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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS - AUGUST 17 MEETING

NAVIGATORS REPORT



Worthy Sir Knights,
The Fourth Degree was established to provide public catholic witness in a time of virulent anti-Catholicism. As successors to those first Sir Knights, we must continue to live our lives as Catholic gentlemen Daily prayer, frequent reception of the Sacraments, and reflection on our oaths will help us be examples in today's anti-Catholic world.

Your Color Corps was very active in July- beginning with the Fairfax Fourth of July parade. We were fortunate to have Associate District Marshall Dick Bowman and Secretary to the Master Mike



Diewald lead us through the streets of Fairfax. Pictures (taken by SK Gerry Pepin) are now on the website of the Supreme Council.

We also were privileged to support the installation of council officers for Fr. Sikora, Fr Diamond, St John Bosco, and St Mary of Sorrows councils. We are grateful for these opportunities and most appreciative of the fraternal spirit with which we were greeted.

Our Assembly installation of officers will be conducted by the District Master, SK JP McCusker, on our regular meeting day, August 17th. All officers are requested to wear Fourth Degree social dress. (Tuxedo, social baldric, tuxedo shirt with plain collar, plain black shoes, etc). JP will be accompanied by the District Marshall, SK Tom Trudeau and their ladies. This will be an open meeting.

As we move into August let us not forget our nation's history. The Purple Heart Medal was established August 7th, 1782. Please keep in your prayers those Armed Forces personnel who have received that medal this past year. Remember also that August is the anniversary of the first and second atomic bomb missions.

Please pray that such weapons will never need to be used again. Remember in a special way that August is a month of Our Lady. August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption, one of the mysteries upon which we contemplate when we pray the rosary and on August 22nd we celebrate the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

For planning purposes, permit me to bring to your attention two October events. The annual Christopher Columbus Day celebration will be held October 12th at the Christopher Columbus statue outside Union Station. The Arlington Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is Saturday October 15, 2005. Bishop Loverde has requested a Fourth Degree Honor Guard and I expect the Archdiocese for the Military Services will host a small reception for the Honor Guard following the afternoon Mass. All Sir Knights of Fr Malloy Assembly will be invited.

Register to vote and vote. Virginia has statewide elections Tuesday November 8, 2005. You must be registered to vote no later than 30 days before the election. Confirm that you are registered and commit to vote. As you know, the Knights of Columbus will not endorse candidates or political parties. We are committed, however, to supporting an informed electorate that exercises its right to vote. Recall the purple stained fingers of the Iraqi voters for inspiration. Pray for peace.

Vivat Jesu,

Tom Connelly

Faithful Navigator

NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17TH, 7:30 PM INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The next meeting of Fr. Malloy Assembly will be held at Providence Hall, St. Leo the Great Parish on Wednesday, August 17th. This will be an *open meeting* and the Ladies of all Sir Knights are invited. The meeting will start with a recitation of the Holy Rosary at 7:30 PM. This will be followed by Installation of Officers for the Assembly Year 2995-2006. The Installation will be followed with comments from the Faithful Navigator and from State Master

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The Captain's Corner

SK Tom Kelley, Captain

Worthy Sir Knights!

Congratulations to those Sir Knights who braved the elements and marched in the Fairfax City Fourth of July Parade. They gained for themselves and for Fr. Malloy Assembly recognition as the second best marching unit in the parade. It is through the participation in events such as the parade that Fr. Malloy Assembly and the Order gain the recognition they so rightfully deserve. There will be other parades in the future this year. When they are announced volunteer to march. We always would like to see a large turnout. Pictures of the Color Corp participating in the 4th of July Parade are elsewhere in this Navigator's Log.

There are many other ways you can participate in the events of your Assembly. The Faithful Navigator outlined a series of events for the coming year and you should consider attending or participating in some of them if not all.

First and foremost will be the Installation of Assembly Officers which will take place at the next meeting on August 17th. This will be an open meeting with the ladies of Sir Knights invited to attend. The Meeting will begin with a recitation of the Rosary at 7:30 and will be followed by a short meal and installation of Assembly Officers for the year 2005-2006. State Master J. P. McCusker will be the presiding officer. We would like to have a good attendance at this meeting so take advantage of this opportunity to meet the new officers of your Assembly and demonstrate our Unity to the State Master.

