

Magister Navis

Character by all measures is the most distinctive human trait. This one trait that is more important than anything else. This should be a citadel. It cannot be usurped as it is a fortress that cannot



be encroached upon. It is the proof there are betterments beyond our frailties. A man/woman has to live with one's-self, and thus thereby by inclusion is in 'good company'. We, as the Membership of Columbia have resolved to honor those, through their steadfast longevity and devotion, who have honored us by allowing us into their enlightened 'good company'.

Throughout the 125-years of Columbia, there has been an indispensable citadel of these members. On our Quasquicentennial, we will be bestowing the Magister Navis (Master of the Ship) upon our next group of honorees.

We celebrate the following for their esteemed service:

Mr. Larry Kwiat and Mr. John Boyle

We will be presenting them, during the ceremony, with an aesthetic symbolic trophy, and inscribing their names to a prominently placed plaque of merit in the coming year.

Our honorees' strength and virtue are not only measured by their special exertions, but by their continued inspired devotion and being a citadel of admirable character-acts to the betterment of our community. This can only be called, in totality, a 'Poised Dignity'.

Such Poised Dignity consists not merely in possessing honors, but in the consciousness that righteous ideals are shared for the general betterment - fortunately the recipient of that betterment - is our revered Columbia Yacht Club.

Thank you for your kind time and passionate consideration.

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