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Navigator's Log



Since there were so few in attendance at our September meeting, I felt it necessary to go over some of the topics we discussed. The first event that's coming up is the October 22nd

Fourth Degree Exemplification being held at the K of C Hall (722 Union St.) in Seattle. I have told every sponsor the cost and agenda for the day and to contact their candidates with the information. If there are any questions, please contact me please contact me. I also asked each sponsor to give me a count of their candidate's that will be attending. So far I haven't heard from anyone.

I have some disappointing news. Our Faithful Pilot Kirk Igou has informed me that he must step down from his post. He stated that other commitments would keep him from devoting himself fully as our Faithful Pilot. So in keeping with our by-laws I will accept nominations for the office of Faithful Pilot during our October meeting and be voted on at our December meeting.

Our October 26th meeting will be at St. Philomena's in Des Moines at 7:30. I believe it will be held in the old rectory, see the meeting calendar for the POC and address.

I have decided its time to have an Assembly breakfast on December 3rd at Twin Lakes Country Club, again please see the meeting calendar for the address. Menu is as follows: Orange Juice, Fresh Fruit Tray, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon and Sausage, Breakfast Potatoes, Sweet rolls, & Coffee or Tea. Cost \$11.00 includes tax & gratuity. Reservations must be made by December 1st. We have guaranteed minimum 50 people, room will handle more. Please call your reservation into either Joe Clemens @ 838-1790 or John Feuerborn @ 854-1571.

There will be NO meeting in November because of the Thanksgiving holiday!

John Mergens offered the Kent Museum for the December 28th meeting, more on this latter. John Mergens also asked for the Assembly to support the upcoming Veteran's Day Mass on November, 6:30 at St.

John's in Covington (as we have in the past.)

I hope to see more Sir Knights at the October meeting and those that haven't been there for awhile.

Vivat Jesus

Jim Miles, Faithful Navigator

Captain's Corner



There has been much discussion and confusion on several subjects especially dealing with "Regalia". The Supreme Master has established the following guidelines which must be adhered to by all Fourth Degree Knights and will remain in effect until modified or cancelled.

Regalia/Uniform: "Regalia" is the term used to define the official dress for members of the Fourth Degree. The current issues of the Laws and Rules Governing the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus and the Color Corps Drill Manual clearly describe the official dress. It should be noted that the "black tie" should be a black bow tie and the "plain white tuxedo shirt" should be a plain collared white tuxedo shirt. In cases where a black vest is worn, the baldric will be worn outside the vest. Accessories worn with the official dress include:

Pins: The plain, unadorned fourth Degree pin (of the style approved by the Supreme Council for new members) may be worn on the left lapel of the jacket. The only other pin authorized to be worn is a small pin of a size comparable to the Fourth Degree pin depicting the wearer's national flag. The flag pin will be worn above the pin of the Order.

Jewels of Office: Jewels of office may be worn with regalia by Knights currently holding those offices in either the Third or Fourth Degree. When the jewel of office is worn, the baldric must also be worn.

Baldric: A social baldric with the appropriate national colors must be worn by all Fourth Degree Knights when in regalia. This baldric will be worn under the coat (and over the vest, if worn). The only exception to this rule is

for Supreme Officers and Directors, who are not required to wear a baldric when in regalia. The wearing of a Third or Fourth Degree jewel of office does not excuse the requirement for wearing baldric.

Miniature Jewels: Past and Former miniatures provided by the Supreme Office Supply Department and those awarded in Papal Orders are the only ones authorized. No other miniature jewels, medals, devices or awards may be worn with Fourth Degree regalia.

Vivat Jesus

Leon Gutierrez, 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.

The Assembly presently owns six (6) complete sets of Regalia of which all six (6) sets are out on loan. I presently have a Sir Knight 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.

If you are interested in joining, please call Bob Dahl 253-838-9873 or e-mail brdahl@aol.com.

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 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. Thanks for your continued support. Tim Philomeno,

Order Responds to Katrina with Largest Disaster Effort Ever



The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has announced the largest disaster relief effort in its history. The Order has pledged a minimum of \$2.5 million in financial assistance and will match

any funds beyond that donated to the Knights of Columbus Katrina Relief Fund over the next 60 days.

Of that money, \$250,000 will be immediately distributed to Catholic Charities in affected areas, and \$1.25 million will be used in the immediate future to assist those displaced and made indefinitely homeless. An additional \$1 million will be set aside and used to rebuild the estimated 130 Catholic schools destroyed or seriously damaged by the storm and its aftermath

We are asking all of our councils and assemblies in the United States and Canada to become active in this relief effort within 60 days either through cash donations or volunteer efforts," said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. "We are also asking our members to support the collection appeal of the United States Council of Catholic Bishops, and are looking into the possibility of establishing a job bank for those displaced."

