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NAVIGATOR'S LOG

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Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree, Virginia District, Calvert Province

Friday, August 15th: Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Navigator's Report



Worthy Sir Knights:

As you read this I am on vacation and perhaps you are also. However that does not mean that your Malloy Assembly has been idle during these "dog days" of August. Those of you who were not (as I was) lounging in our hammocks under the trees waiting for Summer to pass have been out there doing the Assembly's work.

Your color corps laid a wreath at the Vietnam Memorial, marched in the Fairfax Fourth of July Parade, and contributed to the successful installation of officers of the Councils that make up Malloy Assembly. In each of these events you gentlemen performed magnificently and with dedication. This is what we are all about. I know that you will read more details from the other officers of the Assembly but I wanted to thank you all here for what you are doing to start this fraternal year off on the right foot.

Recently all Faithful Navigators in the state gathered in Richmond for an organization meeting with our Master J.P. McCusker. Many topics were covered and from time to time they will find their way into the Navigator's report. However I want to highlight a few today.

We will have our 4th Degree Exemplification this year at the Cavalier hotel in historic Virginia Beach. I know that Maggie McCusker has been influential in planning some special events for our ladies including a "mystery" event at the old Cavalier hotel which was opened to the public in 1927. And there will be the usual set of events surrounding the exemplification and capped with the banquet on Saturday evening. What a wonderful time to make a trip to the beach with your spouse and family. You will be on hand to welcome our newest Sir Knights and enjoy all the hospitality that you can absorb. Full details will be available shortly. And when they are we will get them to you.

And don't forget those Form 4's. Last year we brought in a record number of new members but until every Knight is a Fourth Degree Knight, we have not done our job. This year the Master has set a goal for our Assembly of 35 new Sir Knights. This goal is reasonable and can be accomplished. Check within your council and recruit those 3rd Degree Knights that you know would make a contribution to our Assembly. Talk the Fourth Degree up at meetings and bring them into the fold. We can make this goal if you can find just one candidate to bring to the exemplification. You will be glad you did and so will the new Sir Knight.

Vivat Jesus,
SK Timothy G. Donovan, FN

Next Assembly Meeting Wednesday, August 20th

The next meeting of Fr. Malloy Assembly will be held at Providence Hall, St. Leo the Great Parish on Wednesday, August 20th. The meeting will start with a recitation of the Holy Rosary at 7:30 PM. This will be followed by *The Knights Cafe*, a social, sit-down repast prepared by Brother Sir Knights. A business meeting will follow *The Knights Cafe*. All Sir Knights are urged to attend.

Wanted - A Few Good Chefs

The Faithful Captain, Sir Knight David Todd, Jr., still needs some volunteers to prepare a meal for *The Knights Cafe*. Expenses will be reimbursed. Please contact SK David Todd, Jr to volunteer to prepare a meal. e-mail him at djtoddjr@erols.com or call (703) 385-2195

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The Captain's Corner



SK David Todd,
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Faithful Captain

Worthy Sir Knights:

Growing up around military installations, a deep respect for flag etiquette was instilled in me from a young age. As such, many of you can understand my frustration when I observe improper use of the flag. As the Patriotic Degree, I think it's appropriate that we understand proper etiquette, and so I share some thoughts.

To start, the flag should only be flown from sunrise to sunset. It is improper to raise the flag when weather is inclement, yet once it is raised, it stands as a testament to the strength and ability for our nation to weather the storms. As such, we do not lower the flag when the weather becomes less than perfect. The flag can be flown after sunset only when illuminated.

When raising the flag, it should be hoisted briskly and lowered solemnly. If flying it at half mast (such as for Memorial Day), the flag is first hoisted to the top of the pole rapidly, and then lowered to position slowly; when it's time to lower it, it is first raised back to the top quickly, and then lowered slowly and solemnly.

Whether displaying the US flag horizontally or vertically, the union should always be in the upper right corner of the flag. It should never be draped over anything with the exception of the casket of a veteran. In this one instance, the flag does not appear correct as the union is placed over the left shoulder of the deceased.

Hopefully, this will help each of you to display the flag properly. If you have any further questions, you may review the *Color Corps Drill Manual* for the Fourth Degree (several officers have copies of it), or ask the Faithful Commander, Faithful Captain, or any other officer.



