



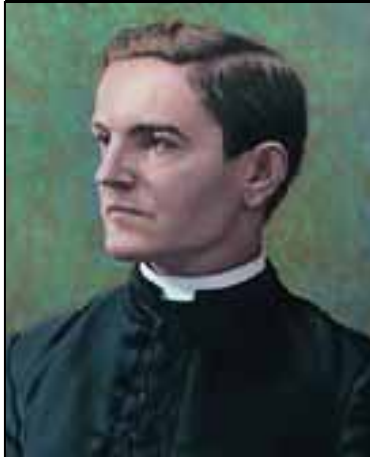
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Support Our Parish Priests... *BLITZ!*



This year marks the 125th anniversary of our founding by Fr. Michael J. McGivney. The timing of the Blitz this year coincides with Founder's Day (March 29th) so we are encouraging Blitz efforts on or near the weekend of March 24-25.

The good news is that statewide our membership growth this year is steadily improving and we are on track to achieve our Supreme Council membership quotas. However, we are behind in reaching our goal of exceeding all quotas by 25%, and the month of February was not very favorable for membership. The spring Blitz provides a great way to turn this trend around and give your council some new members.

What better way to celebrate 125 years than with 125% of our net membership quota? This is a worthy State incentive for us to pursue. If the state achieves 125% of quota (687 members net gain), the Grand Knight of each council exceeding 125% of their quota will win a commemorative pin.

Of course it's easy to get wrapped up in talking about quotas and numbers, and lose sight of the real impact of membership in the Knights of Columbus. Every time you recruit a man to join the Order, remember that you may be helping him to become a better Catholic, a more charitable man, a better family man, and better able to provide for his family after his death. You owe every eligible man in your parish that same opportunity, and the Blitz provides the perfect chance to give it to him.

If you need help in planning your Blitz efforts, check out the Supreme Council website at www.kofc.org or feel free to contact me at membership@kofc-wa.org for suggested resources.

One thing I need to remind you is that we need your reports of Blitz participation immediately after you hold the Blitz. The Supreme Council is asking each state for initial reports at the end of March, so be sure to let your District Deputy know what your Blitz schedule and plans are in advance if you are holding your Blitz later than March 25th. And immediately after the Blitz, email or call him with the number of transfers, reactivations, signed Form 100's, and additional prospects that resulted. Remember that a signed copy of the book *By Their Works* will be awarded to the top Blitz council in each size division, and an additional prize- a gift certificate to the Country Store- will be randomly awarded in each division as well.

And of course the best prize of all will be enjoying watching a new member...or five...or ten...joining you in doing God's work and following in the footsteps of our founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney. Support Our Parish Priests!

- L.I.B.K**
- Mar 10—2nd/3rd Degree in Tukwila
 - Mar 17—St Patrick's Day
 - Mar 24—State Finals Free Throw
 - Mar 24-25—Membership Blitz Weekend
 - Mar 25—2nd/3rd Degree in Walla Walla
 - Mar 26—Day of the Unborn
 - Mar 26—Feast of the Annunciation
 - Mar 29—Founders Day (125th Anniversary of the Order)
 - Mar 31—Fourth Degree in Burien

Vivat Jesus!
Don McBride, State Advocate
 Membership Chairman

Message from State Deputy Karl Hadley "MITAKUYE "

Worthy Brother Knights:

I commend each of you for your excellent work this fraternal year! I have every confidence that you are well on your way to attaining a banner year for membership growth. I encourage you to strive to achieve 125% of your membership quota to celebrate our 125th Anniversary as a sign of support for the canonization of our founder, the Servant of God Fr McGivney.



The good news is that on February 5, 2007, we exceeded a state council milestone of 15,900 members. The bad news is that we quickly dropped below that mark and now stand at 15,869. In February, we brought in **only 53 new members, the lowest total for a February that I can recall in my years as a state officer.** Typically, we bring in 67 to 91 members during February.

Congratulations to the 27 councils 829, 1401, 2103, 2999, 3044, 3361, 3611, 4385, 5177, 7117, 8872, 9145, 9238, 9434, 9721, 11134, 11642, 11789, 12002, 12175, 12591, 12786, 12983, 13374, 13560, 13761, and 14046 who have already achieved **100%** or more of their membership quotas .

As of February 28, 2007, although over 3/4 of the councils are now membership active, **29 of 140 councils (20.7%) have still not recorded any new members with Supreme.** If those councils conducted an average blitz in March we could bring in **150 new members!**

Councils 3611 and 8872 already are at 300% and 12983 is at an amazing 400%!!!! I encourage all the "100%" councils to reach **200%** and attain the new "Double Star" award!

During the March Blitz, in honor of our 125th Anniversary, wouldn't it be a great sign of support for our Founder to recruit 125 new members? Even better, each of our 140 councils should bring in at least one new member in March and aim for 125% of their membership quota!

Congratulations also to the 15 councils 2103, 3611, 4367, 7528, 8015, 8137, 8201, 10653, 11357, 11408, 11642, 11762, 13606, 13831, and 14046 for achieving **100%** or more of their insurance quotas – **14046 is at 233.3%!!!**

We also suspended 59 members in February – the third most in any month in five years! With our goal of 270, that leaves us with room for only 85 for the remainder of the fraternal year, or only 21 per month. (Please see my separate column on the retention process.)

Councils 2103, 3611, 11642, and 14046 have achieved both membership and insurance goals and are on their way to being a Star Council!!!

Now that we **have exceeded our goal of 50 Round Tables**, it's time to strive to **meet the New Council goal!** We still need three more new councils to meet our goal of four. **The easiest way for a council to achieve its membership goal is to recruit members in one of these targeted parishes** (you may win the membership recruitment award and when you reach 30 new members in that parish we can spin it off into a new council – a "twofer"):

I recently read an article by Fr. Stan Maudlin of South Dakota in which he noted that the DEFINITION OF CHURCH is "the people of God- the ones faithful to Christ - the Body of Christ." To paraphrase his article, **the Knights of Columbus and our families are the Church and we not only talk the talk, but we walk the walk.**

Fr. Maudlin said, "There is no team of men more solid, straight-forward and true than the Knights. A Dakota Indian word describes them – MITAKUYE. It is a sacred word that means, "Together we are pledged.""

Target New Council	Sponsoring Council
Our Lady Star of the Sea in Stevenson	Camas 2999
St Andrew in Sumner	Puyallup 1629
St Edward in Shelton	Olympia 1643
Holy Rosary in West Seattle	Seattle 12175
Sacred Heart in Seattle	Seattle 676
St Luke in Shoreline	Mountlake Terrace 9605
Sacred Heart in Lacey	Olympia 1643
St Anthony in Newport	Deer Park 9721
St Joseph in Sunnyside	Grandview 2103
Sacred Heart in Othello	Eltopia-Connell 11478
Sacred Heart in Bellingham	Bellingham 829

I am proud that I can say that **we Knights of Columbus of the Washington State Council are pledged - to God, to family, and to each other.** In the words of St. Francis, "It is no use walking anywhere to preach unless our walking is our preaching."

