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He is Risen... He is not here. Happy Easter to All!



Navigators Report



Worthy Sirs:

May the Peace of Easter be with each and every one of you! Only a few weeks ago we were wondering if the spring flowers would shoot up through the snow, and now the hard labors of fall in grass and flower planting seem to be Rejoicing that spring has sprung.

On Saturday, March 29, 2003, I attend our quarterly Faithful Navigators meeting with our Faithful Master. A little longer than in past meetings but with many new items. Before I got into some of the details, which I will address in my Faithful Navigators Report in detail, allow me to give some dates:

2-4 May 2003: Fr. Malloy has the Color Guard for the Banquet.

17 May 2003: Mini-Exemplification. St. Edward's School, Richmond, VA Cost \$65. Exemplification and Luncheon. \$20 for luncheon.

18 May 2003: Memorial Mass, Basilica of the National Shrine, Immaculate Conception, 4:30 PM Mass, Military See.

4 July 2003: Fourth of July Parade, Fairfax, VA. FR MALLOY sponsors

12 July 2003: State Organization Meeting. St. Andrews, Clifton, VA

5 August 2003: Supreme Convention, followed by Eucharistic Convention (7-8 August 2003)

8 November 2003: Exemplification, Cavalier Hotel, Virginia Beach, VA

This listing is in addition to our regular Assembly activities. Please plan to attend at least 3 of these.

Thank you all who attended our last meeting. Though many attended the Confirmation that evening we still had a quorum for that meeting. Thank you.

Our year is coming to a fast close. We have had a very busy Colombian Year, and as you can see by the schedule, there is still more to come.

Worthy Sirs, I hope you all had a chance to see the front page of the Arlington Herald for week ending March 28, 2003. In the midst of the war, we have one of our Marines providing assistance to an Iraqi. In another paper, a Marine is seen carrying a child from the refuge of the village that was just blown away.

Yes, we had the truck incident with woman and children whose lives were taken regretfully done. I am often moved by the compassion of our military personnel when it comes to humanitarian deeds and the outreach of care provided. Taking of prisoners, distribution of relief aid, playing with the children, and the encompassing spirit of the American will in the value of helping life. War has its mission of the taking of lives, but in the manner in which we seek to ensure comfort of prisoners, and the people of that nation, we should see the goodness of what we are trying to do. I remember going into a village in South Vietnam where a Catholic Priest was trying to refurbish an elementary school. How the spirit of our small group of 20 sailors, aging between 18 and 25, went in to put up walls, paint, and then play with the kids. There again, we dealt with the adults but didn't know their rolls were during the evening hours. Judgment could be easily passed, but in that one moment of Peace on a Good Will, young sailors set aside their battle stations, to help a village.

During the upcoming Easter Season, let us continue to pray. Pray for our thoughts, deeds, those men and women, and especially their families. At our meeting I asked for the continued prayers for our Chaplain Corps. They are torn by the words of our Holy Father, but serve to the souls of all humanity. "Let their Light Shine Upon Us" as the example setters of the difference between God and Caesar. PAX!

SK Tom Sneer
Faithful Navigator

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Next Assembly Meeting Wednesday, April 16th

The next meeting of Fr. Malloy Assembly will be held at Providence Hall, St. Leo the Great Parish on Wednesday, April 16th. The meeting will start with recitation of the Rosary at 7:30 PM. This will be followed by *The Knight's Cafe*, a social, sit-down repast prepared by Brother Sir Knights. A business meeting will follow *The Knight's Cafe*. All Sir Knights are urged to attend.

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THINK PATRIOTISM

As we live from day to day through the constant news bombardments and splattering projectiles of public opinion and scatter of neighborhood discussions, it is an opportune time for us to stop and think – to conceive what is patriotism?

I tried to do that this week. And, I found myself reflecting on what – as a citizen of the United States, as a Virginian, as a member of the patriotic Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus -- does it mean to be patriotic? I asked myself am I patriotic? To myself I said, Of course. But then, as soon as I asked myself the question I felt a nagging. Am I really? To that question I needed to pencil down a list of qualities that I thought important as a litmus test of patriotism. My thoughts led me to the following general themes:

Do I support the values of the United States of America? Our country has been the champion for freedom and human rights since it began. "We hold certain Truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness." The words of our founding fathers still ring loud and true today. We must not be afraid to give voice to our convictions. After all, we live in "The home of the brave."

Do I keep informed and vote? The United States was founded on democracy. I think that what gives our country the greatest strength is the possibility of having all our citizens, from all walks of life and cultures become informed on the issues that face our nation and then voting to make sure they are heard. It seems to me that it is time to leave behind the fog of apathy that has plagued many of our citizens in recent times and get us all back to what our founding fathers died for, to allow all our citizens to have representation in the laws that govern our country. As Fourth Degree Knights, we should consider not just encouraging people to vote but also encouraging an informed citizenship.

How do I protect civil liberties? As Benjamin Franklin said, "They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." I thought that this would be easy. But to answer the question to my satisfaction, I found I needed to refresh myself on some of our basic liberties. I needed to actually go back and read our Bill of Rights. Our government and thus our way of life was founded on this document. I don't think I had actually read it since high school. I remembered its central themes better than I remember Algebra, but I found the review revealing.

Am I willing to die for something? To be patriotic I felt that I needed to determine for what I was willing to die. Our country was established because our founding fathers were willing to die to establish this great country of ours. What cause is noble and honorable enough to die for? Perhaps, it is to protect these patriotic virtues. Or, it could be to defend our family and friends from harm. This is something that is very personal and not to be taken lightly. I learned a lot about myself determining the answer to this question.

