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Next Assembly Meeting March 16th Happy St Patrick's Day March 17th

NAVIGATORS REPORT

Worthy Sir Knights:

It is time to start thinking about the next fraternal year. I have appointed a nominating committee. Sir Knight **Tom Snee** will chair the committee. Other members are Sir Knight **Marion Kuhlmann** and Sir Knight **Tim Donovan**. All are Past Faithful Navigators and know what the positions entail. Please contact one of them if you are interested in serving as an officer during the next fraternal year. Their recommendations will have a direct effect on the future of the Assembly. They have been asked to review each potential candidate, consider their potential, and nominate candidates accordingly. Their report will be due at the April meeting and published in the May newsletter in time for the May elections.

I was very pleased with the turnout for certification of the Honor Guard. In addition to about a dozen present for recertification, there were twelve members who will be certified for the first time. Congratulations to all of you. Take the opportunity to participate and procedures will become more familiar each time. Last call for "Open Season" free sword to those purchasing regalia. Present your receipt to the Faithful Comptroller, Larry Novack and he will write the check to refund the cost of the sword. New members, exemplified this past November have a full year to make their purchase. Why wait!! Purchase the regalia now and become active sooner.

March is the month of the greening and rebirth. Not only do we have St. Patrick's Day, but with the start of spring, nature also seems to come back to life. We should also use this time to revitalize our own lives. It is time to spring back. Consider your own health after the long winter indoors and take time to improve your health.

You can also become more active in your councils and the assembly by participating in their activities. As you participate, you may even decide to recommend an activity. As a Knight, you should find many opportunities to share your time, talents and resources with your parish. All parishes seem to need help in the ministries, whether it is as a reader or as an usher. There are other opportunities in each parish.

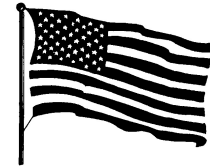
With the death of Sister Lucia, we are reminded of the messages of Fatima and the need to pray the rosary. Sister Lucia was the oldest to the three children who saw the Blessed Mother at Fatima. The other two have been beatified. May we always have peace. Also, pray for Pope John Paul II' health.

Be more active in patriotic activities. There are a number of parades coming up in the next several months. Fly the flag on daily, especially on holidays. Encourage others to fly their flags.

It is not too early to start recruiting. The Midyear exemplification will be held on May 21 in Norfolk. Consider asking a brother Knight to advance to the Fourth Degree in time for this exemplification. The November exemplification will be in Richmond.

Fraternally

David Todd, Sr
Faithful Navigator.



From the Faithful Comptroller

Have you paid your 2005 Membership Dues? As of this writing we still have 20% of our members who have not. I know that bills are received mid December during Christmas rush and put aside and easily forgotten. Take a moment to check to see if you have your membership card for 2005. Dues are only \$20 per year.

CONGRATULATIONS to Sir Knights **Gerard R. Pepin** and **Richard K Prein** who have achieved the level of Honorary Life Member in the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus. Thank you Sir Knights for your dedication and service to the Order.

NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16TH, 7:30 PM**

The next meeting of Fr. Malloy Assembly will be held at Providence Hall, St. Leo the Great Parish on Wednesday, March 16th. 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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On Patriotism

SK Rick Munoz, PFN

Several months ago, I was an exemplar in a degree ceremony – a second and third degree were being held back-to-back. Between the second and third, one of the candidates approached me and expressed his misgivings about something. He had read *Columbia* magazine, talked to several Knights, and listened intently to the words of the degree ceremonies. He wasn't sure if he should proceed to the Third Degree, he said, because he had grave misgivings about the current presidential administration's priorities and direction, and "...the Knights were so patriotic, and all."

I assured the man that there was no conflict in what he felt and what the Knights were about – that the Knights were by no means a partisan political organization. Our principle is love is for our country, and our system of government, and not love for a particular political party or ideology. He went on to receive his Third Degree.

But his question got me thinking. Often patriotism is conflated with partisanship, as in our increasingly partisan political world, extremists on each side of the political spectrum seek to demonize their opponents. And because our Order's call to patriotic activism is often tied to specific issues, the lines between advocacy for certain issues and advocacy for political parties can sometimes appear blurred.

Let this not be so! As proud Catholics and earnest defenders of the faith, I firmly believe we are called to vigorously defend certain issues when they appear in the public sphere. Abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide – these are part of the culture of death that the Holy Father has condemned, and which we must work against. But we speak against these not as partisan political advocates, but as advocates for a respect for the basic principle that human life is sacred. We support some positions held by one major political party, and some positions held by the other. Our concern is issues, not political allegiance.

In this country, every citizen has an equal claim to voice and vote. That is the system we love as patriots, and the call to participate in that system is what we heed as patriots. Giving voice to our concerns in this way is an excellent exercise of our patriotic duty, and of the love we have for our nation. Let your own voice be heard!