Mark your calendars for October Assembly activities, October will bring the annual Columbus Day Ceremony at Union Station and the wreath laying at the tomb on the Unknowns. Both are impressive ceremonies and worthy of your attention. We would especially appreciate you attendance at the Union Station Ceremony on October 10th. At a time when many are attempting to discredit Columbus a large turnout of Sir Knights would be most impressive. Keep this event in mind and try to attend. More on this later.

We are in search of Sir Knights to provide meals for the Knights Café prior to assembly meetings. "Chefs" are needed for the meeting on November 16th, December 21st, February 15th, March 15th, and May 17th. Those who volunteer will be reimbursed for their expenses. If you can volunteer for any of these dates call the Faithful Captain at (703) 385-2819 or e-mail at Fairfaxtom@msn.com.

Fraternally
SK Tom Kelley
Faithful Captain



**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS
(PFN'S in BOLD)**

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| 8/01 Tim Carl | 8/16 Aaron Light |
| 8/03 Bob Rogers | 8/17 Mike Plumstead |
| 8/04 John Judge | 8/19 Bill Frieze |
| 8/05 Paul Kyle | 8/19 Brian Smith |
| 8/07 Tony Adams | 8/20 Russell DeRose |
| 8/10 Ronald Vincoli | 8/21 Leo Weston |
| 8/13 Eddie Alamilla | 8/22 Hank Urban |
| 8/13 Bud Johnson | 8/22 Tim Shea |
| 8/14 John Murphy | 8/22 Rev. Joseph Adhunga, A.J. |
| 8/14 Manny Garcia | 8/24 John Purkat |
| 8/14 John Lee | 8/26 Julian Niemczyk |
| 8/16 Tim Ward | 8/28 Peter Guadagno |
| 8/16 Bob Kreider | 8/28 Jim Cella |
| 8/16 John Wolf | 8/31 Tim Hogan |



**IN MEMORIAM
Brother Sir Knights who died in August**

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and may their souls rest in peace

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| 8/01/1997 Leroy J. Decuir | 8/19/1984 Rev. Martin J. Murray |
| 8/15/1991 Clarence Cyr | 8/19/2000 John F. Devaney |



Wanted!! A Few Good Cooks

We are in need of a few volunteers to prepare a light meal prior to our Assembly meetings for the year 2005-2006. If you could volunteer to prepare a meal prior to one or two of our meetings please call the Faithful Captain at (703) 385-2819 or e-mail to Fairfaxtom@msn.com. For further details please contact the Captain.



The Commanders Corner SK George Billy

Welcome to the Commander's Corner.

This last month has been a busy one for the Color Corps. I want to thank those that participated in our events. The highlight for last month was our annual participation in the City of Fairfax 4th of July Parade. For me, participating in this parade really exemplifies what the Fourth Degree is all about - proudly proclaiming our fidelity to our Country and to our Order. The weather was very nice (not too hot), and a large crowd lined the parade route. It was very gratifying to hear people applaud the Knights as we passed by. We also made the television coverage for the event. Although we were sandwiched between two bands making it a little difficult to keep in step, we must have caught the judges' attention as we were awarded the Second Place Award for adult marching unit. I would like to extend a special thanks to SK Dick Bowman for again leading the group in the parade.

Where We've Been: Installation of Officers for Fr. Sikora, Fr. Diamond, and St. John Bosco Councils.

Where We're Going: Upcoming events:

- Installation of Officers for St. Mary of Sorrows Council. Stay tuned for additional council installations during this month. Notification will be via e-mail from the Assembly's list server. Please don't unsubscribe from the list server if you want to be cut in on our events!

I am still soliciting a Color Corps liaison member from each council in our Assembly to assist me at events at your council/parish. I'm hoping we can broaden our Assembly's participation by reaching out to more of the members that are in your council. Please let me know if you will be willing to perform this valuable duty.

I'm asking all Color Corps members to participate in at least one Color Corps event this coming fraternal year. As always, please let me know if you need to borrow a set of regalia if you don't have your own.

Fraternally yours – George Billy



On Patriotism SK Rick Munoz, PFN

Patriotism – love of country. As Sir Knights, we are bound, together, to promote patriotism. Sometimes we may bemoan the fact that in this day and age, patriotism is poorly taught and promoted – but we take the objective value of “love of our country” as a given.

