



The Patriot's Sword

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The Navigator's Log



Where does the time go? It doesn't seem that long ago that you all elected me as your Faithful Navigator. Here we are at the end of May, Lent is over, spring has sprung, Easter is behind us, all the Mothers had their day, and soon

summer will be upon us. 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 Assemblies Nominating Committee lead by Past Faithful Navigator SK John Feuerborn presented a slate of officers for the Assemblies consideration. Many thanks to SK John Feuerborn and his committee for a thorough job in putting together an excellent slate of officers. It's hard to believe I only have May and June left in my term of office. Elections are to be held on May 26. Please come out to the meeting and join us.

Speaking of coming out to the meetings, we only have 2 business meetings left in the Fraternal Year one in May and one in June. Please try to make it out for both of these meetings. It would be great to see some new faces as we round out the fraternal year.

One thing we are trying to do as an assembly is to keep everyone more informed of events and activities that are going on at any given time. We do that through this Newsletter, through emails, and the phone tree when time is tight. It's important that we be able to contact you as needed. Right now we only have a little more than half of the council on Email, which seems to be the most effective way of getting the word out. Please take 5 minutes out of your day to update your personal records. This includes information such as Address, phone, email, next of kin, etc. You can either email the info to the Faithful Comptroller SK Tim Philomeno or send it to him through the regular mail. It will help us greatly if you can do that!

Vivat Jesus

Mike Rutland, Faithful Navigator

The Captain's Corner



On February 22, 1900, the first exemplification of the Fourth degree was held in New York City. The ritual added patriotism to the three original principles of the Order: charity, unity and fraternity. Any

Third Degree member in good standing, one year after the anniversary of his First Degree, was eligible for membership in the Fourth Degree. As you all know, the primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism by promoting responsible citizenship and a love of and loyalty to the Knights' respective countries through active membership in local Fourth Degree groups called assemblies. Remember that Fourth Degree members must retain their membership as Third Degree members in the local council to remain in good standing.

Starting at the Supreme level there is the Supreme Master and the Supreme Board of Directors. The next level of the structure is broken into provinces of which there are twenty. Each province is lead by a Vice-Supreme Master. The Vice-Supreme Master wears a light blue lined cape and chapeau. There are currently 15 provinces in the United States, 4 in Canada, 1 in Mexico and 1 in the Philippines.

The province is then broken up into districts. Most districts are either an entire State or a section of a larger State. A Master is in charge of a District and wears gold lined cape and chapeau. Master's are responsible for overseeing the Installation of 4th Degree Assembly Officers, The Renewal of Obligations in January, and holding at least one 4th Degree Exemplification each year.

Also a Master usually has a District Marshall to assist him. The District Marshall wears a green lined cape and chapeau. Faithful Navigators wear a white cape and chapeau. The Jewel for the 4th degree officers are suspended from a red, white, and blue ribbon. Each contains the 4th Degree Emblem and title of the Officer's position.

David Caton, Jr., Faithful Captain

Exemplification Schedule

We still have an opportunity to add to our ranks this year. Kelso, WA, on June 5, 2004. Please contact the Master Rob Roberts as soon as possible. The degree will be held at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Kelso. The dinner will be held at Henri's Restaurant and it is imperative that all guests, wives, Knights forward their payment for dinner (\$17.00 per person) to:

Richard Heltemes, PO Box 202, Castle Rock WA. 98611-0202, Telephone (360) 274-6188.

Blessing of the Fleet

On Sunday June 6, 2004, St. Nicholas Church in conjunction with Council #9238 and the City of Gig Harbor will hold the annual Blessing of the Fleet. We invite you to participate with us in this event. It is not intended for this to be a District CC, and Our Lady of the Harbor Honor Guard will lead this combined group.

We will assemble at the old St. Nicholas Church no later than 1330 hours (1:30PM) on Sunday, June 6. We will escort Fr. Gary Weisenberger from the Old Church to the Gig Harbor dock where the Blessing will take place.

As in the past, the City must work with the Coast Guard on the number of people permitted on the dock. Therefore, we are asking that you advise us ASAP (as-soon-as-possible) if you will be attending. Please notify Brother Dave McConnon, our Color Guard Commander, at (253)-858-7807 or E-mail him at mcconnonfamilydc@harbornet.com.

