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NAVIGATORS REPORT

The fraternal year is already half over and has been very busy, however we cannot stop now. There is much more that will be coming and opportunities to expand our personal commitments. With the New Year, many of us make New Year's resolutions. It is not too late to consider several possible resolutions. Resolve to become more involved in your family, the Assembly, or your church. You can do more by becoming an usher or a reader in your parish. You can more actively recruit for the Order or the Assembly. You can become a certified member of the Honor Guard, or at least participate in some of the Honor Guard functions of the Assembly.

Father Malloy Assembly typically schedules certification of its Honor Guard during the January Meeting. The certification procedure has usually included a period of training, update of diocesan and order requirements and test of candidates for certification. Please consider this opportunity even if you do not have regalia. The Assembly has a limited amount of regalia for loan. You can use it on single occasions or more frequently if you are waiting your own regalia, or if you are sure if you will continue to participate. The Assembly has declared an "Open Season" for providing a sword to any member who purchases a cape and chapeau.

For parish activities, see your pastor, or the individual who coordinates the activity you are willing to help perform. Your participation will make you more a part of the parish and church as a whole.

Every member is a recruiter, both for the Order and the Assembly. Consider other parishioners and invite them to join the Order. Invite current members of the Order to join the Fourth Degree. Remember, there will be a mid-year degree in May in the Norfolk area.

Resolve to become more active in your community. This year begins a new Presidential term and a New Congress. Write letters, etc., to become active and let your concerns be known. Just as the politicians are already posturing for the next election, you can start looking at their positions and encourage them to back your concerns.

I realize many members become concerned when a new council or assembly is formed. The biggest concern is the number of members who will transfer followed by the decrease of recruiting area. Over the years, these concerns have proven to be mostly unfounded and many examples can be given.

However, it is noted that many men will join a smaller, more intimate (if I may use this term) group from their own parish, or at least from nearby parishes. Please consider this as the Virginia District of the Fourth Degree considers splitting our Assembly. We now have almost 350 members coming from eight councils. By forming a new assembly, the combined number stands to grow even higher.

Our January meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2005 at 8:00 PM, following 7:30 rosary and dinner. Your attendance and assistance would be appreciated.

SK David Todd
Faithful Navigator.



Right to Life March- Monday, January 24 2005

"America needs no words from me to see how your decision in Roe v. Wade has deformed a great nation. The so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has portrayed the greatest of gifts--a child--as a competitor, an intrusion, and an inconvenience. (Mother Theresa -- "Notable and Quotable," Wall Street Journal, 2/25/94, p. A14)

**NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19TH, 7:30 PM**

The next meeting of Fr. Malloy Assembly will be held at Providence Hall, St. Leo the Great Parish on Wednesday, January 19th. 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.

Following the Meeting there will be a certification of members for the Color Corps. If you are a new Sir Knight or wish to participate in Color Corps activities please plan to attend this Certification. If you own a sword, bring it, if not the assembly will provide one for the certification.

PURSUIT OF TRIVIA: ONLY TWO BOOKS IN THE BIBLE ARE NAMED FOR WOMEN. RUTH AND ESTER

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The Captain's Corner

SK Tom Connelly

The importance of Catholic education has long been recognized by our Church and supported by the Knights of Columbus. In January, we celebrate the feasts of some of the giants of Catholic education. January 4th is the feast of St Elizabeth Ann Seton, first American-born citizen to be beatified (1963) and then canonized (1975). Mother Seton is one of the keystones of the American Catholic Church. She founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity. She opened the first American parish school and established the first American Catholic orphanage. She is also the patroness of the United States Navy.

On January 5th we celebrate Saint John Neumann-founder of U.S. Catholic education. Born in what is now the Czech Republic, he came to New York at 25 and was ordained a priest. He did missionary work in New York until he was 29, when he joined the Redemptorists and became its first member to profess vows in the United States. As bishop of Philadelphia, he developed a diocesan school system with over one hundred Catholic schools.

January 9th is the feast of Saint Josemarie Escriva de Balaguer, founder of Opus Dei and inspiration for its many schools. On January 12th, we celebrate the feast of Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys who founded schools in Canada in the mid 1600s.

January 24 is the feast of St Francis de Sales, whose followers have so generously supported schools in the Diocese of Arlington for so many years. Likewise, on January 31st, we celebrate the feast of St John Bosco a dedicated follower of St Francis de Sales whose Salesians of John Bospe have supported so many Catholic schools.

We would be remiss not to mention the patron of Catholic higher education, St Thomas Aquinas whose feast we celebrate January 28th. The month also brings us the feast days of two patron saints of local parishes. January 7th is the feast of St Raymond of Penafort, a Dominican and lawyer. And January 21st is the feast of St Agnes.

Finally we also celebrate several saints of the early and Eastern Church. Among them are St Basil (January 2) was on his way to becoming a famous teacher when he decided to begin a religious life of gospel poverty. After studying various modes of religious life, he founded what was probably the first monastery in Asia Minor. He is to monks of the East what St. Benedict is to the West, and his principles influence Eastern monasticism today. His brother, St. Gregory of Nyssa, (January 10th) is one of the great contributors to the mystical tradition in Christian spirituality and to monasticism itself

The Church often juxtaposes feasts and January is no exemption. Near the end of the month we celebrate the feast of the conversion of St Paul and, on the next day, the feasts of his two correspondents Saints Timothy and Titus

Please Pray that all Catholic schools will be a model of Christianity in their actions as well as their words.

