have to travel to other parts of the Commonwealth; the Initiation Fee is lower than normal; and they can become a Sir Knight on the same day Fr. McGivney becomes a Blessed! I recently sent to our Sir Knights an electronic Form 4 that can be filled out and submitted, making signing up even easier. So please, ask a Brother Knight to become a Brother Sir Knight! VIVAT JESUS!!!

#### <u>Friar's Report</u> Rev. SK Philip S. Majka Faithful Friar

Suffering is a mystery of daily life: we see and hear of it so often and, maybe we may suffer in a way. Adam and Eve were free from suffering before they ate the fruit of that tree. They lost that Preternatural Gift as a result of their disobedience, but Christ's redemptive passion restored this gift as a benefit for His obedience to the Will of the Father. He redeemed His sufferings in our behalf. This redemption becomes complete at the Resurrection.

Christ has given us His Spirit (the Paraclete... i.e., the Advocate) to guide our daily life. With this Spirit, we can offer our daily "sufferings" at our morning offering to exchange these sufferings into a powerhouse of sanctifying grace for a state purpose. Once this state purpose has become a reality, the agony of suffering turns into the joy of being one with Christ Jesus.

Christ went to the Father after His passion; we can transform ourselves into being one with Him in offering our daily sufferings in behalf of other. Thus we become the cheerful giver who does not hurt by giving!

## <u>Captain's Report</u> SK Patrick A. McGuire, PGK Faithful Captain

Many thanks to all the Sir Knights that made the Pass in Review a wonderful success. I know that **SK F. Randy Bordelon, PFN** was extremely impressed with this dinner, and our current Faithful Navigator was pleased as were the Knights and their Ladies who were in attendance, including the State Master.

For our meeting on September 16th, **SK Dennis A. Brown**, **PFN** will be in control of our Sir Knights' Café, the theme of which will be Oktoberfest. We need is a proper head count of those who will be attending, so please RSVP to SK Patrick McGuire at <u>ffxmacman@gmail.com</u> by September 13<sup>th</sup>. Also, anyone willing to give PFN Brown a hand with the dinner, should contact him directly at <u>dennisbrown920@gmail.com</u>.



#### <u>Pilot's Report</u> SK Joseph M. Gesker, PGK Faithful Pilot

Please pray for the following:

- Repose of the soul of Mr. Andrew Kehoe, brother of SK Donald R. Kehoe, FSS, PSD, and uncle of SK Stephen J. Kehoe, PSD
- Repose of the soul of Mrs. Melissa Kocurek, daughter of SK John "Jack" Michalski, PSD
- Health of SK John R. Berg
- Health of **SK Lawrence L. Holmes**, Jr.
- Health of SK S. Michael Pollak
- Health of SK Daniel E. Purtill
- Health of Mrs. Joann Alba, wife of SK Isaias "Cy" Alba, III, PSD, FM, and mother of SK Isaias "Cy" Alba, IV
- Health of SK Thomas J. Hogan, PSD, father of SK Timothy J. Hogan, and grandfather of SK James T. Hogan
- Health of Mr. & Mrs. Tom (Patricia) West, parents of **SK Matthew T. West, PFN**
- Health of Mr. Bobby Zimmerman, son of **SK Herbert F. Zimmerman**
- All those suffering as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic (both those infected, and those otherwise suffering).

Please advise Faithful Pilot **SK Joseph M. Gesker** of any prayer requests at <u>jgesker@verizon.net</u>.

# Commander's Report

SK George H. Billy, FDD, PGK, PFN Color Corps Commander

The Fr. Malloy Assembly Color Corps got a break in August with no scheduled events.

Where We Are Going in September:

- September 6: Archdiocese Memorial Service & Fr. Capoddano Mass will be in the Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (400 Michigan Ave NE, Washington, D.C. 20017) beginning at Noon. Muster in Memorial Hall no later than 11 AM in full Official Regalia Dress-Service, but without the Sword. Please RSVP to the Commander George Billy geobilly@aol.com ASAP (copy the Faithful Navigator) for those who will be attending.
- 2. September 13: 5th annual Mass Honoring Military & First Responders to be celebrated by Bishop Burbidge at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church (3700 Old Lee Hwy, Fairfax, VA 22030) at 11:00 AM. Muster in vestibule of church no later (Continued on page 3)

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than 10:20 AM in full Official Regalia Dress-Service (Swords are to be worn, but will not be drawn). A picture will be taken with the heroes (and with hopefully Bishop Burbidge) at 10:45 AM. Please RSVP to the Commander ASAP (copy the Faithful Navigator) for those who will be in the Honor Guard. Additional help (parking, ushers, photography, reception) will be needed... those who are providing additional support may wear Official Regalia Dress-Social (no Beret, Baldric, or Sword), OR Social Dress Uniform (with Social Baldric). Those willing to give extra support should RSVP to the Navigator ASAP.

