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Faithful Navigator's Message



Worthy Brothers:

I am truly grateful for the number of Sir Knights who answered the call to support the Religious Freedom Day Ceremony on January 8, 2012. There are too many to mention and I would not want to forget someone. We had individuals doing what they do best at every station of the program. Organizers, marchers, Honor Guard, guides at the monument, ushers on stage, drivers, greeters at the Student Center and an outstanding gathering of cooks. The weather was almost perfect and the food was even better. I salute each one of you and as I have said before, how proud I am to be associated

With such a great group of men and let us not forget the women who supported us. A special thanks to Rick Reschick and his wife, Dayle, for their sacrifice as they spent many hours putting this all together.

Our next Assembly event will be the Corporate Communion/Breakfast on February 12, 2012, at St Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church. The mass will be at 8:30 am and following that, we will gather for breakfast and fellowship at the Golden Corral. Bring your loved ones and enjoy at good time.

The date of the next 4th Degree Exemplification will be May 5, 2012, in Norfolk. It is time to start recruiting new members now. We should all look around our Councils for those 3rd Degree Brothers/Friends who you believe are ready to step up into the ranks of the 4th Degree. We are always in need of new members with fresh ideas to fill our ranks.

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has established the New Military Chaplain Scholarship Program for seminarians who will, once ordained, serve both their home diocese and Archdiocese for the Military Services as a uniformed chaplain. Our Assembly has endorsed this program and is collecting voluntary donations from our members. If you wish to donate please contact our Faithful Comptroller, Rich LaRoche at 540-370-4541 or stone48@verizon.

Mark your calendars for March 21, 2012, which is the date of our Renewal of Obligations Ceremony/Business Meeting. It is a great time to reflect on our duties as Knight of Columbus as we renew the oaths taken at each degree exemplification on our journey to knighthood.

Please continue to pray for our Worthy Brothers who are experiencing difficulties in their lives, either health or personal. Ask God to look after them as we may need his healing and guidance in the future.

Bob Jankovits, Faithful Navigator

Sir Knight of the Month for December 2011



The Rappahannock Assembly Sir Knight of the Month for December 2011 has a long history of stepping up when there is something to be done in his Council as well as for the Assembly. He is currently Treasurer of Battlefield Council responsible for keeping the financial affairs of the council in order. According to his Grand Knight, he is always very accommodating to take the extra step to help when called upon. He and his wife organized and coordinated the Annual Council Christmas Party, an event which is always looked forward to by the Council. A fun filled evening was enjoyed by everyone, especially the visit from Santa Claus with our Sir Knight and his wife as Santa's elves.

His involvement with the Assembly includes assisting with the editing and production of the monthly NAVLOG and ensuring it is mailed out to members of the Assembly without e-mail addresses. This is very important to keep everyone informed as to what the Assembly has done as well as upcoming events.

Sir Knight Neil J. Buttimer is very worthy of this honor and his dedication to the Knights of Columbus is an important asset to his Council, the Assembly, his parish and community.

Sir Knight Buttimer, thank you for all you do for all of us.

Bob Jankovits, Faithful Navigator

Sir Knight of the Month for January 2012:



Many hours of coordinating and organizing, telephone calls all times of day and sometime late at night, meetings with representatives of the City of Fredericksburg, Police Department, local churches and other groups and the plan finally comes together with great success. That is just some of what Sir Knight Richard "Rick" Reschick was faced with as coordinator of the Religious Freedom Day Program. He met each challenge head-on and ensured all details were worked out so the program would be a success. Rick is a man of few words with an ability to communicate with everyone he encounters in a way that makes them comfortable and in the end finds a workable solution to the problems that arise.

Brother Rick, I congratulate you for an outstanding effort in support of our right of our own religious beliefs. It is a great honor to select you as Rappahannock Assembly #1613 Sir Knight of the Month for January 2012.

Bob Jankovits, Faithful Navigator

Assembly #1613 Business Meeting Host Councils

To preclude confusion and to ensure that refreshments are served following our Assembly Business Meetings, following is a listing of Councils scheduled to host the meetings on the dates shown for the remainder of this fraternal year.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host Council</u>
15 Feb 2012	Bishop Keating Council #12434
21 Mar 2012	Fredericksburg Council #4034 - Renewal of Obligations; District Master & other VIP's attending
18 Apr 2012	Holy Trinity Council #7812
16 May 2012	St. Council #13599 - Assembly Officer Elections for 2012-2013
20 Jun 2012	Battlefield Council #10246

Religious Freedom Day Celebration *(Words from our Faithful Navigator)*

Everyone agreed that this was one of the smoothest ceremonies we have ever had. Of course, the weather had a lot to do about it. We also discussed and I believe everyone was in agreement that the Assembly should continue sponsoring the Religious Freedom Day ceremony and make the decision on speakers, etc. Participation certificates were given to those present with remainder given to Grand Knights or Council representatives for those not present.



