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MARCH FOR LIFE - JANUARY 16, 2003 - OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

A few days prior to the 30th Anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade and Doe vs. Bolton decisions, men, women, and children of all faiths joined together at the Capital to participate in the Annual March for Life, under the leadership of Mrs. Katherine J. McEntee, President, March for Life. As in previous years the March began with a live red rose being delivered by students to each member of the Legislature, the Governor, and Lieutenant Governor. Prior to the March, a Pro-Life

Mass was celebrated at St. Michael's Church. About 2,600 Marchers, one of the largest number ever, braving the bitter cold assembled at the War Memorial. It was the largest number ever of Knights to march. They carried the council banners from Councils 1620, 2999, 3307, and 5816. The marchers carried 200 Knights of Columbus' Defend Life posters. GK Tony Duran of Kennewick organized a bus for the Knights of Councils 1620, 3307 and 8179 in the Tri-Cities. Fr. Lee Hightower, State Vice Chap-



State Deputy Hogan led the Pledge of Allegiance

lain and Fr. Derek Lappe, State Father Prior marched with their parishioners.

Mrs. McEntee addressed the Marchers saying, "People say abortion has been legalized; anything that is against the natural moral law is not legal, it has been decriminalized. They are trying to make it respectable. It can never be respectable. Abortion is wrong." Kathy's husband Richard McEntee is the Charter Grand Knight of our newest council, St. Charles Council 13238 in Tacoma.

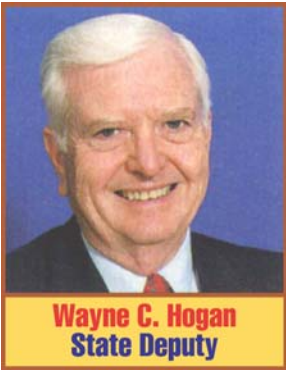
Most Reverend Carlos Sevilla, S.J., Bishop of Yakima prayed, "Help us to work in your name to end abuse, poverty and life-threatening acts such as abortion and war, so that future generations will grow to be vibrant and loving men and women who reverence life." State Deputy Hogan, prior to saying the Pledge of Allegiance, said, "On behalf of over 14,300 Knights in Washington, who believe in the sanctity and dignity of life, it is my privilege to lead you in the Pledge of Allegiance."



Bishop Sevilla opens the proceedings with a prayer.



Mrs. Kathy McEntee addresses the Marchers



Wayne C. Hogan
State Deputy

From the State Deputy

Worthy Brother Knights,

February is beginning with an outstanding accomplishment. You, my brother knights, have achieved and surpassed our goal of 27 round tables. You have established 28 round tables. Thanks and congratulations to all.

In reading the excellent council bulletins and newsletters, I read two very outstanding Grand Knight messages. Each topic is unique. I believe all who read them will understand why I am citing two messages this month. The first is from Grand Knight Bill Paxson, Holy Trinity Council 11789, in Bremerton. In his message, he wrote the following article titled, *Are you an "Invisible Knight?"* "When I look around the Holy Trinity sanctuary during the weekend Masses, I recognize an average of 15 - 30 Knights. Many of them are easy to spot - they're active in our Council and they wear their name badges and or various lapel pins of the Order. I can also recognize some who do not. Some of these are active in Council programs and some are not. Rarely do I see other members of our 85 man Council and I wonder where they

are - and if I could recognize them. Where do they go to Mass? What are they doing?

These are the "Invisible Knights." They don't wear a badge or a pin. They're not active in Council business or programs. This usually results from not knowing enough about the Order. I urge all members who are not active to find out more about our purposes and programs. We serve Holy Trinity Parish, we serve our community and we serve the Church worldwide.

Some may say: "I don't have enough time. I have a family, a job, a career to take care of" We know these issues are paramount in our lives, but remember that the Order exists to help provide family security and social activity while providing an outlet for you to be active in service to the Church.

Others may say: "I just don't seem to fit in. My interests and friends aren't the same." Well, Brothers, come and show us your interests so we may share them - and bring your friends. If we're not paying attention to you, step up and say: "Hey, wait a minute. Show me what this is all about so I can belong and help, too!"

If you are an "Invisible Knight," I ask you to dust off your pin or badge and wear it from now on. Come to a meeting. Give us a call. We elected you into the Order because we saw potential in you to serve your parish and your brothers. Let's begin again."

While reading Bill's message, it became obvious to me that all our councils have "Invisible Knights". His use of the term "Invisible Knights" is very appropriate and his solution to transform them from "invisible to visible" is outstanding. I encourage all councils to look for their "Invisible Knights" and transform them from "invisible to visible". In my visits to councils, I discovered that 'one knight' could make a significant difference in the activity of the council. He may be the grand knight, the lecturer, the Chaplain, one of the members of the First Degree Team, or that Knight who always shakes your hand, wishes you well, when you or a family member is sick, says 'I will pray for you', who always has a smile and friendly greeting, is someone you like to talk with because he makes you feel good about yourself, and is your 'Fraternal Brother'. Seek these Knights out, for they can transform that invisible knight into a visible, active Knight. Never underestimate the capability of your Brother Knights.

The second Grand Knight's message is from Grand Knight James Jungers, St. Rose Council 9145 in Cheney. He wrote in his council's January newsletter, "We have just celebrated the great Christmas mystery with our loved ones, yet we find a new year with many unknowns. Our country may soon be in conflict, many Americans are unemployed and the economy is very sluggish.

Our efforts to "Keep Christ in Christmas" needs to be expanded to "Keep Christ in Our Daily Lives" to serve as an anchor every Knight can grab hold of in these troubled times. We need to increase our efforts to be men of faith and prayer, to serve as example to our families, loved ones and the parish community. May the example of Father McGivney, our founder, urge each of us to put Christ into each day of the coming year."

What I found so profound about Jim's message was his closing paragraph. After reading the last sentence a couple of times, it became clear to me that he had written a beautiful prayer. I suggest that the councils consider reciting it at the conclusion of their meeting.

For all, I pray, "May the example of Father McGivney, our founder,
urge each of us to put Christ into each day of the coming year."

If not you, who will transform the 'invisible knight into the visible knight'?
If not now, when will you transform the 'invisible knight into the visible knight'?

Remember:

'IF NOT YOU, WHO??'
'IF NOT NOW, WHEN??'

Vivat Jesus,

Wayne C. Hogan, SD

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**MOST REVEREND
ALEXANDER J. BRUNETT
STATE CHAPLAIN**



GOD IS LOVE

Father Lee Hightower, State Vice Chaplain

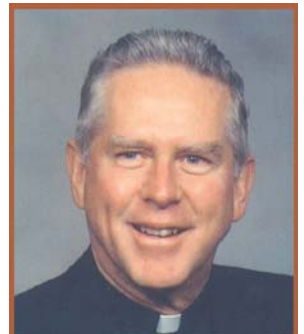
According to one of the many legends about St. Valentine the whole idea of cupid is more a fluke of nature than a theme developed by God. This legend claims that we associate love with this great saint (actually there are three Saints Valentine) because his feast happens to be in the middle of February and it is the time nature has decided to get the birds in France and England to start courting. The protective mothers and fathers of Europe decided that as of the 14th of Feb. the eligible young men of the neighborhood could begin "calling on their daughters". If the acquaintanceship bloomed into romance, the suitor referred to his prize as "my valentine".

Actually this could be more an explanation than a reason for the myth of love, which surrounds the feast day of this particular St. Valentine. We do, however, identify 14 February as a time of romance and love (except in some public school systems where the practice of exchanging valentines has been suppressed because of it's link with a saint and therefore with religion and therefore with God) God is not welcome in certain circles. Luckily we Knights still travel in circles where God is not only welcome but received with open arms. "God is love", according to St. John. If we want love in our lives we must let God into our lives.