Many Knights of Columbus in local councils near the affected areas are volunteering their homes, council halls, and personal time and supplies to those affected. These efforts, local and national, will expand in the days ahead. Members of the Order in the United States and Canada, and the general public are asked to donate to this effort.

Donors in the United States should make checks payable to **Knights of Columbus Charities USA, Inc.** and donors in Canada should make checks payable to **Knights of Columbus Canada Charities, Inc.** Both your check and envelope should be clearly marked: **Attention: Hurricane KATRINA Relief.**

One hundred percent of contributions will go directly to hurricane relief, and all donations to [Knights of Columbus Charities](#) are tax-deductible.

The Knights have nearly 50,000 members in Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi. Of those about one-third have life insurance through the Order.

The Knights of Columbus has also announced that it

will be suspending lapses of policies and premium notices in FEMA-designated disaster areas for at least 60 days. Knights of Columbus is ranked by Fortune Magazine as one of the largest providers of life insurance in the country with over \$54 billion of top rated life insurance in force.

The Supreme Council on Aug. 31 provided initial relief funds for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Initial contributions of \$10,000 each were made available to Knights of Columbus state councils in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida.

The Knights of Columbus has provided significant relief for other recent disasters, providing more than \$500,000 to victims of the Asian tsunami and \$1 million for families of victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Knights of Columbus back new program at Archdiocese for the Military Services

Additional support for new headquarters building, prayer books

The Knights of Columbus has pledged \$1 million in support of a new program sponsored by the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, called "Catholics Seeking Christ."

The new peer-to-peer ministry program will reach out to young Catholics who are coping with the stress of combat, the horrors of war, or simply being far from home for the first time. It will also help Catholic soldiers separated from their families, and encourage vocations to the Catholic chaplaincy. Currently, 28 percent of active duty military personnel are Catholic, but only 8 percent of military chaplains are Catholic. The Knights of Columbus grant will be provided over a five year period.

The Knights of Columbus is also supporting the Military Archdiocese in purchasing and refurbishing a building in Washington, D.C. that will house its offices and serve as a residence for bishops and priests working there. Some of the financial support for the project (\$1.1 million) will come from earnings produced by the Knights' Military Vicariate Fund, established in 1985. The Order's Church Loan Program will provide another \$3 million.

"The Military Archdiocese provides indispensable support to the Catholic men and women in our armed forces," Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said. "We regard it as one of our highest and most important priorities to provide help and support our soldiers, sailors and airmen, and to Archbishop Edwin O'Brien, who is entrusted with their spiritual welfare."

Recently, the Knights of Columbus also developed and

printed a rugged spiral-bound Catholic Handbook of prayers and religious instruction for military personnel, sized to fit in the pockets of combat uniforms. The initial printing of 100,000 copies was snapped up so quickly that two additional printings of 100,000 each have followed, and a quarter million have been distributed. A Spanish-language edition is in preparation.

Knights of Columbus support of the armed forces began during World War I, when the Order established "KC Huts" for American Expeditionary Forces in Europe.

Order Will Appeal Ruling on Pledge of Allegiance



The Knights of Columbus, which is among the defendants in *Newdow v. Congress of the United States, et al.*, will immediately appeal the Sept. 14 decision by U.S. District Court Judge

Lawrence Karlton, holding that reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in school is unconstitutional.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said that "if freedom of religion in America means anything at all, it means that it's just as constitutional to recite the Pledge of Allegiance -- complete with the words "under God" -- as it is to read aloud the Declaration of Independence. They both express the same truth: that our fundamental rights come from God, our creator, and not from government. To suggest that the language of the First Amendment prohibits the simple statement of that truth is to stand the constitution on its head."

The Knights of Columbus was instrumental in persuading Congress to insert the words "under God" in the Pledge in 1954.

When *Newdow's* previous lawsuit was heard by the Supreme Court last year, the Knights of Columbus weighed in on the case as a "friend of the court." This year, when he filed a new lawsuit, the Knights asked the court to permit it to join the case as a defendant, and the request was granted. The Knights of Columbus is represented in the case by The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, a public interest law firm that protects the religious freedom of people of all faiths.

Exemplification of the 4th Degree

The 4th degree Exemplification scheduled for Saturday October 22, 2005 will be at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 722 E Union St. in Seattle. Dress for the day is

tuxedo with social baldric or dark suit. The scheduled activities for the day are as follows:

- 11:30 AM Registration
- 1:00 PM Exemplification program
- 5:00 PM Mass
- 7:00 PM Dinner

Registration will be in the lobby. Exemplification will be in the Colonial room for candidates and 4th degree members only. Knighting ceremony will take place in the Colonial room after the Exemplification and wives and guests can observe and take pictures. Social hour will follow. Wives and guests will be offered local tours while the Exemplification takes place.

