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The Faithful Navigator's Log



Christmas, the season of joy, childlike dreams and wonder. It's probably the one time of the year when so much reflecting, possibly accented with a tear of the past, brings smiles of what traditions,

family and friends are all about. Remember, there has only been ONE Christmas. Every other year is just a remembrance.

The season often brings to mind the periods of Peace in time of conflict. We stop wars, we stop conflict, we bring families together to unite and set aside differences. I remember an old WWII movie where fighting was stopped between the solders from both sides for Christmas. They joined for dinner, raised a toast to the season, but returned the next day to their missions of war. Too bad in real life, the Christmas spirit couldn't be every day. This like so many stick out in my mind. There is a song that came out many years ago called, "The Christmas Shoes", or "Mama's Going to Meet Jesus". It tells of a young boy buying shoes for his mother who is on her deathbed. He didn't have enough money to purchase them but begs to take the shoes "because Mama does not have much time". The sales person sees the poor boy's scared look. He realizes the boy just wants to make his Mama look good "before Jesus". Call it faith or pity but the boy gets home in time for his mom's last Christmas and with the shoes. Sir Knights let us see life through the eyes of those who are less fortunate. Always ensuring they are ready "to meet Jesus". I know you do, through the many clothing and foods you collect and deeds you perform. Maybe we are that salesman in life, but can make the difference either in kind word or action. Through out my many travels around the world, I've seen many homeless endure during this season and I thought how my life has been blessed. Jesus says, "If you did it to one of these the least of you, you did it to me". Let us resolve to do one more thing during this Advent season. pray for them. Pray those who are lonely and have fallen on hard times. Pray too for our Servicemen and women, who are right now in harms way in Afghanistan and Iraq;

defending the world against terrorism. Let us ask the Christ Child to surround them with His love and protection. Many of you have also had some concerns and challenges this year. Sir Knights, bring your cares and worries to the stable and leave them for our Lord then turn to one another and extend some warmth to someone in need.

Sir Knights, Lina joins me in sending our best you and your families for this Holy Season and the New Year.

Vivat Jesus

Mike Rutland, FN

New Faithful Captain

The Faithful Captain's position has been filled. In accordance with our by-laws we had an election at our November meeting. All in attendance unanimously elected SK Dave Caton as our Faithful Captain. Dave is a member of St Joseph Council 7528 in Federal Way.

Vacant Position

With SK Dave Caton being elected as Faithful Captain, the position of Outside Sentinel is now vacant. In accordance with Article II, Sec 5 of our by-laws we will have nominations and an election at our December meeting.

AHOY, Crab Feeders!

Attention Sir Knights, Council 7528 is having their First Annual Charity Crab Feed on February 21, 2004. Doors will open at 6:30PM and dinner starts at 7:00PM. Tickets for this event will be \$25.00 each, and will include one free alcoholic beverage or soft drink and a \$1.00 off coupon good at our local Ivar's Seafood Bar. Additional beer and wine will be available for \$2.00 a glass and soft drinks for \$1.00 a glass. On each ticket, there will be assigned tables and seat numbers, so you and your friends can sit all together if you like. For tickets or more information contact a member of Council 7528 or Chris Vaughan at (253) 261-4550.

Supreme News

Supreme Officers Attend White House Ceremony



In a White House ceremony Nov. 5, President Bush signed into law the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003. Among the prominent pro-life leaders attending the event were Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, Deputy Supreme Knight Jean Migneault,

Supreme Secretary Charles H. Foos and Supreme Treasurer Deacon Kenneth Ryan.

On the occasion of the bill signing, the supreme knight issued the following statement: "We applaud President Bush and Congress, and express our deepest appreciation, for enacting the Partial Birth Abortion Ban. Since this horrifying procedure became public almost a decade ago, the American people have shown a firm and unwavering resolve to ban it. That resolve has brought us to this historic day. The Partial Birth Abortion Ban marks the first time in 30 years that the law has said no to an actual abortion procedure itself.

"In signing the Partial Birth Abortion Ban, President Bush has brought us closer to the day when we will see a Culture of Life in America. We thank him for this, and we resolve to move forward together towards our shared goal of building a society that honors and values all human life, including the life of the unborn."

