



Navigator's Log



**Potomac Assembly # 2204
Comprised of Knights of Columbus Councils
459 Fitzgerald
5998 Mount Vernon, and
11170 Fort Belvoir**

**Includes The Basilica of Saint Mary, Saint Joseph's, Saint Louis,
Good Shepherd, and Fort Belvoir Catholic Parishes**

April 2024



Saint Patrick's Parade on March 2, 2024

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UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 2024

SATURDAY	6	PATRIOTIC ROSARY AT THE BASILICA OF ST. MARY, 11 AM
SATURDAY	13	FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION AT ST. EDWARDS COUNCIL 6546 RICHMOND, VA, 12 PM
TUESDAY	16	OFFICERS MEETING AT 7:00 PM ON ZOOM
SATURDAY	20	VISIT TO THE U.S. MARINE CORPS. MUSEUM 10AM
MONDAY	22	PATRIOTIC ROSARY 7:00PM, ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING, 7:30 PM HYBRID—IN-PERSON & ZOOM AT 5998—PRESENT SLATE OF OFFICERS

MAY 2024

SATURDAY	4	PATRIOTIC ROSARY AT MT. VERNON COUNCIL 5998 AND VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM 11:00 AM
SUNDAY	12	MOTHER'S DAY
TUESDAY	14	OFFICERS MEETING AT 7:00 PM ON ZOOM
SUNDAY	19	ANNUAL AMS (ARCHDIOCESE FOR MILITARY SERVICES) AT BASILICA OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, 4:30PM
MONDAY	20	PATRIOTIC ROSARY 7:00PM, ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING, 7:30 PM HYBRID—IN-PERSON & ZOOM AT 5998. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
MONDAY	27	MEMORIAL DAY, LAYING OF WREATH AT THE TOMB OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY UNKNOWN SOLDIER 12:00PM

JUNE 2024

SATURDAY	1	PATRIOTIC ROSARY AT 11:00 AM AT 5998 AND VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM
SUNDAY	16	FATHERS' DAY
TUESDAY	18	OFFICERS MEETING AT 7:00 PM ON ZOOM
MONDAY	24	PATRIOTIC ROSARY 7:00PM, ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING, 7:30 PM HYBRID—IN-PERSON & ZOOM AT 5998

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.

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Faithful Navigator's Comments—Joe Graf

Worthy Sir Knights,

I hope that you and your families had a Blessed and Holy Easter!

Our Assembly continues to keep busy and engage in a variety of activities. This past month, we were welcomed back by The Ballyshanners and participated in the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Old Town Alexandria. Many thanks again to Fitzgerald Council 459 for providing pre-game and post-game support. Although the weather wasn't looking good, it decided to cooperate and allow us to demonstrate our civic pride and proudly display our Catholic citizenship and patriotism with the Color Corps, Brothers from our Councils and two fine, antique cars. It was a fun day to be a one-day Irishman marching in Unity, Fraternity and ... Patriotism!

On April 20, we are planning a visit to the National Museum of the Marine Corps. We'll be meeting at 10:00 am at the Museum. We've requested a docent to take us around with a focus on the Cold War and Vietnam Galleries followed by a great movie at 12:30 pm before we adjourn to Tun's Tavern afterwards. Info is on our website and please use the Signup Genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA4AF23A6FFC61-48430958-national> to reserve your spot. Deadline for signing up is Thursday, April 18.

Also mark your calendars for Memorial Day (Monday, May 27) at noon. We'll be presenting a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution located next to the Basilica of St. Mary in Old Town Alexandria. More to come on that as we get closer but ... Mark your Calendars now!

At the Virginia District Biennial Meeting on March 23, I was honored to accept the Civic Award for the Potomac Assembly's outstanding implementation of patriotic programming faithful to the principles of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus. This was provided in recognition of the many activities that were planned and executed under the leadership of my predecessor, Past Faithful Navigator Joe Castillo. Congratulations to PFN Joe Castillo and the Potomac Assembly for this award in recognition of our many, outstanding civic activities!

Again, a lot of great and patriotic activities planned for this year too. I encourage you to look at our website (www.Assembly2204.org) and review our past activities as well as upcoming activities so that you can plan to participate as well as appreciate all the activities our Assembly supports. You can also review the activities from last year that contributed to our Civic Award recognition. Let's win it again this year!

Thank you to those that have paid their annual dues to the Assembly. We are currently at about 50% and our Faithful Comptroller has reached out to each individual to facilitate collecting the other 50%. Our budget is extremely modest so every dollar we receive is of great importance and your timely attention to paying the annual dues is greatly appreciated.

Lastly and perhaps most importantly (and I said I would continue to highlight this every opportunity!), please continue to pray for your fellow Sir Knights, their spouses and families. Unfortunately, our prayer list continues to grow instead of getting smaller. We have many Sir Knights and their close family members experiencing health issues right now and as we all know, the power of prayer is indeed powerful when asking God to restore his servants to health again. Please continue to keep them in your daily prayers throughout the coming year.

