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

Color Corps Certification at the Next Meeting, January 21st. 2004

Navigator's Report



Worthy Sir Knights:

Stomach In, Chest Out and Eyes Proud

It is time for our annual Color Corps Certification. We will conduct the certification immediately following our January business meeting. Officers please report in tuxedo and regalia. All others are encouraged to also wear their tuxedos and bring their regalia but do not let that hold you back from attending. If it is inconvenient to don the tux please come as you are. It is more important to be there than wear a tux.

For those who have not yet participated in a color corps event, this is your opportunity to learn the commands and gain some experience. Give it a shot. We have extra regalia (swords, capes, chapeau, baldric, and gloves).

The purpose of this annual certification is to increase the proficiency of the Assembly Color Corps and reinforce the Fourth Degree Color Corps Manual. Our worthy Master of the Fourth Degree, J.P. McCusker plans to be in attendance and will conduct the certification.

Our Assembly Color Guard and its individual members will be certified using the official Certification Guidelines. A Color Corps is composed of a Color Guard and Honor Guard. The Color Guard is the unit that carries, presents and retrieves the Colors. The Honor Guard is the unit that presides at ceremonials. An Honor Guard may act alone, or in concert with a Color Guard.

A minimum of four members is required for Color Guard certification. The four members consist of the American Flag bearer, two guards and a Commander. We will all have the opportunity to be certified in both the Honor Guard and the Color Guard. Here are the guidelines:

Inspection (individual or unit) – Proper Color Corps dress as defined by the Drill Manual. Tuxedo, cape and chapeau need to be in good condition. Formal white shirt, no ruffles or French collars. Plain black shoes, shined. No name badge. Jewel of current office may be worn. Those entitled to wear miniatures, may wear them on the left breast pocket. A plain 4th Degree and American Flag pins are authorized on the left lapel. The Flag shall always be above the 4th Degree pin.

Manual of Sword Sequence (individual or unit) – The intention is to display the ability to execute the following commands with precision – attention, left face, right face, about face, at ease. The sword commands are – draw sword, carry sword, present sword, order sword, parade rest and return sword.

Posting and Retrieving the Colors – The colors will be paraded a short distance. They will then be posted ensuring that the Eagle faces front, the flag is properly dressed and that the bearers step back and salute the Flag. The bearers will reform, march the unit away from the posted colors. The bearers will then retrieve the colors and march off.

Join us in January for this event. and it will definitely help Malloy Assembly.



Vivat Jesus!
SK Timothy G. Donovan
Faithful Navigator

**Next Assembly Meeting
Wednesday, January 21st**

The next meeting of Fr. Malloy Assembly will be held at Providence Hall, St. Leo the Great Parish on Wednesday, January 21st. 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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Worthy Sir Knights:

Reprinted with permission, here are the remarks given by SK Gary Nolan, Supreme Ceremonials Chairman, at the Exemplification banquet, November 8, 2004... this is the 1st of a 3-part series.

"Fourth Degree Sir Knights in full regalia are the greatest advertising wing in our Order. We reverently stand Honor Guards for Cardinals, Bishops, and Priests at religious functions. We solemnly stand in Honor Guards for our fallen brother Sir Knights at wake services, at the Mass and cemetery. We patriotically march in parades, presentations and other civic events that say to everyone that sees us: 'We are proud, patriotically loyal and religiously devoted American Catholic Citizens.'

"You may ask today, 'Why do we wear these chapeaus with a feathered plume? Why do we carry a sword? Why do we wear a tuxedo? Why do we have flashy capes?'

"Well, the answer is both simple and deeply involved. So let's go on a quick history trip, which will bring us to date. We must go back to the 1800's when many anti-Catholic movements abounded. In 1860's political rhetoric, editorials and advertising bills demonized our Church and attacked our Pope and Bishops. Mindless organizations spread fear and misinformation, and said that a Catholic could never be a Patriot to his country, because his first allegiance was to the will of the Pope rather than the Constitution of the land.

"Our Order decided a statement had to be made in response to the scandalous lies. Thus the Knights of Columbus professed the truths of the holy Catholic religion, as we continue to do today.

"The Patriotic Degree was added so that Catholics could once again hold their head high. It was a bold decision to march proudly in the street in tux and tails, silk top hat and service baldric sustaining the sword of liberty. These were proud citizens who would be patriotically proud of their country and religiously devoted to their faith.

"The statement was clear: These men were not the rowdies... they were the refined pillars of the community!

