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NAVIGATOR'S LOG

November

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

WELCOME DINNER-NOVEMBER 19TH-PROVIDENCE HALL-7:30PM

Navigator's Report



Worthy Sir Knights:

“Possibilities”

It is in beginnings that we hear our potential voiced in possibilities. We welcome new babies into our families and community and we hear the coo of possibility. This summer many of us witnessed as our friends, friend's children, sons, daughters and relatives joined in marriage with one another and we now share in those possibilities. We welcome new clergy into our parishes with enthusiasm possibilities. And as the leaves drop on our heads we think of this month's exemplification in Virginia Beach. This is an annual opportunity to greet our new Sir Knights joining our Assembly and those from around the state. More moments filled with possibilities.

We have completed the first third of our fraternal year. Take a look at the reports from our Faithful Commander and Faithful Captain. Here is evidence of our growing record for the year. Malloy Assembly has an exciting sense of possibility for the remaining months of the fraternal year because we have a history.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson told the Supreme Convention, “It remains the Fourth Degree's responsibility to work at the grassroots level – in our schools, chiefly – to see that patriotism, love and respect for the flag, and duty to one's country are virtues passed along to future generations.” He asks that Fourth Degree Assemblies work with councils to sponsor patriotic programs such as essay contests. Is your Council doing or interested in such an activity?

Serving Those Who Served.” Through this effort Assemblies are asked to provide support to veterans at area Veterans Affairs medical facilities. Our Supreme Knight has asked Virginia Sir Knights to become regular volunteers and consider holding special programs or fund-raisers to assist hospitalized veterans. Perhaps you have an idea of how we could pickup on this challenge. Let me know. Also this year the Fourth Degree launched a new service program, “

Each week we all have the possibility of helping those who have helped us keep our freedom and to whom we owe an almost unpayable debt. We can encourage our young leaders to consider a military career or one of the academies. We can make a difference by participating actively in our government or just simply voting. We can be examples of citizenship for our youth by being active in Boy and Girl Scout Troops, by flying our flag and other acts of patriotism. Each day we have the possibility of making our families and workplace a better place for all of us to experience growth, love, recognition, and security.

Simply being a member of the Fourth Degree is a gift. In the Gospel of Luke we read, “When much has been given a man, much will be required of him. More will be asked of a man to whom more has been entrusted.”

See you at the welcoming dinner for our new Sir Knights and meeting on Wednesday November 19th-

Vivat Jesus,

SK Timothy G. Donovan, FN

**NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING
NOVEMBER 19TH, PROVIDENCE HALL
WELCOME DINNER FOR NEW MEMBERS**

For our November meeting, we will be hosting a welcome dinner for our new Sir Knights and their Ladies. Menu will be a traditional Thanksgiving dinner prepared by the Officers of the Assembly, and each Sir Knight is invited (and encouraged) to bring his Lady. Cost will be \$15 per individual, \$25 per couple (cost is waived for new Sir Knights). Please make your reservations through SK Dave Todd, Jr by calling (703) 385-2195, or by E-mailing him at djtoddjr@erols.com.



**Remember Veterans Day
Tuesday, November 11
Fly the Flag**

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The Captain's Corner

SK David Todd,
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Faithful Captain

Worthy Sir Knights:

This month, I'm going to take a small detour to discuss Lay Leadership in the Church. I made reference to this in my remembrance of Columbus last month, and feel that it is a topic that should be discussed.

During the Second Vatican Council, the Fathers issued several documents that defined our views of Faith, and in some cases, changed some of our practices. For example, prior to Vatican II, Mass was celebrated in Latin facing a wall... in this manner, the Priest offered the Mass on behalf of the people in the official language of the Church. Sacrosanctum Concilium, among other things, allowed for Mass to be celebrated in the vernacular facing the people...thus, the Mass was offered to the people in a language they could understand.

So, what is Lay Leadership, and why is it important? For starters, we must understand what a leader is. Frequently, people take the word "leadership" to refer to power, but nothing could be further from the truth. Leadership is not power, but rather the ability to direct others to a common goal. Consider this, the office of Grand Knight gives a knight power in his Council, but that power means nothing if he cannot lead. He does this not by ordering members to do things while sitting back and watching, but rather by rolling up his sleeves and cheerfully assisting with the task at hand. In this manner, he sets an example to those around him, who then become ready to help out.

With this in mind, we look to understand Lay Leadership. In the dogmatic constitution on the Church Lumen Gentium, the Fathers discuss the role of the Faithful in the Church. "The holy People of God share also in Christ's prophetic office: it spreads abroad a living witness to him, especially by a life of faith and love and by offering to God a sacrifice of praise, the fruit of lips praising His name." In other words, each of us is called to share our Faith with all those we encounter. By our words and our actions, we show ourselves to be followers of Christ... and thus we lead them to Him.