Color Corps Commanders 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 five (5) complete sets which are all out on loan. I have three 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 considered purchasing equipment either one piece at a time or all together? Also if you are no longer able to show up for events for whatever reason perhaps you would consider returning the set at this time and trying 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 brdahl@aol.com.

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, send your \$20.00 to:

SK Timothy H. Philomeno, FC
PO Box 24763
Federal Way, WA 98093

Wanted: Phone Tree Captains

We are updating our phone tree and need Sir Knights to step up and be phone tree captains. The more we get, the less the number of Sir Knights you will need to call. Your only duty is to call the Sir Knights on your list and pass along any announcements given to you by the Faithful Navigator. We would like to get enough captains so there would only be 4 or 5 for each to call.

If you can commit to this, please email me at tphilomeno@sparling.com or call me at 253.661.2296

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee (chaired by SK John Feuerborn, with SK Mike Adams, and SK Bill Rumpza) have after much interviewing and meetings, come up with the following Slate for the 2004/2005 Fraternal Year.

Faithful Navigator	Jim Sheffield
Faithful Captain	Jim Miles
Faithful Pilot	Mark Mareko
Faithful Scribe	John Mergens
Faithful Purser	Joe Penwell
Faithful Comptroller	Tim Philomeno
Faithful Inside Sentinel	Gary Weber
Faithful Outside Sentinel	Tim Coggins
Faithful Admiral	Mike Rutland
3 year Trustee	Wayne Moritz
2 year Trustee	John Feuerborn
1 year Trustee	Mike Adams

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 this Committee. Any Sir Knight in good standing may run from the floor on Election Night.

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If you would like your birthday or anniversary listed in the electronically please send your information and email address using the e-mail address' listed below or send it in to the re

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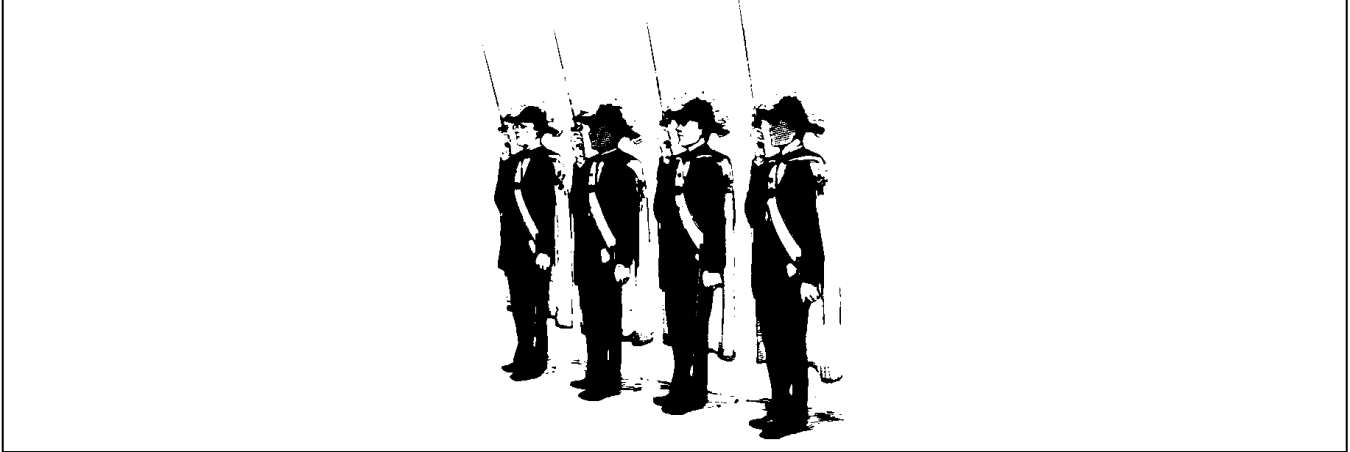
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then address listed on the mailing page of this newsletter.***

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



Calendar of Events		
May 2004		
26 th 7:00PM	Assembly Meeting and Elections POC: John Feuerborn, 253-854-1571	Holy Spirit Parish 310 South 3 rd , Kent
June 2004		
TBD	Assembly Meeting	TBD



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