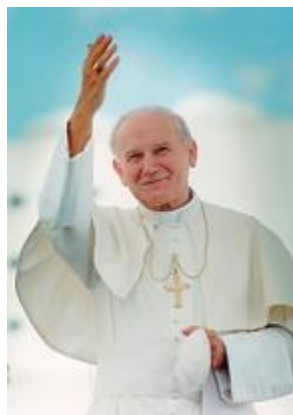


Pope John Paul II Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus, once you called the first of men. Continue to let resound today follow me." Grant to young men and promptly to your voice. Sustain our their apostolic work. Give all those who are fulfilling an ideal of service. Enkindle in our communities into Your fields and do not let pastors, missionaries and people

Mary, Mother of the Church, Model Lord Who calls us to collaborate in

Amen



disciples in order to make them fishers your sweet invitation: "Come and young women the grace of responding bishops, priests and consecrated souls in perseverance to our seminarians and to a life of total consecration to Your a missionary zeal. Send Lord, workers mankind be lost because of a lack of dedicated to the cause of the Gospel.

of Vocations, help us say "Yes to the the Divine Design of Salvation."

Sir Knights with Birthdays in February



*May God bless you on this special occasion
With a day you'll love to recall—a day filled with sunshine and laughter—your very best
Happy Birthday of all!*

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| James M. Hoffnagle – 1 | Thomas R. Johnson – 7 | Kenneth A. Malinowski – 23 |
| James S. McCormick – 1 | Kenneth J. Conlan – 9 | Stephen B. Wilson – 23 |
| John R. Ruppert – 1 | Richard T. Salazar – 10 | Laverne B. Hodapp – 24 |
| Loui J. Stevens – 1 | Robert F. Wallach – 12 | James H. McMorrow – 24 |
| David M. Medosch – 2 | Ralph E. Beck – 15 | Mario Figueroa – 25 |
| Paul A. Bruner – 5 | Neil J. Buttimer – 17 | Robert A. Fitzgeralds – 28 |
| Thomas H. Tharp – 5 | Leo J. Zerhusen – 17 | Raymond N. Zogran 27 |
| Deacon Alberto G. Bernaola – 6 | James S. Janson – 19 | |
| Paul Cartoski – 7 | Edward L. Kessler – 21 | |

EXEMPLIFICATIONS

The dates and locations for the spring and fall 2012 Exemplifications have been set. The Spring Exemplification will take place on May 5 in Norfolk at the Council Home of Norfolk Council, #367 and Fr. Matthew J. O’Keefe Assembly, #1162. We have held Exemplifications there in the past. The Fall Exemplification will take place on October 27, in Richmond at the Koger Center Holiday Inn. Again they have hosted several Exemplifications and State Conventions. Details to follow, but you can start recruiting for those dates.

Assembly #1613 Corporate Communion/Breakfast

Worthy Brother Sir Knights. Our periodic Assembly #1613 Corporate Communion with follow-on breakfast at the Golden Corral, 10320 Spotsylvania Ave, Fredericksburg, VA 22408 (Ph: 540-891-2022) will take place on 12 February 2012 after the 8:30 am Mass at St. Mary of the Immaculate conception Church. If you can’t come to breakfast, please do your best to be at the 8:30 am Mass in a show of Unity and Fraternity with your fellow Brother Sir Knights and loved ones.

To ensure adequate seating both at Mass and the Golden Corral, I ask you to do two things for me as you mark your calendars:

1. RSVP and let me know no later than 6 February 2012 at: hawklrs@verizon.net if you plan to participate and how many will be in your party (bring your family, bring your friends, bring your significant other) and
2. Please let our Color Corps Commander Dave Case (dave4542@hotmail.com) know if you can be part of the 4th Degree Honor Guard at the 8:30 am Mass.

Loui Stevens, FC

The Fourth Degree – A Birdseye View

The Fourth Degree is the highest degree of the order. It is an extension of the third degree. Members of this degree are addressed as "Sir Knight". The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism and to encourage active Catholic citizenship. Fewer than 18% of Knights join the Fourth Degree, which is optional; of a total 1,703,307 Knights there were 292,289 Fourth Degree Knights. A Knight is eligible to join the Fourth Degree after six months from the date of his First Degree, providing he has completed the 2nd and 3rd degrees beforehand.

Assemblies are distinct from councils, and are led by a separate set of elected officers. The Supreme Board of Directors appoints a Supreme Master, currently Dennis Stoddard of Florida, and twenty Vice Supreme Masters to govern the Fourth Degree. Each Vice Supreme Master oversees a Province, which is subdivided into Districts. The Supreme Master appoints District Masters to supervise several assemblies.