So, how do we provide Catholic leadership? For starters, offer to assist in the Church in some fashion. Most parishes are always looking for new sacristans, ushers, lectors, and choir members. Some parishes have welcoming committees, while others have hospitality committees. Most DRE's could use new catechists to teach the Faith to our youth.

Just as a strong leader is a good worker, the best leaders know how to follow. As such, one thing we must be careful about is not overstepping our responsibilities. While each of us should strive to lead others to Christ, we must be mindful of the authority given to Bishops and Priests, and as such, we must listen to what they say, even when they differ with our ideas. For example, as good Catholic gentlemen, we frequently declare our solidarity with our Priest.

SK David Todd, Jr.



SK November Birthdays (PFN's in BOLD)

11/02	Donald Devane	11/17	Emmett Murphy
11/04	Leonard Durso	11/17	David Johnson
11/05	Richard Munoz	11/20	Joseph Covas
11/06	Keith Morrison	11/20	Robert Hansen
11/07	Denny D'Alelio	11/21	William McCarron
11/11	Juan Aragon	11/21	Brian Patti
11/13	Marion Kuhlman	11/22	Felix Tacaraya
11/14	Frank Bosch	11/23	Charles Giasson
11/15	Joseph Conlon	11/23	Patrick Rozmajzl
11/16	Alberto Bueno	11/26	Joseph Monachino
		11/29	Gregory Skorupski

In Memoriam Brother Sir Knights who died in November

11/12/1997 SK Earl L. Ambre
11/27/2000 SK Richard P. Harrington

Congratulations and Welcome to the newest members of Fr. Walter Malloy Assembly. You have joined one of the finest Assemblies in Virginia. Join us, with your ladies, at our Assembly meeting and dinner on Wednesday, November 19th, at 7:30 PM in Providence Hall, St. Leo the Great Parish.

The Pilot's Message

SK Stephan
Smith
Faithful Pilot

Worthy Sir Knights

As nature progresses through her annual cycle of change: Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall, the plants and animals, rivers and oceans, bugs and bees obey their natural desires and/or basic instincts, as they have for ages.

Meanwhile, we journey through the stages of temporal life: birth, youth, adolescence, adulthood, and death, armed with centuries of human experience dealing with life's peaks and valleys, led by our priests, religious and lay teachers, countless role models in saints, canonized and anonymous, alongside fellow human travelers in pursuit of eternal happiness with our God and King.

Each November, halfway through Fall, we stop to commemorate the feasts of All Saints, All Souls, Veterans Day, Christ the King and Thanksgiving. We begin the month thanking God for His saints, guides, while on earth to our eternal home; next day we pray for our deceased families and friends, predecessors on this spiritual pilgrimage. Then we remember the fallen members of our Armed Services, who gave their lives in defense of this country in which we enjoy such freedoms that we are the envy of the world. Late in the month, we celebrate with our universal Church the feast of Christ the King, before beginning Advent. And, finally, on one of the most heavily trafficked days of the year, Thanksgiving, families gather in gratitude for the blessings of the past year and in anticipation of those of the next.

As Catholics we have the privilege of hearing the 'Good News', receiving the sacraments as children and living our faith in our lives. Others heard the message later in life and found their way into the one true Church. Recent statistics say that two-thirds of the world still have not heard of and do not know Christ.

How can we help spread the message of Faith, Hope and Love? While each Catholic has his/her own particular vocation or way in which to evangelize, we Sir Knights, stand as individuals united in proud testimony to the power of our faith. Fr. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in a period of blatant persecution of Catholics. As a group they supported each other, while bravely giving extremely visible, powerful, and silent witness to their religion, pride in their adopted country, and praise and honor to the glory of God.

This past October, we continued this proud tradition and performed a Flag Raising at St. Michael's fall festival, joined in the Columbus Day festivities at Union Station, laid a Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown at Arlington Cemetery; presented the Colors at a CYO Track Meet at GMU Field House, participated at the Mass closing the biennial Arlington Diocese Pilgrimage to the National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, marched in the Annandale Days Parade, and provided Bishop Loverde with an Honor Guard as he performed two Confirmations at St Mary of Sorrows. Our presence at these events, especially the Confirmations, reminded those who saw us that we are not afraid to stand as Soldiers of Christ

Vivat Jesus
SK Stephan Smith, Faithful Pilot

Congratulations to SK Tom Snee, PFN

SK Tom Snee, Immediate Past Faithful Navigator has been named to Virginia's new Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations. SK Snee is one of 14 veteran rerepresentatives appointed by Virginia Governor Mark Warner to sit on this newly established board. The Joint Leadership Council provides a vehicle for veteran's service organizations to collaborate with the state's new Department of Veterans Services to meet the needs of the more than 780,000 Virginia veterans and their families. Good Luck to you Tom in this new position.

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\$\$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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Thanks you for your assistance

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