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Navigator's Log



On March 25th, three Third Degree members attended the 4th Degree Exemplification held in Olympia, Anthony Gittens, from St. Joseph council; Rob Legge, from Centennial council in DeMoines and Kenneth Walters from St. Theresa's Parish. Congratulations to our newest 4th degree knights.

On June 3rd, there will be another 4th Degree Exemplification in Lakewood. Hopefully we can get some of the knights that haven't been able to attend will be able to do so then. Sponsors please contact your candidates NOW and give them the date and place. Also, those 3rd Degree knights that are eligible and want to become 4th Degree members contact any 4th Degree member in your council and they will give you the form to fill out.

Dave Caton and I attended the 4th Degree district meeting in Port Orchard on April 1st. Since my article is about the 4th Degree, I would like to give you an update on the Fourth Degree that was presented to us at the meeting. This was the report that our Master gave.

As Master of the District of Washington since September 1st, 2004, the district has held 12 Exemplifications and have brought in a total of 275 new Sir Knights Exemplified. We have gained 3 new Assemblies giving the District a total 37 Assemblies. One of these Assemblies sits in our back yard. The John J. Daley Assembly #2960, out of Kent, was formed in December of 2005 and finally has been approved by Supreme, March of 2006. We are looking for at least 2 more Assemblies to be formed, one in the Spokane area and one in the Seattle Tacoma area.

We are putting out an updated 4th Degree Exemplification guideline. It has been nicely bound in book form with the hope the Assemblies will keep in their files for future reference and use. This guideline will be very useful for any future Exemplification whether your Assembly is the host or the guest.

Also mentioned, that NO candidate should cross State lines into another district to be exemplified without the

permission of the Master. This permission is not hard to obtain, you have only to ask and it will be granted, but it must be obtained. Also when filling out the form 4's, be sure to fill it out completely. Many of the forms sent to me (Master) before an Exemplification is lacking the membership number, date of 1st Degree, council number and assembly number. Please check the forms carefully. Our Faithful Comptroller (Tim Philomena) does a great job at this! Sponsors, you can help Tim by checking this with your candidate before you submit it to Tim. Wavers are still available for those candidates that have had their 1st Degree within 6 to 12 months, or are seriously ill, in the service due to be deployed and clergy. You must also be a 3rd Degree member within those 6 to 12 months. These wavers are available through December 31, 2006.

Our next meeting will be April 26th, 7:30 at St Theresa's Parrish. There will not be a special Exemplification as planed during the last meeting, because their candidate went through the 4th Degree in Olympia. Our meetings have been well attended and I appreciate your attendance. Remember, each month we have a drawing. Will you be there if your ticket number is drawn?

Vivat Jesus

Jim Miles, Faithful Navigator

Captain's Corner



It was made clear at the meeting by Vice Supreme Master James Gay and Master Storm Smole that, regardless of past experience, the uniform standards of the 4th degree will be enforced. Nothing added to them – nothing taken from them. Each assembly was given a booklet "Exemplification Guidelines" which includes the most recent Memo from Supreme Master Joseph P. Schultz on dress May 23, 2005. This is 3 pages, small type (10 point) but the most important points are:

- The 4th degree pin is "plain, unadorned fourth

Degree pin” as issued by Supreme. There may also be a USA flag pin of the same size worn above the 4th degree pin. **In other words: Only one KofC Pin and maybe a small flag pin. No rhinestone or jeweled pins.**

- **The social baldric**, as well as the service baldric, **will be worn** under the coat and over the vest, **when in regalia**.
- **The only miniature jewels or medals to be worn** are those six provided by the Supreme Office Supply Department.
- The cape will have a 4th degree patch only on the left shoulder. It will **not** have a black background.
- **No earrings.**
- **Military:** Members of the active duty military shall be authorized to wear their full dress uniforms in lieu of tuxedo during Fourth Degree functions. During exemplifications active duty military in uniform shall not be required to wear the social baldric or the pin of the Fourth Degree on their military uniforms.