I look forward to seeing you at the National Museum of the Marine Corps on Saturday, April 20!

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally and Patriotically, Joe Graf
Faithful Navigator, Potomac Assembly 2204

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Saint Patrick's Parade,

March 2, 2024

The weather was rainy before the parade but cleared up just in time! We had Sir Knights in Regalia as well as our Brothers from Fitzgerald Council 459. The pictures were from Steve Teslik.



In regalia are Ed Stance-Color Corps. Commander, PFN Larry Clark, Joe Graf – Faithful Navigator, and PFN Everett Barnes. For the classic cars in the parade were SK John Dougherty's 1931 Ford Model A, and Brother William Schuyler's 1962 Ford Galaxie 500 convertible. Both were truly beautiful vehicles!



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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	SK Ray, Becca and Felicity Moore
SK PGK PFN Ray Duff and Renee	Doris O'Hare
SK Freddie Flowers	Edd and Pat Dzanis
SK PGK Reyes Guerra	Don and Cassie Rogan
SK Fritz Scheuren	SK Michael Murphy
Father Rich Carr	
SK Carl Eifert	For the soul of Amada Siervo De Vera, mother-in-law of SK Fred Beata
SK Paul Kayanan	For the soul of Patricia Saikowski and prayers for SK John Saikowski
SK Albertus-Hugo Van den Bogaard	For the souls of SK Fred Zuniga and Christine Zuniga
SK Leo and Tanti McCormick	For the soul of SK Robert Huff
Hannah Michals	For the soul of Joan Murphy, Mother of SK Michael Murphy
Andy Rogers' dad	For the soul of SK Robert V. Farabaugh and prayers for Jacqueline Farabaugh
Bishop Emeritus Paul Loverde	For the soul of SK Don Logeais and prayers for Geraldine Logeais
SK Jim McCracken	For the soul of SK Joel Re
Debra Dougherty	For the soul of SK Regis Monahan
Ben & Polly Marchione (Mark's father & mother)	
Marilyn Kempton, Grandmother to Rob Reynolds	
SK Ryan Moy's father and SK Ryan Moy	
Pam Clark	
Kim Murray	
Katie Rogers	
Jim and Donna McKissick	
Michael Gallager	
Antonio Bennet	

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 joyfully praise your name, for you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen

**Happy
Birthday!**

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Birthdays for April 2024

Albertus-Hugo Van Den Bogaard	April 1
Carlos A Carreras	April 2
Gerald P Krueger	April 3
Pedro A Del Aguila	April 4
Robert K. Reynolds	April 4
Karl Tamai	April 7
James A Copp	April 8
Michael J Mixon	April 12
Nathan E Murray	April 13
John F Trent	April 13
Paul G Sonosky	April 15
Rev Jesus Navarrete	April 16
Herbert Ray Duff	April 20
Kevin P Kane	April 20
Joseph R McCracken	April 25
James B McCracken	April 28
Kevin Garrison	April 30
Kevin J Williams	April 30

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

May Your Birthday be Blessed

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Just thinking . . . The Risen Christ and His Mother

Why was the risen Christ not immediately recognized by those who saw him that first Easter Sunday?

Mary Magdalene thought he might have been the gardener. [Jn 20:11-15] The disciples walking to Emmaus didn't recognize him until he broke the bread. [Lk 24:13-33] When he went to the locked upper room where 10 of the Apostles were gathered, he just appeared among them. [Jn 20:19] When he was preparing breakfast on the beach, the apostles in the boat offshore didn't know right away it was Jesus. [Jn 21:11-14]. (H)e appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep, says St. Paul in First Corinthians. Bible readers just don't know about all appearances by the risen Christ.

Did the risen Jesus go to his mother?

In its discussion about Christ after his resurrection, the Catechism of the Catholic Church does not say. If Tradition contains such a meeting, it is not widely discussed.

The Bible tells the truth, but it does not tell all truths, the goal of history. Sacred Scripture is what God wanted to reveal to us. The Bible is the Word of God. Boiled down, that is what the Catechism says. Still, speculation for the sake of meditation can conceive of Jesus seeking out his Blessed Mother in his risen body, which he explained to his apostles was not that of a ghost. He demonstrated that by eating real food. Yet his new glory was limited by neither space nor time.

Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, now Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, explained "Jesus' resurrected body in Introduction to Christianity. His body is not the biological form of our mortal life". Explaining further, he wrote, "it is quite clear that after his Resurrection Christ did not go back to his previous earthly life, as we are told the young man of Nain and Lazarus did. He rose again to definitive life, which is no longer governed by chemical and biological laws and therefore stands outside the possibility of death, in the eternity conferred by love". And that's why the risen Jesus is not recognized by his best friends. A parish priest interpreted the ex-pope on Jesus' raising Lazarus from his tomb after four days this way --- Lazarus would die again, Jesus would not. Their bios differed. The former pope again: only where *he* grants vision *is* he seen.

