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PASS IN REVIEW NIGHT/STEAK DINNER - NEXT MEETING

NAVIGATORS REPORT

Worthy Sir Knights and Brothers:

This has been a fast year with a wide range of events speeding it along even faster. I offer my sincere congratulations on the fine selection of officers elected for the next fraternal year and solicit your continuing support for them. I hereby pledge my support and best wishes to them.

I must thank each and every one of you for your cooperation in the accomplishments of the Assembly. We have accomplished many things and there is much more to be accomplished. Credit is due to you for all that has happened. I take full fault for any failings or discrepancies of the Assembly during this past year. My ideas will continue and I hope to discuss them with the incoming officers and determine if implementation is still possible. We can and will continue to be a great Assembly.

I cannot say that the opportunities for Honor Guards slack off during the year. However, as usual, I must state this is the time of year when we gear up for a high rate of opportunities. We have the various installations of councils and the Assembly, as well as the Fairfax City Independence Day Parade. Experience is not a requirement. We all had a first time for any thing we have done, including honor guard duty. You are not able to experience your first occasion any earlier, therefore, why not experience it before it becomes any later!

Make a New Year's resolution (Fraternal year beginning July 1) to recruit new members to the order and to the Assembly. Recruiting has a couple stages. Let others see you and then ask them to join. The worst that will happen is that they will say "No." You will be surprised at how many will also say "Yes." The next Fourth Degree exemplification will be in Richmond of November 13, 2005. As Faithful Admiral, I would like to escort a substantial contingency of new candidates to Richmond.

It is interesting that the fraternal year starts off with the most patriotic holiday in the United States of America, the birthday of our country, Independence Day, July 4. The country was only 106 years old when the order was founded. Both started due to suppressive situations that were not being solved under the existing conditions. Because others were unfair, small groups decided to do something about it. In one case, the Declaration of Independence was written, and a new country was born. In the other, under the guidance of Father McGivney, the Knights of Columbus was founded. Today, both are strong pillars and beacons of light to others

Yes, there is jealousy, but both have a history of helping others, regardless of their backgrounds, while only taking pride in who we are and are willing to do for the betterment of mankind.

Again, thank you all, for who you are and what you do

David Todd, PFN



Elected Assembly Officers 2005-2006

The following Sir Knights were elected to office at the Assembly Meeting held on May 18.

Faithful Navigator	SK THOMAS J. CONNELLY
Faithful Captain	SK THOMAS V. KELLEY
Faithful Admiral	SK PFN DAVID TODD, SR.
Faithful Pilot	SK WILLIAM WEICH
Faithful Comptroller	SK LAWRENCE R. NOVAK
Faithful Purser	SK GERARD PEPIN
Faithful Scribe	SK RICHARD LEE
Faithful Inside Guard	SK BRIAN MAHONEY
Faithful Outside Guard	SK GREG SKORUPSKI
Faithful Three Year Trustee	SK TIMOTHY DONOVAN



CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Sir Knights participate as Honor Guards during St. Leo the Great Corpus Christi procession on Sunday, May 29th.

NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING JUNE 16TH, PROVIDENCE HALL

"PASS IN REVIEW" NIGHT AND STEAK DINNER

The June Meeting on Wednesday, June 15th will be our traditional "Pass in Review" night social meeting and steak dinner for Sir Knights and their Ladies. The cost of the dinner will be \$12.50 per person and reservations are requested. Please call SK Larry Novak (703) 978-6137 or e-mail him at zlrn01@aol.com. This has been a well attended Dinner in the past so make your reservations early.

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The Captain's Corner

SK Tom Connelly

Worthy Sir Knights, This is America's patriotic season. As we move from Memorial Day to Flag Day (June 14th) and Bunker Hill Day (June 17th) and finally to the Fourth of July, we are mindful of the sacrifices and examples of those who founded and defended our country. The Patriotic Degree was established to demonstrate that Catholics were also loyal Americans.

