



# The Patriot's Sword

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## The Navigator's Log



It is hard to believe this is my final newsletter as your Faithful Navigator! This has been a great year, and I would like to once again thank each of you for the trust you have placed in me. I carry with me from this year fond memories

and I want to use this final opportunity to recap the year.

My first goal was to have more members active and involved in the activities that caused them to join the Knights. It was nice to see new and not-so-new faces at meetings and activities this year. I hope this trend continues. I understand that many of you have busy lives. For those of you who could not make all the meetings and events, I wanted to use this newsletter as a Bully Pulpit to espouse the beliefs of the Knights.

This leads into my second goal, our Newsletter. I wanted to change the face and content of our newsletter. I hope that through the articles each month in the Faithful Navigators Log and Captains Corner, you were able to extract, some history, current events, assembly happenings, and most importantly what it is to be a Fourth Degree Knight.

My last goal was for the assembly to reach the recruitment goal set by the Master. As of today, we have met that goal. We recruited 118% of our goal. This goal was achieved mainly from the effort last year under the leadership of Joe Penwell. We were one of nine assemblies to achieve over 100% out of 34 assemblies in the state. Not bad, not bad at all.

There are too many people I need to thank and I just don't have enough room in this newsletter to do them all justice. But there are two that must be mentioned here. The first is our Faithful Captain Dave Caton. Dave was my sounding board and voice of reason. I know when the time is right for him; he will make an Outstanding Faithful Navigator. I ask the assembly to stand ready to elect him to this honored office. The second is Tim Philomino our Faithful Comptroller. Tim proofed all my newsletters, setup and linked our assembly's web site to the State's site. He insured all lines of communications were opened. Tim kept me on track by reminding me of

things that needed to be done. He was in a word my conscience. I will take the opportunity to recognize the rest at the brunch later this month.

In closing, I would like to say it's been a great year, and I've been proud to serve this Assembly as your Faithful Navigator. May God bless you all!

Vivat Jesus

*Mike Rutland, Faithful Navigator*

## The Captain's Corner



On Monday June 14, 2004 the U.S. Supreme Court threw out a legal challenge to the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance, a result that Supreme Knight Carl Anderson called "very good news."

"Now, school children in California can once again recite the Pledge of Allegiance — the entire Pledge — without fear of being muzzled by a federal court," Anderson said. "And we are all free to affirm, as we recite the Pledge, the fundamental truth first expressed in our Declaration of Independence, that we 'are endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable Rights.'"

The Knights of Columbus was primarily responsible for persuading Congress to add the words "under God" to the Pledge in 1954. In an amicus curiae brief filed with the court, the Knights argued that the phrase restates a fundamental premise of American government well-known and well-understood since the earliest days of the republic: that "our rights are only inalienable because they inhere in a human nature that has been 'endowed' with such rights by its 'Creator.'"

Although today's decision was based on "standing," holding that atheist Michael Newdow was not legally entitled to file his suit in the first place, the effect is to erase an opinion by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals that the words "under God" were unconstitutional.

Anderson praised the separate opinion by Chief Justice William Rehnquist, which declared that giving Newdow

or any other parent "a sort of 'heckler's veto' over a patriotic ceremony willingly participated in by other students, simply because the Pledge of Allegiance contains the descriptive phrase 'under God,' is an unwarranted extension of the Establishment Clause, an extension which would have the unfortunate effect of prohibiting a commendable patriotic observance."

"To that," Anderson said, "I can only add 'Amen.'"

The Knights' amicus brief noted that "under God" was added at the height of the Cold War as a way of distinguishing the United States from the Soviet Union: "By adopting the phrase 'under God' in the Pledge, Congress explicitly sought to draw a distinction between the 'natural rights' philosophy of Madison, Jefferson and other Founders, on which the American system is based, and the Soviet view that rights, such as they are, are conferred at the pleasure of the State."

*(Extracted from Supreme News web site)*

*David Caton, Jr., Faithful Captain*

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## New Assembly Officers

The voting is over the ballots had been counted and the Assembly members have spoken. Congratulations to our newly elected Assembly Officers 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

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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, 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](mailto: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, before 2005 rolls around send your \$20.00 to:

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

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## The Master's Notes

Proposed schedule of Exemplifications for next year: All the dates and the sites are for planning purposes only, with the exception of Bothell and Lakewood which are confirmed for an Exemplification of the Fourth Degree.

2 Oct 2004 Bothell  
Late Oct Early Nov 2004 Vancouver  
Late Oct Early Nov 2004 Tri-Cities  
Feb 2005 Everett  
Late Mar 2005 Yakima  
Apr 2005 Spokane  
16 Apr 2005 Lakewood

**Installation of Officers** The time is now to schedule your assembly's installation of officers. I personally prefer, one or two assemblies getting together to do the installation. It hasn't been that way in the past but I have found that there are several assemblies who enjoy this camaraderie of friends, wives and guests getting together for this special event evening. Anyway, you want to do it is fine with me but I would ask that each assembly have one or two color corps members available to assist the Marshall in preparing for the installation and to act as his aides.

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## Final Meeting of the Year

Please join us for brunch at the Twin Lakes Golf Club on Saturday June 26th 10AM to 12 noon. The menu selected for this fine dinning experience:

Scrambled Eggs  
Bacon and Sausage  
Potatoes O'Brien  
Sweet Rolls  
Orange Juice, Coffee, and Tea

Cost will be a modest \$11.00 per person. The Assembly will pay the tax and gratuity. Can't beat that! Contact either Joe Clemens 253 838-1790 or John Feuerborn 253-874-1571 for reservations. Final count **must** be in by Thursday June 24th.

## Happy Birthday!

Date	Birthdays for June	Date	Birthdays for July
1 <sup>st</sup>	Anthony Lemar	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Michael Ross
1 <sup>st</sup>	James Sheffield	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jerry Nnanabu
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rick Gendron	6 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Mayer
7 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Gomes	12 <sup>th</sup>	Ray Van Der Roest
9 <sup>th</sup>	Hiroshi Suzuki	14 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Fetch
14 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Hart	14 <sup>th</sup>	Clyde Forney
19 <sup>th</sup>	Gerald Dexter	14 <sup>th</sup>	Dominic Volpe
21 <sup>st</sup>	Thomas Snead		
26 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Hemmer		

## Happy Anniversary!

Date	Anniversaries for June and July
21 Jul	Mike & Lina Rutland

**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.*

Our Brother Sir Knights		Our Family Members	
Roy Nelson		Bunny Nelson	
James Courneya		Anna Courneya	
Dave Caton		David C. Caton Sr.	
Stan Pence			


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

	<b>Calendar of Events</b>		
<b>June 2004</b>			
26 <sup>th</sup> Saturday 10:00AM – Noon	Assembly Meeting and Brunch POC: Mike Rutland 253-874-5204	Twin Lakes Golf Club 3583 SW 320 <sup>th</sup> Federal Way	
<b>July &amp; August 2004</b>			
	No Assembly Meetings Scheduled		
	Enjoy your Summer		
	See you in September		



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