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NEXT MEETING SEPT. 20TH - INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS LADIES INVITED TO ATTEND

NAVIGATOR'S REPORT

Worthy Sir Knights

I had intended to start each of my messages in the log with a recap of what took place at the last Malloy Assembly meeting. However, during the summer months we are more likely to be on vacation and thus not in town for Assembly meetings. So it was at our August meeting when only twelve Sir Knights were in attendance and, according to our by-laws, the meeting was canceled. Now, as we enter into the fall of the year, hopefully our attendance will increase. We still have on the table an amendment to our by-laws that will lower the number needed for a quorum from 15 to 11. We must have 25 Sir Knights present to pass such an amendment and until then the amendment must remain on the table.

In all other aspects the month of August was a busy one for the Assembly and its Color Corps. We attended Mass for Fr Nudd, deceased Chaplain of Fr. Nudd Council and for Fr. Malloy our founding Chaplain and namesake. We later laid a wreath at the grave of Fr. Malloy, our founding chaplain. We attended Mass and a procession at Queen of Apostles Church in honor of our Blessed Mother Mary and we stood as Honor Guards for our deceased brothers; SK Don Hanson and SK John Ryan. The Fourth Degree is the most visible arm of the Knights of Columbus and it is through such acts as above that we demonstrate the principles upon which our order was founded. If you are a member of the Fourth Degree consider participating in such events when needed.

At our next meeting of the Assembly on Wednesday, Sept. 20th the Officers will be installed for the current Assembly year. The ceremony will begin at 7:30PM with a recitation of the Holy Rosary. A light luncheon will be provided and the Installation of Officers will follow. The New District Master, Richie Head will be in attendance and this will provide a great opportunity

to demonstrate to the new Master that Fr. Malloy Assembly is indeed a strong Assembly and ready to serve his needs as they occur. Please plan to attend this Installation and show your support for the Order, the Assembly and your fellow Sir Knights.

October will also be a busy month for the Assembly. On October 9th there will be ceremonies at Union Station in the District of Columbia in honor of our namesake, Christopher Columbus. All Sir Knights should make an effort to attend this ceremony. In recent years there have been demonstrations against Columbus and it is through our strength in numbers that we can show that we are proud to be members of the Knights of Columbus. Later the same day at 4:30PM we will be privileged to place a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. Finally, on October 28th there will be the Fourth Degree Exemplification held at the Fairview Park Marriot Hotel in Falls Church, VA. Malloy Assembly already has 10 candidates for this exemplification but could use more. Please speak up at your Council Meetings and address the need for more members of the Fourth Degree.

Hope to see you at the Installation of Officers on September 20th.

Vivat Jesu
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The Captain's Corner

SK Richard Lee

Balancing our individual commitments to God, family, nation and job is never easy. "Wise people" remind us no one ever lay dying and said, "Gee, I wish I had spent more time at the office!" All Sir Knights feel the same tugs in many directions as their fellow travelers through life... with perhaps an important distinction. We feel strongly about the importance of publicly proclaiming the solid foundation of our faith provides in our families, in our Parishes and in our work.

In the Malloy Assembly, we band together to provide public support to our Parish priests, our Knights' Councils, and civil authorities in a very visible Catholic way. Our meetings are not long. The recitation of the Rosary provides the prayerful beginning to our gatherings, followed by the fellowship of a meal.

Our formal meetings provide Sir Knights present with inspirational insight from our Friar, highlights of near term future events focused primarily on Color Corps activities and reports of Council events, and an uplifting reminder of what it means to be Knights in today's world.