The word "love" is misused in so many ways; we love chocolate, we love puppies, we love sunny weather and some of us even love Rock and Roll. Actually we don't love any of these things. We like them to a certain degree. Love exists only in relationships; it isn't always reciprocal, but there must be a relationship between two or more people to have love. Even if the beloved doesn't always return the love, we, as Christians must still love all of our brothers and sister, all of God's family.

God is the source of all true love be it fraternal, marital, filial, parental or whatever. The fact that God's relationship with us is love, makes it possible for us to love others. How about Osama Bin Laden, Saddam Housain and the faceless and nameless terrorists who are threatening our way of life? Must we love them? Can we love them? Yes, we can and we must. Christ died for all people and the gates of heaven are opened to all. It is terrible when a person dies, but it is a tragedy when a person dies never having known Gods love. Jesus tells us that just as the Father has sent him, so He sends us. Each of us is a messenger of God's love in our part of the world. Our families should be the first to experience our love, then our social groups and work associates, then the community, the country and finally the world.

We can show our love for those with whom we live and interact socially and professionally by the way we treat them and interact with them. For those with whom we have no personal contact we pray that God will use others to touch them with His love. Ask yourself if there is not some extra way you can show your love to others this month to keep the myth of St. Valentine alive in our culture.



**FATHER
OLIVER L. HIGHTOWER
STATE VICE CHAPLAIN**

CHAPLAIN APPOINTMENT

The following article was in Chehalis Council 1550's January newsletter. It was titled: 'Chaplain's appointment'. The article, written by Father Armando Perez, is as follows, "It is with much joy that I have accepted your invitation to serve as your Chaplain. As of December 17th I have been officially appointed as such by Archbishop Burnett. Know that I am honored to serve in this capacity.

The Knights hold a special place in the heart of every priest. In many ways the Knights contribute to making priesthood possible for the people of God. I am grateful for our ministry to our local and universal Church.

I look forward to doing all that I am able with the grace of God, to be of support in your special ministry." Fr. Armando S. Perez.

The article concluded with the following statement from the council, "The Council is most appreciative of Archbishop's appointment of Father Armando to be our Chaplain and we look forward to working him in all respects".

Editor's comment: Any council that is blessed with a chaplain such as Father Armando can, with the support and dedication of its members, achieve any goal it sets.

VOCATIONS

Larry Jesmer - State Vocations Chairman

Brother Knights:

As it was so well stated by Grand Knight Leonard McGregor, Grand Knight of Oak Harbor Council 3361. In his newsletter to his membership he writes, "The sacramental life of the church flows through the Ordained Priests."

This will give you food for thought as I ask you this: Will you please consider sponsoring one of the seminarians listed below? These men are our future of the church. It is our profound privilege to have the opportunity to support these men as they go down their journey to the priesthood. We must not let one seminarian go without sponsorship. These men who need us NOW are as follows:

SPOKANE DIOCESE

Jeremy Buris, Kris Leistriz, Luis Alfonso Castillo-Rivera, and Miguel Gustavo Ruiz Juarez.

YAKIMA DIOCESE

Cesar Lopez, Alex Madrigal, Ruben Murillo, Hector Ramirez, and David Valdivia.

Whether you are on the East side or the West side of the mountains, we are a church of unity. Please give me a call at (360) 341-3296 to get your seminarian support going. I look forward to seeing your reports for the Pennies for Heaven Campaign. All Grand Knights were sent the Campaign listing by council. Please get your contributions in early. Make sure you send your check to the State Secretary, Pat Maloney. All I need is a copy of your report found in the Grand Knights Handbook. I look forward to seeing all of you at the State convention in May and always remember: **OUR SEMINARIANS NEED US NOW. WE WILL NEED THEM TOMORROW.**

> **In Memoriam** >

We join the survivors in remembering the following members who recently died.

We offer our prayers for them and their families.

May their souls rest in peace.

BROTHERS	COUNCIL	BROTHERS	COUNCIL
Robert Klug, PGK.....	Seattle 676	Francis M. Camus.....	Olympia 1643
William Weis.....	Seattle 676	Prosper F. Ostrowski.....	Port Angeles 2260
Patrick F Parsons.....	Everett 763	Jerome Durbin.....	Richland 3307
George W. Lind.....	Everett 763	Thomas J. McGuire.....	Clarkston 3455
George F. Shuh.....	Everett 763	Raymond Ramseth.....	Burien 5495
William Stout.....	Tacoma 809	Charles Lewis.....	Federal Way 7528
Bertil Olson.....	Tacoma 809	Robert A. McGuire.....	Arlington 8015
Tim Druffel.....	Colton 1565	Charles Pollom.....	Edmonds 12591
Ronald Druffel.....	Colton 1565		

FAMILY MEMBERS' DEATHS

Marie Blocher (widow of Hobart Blocher).....Bremerton 1379

Sandra Toberman (sister of Ray Toberman PGK/FDD).....Bellevue 10664

SICK NOTICES

Marvin Olson.....Colfax 1488

Ron Dube.....Colfax 1488

George Fischer.....Colfax 1488

Roy McDonald, PGK/FDD.....Colfax 1488

Judy Duncan (wife of Joe Duncan).....Lakewood 4322

Don Dixon, PGK.....Seattle 5177

John Miller.....Mountlake Terrace 9605

Margaret Kovash (wife of Conrad Kovash, DD5).....Spokane 10534

Romy Ablao.....Shoreline 11217

DATES TO REMEMBER**FEBRUARY 2003**

February 1-2

Pre-Convention Meeting, Tukwila

February 8

Major Degree

Port Orchard (Districts 2 and 24)

February 14

St. Valentine's Day

February 15

Fourth Degree

Oak Harbor

February 15

Regional Free Throw-Central

Kennewick

February 15

Semi-Annual Audit

Report 1295 due

February 22

Regional Free Throw-Northwest

Mountlake Terrace

February 23

Major Degree

Bothell (Districts 16, 1 and 26)

February 23

Regional Free Throw-Southwest

Longview

MARCH 2003

March 1-2

Special Olympic Winter Games

Wenatchee

March 1

Regional Free Throw-East

Spokane

March 2

Regional Free Throw-West

Puyallup

March 8

State Free Throw Championship

Yakima

March 8

Major Degree

Spanaway (Districts 3 and 22)

March 9

Major Degree

Colfax (District 8)

MARCH 2003

March 15

Major Degree

Yakima (Districts 6 and 17)

March 22

Major Degree

Marysville (Districts 13 and 21)

March 22

Major Degree

Tukwila (Districts 15 and 12)

March 29

Founder's Day

March 29

Fourth Degree

Vancouver

March 30

Major Degree

Walla Walla (Districts 7 and 17)

**ADDRESS CORRECTIONS
IN MAILED BULLETIN**

2003 REGIONAL FREE THROW COMPETITION - UPDATE SCHEDULE

Region	East	Northwest	West	Central	Southwest
DISTRICTS	5, 8, 18 & 20	1, 9, 13, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23 & 26	2, 3, 12, 15, 22 & 24	6, 7, 10 & 17	4, 11 & 25
HOST	District 20	District 21	District 03	District 07	District 25
DAY DATE REGISTER	Saturday March 1 9:00 a.m.	Saturday February 22 9:00 a.m.	Saturday February 22 12:00 Noon	Saturday February 15 12:00 Noon	Sunday February 23 12:00 Noon
LOCATION ADDRESS CITY	St. Thomas More School 8112 N Howard Dr Spokane	St. Pius School 22105 58th Ave W Mountlake Terrace	All Saints School 504 2nd St SW Puyallup	St. Joseph School 520 S Garfield Kennewick	St. Rose School 701 26th Ave Longview
CONTACT ADDRESS CITY ZIP PHONE	Eddie Parazoo, DD 20 708 Hoffman Rd #1 Kettle Falls 99141-9707 (509) 738-4515	Paul Roth, DD 21 4121 179th PL SW Lynwood 98037-7447 (425) 771-8411	David Heldstab, DD 3 32215 122nd St E Buckley 98168-3873 (360) 829-5238	John St Hilaire, DD 7 62518 S Piert Rd Kennewick 99337-7751 (509) 582-7596	Gerry Caulfield, DD 25 8001 Old Pacific Hwy N Castle Rock 98611-8926 (360) 274-8259

The 2003 Free Throw Season is upon us!! Councils should have already begun their local competitions. District competitions should be scheduled for early February. The Regional competitions are listed below. The Finals will once again be held in Yakima.

