

Navigator's Log



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April 2022







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UPCOMING EVENTS					
<u>April 2022</u>	<u>.</u>				
TUESDA	y 19	Officers Meeting at 7:00 pm on Zoom			
SATURE	AY 26	VISIT MUSEUM OF THE U.S. ARMY 1PM			
Monda	25	Business Meeting, 7:00 pm In-Person			
May 2022					
SATURE	AY 7	PATRIOTIC ROSARY AT 11:00 AM AT 5998			
Tuesda	y 10	DEADLINE FOR 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION APPLICATIONS			
SATURE	AY 14	FAMILY DAY (TENTATIVE)			
Tuesda	y 17	Officers Meeting at 7:00 pm on Zoom			
SATURE	AY 21	FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION IN RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 12PM			
Monda	23	Business Meeting at 7:00 pm on Zoom and In-Person			
	30	Memorial Day, Laying of Wreath of the Tomb of the American revolutionary Un kown Soldier (tentative)			
JUNE 2022					
SATURE	AY 4	PATRIOTIC ROSARY AT 11:00 AM AT 5998			
Tuesda	y 21	Officers Meeting at 7:00 pm on Zoom			
Monda	27	Business Meeting at 7:00 pm on Zoom and In-Person			

Please keep our Faithful Comptroller SK Kevin Palgutt (703) 590-2197 updated on your status; Kevin.palgutt@gmail.com. Send e-mail to inform of any changes to your phone number, email and mailing address so that the Assembly may keep you informed of our activities, to inform you of SKs and their families that need your prayers, and to let you know of any last minute changes to our planned schedule of events.

Assembly Faithful Friar - Father David Dufresne

Dear Brothers,

The other day I met with a lovely couple to discuss all the details of baptizing their first born. We talked about attending the class for parents, the requirements for the godparents, and what the ceremony would look like. They are a very nice couple, completely normal, who are growing in their faith as their family grows. They also gave me a courtesy warning me about "the crazy uncle" that will most likely be attending. I am sure every family has one (while mine has about five). They went on to say that while he is a very innocent soul, he has no filter. He says the most embarrassing things at the most embarrassing times. He doesn't mean to embarrass his family - he is just clueless. They told me that this crazy uncle's name is Matt. They also told me that uncle's Matt's title is Father - as in he is a priest. So when this couple said, "Fr. Matt wants to know if he can take part in the baptism" I read quickly in between the lines and asked, "Would you like me to say no?" I was reflecting a little bit about why this stuck with me. In one sense, Fr. Matt represents me and I represent him. We wear the same uniform. When people think of priests - they think of their experiences with specific priests and that shapes their idea of the priesthood. So if there are enough Fr. Matt's out there, people may put me in a box before they give me a chance. But it also works the other way, that if we have enough kind and pastoral priests like Fr. Hathaway, that works to my advantage.

I bring this up as a bridge to something I read recently from St. Leo the Great: "True reverence for the Lord's passion means fixing the eyes of our heart on Jesus crucified and recognizing in Him our own humanity." In other words, when we see Jesus, we see ourselves. He represents us before our Father's throne. In the passage today, Lazarus is an embodiment for every one of us. Now his resuscitation is qualitatively and essentially different than Our Lord's resurrection and our eventual resurrection. This later reunion of the body and soul will be definitive. At the end of time, our bodies will be glorified; no longer subject to disease and decay. Like Jesus, we too need to walk through the door of death in order to come out the other side of the Easter tomb, which has now been opened. But here and now, we live in the shadow of death. St. Leo the Great also said further on in the same homily mentioned before: "The body that lay lifeless in the tomb is ours. The body that rose again on the third day is ours. The body that ascended above all the heights of heaven to the right hand of the Father's glory is ours." When the Word Became flesh in Jesus Christ, God became one of us - and in a real way - He became our representative. This should inspire us. This should give us courage. This should change us.

AMDG,

Father David

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Faithful Navigator's Comments—Richard Dunbar

Worthy Sir Knights,

In these troubled times, we pray especially for our Brother Knights in Ukraine and Poland who are doing the greatest work of our Order — Charity.

As Patriotic Knights, we yearn to fight against a perfidious enemy that invaded a smaller neighbor. It is in our nature to fight for the underdog, the seemingly weaker, yet tenacious nation of Ukraine. Let us pray whatever assistance we may render does not bring about a larger conflict. Let us recall the words of our Lord Jesus: "Blessed are the peacemakers."