Vivat Jesus

Dave Caton, Faithful Captain

Faithful Comptroller's Ledger



It has come to my attention that some of you may not have received your new membership cards after sending in your yearly dues. So far, I know of 2 that this applies to. The only thing I can think of is that the Post Office has them tied up somewhere because they were

processed and mailed out at 2 different times. Anyway, if you have sent in your dues and not received your card yet, please call me so I can make sure you get your card.

If you have not sent in your dues, **PLEASE PLEASE** do so now. Feel free to call me if you believe that there are any mistakes or if you have any questions. My home phone is 253.661.2296, cell 206.391.8008 and email tphilomeno@sparling.com

Report On the District Meeting

The Bi-annual District Meeting was held on Saturday, April 1, 2006 in Port Orchard. There are two main purposes for this meeting: Election of three nominees to be considered for appointment as Master and voting on resolutions for consideration by the Supreme Assembly.

A slate of three nominees was elected for consideration by Supreme Council. They were:

1. PSD Wayne C. Hogan; Father Valerian Grubb Assembly 1844, Lakewood.
2. PFN Stan Bauer; Father Anton Flour Assembly 2105, Pullman.
3. Richard Foudray; Arch Bishop Thomas Connolly Assembly 1707; Lynnwood.

There were three resolutions:

1. Proposed by James Shields Assembly 1168, Seattle to recommend to the Supreme Assembly consideration of a miniature jewel for service in the armed forces. The Resolutions Committee recommended **NO ACTION** as there was no specified starting date (WW I?); character of service (Honorable, Dishonorable, Bad Conduct; General) etc. It was voted No Action.

2. Proposed by Arch Bishop Thomas Murphy Assembly 2685, Lakewood: To allow the official dress for Candidates to be a dark suit with a plain white shirt and black shoes. The Resolutions Committee recommended approval with several grammatical and procedural changes: "...white tuxedo or plain shirt" to "... white tuxedo shirt or plain white shirt" and closing quotation marks to match the opening quotation marks. During the discussion on the floor, a motion was made and approved to change the resolution to add the words "or retired from" to the last sentence – which has been there for years - allowing a military uniform so that it reads "A member serving in, **or retired from**, the armed forces of his country shall be in proper attire when dressed in military uniform." This resolution was approved as amended.

3. Proposed by Arch Bishop Thomas Murphy Assembly 2685, Lakewood to recommend a voluntary gift to the Master (\$1.00/member) to help defray his expenses especially installations of officers **AND** to recommend that the Supreme Assembly impose a per capita tax (\$1.00/member). The Resolutions Committee recommended **REJECTION** on the basis that the resolution included two different topics (**VOLUNTARY** contributions and **MANDATORY** per capita taxes). The resolution was **WITHDRAWN**.

A side note: Resolutions cannot take effect until they are approved by the Supreme Assembly and the Supreme Board and promulgated through out the Order. This usually means about a year. That is "IF" they are approved.

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If you would like your birthday or anniversary listed in the Patriot's Sword, or would like to receive this newsletter electronically please send your information and email address to either the Faithful Navigator or Faithful Comptroller using the e-mail address' listed below or send it in to the return address listed on the mailing page of this newsletter.

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2005-2006 Events Calendar

April 2006

26 th Wednesday 7:30 PM	Assembly Meeting POC: Bob Dahl - 253-838-9873	St. Theresa Parish 3939 SW 331 st ST SW, Federal Way
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May 2006

24 th Wednesday 7:30 PM	Assembly Meeting POC: Joe Penwell - 253-941-6339	St Vincent De Paul, Willenborg Center 30525 8 th Ave S, Federal Way
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June 2006

3 rd Saturday 12:00 Noon	4 th Degree Exemplification POC: Charles McCollough - 253-588-6039	St. John Bosco Parish 10508 112 th St. S.W., Lakewood, WA 98498
28 th Wednesday 7:30 PM	Assembly Meeting POC: Joe Penwell - 253-941-6339	St Vincent De Paul, Willenborg Center 30525 8 th Ave S, Federal Way



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