District Deputies: Please notify your Grand Knights of the location, date and time of your District competition well in advance (now) so they may inform the winners of their Council competition.

Grand Knights: Remind participants that they will need a birth certificate or other proof of age for registration at the District, Regional, and Final competitions.

Everyone else: Have fun!!



STATE FINALS

Father Queen Gym - Holy Family Church
56th & West Chestnut Ave
Yakima, Washington

Saturday
March 8, 2003

Registration Starts 10:30 a.m.
Competition Starts 11:30 a.m.
Completed: 4:00 p.m. (estimated)

Host District 6: Don Erickson, DD
Contact: Frank Place, GK - 6097
1307 Wide Hollow Rd
Yakima, WA 98908-9124
(509) 966-9906

LUNCH HOSTED BY AHTANUM MISSION COUNCIL 6097

Remember that Council and District Free Throw Contest should be scheduled in January.

Wayne D. Miller, Free Throw Chairman

MARIAN HOUR OF PRAYER SCHEDULE / FEBRUARY 2003 - SEPTEMBER 2003

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY



ICON 1

January 30-February 21
District 12
February 22-March 25
District 3
March 26-April 25
District 22
April 26 - May 30
District 2
May 31 - June 17
District 24
June 18 - July 25
District 4
July 26 - August 12
District 25
August 13 - September 18
District 11

ICON 2

January 21 - February 25
District 7
February 26-March 21
District 17
March 22 - April 21
District 6
April 22 - May 27
District 10
May 28 - June 26
District 21
June 27 - August 2
District 13
August 3 - August 20
District 19
August 21 - September 26
District 9



"THE GREATEST DESTROYER OF PEACE TODAY IS ABORTION"

Cathleen A. Cleaver

Those are the words of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, spoken at the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C., in 1994. This was a time when defenders of abortion occupied the highest levels of government in the United States, and the annual abortion rate was soaring at 1.5 million abortions. In some respects this was abortion's high moment.

Even today, abortion has a grip on our culture. This year marks the 30th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*, the U.S. Supreme Court cases making abortion legal without restriction throughout the United States. The startling reality is that one in every four pregnancies ends in abortion. That means that abortion is not an occasional evil, or a tragic occurrence at the margins of society. It is woven into the very fabric of our culture today.

ABORTION'S UNFULFILLED PROMISE: Abortion is an act of unthinkable violence to the children whose lives it destroys before birth. But unborn children are not its only victims. Abortion does violence to women - the effect of killing on the human spirit is immense. And it coarsens the conscience of any society that tolerates it. Today we witness the suffering and confusion that follow when a culture's conscience has been killed.

In *Evangelium Vitae*, Pope John Paul II's 1995 encyclical on the Gospel of Life, the pope says that the culture of death rests upon a "freedom of 'the strong' against the weak who have no choice but to submit?" This "freedom," he says, "negates and destroys itself, and becomes a factor leading to the destruction of others, when it no longer recognizes and respects its essential link with the truth?"

Legal abortion was said to promise freedom, but it promised what it could not give. When women are asked why they had their abortions, most say they did not think they could afford to raise a child alone, or they did not feel ready, or they were having problems in the relationship with the child's father. These reasons point to a lack of support from the people in their lives. Time and time again women will say that they felt they "had no choice."

Abortion is not an act of freedom, but of desperation. Women are driven to choose abortion by a lack of financial, emotional and psychological support, or are pushed by parents or boyfriends to solve a pregnancy problem with abortion. Women deserve better than abortion, and in some respects, abortion is a reflection that we as a society have not met the needs of women who are struggling with an untimely pregnancy. "How do we persuade a woman not to have an abortion?" asked Mother Teresa. "We must persuade her with love and we remind ourselves that love means to be willing to give until it hurts?"

No compassionate person wants to see a woman suffer through the personal tragedy of abortion. As Catholics, we can take heart that the Church has long been the leader in assisting women with untimely pregnancies. In the 30 years since abortion has been legal throughout the United States, thousands of Catholic social service ministries, pro-life groups and pregnancy resource centers have come to the aid of women facing difficult pregnancies. Women have received clothing, medical expenses, and even a place to stay at no charge, and at considerable personal sacrifice to those who help them. According to the Knights of Columbus annual Survey of Fraternal Activity for 2001, Knights Orderwide reported raising and donating some \$3.8 million to such programs. Pope John Paul calls us to a "radical solidarity with the woman in need." Nothing less will suffice.

WE KNOW THE TRUTH: Legal abortion was said to promise a resolution to the crisis of an unplanned pregnancy. But rather than

bringing resolution and peace, abortion begins a cycle of pain and despair. Women who have had abortions often suffer profound grief. Their suffering is real, yet our society pushes them to defend their decision, to stay entrenched in their grief. When sisters and brothers and mothers and fathers are driven by their natural instincts to defend and protect their loved one who is suffering, this too often takes the shape of defending her abortion decision, or defending abortion itself. Even those who understand the truth about abortion often refrain from speaking out for fear of hurting women who have had abortions, and this is a mistake. Women grieving over abortion can infer from this silence that no one knows their pain, or, worse, that no one cares.

As Catholics, we know the truth about the violence of abortion and its damage to lives and souls. For two decades the Church's post-abortion ministry, Project Rachel, has provided hope and healing to women whose lives have been torn apart by abortion. Many women have been able to overcome their grief and hopelessness, and have found healing for their deep spiritual wounds.

Much has changed since Mother Teresa addressed the National Prayer Breakfast in 1994. There is a pro-life president in office, and the election of 2002 was very nearly a referendum on abortion - two-thirds of the new members of the Senate and House of Representatives hold pro-life views. And there are fewer abortions today.

Still, *Roe v. Wade* must be reversed. We must work and pray for an end to legal abortion, so that every member of the human family is protected. This year marks the beginning of a new tradition in our Church on the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. A new provision of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal instructs that in all dioceses of the United States, January 22 shall be "observed as a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life."

Legal abortion has left a legacy of violence - to the lives of unborn children, to the souls of their mothers, to society at large. It is our great task, and our great privilege, to be called to bear witness to this truth.

Cathleen A. Cleaver, a lawyer, is the director of planning and information, Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Knights of Columbus provides annual grant funding to her office. Columbia/January 15, 2003.

A ROUND TABLE SURPRISE

State Deputy Wayne C. Hogan

At the Regional Meeting in East Wenatchee on January 25, during my membership presentation, I indicated that Washington had 23 round tables, just four short of the goal set by Supreme. District Deputy Director Mike Bunney stopped me by saying that is not the correct number of round tables. At which time, Grand Knight Edward Hogan of Wenatchee Council 1545 came forward and presented me with the Notice of Appointment of Round Table Coordinator which listed three new round tables: St Francis Xavier in Cashmere, St Francis, in Chelan, and Our Lady of the Snows, in Leavenworth. I was so taken back by this outstanding surprise that I forgot to thank Ed Hogan and the Knights of Wenatchee Council 1545. So Ed, to you and your knights, thanks for a job well done. Wenatchee Council 1545 is the only council presently to have three round tables.