Do I show compassion and consideration to all people? "We hold certain Truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." As Roman Catholic Christians I think we will agree that these words are not just meant for Americans, they are meant for "all people". The hard part is establishing how we individually deal with people from other cultures, religions and countries and at the same time remain true and patriotic to our own beliefs and values

For me these are the characteristics and challenges of patriotism. Think about it.

Timothy G. Donovan
Faithful Captain

In Memoriam

Remember in your prayers those Sir Knights who have passed away during month of April

4/21/1990 SK William P. Symonds
4/17/1994 SK Joseph M. Elwood
4/21/1997 SK Gladwyn W. Anderson
4/21/1998 SK Joseph P. Politte

Congratulations

Fr. Malloy Assembly extends congratulations and good luck to PFN Cy Alba for his recent selection by the State Nominating Committee to be their candidate for the Office of State Warden. Election of State Officers will occur at the State Convention at the Fairview Park Marriot, Fairfax, May 2nd and 3rd.

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL SIR

ONE DOLLAR BILL

SK Steve Smith, CC Commander



Take out a one dollar bill. The one dollar bill you're looking at first came off the presses in 1957 in its present design. This so-called paper money is in fact a cotton and linen blend, with red and blue minute silk fibers running through it. It is actually material. We've all washed it without it falling apart. A special blend of ink is used, the contents we will never know. It is overprinted with symbols and then it is starched to make it water resistant and pressed to give it that nice crisp look.

If you look on the front of the bill, you will see the United States Treasury Seal. On the top you will see the scales for a balanced budget. In the center you have a carpenter's square, a tool used for an even cut. Underneath is the Key to the United States Treasury. That's all pretty easy to figure out, but what is on the back of that dollar bill is something we should all know.

If you turn the bill over, you will see two circles. Both circles, together, comprise the Great Seal of the United States. The First Continental Congress requested that Benjamin Franklin and a group of men come up with a Seal. It took them four years to accomplish this task and another two years to get it approved.

If you look at the left-hand circle, you will see a Pyramid. Notice the face is lighted, and the western side is dark. This country was just beginning. We had not begun to explore the West or decided what we could do for Western Civilization. The Pyramid is un-capped, again signifying that we were not even close to being finished. Inside the capstone you have the all-seeing eye, an ancient symbol for divinity. It was Franklin's belief that one man couldn't do it alone, but a group of men, with the help of God, could do anything.



"IN GOD WE TRUST" is on this currency. The Latin above the pyramid, ANNUIT COEPTIS, means, "God has favored our undertaking." The Latin below the pyramid, NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM, means, "a new order has begun." At the base of the pyramid is the Roman Numeral for 1776. If you look at the right-hand circle, and check it carefully, you will learn that it is on every National Cemetery in the United States. It is also on the Parade of Flags Walkway at the Bushnell, Florida National Cemetery, and is the centerpiece of most hero's monuments. Slightly modified, it is the seal of the President of the United States, and it is always visible whenever he speaks, yet very few people know what the symbols mean.

The Bald Eagle was selected as a symbol for victory for two reasons: first, he is not afraid of a storm; he is strong, and he is smart enough to soar above it. Secondly, he wears no material crown. We had just broken from the King of England. Also, notice the shield is unsupported. This country can now stand on its own. At the top of that shield you have a white bar signifying congress, a unifying factor. We were coming together as one nation. In the Eagle's beak you will read, "E PLURIBUS UNUM", meaning, "one nation from many people".

The Pilot's Message

SK Tim Coe
Faithful Pilot

Sir Knights, last month I discussed legislation that was in the Maryland State Legislature that would require priests to break their "Seal of Secrecy" in the event they hear of child abuse cases while hearing a confession. I'm pleased to report that this legislation did go through. Child abuse is a very serious offense and everything must be done to put an end to it, but what is told to a priest while giving a confession MUST remain confidential between God and the confessor.

As we are all aware of, our country is undergoing a very serious conflict with another country. We are also undergoing struggles at home with civil protestors who take extreme measures to get their point across. These protestors feel they have the right to affect others lives by taking actions like blocking traffic and damaging property. As Sir Knights we must remember that the principle of our Degree is patriotism, the support of our elected government. We may not always agree with what our elected officials do or say, we must still defend them. That is out charge. If and when we do disagree with our elected officials there are proper ways in expressing our protests. The first being letting them know our stance on an issue through letters or petitions or phone calls. Secondly, peaceful demonstrations that specifically address the issue while not disrupting others. Then, when all else fails we must go to the voting booth and vote the bums out.

We must also pray for, both military and the innocent civilians victims of this war. The military are performing just acts of mercy to save others while the civilians are just caught in the middle. We all have family, friends, or co-workers involved. Please pray for their safe return and end to the hostilities.

Tim Coe
Worthy Pilot

In Memorium

Remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Msgr Francis Bradican, the senior priest in the Arlington Diocese. Msgr Bradigan was 92 years old at his death and over 66 years a priest. The Msgr. was a longtime friend of the Knights. Be sure to read of his inspiring life in the 4/3/2003 issue of the Arlington Herald.

LEAD THE CHARGE!

Your attention is directed to the article by Bishop James Tamayo of Laredo, Texas which appears in the April issue of the **Columbia Magazine**, p13. The Bishop speaks highly of the Knights and of the influence the Order had on his vocation to the priesthood. An inspiring article.



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