



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**

September and October 2024



Feast of Saint Louis, August 24, 2024,

First row, and those in regalia: SK John Sailowski, SK PGK PFN Larry Clark, SK PFN Cliff Conway, PGK SK Color Corps Commander PGK PFN Ed Stance; SK Eric Fields, SK FDD PGK PFN Fred Beata, SK PGK Emmett O'Hare, SK PGK PFN Rich Dunbar, SK FDD PGK Bill Beach, and SK Paul Kayanan.

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Potomac Assembly Directory

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PAST/UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2024

WEDNESDAY	4	FATHER CAPODANO MEMORIAL MASS AT 6:30 PM AT BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
SATURDAY	7	PATRIOTIC ROSARY AT 11:00 AM AT BASILICA OF SAINT MARY
MONDAY	17	OFFICERS MEETING AT 7:00 PM ON ZOOM
MONDAY	23	Silver Rose ROSARY 7:00PM, ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING, 7:30 PM HYBRID—IN-PERSON & ZOOM AT 5998
SATURDAY	28	4TH DEGREE Exemplification AT ALL SAINTS IN MANASSAS, VIRGINIA 12:00PM

OCTOBER 2024

SATURDAY	5	PATRIOTIC ROSARY AT 11:00 AM AT 5998 AND VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM
MONDAY	14	COLUMBUS DAY IN REGALIA AT UNION STATION 10:30AM
TUESDAY	15	OFFICERS MEETING AT 7:00 PM ON ZOOM
MONDAY	28	PATRIOTIC ROSARY 7:00PM, ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING, 7:30 PM IN-PERSON AT 5998

NOVEMBER 2024

SATURDAY	2	PATRIOTIC ROSARY AT 11:00 AM AT 5998 AND VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM LAYING WREATH AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY 10AM
SATURDAY	16	OFFICERS MEETING AT 7:00 PM ON ZOOM
TUESDAY	19	PATRIOTIC ROSARY 7:00PM, ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING, 7:30 PM IN-PERSON AT 5998
MONDAY	25	PATRIOTIC ROSARY AT 11:00 AM AT 5998 AND VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM

DECEMBER 2024

SATURDAY	7	WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY 6:00 AM
SATURDAY	14	OFFICERS MEETING AT 7:00 PM ON ZOOM
TUESDAY	17	PATRIOTIC ROSARY 7:00PM, ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING, 7:30 PM IN-PERSON AT 5998
MONDAY	23	

Please keep our Faithful Comptroller SK Kevin Palgutt (703) 590 -2197 updated on your status. 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—Mark Marchione

Worthy Sir Knights of the Potomac Assembly,

I hope you are enjoyed the Summer, and I hope you could take time to relax and spend time with family, friends and loved ones. Now, we are shifting to Fall. Kids are back in school, and weather is changing.

Congratulations to SK Gaston Reboredo, GK, and all the officers of Fitzgerald Council #459, for your Installation that was held on Saturday, July 27, at The Basilica of Saint Mary. Thank you to all the Color Corps members of our Assembly that participated in this event.

I am saddened to announce the passing of another Sir Knight, John Dina. Though he was not a member of our Assembly, Marian Assembly #2231 (the same one that we did our joint Installation of Officers with) requested that we have Color Corps members from at Assembly at the Funeral Mass on Monday, July 29, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Thank you to those Sir Knights who answered the call.

“If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.”

Looking ahead, we have the following for your planning and consideration:

03Aug – Patriotic Rosary at the Knights Hall on US1, POC is SK Ray Duff.

20Aug – Officers Meeting (Zoom).

26Aug – Past Faithful Navigator Dinner in lieu of monthly Business Meeting at El Paso restaurant on Cooper Road. Thank you, SK Bill Beach, for agreeing to take the lead to work with SK Ray Duff and IPFN SK Joe Graf to arrange this. We voted on the budget for the current Columbian Year which I read in at the Business Meeting on July, 22. I have provided copies via email.

04Sep – Father Capodano Memorial Mass, at 6:30 p.m., Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (By Invitation Only) – Ed Stance

14Sep – National Day of Remembrance of Aborted Children – Rich Dunbar

28Sep – Fourth Degree Exemplification in Manassas, VA

05 Oct – Patriotic Rosary—Ray Duff

20 Oct – Corporate Communion at St. Mary's 10:00am Mass followed by brunch at Chart House Restaurant—Bill Beach

****Note**** If you would like to view the entire Assembly Planning Calendar for this Columbian Year, it is posted on the Assembly Website, and is updated frequently.