June also brings us great the great Church feasts celebrating the birth of St John the Baptist (24th) and the feast of Saints Peter and Paul (29th). Earlier in the month we pray especially to the Sacred heart of Jesus (3rd) and the Immaculate Heart of Mary (4th).

As Knights, we cannot help but to be inspired by the sacrifice of the grate English martyrs St Thomas More and St John Fisher (22nd) who held steadfastly to their beliefs in the face of certain death.

Similarly, we should be mindful of the words of St Boniface (5th) patron Saint of Germany, who said to his flock: *"Let us stand fast in what is right and prepare our souls for trial. Let us be neither dogs that do not bark or silent onlookers nor paid servants who run away before the wolf."*

On June 9th, we commemorate the great Saint of Ireland, Saint Columba, and also Saint Ephrem, a Doctor of the Church, who defended the faith against the early heresies. His words are as relevant today as in the fifth century: *"Lord, in your sacrament we daily embrace you and receive you into our bodies; make us worthy to experience the resurrection for which we hope. We have had your treasure hidden within us ever since we received baptismal grace; it grows richer at your sacramental table."*

On June 13th we celebrate the Franciscan, St Anthony of Padua, whose prayer for the Help of the Spirit should remain with us in the days and weeks after Pentecost.

Prayer for the Help of the Holy Spirit

O God, send forth your Holy Spirit into my heart that I may perceive, into my mind that I may remember, and into my soul that I may meditate. Inspire me to speak with piety, holiness, tenderness and mercy. Teach, guide and direct my thoughts and senses from beginning to end. May your grace ever help and correct me, and may I be strengthened now with wisdom from on high, for the sake of your infinite mercy. Amen.

We also celebrate this month the feasts of St Aloysius Gonzaga (21st) patron saint of a local high school; of Saint Juliana Falconieri, (19th), mother superior; and of St Charles Lwanga and the Ugandan Martyrs (3rd). Each of the saints offers examples of holiness and steadfast devotion to the faith that we as Knights can follow.

As we celebrate our national heritage during this time, let us also draw strength and inspiration from the Saints.

Vivat Jesu

SK Tom Connelly, Captain



JUNE BIRTHDAYS (PFN'S in BOLD)

6/01 Raymond Barbeau	6/17 Jeffrey Stratton
6/01 Ercole Barone	6/17 John Knight
6/01 Wesley Wheeler	6/18 Domingo Guingab
6/02 Joseph Duffy	6/18 John Wenderoth
6/03 Albert Leightley	6/20 Terrance McDermott
6/03 Alan Botticelli	6/20 Robert Portland
6/08 Paul Cooke, PFN	6/20 Larry Gottschalk
6/08 Medardo Caigoy	6/20 Gerald Hovan
6/08 Pasquale Tiso	6/22 Julio Tagliada
6/09 Francis Bordelon	6/27 Marc Laverdiere
6/10 Rev. Joel Jaffe	6/29 Richard Prien
6/13 Paul Gauthier	6/30 Isaias Alba, PFN
6/15 Joseph Drozd	6/30 William Dearing
6/15 Richard Lee	6/30 Thomas Swengros
6/17 Tommy Harger	

IN MEMORIAM

Brother Sir Knights who died in June

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

6/04/2000 SK William F. Flynn





The Commanders Corner

SK George Billy



On Patriotism

SK Rick Munoz, PFN

Welcome to the Commander's Corner.

I want to thank all the members of the Assembly that have served in the Color Corps this last fraternal year. I am very grateful for your support, and I know the people we serve appreciate the beauty of the Color Corps whether at a special Mass, wakes for departed brothers, or parades displaying our pride in our Country and Order. My special thanks goes out to the following Color Corps members that have been especially faithful in answering the call this past year: David Todd, Sr. (FN), Tom Connelly (FC), Tom Snee (PFN), Dick Owen (PFN), Jay Cabacar (PFN), and Greg Skorupski that have made multiple events.

