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



HAPPY AND JOYOUS HOLIDAYS TO ALL SIR KNIGHTS.

## Navigator's Report



### Worthy Sir Knights:

#### Congratulations!!

A hush went around our table as we knowingly but somewhat sheepishly looked at each other at the awards ceremony during the banquet. The worthy Master J.P. McCusker read from the application for the Sir Knight of the year. "He is a Past Grand Knight, he is also a sitting Grand Knight, an Eagle Scout, he has worked with the youth of his parish and has been devoted to his home Council. He has been active in the State of Virginia Council helping out with some of the committees. He is well known. He is young (by now we were pretty sure we were right)." And we were right – the 2003 Sir Knight of the Year for the State of Virginia is none other than our own Sir Knight **David Todd, Jr.** We all congratulate you and realize probably better than most the extent of your contributions to the order. Next time you see Dave, give him a pat on the back for a job well done. And thanks to Sir Knight Tom Snee, PFN for forwarding your nomination to the Master.

#### Welcome New Sir Knights

Mark E. Cameron of St. Robert Bellermine parish, Aaron E. Light of St. Robert Bellermine parish, Charles E. Luckett of St. Mary's parish, Dennis M. O'Reilly of St. Raymond of Penafort parish, Johnny D. Restivo of St. Mary of Sorrows parish, Robin M. Parker of St. Leo the Great parish, and Gerard Schratz of St. Raymond of Penafort parish are all Sir Knights having taken their 4<sup>th</sup> Degree at the exemplification in Virginia Beach in November. And we welcome them into our Assembly and congratulate them on achieving the highest degree in the Knights of Columbus. Each of these gentlemen comes to us with experience in the order learned during their first three degrees and with enthusiasm generated at their 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification. Let us welcome them with the level of cordiality that personifies Sir Knights of Columbus in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. Let's bring them into our fold with the warmth of our friendship and make them feel at home.

New Sir Knights, we are also looking to you to take your place within our Assembly as contributing members. Be as active as your schedule permits and I encourage you to seriously consider joining our award-winning color corps. You don't need to buy your regalia (feathered hat (chapeaux), cape and sword) to be a participating member. We have several sets available for your use. Try it out on a couple of occasions – you might find you like it! When I joined the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, I did not originally intend to become active in the color corps. However once I went out to a confirmation mass at Nativity, I was hooked. I really felt a part of the group and I felt that we contributed considerable celebration to the event. In brief, we looked good, walked proud and worthily represented the Knights of Columbus as the visible arm of the order. Everyone know that the Knights were there and that is a major reason for the effort – to show support for our priests and bishops as well as show respect for those newly confirmed into the faith and their families. And don't forget, if you buy your own chapeaux and cape within one year of your exemplification, the Assembly will buy your sword for you. So think about it.

Need to exercise your vocal cords? The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree exemplification degree team choir director, Al King, is interested in training backups to the current choir. Backups would be in a reserve status and if needed would be called upon, possibly on short notice. There is a limit to the numbers of members on the degree team, including the choir. Therefore selected SK's would be held in reserve and used when a member could not attend or if a vacancy in the choir should occur. The ability to read music and a solid musical background is a prerequisite. Further information may be obtained from the degree team choir director, SK Al King at 6538 Tucker Ave, McLean, VA 22101, e-mail [Kingbii@aol.com](mailto:Kingbii@aol.com), phone 703-356-8015.

Vivat Jesus,  
SK Timothy G. Donovan, FN

**Next Assembly Meeting  
Wednesday, December 17th**

**The next meeting of Fr. Malloy Assembly will be held at Providence Hall, St. Leo the Great Parish on Wednesday, December 17th. 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.**

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# The Captain's Corner

SK David Todd,  
Jr.  
Faithful Captain

## Worthy Sir Knights:

I would like to congratulate each of our new Sir Knights. In receiving the fullness of Knighthood, you have become part of the visible arm of the Order. As such, I'd like to take a moment and discuss the uniform of a Sir Knight.

