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WELCOME DINNER FOR SK'S, WIVES AND NEW MEMBERS NOV 17TH

Worthy Sir Knights:

By the time you read this, the elections will be over. Our nation has been built on its citizens expressing themselves through the ballot box and I trust each of you fulfilled your informed duty to vote. We have a patriotic duty to support the elected officials. However, we can still make our voices heard by writing letters and expressing our faith based principals of justice for all. Keep abreast of what our elected officials are doing as they represent us and either encourage them to continue or ask that they reconsider and take the action we desire.

The Assembly has a large number of candidates scheduled for the exemplification on November 13, 2004. They and their wives will be welcomed into our Assembly with our annual Thanksgiving dinner and open meeting on November 17. Please plan to attend and show your support for these men and encourage them to return and participate in the activities of the Assembly.

Members of the Assembly are encouraged to obtain regalia and participate in honor guard activities. The Assembly will give a sword to newly exemplified members who purchase a cape and chapeau. The Assembly has a policy that the regalia must be ordered within one year of exemplification.

Our nation sets aside a special day of Thanksgiving each year during November. All of us have much to give thanks for. No matter what your personal situation is or has been during the past year, you have only to look around to see how much worse it could be. In the United States, we have some of the best medical care, etc.

We are often given the opportunity to share with others, and what an excellent time as we prepare during the upcoming Advent season for the coming of our Lord on Christmas. As you prepare for the Christmas season, consider how you may help those who are less fortunate than you. There are many ways, through personal giving, through group activities and giving, and by prayer.

Email is used throughout the month to update the Assembly and request honor guard services on short notice. Please provide your email address and ensure you are receiving these updates.

Every member of the Assembly should consider becoming a member of the Father McGivney Guild, if not already a member. There is no cost, and you will receive a newsletter on the canonization progress of our patron and founder. Membership in guild is a strong indication of support of the cause of his canonization.

There were thirteen Sir Knights participating in the Right to Life Memorial dedication at St. Leo's Church on October 11. Bishop Loverde and Father Kelly both expressed their appreciation of the Knights and the honor guard. This was an excellent opportunity to once again "show the colors" which serves to recruit more members.

EMAIL UPDATES

The Assembly maintains consolidated mailing list "Assembly 1894 @ mailman". The use of this listing provides a quick update and notification of events and happenings within the Assembly. The effectiveness of the listing is only as good as its correctness and timeliness. If you are not receiving this email, please provide your current email address to SK Larry Novack at ZLRN@aol.com.

Vivat Jesus
SK David Todd, SR.
Faithful Navigator

NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING **NOVEMBER 17TH, 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. Each Sir Knight is 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, Sr. by calling (703) 352-2724, or by e-mail at datodd@erols.com.

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THE CAPTAIN'S REPORT

SK TOM CONNELLY

Worthy Sir Knights

November: From the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1st and the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (all Souls on the 2nd) to the First Sunday of Advent on the 28th, November offers extraordinary opportunities for spiritual growth in preparation for Christmas.

"The saints are like so many little mirrors in which Jesus Christ sees Himself. In His apostles He sees His zeal and love for the salvation of souls; in the martyrs He sees His constancy, suffering, and painful death; in the hermits He sees His obscure and hidden life; in the virgins He sees His spotless purity; and in all the saints He sees His unbounded charity. And when we honor the virtues of the saints, we are but worshipping the virtues of Jesus Christ. . . ." -- Curé d'Ars

In addition to the Feast of all Saints, November offers feast days with special meaning for the Knights of Columbus.

November 10th is the feast of St Leo the Great, patron of our host parish. St Leo combated many of the heresies of the early church.

We also commemorate in a special way two saints of the Americas: Martin de Porres who cared for the poor of Lima, Peru and St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, the courageous Italian nun who came to the United States to care for the Italian immigrants. She was the first U.S. citizen to be canonized.

We are also blessed with examples of Saints who used their great wealth for the benefit of those less fortunate. Saint Elizabeth of Hungary and Saint Margaret of Scotland were Queens in their lands and St. Charles Borromeo came from a wealthy Italian family. St Charles started the Confraternity of Christian doctrine (CCD).

Other feasts this month help us realize that saints come from all walks of life. St Martin of Tours, the cavalryman who became a monk and bishop; St Albert, the great scholar and teacher of St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Catherine Laboure to whom Mary appeared and directed the striking of what we now call the Miraculous Medal

Finally, we finish the month on the feast of St Andrew the apostle. It's appropriate that we celebrate Saint Andrew's feast at the beginning of Advent because he was first a disciple of John the Baptist, and, when he met the Lord of Creation at Jesus' baptism in the Jordan, he became Jesus' first disciple.

