

### The Patriot's Sword

### Bishop Thomas E. Gill Assembly 1955 Knights of Columbus

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### Navigator's Log



The long awaited dedication of the Flag Pole for the Palisades Retreat house is finally set for Sunday May 22 starting with a Mass at 1:00 PM. This is an important event and I ask that all Sir Knights and their families

attend. We will have the Honor Guard present and have a get together of coffee and cake afterwards.

May is a very important month in the order. All Councils and Assemblies must gather to select who will lead them into the new Columbian year. At our April meeting the Nominating Committee lead by Past Faithful Navigator SK John Feuerborn presented a slate of officers for the Assembly's consideration. So many thanks to SK John Feuerborn and his committee for a thorough job in putting together an excellent slate of officers. In this edition of our newsletter you will find a list of those candidates for the 2005-2006 Columbian year. If you would like to be considered for any of these positions it's not too late to act, please lets us know your intentions. It's hard to believe I only have May and June left in my term of office. Elections are to be held at our regular business meeting on May 25. Please come out to the meeting and join us. The installation of 2005-2006 Officers will take place on June 26, 2005 at the Twin Lakes Country Club; Federal Way WA, Details to follow. I would appreciate your participation.

## <u>Heads-up Pay Close ATTENTION to the Following:</u> <u>your action is requested and expected.</u>

At the last assembly meeting April 27, 2005 motions were made and passed to purchase a set of flags for use in parades. The cost of these flags will be around \$1000.00. Sir Knights it is my belief before we spend this amount of money, it would be good to know how many Sir Knights would be able and like to participate in this endeavor. In consolation with Corps Commander Bob Dahl, to be effective we would need between 20 & 25 Sir Knights in each parade.

We are asking for a count of all Sir Knights (not only

the Color Corp) who would participate and march in a parade. Please call or e-mail Sir Knight Bob Dahl, phone number, (253)838-9873, e-mail,brdahl@aol.com. We would like to hear from you by the 23rd of May, 2005. I am asking your timely corporation and action in this matter.

Vivat Jesus

Jim Sheffield, Faithful Navigator

### Captain's Corner



As our fraternal year winds down, I sit here reminiscing about the events and accomplishments that our assembly has achieved. Lets see, first we sponsored the Fourth Degree exemplification at St. Vincent's. Oh what an event that was! I marveled at

the hard work that was put into it to making this exemplification such a success. Then we adopted a family during the Christmas season, making a family able to enjoy the day that might not have happened otherwise. How about the erecting of the Flag Pole at the Palisades Retreat House? What a spectacular job done by so many of our Sir Knights. This makes me proud to be a part of the Fourth Degree. What will next year bring, who knows, but I'm sure with the Sir Knights we have, we will be able to come up with new projects and succeed as we did this year.

This brings me to another thought. What about all the accomplishments that our late Pope John Paul II made during his lifetime? We as an assembly couldn't even begin to do the things he achieved, but we can always use his examples, even if things get hard for us. Let us continue to do the work that we do and to think or ask ourselves, "How can I become a better Knight in doing the things that God ask of us?" Lord, help us to follow in your footsteps, to help make this world a better place to live in

Vivat Jesus

Jim Miles, Faithful Captain

### Color Corps Commander's Call



Assembly Regalia loan policy: The purpose of loaning equipment is to make it easier for a Sir Knight to decide whether he likes the role of the Honor Guard (no initial outlay of money). It also aids the Assembly by encouraging men to join the Honor Guard. There is also an understanding however,

that the new person will buy his own outfit in a timely manner say within 2 years or so.

The Assembly presently owns six (6) complete sets of Regalia of which five (5) sets are out on loan. I presently have two new members who have expressed an interest in being a part of the Honor Guard and would like to start with a loaner set. Therefore I am asking if those with sets on loan: "Have you considered purchasing your own equipment either one piece at a time or all together?" If you are no longer able to show up for events for whatever reason, *please return the set* at this time and try again at another time.

Bishop Thomas E. Gill Assembly enjoys one of the larger Honor Guards in the State. Presently we have 32 members however, their 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. If you are interested in joining, please call Bob Dahl 253-838-9873 or e-mail <a href="mailto:brdahl@aol.com">brdahl@aol.com</a>.

### 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. Brothers the fraternal year is just about over and I would love to close the books. Please

take a moment and ask yourself did I? If you have already sent it in thank you, if you haven't, and 13 of you know who you are, please do so right away. If you can't please contact me 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 won't be able to accept a single check this year for both. Thanks for your continued support. Tim Philomeno,

### Local Disabled Iraqi Freedom Veteran Needs Our Help



We have a unique opportunity to assist a local disabled veteran. Americana (Cana) Mulitauaopele is a veteran of Iraqi Freedom. When Cana was injured he was ready to come home, but there was just one problem, his home was not ready for him.

Mike Vowels a disabled contractor is in the process of remodeling this Kent veteran's home and has said he can use some help on Saturday, May 21. Mike has arranged for crushed rock to be delivered. He needs volunteers to wheelbarrow the crushed rock to the back yard and then spread it.

