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Navigator's Log



A lot has gone on in this month of January. Two of these were the Right of Life Rally in Olympia and the Inauguration of our President.

At the Rally in Olympia there were a lot of folks. We were told that every 26 seconds a baby dies because of abortion. I believe this is a real challenge for our human race, to somehow, over come and stop this carnage. It seems it will take a long time to change the thinking of some folks. As one protesters sign read "My Children are Raised by a Pro-Choice Mom!". Someone in our group told her it might take a while, but the Pro Life Kids will win in the end, because more Pro-Life Kids are living than are Pro-Choice Kids. That's our challenge for those of us who believe that life begins at conception is to keep on keeping on until we get the law of the land changed to save most of the kids. I don't believe that by changing the law will prevent all the kids from being aborted, but it certainly will stop most. I state this because abortion took place before Roe-Wade, but I don't believe to the extent it does now.

The Inauguration of our President for a second term was quite a celebration as viewed on television. You might not agree with all of his policies, but I get the feeling he really believes in what's going on in Iraq, and is totally committed to bringing democracy to that part of the world. I for one really hope this can be accomplished. If you look at the evolution of democracy in our part of the world, our Forefathers and Mothers kind of started out this way. The difference is, they did it for themselves, and without the help of outsiders.

On May the 13th through the 15th 2005 our state convention will be held in Tukwila. If you have never attending one, this could be your time. It's a rewarding experience that could put a little of that "Fire in the Belly" kind of stuff in your life. Come and you won't regret it. You might just learn something.

Remember to ask a Third Degree Brother to become a Fourth Degree member.

Vivat Jesus

Jim Sheffield, Faithful Navigator

Captain's Corner



The growing awareness of Father McGivney's life and spiritual legacy is having an impact on many Knights and their families. His growing popularity, however, cannot be limited to the Knights. Many others, from all walks of

life, are finding in him a companion who understands the ups and downs of their lives and provides spiritual encouragement.

When speaking of a candidate for sainthood the topic of miracles always comes up, sometimes with a bit of confusion. In the process for sainthood, the miracles we speak of are not those performed by the candidate while still on earth. The miracles needed for a beatification or a canonization are those that occur after the death of the saint-to-be, through his intercession.

"What miracles did Father McGivney perform?" is often asked. We don't know of any miracles he performed during his lifetime. On the other hand, we have a number of documented cases of healings or sudden changes in the physical condition of a patient through Father McGivney's intercession. The number of reports without documentation, without medical records, is even more numerous.

(Parts extracted from August 2004 Columbia)

Jim Miles, Faithful Captain

Color Corps Commander's Call



Bishop Thomas E. Gill Assembly enjoys one of the larger Honor Guards in the State. Presently we have 32 members however, there have been times lately when we have had two events on the same day or back to back events. So as not to wear everyone out, I would

like to recruit about five more men. We also have two complete sets of regalia to loan out. If you are interested in joining, please call Bob Dahl 253-838-9873 or e-mail brdahl@aol.com.

Faithful Comptroller's Ledger

Sir Knights, I have sent out the 2005 billing for dues for the Assembly. Sometimes in our hurried lives the smallest details are often overlooked. Please take a moment and ask yourself did I? If you have already sent it in thank you, if you haven't please do so right away. A note to the members of Council 7528: Please send your dues for the 4th degree separately from your 3rd degree dues. I had several of you send 1 check for \$50 to either the Assembly or the Council. I won't be able to accept a single check this year for both. Thanks for your continued support. Tim Philomeno,

Veterans Project

Have you ever had the opportunity to listen to a veteran tell their story. I have and I tell you they are fascinating. I've heard stories of my uncle Tom, a member of the 82nd Airborne, who parachuted into Sainte Mere-Eglise during the invasion of Normandy only to be killed by a German sniper two weeks later, to a gentleman I met while at McChord who fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

The Battle of the Bulge lasted from December 16, 1944 to January 25, 1945 was the largest land battle of World War II in which the United States participated. More than a million men fought in this battle including some 600,000 Germans, 500,000 Americans, and 55,000 British. The German military force consisted of two Armies with ten corps (equal to 29 divisions). While the American military force consisted of a total of three armies with six corps (equal to 31 divisions). At the conclusion of the battle the casualties were as follows: 81,000 U.S. with 19,000 killed, 1400 British with 200 killed, and 100,000 Germans killed, wounded or captured.

Its stories like these that as time moves forward start to fade. Our Lord said "There is no greater love than to lay

ones life down for another". Time is slipping away for these brave veterans. We as their heirs need to capture their story. Brothers is there someone who would like to accept the challenge to interview and record our Veterans pasts experiences. Out Faithful Inside Sentinel Gary Weber suggested this at our officers meeting on January 12th. The officers present thought this would be a great idea if we could find someone to do this. If interested please contact Jim Sheffield (253) 854-1546 or Sir Knight Gary Weber (253) 631-8225.

Flag Pole

As was reported last month the Flag Pole has been installed at the Palisades Retreat House and Old Glory is flying high. The light was installed on the side of the building which now allows the flag to fly 24/7. We are waiting to hear from the Bishop's office on a date to dedicate and bless the flag pole. Once the date is confirmed The Color Corps Commander SK Bob Dahl will be calling for Sir Knights to serve on an Honor Guard.