In its most basic form, the uniform for the Fourth Degree is a black tuxedo (plain black jacket, trousers, shoes, socks; white pleated shirt) with a social baldric and white gloves. The baldric is worn across the chest and under the jacket from the right shoulder to the left hip. To display our love for country, it is appropriate to wear a lapel pin of the US flag on the left lapel. Likewise, a Fourth Degree pin may be worn below the flag pin. A name badge may be worn on the left breast pocket, with miniature jewels of office for offices previously held pinned under the badge. Additionally, an Emblem of the Order jewel may be worn under the miniature jewels. A Sir Knight who is currently serving in an office in the Order may wear the jewel of office of the highest office he holds, be it on the Third or the Fourth Degree level... in my case, the Grand Knight's jewel supercedes the Faithful Captain's jewel.

The uniform for the Color Corps is almost identical, with a few changes. For starters, neither the name badge nor the Emblem of the Order is worn with the regalia, and the social baldric is replaced by the service baldric, which is worn outside the jacket and closes at the hip. A sword is then attached to the service baldric; a cape worn over the shoulders (the chain goes under the tie); and a chapeaux is worn on the head, with the base remaining parallel to the ground.

While the uniform described above is important, so are the colors of the cape worn. All Sir Knights are entitled to wear a red cape with a white plumed chapeaux, and carry a black handled sword. This is the only time the plume does not match the color of the cape. A current Commander wears purple, while a District Marshal wears green. Typically, there is only one Commander and only one Marshal at an event, although a Master may allow for additional Commanders and Marshals. Current and Past Faithful Navigators are entitled to wear white, as well as a white handled sword. Current and Former Masters are entitled to wear gold, as well as a gold handled sword. Current and Former Vice Supreme Masters and Supreme Masters are entitled to wear light blue.

In closing, I encourage each of our Sir Knights to consider joining the Color Corps. Each Sir Knight in our Assembly who purchases his cape and chapeaux during the first year in the Fourth Degree will receive a sword paid for by the Assembly... this is a \$100 value! We will be holding Color Corps certification at the January meeting, so now's the time to join!

SK David Todd, Jr.  
Faithful Captain



## SK December Birthdays (PFN's in BOLD)

12/05 Steven Fahar	12/17 Mark Weiss
12/05 Rev. Luis Valdivieso	12/18 Al Obuchowski
12/07 William Vitaletti	12/18 Brian Vaccaro
12/09 James Caruso	12/19 Luigi Alpentista
12/09 Dennis O'Reilly	12/20 Paul Simmons
12/11 Joseph Chalk	12/22 Gerald Weigand
12/11 Donald Champagny	12/22 Stephen Smith
12/12 James Kelly	12/23 James Meenan
12/12 James Seidl	12/25 Joseph Lipari
12/12 William Weich	12/27 Richard Kelly
12/13 Herb Zimmerman	12/27 Rev. David Murungi
12/13 Kevin McGrail	12/28 Stephen Mahoney
12/16 William Delaney	12/28 Richard Owen, PFN
12/17 Geoffrey D' Alelio	12/28 Charles Luckett

# The Pilot's Message

SK Stephan  
Smith  
Faithful Pilot

## Worthy Sir Knights:

Over the November 7-8 weekend, while others focused on the Muhammed trial in another part of Virginia Beach, we Knights gathered for our annual Fourth Degree Exemplification. The reporters, crowded around the courthouse in the center of the city, competed to provide their various media stories of the day's events. Meanwhile, we Sir Knights, and our families, commandeered the historic Cavalier hotel, within yards of the surging ocean's crashing waves, seemingly on land's very edge and welcomed new members, seeking ways to be of more service to our Holy Mother Church and this great country of ours.

These Exemplifications require tremendous preparation, planning and logistical support and I would like to thank our worthy Master, J.P. McCusker, for all the time, effort and energy he devotes to putting together these memorable events. Kudos also, to his lovely wife, Maggie, who during this Exemplification, entertained the ladies with a delicious luncheon and murder mystery in the older, supposedly haunted, Cavalier Hotel, where Karen Snee, our immediate PFN's wife, won the contest for writing the best murder mystery plot.

