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Fourth Degree
Knights of Columbus

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"To Be A Patriot" Award
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Faithful Navigator's Message

John Wilkes, Faithful Navigator

Worthy Sir Knights,

Hopefully, you, and your families, had a wonderful Christmas and New Year.



As we return to a more normal pace and schedule, we have two events that require many volunteers and great participation.

The first is Religious Freedom Day (RFD), Sunday, January 13, 2019. This event commemorates our second most precious right, the right to worship as we please. Rappahannock Assembly has been leading this Parade and Ceremony for the past 45 years. Each year, we need upwards of 40

volunteers not counting Marchers in the Parade. The last few years, we have had dwindling participation, both in volunteers, and in Marchers, culminating with more Knights Templar than Knights of Columbus in the Parade! As of this writing, only one Sir Knight has let me know he will participate in the Parade. Please, please, we must do better!

The second event commemorates our most precious right, the right to life. On Friday, January 18, 2019, hundreds of thousands of people will gather at the foot of the Washington Monument, in Washington, D. C., to peacefully march to the Supreme Court in defense of life. There are 160 slots for Marshals for the March, though only 100 Brother Knights have signed up. If you are able, please join me, and sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/KofC2019MFL>, so that we may fill all the available slots!

From the Faithful Captain

Michael Kasey, PGK

Sir Knights,

Begin this New Year by participating in the Annual Religious Freedom Parade and Ceremony to be held Sunday January 13. Details also have been sent via email.

Join us to remember the contribution of Thomas Jefferson to the Religious Freedom we have still today.

Be an active 4th Degree member by attending our regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 16 at the Fredericksburg Council home. Make 2019 a patriotic year to remember. Serve with your Assembly when the opportunity is offered.

Faithful Admiral's Thoughts

Dave Case, PFN, PGK

Worthy Sir Knights and Brothers all,

The Clock is Ticking. June 30, 2019 is rapidly approaching. It's less than six months away. It marks the end of Fraternal Year 2018-2019—a time for celebration of accomplishments during that time. It is also the last day for wear of legacy Full-Service Regalia (Cape, Chapeau, Baldric and Sword) in official Fourth Degree Ceremonies and events such as Honor Guards at wakes, visitations, memorial Masses, Confirmations, and many, many others. On July 1 of this year, the Fourth Degree Uniform is the only authorized Color Corps dress for our Order.



Despite what many of you may hope, the Fourth Degree Uniform is here to stay. So says our Worthy District Master Steve Raschke, as well as the Supreme Master and the rest of our Order's Hierarchy. I have observed a very strong adoption of the uniform throughout Virginia. Sir Knights in the uniform at our last exemplification in October comprised about 30 to 40 percent of all Sir Knights.

I raise this topic because I think it's time for our Assembly and its members to address whether and how we will proceed in supporting Color Corps activities going forward. Currently, I think we have six or seven SKs who own and wear the uniform. That's a start. It's obvious we need more to be able to provide meaningful participation in events. A handful of uniformed members will not be able to always provide support. It might take some time to gain the additional members, and collaboration with neighboring assemblies might be possible, but eventually we will need to stand on our own, especially in honoring our members and supporting our associated councils and parishes.

About a year ago while I was Navigator about a dozen of you said you would likely buy a uniform. Have you do so? If you have not, what would it take for you to do so? How about other members? Have any of you, especially newer and younger members, changed your minds? Would financial assistance be an incentive? Please think about this and share your ideas with me. Email would be great. Mine is dave4542@hotmail.com. Or, text me at 703-577-4378. Let's do this.

Honor America Corps

Keith Amburgey, Commander

Sir Knights of the Honor America Corps,

This spring we have several events so if you find yourself able and willing, please come to one of them. First of all, it's March Madness Special Olympics Virginia style! Don't miss a moment of our annual Basketball Championships in Stafford. The event tips off with Opening Ceremony at Colonial Forge High School. This event has the Knights of Columbus Honor America

Corps starting it off by marching onto the basketball court with our flags. The event features a unified basketball game, half-time activities and the lighting of the Olympic Cauldron. Fans are welcome to stay for as little or as long as they like; cheering is very flexible and family-friendly. Even a short time is encouraging to the athletes.

Special Olympics Virginia is an accredited state program of Special Olympics



Incorporated; the world's largest sports organization for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, providing year-

round training and competitions to more than 5.3 million athletes and Unified Sports partners in nearly 170 countries. What a great way to encourage and support this wonderful event. An email notice will be going out approximately 10 days prior to the event to RSVP for the event.

