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Faithful Navigator's Message



Worthy Brothers and Families:

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and was able to get together with family and friends, eat too much, watch a bunch of football and have just a wonderful holiday. We all have so much to be thankful for and we should not forget those less fortunate.

We have some very important events coming this month and next so mark your calendars. On December 10, 2011, we will remember and honor those Brother Sir Knights of our Assembly who have passed. The Memorial Mass will be at 7:00 pm at St Mary's Church with the memorial ceremony following. On December 21, 2011, we will have our annual Assembly Christmas Party. It will be at 6:30 pm at

St Jude's Activity Center. On January 8, 2012, we will sponsor the 235th Anniversary of the drafting of the Religious Freedom documents. If we all start praying for good weather now we may be blessed with warmer temperatures than we have had the past couple of years.

There will be more details of these events in another portion of the NAVLOG. Please plan on joining us at these activities.

I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and hope you keep with the true spirit of Christmas as you celebrate this most holy holiday. If each of us would look around our parishes, neighborhoods and within our families and try to do something special for someone who is really in need of our help the whole world would be a better place. Just a very small thing can make someone's day so much better and put a smile on their face. We have moved my mother-in-law into an assisted living apartment and as I was walking down the hall the other day, one of the residents was having trouble unlocking her apartment door and was becoming extremely frustrated. As I approached, she asked me if I could assist her. After calming her, I instructed her as to which way the key should be turned to unlock or lock the door. It will be a very long time before I will forget the hug and big smile on her face as thanks for me just taking a few minutes to help her. This is the kind of present we can give without cost, very little time, but with such a great return.

May God bless everyone and have a blessed holiday season.

Fraternally,

Bob Jankovits, Faithful Navigator

Sir Knights with Birthdays in December



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
Birthday of all!*

David J. Butler – 1
Vincent A. Rivellese – 3
Robert T. Noble – 15
Luigi Alpentista – 19
Joseph P. Filare – 22
Hank J. Domingue – 29
William J. Phillips – 30

Claude H. St.Dennis – 1
Stephen J. Stoecker – 8
Paul R. Barnette – 16
Robert J. McDevitt – 19
Mark J. Zaepfel – 23
Gary P. Rolla – 29

David J. Bergeron – 2
Paul A. Gregory – 13
Roman J. Marciniak – 17
Harry J. Pelto – 21
Joseph F. Kelminski – 26
John A. Hubbarth – 30
Mark G. Sarbacker – 30

Assembly Memorial Mass

Worthy Sir Knights. It is right and proper that we should once again gather in prayer to honor the memory of our departed Brother Sir Knights who have gone before us to their heavenly reward.

The Memorial Ceremony will take place on Saturday, 10 December 2011 at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church immediately following the 7:00 PM Mass. Widows and family members of our departed Brother Sir Knights have been invited and there will be a reception at the Parish Life Center at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Please mark your calendar and take part in the Mass, Ceremony, and follow-on Reception in a demonstration of Unity and Fraternity. Let us remember our brothers in prayer whenever we gather and continue the charitable works they started while in our midst. (Loui Stevens, Faithful Captain)

Assembly Christmas Social

Are you ready to enjoy a great evening in the company of your spouse or significant other, children and family? Simply say “YES” and join your Brother Sir Knights at St. Jude’s Activity Center starting at 6:30 PM on 21 December as we gather for our annual Assembly Christmas Social.

As in years past, the affair will be a potluck dinner. The Assembly will provide the main entrées (ham and/or turkey) and the drinks (coffee, tea, sodas and cider). Attendees are asked to bring a dish to share, which will feed at least ten people. To insure that we have enough of the right foods for a successful dinner, our food and supply requirements have been broken down according to the first letter of your last name as follows:

Last Name Begins With

Bring Food/Supplies as shown below:

- A – C salads
- D – G bread or rolls/butter
- H – L vegetables
- M – N paper plates, cups, napkins and plastic utensils
- O – S side entrees (casseroles/alternate meat dishes)
- T – Z desserts

If you are planning to come to this event, please **RSVP no later than 10 Dec 2011** to Faithful Captain Loui Stevens at hawklrs@verizon.net or call him at (540)371-6576. When you RSVP please tell him how many people will be in your party and what dish you are planning to bring. If we get overloaded with one type of food, Loui may call you and ask if you would be willing to change your dish to give us a better variety of food.