Our Holy Father calls us "the strong right arm of the Church". Fr. McGivney, may his cause for sainthood advance, designed us to combat the persecution of Catholics in his time. The Church is once more under attack and we are a visible, silent reproof against the onslaughts of the unbelievers. . "Actions speak louder than words." The 12,600+ councils, through their numerous particular selfless deeds, continue to fight this insidious battle, to advance the Order and protect our faith. When we Sir Knights show up at an event, people recognize our distinctive regalia and, with or without our banner, people know the Knights of Columbus are on the job. We have a great opportunity to preach, to let them know WHO we know!

As Color Corps participant and Commander, it has been my privilege to give silent witness to our Church, faith and Assembly at various functions: Feast Day celebrations (Church and public), Confirmations, wakes, funerals, installations of officers, parades, presenting the Colors, wreath layings, and the list goes on and on. Many times, people have come up and mentioned how much being in the Knights means or meant to their various family members. Some ask about the significance of the different colors of our regalia, etc., and these comments always ride an underlying current of thanks for and support of what we do.

After a short January 2004 meeting, there will be a Color Corps/Honor Guard certification at Providence Hall. Bring your service baldric and swords. All SKs are encouraged to participate in regular events, while certification is required for competition.

There will be plenty of events to choose from in the near future. The Assembly has several sets of regalia, extra chapeaux, swords, etc. for SKs to use while considering acquiring their own. Just drop me a line or let either Assistant Commander, Dan Mahoney, III or Tom Connelly know and we will make sure to bring them.

SK Stephan Smith, Faithful Pilot

## Color Corps Certification

All members of the Fourth Degree should consider joining the Color Corps of Father Malloy Assembly and participate in the many Color Corp activities.

You can qualify for outstanding and visible arm of the Knights of Columbus by attending the Color Corp Certification which will e held following the December 17th Assembly meeting. If interested, please bring your sword and service baldric to the Dec 17th meeting.



**Your Color Corp  
Join Now**

## In Memoriam

**Remember in your prayers those Sir Knights  
of Malloy Assembly who died in December**

**12/16/1989 Rev. Vincent S. Sikora  
12/28/1985 Charles D. T. Lenhoff**

**Eternall rest grant unto them O Lord, may their souls rest in peace**

## \$\$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:*

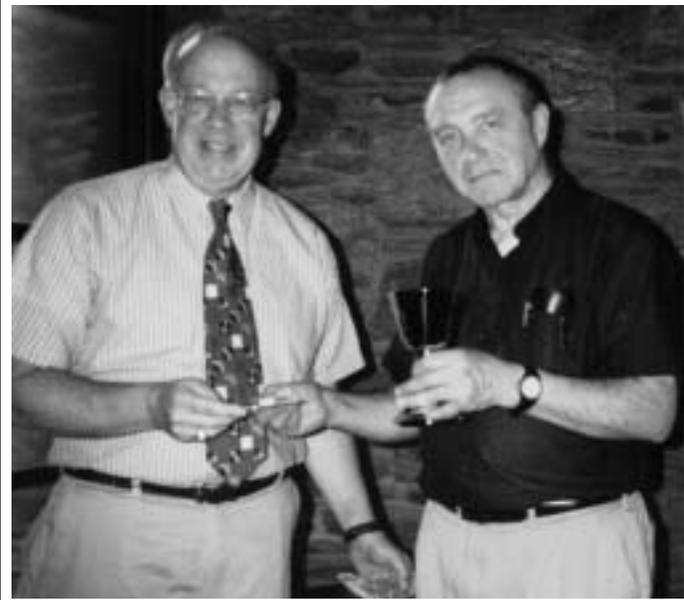
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*Thanks you for your assistance*

*If you wish to contribute to this fund you may consider including your contribution when you submit your Annual Dues Payment in the next few months!!*



## Chalice Presentation



PFN Tom Snee, left, presents a chalice in memory of SK Dick Chapman to Abbot Dave Stark, Portsmouth Abbey, Portsmouth Rhode Island.