Washington State Council - 100th Annual Convention
There are great and exciting activities planned for our 100th Convention.

Amateur Hour and Karaoke Contest - Friday, May 16, 2003

Following the Friday evening social and dinner will be our own Amateur Hour and Karaoke Contest

The Amateur Hour and Karaoke Contest is open to all Knights and their families

It will be an evening to be enjoyed and remembered for years.

Come and support your local talent. We are looking for

Ventriloquists *** Comedians *** Magicians *** MusiciansSingers***Dancers***

Councils should form an act without or with talent

Districts should form an act with or without talent

The insurance department should form an act with or without talent

There will be prizes for all who participate

Be advised the Karaoke Contest is not a voluntary event, so come prepared

The Master of Ceremonies is our own State Warden John 'the kilts' Wallace

The Ladies' Luncheon on Saturday, May 17, 2003 will be a special musical event.

Violinist Nina Anderson Powers

Nina is from the Tri-Cities where she is a mother of seven children. She has most recently performed with the Washington East Opera in their production of La Boheme. She has performed in the Mid-Columbia Symphony and the Columbia Basin Chamber Society. She has also performed with the Seattle Youth Symphony, Cheyenne Symphony and the Wyoming Symphony Orchestra, for which she was Concertmistress. Nina holds a degree in philosophy from Seattle University and a Master of Music Performance from the University of Wyoming. Her program will include Traditional Irish Folk Dances, Sabre Dance, Moonlight Sonata, Humoreske, Promenade, and one of the most beautiful songs ever written '*Ave Maria*'.

Pianist Anita Cummings

Anita is familiar to Pacific Northwest music audiences for 34 years and will accompany Nina.

Anita is a graduate from the University of Washington's School of Music. Among her recent performances are the 5th Avenue's production of *Phantom of the Opera* and *Miss Saigon*.

The Ladies' Program on Sunday, May 18, 2003 will be unique, enlightening, and spiritually rewarding.

Camille DeBelasi, M.A.

Camille is the Director of the Center for Life Principles and the Director of Program Development for Human Life of Washington Education Foundation. She is a collaborator on the Life Principles book entitled 'Healing the Culture: Commonsense Philosophy of Happiness, Freedom, and the Life Issues', by Fr Robert J. Spitzer, S.J., Ph.D. (Ignatius Press 2000). Fr Spitzer is presently the President of Gonzaga University in Spokane. She is the author of the pro-life high school curriculum 'Life Principles: Making Sense of the Life Issues' and the author of the 'Life Principles Mother/Daughter Retreats'. She is founder of 'Being With' - a campaign to encourage individuals to visit with the ill, elderly, and the terminally ill; and founder of 'Modestly Yours' - an educational program to promote

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

To provide for a period of reflection and meditation, and for the first time at a Washington Convention, we will have a Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

The Rainier Room in the DoubleTree Guest Suites will be the Convention's Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Country Store

For the convenience of the attendees, we will have a Knights of Columbus Country Store.

The Sunrise Room in the DoubleTree Guest Suites will be the Country Store.

For additional information on items carried in the Country Store, call Ed Hebert at (360) 373-0592

FIRST DEGREE TEAM COMPETITION

The Washington First Degree Team Competition was held at Regional Meetings on January 11, 12, 18, and 19, 2003. Representing Eastern Washington was St. Charles Council 8137 in Spokane, Grand Knight Thomas M. Kelleher; representing Central Washington was Richland Council 3307 in Richland, Grand Knight Charles Foley; representing Northwest Washington was Fr Justin P. Garvey Council 6686 in Bothell, Grand Knight Delbert H. Treichel; and representing Central and Southwest Washington was Fr. Chirouse Council 5816 in Lynnwood, Grand Knight Keith Klaus.

The performance of these four finalists was outstanding and the competition very keen. During the Men's Awards Luncheon at the State Convention, the Ceremonials Chairman, Thomas Weber will announce the team that won the competition and State Deputy Wayne C. Hogan will present the Grand Knight with the Washington First Degree Team Competition Award, which the council will retain for the coming fraternal year. All teams will receive a certificate acknowledging their accomplishment as a finalist.

CENTRAL WASHINGTON FINALIST

Richland Council 3307. Back row: Don McBride, Deputy Grand Knight; Ron Kimball, Financial Secretary; Gary Grand Knight; Mike Reisenauer, Chancellor. Front row: George Polyak, Warden; Loris Heller, Warden Aide; Chuck Foley, Warden Aide; Tom Bander, Music.

EASTERN WASHINGTON FINALIST

Spokane Council 8137. Dave Colton, Music; Ed, Thomas, Warden Aide; Tom Kelleher, Grand Knight; Jim Parkins, Deputy Grand Knight; Darrell Kenney, Financial Secretary; Ed Lapinski, Warden; Ernie Vollmer, Chancellor.

NORTHWEST WASHINGTON FINALIST

Bothell Council 6686: Back row: Del Treichel, Warden; Greg Schmidt, Financial Secretary; Bobby Buendia, Inside Guard; Charlie Beck, Deputy Grand Knight. Front Row: John Mathewson, Grand Knight; Steve Warren, Chancellor.

CENTRAL AND SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON FINALIST

Lynnwood Council 5816. Back row: John Alexy, Music; Michael Bunney, Grand Knight; Bob Burk, Warden. Front row: Tony McConn, Financial Secretary; Paul Roth, Deputy Grand Knight; John Balch, Chancellor.

**REFUND SUPPORT VOCATIONS PROGRAM 2001-2002
FINAL REPORT AS OF JANUARY 10, 2003**

Supreme's final report on the Refund Support Vocation Program (RSVP) for 2001-2002 has just been received. Washington had fifty councils and six assemblies participate in the program during 2001-2002. The below listed fifty-six councils and assemblies sponsored 104 seminarians and six postulants/novices by donating \$56,950 to their support. Believe this was a record year for Washington. If a council or assembly sponsored seminarians and/or postulants and novices but did not report it to Supreme using report form 2863 located in the Council Report Forms Booklet, your council is not listed below.

For the year 2001-2002, 2,341 councils and assemblies donated \$2,343,240 to a total of 4,012 seminarians, postulants, and novices. From 1981 to 2002, councils and assemblies have donated a cumulative total of \$25,273,539 directly to cumulative total of 43,772 seminarians, postulants, and novices.

Our thanks to all the below listed councils and assemblies for their sponsorship of our future priests and sisters. We had three councils that sponsored four seminarians, postulants and/or novices, these are: Tacoma 809, Federal Way 7528, and Marysville 7863. We had three councils, Olympia 1643, Spokane Valley 4196, and Vancouver 4782 that sponsored five, and one council, Bellevue 4358 that sponsored six. The leading council for sponsorship this year was Stanwood 8476, which sponsored seven. Our congratulations to all the councils and assemblies that sponsored seminarians, postulants, and novices

Because of your contributions to Pennies For Heaven last year, we have and are presenting each of the bishops of our three dioceses a check to each for \$18,000, a total of \$54,000 for the support of seminarians. With the \$56,950 donated through the RSVP, you have been responsible for \$110,950 of support. Again, believe you have again set a record.

To appreciate the impact of your actions, please refer to the article in this bulletin titled, 'Chaplain Appointment'. Father Armando Perez wrote in part, "The Knights hold a special place in the heart of every priest. In many ways the Knights contribute to making priesthood possible for the people of God."

