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## NEXT MEETING FEB. 21<sup>st</sup> – Color Corps Recertification

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### NAVIGATOR'S REPORT

Worthy Sir Knights

I will begin this monthly report on the health of your Assembly by extending my thanks to Sir Knights David Todd, Al Obuchowski, Bill Weich and Tim Hogan. Father Malloy Assembly was asked to present the Colors to open the State's Mid-Year meeting. Our Sir Knights did an excellent job and the Assembly was complemented by both State Master of the Fourth Degree Richie Head and State Deputy Cy Alba. Our Color Corps has recently received several "Thank You's" for jobs well done over the past several months. And they should be proud of their accomplishments. Chapeau's off to our Color Corp Commander SK George Billy. None the less we still need more participation in Color Corp activities. I urge all those Sir Knights who participated in the October Exemplification to become qualified members of the Father Malloy Color Corps. Of course, the first requirement is to obtain your regalia. Our Worthy Comptroller, Larry Novack can assist you in obtaining the regalia, including sword, of the Fourth Degree.

All members of Father Malloy Assembly are urged to attend the February 21<sup>st</sup> Assembly Meeting. At that time members of the State Staff will be present to drill us in the proper use of the sword in Color Corp drills and marching techniques. Those who participate in this series of short drills will be certified as Color Corp participants. If you are a new member of the Assembly plan to attend this meeting and participate. The only regalia needed will be the Service Baldric, Sword and gloves. If you have not yet obtained these items we will have some spare regalia on hand.

On Wednesday, Jan 31<sup>st</sup> members of our Assembly will travel to Stafford, Va and participate in the "Honor America Color Corps". This group of Sir Knights carry and display the 27 flags of our country at ceremonies and parades throughout the State of VA and has achieved the recognition of Supreme Office. Those new Sir Knights who attended the October Exemplification had a chance to observe and/or participate in this Honor America Corp. Our reason for the trip to Stafford is to display the colors at the funeral Mass for Colonel Paul Kelly. Colonel Kelly joined the Knights in

Stafford prior to being sent to Iraq. Just 17 days after taking his first degree he was killed on the streets of Iraq when a bomb exploded. What more fitting tribute to this hero than to participate in the Honor America Corp. Colonel Kelly will be buried in Arlington Cemetery with military honors. As we pause to pray for the repose of his soul let us also remember in our prayers a member of our Assembly, SK Sam Stafford, who is awaiting orders for his second deployment to either Iraq or Afghanistan. Let us all pray for his safe return.

Sir Knights we are rapidly approaching the time of the year when we must search through our ranks for Sir Knights to serve as Officers in Father Malloy Assembly. I will soon announce the members of the nominating Committee whose task it will be to select a panel of proposed Officers for the Assembly year 2007-2008. I would like to see the Officers of this Assembly truly represent the several councils that make up our membership and not just the one or two councils in our immediate vicinity. If you are interested in participating as an Officer of Fr. Malloy Assembly please advise me of your desire and I will see that it is called to the attention of the Nominating Committee.

As we enter into the Lenten Season let us all pause and rededicate ourselves to our faith and devotion to our Church and our God. This Lenten Season would also be a fitting time to rededicate ourselves to our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Make an effort to attend our meeting on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. and participate in the Certification process.

Vivat Jesu  
Thomas Kelley  
Faithful Navigator

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*Year 2006-2007*



*The Captain's Corner*  
*SK Richard Lee*

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Ground Hog Day has come and gone (by the time you read this): if Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow on February 2, we're going to have 6 more weeks of winter... and if he didn't, we only have to endure 42 more days of winter! Now is the time to resolve, as we prepare for Spring 2007 (only six weeks away), to participate in at least one Assembly meeting per quarter. There are exciting activities coming up, including Lent and Easter, of course, the start of an active Color Corps outdoor season, annual elections for Fraternal Year 2007-2008, and celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Father Malloy Assembly.

On this latter event, we are still in the concept development stage, and welcome any Father Malloy Sir Knight's thoughts on how to commemorate the establishment of the Assembly. Although the date occurs in March, we are not constrained to celebrating exactly on the date of our founding, but we would like to celebrate during the current fraternal year. Some ideas being considered include Mass at St Leo's followed by cocktails and dinner at Providence Hall, or at another catered location, or at a local restaurant. Alternatively, we could have a picnic when the weather warms. YOUR input is desired, by email to [richard.lee@osd.mil](mailto:richard.lee@osd.mil).

In the Malloy Assembly, we band together to provide public support to our Parish priests, our Knights' Councils, and civil authorities in a very visible Catholic way. Our meetings are not long. The recitation of the Rosary provides the prayerful beginning to our gatherings, followed by the fellowship of a meal. Volunteers have come forward to prepare the Knights' Café during the remaining months, so the fare will be diverse and appealing... in case the Captain's cooking has been keeping you away! ☺

Our formal meetings provide Sir Knights present with inspirational insight from our Friar, highlights of near term future events focused primarily on Color Corps activities and reports of our Councils' events, and an uplifting reminder of what it means to be Knights in today's world.

Your attendance at least one meeting per quarter (third Wednesday of each month: February 21 (Color Corps Re-Certification), March 21, and April 18) helps the Assembly get the word out, and build camaraderie. We hope to see you soon at Providence Hall, St Leo's Parish campus in Fairfax City.

SK Dick Lee, Faithful Captain

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**In Memoriam**



"Eternal rest grant unto them O' Lord  
May their souls rest in peace."