Each assembly is led by a Navigator. Other elected assembly officers include the Captain, Admiral, Pilot, Scribe, Purser, Comptroller, Sentinels and Trustees. A Friar and Color Corps Commander are appointed by the Navigator. Assembly officers are properly addressed by using the title "faithful" (e.g. Faithful Navigator). Assemblies are numbered in the order in which they chartered into the Order, and are named by the local membership.

Only Fourth Degree Knights may optionally purchase and wear the full regalia and join the Assembly's Color Corps. The Color Corps is the most visible arm of the Knights, as they are often seen in parades and other local events wearing their colorful regalia. Official dress for the Color Corps is a black tuxedo, baldric, white gloves, cape and naval chapeau. In warm climates and during warm months a white dinner jacket may be worn, if done as a unit. Baldrics are worn from the right shoulder to left hip and are color specific by nation. In the United States, Panama and the Philippines, baldrics are red, white and blue. Red and white baldrics are used in Canada and Poland; red, white and green in Mexico; and blue and white in Guatemala. Service baldrics include a scabbard for a sword and are worn over the coat while social baldrics are worn under the coat. The colors on a Fourth Degree Knight's cape and chapeau denote the office he holds within the Degree. Faithful Navigators and Past Faithful Navigators are permitted to carry a white handled silver sword. Masters and Vice Supreme Masters, as well as Former Masters and Former Vice Supreme Masters, are also denoted by their gold swords.

The need for a patriotic degree was first considered in 1886, and a special plea was made at the National Meeting of 1899. The first Fourth Degree exemplification followed in 1900 with 1,100 Knights participating at the Lenox Lyceum in New York City. Today there are more than 2,500 Assemblies.

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David Case, SK, Commander

No Report

Honor America Corps Commander



The Corps activities have been a little sparse these winter months. Our flags are not flown in inclement weather. One of the major reasons for this is the fact that we do not have the facility to spread and dry our flags in an environmentally controlled environment. We have too much invested in these flags to chance the possibility of having them mildew. All who have seen our flags fly on a beautiful sun filled breezy day have to admit that they are awesomely beautiful.

At Religious Freedom Day this year, the HAC flew two flags that existed during the time period when the declaration was signed in Fredericksburg: the official 13 Star U. S. flag (which was approved later that year by Congress on Flag Day, 14 June 1977) and the flag of the Commonwealth of Virginia (1776). The two flags were positioned directly next to the monument and were more visible then prior years where they were more in the background and also hidden behind the trees where they took a beating when the wind blew.

The Honor America Corps continues to need members who are willing to assume a position of leadership in the Corps. Please contact the Commander, Frank Connors for further information. fsconnors@aol.com or 540 786-3177

Special Olympics

The Knights of Columbus will support the Virginia Special Olympics Regional Basketball Tournament at Chancellor High School on Saturday 28 January 2012. Volunteers will man the concession stand, cook 300 hot dogs, present awards, record event times, etc., and receive many hugs in return. This is an annual event that our Order takes great pride in and is thankful for the opportunity. The councils are supported greatly by our Ladies Auxiliary in this endeavor.

Fraternally and best regards,

Frank Connors (Commander, HAC)
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Activity Calendar – Feb 2012-Mar2012

FEBRUARY 2012

- 12 Feb 4th Degree Annual Corporate Communion – St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church, 8:30 AM Mass, breakfast to follow at Golden Corral
- 14 Feb Valentines Day
- 15 Feb Regular Business Meeting – Fredericksburg Council Home, 7:30 PM. (12434 Bishop Keating Council Host); Color Corps Practice 6:30 PM
- 15 Feb Semi-Annual Audit Due
- 20 FEB President’s Day Parade – St. Mary’s Schol, Alexandria, VA, 11:00 AM assemble, start at Noon
- 22 Feb Washington’s Birthday
- 22 Feb Ash Wednesday
- 25 Feb State Free Throw Competition
- 28 Feb Council 10246 Marriage Vow renewal Mass, St. Patrick Church, Honor Guard

MARCH 2012

- 3 Mar Diocese of Arlington Men’s Conference - St. Thomas a’ Becket Church, Reston, 9 AM to 11:30 AM.
- 9-11 Mar VA State Council Quarterly Meeting - at Falls Church VA
- 11 Mar Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 21 Mar Regular Business Meeting and Renewal of Obligations – 4034 Fredericksburg Council Home, 7:30 PM (Fredericksburg Council #4034 is Host)
- 31 Mar 4th Degree District Meeting (Assembly 1613 Delegate attends) – at St. Edward’s in Richmond

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