Council	Location	Donation	Seminarians Sponsored	Postulants/Novices Sponsored	Total Sponsored
676	Seattle	500	1	0	1
763	Everett	500	1	0	1
809	Tacoma	2,500	4	0	4
829	Bellingham	500	1	0	1
1327	Vancouver	1,250	2	0	2
1379	Bremerton	500	1	0	1
1488	Colfax	500	1	0	1
1545	Wenatchee	500	1	0	1
1565	Colton	500	1	0	1
1620	Pasco	500	1	0	1
1629	Puyallup	500	1	0	1
1643	Olympia	2,500	4	1	5
2126	Mount Vernon	1,500	3	0	3
3153	Ephrata	500	1	0	1
3361	Oak Harbor	1,000	2	0	2
3455	Clarkston	500	1	0	1
4196	Spokane Valley	2,500	3	2	5
4385	Bellevue	3,000	6	0	6
4782	Vancouver	2,500	5	0	5
5495	Seattle	1,000	2	0	2
5816	Lynnwood	1,000	2	0	2
6686	Bothell	1,000	2	0	2
6706	Port Orchard	1,000	1	0	1
7360	Pullman	500	1	0	1
7528	Federal Way	2,000	4	0	4
7863	Marysville	2,000	4	0	4
8102	Redmond	500	1	0	1
8136	Bellevue	1,500	3	0	3
8137	Spokane	500	1	0	1
8150	Kent	1,000	2	0	2
8179	Kennewick	1,500	3	0	3
8201	Spokane	1,000	2	0	2
8398	Spokane	500	1	0	1
8476	Stanwood	3,500	7	0	7
8768	Selah	500	1	0	1
9237	Spokane	500	1	0	1
9238	Gig Harbor	1,000	2	0	2
9617	Everett	500	1	0	1
9637	Buckley	500	1	0	1

Council	Location	Donation	Seminarians Sponsored	Postulants/Novices Sponsored	Total Sponsored
9833	Issaquah	500	1	0	1
10543	Prosser	500	1	0	1
10652	Ft Lewis	500	1	0	1
10653	Kennewick	1,100	1	1	2
10664	Bellevue	500	1	0	1
11217	Seattle	1,000	1	0	1
11252	Woodland	1,100	1	1	2
11253	Tukwila	1,500	3	0	3
11357	Langley	500	1	0	1
11408	Kirkland	500	1	0	1
11762	Lakewood	500	1	0	1
11780	Covington	1,000	1	1	2
12786	Kelso	1,000	2	0	2

Assembly	Location	Donation	Seminarians Sponsored	Postulants/Novices Sponsored	Total Sponsored
1175	Tacoma	500	1	0	1
1178	Vancouver	500	1	0	1
1539	Spokane	500	1	0	1
2105	Pullman	500	1	0	1
2276	Oak Harbor	500	1	0	1
2501	Gig Harbor	500	1	0	1

Washington State Total

\$56,950

104

6

110



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WE NEED THEM.**

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John E. O'Brien Council 3361 - Oak Harbor

GIRLS ORPHANAGE RECEIVES CHRISTMAS SURPRISE

The Casa Amporo girls orphanage in Reynosa Mexico received a big surprise on Christmas Eve. During this past year Arlene Swatosh (wife of PGK Del Swatosh) personally sewed 71 Christmas stockings and collected a suitcase full of "Stocking Stuffers" for the girls orphanage. Casa Amporo is a girls orphanage, ran by the Catholic Nun's in Reynosa. The council has been supporting the girls the past two years and Arlene decided to help out and thought that the girls, who don't have much, would benefit from such a gift. The council would like to thank Arlene for the many hours spent putting so much love into each stocking.

SEMINARIAN SPONSORSHIP

Wayne C. Hogan - State Deputy

The following is the article written by Juan Lezcano, Vocations Chairman, Federal Way Council 7528. Juan writes in the December newsletter, "My brothers, our Council has chosen to sponsor five seminarians this fraternal year. They are Vu Tran, Thomas Nathe, Peter Mactutis, James Thurman and Anthony Lezcano. Throughout the coming year, we will feature an article on each of these seminarians. This month we start with Thomas Nathe at Mount Angels Seminary in Oregon."

Thomas writes: "I would say that I have sensed a call to the priesthood since my first memory of seeing a priest. Perhaps I was about six or so, and from that time until I was 27, I fought against the idea. Being a spiritual and moral guide meant that I would have to be different than everyone else and that was a way of being different that I was just not interested in being. Of course, from the adolescent years on, celibacy seemed to be an insurmountable obstacle as well. When I was 26 going on 27, I had a supernatural conversion experience. Of course all conversions are supernatural by their nature; ultimately, mine would lead me to say, "yes" to the Lord's desire for me to be one of His priest's. At the core of it all, I came to know the Lord Jesus Christ personally. And what of the Lord specifically did I come to know? I came to know, with the conviction of my life, that Jesus existed, was God, was infinitely powerful, and was infinitely good, loving and merciful. Having been in love at one time in college, I certainly understood how powerful love could be. The Lord blessed me with His grace of love. An infinite and perfect love was simply more than I could say 'no' too. I could finally give the Lord what He had wished for me from the start. Within a year and a half of the start of my conversion, I was accepted as a seminarian for the Archdiocese of

Seattle and sent to Mt. Angel.

Four and a half years have passed since first coming to Mt. Angel. They have been the most spiritual and matriculating years of my life. I am now in my third year of Theology (second to the last). By the grace of God, I will be ordained to the transitional diaconate sometime next summer and to the priesthood in the summer of 2004. I want to thank the Knights of Columbus for the incredible support that you give to the seminarians. Your support through prayer and almsgiving truly does make a difference. May the Lord continue to bless all of you and your families. May the Lord be with you.

In the Peace and Service of Our Lord Jesus Christ." Thomas Nathe
Juan concludes his article with, "What a wonderful testimony of faith and dedication. Thank you brothers for your ongoing support of our seminarians. Paz y Bien, Juan F. Lezcano, sfo"

An editor's note, Anthony Lezcano is the son of Juan Lezcano. For an article on Anthony, please refer to Supreme's Squires Newsletter of December 2002, Volume 74, Number 12. The article is titled 'Former Squires Study for Priesthood-Circles Plan for Vocations Month' and is as follows 'Another Squire, Anthony N. Lezcano, charter chief squire of Apostle Circle 4571 and now a Knight in St. Joseph Council 7528 in Federal Way, Washington has entered the seminary at Mt. Angel, Oregon to study for the priesthood.'

Washington still has seminarians that are not being supported by a council or assembly. After reading the above, how can we ignore our future priests? Councils can and should sponsor seminarians from the other dioceses in Washington. Contact Larry Jesmer at (360) 341-3296 for information on seminarians.

MONSIGNOR DESMOND DILLON, CHAPLAIN OF KENNEWICK COUNCIL 8179 CELEBRATES 88 YEARS OF LIFE AND 60 YEARS AS A BROTHER KNIGHT

Monsignor Desmond Dillon was born on January 31, 1915 in Hong Kong, China. He is devoted to the Blessed Mother. This devotion began in 1919 by saying the daily rosary with his family and has continued every day of his life. He entered the seminary on September 6, 1933, at the age of eighteen. He was ordained May 22, 1941 in St. James Cathedral in Seattle. For 61 years, Monsignor Dillon's life has been committed to Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Mother, service to God's Church, institution and people. Since his ordination, he has instructed and received into the Church nearly 1,000 adults.

He joined the Knights of Columbus on March 1, 1942 in Tacoma with Council 809 and the Fourth Degree on March 1, 1954. He has been an active member of Kennewick Council 8179 for the past 20 years and has served as its Chaplain for the past 15 years. He never misses an officers or regular business meeting. He participates in many of the activities presented by the Council. His is an inspiration to the Council and we love him dearly.

