



The Patriot's Sword

Bishop Thomas E. Gill Assembly # 1955
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The Navigator's Log



Hopefully by the time you read this the election will be over and the negative stuff will be gone from our news media. As most of all the commentaries I have heard have alluded to, we are a divided church and nation at this time in our history. Issues such as abortions, same sex marriage, gay rights, death penalty, stem cell research, war in Iraq, taxes, rights of the poor sure have got us in conflict with one another.

Our Exemplification was a huge success. Chairman SK Joe Penwell deserves all our thanks for a job well done. Our Chef SK Tony Robinson and his helpers put on an excellent dinner of roast beef and chicken cordon bleu. A special thanks to Pam Buck, wife of SK Kevin Buck, for the nice center pieces. Our class honoree was SK Joe Clemens, Our Congratulations. Please see the write-up else where in news letter. Another special thanks to our Squire Circle #4571, led by SK Jeff Markwith, for serving the meals and assisting with clean-up. Our Color Corp Commander SK Bob Dahl and the Honor Guard did an outstanding job in the presentation of the Colors. If you have never seen our Honor Guard perform the Flag ceremony you missing a lot. They really stir-up the patriotic blood in us all. Last but by no means least a special thanks to Joyce Pirolo lovely wife of SK Bob Pirolo for hosting the ladies program with a doll show.

If all goes well we are going to install our flag pole, at the Palisades, the weekend of November 11th & 12th. Let's all pray for lots of sunshine and warm weather, would be right for the concrete to cure and also nice for the work party. If you would like to help and be a part of this let SK Bob Dahl know. Phone # 253-838-9873 / or email at BRDAHL@aol.com.

Would like to call your attention to our Winter Brunch, to be held on November 20, 2004 Twin Lakes Country Club from 10 AM to 12 noon. Sure would be great to see lots of Sir Knights and their guest there. It is a nice get together and also good food.

Vivat Jesus

Jim Sheffield, Faithful Navigator

The Captain's Mast



As we move onto November and get ready for the holiday season, I've added the second in the series of articles on the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney. We see that this movement started around the same time as the outbreak of the Korean War.

In the 1950s a number of local councils and state conventions passed resolutions advocating the study of possible sainthood. As the Order approached its 100th anniversary in 1982, there was a growing conviction that the renewal of the Order was intimately connected with Father McGivney's holiness.

In 1981 the Supreme Officers circulated a questionnaire among state deputies to ascertain their judgment in this matter. The results of that poll are interesting when read from today's perspective. The state deputies expressed a deep desire to know more of Father McGivney and his spirituality. There was no doubt that Father McGivney had been a man of unusual holiness and charity. Many respondents spoke of their increasing practice of praying for Father McGivney's help in difficult situations.

The formal cause for Father McGivney's canonization, which opened officially in 1997, has been built on this already existing devotion. Today, those who know and love Father McGivney, who are his spiritual "clients," reaches far beyond the rosters of Knights and their families. As he becomes better known, his powerful intercession is more widely celebrated. He has gained a reputation as a powerful spiritual guide and intercessor.

(Extracted from August 2004 Columbia)

Jim Miles, Faithful Captain

Color Corps Commander's Call

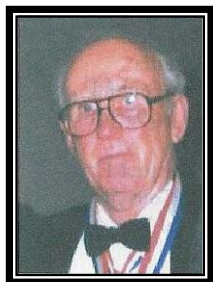
Upcoming events for the Honor Guard.

- ☒ December - Need to know what parishes will require 4th Degree Knights at the mid-night

masses Christmas Eve.

If you are interested in joining, please call Bob Dahl 253-838-9873 or e-mail brdahl@aol.com.

Exemplification Honors Our Own



Sir Knight Joe Clemens was the Honoree for the 4th Degree Exemplification held at St Vincent De Paul Parish on October 24, 2004.

Born to a large Irish Catholic family in South Sioux City, Nebraska, Joe attended schools in both Sioux City and Omaha.

During these years Joe's Dad had all four of his sons initiated into Epiphany Council #743, where his dad served as Charter Grand Knight.

After High School Joe enlisted in the Army and served with the 11th Airborne in the Pacific during World War II. Following the war, Joe went on to complete his education graduating from Marquette University in 1952 with a degree in Engineering.