MITAKUYE!
Karl A. Hadley
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State Deputy

COUNCILS NOT SUBMITTING
SERVICE PROGRAM PERSONNEL
REPORT FORM 365
02155 03598 07863 08079 08398 09617
09664 11736 11906 14162
TOTAL COUNCILS NOT REPORTING 10



**STATE CHAPLAIN
MOST REVEREND
CARLOS A. SEVILLA, S.J.**



by Fr. Wilmar O Zabala The Cleansing Power of Lent

Skiing is one of my favorite sports. I started skiing only four years ago, but I couldn't believe how determined I am to excel in it. I have never seen myself get this determined and passionate about a particular sport. And please believe me when I tell you that I have no intention of leaving the priesthood and joining the US Team for the 2010 Winter Olympics! Every week, these past four months, on my day off – and, yes, we, priests, get a day off – I have been finding myself on the slope. I have fallen hard many times. I have hurt my neck, my back, my knees, and my elbows, but the bruises and soreness haven't stopped me from waking up at 5:00 AM on my day off, driving hundreds of miles, picking up priest-friends in the diocese along the way, putting on my skis, having a wonderful time on

the slopes, and falling hard a few more times. This show of unbelievable determination and passion really surprises me. But it has also made me think about my faith. There have been times during this season of Lent when I shook my head in embarrassment and whispered to myself, humbly saying, "If only I could have that same determination and passion for God!"

During Lent the Church invites us to do some cleansing of our own, or, to use a term from the catechumenate process, to perform a scrutiny, to uncover and drive out what's weak, defective, or sinful in our hearts that has been harmfully consuming us and therefore *preventing us from having zeal and passion for God*. I believe there are two specific places where this cleansing, this scrutiny should take place.

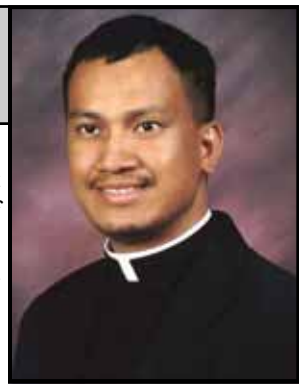
We must "scrutinize" our church life. There's a need for cleansing if we're not practicing the gospel values, if there's no hospitality, if there's no community, if there's no participation, if we come to Mass only expecting to be entertained or edified, if we come to Mass only half-heartedly, self-pitying, and forever whining, if there's lack of enthusiasm, joy, and fulfillment in what we do in church. There's a need for cleansing if there's a discrepancy between what we're doing in church on Sundays and what we're doing the rest of the week, if our concern for the poor and those who are in need isn't being translated into generous giving and authentic service towards them, if we only see the church as a building to go to, rather than a community of faith to belong to, if we're treating the church more of a social place and less of a house of prayer. There's a need for cleansing if we're resisting the Spirit's invitations to speak the truth or spread the gospel out of fear of what others might think. There's a need for cleansing if these are visible in our church life.

We must "scrutinize" our personal lives. There's a need for cleansing if God doesn't hold first place in our lives, if we have become the servant of something or someone else, if we're not giving priority to God on Sundays and holy days by attending Mass and making a special effort to seek him. There's a need for cleansing if we're not giving appropriate honor and respect to our parents and all legitimate authority, if we're not treating our bodies with respect, if we're abusing our bodies through willful misuse of drugs, alcohol, or food. There's a need for cleansing if we're lying or gossiping about other people in a way that tarnishes their reputation, if we're unforgiving, if we're refusing to seek forgiveness. There's a need for cleansing if we're indulging in lustful thoughts and sexual fantasies, if we're committing the sins of impurity, if we're endangering our marriages because of thoughts of infidelity. There's a need for cleansing if these are visible in our personal lives.

Cleansing what's weak, defective, or sinful in our lives helps us develop zeal and passion for God. And please remember: Next time you're doing something you're passionate about – whether it's sports, theater, politics, arts, gardening – stop, shake your head in embarrassment, and whisper to yourself, humbly saying, "If only I could have the same determination and passion for God." By the way, I'll see you on the slopes!

Father Wilmar

Rev. Wilmar O. Zabala
State Vice-Chaplain



**STATE VICE-CHAPLAIN
THE REVEREND
WILMAR O. ZABALA**

COUNCILS NOT SUBMITTING ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY FORM 1728
00894 01327 01401 01674 02126 03044 03598 05177
07356 07907 07908 08079 08136 08179 08266 08398
08437 09434 10534 11252 11611 11736 11906 12583
12591 12889 13364 13597 13794 13831 13834 14046
TOTAL COUNCILS NOT REPORTING 32

COUNCILS NOT SUBMITTING SEMIANNUAL COUNCIL AUDIT REPORT FORM 1295
00683 00829 00894 01401 01449 01674 01758 03044 03153
05177 06097 07117 07356 07863 07907 08015 08136 08266
08297 08398 08437 09605 09637 09910 11611 11642 11780
11906 12002 12251 12483 12591 12889 13794 13831 13834
14162
TOTAL COUNCILS NOT REPORTING 37

Messages from General Program Director



Worthy Brothers,

Between now and the next bulletin every council should be gearing up and submitting applications for state awards.

First due date is April first.

The George Turk Gift of Life Award and the Wade Walden Platelets Award are submitted to the State Community Chairman.

The Herbert Liebert Right-to-Life Award is submitted to the State Right to Life Chairman.

The Harry Tucker Jr. Memorial Award for Fraternalism and the Knight of the Year nomination are submitted to the State Council Chairman.

The Family of the Year nomination is submitted to the State Family Chairman.

Second due date is April fifteenth (15th).

The five activity awards **CHURCH, COMMUNITY, COUNCIL, FAMILY AND YOUTH** are submitted directly to the said State Chairman.

Be sure to mark the appropriate box on the application form.

I am encouraging every council to submit at least one application this fraternal year hoping some councils will submit in several categories if not all categories. Good Luck to all of you.

This coming May 5th each council will have the opportunity to become part of national day of volunteering that brings adults and youth together. On this day Knights and young people will come together to aid their local Church, communities, families and youth. This is a great opportunity for Knights to volunteer alongside Squires, if you sponsor a circle. The projects are only limited by your imagination.

Make room on your council calendar and participate in **JOIN HANDS DAY!**

The top five councils as of January 31st are, and in no particular order, 4782 St. Joseph Council, Vancouver; 6806 Our Lady Queen of Heaven Council, Spanaway; 11252 John Henry Newman Council, Woodland; 4385 St. Louise Overlake Council, Bellevue and 6686 Fr. Justin P. Garvey Council, Bothell. Congratulations to all of you on a job well done.

The next five councils are not far behind the top five. So, get your reports in!

God Bless

Ed Hebert, Sr.

General Program Director

Message from Membership Chair



As I mentioned on the front page, our main membership focus this month is the Blitz. But as usual that's far from the only thing going on in membership! We've already received our first completed applications for the Silver Knight Award—both from St. Rose Council 9145 in Cheney. Congratulations go out to GK Jack Martin and Brother

Thomas Gould for being the first two recipients of this award. That means not only have they each worked on three council activities, attended three business meetings, and met with their field agent... they have also each recruited two new members into the Order this year! I know there are a lot of other members out there who can earn this award this year—so let's get busy!

It's also time to look forward to earning a Seat of Honor at the upcoming State Convention banquet. The councils leading each division in net gain and percentage of quota will receive special seating at the banquet, and of course will be trying to maintain that standing to earn Circle of Honor status at the end of the fraternal year and win a framed icon of the Mother of God.

We're also fast approaching the 16,000 member mark. Don't forget that at the end of the year if we achieve that mark, we will select a symbolic 16,000th member from among all new Knights who join this year, and the member and his sponsor will each receive a framed portrait of Fr. McGivney and a copy of *Parish Priest* signed by the State Deputy. Most significantly, a donation to Pennies for Heaven will be made in the name of their home council in the amount of 16,000 pennies (\$160).