Mass will be at 5:00 PM in the Colonial room followed by dinner at 7:00pm in the Colonial Room. All Sir Knights are invited to attend. Lunch will cost \$5.00 per person and reservations are needed. Reservations are a must for dinner at 20.00 dollars per person.

Please send your checks, made out to James Shields Assembly, to 722 E Union Street, Seattle WA. 98122. We need an exact count for dinner by October 19 2005 for the caterer. If you have questions contact the office at 206 325 3410.

Roberts Confirmation is "Encouraging"

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said that the confirmation of John Roberts as Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court "is an encouraging sign that this time, at least, pro-abortion groups did not have the ability to hijack the judicial nomination process in Washington.

"Chief Justice Roberts responded to his harshest critics on the Senate Judiciary Committee with skill, honesty and good humor. And while it is disappointing that 22 senators chose to vote against a man who is so clearly well qualified for this position, we are glad that opponents did not resort to a filibuster, and hope that future nominations to the Supreme Court will be handled in a similarly straightforward manner," Anderson said.

At the 2005 Knights of Columbus convention in Chicago in August, delegates adopted a [resolution](#) declaring that Roberts was "exceptionally well qualified" to serve on the Supreme Court, and calling upon senators to "conduct prompt, fair and expeditious hearings," to "consider his nomination without delay or filibuster," and to "allow him an up-or-down vote on his confirmation."

"The Senate did all of these things, and that's a very good sign," Anderson said. "We fervently hope that the same courtesy is extended to the next nominee as well." Anderson attended Roberts' swearing-in ceremony at the White House.

Anderson Named to Key Post at Synod of Bishops



The Vatican has announced that Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson will be an official auditor at the Synod of Bishops to be held Oct. 2-23 in Rome. He is the only auditor to be appointed from the United

States and Canada. Anderson was also an auditor at the 2001 Synod.

Auditors attend the Synod meetings, taking part in the discussions and assisting the bishops in their deliberations. The Synod will feature a wide-ranging discussion of "The Eucharist: Source and Summit of the Life and Mission of the Church." It is the 11th such gathering since Vatican II. The Eucharist is central to Catholic belief and refers to the consecrated bread and wine, which Catholics believe becomes the body and blood of Christ during the Mass.

The Knights of Columbus has been instrumental in promoting a broader and deeper understanding of this fundamental aspect of Catholic worship, and has sponsored three Eucharistic Congresses in the United States, the most recent of which was held in Chicago [August 4-5, 2005](#), and drew an estimated 5,000 participants. It has also pledged \$1 million in financial support for a [Canadian Eucharistic Congress](#) to be held in Quebec in 2008.

Approximately 250 bishops from around the world will take part in next month's Synod. They have been asked to be prepared to discuss such issues as how local churches are transmitting teaching on the Eucharist to their communities and individual believers; the degree to which individual priests may be failing to "to highlight the profound sense of this great Mystery of the faith ... in an attempt to be personal and avant-garde"; and whether the faithful "have a clear understanding of the gift of the Lord's Real Presence" in the Eucharist.

Veteran's Day Mass

Harry J. Tucker Council 11780 will host a Veterans Day Mass to honor our men and women who have served in our country's military and those who lost their lives in the September 11th terrorist attack. Assemblies in South King County are asked to help as Honor Guard for this event. Mass will be Thursday, Nov 10, 2005 at St John the Baptist Church 25810 156th Ave, Covington. Please contact John Mergens at 253-854-2828 for information.

Happy Birthday!

Date	Oct Birthdays	Date	Oct Birthdays
4 th	Raymond Signani	16 th	Timothy Philomeno
5 th	Kirk Igou	16 th	Arthur Fregoso
6 th	Jerome Koch	17 th	Herman Nirschl
9 th	Jeffrey Markwith	20 th	Ronald Scholz
9 th	Malcolm Efta	24 th	Michael Rutland
13 th	Timothy Coggins	26 th	Mark Ohlstrom

Happy Anniversary!

Date	October Anniversaries
	None on Record

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.

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2005-2006 Meeting Calendar

October 2005

26th Wednesday
7:30 PM

Assembly Meeting
POC: Mike Adams - 206 824-5934

St Philomena's Parish Hall
1790 S 222nd Street, Des Moines

November 2005

No Meeting, have a
Happy Thanksgiving

December 2005

28th Wednesday
7:30 PM **(Tentative)**

Assembly Meeting
POC: John Mergens - 253 854-2828

Kent Museum
855 East Smith Street, Kent



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