Laus Deo



One detail that is not mentioned about government and religion is that in the District of Columbia there can never be a building of greater height than the Washington Monument. With all the uproar about removing the Ten Commandments, etc., this is worth a moment or two of your time.

On the aluminum cap, atop the Washington Monument in Washington DC, are displayed two words: Laus Deo. No one can see these words. In fact, most visitors to the monument are totally unaware they are even there and for that matter, probably couldn't care less.

Once you know Laus Deo's history, you will want to share this with everyone you know. But these words have been there for many years; they are 555 feet, 5.125 inches high perched atop the monument, facing skyward to the Father of our nation, overlooking the 69 square miles, which comprise the District of Columbia, capital of the United States of America.

Laus Deo! Two seemingly insignificant, un-noticed

words. Out of sight and, one might think, out of mind, but very meaningfully placed at the highest point over what is the most powerful city in the most successful nation in the world.

So, what do those two words, in Latin, composed of just four syllables and only seven letters, possibly mean? Very simply, they say "Praise be to God!"

Though construction of this giant obelisk began in 1848, when James Polk was President of the United States, it was not until 1888 that the monument was inaugurated and opened to the public. It took twenty five years to finally cap the memorial with a tribute to the Father of our nation, Laus Deo.... "Praise be to God!"

From atop this magnificent granite and marble structure, visitors may take in the beautiful panoramic view of the city with its division into four major segments. >From that vantage point, one can also easily see the original plan of the designer, Pierre Charles l'Enfant...a perfect cross imposed upon the landscape, with the White House to the north. The Jefferson Memorial is to the south, the Capitol to the east and the Lincoln Memorial to the west.

A cross you ask? Why a cross? What about separation of church and state? Yes a cross; separation of church and state was not, is not, in the Constitution. So, read on. How interesting and, no doubt, intended to carry a profound meaning for those who bother to notice.

Praise be to God! Within the monument itself are 898 steps and 50 landings. As one climbs the steps and pauses at the landings the memorial stones share a message. On the 12th Landing is a prayer offered by the City of Baltimore; on the 20th is a memorial presented by some Chinese Christians; on the 24th a presentation made by Sunday School children from New York and Philadelphia quoting Proverbs 10:7, Luke 18:16 and Proverbs 22:6. Praise be to God!

When the cornerstone of the Washington Monument was laid on July 4th, 1848 deposited within it were many items including the Holy Bible presented by the Bible Society. Praise be to God! Such was the discipline, the moral direction, and the spiritual mood given by the founder and first President of our unique democracy.... "One Nation, Under God." I am awed by Washington's prayer for America. Have you never read it? Well, now is your unique opportunity, so read on!

"Almighty God; We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United states at large." And finally, that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine

Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

As you probably guessed, over 92 percent of Americans like the idea that our Pledge of Allegiance includes the phrase "under God." It is clear when one studies the history of our great nation, that Washington's America was one of the few countries in all the world established under the guidance, direction and banner of Almighty God, to whom was given all praise honor and worship by the great men who formed and fashioned her pivotal foundations.

When one stops to observe the inscriptions found in public places all over our nation's capitol, he or she will easily find the signature of God, as it is unmistakably inscribed everywhere you look.

The Separation of Church and State concept is basic to our Country's founding. It simply means that the government shall never make any religion a National religion. It never was intended to prevent the utterance of the name of God at political functions and in the daily course of our undertakings. Liberals and extremist who think differently have no foundation in history for their position. ---- IN GOD WE TRUST

Though many try to disprove and reason, their arguments are weak and easily proven without basis. Their efforts will forever be in vain; God assures us of that. Have you noticed as of late, how many more people are coming together, affirming the fact that this nation was, from the beginning, built on God? Any nation that is not built upon God will fail. Do you wonder why, when other nations fall into an abyss, does the United States continually prosper? Now you know, but do not let the arrogance of some instill doubt within you. The truth is.. We have always been one nation under God! Laus Deo! Praise be to God!

Asia Disaster Relief



The Executive Committee of the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors has voted to contribute \$250,000 to disaster relief efforts in Asia in the wake of the tremendous death and destruction caused by the

recent tsunami. In addition, individual Knights and councils in the United States and Canada are being encouraged to add donations of their own through

Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. and Knights of Columbus Canada Charities, Inc. A special fund devoted exclusively to Asian disaster relief has been set up to receive the additional donations.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson set a goal of raising \$1 million in Knights of Columbus relief donations. "The death and destruction caused by this horrible natural disaster is almost beyond imagining," Anderson observed. "We Knights have always been known for our devotion to charity, and we will respond to this need quickly and generously. And of course, we'll not only help to meet the vast material needs of the survivors, we'll pray for the victims and survivors as well."

Money raised by the Knights of Columbus will be sent to international Catholic relief agencies, which are providing aid and assistance to all who need it, irrespective of their religious faith, as well as to hard-hit Catholic dioceses in the region to meet their urgent needs. Several days ago, Pope John Paul II urged "believers and all men and women of good will to contribute generously to the major operation of solidarity for these peoples so tragically stricken and now exposed to the epidemics of disease."