Fraternally,
SK Dave Todd, Jr
Faithful Captain



SK August Birthdays (PFN's in BOLD)

8/01	Tim Carl	8/16	John Wolf
8/03	Bob Rogers	8/17	Mike Plumstead
8/04	John Judge	8/19	Bill Frieze
8/05	Paul Kyle	8/19	Brian Smith
8/05	Jose Sanchez	8/21	Leo Weston
8/07	Tony Adams	8/22	Hank Urban
8/09	John Rensbarger	8/22	Tim Shea
8/13	Eddie Alamilla	8/24	John Purkat
8/13	Bud Johnson	8/26	Julian Niemczyk
8/14	John Murphy	8/28	Peter Guadagno
8/14	Manny Garcia	8/28	Jim Cella
8/16	Tim Ward	8/31	Tim Hogan
8/16	Bob Kreider	8/31	Gary Christopherson

Worthy Sir Knights,

I would like to take a moment to thank the members of Fr Malloy for the support they recently gave at Fr Diamond's Installation of Officers. Your presence helped to add great beauty to an already wonderful ceremony, and this impressed all those who were present. Know that each of you is welcomed to visit Fr Diamond for any of our events, and that I will continue to promote the Patriotic Degree to our 3rd Degree members.

Fraternally,
SK Dave Todd, Jr
Grand Knight

The Pilot's Message

SK Stephan
Smith
Faithful Pilot

Worthy Sir Knights:

This past June 28, at the organizational meeting in Richmond, convened by our Master, JP McCusker, numerous topics relevant to the Fourth Degree were discussed, such as the upcoming November exemplification to be held in Virginia Beach. There were separate sessions for the Navigators, Captains, and Color Corp Commanders and I would like to pass on some important information covered in the latter.

Tom Trudeau, District Marshall, led the Commanders meeting and made some simple yet profound points of interest. People have commented that our Color Corps' are NOT as professional as the Armed Services' Honor Guards. This is true for the following reasons: 1) ours is a volunteer organization, 2) we do not have the professional training of the Services, and 3) we do the best we can.

It is our privilege to bring dignity to liturgical services (Holy Mass, Confirmations, etc.), to display our pride in our Faith in parades, etc., to provide silent witness and consolation at Wakes and/or Funerals of Sir Knights, their spouses and/or immediate families, and to act as visible examples of Catholic gentlemen proudly portraying their religious beliefs in a secular world.

Of special concern is our attendance upon Liturgical celebrations. While our Honor Guards and/or Color Corps, meant to supplement the dignity and beauty of liturgical celebrations, are highly visible, they should never distract or detract from the liturgy itself. Several suggestions were made to further enhance our contribution to these ceremonies.

- Coordinate with the church's liturgist prior to the service.
- Practice beforehand. While remaining flexible, adapt to the particular circumstances, and know what is expected, as much as possible.
- Act as a unit. Maintain uniform appearance and action.
- Control the Sword. When marching, walking or in pews, hold or lift the scabbard so that it is as quiet as possible. Hold the scabbard across legs when seated.
- Sit in rear of the church.

Among other topics discussed were proper Colors (US Flag) presentation, availability of the Flag Folding team and upcoming Color Corps and/or Honor Guard competitions.

There is only one (1) certified Flag Folding team in the Commonwealth of Virginia, who will attend the wake or funeral of any veteran Sir Knight entitled to these honors, upon receipt of sufficient notice. They operate out of Southern VA. Some of our men have also performed this ceremony (It only takes 3, is quite simple, and very moving.) If there is enough interest, I would like to have at least two (2) teams ready to perform this function. Please let me know if any members are interested.

To participate in the competitions, we would have to field a Color Corps team of at least twelve (12) men, and/or an Honor Guard of at least five (5), who, through repeated drills and practice, can act as a unit. The dates of the competition have not yet been announced, but the sooner we get started the better. If any members are interested in competing, please let me know.

Fraternally
SK Stephen Smith
Faithful Pilot



In Memoria *Sir Knights who died during the month* *of August*

"Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them Oh Lord"

8/01/1997 SK Leroy J. Decuir
8/15/1991 SK Clarence Cyr
8/19/1984 Rev. Martin J. Murray

\$\$An Appeal for Financial Aid\$\$

Sir Knights, The Navigators Log is published monthly as an effort to keep all members of Father Malloy Assembly advised of the activities of the Assembly and to inform you of upcoming events within the Assembly. It costs the Assembly approximately \$1,300 per year to prepare, print and mail the Log. Currently the Assembly has no other source of income other than your annual dues. You can help us defray these expenses by contributing \$20 (more or less) to a publishing fund. Mail your contribution to:

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