Looking ahead to October:

- 1. <u>October 12</u>: Columbus Day wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. Standby for more details on the logistics.
- 2. <u>October 31</u>: Fourth Degree Exemplification. Color Corps members will be needed for escorts during the virtual livestream at St. Leo the Great Catholic School Gym. Escorts should arrive no later than 10:00 AM in Official Regalia Dress-Service.

### <u>Admiral's Report</u> SK F. Randy Bordelon, PGK, PFN Faithful Admiral

"The greatest of tyrannies are always perpetuated in the name of the noblest causes." - Thomas Paine

The ballot is the basis of our democracy; but its use must be informed by truth. There is a great tendency today for misinformation in our many sources of communication. It is vital to seek truth before we follow philosophy or party. Attractive slogans and blanket accusations have the vigor of the imagination of the instant; but cannot bring about justice if not based on truth. Read. Reflect. Vote.

A few short weeks—we are schedule critical for the next exemplification; we should vote on our candidates at the September 16 meeting. Call me at (703) 346-5393 to discuss anyone you think should be a candidate for our Assembly.

The next Exemplification will be held virtually on October 31, 2020, coinciding with the Beatification of Fr. Michael J. McGivney. Fr. Malloy Candidates should attend the gathered viewing at St. Leo Gym.

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9:30 AM	Doors Open
10:30 AM	<b>Candidates</b> Arrive
11:00 AM	Exemplification
~1:00 PM	Lunch

If for COVID-19 or other concerns, a candidate cannot attend at St. Leo, the candidate can coordinate attendance from home by contact with the Navigator or Admiral.

Let's have a good class with new men from each of our affiliated Councils.

A review of requirements:

- Third Degree Member in good standing (dues current).
- Form 4—all pertinent fields filled in, signed by candidate, sponsor, and Financial Secretary.
- Check made payable to <u>Fr. Walter F. Malloy</u> <u>Assembly #1894</u> for \$50.
- All elements have to be in place prior to the Assembly meeting, or the application cannot be presented for a vote.

#### <u>Comptroller's Report</u> SK William W. Weich, FDD, PGK, PFN Faithful Comptroller

As of August 18, 2020, our Assembly membership remains at 321 Sir Knights. This includes 4 Honorary Members and 58 Honorary Life Members.

#### Honorary Membership vs. Honorary Life Membership

Members who have attained the actual age of 65 and who have been members of the Fourth Degree for 25 consecutive years, shall be designated as Honorary Members. Assembly dues are assessed at \$10 annually for Honorary Members.

Members who have attained the actual age 70 and have been members of the Fourth Degree for 25 consecutive years, or have been members of the Fourth Degree for 50 years, regardless of age shall be designated as Honorary Life Members and will be exempt from paying Assembly dues.

#### Assembly 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. I am willing to help in working out alternative solutions, but I need to hear from them.

#### Member Contact Info

Change in mailing address, phone number, email address? Please send updated information to me at 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 <u>wweich@yahoo.com</u>.

#### <u>Historian Report</u> SK Richard D. Muñoz, FDD, PGK, PFN Assembly Historian

"That which has been is that which will be, and that which has been done is that which will be done. So there is nothing new under the sun." Ecclesiastes 1:9

In 1929, the United States faced a grave financial crisis. Following a booming economy, the stock market took a drastic tumble and the country was plunged into an economic depression. The federal government cast about for solutions, both public and private, as some activists urged the country to adopt the kind of economic system that would shortly guarantee Russia (they promised) economic safety and prosperity.

