



# The Patriot's Sword

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## Navigator's Log



Well the year has pasted pretty fast, and it's been an honor to serve as your Faithful Navigator. As Webster defines Navigator..."One who steers or directs" it certainly was not the Navigator who did all the steering and directing this year. I am grateful to all those who stepped forward and served the Assembly. I stated in my first Navigator's Log, "That service is the Lifeblood of any organization, everything flows from it and is nourished by it". Nothing would have been accomplished without your service. Even if you were only able to participate by paying your dues this is a service that is needed to accomplish the assembly's work.

I made a promise to this Assembly to do my best to provide the leadership required to fulfill the duties of this office as called for in our Traditions and protocol of the Knights of Columbus, and By-Laws of our Order. I ask all for your help and guidance. You all blessed me in so many ways that there isn't enough paper or time to list it all. So again, my profound *Thanks* from the bottom of my heart to those who have stood by me and served. I'm looking forward to the Fraternal Year 2005-2006 under Faithful Navigator Sir Knight Jim Miles. Here's wishing both him and the Assembly the best for the New Year.

There are two items from the past year, I can't let slide by without addressing, "Unpaid Dues", and "Formation of a New Assembly".

### Unpaid Dues:

To those brothers who are behind on their dues, please recognize paying your dues is a good service to a Great Fraternal Organization. "Service is what keeps the Organization moving ahead". Weather you are involved performing the everyday "grunt" service or not...Paying dues is an Honorable Service, and necessary in keeping us financially sound. If you are not financially able to do so, please let us know, because we still want you as a member, and as a Brother Knight. Most of you have been

in leadership positions and know what the rules are.

### New Assembly:

Goals have been set by our Worthy Master which are only goals until acted upon.

*This is an attempt to do that.* The laws and rules governing the Establishment of New Fourth Degree Assemblies state "Fourth Degree members in an area may form an Assembly by requesting the Master of that District to petition the Vice Supreme Master to recommend to the Supreme Master and the Board of Directors the Creation of the same". In our area some are in favor of a New Assembly and others are not. As one who can see advantages and disadvantages, I have scheduled a meeting to discuss these issues. All are invited who wish to contribute for or against. Recognizing as an Assembly we may have no say in the matter, except to express our opinions for or against. Understand the State Master of the Fourth has the authority to form an assembly where ever he sees a need or opportunity to do so. With that being said, I have scheduled a meeting to provide a forum to air all the issues. Former Washington Master Rob Roberts will be in attendance. Now, I am not scheduling this meeting as the Faithful Navigator in the name of an Assembly, but as a member of a Third Degree Council who happens to be a Fourth Degree member and wanting to bring closure to this issue. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 16, 2005...beginning at 7:30pm...in Room #2 of the Religious Ed. Building Located at Holy Spirit Parish.310 3rd Ave. S. Kent, WA.

Remember as someone told me awhile ago:

***"In life change is inevitable; it is the natural order of progress. Without change progress is stymied".***

I am looking forward to a good and productive meeting.

Vivat Jesus

*Jim Sheffield, Faithful Navigator*

## Captain's Corner



As I mentioned in my last report, this year has been a eventful year bar any other from my experience as your Faithful Captain. Our Faithful Navigator (Jim Sheffield) has done an exceptional job with all of us Sir Knights and with the many struggles, projects, and just putting up with us and all that goes with being a Faithful Navigator. We salute you Jim for an outstanding year!!!!

Being selected as your next Faithful Navigator, I ask all of you, Sir Knights, to pray, support and hopefully I will be able to continue the responsibility and success that all of our past Faithful Navigators have achieved. Have a nice summer vacation to you and your families and I will be notifying all of you as to the next meeting. See all of you again at the Installation of officers (All officers are to be in attendance) on June 26th at 6 PM at the Twin Lakes Golf Course. If incoming officers are unable to attend call or e-mail Jim Sheffield at: Phone-(253)854-1546 or e-mail him at, [jimsheffield2003@yahoo.com](mailto:jimsheffield2003@yahoo.com)

God's speed be with all of you and your families

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 [brdahl@aol.com](mailto: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 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,

## New Assembly Officers



The die has been cast and the assembly has spoken. The election our assembly officers are complete. Here are the officers that will lead us into the next fraternal year.

