



# The Patriot's Sword

Bishop Thomas E. Gill Assembly # 1955

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## The Navigator's Log



It has been said, "That service is the Lifeblood of any organization, everything flows from it and is nourished by it." With this in mind, I'm honored to be elected as your Faithful

Navigator for the 2004 – 2005 fraternal year. I will do my best to provide the leadership required to fulfill the duties of this office as called for in our Traditions and protocol of the Knights of Columbus, and By-Laws of our Order. I ask all for your help and guidance. My humble thanks to all my brother sir knights for stepping up to the plate and agreeing to serve as assembly officers this year.

I had the privilege of attending the Summer Leadership meeting held in Wenatchee, WA the weekend of July 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. It was a very powerful and motivating weekend. I wish you all could have been there. Of all the topics presented, Tradition and Protocol stood out as being very important. Traditions, and this is my understanding, is continuing to do the things that work and have stood the test of time, such as membership quotas, keeping the membership informed, personal contact of the members by the Assembly Officers, supporting our brother knights and their families and most important short meetings. In other words following the principals laid down over 100 years ago by Fr. Michael J. McGivney. With that said I plan to follow in his footsteps, I will follow the guidelines established and passed down from Supreme. These guide lines are contained in "Knights of Columbus Protocol Book", "How to Conduct a Meeting", and "Robert Rules of Order". I look forward to a good and prosperous year.

Two of the projects we need to accomplish this year will prove to be very rewarding. 1. Installation of a Flag Pole at the Palisades Retreat House, and 2. Host an Exemplification of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree at St Vincent de Paul Parish in Federal Way in October. I ask for all your support to make both a huge success. Speaking of support I ask you to make every attempt to attend our meetings. It is a real shame when 10 percent of the membership attends the meetings and makes decisions for the 90 percent do not. I know a lot of you have very busy lives.

Its hard to strike the perfect balance between work, family and activities. If you come out I will do my best to keep our meetings to one hour. Please come out and join us. I hope to see you all.

Vivat Jesus

*Jim Schffield, Faithful Navigator*

## The Captain's Corner



At its 122nd annual convention in Dallas, the Knights of Columbus today reaffirmed its position that "Catholic public officials who support abortion on demand are cooperating in evil."

The Knights – the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization – also reaffirmed long standing policy of not inviting to Knights of Columbus events those public officials or candidates for public office who support abortion, euthanasia or assisted suicide, and denying such officials and candidates any of the order's honors or use of its facilities.

Noting that "the principle of separation of church and state does not require separating moral principles and political choices," the Knights resolved to "continue to speak out to our elected representatives of the responsibility to protect human life at all stages, and of the need to elect representatives prepared to enact such legislation."

In other resolutions, the Knights confirmed their support of the Federal Marriage Amendment, noting that "a constitutional amendment is the only sure way to prevent courts from 'discovering' a right to same-sex marriage where before there was none."

On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, in a speech before convention delegates, President Bush noted his appreciation for the Knights' position in support of traditional marriage and the Federal Marriage Amendment.

The Knights also adopted a resolution calling on the entertainment industry to take responsibility for the content of their programming and refrain from

producing programs that are "morally offensive, socially destructive or offensive to family values and religious faith," and for the news media to be "free of bias" in its coverage of abortion, family values and the Catholic Church. The resolution called on all members of the Knights to support those who "recognize their responsibility in these matters," and to refuse to patronize those who do not.

*(Extracted from Supreme News web site)*

*Jim Miles, Faithful Captain*

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## 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](mailto:brdahl@aol.com).

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## The Comptroller's Record

Sir Knights, have you paid your dues for 2004? Sometimes in our hurried lives the smallest details are often overlooked. Please take a moment and ask yourself did I? If not, before 2005 rolls around send your \$20.00 to:

SK Timothy H. Philomeno, FC  
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## Exemplification News

Bishop Gill assembly is hosting a 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplification on Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. Vincent DePaul Parish. This is a huge undertaking. We will need a lot of support to make this an event we can be proud of. Therefore if you can help please call Joe Penwell at 253-941-6339 or email me at [joepenwell@comcast.net](mailto:joepenwell@comcast.net) and let me know what you would like to do. We will need support in the following areas:

The Honor Guard  
Kitchen  
Clean-up after the dinner  
Setup before the exemplification  
Just help

Please let Joe know what you are willing to do so we can have a successful exemplification.