In 2004, the Knights of Columbus donated tens of thousands of dollars in disaster relief for victims of hurricanes which struck Florida and a number of islands in the Caribbean, and will also provide aid to recent typhoon victims in the Philippines, where there are nearly 200,000 members of the Knights of Columbus.

Donation checks should be mailed to the following addresses, and clearly marked as "Asian Disaster Relief" contributions:

In the United States, make checks payable to:

Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc.

PO Box 9028

Pittsfield, MA 01202-9028

attn: Asian Disaster Relief

Cardinal Schotte Passes



On January 14, 2005 in the Vatican Basilica, the Holy Father presided at the funeral of Cardinal Jan Pieter Schotte, C.I.C.M., who died on Monday at the age of 76. Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, dean of the College of Cardinals, celebrated Mass along with other cardinals.

In his homily, the Pope highlighted how the late cardinal "was a man of peace. He made the value of peace one of the central points of his long and intense service to the universal Church and, especially, to the Holy See. Such

was his conviction that a Christian must bear witness to peace that he chose as his episcopal motto 'Parare viam Domino pacis', a recognizable reference to St John the Baptist, Patron of the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, to which he belonged."

In that motto, John Paul II recalled how Cardinal Schotte "wanted to add the explicit reference to peace, placing it alongside the name of the Lord - 'Parare viam Domino pacis' - as if to underline that only by accepting Christ and His Gospel can true peace be achieved."

For more than thirty years, the Belgian cardinal "generously and tirelessly, placed his multiple gifts of intelligence, humanity and spirituality at the disposal of the Roman Curia" said the Pope, referring to the cardinal's work in the Secretariat of State, in the then Pontifical Commission for 'Iustitia et Pax', and finally as secretary general of the Synod of Bishops. "Nor can I forget," the Pope added, "his work as president of the Labor Office of the Holy See. A tireless architect of communion, he collaborated actively in the universal pastoral concerns of Peter's Successor."

The Pope concluded by remembering Cardinal Schotte as "a witness of love who has come from God and who constitutes the foundation of the unity of the Church. We are comforted by the hope that he is now contemplating the 'Lord of peace' face to face, whom he generously loved and served during his life."

Little Taylor

Taylor is the 9 year old daughter of Brother Knight Jim Freyberg, and granddaughter of SK Dave and Connie Myers. We had asked for everyone's prayers. Taylor had been having some extreme pain these last few weeks. Her arthritis was flaring in her ankle, and she went back on all her med's and then some. She also has developed a vascular necrosis (no blood to the bone). She had surgery on Monday Jan 24 at Children's Hospital in Seattle to create micro fractures in the bone (drill holes) to try to create blood flow. There was only about a 60% chance it would be successful. During the surgery, they removed the necrosis part of the bone (dead part) and they found a piece that was floating, that had broken off, so they removed that. They put 9 micro fractures in her ankle, to increase blood flow, which a few started to bleed (which is good). She was placed in a cast for about 4-6 weeks. She is willing to do just about anything to be able to walk, run and play with the other children. Please continue your prayers for little Taylor. Thank you. God Bless.

Happy Birthday!

Date	Feb Birthdays	Date	Feb Birthdays
3 rd	Steven Drake	21 st	Willie Blue
8 th	Louis Dedominces	22 nd	Clifford Owen
8 th	Gilbert Gruber	22 nd	Dale Cap
10 th	John Campion	24 th	David Caton
11 th	Edward Stamm	25 th	Damian Fischer
16 th	Robert Byrnes	28 th	Les Findley
16 th	Robert Hitchcock		

Happy Anniversary!

Date	February Anniversaries
16 th	Kirkley and Joyce Igou

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.

Good of the Order

Please remember our Brother Sir Knights and Family Members in your daily Prayers. If you know of a Brother Sir Knight or Family Member sick or in distress, Please call the Faithful Navigator or Faithful Comptroller right away.

Brother Sir Knights		Family Members	
Leo Ligad 7528		Taylor Freyberg	
Tony Lamar			
Dave Ditter			
Deceased Brother Sir Knights		Deceased Family Members	
		Fr. Dan Weber, Uncle of SK Gary Weber	

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2005 Meeting Calendar

February

23 rd Wednesday 7:30 PM	Assembly Meeting POC: Tim Coggins - 253-931-4764	Holy Family Parish 505 17 th Street SE, Auburn
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March

23 rd Wednesday 7:30 PM	Assembly Meeting POC: Mike Adams - 206 824-5934	St Philomena's Parish Hall 1790 S 222 nd Street, Des Moines
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April

13 th Wednesday 7:00 PM	Officers Meeting POC: Jim Sheffield - 253-854-1546	Holy Spirit Parish, 310 S 3 rd Ave SE, Kent
27 th Wednesday 7:30 PM	Assembly Meeting POC: Jim Sheffield - 253-854-1546	Holy Spirit Parish, 310 S 3 rd Ave SE, Kent

May

25 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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