Joe met his lovely wife Carrol while attending Marquette University and they were married shortly thereafter. Joe and Carrol raised 3 sons and 3 daughters and now enjoy 21 grandchildren.

The Boeing Company was the beneficiary of Joe's commitment and work efforts for 25 plus years. Aside from a number of accomplishments, being the AWACS consultant to NATO in Germany was perhaps his most memorable time.

Joe lives the principles of the Knights of Columbus every day of his life. A true Knight and Humanitarian, Joe still is very active in many ministries of the Church. Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Facilities, founded the St Theresa's seniors group, and Usher, you name it and Joe has done it.

Other groups that have benefited from Joe's efforts are the Federal Way Symphony and the Kiwanis, who by the way named him "Kiwanis New Member of the Year" for his work as membership chairman and service to the local High School Key Clubs.

Much of the growth of the Knights of Columbus in South King County is directly attributed to Joe's efforts. Following in his father's footsteps, Joe was the Charter Grand Knight of St. Joseph Council 7528 and Charter Faithful Navigator of Bishop Thomas E. Gill Assembly 1955.

Joe went on to become District Deputy of District 12. During his tenure he instituted the following new

councils:

- St Theresa Council 7908 in Federal Way on December 3, 1981.
- Centennial Council 8079 in Des Moines on May 5, 1982.
- Kent Council 8150 in Kent on May 17, 1982.
- He assisted brother Ernie Oliver, then District Deputy of District 3, to institute Rainer Council 9637 in Buckley-Enumclaw on August 13, 1984.

Because of his tenacity and the speed at which he brought on new councils, Supreme Council affectionately named him "Smoking Joe". To this day he continues his quest of a council in every parish. Recently Supreme has acknowledged Joe with the VIP Award having recruited over 100 members and he is still going strong.

It is interesting to note that Joe proudly wears the cape, chapeau, and sword that his father wore during his years in the 4th Degree.

The officers and members of Bishop Thomas E. Gill Assembly 1955 wish to extend our congratulations to our brother Sir Knight Joe Clemens. We were proud to name Him as this Exemplification's Honoree.

Meeting Notes

We will not have a regular business meeting in November. Instead we will have a Brunch at the Twin Lakes Golf Club in Federal Way on Saturday 20 November from 10 AM to 12 Noon. Dress is casual. Please contact SK Joe Clemens at 253 838-1790 or John Feuerborn at 253 854-1571 **no-later-than Thursday November 18th**.

The menu will be:

Orange Juice
Scrambled Eggs, Bacon & Sausage
Potatoes O'Brien
Sweet Rolls, Coffee & Tea

All for the low price of \$11.00 per person

So why not come out and join us in fellowship with your brother Sir Knights and their Ladies.

Please help us raise the flag pole at the Palisades Retreat House. Our scheduled plan of attack is as follows:

- ☑ Friday, 12 November we will meet at the Denny's on 320th at 9:30 AM and drive to the retreat house to dig the hole.
- ☑ Saturday, 13 November we will again meet at the Denny's on 320th at 9:30 and drive to the retreat house to erect the flag pole.

Points of Contact are Bob Dahl at 253-838-9873 or Joe Clemens at 253 838-1790. Please come out and help.

Happy Birthday!

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

Happy Anniversary!

Date	Anniversaries

Please!!
Send your Anniversary dates
to the Faithful Comptroller

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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Leo Ligad			
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2004 - 2005 Meeting Calendar		
November		
11 th Thursday 7:00 PM	Veterans Mass POC: John Mergens - 253 854-2828	St. John's Parish 15810 SE 156 th St., Covington
20 th Saturday, 10 – 12 Noon	Assembly Brunch POC: Bob Dahl - 253-838-9873	Twin Lakes Golf Club 3583 SW 320 th , Federal Way
December		
25 th	Christmas Day	
29 th Wednesday 7:30 PM	Assembly Meeting POC: John Mergens - 253 854-2828	Kent Museum 855 East Smith Street, Kent
January		
1 st	Happy New Year 2005	
26 th Wednesday 7:30 PM	Assembly Meeting POC: Tim Coggins - 253-931-4764	Holy Family Parish 505 17 th Street SE, Auburn
February		
23 rd 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
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


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