But is it? Why should we love our country, and the system that guarantees its continuing? Because that's a virtue? Because we always have? Because we have Sousa marches and light fireworks once a year? Brother, you're drooling like one of Pavlov's dogs. Is there some set of objective, verifiable reasons for our tireless promotion of patriotism, some set of reasons that make our patriotism objectively valid – even necessary? - - - Of course there is.

Our general method of government was not completely new in 1776. Both “democratic” and “republic” rule were practiced by the city-states of ancient Greece; in a pure democracy, the franchised voters decided directly on policy and law, while in a republic, the voters selected a smaller group to represent them in leadership positions.

But neither the ancient Greeks nor any society since that time had, as its basic principle, that ultimate sovereignty, ultimate power, rested with the people. “Government of, by, and for the people,” was the uniquely American innovation; we eschewed a monarch and parliament – which provide for representation to the monarch of the people's interests – in favor of a President and a Congress, which not only represents the people but recognizes that the *source* of sovereign power is the people. French historian Alexis de Touqueville visited the United States in the early nineteenth century, and wrote of our democratic republic:

...the divisions which once severed mankind are lowered... power is held in common... all men profess an equal attachment and respect for the laws of which they are the common authors... the authority of the State [is] respected as necessary, though not as divine; and the loyalty of the subject to its chief magistrate [is not] a passion, but a quiet and rational persuasion.

Touqueville was surprised at this state of affairs, one we take for granted today, because our fledgling republic was alone in the world in this method of government. What was the settled due of Kings, or the corrupt fruit of strong-arm rule elsewhere in the world, was flowering here as the simple due of each and every citizen.

Forty-two men have held the office of President of the United States. Not once has there been concern about a transfer of power from one leader to the next. We have never had our military called in to encircle the White House; we have never worried about a seizure of power in the government or a war between factions; we have suffered neither a ruling junta or a War of the Roses to determine the leadership of the land... because our system rests its power in our citizenry, and our citizens have always retained that power and peaceably delegated it to our elected leaders, one after the other.

Is there an objective, verifiable reason for our love of and pride in our country? You bet there is. We not only live under the greatest system of government on Earth... we, collectively as citizens, ARE the greatest system of government on Earth. And that, Sir Knights, is reason to be proud.



The Pilots Portal SK Bill Weich, Pilot

Worthy Sir Knights,

At our July 20th meeting (my first as Faithful Pilot), I was asked as part of the closing ceremony to share with the Assembly what the American Flag means to us. My response – Our Flag – We love it and shall ever defend it. Since then, it has made me think about how many of us, Knights and non-Knights alike, take the American Flag for granted. How many people recite the Pledge of Allegiance and not take the time to really appreciate what national symbol stands for - Freedom.

As Knights and Sir Knights, we need to proudly demonstrate and display our loyalty to the flag and our country. This includes displaying the flag each and every day, not just Flag Day, Independence Day, Memorial Day, and Veterans Day. We all remember the fateful events of Sept 11, 2001. We proudly stood by our flag then – displayed it each day, put flag stickers and window flags on our cars, wore T-Shirts and ball caps with the flag proudly on the front and/or back. How many of us have the magnetic ribbons on our car as well? I do! As Sir Knights, we need to continue to promote patriotism.

As Sir Knights, we also display our patriotism by proudly carrying the flag during parades and presenting the flag during sporting events. This shows our community and its leaders that we are not only a religious fraternal organization, but a very patriotic one as well. A few years ago, I had the opportunity to participate in a Blue Mass honoring those who perished on Sept 11, 2001. During the Mass, I witnessed for the first time a flag folding ceremony in which each fold of the flag carried with it some description of what it stood for. The ceremony was very moving.

The next time you see a flag in a parade or sporting event, or when reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, take an extra moment to reflect on what our flag stands for and also to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our country and our flag.

In closing, I ask for continued prayers for Susan Torres unborn child and family; PFN Ray Evon; the Mother of George Billy; Faithful Commander; PSD & Former Master Frank Principe; and the repose of soul for PSD James Puglisi.

Vivat Jesus!

SK William Weich
Faithful Pilot



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