Anderson also delivered a letter to President Bush thanking him on behalf of the nearly 1.7 million members of the Knights. "Our prayers and our efforts are with you as we build a Culture of Life where every human being, born and unborn, is respected and protected," the letter read in part. Also attending were District of Columbia State Deputy Charles H. Gallina and George Hanna, a past state deputy of the District of Columbia and current Supreme Council regional program consultant.

Pope Appoints Knights of Columbus Head to Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace

New Haven, CT — The Vatican announced Nov. 24 that Pope John Paul II has named Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson as a consultant to the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace. Anderson is the only American among ten new appointments to the pontifical council and will serve a five-year term.

"It is an honor to represent the nearly 1.7 million members of the Knights of Columbus on the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace. This appointment acknowledges the Order's efforts to work together with all people of good will to build a global culture of peace," said Anderson,

who also serves on the Pontifical Council for the Laity and the Pontifical Council for the Family.

Instituted by Pope Paul VI in 1967, the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace promotes the Church's social teaching and Gospel message on peace and justice issues throughout the world. Among its many programs is the celebration of the World Day of Peace, held annually on January 1. The council also studies current trends in such areas as disarmament and the arms trade, human rights and the role of Catholics in the political arena.

"Pope John Paul II has stressed that the dignity of the human person must be the foundation of the Church's social teaching. Promoting this will continue to be central to the work of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace," said Anderson. "The Knights of Columbus and the Church in America will benefit from my service on this council as I seek to find greater applications for its teachings in the charitable and benevolent work of the Knights and the Church."

The Knights' commitment to furthering the Church's social teaching can be found at the grassroots level, where members in more than 13,000 local units annually raise and contribute \$128 million to charity and volunteer 60 million hours of service. Earlier this year, the Knights of Columbus provided 2,000 wheelchairs to landmine victims and other people with disabilities in Afghanistan. In 2002 the Knights of Columbus established the \$2 million Pacem in Terris (Peace on Earth) Fund. Annual earnings from the fund are given to the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem for peace initiatives in the Holy Land and to support the Christian community there. In 2001 the Knights received the Champion of Peace Award from the Path to Peace Foundation, an adjunct of the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations.

December's Meeting

Instead of our regular meeting, we will have a brunch at the Twin Lakes Country Club on Saturday Dec 27, from 11:00 to 1:00 PM.MENU Scrambled Eggs, Bacon & Sausage, Potatoes O'Brien Fruit Assortment Muffins & Rolls Juice, Coffee & Tea. COST: \$11.00 per person incl. Tax & Gratuity. Call reservations to Joe Clemens or John Feuerborn ASAP. Cancellations must be called in prior to December 25th otherwise the cost must be paid by the person.

Honor Guard Function

We need 12 Sir Knights with full Regalia to serve as Honor Guards Friday 12 Dec at 6:15 PM for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Kent. Contact Bob Dahl.

Happy Birthday! Birthdays for Dec Date Birthdays for Dec 20th William Rumpza Vince Mansanarez 23rd Joseph Langlois David Myers 8th Fr Clarence Jones 30th James Martz 10^{tr} Kevin McGillis 30th Richard Thompson 14^{tr} Cornelius Hauge John Sullivan Stanley Pence

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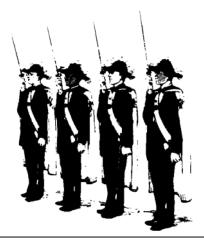
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	Calendar of Events	
December 2003		
8 th	Feast of The Immaculate Conception	
12 th 6:15 PM	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Need 12 Sir Knights in Regalia	Holy Spirit Parish, Kent
25 th	Christmas Day	
27 th 11:00 - 1:00	Saturday Brunch & Dec Meeting	Twin Lakes Country Club 3583 SW 320 th St. Federal Way
January 2004		
1 st	New Year's Day	
28 th - 7:00 PM	Assembly Meeting	St Vincent De Paul Willenborg Center, Federal Way



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