Last year, the Knights of Columbus sponsored his 60th anniversary of service to the Church. Twenty-one (21) of those years have been spent at St. Joseph Parish in Kennewick. Even though he has been semi-retired since 1986, he continues to celebrate daily mass and two masses on Sundays. The Knights each year hold a "surprise" birthday party for Monsignor (this January 25th will be his 88th). This year is also his 60th year as a member of the Knights of Columbus.

The following is the Chaplain Corner in the Kennewick Council 8179 January bulletin and was written by Monsignor Dillon, "I've been

active Chaplain for our Knights of Columbus Council 8179 St. Joseph Parish for approximately 20 years and in that time I have seen it grow in numbers and in quality. The men who belong to the Knights are engaged in a great number of wonderful charitable educational projects and without them, these things could not possibly be accomplished. These are all busy, capable, intelligent, and good Christian men who are engaged in so many different activities. But their support is always there for the needy. I do not know a better organization in which to spend time and effort, which has so many benefits. Not only an excellent insurance program, but also in the works that they accomplish from month to month. The individuals continually bring themselves into a broader field of social relation, kindness, and charity. In this present age in which we live that is so urbanized where people are just serial numbers or identified only with their jobs. In an age, which is paganized, that morality in our society and in our schools is down to an all time low. The Knights seem constantly standing up and walking in the footstep of our Lord.

Consider the Knights of Columbus as an inspiring organization for your activities and for your life. KC Council 8179 is a quality council of quality men in quality programs - we invite all good Catholic Men. Vivat Jesus."

The Knights of Columbus say "Thank You" and congratulations to Monsignor Desmond Dillon on his 88th birthday, his 60th year as a Knight and his 61st year as a minister of God's teachings.

NCD and RT GOALS STATUS

You have achieved and surpassed our goal of 27 round tables, congratulations. We have 28 round tables and 2 new councils as of January 31, 2003. Our nine newest round tables are: Holy Redeemer in Yakima, the mother council is Yakima Council 894, GK Marc Desgroseillier; Vietnamese Round Table at Columbian Council 1327 in Vancouver, GK Robert Schwarz; St Francis Xavier, Cashmere, the mother council is Wenatchee Council 1545, GK Edward Hogan; St Francis, Chelan, the mother council is Wenatchee Council 1545, GK Edward Hogan; Our Lady of the Snows, Leavenworth, the mother council is Wenatchee Council 1545, GK Edward Hogan; St. Stephen the Martyr in Renton, the mother council is Renton Council 3645, GK Kenneth Robinson; St Bernadette in Seattle, the mother council is Burien Council 5495, GK Ken DeVos; Holy Family at Fairchild AFB, the mother council is Cheney Council 9145, GK James Jungers, and Guamanian Round Table at St. John Bosco, Council 11762, GK Adam

Diego. Our congratulations to these grand knights and their councils and all the grand knights and councils that have established a round table, for surpassing by one Washington's goal of 27 round tables.

Remember, round tables are re-established each year. We still are waiting for those councils that established round tables last year to resubmit form 2629 to Supreme with a copy to the State Deputy and District Deputy.

Our Goal of NCD for the year is four, plus we have two inactive councils with a reactivation goal of one for a total of 5 councils for NCD and Reactivation.

All parishes and missions without a Knights of Columbus presence should be contacted and the benefits of a round table and/or a council need to be presented to the pastor.

If not you, who will help achieve our goal?

If not now, when will we achieve our goal?

NEW / REACTIVATION COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT STATUS

Goal	Achieved	Needed for goal
5	2	3

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| 1. East Wenatchee, Holy Apostles Council 13186
GK - Deacon Bill Loranger - DD10 - Charles Batt | 2. St. Charles Borromeo Council 13238, Tacoma,
GK Richard McEntee, DD John Oldham |
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ROUND TABLES STATUS

Goal	Achieved	Over goal
27	28	1

**Parish/mission (type) and location of Round Table
Sponsoring council and Grand Knight**

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| 1. Holy Redeemer, Yakima
Yakima Council 894, GK Marc Desgroseillier | 18. Holy Cross, Granite Falls
Snohomish Council 9664, GK Ed Miller |
| 2. St James (Vietnamese), Vancouver
Vancouver Council 1327, GK Robert Schwarz | 19. St Patrick, Spokane
Spokane Council 10534, GK Bob Sherman |
| 3. St Francis Xavier, Cashmere
Wenatchee Council 1545, GK Edward Hogan | 20. Assumption Parish, McChord AFB (military)
Ft Lewis Council 10652, GK George Van Camp |
| 4. St Francis, Chelan
Wenatchee Council 1545, GK Edward Hogan | 21. Madigan Army Medical Center Chapel, MAMC (military)
Ft Lewis Council 10652, GK George Van Camp |
| 5. Our Lady of the Snows, Leavenworth
Wenatchee Council 1545, GK Edward Hogan | 22. St. Phillip (Spanish), Woodland
Woodland Council 11252, GK Jerry Ross |
| 6. St. Martins College (College), Lacey
Olympia Council 1643, GK Peter Redburn | 23. St George, Seattle
Tukwila Council 11253, GK Julius C. Neal, Jr |
| 7. Holy Rosary (Spanish), Moxee
Moxee Council 2303, GK Gerald Shepard | 24. Our Lady of Lourdes, Seattle
Tukwila Council 11253, GK Julius C. Neal, Jr |
| 8. St. Stephen the Martyr, Renton
Renton Council 3645, GK Kenneth Robinson | 25. Immaculate Conception, Steilacoom
Lakewood Council 11762, GK Adam Diego |
| 9. SS Peter & Paul, Tacoma
Lakewood Council 4322, GK Michael Reffner | 26. St John Bosco (Guamanian), Lakewood
Lakewood Council 11762, GK Adam Diego |
| 10. St Bernadette, Seattle
Burien Council 5495, GK Ken DeVos | 27. Our Lady of Good Counsel, Eatonville
Puyallup Council 11948, GK Phil Heinzman |
| 11. St Thomas More (Philippino), Lynnwood
Lynnwood Council 5816, GK Keith Klaus | 28. St Joseph, Waterville
East Wenatchee Council 13186, GK Bill Loranger |
| 12. Holy Trinity (Spanish), Goldendale
Goldendale Council 7149, GK Martin Koreski | |
| 13. Holy Family at Fairchild AFB (military)
Cheney Council 9145, GK James Jungers | |
| 14. St. Charles Borromeo, Tacoma
Gig Harbor Council 9238, GK Al Tokin | |
| 15. St John's Mission at Mukilteo
Everett Council 9617, GK Shawn Richard | |
| 16. Sacred Heart, Enumclaw
Buckley Council 9637, GK Mark Kicken | |
| 17. Our Lady of Lourdes, Wilkeson | |

Recapitulation of Round Tables:

College	1
Guamanian	1
Military	3
Parish	18
Philippino	1
Spanish	3
Vietnamese	1
Total	28

WE SALUTE THE SQUIRES

SQUIRES RECRUITING SUCCESS!!

Father Chirouse Council 5816 of Lynnwood held a video "game day" on February 1st at St. Thomas More Parish. Video game consoles were set up throughout the parish hall. Pizza and pop were provided.

The hall was alive with electronic noise and the smell of pizza. A brief "intermission" was held to explain the Columbian Squires to the young men and their parents. The Squires informational video "Something More" was shown on the big screen TV. State Squires Chairman Wayne Miller quizzed the youth about the content of the video and was impressed by the answers (they really were paying attention!).