Work on either Saturday does not need skilled labor, but requires a desire to work hard to clean up the old yard and then help with creating a more pleasant area for the kids to play.

If you can volunteer on Saturday, May 21, please let Al Larpenteur Grand Knight of Council 7528 253 941 8539 know as quickly as possible. Vowels would like to know how many volunteers we can provide so he can plan accordingly.

Bill Martin has encouraged us on several occasions to think about how we can help improve our larger community, since we so often volunteer our services within our parish. Helping Mike Vowels in his efforts to offer a new home for Cana and his family is a wonderful way to work on something good in our community.

Alex Plys, current leader of a local Disabled Vets association, and also a member of our assembly, has been very active in raising funds and publicity for Mike Vowels' efforts to help Cana. If you have an opportunity, please call Alex at 253 839-0934 to thank him for his efforts to help Cana.

# Knights Ask to Intervene in Pledge of Allegiance Case



Eight Knights of Columbus families in the Sacramento, Calif., area and the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus have asked a federal court for leave to intervene in

a new lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance. All are represented by The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, a Washington, D.C. public interest law firm that specializes in cases involving the free exercise of religion.

The Knights of Columbus played a key role in persuading Congress to pass legislation adding the words "under God" to the Pledge in 1954. Knights throughout the United States began reciting the Pledge that way in 1951, after the Board of Directors adopted a resolution mandating that the new Pledge be formally recited in each of the Order's 750 Fourth Degree assemblies.

The Supreme Council adopted a resolution urging Congress to modify the Pledge in 1952, and after President Eisenhower signed the bill on Flag Day, 1954, he wrote a letter to Supreme Knight Luke Hart acknowledging the Knights' role "in the movement to have the words 'under God' added to our Pledge of Allegiance."

The latest court challenge to the Pledge was filed by California physician and lawyer Michael Newdow in January 2005. Last year, the U.S. Supreme Court threw out an earlier Newdow lawsuit on the Pledge on grounds that he did not have custody of the child on whose behalf he filed the action. This time, he has eight co-plaintiffs and has sued Congress, the United States, the state of California, and five school districts.

In the filing, the defendant-intervenors "respectfully request permission to intervene in this case to protect their substantial interest in defending ... the constitutionality of the Pledge of Allegiance that is recited daily in California's public schools."

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said that direct intervention in the case "will enable the Knights of Columbus to join the fight inside the courtroom, and thus help ensure that 'under God' remains in the Pledge where it belongs."

### Supreme Knight Receives Imago Dei Award



Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson received the Imago Dei (Image of God) Award on April 28 from Archdiocese of Denver.

The recipient of the annual award is selected by the two seminaries in the Archdiocese of Denver, and last year went to the cast and crew of Mel Gibson's *The Passion* 

of the Christ. Previous recipients include Cardinal James Stafford, major penitentiary of the Vatican and former archbishop of Denver, and James Nicholson, former U.S. ambassador to the Vatican.

According to the Archdiocese of Denver, "The award is

given to a person who through daily life and work advances the cause of faith and religion throughout the world "

Anderson was chosen because of his many contributions to the Catholic Church, including decades spent promoting the Culture of Life, playing a key role in furthering Catholic education, and since 2000, leading the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world.

The award was presented at a dinner and awards ceremony at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts. Proceeds from the event will help support the seminaries of the archdiocese, St. John Vianney Theological Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary.

Anderson has had a distinguished career as a public servant and educator. He served in various positions in the Executive Office of the President of the United States from 1983 to 1987, and served for nearly a decade on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. He was the founding vice president and first dean of the John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family in Washington, D.C. Since 2000, he has served as supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus in New Haven.

Anderson is a member of the Pontifical Council for the Laity and the Pontifical Academy for Life, and is consultant to the Pro-Life Committee of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. He is also a consultor to both the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the Pontifical Council for the Family.

# Bishop Lori Elected as New Supreme Chaplain



The Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus has elected Bridgeport (Conn.) Bishop William E. Lori as the new supreme chaplain of the Order. The action was taken at the board's recent quarterly

meeting in Montreal, Quebec. Bishop Lori succeeds the retiring Bishop Thomas V. Daily, who has served as supreme chaplain since 1987, and who will become chaplain emeritus. He had retired as the bishop of Brooklyn, N.Y., in 2003 after reaching the mandatory retirement age of 75 a year earlier.

Bishop Lori, 53, has been the bishop of Bridgeport since March 19, 2001. He was ordained a priest by Cardinal William Baum at St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington, D.C. in 1977. He earned a doctorate in Sacred Theology from The Catholic University of America in 1982, and was named secretary and

theologian to Cardinal James Hickey, archbishop of Washington, D.C., the following year. He became auxiliary bishop of Washington in 1995. Bishop Lori has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for 19 years, and is a former state chaplain for the District of Columbia. He belongs to Msgr. William F. Murphy Council 4716 in Bridgeport.