Only a few words of Mary are quoted in Scripture (not a single one of Joseph). A person meditating in the 21st century can put words in her mouth upon seeing her risen Son, but to what avail? No human experience could possibly imagine the mystique, the magnitude of such a singular sacred moment. His love for her predated her existence; she was conceived without the stain of original sin.

Original sin needed to be mitigated for worthy human beings to achieve Paradise. That's why the Son assumed human nature and sacrificed himself to redeem us. (A fact that cannot be noted too often.) Mary was humanity's lone exception to original sin because her womb was intended to carry him. Paragraph 405 of the Catechism states, "Baptism erases original sin and turns a man back toward God"

Human attempts to picture Jesus after conquering the tomb and talking with his mother cannot possibly capture the enormity of God's love. Such a meeting must have occurred, but God did not wish to inspire the Evangelists to write about it. Nonetheless, we are free to meditate on it.

Carl Eifert

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Potomac Assembly 2204 ... Highlights and Save the Dates!!!!

Visit to the National Museum of the Marine Corps

The Assembly is planning a visit to the National Museum of the Marine Corps on Saturday, April 20 at 10:00 am. Below are the pertinent details:

- When: Saturday, April 20th at 10:00 am (at the museum)
- Where: National Museum of the Marine Corps - The museum address is: 1775 Semper Fidelis Way, Triangle, VA 22172
- There is NO cost for the museum visit but there is a \$7 cost for the Medal of Honor Theater and the We Are the Marines movie narrated by Gene Hackman. We currently have limited tickets so please indicate whether you wish to attend on your Signup and if you are, please bring \$7 cash for PFN Rich Dunbar who is the holder of the movie tickets.
- As of now, tickets will be given to Assembly 2204 members AND guests!! Yes, please bring your spouse/guest to the museum. However, tickets are still on a one-2-one basis so please have them sign up separately so we can track our numbers and plan accordingly.
- The group will be led by a docent with a focus on the Cold War and Vietnam War before the movie and then after the movie, we'll plan on going to Tun's Tavern onsite for those that are available and need rehydration.
- Please RSVP as soon as possible but no later than Thursday, April 18th
- Suggested dress code is Knights polo shirt & slacks.
- Note: you will need to plan your own transportation to the museum

Please use the Signup Genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA4AF23A6FFC61-48430958-national> to reserve your spot.

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution

On Memorial Day (Monday, May 27), the Potomac Assembly will be presenting a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution located on the grounds of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House next to the Basilica of St. Mary in Old Town Alexandria. Some excellent history and background information may be found at [MS#2141 A FUNCTIONAL CLASIFICACION OF AMERICAN METROPOLITAN AREAS, 2000 \(opmh.org\)](#). More to come on that as we get closer but ... Mark your Calendars now!

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EVENTS AROUND THE COUNCIL TABLE

459—Fitzgerald Council:

April

- 3—Officers Meeting virtual 7 pm
- 5—Nocturnal Adoration 9 pm-6 am
- 6—Rosary at Duke Street Abortion Provider 9am
- 10—Business Meeting 7pm

May

- 1—Officers Meeting virtual 7 pm
- 3—Nocturnal Adoration 9 pm-6 am
- 4—Rosary at Duke Street Abortion Provider 9am
- 8—Business Meeting 7pm

5998—Mount Vernon Council -

**(Bingo Fridays (except Good Fri.), & first Sunday of the month except 1/1, 7/4).
For the details below, GS is Good Shepherd Catholic Church.**

April

- 4—Ofcr Mtg 6:30, Rosary 7:30, Membership Mtg 8pm
- 6, 13, 20, 27—Abortion Rosary & prayer 8am-12pm
- 10—Police and Fire Fighter Appreciation Meals 1pm
- 14—St. Louis Pancake Breakfast 8am
- 15—Adoration with GK at Good Shepherd 6pm
- 21—Good Shepherd Pancake Breakfast 7am
- 26-28—Virginia State Council Convention-Herndon
- 27—Polish Night 5:30pm

May

- 2—Ofcr Mtg 6:30, Rosary 7:30, Membership Mtg 8pm
- 4, 11, 18, 25—Abortion Rosary & prayer 8am-12pm
- 12—St. Louis Pancake Breakfast 8am
- 12—Mother's Day Flowers at GSCC 8am
- 19—Good Shepherd Pancake Breakfast 7am
- 19—Baby Shower in the Lounge 2 to 5pm
- 20—Adoration with GK at Good Shepherd 6pm

11170—Fort Belvoir Council:

April

- 12—Rosary 7pm, & Membership Mtg (Virtual) 7:30pm
- 26—Officers Meeting (Virtual) 7pm

May

- 9—Rosary 7pm, & Membership Mtg (Virtual) 7:30pm
- 23—Officers Meeting (Virtual) 7pm