Keep up the great work and let's make March a great month for membership!

Vivat Jesus!

Don McBride, State Advocate
Membership Chairman

COUNCILS NOT SUBMITTING
REPORT OF OFFICERS CHOSEN FORM 185
03153
TOTAL COUNCILS NOT REPORTING 1

COUNCILS WHICH HAVE NOT RECORDED ANY Y-T-D
MEMBERSHIP ADDITIONS

01449 01460 01550 01565 01606 01674 01823 02126
02303 07356 07907 08266 08398 08455 09617 09637
09664 09833 10534 11085 11736 11906 11948 12273
12420 12483 13462 13597 13794

TOTAL COUNCILS NOT REPORTING 29

**March 1, 2007 Membership Standings by Division
(Division Leaders are Shown in Bold Face Type)**

Division I <50 members					Division II 50-99 members					Division III 100-149 members				
					(continued)					(continued)				
1606	48 :	0 /	5 =	0%	9605	51 :	1 /	5 =	20%	7908	118 :	1 /	6 =	17%
3044	33 :	6 /	5 =	120%	9637	62 :	0 /	5 =	0%	8136	100 :	1 /	5 =	20%
8079	46 :	3 /	5 =	60%	9721	61 :	5 /	5 =	100%	8137	144 :	5 /	7 =	71%
9237	46 :	2 /	5 =	40%	10532	64 :	1 /	5 =	20%	8150	112 :	2 /	5 =	40%
9617	42 :	0 /	5 =	0%	10534	50 :	-1 /	5 =	N/A	8201	131 :	3 /	6 =	50%
9910	40 :	2 /	5 =	40%	10543	74 :	1 /	5 =	20%	8297	115 :	0 /	5 =	0%
9941	45 :	1 /	5 =	20%	10652	59 :	1 /	5 =	20%	8311	113 :	3 /	6 =	50%
11085	36 :	0 /	5 =	0%	10664	70 :	1 /	5 =	20%	8476	147 :	4 /	7 =	57%
11736	42 :	0 /	5 =	0%	11252	72 :	1 /	5 =	20%	8872	118 :	18 /	6 =	300%
11906	42 :	0 /	5 =	0%	11253	86 :	1 /	5 =	20%	9434	120 :	8 /	6 =	133%
12002	40 :	5 /	5 =	100%	11357	79 :	4 /	5 =	80%	9664	1115 :	0 /	6 =	0%
12251	36 :	3 /	5 =	60%	11408	89 :	1 /	5 =	20%	9833	144 :	-26 /	7 =	N/A
12420	43 :	0 /	5 =	0%	11478	83 :	2 /	5 =	40%	10653	123 :	5 /	6 =	83%
12483	49 :	0 /	5 =	0%	11611	93 :	3 /	5 =	60%	11134	123 :	6 /	6 =	100%
13364	40 :	4 /	5 =	80%	11642	87 :	7 /	5 =	140%	11762	121 :	4 /	6 =	67%
13422	45 :	3 /	5 =	60%	12175	56 :	5 /	5 =	100%	11780	102 :	0 /	5 =	0%
13462	45 :	-2 /	5 =	N/A	12273	64 :	-13 /	5 =	N/A	11789	104 :	6 /	5 =	120%
13597	37 :	0 /	5 =	0%	12583	80 :	4 /	5 =	80%	11948	121 :	0 /	6 =	0%
13761	32 :	5 /	5 =	100%	12591	94 :	8 /	5 =	160%					
13794	44 :	0 /	5 =	0%	12786	91 :	5 /	5 =	100%	<u>Division IV 150-249 members</u>				
13831	32 :	4 /	5 =	80%	12889	52 :	-1 /	5 =	N/A	894	158 :	1 /	7 =	14%
13834	39 :	1 /	5 =	20%	12899	99 :	2 /	5 =	40%	1327	204 :	3 /	10 =	30%
14046	31 :	5 /	5 =	100%	12983	76 :	20 /	5 =	400%	1379	167 :	3 /	7 =	43%
14162	0 :	2 /			13186	88 :	3 /	5 =	60%	1620	190 :	8 /	9 =	89%
<u>Division II 50-99 members</u>					13238	56 :	-1 /	5 =	N/A	2763	160 :	5 /	7 =	71%
1449	76 :	0 /	5 =	0%	13374	82 :	5 /	5 =	100%	2999	165 :	10 /	8 =	125%
1629	91 :	-7 /	5 =	N/A	13395	60 :	3 /	5 =	60%	3598	231 :	-5 /	11 =	N/A
1674	82 :	0 /	5 =	0%	13560	63 :	8 /	5 =	160%	4196	158 :	5 /	8 =	63%
1699	83 :	1 /	5 =	20%	13606	71 :	0 /	5 =	0%	4322	151 :	4 /	6 =	67%
1758	84 :	1 /	5 =	20%						4385	160 :	7 /	7 =	100%
1823	59 :	0 /	5 =	0%	<u>Division III 100-149 members</u>					4782	220 :	6 /	10 =	60%
2155	80 :	-1 /	5 =	N/A	829	125 :	7 /	6 =	117%	5816	249 :	-25 /	11 =	N/A
2260	97 :	4 /	5 =	80%	1401	100 :	5 /	5 =	100%	6097	223 :	2 /	11 =	18%
3611	94 :	15 /	5 =	300%	1460	113 :	0 /	5 =	0%	6686	177 :	5 /	9 =	56%
5177	82 :	5 /	5 =	100%	1488	121 :	4 /	6 =	67%	7528	237 :	9 /	12 =	75%
6706	96 :	3 /	5 =	60%	1545	141 :	-1 /	7 =	N/A	7642	174 :	0 /	8 =	0%
7117	82 :	5 /	5 =	100%	1550	130 :	0 /	6 =	0%	8179	209 :	7 /	10 =	70%
7149	52 :	2 /	5 =	40%	1565	145 :	-2 /	7 =	N/A	9238	219 :	19 /	11 =	173%
7356	88 :	0 /	5 =	0%	2103	109 :	5 /	5 =	100%	11217	155 :	-1 /	8 =	N/A
7360	78 :	0 /	5 =	0%	2126	111 :	0 /	5 =	0%					
8015	96 :	3 /	5 =	60%	2303	118 :	0 /	5 =	0%	<u>Division V >249 members</u>				
8102	91 :	3 /	5 =	60%	3153	107 :	3 /	5 =	60%	676	447 :	1 /	18 =	6%
8266	66 :	0 /	5 =	0%	3455	128 :	2 /	6 =	33%	683	394 :	2 /	18 =	11%
8398	70 :	-2 /	5 =	N/A	3645	128 :	-1 /	6 =	N/A	763	362 :	7 /	17 =	41%
8437	71 :	3 /	5 =	60%	4367	113 :	4 /	5 =	80%	766	291 :	8 /	13 =	62%
8455	96 :	-2 /	5 =	N/A	5495	115 :	-3 /	5 =	N/A	809	269 :	-2 /	12 =	N/A
8672	81 :	1 /	5 =	20%	6806	132 :	-9 /	6 =	N/A	1643	318 :	0 /	15 =	0%
8768	82 :	3 /	5 =	60%	7863	135 :	3 /	7 =	43%	3307	335 :	7 /	15 =	47%
9145	90 :	6 /	9 =	67%	7907	102 :	0 /	5 =	0%	3361	308 :	21 /	15 =	140%

Reflections on Retention

February was a particularly disappointing month for me – the state council finished in negative territory with six more suspensions than gains. While most councils are doing an excellent retention job, six councils decided this was the year to “clean house” and purged 102 members from their books (55% of the 185 suspensions to date). Two councils account for 58 suspensions. When suspensions are necessary, each council should recruit as many members as they lose, plus their goal.