"We're honored that Bishop Lori has agreed to become our new supreme chaplain," Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said. "We've had the pleasure of working with him on many projects, most recently Villa Maria Guadalupe, the new retreat center operated by the Sisters of Life in Stamford, Conn. He is a Fourth Degree Knight who has been a strong supporter of the Order. I have known him personally for several decades, and know that the Knights of Columbus is very fortunate indeed to have the benefit of his wise counsel and energetic leadership. We welcome him with real excitement."

Anderson paid tribute to Bishop Daily, who has served as supreme chaplain for the past 18 years. "Bishop Daily has been much more than a chaplain to us; he has been a dear friend and cherished brother Knight. As our supreme chaplain emeritus, he will be a familiar and welcome presence among us for many years to come," Anderson said.

### Slate of Officers Set



The Faithful Navigator Jim Sheffield appointed Past Faithful Navigator John Feuerborn chairman of this years nominating committee and charge him to put together a slate of officers for the 2005 – 2006 Columbian year.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers for the fraternal year 2005 - 2006:

Faithful Navigator: SK Jim Miles Faithful Captain: SK Leon Gutierrez Faithful Pilot: SK Kirk Igou Faithful Comptroller SK Tim Philomeno Faithful Purser: SK Joe Penwell Faithful Scribe: SK Henry Turowski SK Jim Sheffield Faithful Admiral: Inside Sentinel: SK Raymond Garcia Outside Sentinel: Position Open SK Mike Rutland 3 Year Trustee: 2 Year Trustee: SK Wayne Mortiz 1 Year Trustee: SK John Feuerborn

Elections will be held May 26. All members are

encouraged to attend and vote for next year's officers. This is only a recommendation from the Nominating Committee. Any Sir Knight in good standing may run from the floor for any office on Election Night.

### New Assembly in Our Future

Attention Sir Knights, the Former Washington Master Rob Roberts will be at our May 25, 2005 meeting to discuss the formation of a new Assembly. Some may remember the spirited discussions we have had in the past on this very subject. The new Assembly would be formed from and service some of the 3rd degree councils that comprise Bishop Thomas E. Gill Assembly. You need to attend if you have any opinion one way or the other.

### The Rosary

Remember the solemn promise you made in you heart during your first degree to pray the rosary always. Now more then ever we need the power of Mary's divine intervention for our families, our communities, our troops, our president and our nation.



### Welcome Our New Members

The Officers and members of Bishop Gill Assembly would like to wish a warm welcome to our newest Sir Knights.

SK Ted Gimlin SK Al Wolfskill

Both Sir Knights are active members of St. Joseph Council 7528 in Federal Way.

### **Assembly Installation of Officers**

Bishop Thomas E. Gill Assembly 1955 has will have our installation of Officers, for Fraternal Year 2005-2006, on June 26, 2005 at Twin Lakes Country Club, 3583 SW 320th, Federal Way, WA. Social hour will start at 6PM, dinner will be at 7PM and installation of officers will follow at 8PM.

I would like to extend a special invitation to all Brother Knights who have served in Afghanistan or Iraq to come and join us. Thanks Jim Sheffield, FN.

#### Happy Birthday! **April Birthdays** Date May Birthdays William Wilson William Clarke 5<sup>th</sup> Louis Baker George Garcia Joseph Eisenhauer 7<sup>th</sup> Kirk Lackas 6<sup>tr</sup> 8<sup>tr</sup> M Charles Palluck Landon Gibson 21<sup>st</sup> William Martin 14<sup>tr</sup> Alfred Wolfskill Phil Adams 15 Horace Suinn 25<sup>t</sup> 15<sup>tr</sup> John Mergens **Edward Cooper** 16<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>tr</sup> Millard Longley Al Larpenteur 17<sup>ttl</sup> 29<sup>t</sup> David McArdle Kevin Buck 18<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>tr</sup> Alex Bruski Jose Altamirano 18<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> Roy Nelson Fr. Kevin Moran 20<sup>th</sup> Carlos Najera Date 22<sup>nd</sup> May Birthdays Thomas Shaw 24<sup>th</sup>

25<sup>tr</sup>

Wayne Moritz

**Donald Devos** 

Rodney Kapule

Robert Dahl

### Happy Anniversary!

May Anniversaries
Mark and Maryjo Busch
Alfred and Phyllis Wolfskill

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	
David Myers		Connie Myers	
Tony Lamar			
Dave Ditter			
Deceased Brother Sir Knights		Deceased Family Members	
Leo Ligad		Mother of Horace Suinn	
		Fran Frederer	

### 2004-2005 Assembly Officers Directory

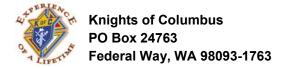
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2005 Meeting Calendar					
May					
25 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 7:30 PM	Assembly Meeting POC: Joe Penwell - 253-941-6339	St Vincent De Paul, Willenborg Center 30525 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave S, Federal Way			
June					
26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Social 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Installation 8:00 PM	Installation of Assembly Officers POC: Jim Sheffield - 253-854-1546	Twin Lakes Country Club 3583 SW 320 <sup>th</sup> St. Federal Way			





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