The Fourth Degree response was ready. The 1922 encyclical "Ubi Arcano Dei Consilio," had called patriotism "...the stimulus of so many virtues and of so many noble acts of heroism..." when kept within the bounds of the law of Christ. And it also warned that patriotism becomes a danger when "we dissociate morality from the affairs of practical life." Inspired by these words, Supreme Master Charles Reddin had created a "Call to Action." Reddin urged members of the Fourth Degree to understand that Catholic Action was more than simply attending Mass and receiving Communion—it was, he said, the translation of religious belief into civic action. "It is a trite but true saying," Reddin told the Fourth-Degree membership, "that the better the Catholic, the better the citizen."

And as a result, the Fourth Degree became the vanguard for the Order's response to the Great Depression. When the President announced the formation of a commission on unemployment, the Supreme Knight sent him a telegram offering the services of the Order, in a program drawn largely unchanged from the "Call to Action," of the Fourth Degree. Leveraging volunteerism to the hilt, the Knights provided a number of civic engagement and educational programs to the times.

Most notable, and most interestingly parallel to the current state of affairs, was the lure of socialism and the Order's response. Where groups preaching socialism tried to sway a frightened populace with promises of economic equality and prosperity, Reddin designed a program around the framework of the Catholic Evidence Guilds, an educational movement originally intended to publicize clear and understandable explanations of Catholic doctrine to the public. Reddin's educational mission was directed at exposing the facile economic assumptions and claims of the socialist movement.

As the decade unrolled, this became a more sharply focused mission: generic socialism became firmly established as Marxist communism, and the hostility of the communist regimes to Catholicism—indeed, to any religion except Marxism—became more evident.

In 1937, Pope Pius XI issued "Divini Redemptoris: On Atheistic Communism," which called Bolshevistic and atheistic communism a danger that aimed at undermining the very foundations of Christian civilization. And at the 1937 Supreme Convention, Reddin recommended that Sir Knight George Hermann Derry be appointed to head a lecture and publicity program specifically designed to counter the communist crusade. This program became "The Knights of Columbus Crusade for the Preservation and Promotion of Our American Ideals," and it was active for the next decade.

There is an old aphorism: those who do not remember history are condemned to repeat it. It seems an extraordinary turn of events that, eighty years after that program began and (arguably) thirty years after the collapse of the world's foremost socialist state, our nation again finds itself flirting with socialism.

#### Fr. Francis J. Diamond Council #6292 SK Mark D. Walther Grand Knight

In September, the Fr. Diamond Council will sponsor a couple of events for all who may be interested.



On Saturday, September 12 at 8:00 AM, join us in praying the Rosary to End Abortion. In favorable weather, we meet at the "Our Lady of Providence" Memorial in front of St. Leo the Great Church. In case of inclement weather, we gather inside the

church by the statue of Our Blessed Mother. Please be advised that social distancing and mask wearing rules must be followed.

On Saturday, September 26 from 5 to 8 PM, come by Providence Hall for a take-out dinner featuring Jambalaya. For \$13 per meal, you will get jambalaya, cornbread, vegetable, and dessert. Pre-orders / reservations for the limited seating are required at KofCKitchen6292@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please call or text **SK Herbert F. Zimmerman** at (703) 623-6299.



#### <u>St. Philip's Council #17056</u> SK Mark E. Mitchell Grand Knight

The serious illness of a brother Knight offered Council 17056 a great opportunity to put our Order's principles into action and ensure that we "Leave No Neighbor Behind." **SK Daniel E. Purtill, PGK**, a former member of Council 6292, had his right leg amputated above the knee. Council 17056 responded to his needs by building a wheelchair ramp in the garage to provide SK Dan with simpler and safe access to the house as he recovers and adjusts.

We purchased and installed a new automatic garage door opener to provide simple, secure access to the garage. We also reorganized garage storage to provide the family with easy access to the refrigerator in the garage. Our council Chaplain, Fr. C. William Nyce, stopped by to bless the ramp and home. The one-car garage only allowed four of us to be on site to work but the prayers and financial support of all really made it possible.





**SK Richard J. Healy**, Chris Haislmaier, Dennis Hogan, and Rev. C. William Nyce join **SK Daniel E. Purtill**, his wife Yvette, and their daughter Hattie at the top of the new ramp.



Chris Haislmaier, Dennis Hogan, **SK Richard J. Healy**, and **SK Mark E. Mitchell**, **GK** having completed the work!