Do not wait until the first Sunday of advent to begin your Christmas preparations. Take the time now to learn more about these saints and to emulate them.

**REST IN PEACE
CARDINAL JAMES HICKEY**

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said Cardinal James Hickey, who led the Archdiocese of Washington from 1980 until 2000, was a man of extraordinary faith and ability with an unequivocal commitment to social justice. Cardinal Hickey, a Knight for nearly 50 years, died Oct. 24. In 2000, he received the Order's highest honor, the Gaudium and Spes Award, for outstanding service to Church and society.



**SK November Birthdays
(PFN'S in BOLD)**

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

Attention Worthy New Sir Knights

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 17th at 7:30 PM in Providence Hall, St. Leo the Great Parish.

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

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

COLOR CORP COMMANDERS REPORT



SK George Billy, Commander

October was a busy month for the Color Corps. The highlight for the month was celebrating Columbus Day by participating at the ceremony at Union Station followed by a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. Having the honor of laying the wreath will be something I remember for the rest of my life. There was a good size crowd at the tomb and the day was just gorgeous – you could clearly see the Washington Monument on the Mall! Assisting was David Todd, Tom Connelly, and Dick Owen. Also attending were Bill Weich, Cy Alba, and Ray Wycoff. I would like to thank all the Sir Knights that came out for the Memorial For Life Dedication at St. Leo's. Bishop Loverde was impressed and made a number of kind remarks about the Knights and their dedication to promoting a culture of life.

In November we have a couple of activities that require your support. Please contact David Todd or myself if you can participate.

November 10 – Confirmation at St. Leo's at 7 p.m.

November 14 – 4th Degree Exemplification. Meet at the Marriott Friday evening for assignments.

November 29 – Confirmation at St. Ambrose at 7 p.m.

We will be doing most of our communication for upcoming events through e-mail. Please visit the Fr. Malloy assembly web-site to sign up for the list-server so that you will receive these notifications. If you have any questions or can help out at these events please contact me at 703-323-6470.



VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11



A salute to all members of Fr. Malloy Assembly who served their country in Military Service. A special recognition to SK Ed Kennedy and SK Jack White who served during WWII. Let us also not forget those who made the Ultimate Sacrifice in service to their country.

The **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier** pays fitting tribute to those known only to God. As you pause to pay tribute to fallen hero's can you answer the following questions about this Memorial?

1. How many steps does the Guard take during his walk across the tomb of the Unknowns, and Why?
2. How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin his return walk and Why?
3. Why are his gloves wet?
4. On what shoulder does he carry his rifle?
5. How often are the guards changed?
6. What are the physical traits of a guard limited to?



PATRIOTISM REPORT

SK Rick Munoz, PFN



In the aftermath of the terrible events of September 11th, 2001, many things changed. A television commercial that ran several weeks later captured one of these changes perfectly: the commercial opened with a shot of a quiet suburban street, with the voiceover saying, "The terrorists that attacked our nation on September 11th wanted to change our lives." As the voice continued, "They succeeded," the image shifted to the same street, with almost every home flying an American flag.

I don't recall who sponsored the commercial, but there was no doubt its message was accurate. Following the attack, American flags became a commodity more scarce than plywood in a hurricane zone. Stores all over the country were sold out and reporting huge backorders, and every home that had previously owned a flag or managed to buy one was proudly flying it.

What has changed in three short years?

Sadly, the patriotic fervor that we and our neighbors felt then seems to have dissipated. Flags are once again plentiful on the shelves of our local stores, and not much in evidence on the fronts of our neighborhood homes. Was flying the flag just a quick fad, a panacea to salve the injury we felt then that's no longer needed?

If it is, it should not be. Flying the American flag should not only happen in response to disaster. We should see our flag flying proudly from homes every federal holiday, as a minimum, and every single day, if at all practical.

This is not a call to arms, or a political statement. Reasonable people may disagree about the efficacy of actions we have taken in the war on terror, but flying the flag does not imply support for a particular political ideology or candidate, or even for particular actions taken by our country. But it does imply support for something we as Knights of Columbus hold dear: our love of our country, and of the system that guarantees its continuing.

Last column, I called upon each reader to exercise his political voice in the upcoming election and vote for the candidate of his choice. Today, I ask each of you to display your respect for the American flag, as a symbol of the great nation to which we owe and pledge allegiance, and resolve to fly the flag as often as you can.

VETERANS DAY (CONT.)

Answers to these questions will appear next month or, if you know them, e-mail your answers to the editor:

fairfaxtom@msn.com First correct response will be recognized next month.

(In a previous Log you were asked to notify the editor if you had served in **WWII**. Only two responses were received.. Others who also served may so notify the Editor at the above e-mail address.



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