As in past years, we will collect donations for the Voluntary Services programs at the Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center in Richmond. If you are unable to attend the Christmas social but would like to make a donation for programs that serve our veterans, please mail a check, made out to Rappahannock Assembly, to Faithful Comptroller SK Richard LaRoche, P.O. Box 9024, Fredericksburg, VA 22403-9024. On the memo line of your check, please write: VA Voluntary Services Donation. All donations will be combined into one check sent to the VA from the Assembly. (Loui Stevens, Faithful Captain)

Religious Freedom Day Celebration

The annual observance of Religious Freedom Day, commemorating the 235th anniversary of the drafting of the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom in Fredericksburg, VA, will be held on Sunday, January 8, 2012. The event starts with a parade, departing the Fredericksburg train station at 1:30 PM, proceeding north on Caroline Street, turning west onto Amelia Street, turning north on Washington Avenue, and stopping at the Religious Freedom Monument.

The ceremony at the monument begins at 2:00 PM. The ceremony will conclude with the laying of a wreath at the monument. A reception at the University of Mary Washington Catholic Student Center located at 1614 College Avenue will follow. All parade participants should plan to arrive at the Fredericksburg train station by 12:45 PM. (Loui Stevens, Faithful Captain)

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Our Order's First Veteran

This Veterans Day and Remembrance Day, the Knights of Columbus is proud to remember Supreme Knight James T. Mullen, who stepped forward to serve his country 150 years ago.

by Patrick Scalisi



Earlier this year, the United States marked the 150th anniversary of the start of the U.S. Civil War. A gruesome conflict that lasted from 1861-65 and claimed the lives of approximately 620,000 Americans, the Civil War saw by its conclusion both the abolition of slavery and the untimely death of President Abraham Lincoln.

While many people can recount the key players and battles of the Civil War, it is less well known that the early history of the Knights of Columbus is tied closely to this particular conflict. Founded less than 20 years after the close of the war, the Order counted many Civil War veterans among its initial members.

James T. Mullen, the Order's first supreme knight.

Perhaps the most notable of these early Knights was the Order's first supreme knight, James T. Mullen. Mullen is credited with suggesting the name "Knights of Columbus" for the organization founded by Father Michael J. McGivney in 1882 and with designing the emblem of the Order about one year later. Before undertaking both of these historic acts, though, Mullen had fought on the side of the Union during the Civil War.

Having enlisted on Sept. 11, 1861, Mullen served in the Ninth Regiment Connecticut Volunteers, which deployed from New Haven 150 years ago this month with 845 men. Known as the "Irish Regiment" because it was made up mostly of Irish-American soldiers, the Ninth Regiment traveled to Mississippi to begin work on what eventually became known as "Williams'/Grant's Canal" — an effort to redirect the Mississippi River and cut off the Confederate forces at Vicksburg.

Though some historians suggest that the successful completion of Grant's Canal might have prevented the eventual Battle of Vicksburg in 1863, the undertaking proved more costly than any of its perceived benefits. As work on the canal progressed in 1862 with soldiers from Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, Wisconsin and Michigan, disease began to spread through the ranks like wildfire. Many soldiers took ill with dysentery, diarrhea, heatstroke and malaria — including Mullen.

Hundreds of soldiers died in the attempt to build Grant's Canal. Luckily for the Knights of Columbus, Mullen was not among the casualties. His sickness prompted an honorable discharge on Dec. 27, 1862, and the future supreme knight returned home to Connecticut.

Today, Grant's Canal — located in the Vicksburg National Military Park — is home to the Connecticut State Memorial, which honors Mullen and other members of the Ninth Regiment. A memorial to the Connecticut soldiers, which had long been absent from Vicksburg, was spearheaded by Robert Larkin, a member of Santa Fe Council 2978 in Cheshire, Conn. In 2007, the Supreme Council and other K of C units throughout the state donated more than \$10,000 toward the monument's construction. The Connecticut State Memorial was dedicated Oct. 14, 2008.

This Veterans Day and Remembrance Day, the Knights of Columbus is proud to count among its membership James T. Mullen, who recognized the need to serve his country 150 years ago and nearly gave the ultimate sacrifice in the name of protecting the liberty of all people, regardless of the color of their skin.