SK Tom Connelly
Faithful Captain



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
1/10 Isaias Alba IV	1/23 David Todd , PFN
1/12 Frederick Walker	1/28 Joseph Lemieux
1/12 Michael Bar	1/29 Mark Cameron
1/13 Donald E. Trayer	1/30 Charles Seed
1/14 Alphonse Santarelli	1/30 Josefino Arevalo
1/15 Conrad Donahue	
1/15 Kerry Reilly	

IN MEMORIAM

Brother Sir Knights who died in 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
1/14/2004 SK Frank L. Bosch



MORE TRIVIA: THE LEGAL DRINKING AGE COMES FROM THE 13TH CENTURY..... WHEN MEN WERE KNIGHTED AT AGE 21. CHEERS, SIR KNIGHT



The Commanders Corner

SK George Billy

Welcome to the Commander's Corner. Starting this month I'm going to add a tip from the Color Corps Drill Manual to help in our education and training. This past month has been relatively quiet for the Color Corps.

Where We've Been: Our Lady of Guadalupe feast day mass at St. Leo's.; Street dedication in Annandale.

Where We're Going: The Color Corps will go through the annual certification at our January meeting. I would like to have a good turnout for the certification. Please bring your sword and service baldric. I will bring the Assembly's extra swords and I have a limited number of service baldrics. Please e-mail me at geobilly@aol.com if you will need to use them.

Drill Tip of the Month: *Silent Commands* – "Due to the necessity for silence, particularly during a drill participation in church, silent "cues" must be used by the drill commander to instruct members and give commands. The simplest method for these visual commands is for the commander to step to a position where he is visible to all the Sir Knights participating and give the cue for the order he wishes carried out. For example, raise both hands, palm up, from the sides to order the guard to stand; place the right hand on the grip of the sword to order "Draw," then draw the sword (followed by the guard), etc. It is *absolutely essential* that *silent practice* be conducted so all members of the guard will be familiar with the "cues" and required responses."

I'd like to make a pitch for our new and non-Color Corps members to join the Color Corps. The assembly has an excellent deal if you buy your regalia (chapeau, cape, service baldric) within the next two months, the assembly will buy your sword (\$100 value). In the interim, I have extra regalia and swords for use during our events if you would like to participate and don't have your own regalia. Just let me know ahead of time so I can bring them.

SK George Billy
Faithful Commander

From the Pilot

SK Tom Kelley

I would like to thank my Brother Sir Knights for selecting me to serve as Faithful Pilot for the remainder of the Assembly Year. I look forward to serving the Assembly to the best of my ability.

January brings to the area the coldest weather of the year but nothing is more chilling to the soul than the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion and has led to the termination of millions of innocent lives.

We visibly demonstrate our opposition to this decision this year on Monday, January 24 with the annual March for Life and we are fortunate to have a President sympathetic to our concern. Join with the fellow SK's and Council members and participate in the March this year. It is vital that we swell our ranks during this March and demonstrate our concern.

SK Tom Kelley
Faithful Pilot



On Patriotism

SK Rick Munoz, PFN

In California, a fifth-grade teacher named Stephen Williams has filed a lawsuit in federal court against his employers, the Cupertino Union School Board. His complaint is that his employers are forbidding the mention of God in his lessons.

Mr. Williams has tried to distribute excerpts from such radical documents as the Declaration of Independence, various state constitutions, "The Rights of the Colonists," by Samuel Adams, writings by George Washington and John Adams, and a fact sheet about US currency that mentions the history of "In God We Trust," and its inclusion on US currency.

In each case, his superiors have ordered him to refrain from distributing the documents in question, citing the requirement that public schools be neutral on matters of faith. In his lawsuit, Mr. Williams seeks some sort of official recognition that these are not matters of faith but matters of fact and history, suitable for inclusion in a public school's daily lessons.

How did we reach this point?

It was during the lifetime of many readers of this newsletter that President Eisenhower signed into law the bill adding "Under God," to our nation's pledge of allegiance – a move originated by our Order. Now, a mere fifty years later, that phrase is under attack by a segment of the population seemingly motivated by an outright hostility to religion – or, at least, to the Christian religion. In a generation's time, this country has moved from a calm acceptance in the idea of a benevolent Almighty as a guide and protector to a perilous battle waged by atheists and others determined to eradicate any mention of God in the public sphere.

As members of the Fourth Degree, we are dedicated to patriotism – love of our country and the principles for which it was established and under which it has flourished. These principles certainly included government neutrality to any particular religion... but they have never included government hostility to any particular religion either. Nor should they.

As Sir Knights, we must always be prepared to defend the principles of our nation. As the new Congress convenes this month, and considers the President's judicial nominees, remember that they are confirming – or blocking – men and women that may shape the judicial landscape for years to come. You might consider a call or letter to our US senators urging them to support nominees that will uphold the values that have made this nation great.

We are one Nation under God – and may He help us not become one Nation Without God.

SK Rick Munoz, PFN

STILL MORE TRIVIA: THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS HAS 327 MILES OF BOOK SHELVES.



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