"Our Order in 1899 was already nationally recognized as a force for good. The Fourth Degree was yet in the womb, but the Order of Knights could already rise to an occasion. So Fr. Philip Garrigan, Vice Rector of the Catholic University of America requested \$50,000 to establish a Chair of American History at the University. In 1904, we presented a check for over \$55,000 at a grand celebration. More than 10,000 Knights and family members attended the historic presentation. Attending were some familiar names: James Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore, Archbishops John Ireland of St. Paul, Patrick John Ryan of Philadelphia, John Glennon of St. Louis, John Keane of Dubuque, the former Rector of the University. Never before had our Order been so honored. Supreme Knight Edward L. Hearn viewed the presentation check, which was ten feet long and four feet high, in terms of the Order's role as a Catholic anti-defamation league. He commented that, 'The spirit of intolerance is still rampant, and is seized upon by non-Catholic historians who found no room in their histories to laud the magnificent contributions made by Catholic missionaries and pioneers.'"

Fraternally
SK David Todd, Jr
Faithful Captain



SK January Birthdays (PFN's in BOLD)

1/01 Franklin Bautista	1/15 Peter Garry
1/01 Pranas Ciziunas	1/17 Ronald Cestaro
1/01 Sikyin Ip	1/17 Donald Martin
1/02 Thomas Copeland	1/17 John Eldred
1/02 David Todd, Jr.	1/17 Michael DeMarco
1/03 William Crowder	1/18 George Billy
1/03 Peter Tompkins	1/19 Frank Ramano
1/06 Steve Zust	1/19 Vernon Wong
1/09 Robert Pauly	1/20 Robert Collette
1/10 Philip Panzarella	1/22 Timothy Donovan
1/10 George Wassif	1/23 Joseph Cunningham
1/12 Frederick Walker	1/23 David Todd
1/13 Donald E. Trayer	1/28 Joseph Lemieux
1/14 Alphonse Santarelli	1/29 Mark Cameron
1/15 Conrad Donahue	1/30 Charles Seed
1/15 Kerry Reilly	1/31 Joseph Lowery

The Pilot's Message

SK Stephan
Smith
Faithful Pilot

Worthy Sir Knights:

It has been a busy fraternal year for the Color Corps so far and it looks like our activities will only increase. The varying activities we attend reflect the diversity of our "one, holy, catholic and universal Church" and our beloved Order. People of all ages and backgrounds enjoy our colorful displays, many of them aware of our pride in our Catholic faith.

The Hispanic/Latino community welcomed us to several of their events, especially the celebrations of Our Lady of Guadeloupe, patroness of the Americas. The Filipino-American community has invited us to join them Sunday, Dec. 21 for their celebration of Simbang Gabi, their custom of a novena of evening Masses preceding Christmas, Sunday, Dec. 21, at Nativity.

January, we celebrate Religious Freedom Day in Fredericksburg, VA. Last year Associate Supreme Court Justice Scalia spoke, delivering a powerful presentation on the history of our principle of religious tolerance. He cited a protestor present with a sign and said that though he might disagree with the sign's contents, he supported the man's right to voice his dissent.

State Master, JP McCusker, will preside at the certification of members of our Color Corps and/or Honor Guard, at the January meeting, testing their ability to follow basic marching commands. There will be a short practice before the judging, so bring your service baldrics and swords and take part, even if you never marched or participated in Color Corps/Honor Guard activity before.

Marian Assembly celebrates their 10th anniversary, Saturday, January 24. Archbishop O'Brien, of the Archdiocese of Military Services will be the keynote speaker and K of C VA State Officers are expected to attend. The cost is \$20/person.

Although the dates are unknown as of yet, there will be several marches in the next few months: Presidents' Day in February; St. Patrick's, in Old Town Alexandria, early March (it may be cold but the day is filled with festive, colorful costumes and representatives from all kinds of groups; St. Patrick's in Manassas, a smaller, but festive gathering, mid March and much, much more.

We will present the Colors at an office's rescheduled Christmas party, at George Mason University's homecoming basketball game and at Special Olympics events.

As District Marshall Tom Trudeau says: "We are NOT professionals." We are not trying to be perfect, rather we get out there and do the best we can. What we lack in training, we make up in heart.

Color Corps competitions are coming up later in the year. We need 12 members for the drill team. We are also looking for volunteers to form one or more 3-men Flag-folding teams for solemn occasions. Please let me know if you are interested in either activity.

If you hear of events where we could add dignity, color, solemnity, ask if they want us there and let me know, with time to get a notice out to the members.

My personal thanks to those Sir Knights who have participated in events or who choose to do so in the future.

Fraternally
SK Stephan Smith
Faithful Pilot

In Memoriam

Remember in your prayers our Brother Sir Knights who died during the month of January.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord"

1/05/1992 SK Lawrence J. Reardon
1/24/1994 SK Edward A. Brophy
1/13/2000 SK Theodore A. Primavera
1/19/2002 SK Albert V. Alesandrelli

Remember also the repose of the soul of **Brother Sir Knight Eugene Sheehan**, a member of **Fr. Diamond Council and Fr. Malloy Assembly** who died Tuesday, December 30, 2003.

\$\$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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