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## Faithful Navigator Report

### Where Is Your Sword?

**Jack Haney**  
Faithful Navigator

In 2002 Color Corps Commander Trini Torres asked me when I was going to join the Color Corps. I answered that I would as soon as he joined my Third-Degree team. We both had a laugh and realized that we each have roles to fulfill, and we were both using our talents as they could best serve the Order.

In truth, I always admired the Color Corp. Having a military background, I appreciated the work that members put in to become sharp, precise, and noble examples of what it means to be a Catholic Knight of Columbus. Yes, people see our actions and works wherever we go about performing them. Maybe they realize that we are Knights of Columbus and Catholic. Yet, when they see a group of men in regalia acting as honor guards, Bishop's escorts, marching in formation at Eucharistic Processions, Memorial Day parades, or witnessing the burial of forgotten babies at a Garden of Innocence, there is no doubt about the identity and dedication of those men. At those times our Honor Guard members are the public and spiritual face of the Knights of Columbus. They are the visible, dedicated, strong right arm of the Catholic Church. There can be no doubt or question of who they are or what they represent.

A new regalia uniform was revealed by the Supreme Council in 2017. After 79 years, the Chapeau, tuxedo, and cape, were retired. After a year of transition, the wearing of the new uniform was made mandatory, and the old uniform was retired. Some members decided they would not spend over \$500 for the new basic uniform, other members may have had other reasons not to purchase the uniform and continue with the Color Corps."

Then, in 2020, the world was stricken with a devastating pandemic, and we lived in a world of quarantine. We are still experiencing changes brought

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about by this plague. The “New Norm” is still developing. For over a year meeting in public, large gatherings, and worship in our churches was discouraged if not forbidden. The Color Corp largely became inactive. More members simply didn’t return.

I don’t think that in any period of my life has there been a greater need to uphold, revive, and pass on the great traditions of the world that we knew and know. The uniform of the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard / Color Corp has changed. The need, justification, and the Mission of the Knights and the Color Corp has not.

Last year, as the Faithful Captain of our Assembly, I purchased the new uniform. I am now attending call outs and learning the drills of the Honor Guard.

One part of the 4<sup>th</sup> degree uniform is still an integral identifier of the Color Corp: the Sword. Since the time of the top hat and tailed tuxedos, the Sword has been a consistent emblem, telling the world that we are Soldiers of Christ, ready to defend our Faith and our Church, whatever the cost. We wear it as proudly as our fathers and grandfathers have since its inception.

I bought my sword in 2002 when I became a conferring officer of the Third degree. It has dubbed the shoulders of well over 1500 Knights, including many Priests, Bishops, and Missionaries. My sword has a legacy and a heritage. I wear it proudly.

My question to you my Brothers is this, Where Is Your Sword? Does it lie in the back of a closet gathering dust? Did you hang it on the wall as a war relic? Do those who catch a glimpse of it know where it has been and what it has seen? Has it begun to tarnish and rust, never to shine in a Knight’s hand again? Is it your legacy or a spent memory of days past?

There are many living members of the Color Corps who have served nobly for many years and today, feel that they have done their part. You may have as well and if you choose not to adopt the new uniform and continue to serve, you have my utmost thanks and respect. There are some who are still angry that this change was forced on them and they had no voice. Did not each of us promise to obey lawful rules and directions of the Order? It’s been six years since the change was directed. What good is clinging to your anger doing you or the Order? I suggest that you pray, consider, and let the past be the past. The old uniform has gone the way of the three separate degree ceremonials. Perhaps it’s time to let it go.

Where is your Sword? Do you still honor it and what it represents in your heart? What is your legacy in that symbol? What will you do with it?

We have new Sir Knights who are buying the new Regalia. They have decided to accept this mission and carry it on. If you pass your sword on to one of them, take the time to share its heritage with them. They will cherish it as a gift from a mentor and Brother Sir Knight. Your legacy will continue.

You have a choice. Look at your sword then decide if you want to put it to work, pass it on, or leave it where it lies today as an abandoned memory. Consider it a sacred object and honor it as one.

**SK J. M. “Jack” Haney**  
**Faithful Navigator Assembly 2375**



# August : Month of the Immaculate Heart

*Our Father's Plan, Fr William G. Most (excerpt)*




Pope Paul VI, on the floor of the Vatican Council at the close of the third session, renewed publicly the consecration of the Church and the world to Mary's Immaculate Heart. He said that his thoughts turned to the whole world "which our venerated predecessor Pius XII . . . not without inspiration from on high, solemnly consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. . . . O Virgin Mary, Mother of the Council, to you we recommend the entire Church." When he visited Fatima on May 13, 1967, the same Pope recalled this "consecration which we ourselves have renewed on November 21, 1964 — we exhort all the sons of the Church to renew personally their consecration to the Immaculate Heart of the Mother of the Church and to bring alive this most noble act of veneration through a life ever more in accord with the divine will and in a spirit of filial service and of devout imitation of their heavenly Queen."