A century and a quarter ago, Fr McGivney envisioned a Catholic lay organization founded on the principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity – **we are called to live that vision and practice the principles every day!**

We say that we demonstrate **Charity** by helping our neighbor in times of need, **Unity** by knowing our members’ problems and **Fraternity** by caring about each other!

Yet **I have seen instances of Brother Knights being suspended without being contacted by their councils.** Frequently, the council is suspending the member because they have no forwarding address and are, therefore, unable to contact him. **Why have we lost touch with these brothers?** We should know when a brother moves and **assist him with transferring him to a council near his new location, to give him a sense of belonging, and to aid him in his relocation.**

I notice that many Brother Knights are usually being suspended after many years of being delinquent in dues. **Before we suspend him, we should determine why he is in arrears in his dues - is it because he is unemployed, ill, deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan, forced to relocate for employment, or what?**

Do we make an effort to help this Brother Knight if he is in **financial difficulty** or to **find him a job** or to find another solution (such as **offering to cancel past amounts due** or making arrangements for partial payments or an installment plan)? **These actions toward his circumstances will indicate to your Brother that you want to keep him in your council.**

Believe it or not, I have heard of instances where some suspended knights are eligible for honorary life status or deceased. **It is not by pardoning some unpaid dues that councils fall apart – a Brother is always more important than unpaid dues!**

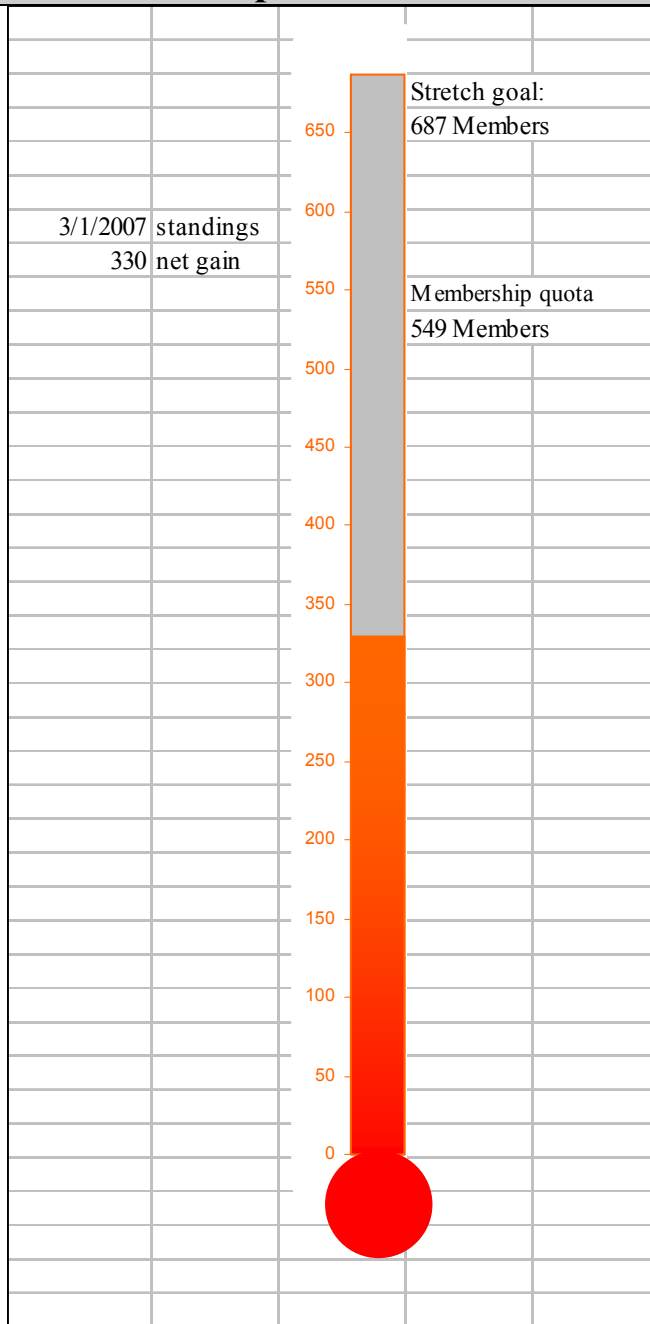
A Danish proverb that sways, **“What you are is God’s gift to you. What you do with yourself is your gift to God.”**

Pope Benedict wrote in *Deus Caritas Est* that the Church possesses a three-fold responsibility – “proclaiming the word of God, celebrating the sacraments, and exercising the ministry of charity.” The Knights of Columbus is a ministry and a vocation with a simple purpose – to serve. That is why we joined. Charity is what we must practice!

Please ensure that our principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity begin at home, and especially during the suspension process!

Karl A. Hadley
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 State Deputy

Membership Goal Thermometer



Did You Know?

Bells have a centuries-long tradition of varied use in the navies and merchant fleets of the world. They have been used for signaling, keeping time, and providing alarm. Their functional and ceremonial uses have made them a symbol of considerable significance to the United States Navy.

Bells cast from metal were first developed in the Bronze Age. During the European Middle Ages, they were used by Christians to signal divine services and make special announcements. Christian monasteries historically used them to regulate daily activity, conceptually similar to later timekeeping in the U.S. Navy. The Catholics consider bells a representation of the voice of God and of paradise.

One of the earliest recorded mentions of the shipboard bell was on the British ship *Grace Dieu* about 1485.

Message from Vocations



Milestones are to be celebrated - and there are a couple milestones that are important to me this month. One is that for the first time in the history of the RSVP program in the Washington State Council, every seminarian studying for the Archdiocese of Seattle who needs financial support is being sponsored by three or more Councils and/or Assemblies.

In addition, two or more Councils and/or Assemblies are sponsoring every seminarian studying for the Dioceses of Yakima and Spokane; this is also a first for Washington State Council. The generosity of our Brother Knights is just unbelievable, and I cannot thank you enough for what you are doing to ensure that we have priests for the future.

On a personal note, my milestone is that March 9th, 1857 marks the date that St. Dominic Savio died at the age of 14. One hundred years later to the day - on March 9th, 1957 - I was received into the Catholic church also at the age of 14, and took St. Dominic Savio as my patron saint. This month marks my fiftieth anniversary in the Church, and God's gift of faith has sustained me all of these years.

In observance of my personal milestone, I intend to attend Mass at Holy Spirit parish in Kent at 9 am on Friday, March 9th and renew my baptismal vows at the very same parish where I was baptized. Brother Knights who live in the area are invited to attend Mass celebrated by Fr. Vince Pastro, and also renew their baptismal vows at that time. Please wear a name badge, so that I will recognize you as a Brother Knight. Afterward, we can break bread together at a nearby restaurant.

Milestones - do you have one in your near future?

Duane L. Vincent FDD PFN PGK
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What one Knight can do - and you can help...

Brother Knight Luis B. Ponce de Leon, a member of St. Michael's Council 12786 in Kelso, provides help to the "poorest of the poor" in Peru through "Operation Sacred Hearts".