Former State Squires Chairman Matt Jarolimek was in attendance with one of the Counselors and two of the Squires from St. Cecilia Circle from Camano/Stanford. They explained some of their activities and answered questions.

Grand Knight Keith Klaus and Chief Counselor Murphy Greene, along with several other Knights from Lynnwood Council 5816 worked hard to put together such an event. Their hard work paid off! **Eigh-teen** young men signed up to be Squires!!

Planning is underway for an investiture. Bishop John Neumann Circle #2666 will be reactivated soon. Congratulations to Council #5816 and Circle #2666.

SQUIRES CONVENTION – A MOVEABLE FEAST?

OK...Re-mark your calendars!! Saturday, **April 12th**, 2003 will be the occasion of the Washington State Squires Circles 2nd Annual Convention. It will be hosted by the Federal Way/Auburn Circle with the assistance of St. Joseph Council # 7528.

We all know the troubles associated with scheduling the Knights of Columbus State Convention. Not to be outdone, the Squires had some challenges as well. We haven't changed locations, just the date! The convention will be held at St Vincent de Paul Parish, located at 30525 8th Ave S. in Federal Way.

The Convention will be Palm Sunday weekend, so the Squires will participate in the Saturday evening mass. Look forward to a wonderful Passion Play at St. Vincent de Paul.

Join the Columbian Squires for this year's gathering. It's not too late to form your own Circle to send to the convention. All Squires in good standing are invited and encouraged to attend.

For those Circles traveling long distances for the event, limited housing will be available on site. Contact Squires Chairman Wayne Miller at (253) 804-6409 for additional information.

SPANISH FIRST DEGREE

District Deputy John Oldham, District 22 is planning to have a Spanish First Degree on Tuesday, February 18 at St Nicholas Church, 3510 Rosedale Ave in Gig Harbor.

Daniel Martinez, Spanish Membership Chairman, is forming the Spanish First Degree Team from the Marysville area. Any Spanish-speaking ceremonialist or anyone wishing to assist at this degree, please contact Dan at (360) 653-5803.

For additional information on the degree, please contact District Deputy John Oldham at (253) 851-3875 (home) or (253) 58801858 (work).

FRATERNAL YEAR 2002-2003 MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2003

The five Division Leaders in highest percent net gain and in highest net gain, as of February 1, 2003 are listed below. We have completed seven of the twelve months of the fraternal year 2002-2003 and we have 16 councils that have achieved 100% or more of their membership goal.

As in December, we had one council go from a zero net gain to a net gain of 6 and surpass the membership requirement for Star Council. Seattle Council 8311, under the leadership of Grand Knight James Schmitt is now at 120% of goal. Congratulations to Jim and his knights.

Also, as in December, we had two councils that recruited 14 new members. Not to be outdone, in January, Bothell Council 6686, under the leadership of Grand Knight Delbert Treichel, **recruited 14 new members and presently has a net gain of 26, with no losses**, and a percent of quota of 433.3%. **Yes that is 433.3%** of quota and there is still five months remaining in the fraternal year. Congratulations to Del and his Knights.

Those councils needing to go from zero to 100% plus should contact Grand Knights James Schmitt or Del Treichel. Their record demonstrates that they know how to do it. Our congratulations to both Grand Knights and their councils.

We have one council with 400% or more percent of goal, Bothell 6686, Grand Knight Delbert H. Treichel. We have three councils with 200% or more percent of goal; these are: Tacoma 13238 with 280%, Grand Knight Richard McEntee, East Wenatchee 13186 with 260%, Grand Knight William Loranger, and Marysville 7863 with 250%, Grand Knight Richard Janku. 5 new members; and Marysville 7863 recruited 5 new members.

THE MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2003

Highest Percent Net Gain	Highest Net Gain
Division I	
Oak Harbor 3361 with 78.5% GK Leonard McGregor	Olympia 1643 with 8 GK Peter Redburn
Division II	
Lynnwood 5816 with 160% GK Keith Klaus	Vancouver 1327 with 11 GK Robert F. Schwarz
Division III	
Bothell 6686 with 433.3% GK Delbert H. Treichel	Marysville 7863 with 15 GK Richard Janku
Division IV	
Spokane 11134 with 180% GK Tom Clemens	Seattle 8311 with 6 (TIE) GK James F. Schmit Sequim 8455 with 6 (TIE) GK Robert J. McNicholas Vancouver 12899 with 6 (TIE) GK Paul Stone
Division V	
Tacoma 13238 with 280% GK Richard McEntee	East Wenatchee 13186 with 13 GK Deacon William Loranger
WASHINGTON'S MEMBERSHIP LEADERS	
Bothell 6686 with 433.3% GK Delbert H. Treichel	Lynnwood 5816 with 16 GK Keith Klaus

January saw the reduction in the membership inactive councils by 13 councils, from 41 to 28. Congratulations to these Grand Knights and their councils. Now we need to reduce the 28 membership inactive councils to zero.

NOTES FROM STATE SECRETARY

Patrick Maloney

Per Capita

... By now all councils have received a letter from me outlining their 2003 Per Capita assessment. Please note that all council's state per capita is now due. Please help by responding without delay in submitting your per capita. Your consideration and response helps make things run a lot smoother! If you have not received your per capita letter or you have questions regarding this, please contact me.

Convention Preparation

... You should see your council's convention credentials in the mail this month. After receiving them, please hold your election for convention delegates as soon as possible. Return that information to the State Secretary so that the convention roster can be prepared.

... Convention resolutions should be into the State Secretary no later than 3/15/03!

... Don't forget to prepare your convention booklet information. It's not due to your District Deputy until April. However, it is not too early to put an outline together!

Regional Meetings

... It was great to see and talk to many of you during the January Regional meetings. Your input, ideas, suggestions and general fraternal camaraderie are things that are highlights of these meetings. We wish you the best during the next few months. Remember never hesitate to contact a state officer for help. The best of success to you and your council for the next 5 months!

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Gary Weber, Family Chairman

There were thirty-seven Family of the Month submissions for December, four less submissions in December than in November. The thirty-seven councils submitting entries for the month of November drawing were:

763, 829★, 1379, 1620★, 1629, 2303, 3361, 3455★, 3645, 4196, 4385, 4782, 5495★, 5816, 6686, 6806, 7356, 7360, 7642, 7863, 8015, 8102, 8150, 8297, 8768, 9664, 10652, 11217, 11252, 11253, 11357, 11780, 11948, 12251, 12786, 12983 and 13186.

The council with an ★ denotes the council's family was the winner of the Holy Family statuette. Washington had four winning families. They are: the family of **Robert and Barbara Zender**, Council 829, Bellingham; the family of **Raymond and Rose Lewis**, Council 1620, Pasco; the family of **Joseph and Agnes Schmidt**, Council 3455, Clarkston; and the family of **John and Carmen Ybarra**, Council 5495, Buriem.

My thanks to these councils for honoring a council family.



Faithful Friar – Most Rev. Alexander J. Brunett
Faithful Secretary/Registrar – John Williams, PFN
Worthy Marshall – East Side – Robert Grandinetti, PFN
Worthy Marshall – West Side – Storm Smole, PFN

Fourth Degree
Master – Washington
Everett J. Roberts, PSD
(253) 584-5632 or robpsdkcwa@aol.com

January Highlights:

2002 Survey of Fraternal Activity – Individual Member Worksheet, Form 1728A 9/01, must be submitted by January 31, 2003. I have received Fraternal Survey reports from the following assemblies: 1178, 2259, 2648, 1530, 1168, 1169, 2018, 2685, 1707, 1845, 2621 and 2276. Reminder they must be at Supreme by Jan 31, 2003. Thanks to those that have forwarded them already.

