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The Navigator's Log



Happy New Year!! Can you believe it 2005. Doesn't seem to long ago we were worrying about the Y2K bug. Well be that as it may, we raised our nation's flag at the Palisades Retreat House on December 11th. Present at

the first flag raising were Brother Sir Knights Bob Dahl, John Feuerborn, and I. There is some disagreement on the lighting at night of the flag. Some think that the flag must have a direct light to illuminate the flag at night while others say indirect light from a near by light satisfies the illumination requirement. So I feel we should proceed with the installation of a direct light for illumination of our flag at the Palisades. What are your thoughts? Come to the business meeting and let us know.

An Officers meeting was held on Wednesday December 15th in Kent. Agenda items we discussed were as follows, 1) Report on Christmas Family Project, 2) Charity Request for Chayce Alea, 3) Flag Pole update, 4) Knights of Columbus Annual Basketball Tournament, 5) Charity request from Council 11780 for Father Crispin, of Kenya, 6) Publishing Council meeting minutes in the Newsletter, 7) Purchasing Flags for Assembly for participation in Parades, 8) Fund Raising Events, 9) Team Task List, 10) Critique of the Newsletter, 11) Pro-Life March January 19, 2005, 12) Note to State Master for Officer Installation 2005-2006, 13) Note to Terry McGuire, Northwest Progress on Flag Installation, 14) Up-coming Exemplification at John F. Kennedy Assembly #1530 Saturday, January 15, 2005. Officers Present were the Faithful Navigator, Faithful Admiral, Faithful Pilot, Faithful Scribe, Faithful Comptroller, Faithful Purser, Inside Sentinel, 3 year Trustee, and Color Corps Commander. Does any of these items intrigue you or spark an interest? Well come on out to the business meeting and find out all the details. If you haven't been to an Assembly meeting in a while because in the past you thought they were boring, well brother you don't know what you're missing. Our Assembly is on the move and the trains leaving the station. This is one time you don't want to be left at the station.

A Big Thank You and much appreciation go to Sir Knight Bill Stearns and his helpers. As many of you read in the December newsletter Bill chaired our Christmas Family Project. This year was another a huge success. Thanks Bill to you, your family and your Sir Knight Helpers.

Vivat Jesus

Jim Sheffield, Faithful Navigator

The Captain's Mast



If you're like me, you have probably wondered why we name our churches after saints. After all they had nothing to do with the planning or building of our parishes. Well the practice of placing a building or institution under the protection of a

saint is of ancient origin and continues in our day. For instance, when we say "St. Anthony of Padua Church," we acknowledge that this church and parish are under the special care and guidance of the Franciscan friar who was a great preacher and a lover of the poor. The possessive form, "St. Anthony's," suggests a certain ownership on the part of one's heavenly patron. We expect the heavenly friend to protect and guide us.

Though not yet beatified or canonized, Father McGivney has already been assigned the task of being a spiritual patron. A center for cancer patients in New Haven, a school, a parish center, even streets bear his name. Statues and other images of him have become more prominent in many local council meeting places. Certainly the prominence of the Knights of Columbus is one incentive for such honors, but it is his example as a holy priest and man of heroic virtue that qualifies him to be looked to as a patron and spiritual guide.

(Parts extracted from August 2004 Columbia)

Jim Miles, Faithful Captain

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, there 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. We also have two complete sets of regalia to loan out. 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, on or about the 15th of December I sent out the 2005 billing for dues for the Assembly. Sometimes in our hurried lives the smallest details are often overlooked. Please take a moment and ask yourself did I? If you have already sent it in thank you, if you haven't please do so 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 had several of you send 1 check for \$50 to either the Assembly or the Council. I won't be able to accept a single check this year for both. Thanks for your continued support. Tim Philomeno,

Project Kenya

Brother Sir Knights: Father Crispin Okath was a visiting priest from Kenya to the St. John the Baptist Parish several times and the parish was so impressed with his moving story of growing up and surviving in a poor country and mission to help orphaned children around the world. What we did not know is Fr. Crispin is taking the necessary steps to become a priest in the Seattle Archdiocese. His parents are in their 70's and celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year. Up to this point, they lived in a small hut with a dirt floor thatched roof. His dad has been in ill health. One of Fr. Crispin's dreams has always been to see his parents have a home. A home in Kenya is more of a shelter with a tin roof with cement floors and walls.