Before making a consecration, it is most desirable to make a careful preparation extending over some period of time. One good way to make that preparation is described in the last part of St. Louis de Montfort's *True Devotion* book.

The most essential thing is not making an act of consecration, with or without some solemnity, though that is important. The essential thing is to live that consecration.

Living a consecration could be described as following three attitudes or spirits:

-  **Union** — Imitation of Jesus and Mary, so as to become like them, and trying to develop as constant as possible a realization of His and her presence.
-  **Dependence** — Give to Jesus and Mary the right to dispose of everything we have, temporal and spiritual.
-  **Obedience** — Jesus and Mary have the right to ask us to do anything at all, even without reward. In consecration, we recognize that right, give it on a basis of love, and plan to carry it out with fullest generosity.



St. Maximilian Kolbe liked to speak of the relation of consecration to our baptismal promises, in which we promised to renounce Satan and all his works, and to follow Jesus, by whom we are "sealed" in baptism as His property. Consecration is the fullest kind of response to and carrying out of these promises. Mary, in view of her Immaculate Conception, was most fitted to respond most fully, and that she did, with a fullness and perfection beyond our ability to visualize for we recall that Pius IX told us that even at the start of her existence, her holiness was so great that "none greater under God can be thought of, and no one but God can comprehend it."



## Color Corps Report C.C.C.— Curt Horner

Sir Knights,

If you are interested in joining the Color Corps please contact the Faithful Navigator and check out the link below for purchasing the uniform. Serving in the Color Corps is a great use of your time, you will be serving God's Church and the Families of Knights we have lost.

P.F.N. P.D.D. C.C.C.  
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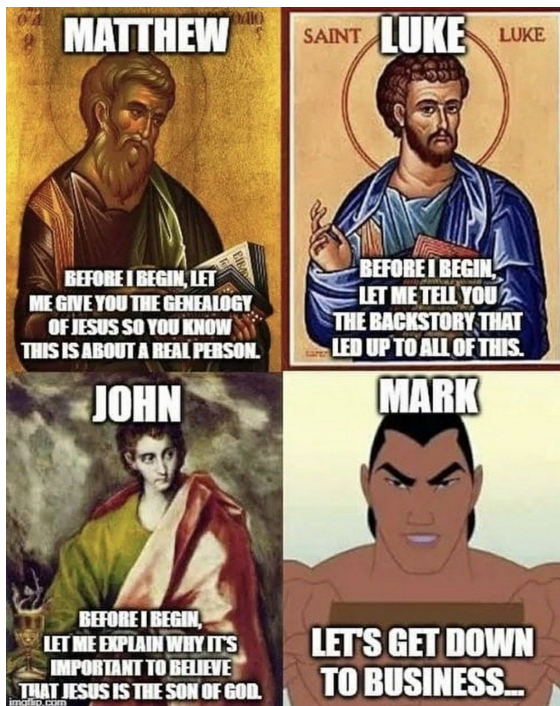
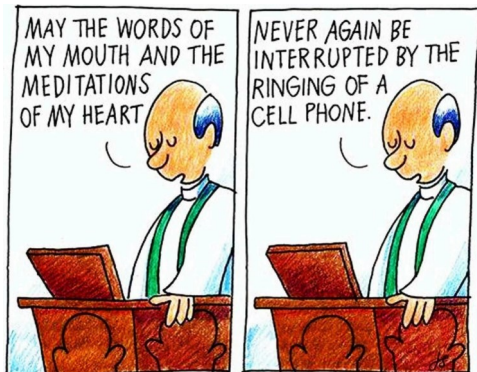


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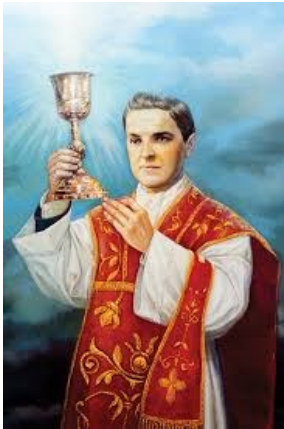
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† Rest in peace

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- ◆ Mary Sanchez
- ◆ Tiffany Hennebelle
- ◆ Betty Ann Pechkis (Wife of SK Bob Pechkis)
- ◆ Michael Curry RIP

### Upcoming important dates below:

**8/5– Officers Meeting– 6pm location at SK and Faithful Comptroller Frank Baca's home.**

**8/19 - General Meeting - 6pm Rosary, 6:30pm Dinner, 7:15pm Meeting starts, at St. John Paul II Polish Center.**

**8/24 - Council 9599 36th Annual Country Western Steak Fry**