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## The Faithful Navigator's Log



As nature progresses through her annual cycle of change: Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall, the plants and animals, rivers and oceans, bugs and bees obey their natural desires and/or basic instincts, as they have for ages.

Meanwhile, we journey through the stages of temporal life: birth, youth, adolescence, adulthood, and death, armed with centuries of human experience dealing with life's peaks and valleys, led by our priests, religious and lay teachers, countless role models in saints, canonized and anonymous, alongside fellow human travelers in pursuit of eternal happiness with our God and King.

Each November, halfway through the Fall, we stop to commemorate the feasts of All Saints, All Souls, Veterans Day, Christ the King and Thanksgiving. We begin the month thanking God for His saints, guides, while on earth to our eternal home; next day we pray for our deceased families and friends, predecessors on this spiritual pilgrimage. Then we remember the fallen members of our Armed Services, who gave their lives in defense of this country in which we enjoy such freedoms that we are the envy of the world. Late in the month, we celebrate with our universal Church the feast of Christ the King, before beginning Advent. And, finally, on one of the most heavily trafficked days of the year, Thanksgiving, families gather in gratitude for the blessings of the past year and in anticipation of those of the next.

As Catholics we have the privilege of hearing the 'Good News', receiving the sacraments as children and living our faith in our lives. Others heard the message later in life and found their way into the one true Church. Recent statistics say that two-thirds of the world still have not heard of and do not know Christ.

How can we help spread the message of Faith, Hope and Love? While each Catholic has his/her own particular vocation or way in which to evangelize, we Sir Knights, stand as individuals united in proud testimony to the power of our faith. Fr. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in a period of blatant

persecution of Catholics. As a group they supported each other, while bravely giving extremely visible, powerful, and silent witness to their religion, pride in their adopted country, and praise and honor to the glory of God.

We Sir Knights continue this proud tradition every time we perform a Flag Raising Ceremony, lay a Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown at Arlington Cemetery; presented the Colors at a ballgame, march in the annual Right to Life March in Washington D.C and locally when we provided Deacon Juan Lezcano with an Honor Guard as he celebrated his first mass. Our presence at these events, reminded all that we are not afraid to stand as Soldiers of Christ.

Vivat Jesus

*Mike Rutland, FN*

## Vacant Position

Our Faithful Captain Mike McNee has left us for greener pastures in sunny Arizona. Consequently this leaves the Faithful Captain's position vacant and in accordance with our by-laws we will have an election at our November meeting. During our October meeting SK Dave Caton was nominated from the floor to fill the position. If there is any other Sir Knight interested in running for this office make sure you attend.

## Calling all Sir Knights

I am still looking for a Sir Knight to take responsibility for our assembly's newsletter. I am soliciting articles to spice up our reading pleasure. Also if you would like your birthday or anniversary listed please send it to me. If you would like to volunteer or have any ideas for articles please contact me at [mrutland@wwdb.org](mailto:mrutland@wwdb.org)

## Veterans Administration Volunteer Service

The Puget Sound Health Care System, American Lake

Division, has recommended that the Christmas canteen book project be continued in 2003. The Christmas canteen books goal for 2003 is to provide approximately 200 hospitalized veterans with \$10.00 in canteen books on Christmas day. Our Assembly has voted to donate \$100 to this worthwhile cause. Anyone wishing to donate to this worthy cause for those that served, determine the number of \$5.00 gift canteen books you wish to purchase, send your check to Frank Hyke, VAVS Representative, 8701 105<sup>th</sup> St Ct W. Lakewood WA. 98498 or telephone (253) 582-3973.

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## **Veteran's Day Mass**

Will be hosted by Harry J. Tucker Council 11780 to honor our men and women who have served in our country's military and those who lost their lives in the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attack. *Assemblies in South King County are asked to help as Honor Guard for this event.* Mass will be Thursday, Nov 13, 2003 at St John the Baptist Church 25810 156<sup>th</sup> Ave, Covington. Please contact John Mergens at 253-854-2828 for information.

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## **Exemplification Report**

Five new Sir Knights have joined our ranks. They were exemplified to the fourth degree Nov 8<sup>th</sup> in Seattle. They are David & Kramer Seatz, Kevin Buck, Pete Anderson, and Lionel Barthelemy. Please join me in welcoming them to the 4<sup>th</sup> degree and our assembly.

