



The Patriot's Sword

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Navigator's Log



I want to congratulate the following Officers for stepping forward and I know that they will be of great help to rebuild our assembly. Captain: Dave Caton, Pilot: Ray Garcia, Scribe: Tony

Robinson, and Inner Sentinel: Mike Adams. They will be taking over at the Feb. 22nd meeting.

For those that didn't get a chance to read the December 28th, Knightline, I think that this article should be read by all Sir Knights and hopefully by the Third Degree as well. It's titled "Promoting the Fourth Degree."

Fourth Degree Knights have earned their place atop the Order. Held in the highest regard, they are an inspiration to themselves, their fellow brothers, and the Order. Having a close relationship with a Fourth Degree assembly can only benefit your council and its members.

Fourth Degree members less likely to laps or go inactive, they know the importance of active membership and what they mean to projects, events, volunteering, and so on. What a council can learn from an assembly is priceless.

When a council and its Fourth Degree assembly maintain a close relationship, the door of opportunity opens wide with the prospects of learning from one another and growing in the bonds of fraternalism. Once that spark is lit, it will spread a fire of positive and thriving attitudes throughout both the council and its serving assembly.

To bridge any gaps that may exist between your council and assembly, having a Fourth Degree representative or liaison is a good idea. This way, the council would have a go-to guy who can represent the assembly and take any questions or concerns that you may have when organizing, scheduling or meeting.

"I couldn't have said it any better!"

What I get out of this, is that it is extremely important and necessary to have "ALL" councils involved in some way for the assembly to thrive. This is what I've tried to convey to you Sir Knights in order to rebuild and strengthen what little we have left of our assembly. This

means that you must encourage Third Degree Knights, in your council, to join the Fourth Degree, so we can eventually become the thriving and active assembly once again. You need to get your existing Fourth Degree members active in the assembly to make this happen. If you don't, who will?

Again, our next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 22nd, at 7:30 in the Willenborg Ctr., at St. Vincent's. Hope to see every council represented! If not, I will be happy to see those that do come.

Vivat Jesus

Jim Miles, Faithful Navigator

Captain's Corner



The top patriotic activities for the 2004-05 Columbian Year have been chosen in the "To Be A Patriot" award program. Annually, Fourth Degree assemblies choose their single best patriotic program for review at the district and provincial level.

Provincial winners are forwarded to the Supreme Council office for judging by the supreme master and judges appointed by him. Supreme Master Joseph Schultz reported that the following assemblies earned "To Be A Patriot" awards:

- Father Abram J. Ryan Assembly in Dallas (Our Lady of Guadalupe Province). Sir Knights worked with Catholic Charities of Dallas and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC) at workshops educating legal immigrants on how to become U.S. citizens.
- Bishop Charles P. Greco Assembly in Marietta, Ga. (DeSoto Province). Sir Knights sponsored a softball tournament pitting four teams representing the four branches of the military — Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines — against four teams made up of Knights and others. Dubbed the "Patriot Games," the tournament raised funds for the assembly's charities. As you can see it doesn't take a lot to qualify for the

prestigious award. It all starts with an idea. If we start brainstorming now we could be in contention for the 2005-2006 award. How about it? Come to our next meeting with your ideas. Let's give it our all, what do you say?

Vivat Jesus
Dave Caton, Faithful Captain

Assembly Raffle



Here's a quick quiz, "When does attending a meeting become profitable?" Answer: Starting this month them Assembly will be holding a raffle each meeting. The way the raffle will work is the assembly will seed the pot with twenty five dollars and

everyone who comes to the general meeting can buy tickets for \$1.00 each.

During new business a ticket will be drawn and the winner will get the opportunity to draw from a bag of chips. In the bag of chips will be 21 chips of one color and a single chip of another color. If you draw the single chip you win all the money in the pot. If you draw one of the 21 you win \$5.00 and the rest of the money will be added to the pot for the next month. This continues until a lucky person draws the single chip and wins all the money in the pot. Then the assembly will seed the pot again with \$25.00 then off we go again.