Here is his story:

Operation Sacred Hearts helps the poorest of the poor. These people live in the slums of Laderas, located in Lima, Peru usually as squatters living in tents or cardboard boxes in the distant outskirts of the city where there are no transportation services. They must leave early at 5 or 6 a. m. to walk into the city looking for any little job that may be offered to them. After expending hours trying to find work, they go back the same way they came.....walking and hungry. In the mornings the children come with their parents to the Sacred Hearts house for something to eat. Most of the time, the parents who bring their children there for a meal have not eaten either.

I wanted to mobilize and reach out to the world's poorest of the poor, but my lack of resources left me feeling paralyzed. After a few years, my dream of finding someone who could overcome my frustrations of not being able to send help to the destitute living in Laderas came true. I called a General of the United States Air Force who listened to my plea and recognized that it was my soul begging. A moment of silence followed and then a miracle occurred...he agreed to help me. He put me in touch with people who would expedite the shipment of my cargo to Lima and a few weeks later, on March 17, 1998, Operation Sacred Hearts was born. I have never before met this person, this valiant of God, but he opened the skies that took Operation Sacred Hearts to the concrete expression of goodness.....LOVE!

The first shipment of goods to the slums of Lima arrived in 1998 - ten 55-gallon drums filled with clothes and one sewing machine in each drum thanks to the efforts of my wife, Karen.

The metal drums themselves were the focus of a miracle. I had decided to send the clothes in carton drums to eliminate some weight, but a voice kept telling me, "No, use metal drums!" I fought with that voice, but it was too strong so I finally surrendered to it and used metal drums for the shipment. I never knew how much my heavenly spirit was inducing me in this choice until I learned that the people of Laderas lived without any sanitation services and were forced to walk long distances for water. Today they need only to walk to the metal drums, which are now filled by a water truck.

Over the years the number of drums has grown. Our last shipment included 67 drums, totalling 7,702 pounds. Five of those drums contained all kinds of textiles, which were given to centers that teach people to sew. We were able to send an additional 18 sewing machines. This time there are 90-100 barrels. The barrels alone cost \$10-15 each. The cost of storage in Portland or here in Washington is approximately \$145-\$195 per month. Transportation of the drums to the US Air Force runs \$220. The cost of entry into Peru for that amount of weight is approximately \$2350.

The Peruvian government exempts the shipment from any tariffs and once cleared by Customs, the goods are received and shared by the Sagrados Corazones (Sacred Hearts Congregation) and the Congregacion de la Mision (Padres Lazaristas o Paules o Vicentinos) in Lima, Peru.

Most of you who know me know that as the founder and President of Operation Sacred Hearts, my task is a task of love. We work hard and even though I'm not working for money, I keep extremely busy. Sometimes I feel that I have become like those men in the slums of Laderas, dreaming day by day that someone will give me something that will nurture the anxiety that is contained in me to LOVE and to be ready to act. I don't want to let a minute pass by wasted; I have done that so much already. I can't move the world all by myself, but we can do much together. My heart is with those in this world who God allowed to be great in poverty so that we can be great in our love for them.

Any donations given to Operation Sacred Hearts are tax deductible (EIN #93-1268856).

Checks may be sent to me at Operation Sacred Hearts, 2321 38th Ave., Longview, WA 98632-4715. Phone is 360-423-3868.

With you in Christ,
 Luis B. Ponce de Leon
 President and Founder
 Operations Sacred Hearts

**GOD'S ON THE LINE.
 DON'T HANG UP!**

Vocations Are Everybody's Business

New Council Development, Round Table



Dave Olson,
NCD/RT East

Dear Brother Knights,
Congratulations are in order for those Councils who have been part of reaching the goal of 50 Round Tables (plus) for the State Council so far. The program for New Council Development and Round Tables is moving forward.



Del Treichel,
NCD/RT West

There are other potential parishes assigned that need to be formed either as Round Tables, or as New Councils. Brother Knights, we must not lose focus on our other goals. Work is being done in Councils and Districts that should (will) reach tangible results.

It is everyone's hope that the March BLITZ for membership will help get the THREE MORE New Councils needed for the "BIG-4" goal for the State.

That being said, it is our hope as NCD/RT Chairmen that District Deputies and Grand Knights call on Chairman Del Treichel-west, and Chairman Dave Olson-east, to get some assistance.

Keep in mind that there will be an award for the outstanding "Round Table of the Year" again at the Summer Meeting in July. The Form 2630 found in the Council Report Forms Booklet is necessary to be turned in on time, to be eligible for this award.

QUESTION: Who was the lucky Grand Knight who responded to the "I saw it" in the NCD/RT article last month???

ANSWER: No one claimed the prize so no Grand Knight read your article or they read it but did not respond. There is another hidden message in another article this month. First Grand Knight to find it and tell me what article it was in by leaving me a message at 877-231-0382 or sending an email to bulletin@kofc-wa.org wins the prize.

Here's another "Date in History"
March 19, 2003 - U.S. began Operation Iraqi Freedom by launching cruise missiles from Navy ships in the Red Sea and Persian Gulf.



Family Message



Brother Knights,

Keep thinking about the two important dates that are coming up. April 1st, 2007 is when the State Family of The Year write-up is due to me at my address: 1927 Peach Tree Lane, Richland WA 99352. Also April 15th, 2007 is when the Family Service Program Award submission is due to me at the same place. Make sure that your deserving family gets considered for the award and that your Council gets recognized for it's hard work and support of Families throughout the year.

Last year's State Family of the Year, the Richard Swearingen family of Goldendale Council 7149, was recently presented a portrait from the Supreme Council of the Holy Family for being the Second Runner-Up International Family of the Year. Congratulations to the Swearingens!

The "Best Family of The Month" submission for the State (January 2007) came from Covington Council #11780, Allen Meyers Grand Knight. The write-up is honoring the Dan & Ingrid Lee family. The write-up reads:

Our Council's "Family of The Month" was elected for the following reasons:

Brother Dan, with the support of his lovely wife Ingrid, organized the Night Of Inspiration event which took place in Covington WA. at St. John The Baptist Catholic Church on January 27th, 2007. The guest speaker was the award winning reporter Margaret Larson. The event brought in more than \$4,800.00. The money raised went to help the hungry in the country of Guatemala.

This write-up outlines the huge project that one of our families undertook to help the hungry in the world...I was inspired by this families dedication to CHARITY... May God bless you and reward you. Nice write-up Covington Council!!!

Congratulations to the 37 Councils that participated in the Family of The Month Program for December 2006. They are:

- 763, 1488, 1620, 1629, 2999, 3367, 3611, 4196, 4322, 4385, 4782, 5495, 5816, 6686, 6806, 7528, 8015, 8137, 8201, 8476, 8768, 8872, 9145, 9238, 9941, 11357, 11408, 11642, 11762, 11789, 12786, 12899, 12983, 13374, 13395, 13560, & 14046.

Congratulations to the following Washington State Families that were selected to receive the Holy Family Statuette in December 2006 from the Supreme Council:

- Ronald & Carol Voegeli Council 3611-Anacortes
- Byron Greany Council 4196-Spokane
- Fred & Rose Marie Bailey Council 5385-Bellevue
- Jerry Herrera Council 4782-Vancouver
- Kevin Buck Council 7528-Federal Way

Finally, your State Family Chairman and his wife have reached another milestone in their family history. They have been married 24 years on February 26, 2007. Thank you for being my family and the love of my life Valerie!