Your attendance at least one meeting per quarter (third Wednesday of each month) helps the Assembly get the word out, build camaraderie and provide Assembly leaders a better understanding of what kinds of activities (family, social, fraternal, patriotic) you thought the Fourth Degree was all about when you responded to the call to advancement. We hope to see you soon at Providence Hall, St Leo's Parish campus in Fairfax City.
 SK Dick Lee, Faithful Captain



SK's August Birthdays

PFNs in bold

9/01 SK Jay Hoffmeier	9/03 SK Doug Fehrer
9/04 SK Rosalino Garcia	9/08 SK Irwin Oliver
9/09 SK Jim Gleisner	9/09 SK Gary Piper
9/10 SK Edward Gallagher	9/10 SK Carl Vercio
9/11 SK Vic Warzinski	9/13 SK Tim Coe
9/14 SK Robert Flournoy	9/14 SK Rodolfo Karaan
9/18 SK Greg Kowalski	9/19 SK Dan Turgeon
9/22 SK Tom Maichak	9/24 SK Larry Anderson
9/25 SK Bill Ward	9/28 SK Jim Kemble
9/29 SK Dennis Brown	

In Memoriam

"Eternal rest grant unto them O' Lord
 May their souls rest in peace."

9/03/1998 SK Kenneth Fischer
 9/08/1987 SK Alfred Pisani
 9/13/1990 SK James Duffy





The Pilot's Portal

SK Bill Weich

As I mentioned in my Pilot's Portal a few months ago, I am continuing my practice of reviewing some of our nation's history. Previously, I wrote about Labor Day, Memorial Day, our National Anthem, and so on. This month, as part of my column, I will review another song that is part of our history and part of our Assembly meeting – America the Beautiful. America the Beautiful was first written in 1893 by Katherine Lee Bates a noted professor from Wellesley College, author and poet. Ms. Bates was on a train trip to Colorado Springs and had seen many sights along her journey. When she reached the top of Pike's Peak, she marveled at the wonder of America's views and was inspired to write the words to all eight verses of what many believe to be our country's unofficial national anthem.

As mentioned above, her first version was written in 1893, with additional versions in 1904 and 1913. The song first appeared in print on July 4th to commemorate another historical day in our nation's history) 1895 in the Congregationalist, a weekly journal, and quickly became popular. Within a few months, the lyrics were set to music by Silas G. Platt. For two years the poem was sung to any popular or folk tune that fit with the lyrics. The most popular of the tunes used was "Auld Lang Syne". Finally in 1926 the National Federation of Music Clubs held a contest to pen the poem to music. Unfortunately, none of the entries seemed to fit the poem. America the Beautiful is now sung to Samuel A. Ward's "Materna".

Due to the song's popularity in the last 100 years there have been attempts to make the song a national hymn, give it equal status as a second national anthem, or even to replace the "Star-Spangled Banner" as our nation anthem. However, these attempts have been unsuccessful. Americans hold "America the Beautiful" in high esteem and the song gained more popularity than ever following the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. I remember attending the 5pm Sunday Mass after 9/11 and instead of watching the early exit parade of people after communion, watched as everyone sang "America the Beautiful" in the recessional hymn. It can be found in many religious songbooks in the United States as well as heard at many sporting events, along with the "Star-Spangled Banner."

In closing, I ask for your continued prayers for our men and women defending our freedom and our United States of America. Vivat Jesus!

SK William Weich

Faithful Pilot



The Commander's Corner

SK George Billy

Welcome to the Commander's Corner

The Color Corps was active last month attending several events. We participated at the Installation Mass for the new pastor of Queen of Apostles, Fr. Vanderwoude. The following weekend we participated in a special procession and Mass again at Queen of Apostles that celebrated the Virgin Mary as patroness of the Americas. The Legions of Mary from different parishes in the diocese carried statues of Mary and flags from the various countries of Central and South America in the procession prior to the Mass where the Rosary was sung in Spanish. Mass was celebrated in Spanish by Fr. O'Hare and there was a nice reception afterwards. Many thanks to SK Dennis Brown for coordinating these events.

Fr. Malloy's Color Guard joined up with Seton Assembly to attend the annual Memorial Mass for Fr. Nudd at St. Timothy; and then we laid wreaths on the graves of Fr. Nudd and Fr. Malloy at Fairfax Memorial Garden. This event is always on the second Sunday in August. The Color Corps also provided an Honor Guard for SK Don Hansen's viewing.

Upcoming events (check the Assembly's web site for additional information:

October 9th – Columbus Day celebration at Union Station

October 28th – 4th Degree exemplification at Fairview Marriott

Fraternally yours – George Billy



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