2/04/1992 SK James W. Kroell  
2/09/2001 SK James A. Reilly

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**SK's February Birthdays**

**PFNs in bold**

2/02	Kenneth DeHart	2/18	Christian Rossman
2/04	Michael Williams	2/19	Frank Loughney, PFN
2/06	Stephen Brown	2/21	Theodore Kornhoff
2/06	Rev. John Lyle	2/21	Tommy Harmon
2/11	Robert Eckert	2/22	Eugene Branfield
2/12	Richard Sparaco	2/23	John Ray
2/12	Hugh Scott	2/26	Kurt Fox
2/12	Charles Kraiger	2/27	Br. Christopher Gaffrey
2/13	David Miller	2/27	Mark Bednar
2/15	Michael Joy	2/28	Paul Muldoon



## *The Pilot's Portal*

*SK Bill Weich*

As we enter February of the Fraternal Year, we will celebrate the birthdays of two of our greatest Presidents – George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Washington, whose birthday is the 22nd, is known by many as the “Father of Our Country”. Lincoln, whose birthday is the 12th, brought our nation together after a destructive civil war that cost the country the most lives in the history of war. It was partly because of Washington and Lincoln that we now have President’s Day which is celebrated on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in February.

The Knights will help celebrate President’s Day by marching in the annual President’s Day Parade in Old Town Alexandria. Please consider joining your brother Sir Knights as we march through the streets demonstrating our faith and showing our patriotism. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and warm up enough for us! In case you didn’t know, it is a fact that one of the merchants in Old Town Alexandria, Pat Troy of Pat Troy’s Irelands Own Irish Pub, is also a Knight. It was at one of the parades that he came out and thanked the Knights for showing our patriotism.

Speaking of patriotism, as you know, is one of the virtues of the Knights of Columbus. When I think of patriotism, I most often think of our American Flag. Many people fly the flag of our country only on special days like Memorial Day and Veterans’ Day. What happened to the days immediately following 9/11 when we had flags out front of our houses and flag decals on our automobiles? Here is my thought: If you have a flag, fly it each and every day. Show your neighbors and others that we are proud of our flag and thus proud of our United States of America. As Knights of Columbus, we can do more to promote patriotism. One way is by participating in Color Corps events like the parades coming up this month and next.

Those Sir Knights who are new to the Assembly (and those not so new), in order to participate in Color Corps events it is necessary for you to be certified in the Color Corps. How, you ask, can this be done? You’re in luck. The next Assembly meeting will include the re-certification of the Color Corps. Anyone interested in becoming a Color Corps member must attend. A representative from the State Master will be there to certify the Color Corps. Those Sir Knights with regalia must bring their service baldric and sword to the meeting.

In closing, I ask for your continued prayers for: the repose of the soul of Bishop Kaising (Auxiliary Archbishop of Military Services), the repose of the soul of Virginia State Advocate Kevin Hayes, the mother of PFN Jay Cabacar, the repose of the soul of PFN Cabacar’s cousin, SK Peter Thompkins, SK Tom Copeland (Council 8600), and for all of our men and women in military service defending our freedom and our country.  
Vivat Jesus! SK William Weich



## *The Commander's Corner*

*SK George Billy*

We got a little respite for the Color Corps last month. The one major event we conducted was the presentation of the Colors at the State Meeting. According to the Master and State Deputy we did an outstanding job. I want to thank David Todd SR, David Miller, Bill Weich, and Al Obuchowski.

I’d like to thank the new Sir Knights that have stepped forward to join the Color Corps. We always can use new members to rejuvenate our Assembly. Here’s information on how to purchase your regalia: there are two suppliers – Lynch & Kelly, 888-548-3890, lynchkelly.com; and the English Company, 800-444-5632, kofcsupplies.com for their price lists and to place your order. The complete regalia include chapeau (white plume), cape (red), sword, service baldric, white gloves, and tuxedo. Also, we wear the American Flag pin (purchase from SK Larry Novack) and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree pin on our left lapel. If you purchase your regalia during the year, the Assembly will reimburse the cost of your sword. Please provide a copy of your receipt to SK Larry Novack.

Please check the Assembly’s web site for updates; and if you want to be informed of the Color Corps events between newsletters, please sign up to the list server on the web site. This is the primary means of communication to the Color Corps.

**Upcoming Events:** Re-certification of the Color Corps is scheduled for our next Assembly meeting in February. The re-certification is to be conducted by our District Marshall Tom Trudeau. All Color Corps members should bring their swords and service baldrics to the meeting. Stay tuned for more information from our Faithful Navigator as the re-certification draws closer.

And finally, I’ll be on hiatus as Color Corps Commander for the next several months as a work assignment is taking me on travel to Michigan. Please keep me in your prayers that my assignment is successful, and I should be returning to the Assembly sometime in May. In the interim until an acting Color Corps Commander is appointed by the Faithful Navigator, please continue to make your requests for participation through the Faithful Navigator. The spare regalia is being stored at Providence Hall, so if you need to borrow a set please contact the Faithful Navigator.

Fraternally yours – George Billy, Color Corps Commander



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**COLOR CORPS CERTIFICATION**

We will have a (Re)Certification of our Color Corps at the next Assembly meeting on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>. Please plan to attend. You must bring only your Service Baldric, Sword and Gloves. If you are lacking any or all of these we do have loaners. Members of the District Masters staff will be present to perform this certification. We would like to have a good representation from Fr. Malloy Assembly. Please plan to attend. For more on this event read the Navigator's report.

**Next Meeting  
February 21st**