Why do some Knights wear Feathers?

An information forum will be held at St. John Bosco Hall in Lakewood, 22 February 2003 for potential candidates for the Fourth Degree Exemplification. This will be an information program for all assemblies and councils in the area who wish to bring potential members and will start immediately after 5:00pm mass at the church. More information will be forwarded or may be requested by calling the Master.

Exemplification at Oak Harbor on 15 February 2003. Final arrangements have been made. If any last minute candidates please bring all information to the degree. Web page has the information. Six-month waiver forms must be submitted prior to degree.

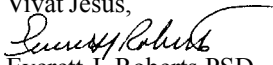
Exemplification at Spokane on 8 March 2003: Assemblies and councils should be working on recruitment for this degree. It will be held at Spokane Council 683. Information as to the timetable will be posted on the web page shortly.

Civic Award and Patriot Award: Both awards due by June 30, 2003.

Essay Program: Information packets are available from Supreme.

The followings dates and places for exemplifications have been approved by the VSM Rudolph Wilson:

Feb 15 - Oak Harbor, WA (see article on the web page) -- Mar 8 - Spokane, WA -- Mar. 29 - Vancouver, WA
May 3 - Pasco, WA -- Jun 21 - Lakewood, WA @ St. John Bosco.

Vivat Jesus,

Everett J. Roberts PSD
District Master - Washington
"...one nation under God..."

CARRY A FORM #100

MEMBERSHIP

**Be Positive - Not Negative
Be Proactive - Not Reactive**

Everett "Rob" Roberts, PSD - Membership Director

**If not you - Who?
If not now - When?**

BACK TO BASICS

Before I talk about our next six months recruitment program, the regional meetings produced two areas, which I feel are important. One being the printing of the state bulletin and the program for roundtable development. Our Worthy State Secretary presented a proposed resolution with substantiating back-up of costs. I realize that the printing of the State Bulletin has little to do with this but it is a factor of cause on why the communication efforts are so poor in the state. Think back several years when printing costs were minimal; almost everyone received or had access to the bulletin. Where do we get our monthly information from, the bulletin? How many Grand Knights make available to the membership this bulletin or cite at the meeting important aspects of what is happening. Those who have access to it on-line probably don't look at it or review it quickly. We need to make our membership aware of what is happening on a monthly basis. Grand Knights get the word out.

The roundtable goal is being met with in many areas with complete indifference or refusal to take part in the program. The roundtable program is to help our priests and deacons in all parishes and missions to have a Knights of Columbus presence. The "Dream" is not to kill, create multi parish problems but to put the Knights at the disposal of the priests. Each roundtable can be ethnic in design where a council already exists. It also can be of Caucasian where a council doesn't exist in a parish or mission. Roundtables were originally designed to form a council but the main purpose of a roundtable is to assist the priest, deacon and parish/mission in its work of the church. Who is the only person who has the right to say, "No Knights", surely not you and I or any of the members of the council who are against this program? The answer is the parish priest who is in charge.

I was thinking about the recruitment program and brainstormings since the regionals are over. We plan for events, i.e. Parties, breakfasts, etc and we must do so also for recruitment. What if, however, an old adage says, "If opportunity knocks, answer it", in the case of a chance recruitment opportunity. Are you prepared for this opportunity? Each council should develop, similar to what was given out, and a one page sheet of what you do in the council or at least are familiar with the back of the form 100 and 6 reasons why you should join the Knights of Columbus. "Always be Prepared".

Back to recruitment and brainstorming, a date should be selected not just one but maybe a bi-monthly date so you are prepared. Present these dates to Father for his permission or at least awareness of what is happening. If Father is very supportive, as in many parish councils, ask him to present a short note at the altar, a statement in the bulletin or a short pulpit announcement by a good presenter. These are the main steps to preparation of a brainstorming session. Next, ask current members to prepare a list of potential members. A club I belong to, World Mart does this very effectively to get future membership. Of course, they offer incentives only if a proposed becomes a member but we effectively do the same with 500 points or other offers. Of course, this is followed by who is going to be available (best recruiter), what materials are needed, where is the presentation or material going to be made available at, how is the display going to be set up and many more ideas. Brainstorming will open up a world of ideas that only continues to open other thoughts, which we never originally thought of.

Is Back to the Basics the way to go – you betcha. Try it on other ideas, it may become someone you like to do.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH?

Do you pay your neighbors taxes? What is Per Capita Tax and whom does the council pay it to and for whom?

A good question posed by GK Leonard McGregor of Council 3361. I quote his answer; each year your council must pay to the Supreme Council and to the state a Per Capita tax on each member. This tax is basically for operating expenses, and in the case of the state it is the only revenue that the state operates with. You see your council is paying your per capita tax each year regardless of your dues payment. Do you think it is fair for someone else to pay your just tax? Keep your dues paid in full each year so you don't become a fallen Knight and have to be removed from the council membership. As a Knights of Columbus you have earned and deserve the benefits of your fraternal organization. The reimbursements of the benefits are a hundred fold. If you forgot about your dues last year, don't fret just pay this years dues and you are back in good standing. Keep your membership current. GK McGregor then talks about the council meeting dates and what events are coming up. A good idea for getting those members who are late in paying up to date and letting them know what events are coming up.

Thanks Brother McGregor for a nice thought for the question of the month.

**SUPREME'S DIVISION IV (9,000 - 14,399 MEMBERS)
(DECEMBER 31, 2002)**

STATE	Mbrship 7/1/02	Gain	Loss	R+R	NET	% Mbrship
Alberta	14,344	354	151	203	139	1.42
Arizona	12,050	401	92	309	201	2.56
British Columbia	9,435	201	119	82	-11	0.87
Colorado	11,937	454	187	267	182	2.24
Georgia	9,769	425	103	322	275	3.30
Kentucky	9,472	225	72	153	96	1.62
Maine	9,706	137	55	82	-19	0.84
North Carolina	11,910	386	288	98	50	0.82
Saskatchewan	11,064	105	71	34	-65	0.31
WASHINGTON	14,280	361	130	231	95	1.62

Happenings Around The State

LIKE TO SEE YOUR COUNCIL'S ACTIVITIES PUBLISHED HERE?
SEND YOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS TO THE BULLETIN EDITOR.

Auburn Council 3598

On Saturday January 11th they had a Pizza & Karaoke Party.

Wenatchee Council 1545

Holy Apostles Council 13186

On Saturday February 22nd at 7:00 PM they will host a Spaghetti Feed at St. Joseph's School for the Dominick Nerone Scholarship Fund.

St. Charles Council 8137

On Sunday January 5th had their first Parish Breakfast of the new year accompanied with a Blood Drive.

Fr. John A. Walsh Council 11642

On Wednesday January 22nd had a Remembrance Service for the Unknown Children, followed with a reception.

Holy Apostles Council 13186

On Monday February 17th they are having a Blood Drive.

Overlake Council 4385

Had a Blood Drive on Tuesday January 21st.

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Fr. Theodore P. Sullivan Council 11217

On Saturday February 15th having their Third Annual Crab Feed in St. Marks Hall.

Vern Raschko-Magnolia Council 8311

On Saturday February 22nd having a Crab Dinner.

John E. O'Brien Council 3361

Had a Right to Life Breakfast on Sunday January 19th. No set price, only asked for donations.

St. Joseph Council 7528

On Saturday January 25th had a Pro-life Poster/Essay Spaghetti Dinner.

Bremerton Council 1379

On Sunday January 26th had a Snow Fun and Sledding Day at Mt. Rainier.

St. John Vianney Council 11408

On Saturday January 11th had a Parish-wide and "Newcomers" Welcoming Spaghetti Dinner at SJV.

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