One thing I don't think I appreciated before was how much I am able to take away from participating in a Color Corps event. Whether listening to the Bishop's homily at a Confirmation, or seeing crowds applaud the Colors when we pass in review brings fond memories and a chance for God's Word to permeate our lives.

Where We've Been: Confirmation at St. Mary of Sorrows Parish, Feast of Corpus Christi Procession at St. Leo the Great Parish

Where We're Going: Upcoming events:

- City of Fairfax 4th of July Parade. Meet at Providence Hall and we will car pool from there. A future e-mail will provide the specifics.

Other Color Corps business:

- The new Color Corps Certification cards have been given to our Assembly. If you are in the Color Corps please stop by at our next meeting to pick up your.
- 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. (geobilly@aol.com)

Fraternally yours – George Billy



Remember in your prayers those Sir Knights and their families who are currently in need of spiritual assistance. Especially Kathy Cotner, wife of SK Jack Cotner currently recovering from surgery. Pray also for Joyce Novak, wife of SK Larry Novak who is about to undergo surgery. Pray also for Susan Torres, wife of Jason Torres from Fr.. Diamond Council. She is pronounced brain dead but is being kept alive so that the child she is carrying may become strong enough to live on its own. Her tragic story was featured recently in the Arlington Herald.

The Navigator's Log is published monthly for the members of Fr. Malloy Assembly. Your input to the Log is requested. Please mail any information of interest to your Brother Sir Knights to:

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“The Best Things In Life Are Free”

The words of that classic Tin Pan Alley song are familiar to all – and they're manifestly untrue.

As this fraternal year draws to a close, we might look back a bit at some of the events in the past twelve months that have shaped our nation and our world, and have brought home our dual role as American citizens and faithful Roman Catholics.

Perhaps the most dramatic for Catholics everywhere was our loss of the only Pontiff a generation has known. As Pope John Paul II was finally permitted to enjoy his reward of an eternity with God, and the College of Cardinals gathered to discover his successor to the throne of St. Peter, it occurred to me that suddenly the whole world was Catholic. Press commentary was rampant over who the Church *should* choose, and after the College announced the selection of the man who chose to be called Benedict XVI, the press was even more alive with critique. Pundit after pundit weighed in on television and in the print media about what they felt was the questionable wisdom of the choice. Wiser heads in the media – on the rare occasions they appeared – wryly noted that there was no real surprise that the Catholic Church had chosen... gasp... a *Catholic* as Pope.

My reaction to the freedom with which the non-Catholic world offered opinions and advice about the selection of the next Pope was mixed. While I was proud that my Church, THE Church, was the focus of so much attention, because it seemed to validate, in some way, our view of our Church as the one truly established by Christ... it also annoyed me. The non-Catholic commentary from the world seemed to be saying, “We know, better than the Church, what the Church should do.” It's as though the Church's leadership and lay membership was in some way unsuited for the job of being Catholic, and the helpful commentators would now step in to nudge us along the correct path.

The best things in life are *not* free. The best things in life cost: they require sacrifice, dedication, and commitment. To live up to the commandments of God, and the precepts of our Church, is not always the easiest path. And perhaps we should simply take pride that so many others want to in some way participate in our Catholic community, even though they are not interested in recognizing the commandments of God, and the precepts of our Church.

As American citizens, we share a love for democracy, and we believe our strength comes from every person having a voice in our secular government. As Roman Catholics, we trust the Holy Spirit to guide the College of Cardinals to give effect to God's will. We render unto Caesar what is Caesar's and unto God what is God's.

So – thanks for all the advice, media commentators... but we're perfectly happy with the system we've got now.



Many thanks to SK Tom Connley for providing the delicious meals prior to each Assembly Meeting this past year. For the up-coming year we will once again call on our Brother SK's to volunteer to prepare ONE meal for a meeting. Call SK Tom Kelley, (703) 385-2819 to volunteer.