Father Crispin went home to spend Christmas and say a special anniversary Mass for his parents. Due to the heavy rains, the small hut his parents lived in had washed away. The only thing standing is the kitchen his brother built. They can boil water and that's about it. He has taken his parents to the church and talked to the local priest to take them in while he can figure out what to do. During the year, a small group of people from St. John's parish have

been supporting Fr. Crispin and his parents with prayers and personal donations. We dubbed this group "Father Crispin's Army". We are in need of more soldiers for our army.

The Harry J. Tucker Council #11780 has started Project Kenya. The mission is to raise enough money to build Father Crispin a home for Christmas. How can you help? Make a check in any amount large or small to the Knights of Columbus, put Project Kenya in the memo section and send the check to John Mergens FS. P.O. Box 6150, Kent WA. 98064. He can be reached at jpmerngens@msn.com or 253-854-2828

We have already collected \$4,000.00 and this has been wired to Father Crispin. He leaves Kenya at the end of December for the United States. That is one more reason we are moving quickly on this project.

We ask that you prayerfully consider joining Fr. Crispin's Army by supporting Project Kenya.

Christmas Baskets

My Dear Brother Knights, Thank you so much for all your help today in preparing and delivering the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Baskets. Without your help, we could not have done it. You are without a doubt the best group of Knights in the entire K of C organization. You should feel good and be proud of your work bringing joy to so many. May your Christmas and New Year be filled with Peace, Happiness and the Blessings of Our Lord. -SK Tony Robinson

Christmas Family Project

The Assembly Supported Two (2) Adopt-A-Families, one in Auburn and the other in Kent. We purchased the gifts from the Target in Federal Way. A 10% discount was supplied by the Target Co. and we were able to take advantage for Brother SK Joseph Penwell's employee discount which netted us a 20% cost saving which allowed us to buy more gifts. We also were able to purchase \$75 worth of food vouchers for each these families for their Christmas dinners.

I delivered these gifts to the families on the evening of Dec 19th. They were very grateful and I was touched by their joy of receiving these gifts.

I want to thank Brothers Joseph Penwell & Wayne Mortiz for their help in purchasing the gifts for the Families. Also I want to Thank Council 7908 for donating Christmas wreaths and table centers Pieces to these families.

Finally, I thank my step daughter Stephanie Burton for her help in wrapping all of the gifts.

I ask you to please keep these families in your Christmas prayers. Thank you, Bill Stearns.

Order Receives Nostra Aetate Award



Rabbi Joseph Ehrenkranz, right, presents Nostra Aetate Award to Supreme Knight Anderson.

New York City -- The Knights of Columbus was honored on Dec. 1 as one of three recipients of the [Nostra Aetate Award](#), given annually by the Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding of Sacred Heart University. Rabbi Joseph Ehrenkranz, executive director of

the center, praised the Knights of Columbus for its "many contributions to interreligious understanding."

Nostra Aetate was one of the most notable documents of the Second Vatican Council, and was proclaimed by Pope Paul VI in 1965. It set the Catholic Church on a vigorous path toward dialogue and understanding with other faiths. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, in accepting the award on behalf of the Order, said that "For nearly 40 years, *Nostra Aetate* has promoted a rich dialogue between Christians and Jews to encourage mutual understanding and respect for each other's faith and religious convictions." He recalled that "In the opening words of *Nostra Aetate* we read, 'Ever aware of her duty to foster unity and charity among individuals, [the Church] reflects at the outset on what men have in common and what tends to promote fellowship among them.' One might say that those words literally jump off the page at a Catholic organization whose founding principles are charity, unity and fraternity."