God Bless You,
Bob Buennert,
State Family Chairman

Fourth Degree Exemplifications

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION BURIEN—MARCH 31, 2007

The fifth of seven Fourth Degree Exemplifications will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2007 at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 15226 21st Ave SW, Burien, 98166. The host assembly is Fr. John A Walsh Assembly 2376. Faithful Navigator Joe Capita's phone is 425-271-6546. Faithful Comptroller Denis Taft's phone number is 253-631-4561.

The degree team is the Western Washington Fourth Degree Team and the Team Captain is Everett 'Rob' Roberts, PSD, FMFD and his phone number is 253-584-5632.

EXEMPLIFICATION HONOREE

The honoree for this Fourth Degree Exemplification is George Turk, PSD, FVSM. George is a member of the Bellevue St Louise-Overlake Council 4385 and the Rev William J Power Assembly 1630. George joined the Knights of Columbus in December 1962 and became a Fourth Degree Sir Knight on February 1, 1972. In 2007 he will celebrate forty-five years as a Knight and thirty-five years as a Sir Knight. George was the State Deputy of Washington from 1985 to 1987 and the Vice Supreme Master from 1989 to 1993.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Registration..... 11:30am ... St Francis of Assisi Social Hall
Lunch..... 12:00pm ... St Francis of Assisi Social Hall
Exemplification 1:00pm ...St Francis of Assisi Unity Place
Public Knighting and
Picture Taking..... 3:30pm ...St Francis of Assisi Unity Place
Mass..... 5:00pm St Francis of Assisi Church
Social & Banquet.... 6:30pm ...St Francis of Assisi Unity Place

FEES

1. Exemplification fee for each candidate, except priests, is \$70.00 and is set by the Supreme Board of Directors.
2. Included in this fee is one banquet ticket for the candidate, social baldric and Fourth Degree pin.
3. There is no exemplification fee for ordained priests or religious brothers, their assembly will pay \$13.00, the cost of their social baldric and Fourth Degree pin, plus the cost of the dinner.
4. The candidate's or the assembly's check is to be payable to the **Master Knights of Columbus**.
5. Lunch is optional for the sir knights, candidates and ladies.

DRESS

1. MEN: plain black tuxedo, white shirt, black tie, black shoes and socks.
2. Military personnel may wear their uniform.
3. Sir knights are to wear their social baldric and jewel of office, either council or assembly.
4. LADIES: as the men are dressed formally, most ladies prefer a dressy dress. Some wear a simple dress or a cocktail dress although skirt and blouse is acceptable.



FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION SPOKANE—APRIL 28, 2007

The sixth of seven Fourth Degree Exemplifications will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2007 at St John Vianney Parish, 503 N Walnut Rd, Spokane Valley 99206.

The host assembly is John J Mertens Assembly 2414. The Faithful Navigator is James Pugh and his phone number is 509-534-4920. The Faithful Comptroller is Michael Czerwonka, and his phone number is 509-270-1228

The degree team is the Eastern Washington Fourth Degree Team and the Team Captain is Tom Weber, PSD and his phone number is 509-334-3817.

EXEMPLIFICATION HONOREE

The honoree for this Fourth Degree Exemplification is Thomas L Weber, PSD. Tom is a member of the Colton Council 1565 and the Fr Anton Flour Assembly 2105 in Pullman. Tom joined the Knights of Columbus in December 1, 1965 and became a Fourth Degree Sir Knight on April 1, 1981. In 2007, he will celebrate forty-two years as a Knight and twenty-six years as a Sir Knight. Tom was the State Deputy of Washington from 1995 to 1997.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Registration..... 11:30am..... St John Vianney Parish Hall
Lunch 12:00pm..... St John Vianney Parish Hall
Exemplification..... 1:00pm..... St John Vianney Parish Gym
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Certified First Degree Teams As of February 7, 2007

The Certified First Degree Teams listing to the right are by districts showing councils with a certified First Degree team and the date the team was certified. Washington has 43 certified First Degree teams. Eighteen districts have one council with a certified First Degree team. Five districts have two councils with certified First Degree teams and five districts have three councils with certified First Degree teams. These are Districts 2, 7, 11, 16 and 17. If any district deputy has certified a First Degree team that it not shown above, he should resubmit the certification request to Supreme Director of Ceremonials and provide the State Ceremonials Chairman a copy of the resubmitted certification.

Of the seventy-eight states and provinces in the Order, Washington is ranked in the top five with the percent of certified First Degree teams based on the number of councils previously certified, which was 72 certified First Degree teams. We had 116 councils issued the revised First Degree books. There are still 73 councils who were issued the revised First Degree books that need to be certified.

Supreme has sent a memorandum Reference First Degree Team Certification, dated December 1, 2006 to the District Deputies. It states in part, ***"Council teams need to become fully certified as soon as possible. To that end, district deputies may certify teams in their districts at a live presentation, rather than at a dress rehearsal. Councils not fully certified, need to demonstrate improvement by continuing to conduct the ceremonial. This shall be monitored by the district deputy. A district deputy may only certify the councils in his assigned district." "As we head into our 125th Anniversary every possible effort needs to be made to present the very best ceremonial to advance our newest member in the edifying manner."***

With these new guidelines, the remaining 72 councils should actively work toward certification. The importance of council members conducting the First Degree for the future members of their councils cannot be overstated. Every district deputy should set as his first ceremonial priority the certification of all councils in his district. This will provide significant flexibility and independence for the councils in the membership recruitment program and thus lead to the council achieving the prestigious Star Council Award.

District	Council Number	Location	Date Certified
1	676	Seattle	9/16/2006
2	8297 11789 13395	Poulsbo Bremerton Silverdale	10/17/2006 5/30/2006 5/30/2006
3	6806	Spanaway	6/17/2006
4	1643	Olympia	10/30/2006
5	9145	Cheney	1/28/2007
7	1620 8179 10653	Pasco Kennewick Kennewick	10/3/2006 3/13/2006 10/3/2006
8	1488 1565	Colfax Colton	2/19/2006 3/14/2006
9	829	Bellingham	6/18/2006
10	1545	Wenatchee	6/27/2006
11	1327 4782 12899	Vancouver	3/4/2006 2/22/2006 3/7/2006
12	3598 7528	Auburn Federal Way	6/19/2006 5/25/2006
13	763	Everett	10/24/2006
14	4385	Bellevue	1/26/2006
15	11253	Tukwila	1/16/2006
16	6686 7642 8102	Bothell Kirkland Redmond	3/2/2006 2/2/2006 8/6/2006
17	1699 3307 10543	Toppenish Richland Prosser	10/17/2006 1/7/2006 12/20/2006
18	4196 8201	Spokane Valley Spokane	5/3/2006 6/7/2006
19	3361	Oak Harbor	10/10/2003
20	8137	Spokane	9/5/2006
21	5816	Lynwood	1/15/2006
22	809 9238	Tacoma Gig Harbor	11/26/2006 9/19/2006
23	9833	Sammamish	3/21/2006
24	2260	Port Angeles	11/16/2006
25	12786	Kelso/Castle Rock	5/11/2006
26	11217	Shoreline	9/28/2006
27	8150	Kent	10/18/2006
28	8872 9721	Colbert Deer Park	10/22/2006 10/23/2006
29	11762	Steilacoom	9/26/2006



Pray the
Rosary

> Prayer List 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.