Schedule of Future Events:

- 1 March 2019 Opening Ceremony for the State Basketball Special Olympics (Friday) at Colonial Forge HS – Muster Time 6:30PM
- Saint Patrick's Day Parade at Adventure Brewing location., Saturday Mar 16, Muster Time 11AM

May the Grace of God be with you always,

January Birthdays

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| 1 Harry E Crisp | 17 Virgil G Nelson |
| 2 Duncan L Pullen | 21 Angelo A Laviano |
| 3 William J Logan Jr | 21 Gerald K Brusich |
| 3 Michael D Henson | 22 Aristides Lucas |
| 4 William D Pivarnik | 24 Joseph A Watson |
| 4 Michael E Lewis | 25 Marcel Dionne |
| 4 James F Florio | 26 Eric L Stevens |
| 5 C Richard Hollenbach | 28 Robert Jankovits |
| 11 Ricardo C Salcedo | 28 Richard R La Roche |
| 13 Kenneth W Sanders | 28 Earl J Warrington |
| 14 James Turpin | 30 Brian C Hellmann |
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Rappahannock Assembly 1613
Fredericksburg, Virginia
Religious Freedom Day Celebration



January 13, 2019

We invite you to join us!

On Sunday, January 13, 2019 we will, as we have for more than 40 years, once again celebrate Thomas Jefferson's drafting of the *Bill for Establishing Religious Freedom*. You, your parishioners, and other members of spiritual groups in your community are invited to be part of the celebration. This year will mark the 242nd anniversary of this important document.

The celebration starts with a parade, departing the Fredericksburg train station at 1:30 PM. Your group is invited to march in the parade, and if possible, carry a banner identifying your affiliation and showing your support for Religious Freedom. We will proceed down Caroline Street, up Amelia Street and down Washington Avenue to the Religious Freedom Monument.

The ceremony will culminate with the laying of a wreath at the monument.

Background:

In the 17th and well into the 18th Century, religious freedom in what would ultimately be the United States of America did not really exist. Even though many early settlers had come to the New World to avoid persecution, there were several instances when those who came after them were not permitted to practice their own religion freely.

In January 1777, a committee met in Fredericksburg Virginia to revise all laws applicable to Virginia. Thomas Jefferson was a member of that committee and as an adjunct to his work he drafted a "*Bill for Establishing Religious Freedom*". As he did on many issues, the future President felt strongly about religion and his notes were very clear that the principle of religious freedom was meant to include every faith and denomination.

Even after Jefferson had completed his work, it took nine long years before the General Assembly passed it. To quote from the Bill: "... all men shall be free to profess... their opinions in matters of religion and that the same shall in no wise diminish, enlarge or affect their civil capacities"

Each year but one since 1974, the Knights of Columbus have honored both the Act and President Jefferson in a ceremony for all faiths at the Monument for Religious Freedom in Fredericksburg on Washington Avenue. They have paid honor to that freedom which ultimately became a basic right of all citizens in every State of this Nation by Amendment I to the Constitution of the United States in the Bill of Rights.



(Fredericksburg Religious Freedom Monument)

Schedule of Events

- 12:45 PM Parade Participants assemble at Fredericksburg Train Station
- 1:15 PM Dignitaries gather at Saint John Bosco Center, Catholic Campus Ministry, University of Mary Washington
- 1:30 PM Parade Begins
- 1:40 PM Dignitaries depart for Religious Freedom Monument
- 1:50 PM Dignitaries arrive at Religious Freedom Monument on Washington Avenue
- 1:55 PM Parade arrives at Religious Freedom Monument
- 2:00 PM Ceremony begins
- 3:00 PM Reception for Knights of Columbus and Invited Guests at Saint John Bosco Center, Catholic Campus Ministry, University of Mary Washington
- 4:00 PM Events conclude

2019 Assembly Calendar

MONTH	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	NOTES
January 2019	13		Religious Freedom Day Ceremony	Fredericksburg	
	16	7:30	Assembly Meeting	Fredericksburg Council Home	Fredericksburg Council to provide refreshments
February	20	7:30	Assembly Meeting	Fredericksburg Council Home	Battlefield Council to provide refreshments
March	20	7:30	Renewal Of Obligations	Fredericksburg Council Home	Holy Trinity Council to provide refreshments
April	17	7:30	Assembly Meeting	Fredericksburg Council Home	St. Jude Council to provide refreshments
May	15	7:30	Assembly Meeting (Election of Officers)	Fredericksburg Council Home	Fredericksburg Council to provide refreshments
June	19	7:30	Assembly Meeting	Fredericksburg Council Home	Battlefield Council to provide refreshments
	TBD		Assembly Cruise/ Dinner		

There have been times in our country's past when uninformed or prejudiced people questioned whether Catholics could be good citizens or honest public servants. That's why Father McGivney chose the name "Columbus" for our Order — because the discoverer was the Catholic figure from American history most admired and accepted at the time. In fact, from our founding in 1882, until the election of Brother Knight John F. Kennedy in 1960, many still held that Catholics were unfit for public office. Throughout that time, the Knights of Columbus worked to counter such prejudice. Sadly, it seems that in some quarters, this prejudice remains. . . . We must remember that Article VI of the U. S. Constitution forbids a religious test for public office, and the First Amendment guarantees our free exercise of religion, freedom of association and freedom of speech. Any suggestion that the Order's adherence to the beliefs of the Catholic Church makes a Brother Knight unfit for public office blatantly violates those constitutional guarantees. . . . Let us also remember that, from our founding, we have embodied the truth that a good Catholic is a good citizen who shows civility and dignity even in the face of prejudice.

Carl A. Anderson, Supreme Knight



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