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## **Supreme News**

### **Yearlong Program Honors Pope John Paul II**



This month marks the start of an Order-wide yearlong prayer program in honor of Pope John Paul II. The Divine Mercy Prayer program commenced Oct. 3 and will run through Oct. 4, 2004. Similar in nature to

the Order's popular Marian Hour of Prayer programs, the Divine Mercy Prayer program features an image of Christ as Divine Mercy that will travel between local councils for the next 12 months.

The centerpiece of the program is the image of Christ popularized by the 20th century Polish nun, St. Faustina Kowalska. Christ revealed himself to her and asked that the painting of him be done, and that the message "Jesus, I trust in You" be included on it. Pope John Paul entrusted the world to Divine Mercy during his trip to Poland in 2002.

Prayer booklets will accompany the Divine Mercy image. In addition, prayer cards featuring the image and instructions on how to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be provided to every participant.

"By sponsoring this program we hope that Catholics will come together in prayer to celebrate 25 years of leadership by Pope John Paul II," said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. "The Knights of Columbus is honored to spread this devotion and help popularize it among the faithful."

The image being used by the Knights was blessed by the Pope earlier this year and is on loan to the Knights by the religious sisters of St. Faustina's congregation in Poland.

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## **Senate Passage of Partial Birth Abortion Ban Hailed**

The Senate Oct. 21, In a decisive 64 to 34 bi-partisan vote, approved legislation to ban partial birth abortion. With the House having already passed the legislation on a similarly decisive 281 to 142 vote earlier this month, the way is now clear for the bill to be sent to the White House for President Bush's signature.

The following statement was issued by Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Carl Anderson:

The Knights of Columbus applauds today's action by the Senate in passing the Partial Birth Abortion Ban. The vote confirms the consensus of the overwhelming majority of the American people that killing a child in the process of being born is morally repugnant and ought to be banned.

"Abortion advocates in the Senate had earlier succeeded in attaching a deceptive and unnecessary amendment to the legislation expressing approval of the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision which ushered in abortion on demand over 30 years ago. But that amendment was rejected on final passage by both the House and Senate, and with good reason: Roe v. Wade is extreme and has been used to justify even partial birth abortion. Even Norma McCorvey – the original Roe of Roe v. Wade, now rejects that decision and the extreme abortion license it has given rise to.

"President Bush has already made clear his intention to sign this legislation, and we eagerly await its becoming law."

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## **Meeting Night Changed**

Because of Thanksgiving our meeting this month will be on Wednesday, 19 November at 7:00 PM at Holy Spirit Parish in Kent. Many thanks to SK John Feuerborn for arranging a meeting place in such short notice.

## Happy Birthday!

Date	Birthdays for Nov	Date	Birthdays for Nov
4 <sup>th</sup>	Romeo Mayor	14 <sup>th</sup>	Lyn Johnson
5 <sup>th</sup>	D Brian Beaulac	18 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Pirolo
6 <sup>th</sup>	Leon Gutierrez	19 <sup>th</sup>	Gregory Vicars
8 <sup>th</sup>	Wayne Miller	20 <sup>th</sup>	Christopher Andersen
9 <sup>th</sup>	Bruce Barnes	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mark Busch
11 <sup>th</sup>	Juan Favela	24 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Mareko
		30 <sup>th</sup>	David Berg

## Happy Anniversary!

Date	Anniversaries for October

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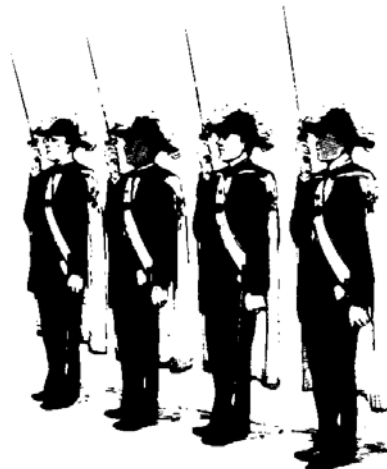
*If you would like your birthday or anniversary listed in the Patriot's Sword, or would like to receive this newsletter electronically please send your information and email address to either the Faithful Navigator or Faithful Comptroller using the e-mail address' listed below or send it in to the return address listed on the mailing page of this newsletter.*

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	Calendar of Events	
<b>November 2003</b>		
13 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM	Veterans Day Mass	St John the Baptist Church 25810 156 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Covington
19 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM	Assembly Meeting	Holy Spirit Parish, 310 S 3 <sup>rd</sup> Kent
27 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Day	
<b>December 2003</b>		
25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day	



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