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 Dave Caton
Faithful Admiral:	SK Jim Sheffield
Inside Sentinel:	SK Raymond Garcia
Outside Sentinel:	SK Al Wolfskill
3 Year Trustee:	SK Mike Rutland
2 Year Trustee:	SK Wayne Mortiz
1 Year Trustee:	SK John Feuerborn

Congratulations to all the newly elected officers.

## 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.

Dinner will be your choice of 8oz Prime Rib or Chicken Marsala. Both meals are served with:

Baby Red Potatoes  
Vegetables - Chef Choice  
Dinner Salad  
Rolls/Butter  
Coffee/Tea  
Brownies/Lemon Bars

The cost to the member and their lady is \$22.00 per person (assembly pick's up tax & gratuity of \$6.00). This price is based on 50 minimum. The cost for all other guests will be \$28.00. Reminder to all, reservations must be made no later then Thursday June 23rd.

Cancellations made prior to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> will be honored, any cancellations made after that date will have to be paid in full by the Assembly and the member will be billed. Reservations must be given to either Joe Clemens or John Feuerborn.

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.

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## Least We Forget

From the battle of Lexington and Concord more than 200 years ago to the ongoing conflict in the Middle East today, the members of the United States military have served this nation with honor, integrity and pride. Through their efforts and sacrifice, they have fought for and preserved the principles that are the cornerstone of our way of life.

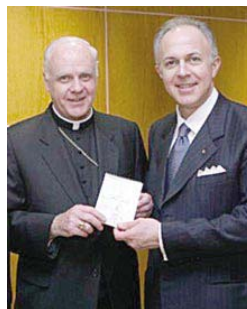
In May 1868, as the United States was healing from the ravages of the Civil War, General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, issued General Order No. 11, proclaiming Memorial Day as a time to remember the fallen by "...gather[ing] around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime...let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the nation's gratitude, -- the soldier's and sailor's widows and orphans."

Last month on May 30<sup>th</sup>, we observed Memorial Day, we

remembered the more than one million servicemen and servicewomen who have given their lives to preserve our freedom, and saluted the loved ones they have left behind. We also honored the prisoners of war, those missing in action, our veterans, and the men and women on the battlefield and in the command centers of today who are prepared to pay the ultimate price to ensure that we are kept safe. As we enjoyed the three-day holiday with family and friends, I hope you took some time during The National Moment of Remembrance at 3 p.m. local time and reflected on the many sacrifices so many have made, and continue to make, on our behalf.

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## Knights Back New Program at Archdiocese for Military Services



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.

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## Supreme Knight Welcomes Veto Threat on Stem-Cell Bill

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson on May 24 hailed President Bush's decision to veto stem-cell research legislation being considered by the U.S. House of Representatives, calling the president's position "a principled stand in defense of human life."

In a letter to House leaders outlining administration policy, the White House declares that the bill, H.R. 810, "would require Federal taxpayer dollars to be used to encourage the ongoing destruction of nascent human life. The bill would compel all American taxpayers to pay for research that relies on the intentional destruction of human embryos for the derivation of stem cells." The letter continues, "Destroying nascent human life for research raises serious ethical problems, and many millions of Americans consider the practice immoral."

"In opposing the stem-cell bill, President Bush has taken a bold and politically difficult stance in favor of human life," Anderson said. "This is not a partisan issue-- the bill is sponsored by a member of the president's own party, and unfortunately many members of both parties do not appreciate the grave moral issues that are at stake. But the president has decided to do all he can to educate the American public about these moral issues, and the 1.7 million members of the Knights of Columbus are grateful to him for doing so."