We will go over these instructions again at the next meeting Feb. 22, 2006

Faithful Comptroller's Ledger



By now, everyone that has paid their dues for this year has received your new membership card and the 1st edition of the Assembly directory. I hope you all will find it useful. Please check that the data is correct for your entry. PLEASE send / call / mail / email me any

corrections AND birthdays and anniversaries AND Wife's birthdays (month and day only :-)...we are trying to build up our data so we can recognize members and their families each month.

If you have not sent in your dues, **PLEASE PLEASE** do so now. Feel free to call me if you believe

that there are any mistakes or if you have any questions. My home phone is 253.661.2296, cell 206.391.8008 and email tphilomeno@sparling.com

Prayer and Charitable Service



In his first encyclical, titled *Deus Caritas Est* (*God Is Love*), Pope Benedict XVI writes about the important witness of charity given by the saints, from the earliest days of the Church to modern

times. He makes special mention of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, citing her as an example of how a life of prayer nurtures and enlivens charitable service.

People who pray for an end to poverty, Pope Benedict wrote, "are not wasting their time." Piety, he says, "does not undermine the struggle against the poverty of our neighbors."

"Time devoted to God in prayer not only does not detract from effective and loving service to our neighbor but is, in fact, the inexhaustible source of that service," says the pope.

There are many lessons for us Knights in this beautiful encyclical, released Jan. 25. Making sure our charitable programs have this prayerful, spiritual impetus seems to me an important first lesson for us to take from this encyclical.

One way to bring the teachings of Pope Benedict to bear on our Order would be simply to begin each service program we undertake with a prayer. We pray to start and conclude our meetings, hold rosary services or prayer programs to honor Mary, sponsor a Blue Mass or corporate Communion, but how many times do we Knights pray before we launch a fund-raising drive, build a wheelchair ramp for an elderly or disabled neighbor, or collect food to restock a parish or community pantry or soup kitchen?

It is unfortunate that we know almost nothing about the prayer life of our founder; however, in Parish Priest, the authors recount others' recollections of Father Michael J. McGivney.

They make reference to his determination, a "strength of purpose" and an "indomitable will," all of which are displayed in his founding of the Knights.

Vivat Jesus

Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight

Happy Birthday!

Date	Jan Birthdays	Date	Feb Birthdays
1 st	Joseph Penwell	3 rd	Steven Drake
3 rd	John Leaf	8 th	Louis Dedominces
3 rd	Roy Nelson	8 th	Gilbert Gruber
7 th	Gary Best	16 th	Robert Hitchcock
15 th	William Michaud	22 nd	Clifford Owen
15 th	James Miles	24 th	David Caton
19 th	Franklin Seatz	24 th	Beth Philomeno
20 th	Thomas Skoda	25 th	Damian Fischer
23 rd	Fr. Bryan Hersey	28 th	Les Findley
25 th	Richard Gonzalez		
26 th	George Sagaser		
28 th	Tony Robinson		

Happy Anniversary!

Date	January Anniversaries
15 th	Steven and Pat Gentry
Date	February Anniversaries
5 th	Theodore and Denise Gimlin
16 th	George and Dora Fetter

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.

Brother Sir Knights		Family Members	
Alex Plys	Mike White		
Bill Martin			
Al Wolfskill			
Wayne Walden			
Deceased Brother Sir Knights		Deceased Family Members	
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2005-2006 Meeting Calendar

February 2006

22nd Wednesday
7:30 PM

Assembly Meeting
POC: Joe Penwell - 253-941-6339

St Vincent De Paul, Willenborg Center
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March 2006

22nd Wednesday
7:30 PM

Assembly Meeting
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St Vincent De Paul, Willenborg Center
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April 2006

26th Wednesday
7:30 PM

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