Sword Engraving Offer

SK Jim Tetor has graciously offered to have your sword engraved with your Name and Assembly Number. The best part of it is that the engraving would be **GRATIS**.

Should you desire to take advantage of this unique and most generous offer, please contact Jim at: (540) 786-3434 for more details. (Loui Stevens, Faithful Captain)

High Honor Bestowed Upon Assembly Sir Knight by Bishop Loverde



On Sunday, November 20, Bishop Loverde awarded the **St. George Emblem** to SK Richard A. “Rick” Caporali, PGK, PFN, FDD for his outstanding contribution to the spiritual development of Catholic youths through scouting. A national award through the Catholic Committee on Scouting, it is the highest honor given to adult leaders in scouting for many years of support for Catholic Youth Ministry at the local level.

Rick has been a leader in Scouting since 2001 then chartered the new Boy Scout Troop 1410 in 2005, sponsored by Sister Susan Louise and Holy Cross Academy, for which he has served as Scoutmaster to the present time.

This announcement appeared in the St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church Bulletin for 27 November 2011. Our heart-felt congratulations Sir Rick for an award most certainly well deserved; we are proud of all your achievements. (Loui Stevens, Faithful Captain)



Assembly #1613 Color Corps Commander

Christmas Note

With the approaching Feast of Christmas, I thank all of you who have supported Color Corps events during this year. And, I wish all Sir Knights and their families the blessings of the season and offer my prayers that all be kept safe, have good health, and enjoy a Happy New Year.

November Activities

November Color Corps activities included Honor Guards for the final confirmation of this Fall at St. Jude, the Divine Liturgy at the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family, a Mass by Archbishop Broglio at Sacred Heart Church, Dahlgren, and the Battlefield Council Memorial Ceremony and Mass. My sincere thank you to all Sir Knights who participated in these events (see table). Again our presence was well-received at all ceremonies with expressions of appreciation from many in attendance.

Event	Participants
Confirmation, St. Jude, Nov 5	David Case, Frank Connors, Jack Grey, Joe McEuen, Rich LaRoche, Andy Taylor
Divine Liturgy at the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family, Nov 14	Mark Sewell
Mass Archbishop Broglio, Sacred Heart Church, Dahlgren, Nov 20	David Case, Bob Jankovits, Loui Stevens, Rich LaRoche
Battlefield Council Memorial Ceremony and Mass, Nov 22	David Case, Angelo Laviano, Joe McEuen, Tony Spehar

Upcoming Events

At the time of this writing, we have an Honor Guard at the Assembly's Memorial Ceremony following the 7:00 PM Mass at St. Mary's on Saturday, December 10. In addition, please mark your calendars for the Religious Freedom Day parade and ceremony on January 8; more details will be provided.

David Case, SK, Commander



Honor America Corps Commander



The Honor America Corps was proud to support our veterans this month of November. We provided 28 flags for the Tidewater Assemblies at Virginia Beach and with their 5 flag color corps, the Sir Knights carried 33 flags in a very beautiful, blustery day.

In Fredericksburg our Honor America Corps supported the Fredericksburg Veterans Club at the Fallen Heroes monument and carried 20 U. S. flags, service flags, and the POW/MIA flag.

In December on the 10th we will march in the Louisa Christmas parade. Both 4th

Degree members in regalia and other degree members in the blue blazer ensemble are invited to attend. An email will be published soon.

For further information on the HAC please contact the Commander, Frank Connors at 540 786-3177 or fconnors@aol.com

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Activity Calendar Dec 2011 – Jan 2012

DECEMBER 2011

8 Dec Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10 Dec 4th Degree Memorial Mass and Reception – St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church, after 7:00 PM Mass (4034 Fredericksburg Council Host)
21 Dec Assembly Christmas Social – 6:30 PM at St. Jude’s Activity Center
25 Dec Solemnity of Christmas

JANUARY 2012

1 Jan Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - Also New Year’s Day Federal Holiday
7 Jan State Mid-Year Meeting – Newport News
8 Jan Religious Freedom Day Parade and Observance – Fredericksburg, 1 PM to 4 PM
16 Jan Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday
18 Jan Regular Business Meeting – Fredericksburg Council Home, 7:30 PM. 10246 Battlefield Council Host). Color Corps Practice - 6:30 pm
23 Jan March for Life – Washington DC, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
TBD Catholic Advocacy Day – St. Peter’s Church, Richmond, 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

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