"The president's strong stand on behalf of society's most vulnerable members is heartening for everyone in the pro-life movement," Anderson concluded.

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## Take me out to the Ball Game!



The St. Vincent Family Group is sponsoring a night at Safeco Field Friday, July 29th 7:05pm to see the Seattle Mariners take on the Cleveland Indians. The cost is ten dollars (\$10) per ticket. You don't even have to worry about driving and then trying to find that parking spot. Why you may ask? Simple, we have rented

a bus. The ride to and from the ballpark is only \$9.50 per person. But you better act quick seats on the Mariner Express are going quickly. The bus will leave St Vincent's Parking lot at 5:30 PM sharp for the game. Don't let this opportunity get by you. Give me a call and make your reservation. Wayne Moritz (253) 941-0354

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## 2005 Annual State Golf Tournament



The Washington State Council annual golf tournament will be held on Saturday, June 25, 2005, Meadow Park Golf Course, 7108 Lakewood Drive W, Tacoma, WA 98467. Sign In is at 7:30 AM, with a Shotgun start at 9:00 AM. Competition will be Individual Low

Gross, Individual Handicap (Calloway System), Four Person Open Teams, Four Person Council Teams.

The tournament is open to all Knights in Good Standing of Washington State Based Councils, their Family Members and Catholic Friends (Both Men & Women). The eligibility for council championship are for Knights in Good Standing of Washington State Based Councils.

There will be an awards banquet following completion of tournament at the golf course. Tournament fee \$75.00 per person, this includes the round of golf, golf cart and banquet. All registration entries must be received by June 21, 2005. **EARLY REGISTRATION IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.** Any questions contact: Bob Warren (253) 582-0488 or Ernie Oliver (253) 564-5163

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## Brother Sir Knight Down

Brother Sir Knight and Field Agent Ron Scholz had a heart attack on Friday night June 2. He had a stint put in and with diet change and exercise the Doctor feels he should recover. It is still too early to make too many predictions. His wife Maryelyn was at work when it happened and Ron's son Nicholas got him to the hospital. He is in intensive care in Auburn. So no visitors are allowed at this point. The latest word is he is resting comfortably. The family hopes to have him home on Monday.

Ron epitomizes the principles of our order Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. He has always been there for all of us at one time or another. Now we need to be there for him. Brothers please pray for Ron and his family. They will have a long road ahead of them toward full recovery. Thank you

## Happy Birthday!

Date	June Birthdays	Date	July Birthdays
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>	Richard Gendron	6 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Mayer
7 <sup>th</sup>	Theodore Gimlin	14 <sup>th</sup>	Clyde Forney
7 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Gomes	14 <sup>th</sup>	Dominic Volpe
9 <sup>th</sup>	Hiroshi Suzuki	27 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Balser
13 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Fay		
14 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Hart		
17 <sup>th</sup>	John Serra		
19 <sup>th</sup>	Gerald Dexter		
21 <sup>st</sup>	Thomas Snead		
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Melvin Haus		
26 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Hemmer		

## Happy Anniversary!

Date	June Anniversaries
	None on Record
Date	July Anniversaries
21 <sup>st</sup>	Michael and Lina Rutland
29 <sup>th</sup>	Timothy and Beth Philomeno

*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	Robert Crouse	Connie Myers	
Tony Lamar	Chuck McCormick	Lisa Gutierrez	
Dave Ditter	Ron Scholz		
Alex Plys			
Deceased Brother Sir Knights		Deceased Family Members	
Leo Ligad		Mother of Horace Suinn	
		Fran Frederer	

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

## 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

16<sup>th</sup> Thursday  
7:30 PM

Discussion Meeting on New Assembly  
POC: Jim Sheffield - 253-854-1546

Holy Spirit Parish  
Room # 2 Religious Ed. Building  
310 3rd Ave. S. Kent, WA

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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