By the time you read this, we will have hosted, along with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 609 in Alexandria, our Vietnam Veterans Day dinner. The Department of Defense has recognized the Potomac Assembly as a commemoration partner for the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War in 2025. We recognized our Vietnam War era veterans in both organizations by presenting them with commemorative lapel pins and certificates.

I am proud of our Color Corps members who continue to answer the call to support events in our Assembly area of responsibility. We participated in two beautiful confirmation Masses at the Basilica of St. Mary on March 26th. We were honored to lead the procession for each Mass that was celebrated by Bishop Burbridge and the priests of the Basilica, to include our Faithful Friar Father David. We received several kind words of appreciation for our service.

We need more Sir Knights to purchase the Official Regalia Dress (ORD) uniform so we can make an even better showing at all the events the Color Corps is called to support. Until the end of the Columbian Year, we are offering a \$200 subsidy for anyone who purchases the uniform, takes the Color Corps training, and performs at least one event with the Color Corps. I am calling especially on our younger Sir Knights to consider being part of this dedicated band of Brothers.

Recruiting for the Fourth Degree is a team sport. I cannot do it alone. I need each one of you to talk to the Third Degree Knights in your councils and explain to them what the Patriotic Degree is all about. I sent you a copy of the slide presentation I prepared for my visits to our councils. Print the slides and use them as talking points to encourage your Brother Knights to join. We still have several weeks before the Spring Exemplification on May 21st, so go about the good work of this Assembly and bring in more Sir Knights. When you recruit someone, send me their information so I can make sure they turn in the Form 4 and they get the information they need to attend the exemplification.

Our Chalice Ceremony in remembrance of our Departed Sir Knights on April 9th at the Basilica of St. Mary was a solemn event. It will well attended and Father Hathaway, Rector of the Bisilica, praised us during the Mass for conducting a dignified and appropriate ceremony. He remined parishioners that thi was an aspect of the Knights not always seen, but one that shows we are also men of faith.

Don't forget we are visiting the new U.S. Army museum at Ft. Belvoir on the 23rd of April. A signup invitation will go out early April. After our visit, we will move to the Greene Turtle Sports Bar and Grille for some fraternal time.

Blessed Father McGivney, pray for us!

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Confirmation at Basilica of Saint Mary March 26, 2022

Pictured in the right bottom picture left to right SK Ed Stance, SK Maurice Chau, SK DD (37) PGK Bill Beach, SK PGK Larry Clark, SK PGK Nate Murray, and SK FN Rich Dunbar. Special thanks to SK PGK Steve Teslik for taking pictures of the two Confirmation ceremonies 10:30am and 1:30pm.









Confirmation at Basilica of Saint Mary (continued)









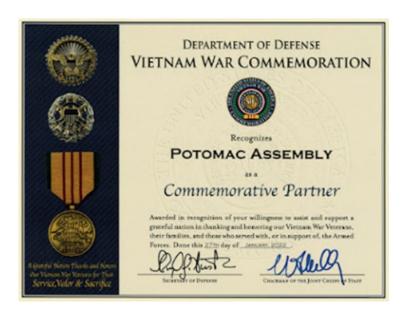
Picture by SK Steve Teslik. From left to right.

SK PGK PFN Larry Clark, SK FN PGK Rich Dunbar, SK PGK PFN CC Ed Stance, Bishop Bridge, SK PGK PFN Nate Murray, and SK PGK Maurice Chau. Missing from the picture is SK PGK Bill Beach.



March 29, 2022 Fourth Degree Knights of the Potomac Assembly #2204, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 609 Dinner

It was a great gathering of Vietnam Era Veterans and their families. The meal was by Mission BBQ..







Vietnam War Veterans Day (continued)

Those who served in the Vietnam War are as follows:

Donald A. Logeais, U.S. Air Force Joseph Zelinka, U.S. Air Force

Cliff Conway, U.S. Army John Dougherty, U.S. Army

John Stinson, U.S. Army Emmett O'Hare, U.S. Navy

Doug Gurka, U.S. Army Stanley J. Glod, U.S. Army

Marty Menez, U.S. Navy David A. Lewis, U.S. Army

Arthur N. McCormick, U.S. Army
Nate Murray, U.S. Navy

Robert White, U.S. Army Kevin R. Moran, U.S. Army

William Camarinos, U.S. Army Gerald P. "Jerry" Krueger, U.S. Army

Steve Piscitelli, U.S. Army

Larry Clark, U.S. Navy

William McGuirk, U.S. Army Rich Dunbar, U.S. Army

William C. Dickerson, U.S. Navy Charles "Buck" Coates, U.S. Army













Vietnam War Veterans Day (continued)















Prayer List

Please remember the following Sir Knights and their relatives in your prayers. If you know of a Brother Sir Knight or relative to be placed on the Prayer List, please notify either the FN or the NAVLOG editor. Thank you.