At our July Business Meeting, Ms. Kayla Pearson, Sanctity of Life Ministries, gave a presentation about her ministry to help the unborn and the mothers and fathers that face crisis pregnancies. Year to date, Sanctity of Life Ministries has helped over 100 babies be born rather than being aborted; including two successful reversals of the Abortion Pill. Thank you again SK Rich Dunbar, PFN, for arranging this.

As I mentioned previously, I have been listening to the Catechism in a Year podcast. The first 100 days or say were devoted to what we believe as Catholics, as defined in the **Apostle's Creed**. I encourage each of you to read this, really read this, and mediate on every word. As Catholic gentlemen, we are called to live by and defend our faith.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

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Faithful Navigator's Comments—Mark Marchione (continued)

The Patriotic Rosary on Saturday, 07 September, at the Basilica of St. Mary was well attended by SKs and their ladies and by Basilica Parishioners. The SKs in attendance looked great; some were wearing the ORD, some dark coat and tie with Social Baldric, and others with the new Assembly Shirts.

Also at our Business meeting, I discussed that effective immediately, we would dispense with conducting hybrid Business meetings—in person and via Zoom. Our business meetings will only be conducted in person. If you know you will be absent from the Business meeting and you need to pass something, let me know. Also, if you know of, or if you are, a SK who needs assistance getting to our Business meeting, let me know. This supports our guiding principle of **Fraternity**.

The 4th Degree Exemplification was held on Saturday, 28 September in Manassas. I look forward to welcoming 13 new SKs to our Assembly.

Vivat Jesus!!

SK Mark Marchione, FDD, PFN2, PGN

Faithful Navigator, Potomac Assembly #2204 Knights of Columbus

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Saint Louis Feast Celebration August 24, 2024

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50th Anniversary of Diocese of Arlington September 5, 2024



Father Capodanno Mass, September 4, 2024



Silver Rose, September 25, 2024



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

September		October 2024	
Daniel R. Clark	September 1	Rev Ken J. Schroeder	October 1
Gregory A. Mandt	September 3	Eugene B. Graniewski	October 2
Alton Steven Young	September 6	Thomas W. Calhoun	October 7
Michael J. Murphy	September 10	Theodore A. Cowles	October 7
Sebastian J. Carrado	September 11	Eric D. Trias	October 7
Richard J. Ley	September 11	Rev. Philip P. Denig	October 8
Benjamin F. McCarter	September 13	Keith E. Matthews	October 16
Rev. Ramon A. Baez	September 15	Ireneo D. Manalo	October 20
Regis E. Monahan	September 16	David K.E. Mushrush	October 20
Richard T. Hayden	September 17	Scott C. Anderson	October 23
Richard T. Dunbar	September 18	Mark Marchione	October 23
Walter Matthew Cekala	September 21	Andrew W. Andersen	October 27
Joseph J. E. Ragsdale	September 23		
Frederick J. Scheuren	September 23		
Dennis P. Kelly	September 25		
David H. Lohman	September 25		
Charles M. Zakrzwski	September 25		
Robert Lee Gorman	September 29		
Steve Overton	September 29		
George F. Lynch	September 30		
Patrick C. Riley	September 30		

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

May Your Birthday be Blessed

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Just Thinking...

AI Not Necessarily A-1

Artificial intelligence is all the rage, especially in the field of robotics. Although these machines—computers—fall far short of human thought, they perform many practical tasks, from medical diagnosis to chatbots.

For the uninitiated, like this writer, a chatbot is defined as a computer program that uses AI and natural language processing to understand questions, then automate responses that simulate human conversation.

They are said to “reason” to such an extent as to prove mathematical formulas and to play chess. They even may be capable of handling moral questions if programmed correctly. To reason is to think in logical and sensible ways.

Pope Francis wrote in 2018: “Artificial intelligence, robotics and other technological innovations must be so employed that they contribute to the service of humanity and to the protection of our common home, rather than to the contrary, as some assessments unfortunately foresee.”

“AI can destroy humanity and the world if it won’t let itself be switched off.” That fear has been heard.

But a counter version could be developed in a fight for survival.

“Our AI can beat your AI. So there!”

Perhaps some kind of morality may have taken hold so that no nuclear bomb has been detonated since Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Nonetheless, some fear that AI could somehow go rogue and destroy the world. Or would it take some mad scientist or sadistic dictator to trigger that horror? Perhaps that fear should grab attention in the town square.

A few sects have been known to let all daily tasks slip while they awaited a doomsday that did not arrive—William Miller in 1844, Jim Jones in 1987, David Koresh in 1993, and lesser known others...