Fred F. Minniti	Lakewood 4322
Clifford J. Freeman	Vancouver 4782
Claude B. Richardson	Vancouver 4782
Dave Smith	Seattle 676
Clarence Driscoll, PGK.....	Seattle 676
Irwin L. Bauman	Everett 763
Carson J. Eckmann.....	Kirkland 11408
Stephan T. Cvitovich.....	Tacoma 809
Frank O'Rielly	Marysville 7863
Donald J. Boespflug.....	Everett 763
Claude Abboud	Sammamish 9833
Frank Barcott	Anacortes 3611
John R. Opgenorth	Richland 3307
Gabriel C. Pacheco.....	Cheney 9145
Andrew A. Stricker.....	Renton 3645
James P. Brennan.....	Gig Harbor 9238
Robert M. Tomich.....	Assembly 1178 & Vancouver 1327
V. Alan Boyle	Seattle 676
Peter Stefurak.....	Seattle 676

Family Members' Deaths

Judy White(sister-in-law of Steve Elf)	Bothell 6686
Laverne Barnett (wife of Wallace Barnett, PGK).....	Seattle 676
Joseph Devine Sr. (father in law of Winslow Hayes).....	Seattle 676
Gloria Salvo(mother of Al Salvo)	Woodinville 14046
Barbara Allen (sister of Mel Allen).....	Selah 8768
Juanita Gimlin (mother of Ted Gimlin).....	Federal Way 7528
Joey Potter(step son of Bill Thomas)	Federal Way 7528
Francis Marie Reeb(mother of Dan Reeb).....	Federal Way 7528
Jerome Farrell(brother of Deacon Dan Farrell)	Port Angeles 2260
Patricia Nwanze(mother of Rev. John E. Nwanze) Granite Falls 13560	
Barbara Linn(mother of Kevin Linn, DGK).....	Richland 3307
Margaret Mosley(mother in law of Glenn Martin) ...	Federal Way 7528
Ardelle Wittman (widow of Jack Wittman) (mother of Tim Wittman)	Anacortes 3611
Jeffrey P. Tottenham (brother of Peter Tottenham)	Former Mbr of Bothell 6686
Jean Pernerl (wife of Ed Pernerl, GK)	Chehalis 1550
Ann Melton (wife of Alan Melton)	Selah 8768
Elena Eldridge(mother of Casey Eldridge).....	Des Moines 8079
Gary Robb (brother of Rev Fr Dennis Robb)	Everett 763
Donald Rae (brother of Sid Rae)	Everett 763
Ralph Quatrella (father of Len Quatrella)	Bothell 6686
Mildred E. Burger (mother-in-law of Gregory G. Schmidt, FS).....	Woodinville 14046

Sick Notices

Wilma Duffield (wife of Wesley Duffield, PGK)	Seattle 676
Barton A. Dalmuso.....	Monroe 9910
Alan Melton	Selah 8768
Roseann Tyson(Wife of Frank Tyson)	Sammamish 9833
Deacon Bill Loranger	E. Wenatchee 13186
Dick Overby	Selah 8768
Andrew Kinzer, HLM	Spokane 4196
John Bogar, PGK.....	Deer Park 9721
Cathy Kazarek(wife of Mike Kazarek, DD14).....	Mercer Island 11642

STATE CONVENTION, 2007



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights to Christ for February

CHARITY is believing in Jesus.

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone that believes in him may not die but have eternal life.

~ John 3: 16

A boy was born with an eye defect. He could see clearly only nearby objects. When the school told his parents that he needed glasses, they ignored it saying, "We didn't need glasses when we were kids. Why should he?"

When the boy grew up he went to a doctor. After fitting him with glasses the doctor told him to look outside.

"Wow!" the boy gasped. "It's so beautiful!"

Later, he told Father John Powell about the episode, saying:

"That was the second most beautiful experience of my whole life."

Naturally, Father Powell asked him: "What was the most beautiful experience?"

"When I came to believe in Jesus and saw that God is truly my Father...and felt the warmth of His love."

~ *A Reason to Live! A Reason to Die*, excerpted.

How aware are you of God's love for you? How can our council further promote this awareness?

The measure of our love for God depends upon how deeply aware we are of God's love for us. ~ Diodochus

The above meditation is a simple true story of life, taken from the February reading of the *Knights to Christ* Booklet. Like so many of the stories in the book it moved me.

The booklet is available for your councils to sell or give as a gift to your new members at their 1st Degree, mail to that Seminarian your council supports, or to give to your pastor and church staff. Maybe your own children would like one.

If you see a need for spiritual growth in your life and/or the life of your family or council, contact me for how your council can purchase the *Knights to Christ* Booklet.

John M. Wallace

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Knights to Christ for March

PATRIOTISM is a young man who serves his country.

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

~ Numbers 6: 24

All of my students were dear to me but Mark was one in a million. He had that happy-to-be-alive attitude that made even his occasional mischievousness delightful. He talked incessantly. I had to constantly remind him that speaking out of turn was not acceptable. What impressed me so much, though, was his sincere response every time I had to correct him for misbehaving – "Thank you for correcting me, Sister." One day, I asked each of my students to list their classmates on two sheets of paper. Then I told them to think of the nicest thing they could say about each person and write it down. I summarized everyone's comments and then gave each student his or her list. Before long, the entire class was smiling. Years later, Mark was killed in Vietnam. When I attended the funeral, I had never seen a serviceman in a military coffin before. Mark looked so handsome so mature. When his parents retrieved his personal effects, they found two worn pieces of notebook paper that had obviously been taped, folded and refolded many times. I knew it was the list of things his classmates had said about him. That's when I finally sat down and cried. I cried for Mark and for all of his friends who would never see him again.

~ Sister Helen P. Mroska

How is our assembly planning to salute our patriots on Memorial Day and Independence Day?

Whoever loves God must also love his brother. ~ 1 John 4:21

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Message from Bulletin Editor



Please keep the cards and letters (email) coming folks. I need your inputs for the Bulletin each month by the 20th so I can have time to organize all the articles in the bulletin and get it to the printers a on the 1st of each month.

Also please don't forget that I can help you submit articles in the Columbia Magazine.

Please try to send any pictures in JPEG format if possible. They take up a lot less room than TIF or bitmap.

Don't forget to send me your council bulletins. We will have the "Best Bulletin Contest" again this year.

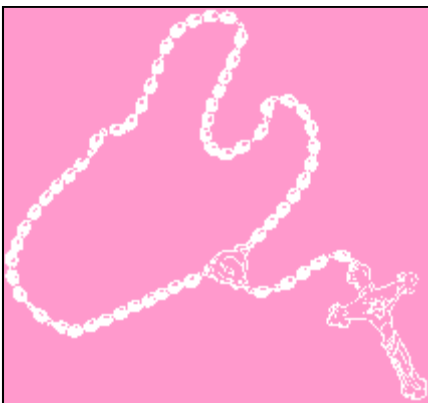
Lastly, remember each council is entitled to two copies of the printed version of the bulletin in black and white, one to the GK and one to the FS. You can also download the bulletin from <http://www.kofc-wa.org> and print the color version. I would suggest that GKs redistribute the bulletin to as many members as possible or direct them to the state website noted in this paragraph.

Vivat Jesus!

Frank Tyson, Bulletin Editor

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Pray the Rosary Daily

URGENT MESSAGE from Historian



The Washington State Council will publish an addendum to the state history in May 2007. When the original history was printed in 1990, there were 90 councils and 22 assemblies in Washington. Since then 51 councils and 16 assemblies have been instituted. Our goal is to have a history for each council and assembly before publication of the addendum - BUT TIME IS RUNNING OUT. In order to meet the publication deadline, new submittals MUST be received by APRIL 15 (tax day).