SK Jim Clark

Antonio Bennet

SK PGK PFN Ray Duff

SK Freddie Flowers

SK PGK Reyes Guerra

SK Fred Scheuren

Father David Dufresne

Father Rich Carr

SK Carl Efiert

SK John Saikowski

SK Paul Kayanan

SK Albertus Van den Bogaard

SK Leo and Tanti McCormick

State Deputy Mark Janda, and Bishop Emeritus Paul Loverde

For the soul of Amada Siervo De Vera, mother-in-law of SK Fred Beata

For the soul of SK Kerry McCabe and prayers for his family

Bishop Walter Sullivan

For the soul of SK PGK PFN Robert T. Reynolds

For the soul of Marianne Coates

Prayer for the Sick

Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless our brother Knights

and their relatives who are sick. Give them the strength in body, courage in spirit and patience in pain.

Let them recover their health, so that, restored to the Christian community, they may joy-fully praise your name, for you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen



Birthdays for April 2022

Arthur W. Friedberg	April 1
Albertus Hugo Van Den Bogaard	April 1
Carlos A. Cameras	April 2
Pedro A. Del Aguila	April 4
Robert K. Reynolds	April 4
Karl Tamai	April 7
Michael J. Mixon	April 12
Charles F. Coates	April 11
Jeffrey P. O'Donnell	April 18
Jose Lito D. Constantino	April 20
Thomas J. Pojeta	April 21
Byron L. Powers	April 22
Robert T. DeMay	April 25
Robert L Huff	April 25
Daniel T. Klug	April 25
Juan A. Cuadrado	April 26
Shane P. Tanner	April 26
Richard J. Lebel	April 27
Michael K. Evans	April 30
Robert C. Ward	April 30

On behalf of Potomac Assembly # 2204, to those who were born in the Month of April

May Your Birthday be Blessed

EVENTS AROUND THE COUNCIL TABLE

459—Fitzgerald Council:

<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>
1—Nocturnal Adoration 9 pm-6 am	4—Officers Meeting virtual 7 pm
2—Rosary at Duke Street Abortion Provider 9am	6—Nocturnal Adoration 9 pm-6 am
6—Officers Meeting virtual 7 pm	7—Rosary at Duke Street Abortion Provider 9am
13—Business Meeting 7pm	11—Business Meeting 7pm

(Bingo Fridays (except Good Fri.), & first Sunday of the month except 1/1, 7/4).

<u>April</u>	May		
2, 9, 16, 23, 30—Spiritual Reflection 7:30am on Zoom	1—St. Louis Pancake Breakfast 8am		
2, 9, 16, 23, 30—Abortion Rosary & prayer 9am-12pm	5—Rosary 6:30, Officer's Mtg 7		
3—St. Louis Pancake Breakfast 8am	7, 14, 21, 28—Spiritual Reflection 7:30am on Zoom		
6—Rosary 6:30, Officer's Mtg 7	7, 14, 21, 28—Abortion Rosary & prayer 9am-12pm		
7—State Exemplification 7pm, Business Mtg 8pm	14—Youth Appreciation at Good Shepherd 6pm		
8—Fish Fry 4 to 6pm in Lounge	15—Good Shepherd Pancake Breakfast 7am		
17—Good Shepherd Pancake Breakfast 7am (Cancelled) 15—KOVAR Dinner 4pm			
23—Police/Firefighter Appreciation Lunch Delivered1pm 16—Membership Meeting 8pm			

11170—Fort Belvoir Council:

<u>April</u>	<u>April</u>
14—Rosary 7pm, & Membership Mtg (Virtual) 7	:30pm 12—Rosary 7pm, & Membership Mtg (Virtual) 7:30pm
23—Army Museum Tour	26—Officers Meeting (Virtual) 7pm
28—Officers Meeting (Virtual) 7pm	• • • • • •