

The Patriot's Sword

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The Faithful Navigator's Log



Labor Day has past, schools are opening and summer has come to an end. Our first Assembly meeting was in the living room of the Willenborg Center on Wednesday,

September 24, 2003, 7:30 PM after mass.

As we begin this new fraternal year, I'd like to thank our Faithful Comptroller SK Tim Philomeno and all the trustees for getting all the assembly's paper work (Report of Officers form 186 and the Audit Report) in to the master early.

SK Bob Dahl and I attended a mini assembly meeting hosted by the Washington State Master at St. John Bosco in Lakewood, WA, Aug 9, 2003 This was the first time Faithful Navigators and Color Corps Commanders gathered for an informational forum with the Master. There was a question and answer period. Faithful Navigators and the Master sat down and discussed issues that are particular to their area. It was suggested that any assembly that has unique ideas for hosting an exemplification program for ladies notify the Master and let him know to disseminate to the rest. It is hard sometimes to come up with something new and unique but again it was explained that it is not a must for a ladies program but more ladies will come and enjoy themselves if such a program is offered.

Many Sir Knights were surprised when I announced that we have a membership quota. Well it's true. Just like the councils, 4th Degree assemblies also have a quota system established by the Supreme Master. Our quota for the 2003 – 2004 fraternal year is eleven new members. Because of a mix-up at Supreme we are already off to a great start. The six new members exemplified last June in Lakewood will count for the current fraternal year. That means we need five more to reach our goal. Counting the two we voted on at the September meeting and the commitment from other Sir knights we will achieve our goal.

Vivat Jesus

Mike Rutland, FN

Bon Voyage

Our Faithful Captain Mike McNee will be leaving us this November for greener pastures in sunny Arizona. Mike has served the State of Washington with pride and distinction and he will be missed. Help me in thanking him and wishing Gods speed for a save trip and prosperous future.

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

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. 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 105th St Ct W. Lakewood WA. 98498 or telephone (253) 582-3973.

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 11th 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 156th Ave, Covington. Please contact John Mergens at 253-854-2828 for information.

To Be A Patriot Award

The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism by promoting responsible citizenship and a love of and loyalty to the Knights' respective countries through active membership in local Fourth Degree assemblies. With that said I have asked each Sir Knight to come to the October meeting with suggestions of projects we can take on as an assembly.

Supreme News

Washington, D.C. — At its 121st annual meeting, the Knights of Columbus, the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization, condemned efforts to deny Catholics the opportunity to serve on the federal bench because of their "deeply held beliefs." The action was taken in a resolution that called such efforts a de facto and unconstitutional religious test for public office.

The Knights' action comes in the wake of ongoing, and thus far successful, efforts by some U.S. senators to block votes on Catholic nominees to the federal bench because of their "deeply held beliefs."

"Opposition to a highly qualified Catholic nominee to the federal bench because of a 'deeply held belief,' consistent with Catholic teaching, that abortion is always a grave evil...amounts to a de facto religious test for public office," a resolution on the issue adopted by the Knights declared. The resolution further vowed that the Knights would "vigorously oppose any effort to deny Catholics the opportunity to serve their country on the federal bench because of 'deeply held beliefs' consistent with their Catholic faith."

In a letter dated July 30, Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson wrote to Senate Judiciary Chairman Orrin Hatch expressing concern that Catholics who adhere to the Church's teaching on abortion, and perhaps on other public moral issues as well, are being declared unfit for office.

In other action, the Knights of Columbus also adopted a resolution addressing the current controversy on so-called homosexual "marriage." The Knights resolved to "continue to support President Bush's initiatives to preserve the traditional definition of marriage," and to oppose any effort to alter the institution and sacrament of marriage to include unions between persons of the same sex."

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization, with more than 1.6 million members throughout North America and

elsewhere. Annually its members report raising and contributing to charity more than \$128 million and volunteering more than 60 million hours of service.

The Rosary



The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. St. Dominic is considered the author of the Rosary. Many Popes have given this title to him, even though they have not presented their statements as a teaching to be imposed authoritatively on the universal Church. For it seems clear that, under the inspiration

of Mary, he was accustomed to go into the villages and preach long series of sermons on the mysteries of salvation, during which, in order to implore heavenly aid, and to provide a respite for his hearers, he interrupted his discourse at suitable points, and had his hearers recite some *Paters* and *Aves*. From this practice our present devotion of the Rosary evolved.

If we turn to history we see many great triumphs of the Rosary. Early tradition attributes the defeat of the Albigensians at the Battle of Muret in 1213 to the Rosary. But even those who do not accept this tradition will admit that St. Pius V attributed the great defeat of the Turkish fleet on the first Sunday of October, 1571, to the fact that at the same time the Rosary confraternities at Rome and elsewhere were holding their processions. Accordingly, he ordered commemoration of the Rosary to be made on that day. Two years later, Gregory XIII allowed the celebration of a feast of the Rosary in churches having an altar dedicated to the Rosary. In 1671, Clement X extended the feast to all Spain. A second great victory over the Turks, who once, like the Russians, threatened the ruin of Christian civilization, occurred on August 5, 1716, when Prince Eugene defeated them at Peterwardein in Hungary. Thereupon Clement XI extended the feast of the Rosary to the whole Church.

4th Degree Exemplification

Will be held at Seattle Council 676, 722 E. Union St, Seattle. Candidate's registration starts at 12 noon and Exemplification starts promptly at 1:00 PM. Mass will be at 5:00 PM followed by a Social at 6:00 PM and Dinner at 7:00 PM. Wives, Guests and Sir Knights are invited for Lunch (\$5.00) and Dinner (\$20.00). For more information contact the Faithful Navigator or Faithful Comptroller.

Happy Birthday! Birthdays for Sep Birthdays for Sep Date Johnny Pabon 16^{tr} Anthony Ladner William Stearns 17th Michael Adams 11th Thomas O'Connell 20th Leonard Koke 22nd 13th Mark Miloscia Peter Fleck 15^{tr} 29th Raymond Garcia Jose Bolanos Michael Mansanarez 30th 16th Joseph Clemens Date **Birthdays for Oct** Date Birthdays for Oct Raymond Signani 20^{tr} Ronald Scholz 6th 24th Jerome Koch Mike Rutland 9th 26th Malcolm Efta Mark Ohlstrom 13th Timothy Coggins 30th Billy Joslin 31st 16^t Arthur Fregoso Rodolphe De Martelaere 16^{tr} Timothy Philomeno Herman Nirschl

Happy Anniversary!

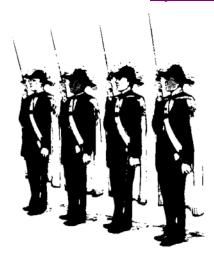
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	Calendar of Events	
October 2003		
22 nd 7:00 PM	Assembly Meeting	Holy Spirit, Kent
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November 2003		
8 th 12:00 Noon	4 th Degree Exemplification	Council 676, 722 E. Union St, Seattle
25 th 7:00 PM	Assembly Meeting	TBD



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