Someday the cataclysm will occur. The Church teaches that a Last Judgment will come to humankind.

But the Church is more intent on teaching Catholics to live good lives and praising God. In His goodness, Jesus gave the Apostles and their priest successors the power to forgive sins in His place.

Meanwhile, it is good to contemplate natural human intelligence. It is what sets us apart from the insentient worm (that can live as two after being cut in half) or the elephant, renowned for memory.

Intelligence is linked with free will. Adam and Eve used theirs to enjoy the forbidden fruit. Now eons later, our free will lets us choose the forbidden or embrace the holy. That embrace is needed to be given eternal happiness.

While still on earth, we Catholics have the actual presence of Jesus Himself in the Eucharist. No wonder it is also called Holy Communion. Jesus comes to us as real food as well as spiritual sustenance and becomes part of us.

Blessed Alexandrina da Costa (1904-1955) consumed only Sacred hosts for the last 13 years of her life.

Her ability to live without ordinary food defies reason.

Does artificial intelligence account for faith in God? Apparently, no. Faith like hope and love, is immaterial, incorporeal, and spiritual. These are God's gifts.

Carl Eifert, In loving memory of Carl A. Eifert, 1926-2024

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Just Thinking... (continued)

St. Paul in First Corinthians explains love in one of the most widely quoted biblical passages. Chapter 13 could be the most concise explanation of love. Verses 4-7 sum up loving in these words.

Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

That provides a pattern for the Christian life. It guides Christian marriage. It's proof that giving is better than receiving.

St. Paul says in the next verse, Love never fails. He ends the chapter by saying, Faith, hope, love remain, these three, but the greatest of these is love.

A footnote emphasizes that love is prime because it is operative within the other two. The desire to be with God forever in heaven certainly requires love. As proclaimed earlier in the chapter, love bears, believes, hopes, and endures all things.

Love can be emotional, and may be primarily thought of that way. It is also rational in that caring for others --- through giving, helping, sharing, and sacrificing --- before oneself can bring happiness. Putting oneself first does nothing but perpetuate unfulfilled desires.

Jesus' example guides humankind. Out of love, He gave up His human life by accepting agony on the cross to save all souls from the despair of Limbo and to open Heaven's gates to those in the state of grace.

Carl Eifert, In loving memory of Carl A. Eifert, 1926-2024

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EVENTS AROUND THE COUNCIL TABLE

459—Fitzgerald Council:

September

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

October

- 2—Officers Meeting virtual 7 pm
- 4—Nocturnal Adoration 9 pm-6 am
- 5—Rosary at Duke Street Abortion Provider 9am
- 6—Oktoberfest at Saint Mary School 2 to 5pm
- 9—Business Meeting 7pm

November

- 1—Nocturnal Adoration 9 pm-6 am
- 2—Rosary at Duke Street Abortion Provider 9am
- 6—Officers Meeting virtual 7 pm
- 13—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.

September

- 2—Inten'l Festival GS10am-5pm, Soccer Challenge
- 5—Ofcr Mtg 6:30, Rosary 7:30, Membership Mtg 8pm
- 7, 14, 21, 28—Abortion Rosary/prayer 8am-12pm
- 8—St. Louis Pancake Breakfast 8am
- 15—Good Shepherd Pancake Breakfast 7am
- 26—Social (main dish), side dish/salad/dessert 6pm

October

- 3—Ofcr Mtg 6:30, Rosary 7:30, Membership Mtg 8pm
- 5, 12, 19, 26—Abortion Rosary/prayer 8am-12pm
- 13—St. Louis Pancake Breakfast 8am
- 15—Exemplification, 6:30pm, start 7pm
- 16—Fraternal Benefits Night 6pm
- 19—Oktoberfest 6pm
- 20—Good Shepherd Pancake Breakfast 7am

November

- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30—Abortion Rosary/prayer 8am-12pm
- 7—Ofcr Mtg 6:30, Rosary 7:30, Membership Mtg 8pm
- 10—St. Louis Pancake Breakfast 8am
- 17—Good Shepherd Pancake Breakfast 7am
- 21—Memorial Mass 6pm
- 28—Thanksgiving Meal Prep 10am

11170—Fort Belvoir Council:

September

- 12—Rosary 7pm, & Membership Mtg 7:30pm

- 26—Officers Meeting (Virtual) 7pm

November

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

October

- 10—Rosary 7pm, & Membership Mtg 7:30pm

- 24—Officers Meeting (Virtual) 7pm