## Supreme News

During the Supreme Convention, which was held in Dallas TX, The Order adopted the following resolution:

### Respect for the Flag

WHEREAS, since its creation over 200 years ago, the United States' flag has been revered by both the citizens of this Nation and the citizens around the world as the everlasting symbol of America's ideals, beliefs, and freedoms; and

WHEREAS, during our Nation's darkest times and in its longest hours, the United States' flag has flown signifying this country's dedication to perseverance, its unshakable unity, and its commitment to preserving an orderly, democratic society for its populace; and

WHEREAS, for decades, the United States Congress has consistently recognized the critical importance of protecting the United States' flag from desecration in any form whatsoever;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, as Brother Knights, reaffirm our longstanding commitment to supporting either legislation or a constitutional amendment that would safeguard the physical and symbolic integrity of the flag; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we urge our elected representatives to support the passage of Senate Joint Resolution 4 which calls for a constitutional amendment that reads: "The Congress shall have the power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States."

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## Meeting Agenda Items

We have so much to do and so little time in which to do it. With our busy lives we sometimes forget or overlook our plans. In an attempt to keep us on track we will post our meeting agenda here. We will also use this space to keep you abreast of any meeting changes.

We will have a regular business meeting on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM, please see the calendar for POC, place, and address.

Agenda items for our August meeting:

- ☒ Vote on Flag Pole for Palisades Retreat House
- ☒ 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification in October
- ☒ Assembly Committees
- ☒ Phone Captains and Phone Tree
- ☒ Assembly Budget

So why not come out and join us?

## Happy Birthday!

Date	Birthdays for Aug	Date	Birthdays for Aug
1 <sup>st</sup>	Richard Ochiltree	19 <sup>th</sup>	George Brunelle
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Patrick McGuire	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Fred Landry
3 <sup>rd</sup>	John Wilson	24 <sup>th</sup>	Leonard Garneau
9 <sup>th</sup>	Lloyd Qually	29 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Stack
10 <sup>th</sup>	John Feuerborn	30 <sup>th</sup>	Alex Plys

## Happy Anniversary!

Date	Anniversaries for August

**Please  
Send your Anniversary dates  
to the Faithful Comptroller**

*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	
Dave Caton		Anna Courneya	
Stan Pence			
Deceased Brother Sir Knights		Deceased Family Members	
James Courneya		Dave Caton Sr.	

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Washington State Council's web site: <http://www.kofc-wa.org>

2004 Meeting Calendar		
August		
25 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 7:30 PM	Assembly Meeting POC: Jim Sheffield - 253-854-1546	Holy Spirit Parish, 310 S 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street, Kent
September		
8 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 PM	Officers Meeting POC: Jim Sheffield - 253-854-1546	Holy Spirit Parish, 310 S 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street, Kent
22 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 7:30 PM	Assembly Meeting POC: Joe Penwell - 253-941-6339	St Vincent De Paul, Willenborg Center 30525 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave S, Federal Way
October		
13 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 PM	Officers Meeting POC: Jim Sheffield - 253-854-1546	Holy Spirit Parish, 310 S 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street, Kent
27 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 7:30 PM	Assembly Meeting POC: Bob Dahl - 253-838-9873	St. Theresa Parish 3939 SW 331 <sup>st</sup> ST, Federal Way
November		
10 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 PM	Officers Meeting POC: Jim Sheffield - 253-854-1546	Holy Spirit Parish, 310 S 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street, Kent
20 <sup>th</sup> Saturday, 10 – 12 Noon	Assembly Brunch POC: Bob Dahl - 253-838-9873	Twin Lakes Golf Club 3583 SW 320 <sup>th</sup> , Federal Way
December		
29 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 7:30 PM	Assembly Meeting POC: John Mergens - 253 854-2828	Kent Museum 855 East Smith Street, Kent



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