SK Rick Munoz PFN
Patriotic Chairman



**MARCH BIRTHDAYS
(PFN'S in BOLD)**

3/01	Michael Lupo	3/18	Michael Young
3/02	Salvatore DiBartolo	3/18	Richard Webb
3/04	Zaven der Boghossian	3/18	Perry Romzek
3/06	Samuel Stafford	3/22	James Burns
3/07	Daniel Purtell	3/22	Howard Gerlach
3/07	Walter Vanderbeek	3/22	John Weis
3/09	Edward Cuccias	3/23	Rev. Paul Dudzinski
3/10	Gerard Pepin	3/24	Errett Thomas
3/10	Edward May	3/26	Peter Gallas
3/12	Charles Connor, Jr.	3/26	Randall Perkins
3/13	Timothy Cooke	3/27	John Okay
3/14	Donald Kehoe	3/27	Mark Gazillo
3/14	Stephen Buchanan	3/29	Thomas Kelley
3/15	Rev. James Knapp, SJ	3/29	Greg Hartley
3/16	Joseph Underwood		



The Commanders Corner

SK George Billy

Welcome to the Commander's Corner.

Our annual re-certification training was completed at the last meeting. A big 'Thank You' goes out to our **SK Dick Bowman** for conducting the certification. We had a very good turnout with our members almost evenly divided between re-certification and initial certification. This should provide a good foundation for the Assembly's Color Corps participation at events.

Where We've Been: President's Day Parade in Alexandria. Thank you to Potomac Assembly for hosting this event.

Where We're Going: St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday March 5th. We will car pool from Providence Hall at 10:45 AM, or you can meet at St. Mary's Lyceum (social hall), 313 Duke St., no later than 11:30 AM and proceed to our parade position by 12:00 noon. This parade begins at 12:30 PM, and we will have drivers to take us to the start point.

I've been asked how one can purchase regalia. The two main suppliers are Lynch & Kelly (888-548-3890) and The English Company (800-444-5632). The window of opportunity for the Assembly to purchase (reimburse) your sword is rapidly closing, so I invite all the newly certified Color Corps members to take this opportunity soon. Just bring the receipt for your sword to **SK Larry Novack** at the next meeting. 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 yet. Just let me know ahead of time so I can bring them (geobilly@aol.com).

Fraternally yours – **SK George Billy**

Happy Anniversary Knights of Columbus: March 29th will be the 123rd Anniversary of the Order. Pray for the cannization of our Founder Fr. Michael McGivney

**IN MEMORIAM
Brother Sir Knights who died in March**

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



3/21/2002 **SK Carl J. Bender, PFN**
3/22/2002 **SK John J. Prenzel**

The Captain's Corner

SK Tom Connelly

Worthy Sir Knights:

Let us resolve to maintain examine our Lenten and March devotions to continue some of them through out the year. Those of us who were fortunate enough to have been born Irish (by the Grace of God) may well use the beautiful Prayer of St Patrick all year.

I bind to myself today
The strong virtue of the Invocation of the Trinity:
I believe the Trinity in the Unity
The Creator of the Universe.

I bind to myself today
The virtue of the Incarnation of Christ with His Baptism,
The virtue of His crucifixion with His burial,
The virtue of His Resurrection with His Ascension,
The virtue of His coming on the Judgement Day.

I bind to myself today
The virtue of the love of seraphim,
In the obedience of angels,
In the hope of resurrection unto reward,
In prayers of Patriarchs,
In predictions of Prophets,
In preaching of Apostles,
In faith of Confessors,
In purity of holy Virgins,
In deeds of righteous men.

I bind to myself today
The power of Heaven,
The light of the sun,
The brightness of the moon,
The splendour of fire,
The flashing of lightning,
The swiftness of wind,
The depth of sea,
The stability of earth,
The compactness of rocks.

I bind to myself today
God's Power to guide me,
God's Might to uphold me,
God's Wisdom to teach me,
God's Eye to watch over me,
God's Ear to hear me,
God's Word to give me speech,
God's Hand to guide me,
God's Way to lie before me,
God's Shield to shelter me,
God's Host to secure me,
Against the snares of demons,
Against the seductions of vices,
Against the lusts of nature,
Against everyone who meditates injury to me,
Whether far or near,
Whether few or with many.



I invoke today all these virtues
Against every hostile merciless power
Which may assail my body and my soul,
Against the incantations of false prophets,
Against the black laws of heathenism,
Against the false laws of heresy,
Against the deceits of idolatry,
Against the spells of women, and smiths, and druids,
Against every knowledge that binds the soul of man.

Christ, protect me today
Against every poison, against burning,
Against drowning, against death-wound,
That I may receive abundant reward.

Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ within me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ at my right, Christ at my left,
Christ in the fort,
Christ in the chariot seat,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks to me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.



I bind to myself today
The strong virtue of an invocation of the Trinity,
I believe the Trinity in the Unity
The Creator of the Universe.

The Irish and all others should remember another important March Feast- that of St Joseph. Devotion to St Joseph. As head of the Holy Family, Saint Joseph is the patron of the Universal Church, of fathers, of opposition to atheistic Communism (he was a worker), of workers, doubters (he married Mary despite her pregnancy), of a happy death (he is said to have died before Jesus and Mary), Austria, Bohemia, Canada, Mexico, Belgium, Peru, Russia, South Vietnam, missions to the Chinese, bursers, procurators, as well as of carpenters, confectioners (Naples), the dying, engineers, the family, married couples, house-hunters, pioneers, and travelers. He is invoked when in doubt, hesitation or when looking for a house.



Prayer

O Glorious Saint Joseph, spouse of the immaculate Virgin, obtain for me a pure, humble, and charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the divine will. Be my guide, father, and model through life, that I may merit to die as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Saint Joseph, friend of the Sacred Heart, pray for us. (Partial indulgence on any day.)

Fraternally
SK Tom Connelly
Faithful Captain.