The center noted that "Over its 122-year history, the Knights of Columbus has been a consistent and inspiring advocate of public tolerance, on behalf of Catholics as well as people of various religious backgrounds and heritages." During World War I, the Knights' Commission on Religious Prejudices campaigned against the un-American character of religious discrimination, and strongly opposed organizations such as the Ku Klux Klan. "The Pacem in Terris Fund, the Auschwitz Centre for Dialog and Prayer, the annual 9/11 World Day of Prayer for Peace, and the 2004 Papal Concert for Reconciliation between the Religions are all initiatives of the Knights of Columbus," the center observed.

Anderson said of relations between Christians and Jews that "just as peace is not simply the cessation of violence, and reconciliation is not merely the end of hatred; so too, dialogue must presuppose an even greater goal. That, I believe, is the goal of friendship -- a friendship that is enriched by the treasures of both our rich traditions. For

our part, may this friendship express in new ways charity, unity and fraternity and in so doing give a hint of that time when, as the Prophet Isaiah tells us, the Lord will 'gather the nations of every language' to witness His glory."

Also receiving the Nostra Aetate Award at the ceremony at the Park Avenue Synagogue were ABC-TV Entertainment Editor Joel Siegel and The Claims Conference, which was founded in 1951 to "secure a small measure of justice for Jewish victims of Nazi persecution by seeking the return of Jewish property lost during the Shoah, and provide compensation to individual Jewish victims of Nazi persecution."

2004 Vocations Scholarships Help 134 Seminarians

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council awarded 48 new scholarships to U.S. and Canadian seminarians this fall and renewed grants to an additional 86 students enrolled in major schools of theology pursuing a vocation to the priesthood. The seminarians, with the approval of their bishop, are studying for dioceses or religious institutes in the United States or Canada.

The \$2,500 scholarships are awarded from the Father Michael J. McGivney Scholarships Fund and the Bishop Thomas V. Daily Scholarships Fund. The annual award is designated for tuition, room and board. Of the 48 new scholarships, 39 were awarded to U.S. seminarians and nine were given to seminarians from Canada. Thirty-eight of the new recipients are Knights of Columbus or sons of Knights.

The Father McGivney scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need, and the Bishop Daily grants are made on the basis of merit. Preference is given to seminarians who are Knights, but all qualified applicants are considered. Since 1992, these scholarships programs have assisted 704 seminarians. More than half of those helped by the Knights have gone on to be ordained.

In 2003, Knights at the state and local levels of the organization reported raising and donating more than \$8.1 million to seminarians, seminaries and vocations projects. The Supreme Council reported vocations-related gifts of nearly \$1.7 million in 2003 from various vocation endowment funds with a total corpus of \$16.1 million

Fourth Degree Emblem

What does our fourth degree emblem mean? The triad emblem of the Fourth Degree features three symbols, the Dove, Cross, and Globe.

The Dove, classic symbol of the Holy Spirit and Peace is

shown hovering over the orb of the earth (globe). Both are mounted on a variation of the Crusader's Cross that which was found on the tunics and capes of the Crusading Knights who battled to regain the Holy Land from the pagans.

Our Honored Order cherishes as its patron Christopher Columbus:

- Christopher....Christ Bearer
- Columbus.....Dove of Peace

Symbolizing the Paraclete Spirituality, the sacred symbol of the emblem typify the union of the three divine persons embodied in one Godhead, The most blessed Trinity.

- The Globe, God the Father, creator of the universe.
- The Cross, God the Son, redeemer of mankind.
- The Dove, God the Holy Spirit, sanctifier of humanity.

The colors are Red, White and Blue.

- The Globe...Blue
- The Cross...Red
- The Dove...White

The red, white and blue are the colors of the flag of the country in which our order originated; and are used to stress the basic principle of the 4th Degree:

PATRIOTISM

Prepare to Join the March for Life



The 32nd annual March for Life will be held Monday, Jan. 24, in Washington, D.C. Each year the march marks the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's Jan. 22, 1973 decision in *Roe v. Wade* that legalized abortion.

The March for Life rally will begin at noon at The Ellipse (a 52-acre park area just south of the White House), and all those planning to take part in the march are encouraged to join the rally. Marchers will then walk to the U.S. Capitol and nearby Supreme Court.