## From the Hills of Virginia to the Plantations of Rhode Island.

### A Sir Knight's Chalice finds a new home

The honored tradition of a Sir Knight's Chalice of the 4th Degree recently left Virginia, and ended up at a school, in Portsmouth, Rhode Island.

SK Dick Chapman of Fr. Malloy Assembly, Fairfax, VA passed away this last summer, 2003. Dick was very sick however had many visits by the Benedictines. SK Chapman always enjoyed and felt the peace of his last days with these Priests and Brothers who visited him in the hospital.

One day, he mentioned that after he passed on, the Knights of Columbus always had a Memorial Chalice and Patton to be given at the request of the family to any priests. SK Chapman asked the Brothers, where his Chalice may go to help out, and out of respect for the many visits of the Benedictines. During the conversation, Portsmouth Abbey, a boys and girl's high school in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, about seven miles north of Newport, Rhode Island would be a possible place for this Chalice. Dick said then this is where it will go.

SK Dick Chapman passed on, and his Chalice on display at his wake, would soon be heading northbound to Portsmouth Abbey. On August 29, 2003, PFN Thomas J. Snee, Fr. Malloy Assembly, Fairfax, VA and PFN Keith Roberts, Gen Rosecrans Assembly, Newport, RI met and presented the Chalice and Patton to Abbot Dave Stark. The Abbot was very surprised and after many phone calls to Washington DC, he accepted the Chalice and Patton with deep humility. "Nothing like this has ever happened to the Abbey", said Abbott Stark. "We are very honored to be the recipients of this beautiful Chalice and Patton on behalf of the Abbey and the School. This Knight must have been a wonderful man to think of this delivery all the way from Virginia. Thank you, and God Bless you all".

SK Chapman's mortal remains are at Peace now with the Lord and his memory lives now up in Portsmouth, RI. There amongst the Priests, Brothers and Students of Portsmouth Abbey.

**Fr Diamond's Christmas Party:** All Sir Knights of Fr Malloy Assembly are invited to attend Fr Diamond's Christmas Party on Saturday, December 20, at 6PM in St Leo's School gym. Before the party, there will be a 5PM Mass in the church (Vigil for Sunday)... a great way to take care of your Sunday obligation before partying. Reservations may be made thru SK John Eldred , call

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# Fr Malloy Assembly Welcome Dinner for New Sir Knights



Sir Knights and their Ladies gather to pray the Rosary prior to enjoying a delicious meal prepared under the direction of SK David Todd,



Faithfull Navigator Tim Donovan presents certificate to Faithful Friar Fr. Cedric Wilson as a Thank You for years of faithful service to the



New Sir Knights presented certificates by FN Tim Donovan. Left to Right: SK Charles Lockett, SK Mark Cameron, GMU Council; SK Gerard Schratz, St. John Bosco; SK Johnny Restivo, St. Mary of Sorrows; SK Robin Parker, Fr. Diamond. Not shown; Dennis O'Reilly, St.



SK David Todd, Jr. addresses gathering after having been name Sir Knight of the Year for the State of Virginia. Congratulations David. This was the second year in a row when a member of Fr Malloy Assembly was named Sir Knight of the Year. Last years winner, SK



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**Sir Knights, fly your flag everyday if possible but especially on the dates below.**

**New Year's Day, January 1**

**Inauguration Day, January 20**

**Martin Luther King, Jr's birthday, third Monday in January**

**Lincoln's Birthday, February 12**

**Washington's Birthday, third Monday in February**

**Easter Sunday (variable)**

**Mother's Day, second Sunday in May**

**Armed Forces Day, third Saturday in May**

**Memorial Day (half staff until noon), last Monday in May**

**Flag Day, June 14**

**Independence Day, July 4**

**Labor Day, first Monday in September**

**Constitution Day, September 17**

**Columbus Day,**

**second Monday in October**

**Navy Day, October 27**

**Veterans Day, November 11**

**Thanksgiving Day, fourth Thursday in November**

**Christmas Day, December 25**

**and such other days as may be proclaimed by the President of the United States;**