Editor's Note: Many thanks to the fine brother Knights in St. Philip's Council for displaying the Principals of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity! We are truly lucky to have your Council associated with our Assembly, and look forward to adding some of your members as Worthy Sir Knights!

#### <u>50 Swords Initiative</u> SK Dennis A. Brown, PFN Chairman

Fr. Malloy Assembly has three major incentives for Sir Knights to purchase the Official Regalia Dress (ORD) uniform.

- \$100 reimbursement by the Faithful Comptroller for the first ten Sir Knights to purchase the Official Regalia uniform (Official Navy Blue Blazer with 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Emblem Crest, Official Gray Trousers, Official 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Necktie, and Official Black Beret with 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Metal Badge), and agree to attend at least two meetings, attend Color Corps Training, and participate in at least two Color Corps activities within a year.
- Limited supply of FREE black handled swords donated by Assembly members, which we will made available to Sir Knights of the Assembly on a first come first serve basis when they purchase the Official Regalia.
- \$150 reimbursement from the Faithful Comptroller for the purchase of a black handled sword from the KofC Supplies.

The Official Regalia Dress uniform is multi use:

- With Beret, Service Baldric, Sword, and Gloves: various Color Corps events (Parades, Confirmations, Viewings & Funerals, etc.)
- Without Beret, Baldric, Sword, and Gloves: various formal events (Exemplifications, Installation of Officers, Banquets, etc.)

Please note, Social Baldric is NEVER worn with ORD, nor is the name badge!

The Social Dress Uniform (SDU) (dark suit, conservative style tie, and Social Baldric) is worn in place of the ORD by those who do not have it.

Please note, Service Baldric and Sword are NEVER worn with SDU, but a name badge may be worn!

We invite Sir Knights to purchase the ORD uniform as we strive to be the public face of the Knights of Columbus!

## Message from the Master

Our Worthy Master, SK Stephen P. Raschke, PSD, sent the following message to Faithful Navigators throughout the Virginia District, and asked that we pass this along to the membership: "From time to time in my travels, I have noticed a few items that I would ask that you reinforce with your membership about the proper wear of the social dress and Official Regalia Dress of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree.

# "If a member of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree is wearing the **Social Dress Uniform**:

- 1. Dark suit (black, blue, or gray)—jacket and trousers should match!
- 2. Black socks and black dress shoes
- 3. Plain white dress shirt with conservative tie—button cuffs (no French cuffs), no button-down collar shirts
- 4. Social Baldric
- 5. The only pin you would wear is the Official 4<sup>th</sup> Degree "PG-113" pin, centered at the buttonhole of the left lapel of the suit
- 6. Incumbent Medal of Office
- 7. Past and Former miniature medals above the left pocket
- 8. Name tag

No American or state flags, K of C state pin, or other pins!

#### "If you are wearing the Official Regalia Dress:

- 1. Official Navy-Blue Blazer with the Fourth Degree Emblem Crest and Knights of Columbus Emblem of the Order buttons
- 2. Official Fourth Degree Gray Trousers (no cuffs)
- 3. Official Fourth Degree Necktie
- 4. Official Fourth Degree Black Beret with Fourth Degree metal badge over appropriate colored patch of the office
- 5. Plain white dress shirt—button cuffs (no French cuffs), no button-down collar shirts
- 6. Black socks and plain black shoes
- The only pin you would wear is the Official 4<sup>th</sup> Degree "PG-113" pin, centered at the buttonhole of the left lapel of the jacket
- 8. Incumbent Medal of Office
- 9. Past and Former Miniature Medals above left pocket

The Social Baldric is NOT worn with the Official Regalia Dress. Only the Service Baldric when performing in Color Corps or ceremonial functions.

"Remember that when a member of the Fourth Degree is wearing the Official Regalia Dress Uniform or the Social Dress Uniform at Knights of Columbus functions, he should respect the rules of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree and be in proper wear. I would ask that you make sure your Assembly membership is aware of the proper Social Dress Uniform and Official Regalia Dress when wearing as a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree member at Knights of Columbus events and activities."



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or "SK & Mrs. John T. Doe (Jane)"

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<b>Platinum Level</b>	\$75 per year
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**Council Sponsor:** 

"St. John T. Doe Council #12345"

Platinum Level	\$100 per year
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