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Navigator's Log



I want to thank all Sir Knights for attending our last meeting held February 22nd. I have never seen a turnout like that since I've been a Fourth Degree member and as your Faithful Navigator. I'm hoping this

will continue as our Assembly surely needs your participation to make this Assembly grow. Also, I was pleased to see that EVERY Council that makes up our Assembly was in attendance. I would also like to mention that two members of the newly formed Assembly in Kent were also with us. There new Assembly name is John J Daley Assembly. As John Mergens said, when asked by me, "what will be your newsletter title be called when you start one, he promptly told me, "The Daley News".

Our next meeting will be at St. Vincent's on March 22nd. At that time we will be having nominations/election of Delegates to the Fourth Degree Spring meeting. The meeting will be on or about the first of April, in Port Orchard. At that time a new State Master will be voted on to replace Storm. This meeting is held every two years and 2006 is the year!

On March 25th there will be a Fourth Degree Exemplification in Olympia. No details as of yet, but should know soon and will pass on the information needed, when I hear something. So, attention Sponsors, Please contact your candidates of at least the date and city this will be held. Hopefully those candidates that haven't been able to attend in the past will be able to now. Contact me if any candidate will be going, so I can get the information to the sponsors.

I know this is early, but please put this next meeting on your calendar for it might be an exciting one for you to attend. Our May meeting will be on May 24th, at St Theresa's. We possibly will be having a shorter version of a Fourth Degree Exemplification for a candidate that is handicapped and wants to join Also it is possible that I may have a Priest that isn't a Knight, go through his degree's and go through the exemplification too! He at that time will have agreed to be our Faithful

Friar. Please keep this in your prayers! Will see how everything goes and I'll be keeping everyone informed as time goes by. Just mark your calendar for this May meeting.

Well, as you all know, I'm always short on speeches and writing words for the newsletter, but, this is it for this month and hope all is well with you and your family

Vivat Jesus

Jim Miles, Faithful Navigator

Captain's Corner



Sir Knights! I hope you all have the opportunity to read the book "Parish Priest. Father Michael McGivney and American Catholicism". My dear wife reserved this book for me at our local library after seeing a wonderful presentation on C- Span 2 (the book channel), where one of the authors, Douglas Brinkley gave a synopsis of his recently co-authored book on Fr. McGivney. In the meantime, a good friend of mine (also a 4th degree Knight and current Grand Knight) GAVE me a copy of this fine book. I've read only a portion of the book so far, but was immediately struck by the main reason Fr. McGivney is a viable candidate for Sainthood.

As you probably already know, Fr. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882 (post Civil War years) due to his overwhelming sympathy for destitute, starving and homeless Roman Catholics (women and children especially) in an age when Catholics faced discrimination and had difficulty finding work or could lose their jobs by death or injury. He did this in an effort to ease the pain of the survivor families of Catholic men.

Fr. McGivney worked tirelessly to make the Knights a success and it has grown to an organization of 1.7 million men. He was a simple, but very beloved parish Priest and shied away from politics. I'd like all of you

to consider either buying this book or to borrow it from the local library- you won't be disappointed with its message and it will inspire you all the more about this wonderful organization we call the Knights of Columbus. You can also find more information about Fr. McGivney's life at the following website: www.fathermcgivney.org

Vivat Jesus

Dave Caton, Faithful Captain

Assembly Raffle



Last meeting we seeded the pot with \$25.00 and sold 28 tickets. Ray Signani's ticket was drawn and so he went for the pot of \$53.00. But he drew a "white" chip so he only got \$5.00. So this month, we start the pot at \$48.00. Will you be

the lucky one at our March meeting. Remember you can't win if you don't attend!!!

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 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

Prayer and Charitable Service

Through his life and founding of the Knights of Columbus, Father Michael J. McGivney gave the Church a new model of lay Catholic leadership.



In his spiritual masterpiece, *The Diary of a Country Priest*, Georges Bernanos has the young country priest who is the central character of the novel write this about his new parish:

"My parish! The words can't even be spoken without a

kind of soaring love.... I know that my parish is a reality, that we belong to each other for all eternity; it is not a mere administrative fiction, but a living cell of the everlasting Church. But if only the good God would open my eyes and unseal my ears, so that I might behold the face of my parish and hear its voice."

It is clear from Bernanos' portrayal of the country priest that his devotion to his parish arises from the sacramental character of his priestly ministry to the French village. There is nothing distinctly different about this parish. In fact, he says, "Mine is a parish like all the rest." Yet, his days are taken up with the daily drama of his ministry: preparing children for their first Communion, celebrating Mass and bringing reconciliation to families. This priest devotes himself entirely to his parish.

We might say that he ultimately comes to see the "face" of his parish through its sacramental life.

While reading Bernanos' novel, I was reminded of the recent biography of Father Michael McGivney, *Parish Priest*. He too devoted himself steadfastly and completely to his parish and to its sacramental life. And like the French priest in Bernanos' story, he too died of an incurable illness at an early age.

The French priest has a dream to reach out to the youth of his parish by beginning a new sports program. But to do so, he must ask for a donation from the large landowner who, in effect, controls the village. After reflecting for some time on the priest's request, the landowner replies that although the proposal is a good one, it is too ambitious and should be postponed. The young priest dies before his dream can become a reality.

Again, I could not help but think of Father McGivney and his dedication to the youth of his parish. But unlike Bernanos' country priest, who was bound by the social strictures and class privileges of the Old World, Father McGivney organized a new association to act in a New World. He knew that in the new society that was emerging, the Catholic Church could not survive on the generosity of social, economic or cultural elites.

Father McGivney gave the Church in the new democratic society that was emerging in North America a new leadership model for Catholic laymen — action that would benefit in numerous ways thousands of parish communities. He knew that in a democratic society men in every parish would have to stand up and stand with their priests if the "good news" of the Gospel was to reach into the lives of their families and neighborhoods.

Father McGivney's vision is as relevant today as ever. And so are the men who share it.

Vivat Jesus

Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight

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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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March 2006

22nd Wednesday
7:30 PM

Assembly Meeting
POC: Joe Penwell - 253-941-6339

St Vincent De Paul, Willenborg Center
30525 8th Ave S, Federal Way

April 2006

26th Wednesday
7:30 PM

Assembly Meeting
POC: Joe Penwell - 253-941-6339

St Vincent De Paul, Willenborg Center
30525 8th Ave S, Federal Way

May 2006

24th Wednesday
7:30 PM

Assembly Meeting
POC: Bob Dahl - 253-838-9873

St. Theresa Parish
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