All Knights and their family members, particularly those in the greater Washington, D.C., area, are urged to join the march. Councils planning bus trips to Washington should book their charters early. Knights are encouraged to carry council banners and Knights of Columbus posters, wear jackets with the Order's emblem, and walk together as units.

For more information, contact the March for Life at (202) 543-3377 or visit the [March for Life](http://www.marchforlife.org) Web site.

Knights who cannot go to Washington D.C. can participate in the Pro-Life march on Olympia on January 19. There will be bus transportation from St Vincent's Parish in Federal Way to the State Capital. Please call the Parish office at 253-839-2320 as seating will be limited.

On The Lighter Side

There were two Catholic boys, Timothy Murphy and Antonio Secola, whose lives paralleled each other in amazing ways. In the same year Timothy was born in Ireland, Antonio was born in Italy. Faithfully they attended parochial school from kindergarten through their senior year.

They took their vows to enter the priesthood early in college, and upon graduation, became priests.

Their careers had come to amaze the world, but it was generally acknowledged that Antonio Secola was just a cut above Timothy Murphy in all respects. Their rise through the ranks of Bishop, Archbishop and finally, Cardinal was swift to say the least, and the Catholic world knew that when the present Pope died, it would be one of the two who would become the next Pope.

In time the Pope did die, and the College of Cardinals went to work. In less time than anyone had expected, white smoke rose from the chimney and the world waited to see whom they had chosen.

The world, Catholic, Protestant, and secular alike were surprised to learn that Timothy Murphy had been elected Pope!

Antonio Secola was beyond surprise. He was devastated, because even with all of Timothy's gifts, Antonio knew he was the better qualified. With gall that shocked the Cardinals, Antonio Secola asked for a private session with them in which he candidly asked, "Why Timothy?"

After a long silence, an old Cardinal took pity on the bewildered man and rose to reply. "We knew you were the better of the two, but we just could not bear the thought of the leader of the Roman Catholic Church being called Pope Secola."

Editors Note

The birthdays listed in the December Newsletter were mistakenly labeled November Birthdays. I apologize for any confusion or frustration this may have caused. It was not my intention to make you a month older than you really are.

Also please note that our January meeting will be at St Vincent's Parish in Federal Way, see the Meeting Calendar. Mike Rutland, PFN, Patriot Sword Editor.

Happy Birthday!

Date	January Birthdays	Date	January Birthdays
1 st	Joseph Penwell	15 th	William Michaud
2 nd	James McSherry	15 th	James Miles
2 nd	Joseph Staab	20 th	Thomas Skoda
3 rd	Roy Nelson	23 rd	Fr. Bryan Hersey
3 rd	John Leaf	26 th	George Sagaser
7 th	Gary Best	28 th	Norman Robinson

Happy Anniversary!

Date	January Anniversaries

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 Meeting Calendar

January		
1 st	Happy New Year 2005	
26 th Wednesday 7:30 PM	Assembly Meeting POC: Joe Penwell - 253-941-6339	St Vincent De Paul, Willenborg Center 30525 8 th Ave S, Federal Way
February		
23 rd Wednesday 7:30 PM	Assembly Meeting POC: Tim Coggins - 253-931-4764	Holy Family Parish 505 17 th Street SE, Auburn
March		
23 rd Wednesday 7:30 PM	Assembly Meeting POC: Mike Adams - 206 824-5934	St Philomena's Parish Hall 1790 S 222 nd Street, Des Moines
April		
13 th Tuesday 7:00 PM	Officers Meeting POC: Jim Sheffield - 253-854-1546	Holy Spirit Parish, Mother Theresa Room 310 S 3 rd Street, Kent
27 th Wednesday 7:30 PM	Assembly Meeting POC: Jim Sheffield - 253-854-1546	Holy Spirit Parish, 310 S 3 rd Street, Kent
May		
25 th Wednesday 7:30 PM	Assembly Meeting POC: Joe Penwell - 253-941-6339	St Vincent De Paul, Willenborg Center 30525 8 th Ave S, Federal Way



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