There are still 16 councils and 9 assemblies missing from the glorious story of the Knights of Columbus in Washington State. It would be tragic to omit the contributions members of these councils and assemblies have given towards the Order and the church. Please submit something for the addendum. A form outlining information that would be helpful in writing a brief history may be found at:

<http://cee-nt.ce.wsu.edu/HistoryForm.pdf>

We are waiting to hear from the following:

COUNCILS	ASSEMBLIES
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy #12251	ABERDEEN, HOQUIAM, RAYMOND Bishop O'dea #1170
BURLINGTON St Charles Council #9941	YAKIMA, GOLDENDALE Father Joseph Caruana #1171
DEER PARK St. Marys Presentation #9721	FERNDAL TO OAK HARBOR San Juan #1176
EDMONDS Mother Teresa #12591	SPANAWAY Archbishop Fulton J Sheen #1845
ENUMCLAW Sacred Heart #13364	KIRKLAND Charles F. Mclean #2621
LEAVENWORTH Leavenworth #13597	LAKESWOOD Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy #2685
LYNDEN Lynden #12420	PROSSER Millennium #2717
OKANOGAN Okanogan Valley #3044	CAMAS Pope John Paul II #2926
PUYALLUP Holy Disciples #11948	SHORELINE St Mark #2959
SEATTLE Fr. Richard Stohr #12175	
SEATTLE Council of the Assumption #13761	
SEATTLE St Bridget #13834	
SPOKANE Pope John Paul II #13831	
TACOMA Visitation #12483	
TACOMA St. Charles Borromeo #13238	
WOODINVILLE Blessed Teresa of Calcutta #14046	

Vivat Jesus,
[Thomas L. Weber PSD](#)
Historian

Fr. McGivney Guild Message

An Idea for Honoring the 125th Anniversary of the Knights of Columbus

Are you looking for a something special and meaningful to mark the 125th Anniversary of the Knights of Columbus? How about reading the following few paragraphs and consider adopting this idea? Please read and give it some thought!

This past month, Supreme Regional Program Consultant Frank Pulice made a few presentations on the West side. He spoke about the Father McGivney Guild and the fact that with over 1.7 million members of the Knights, one would think that we would have at least 1.7 million members in the Father McGivney Guild. Well not true. Unfortunately the Guild has only about 100,000 members. Sadly, this is slightly less than 6% of the total membership. The good news is that in Washington, we have a little more than 8% of our members who have joined. But realistically, is this good news?

Frank talked about reasons that our members may not have joined. In most instances, members just don't think to join. It is hard to understand why the Washington jurisdiction doesn't have at least 80% of our membership who have joined the Guild. Frank talked about running into a council in his travels that decided to honor the legacy of Father Michael McGivney by enrolling its COMPLETE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP in the Father McGivney Guild. The council published their intention to enroll the members in their newsletter. They asked if any members had any concerns about joining the Guild to let the GK or FS know about it. After waiting the appropriate amount of time, the council forwarded its entire council roster to the Father McGivney Guild for enrollment.

This council GK and officers took the lead to do something for their members. Why not consider adopting an idea like this – especially this month in which we celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Order. What a statement we can make if we step forward to join in unity and join the Father McGivney Guild to show we live our legacy. Help those in your council live their KC legacy – the legacy that is being a spiritual son of Father McGivney.

Pat Maloney, IPSP

Chairman, Fr. McGivney Guild

Columbus Charities

*Supporting Special Olympics Washington,
Cancer Care Centers, Kidney Centers*

Need more tickets?

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Do Not Wait to Send in your Sold Books

Mail them and collected money to:

David C Tufts, Director

1243 Ivy Rd

Bremerton, WA 98310-3511

Pro-Life Message



Dear Brothers,

March is already upon us. We are looking forward to a pleasant and prosperous spring.

I want to thank the councils who are working to submit their school's essays and posters.

Do not forget your recognize your councils pro-Life Activities by submitting a Pro-Life Liebert Award.

Monday, March 26 2007 is the Feast of the Annunciation this year, which is also the Knights of Columbus day of the Unborn Child. Challenge your council the Day of the Unborn Child during the week, or weekend. It's not too late to pray the Rosary for Life before your council meeting or before or after a Daily or Sunday Mass, and to invite fellow family members.

Here is your secret message. First Grand Knight to call me atn leave a message or send me an email at bulletin@kofc-wa.org wins a prize.

During the month of March, April or May, why not challenge your council to designate a breakfast to support Birthright or one of your local pregnancy care centers? Birthright in Seattle was established about sixteen years ago, and with the support of prominent Knights it has remained through now. Many women who are expecting a baby do even know about Birthright. Your council's contribution to Birthright of Seattle would be greatly appreciated. A \$500 check or the proceeds of breakfast or two from each council would provide Birthright (or other pregnancy care center) the funds they need to assist the women of Washington. Make your checks payable to Birthright and send to Mr. Carl A. Anderson. Mr. Anderson's address is in the State Directory, under Sacred Heart Council 8136. Because of your concern the work for the Women of Washington and Pro-Life continues.

WHEN AND WHERE TO SUBMIT ESSAY AND POSTER ENTRIES

- **Essays:** The winning 7th/8th grade essay is to be mailed to reach the Pro-Life ESSAY Chairman on or before April 1st, (J. Toth).
- **Posters:** Bring the winning posters for your council for the 1-2, 3-4, and 5-6 grades when you come to the state convention in May.
- **Important Notice about the Poster Rules**
 - **Minimum Poster Size is: 11 x 14 inch. Not 11 x 17 inch.**

LIEBERT PRO-LIFE AWARD PROGRAMS

- Submit to ProLife@KofC-wa.org or by mail to Pro-Life Chair by April 1st.
- See the Grand Knights Handbook or log onto www.kofc-wa.org and pick "Service Programs" and "Pro-Life" to obtain your Liebert application.

Vivat Jesus!

Jim Toth

Pro-Life Chairman

KCIC Accounts Payable January 1, 2007

Council #	Invoice #	Past Due	Council #	Invoice #	Past Due
790	113-06	\$33.25	11217	153-06	\$39.70
829	066-06	\$330.50	11762	054-06	\$135.00
1629	005-06	\$8.80	11762	087-06	\$224.75
1699	131-06	\$179.50	11762	099-06	\$538.50
1699	162-06	\$17.50	11789	104-06	\$101.15
2126	055-06	\$135.00	11948	071-06	\$142.00
2999	128-06	\$150.75	12420	141-06	\$64.75
3611	053-06	\$135.00	12591	130-06	\$179.50
4385	123-06	\$259.05	12591	159-06	\$182.50
6097	150-06	\$179.50	12889	138-06	\$28.50
6686	044-06	\$135.00	12889	146-06	\$16.25
7907	065-06	\$142.00	12889	157-06	\$65.55
7907	072-06	\$8.50	12889	161-06	\$23.00
7907	158-06	\$19.50	13186	129-06	\$191.50
7907	160-06	\$14.25	13364	147-06	\$65.90
10532	081-06	\$247.50	13364	155-06	\$39.30
10652	119-06	\$143.75	13395	082-06	\$22.00
11134	026-06	\$307.50	13395	132-06	\$138.80
11217	091-06	\$208.40	13831	134-06	\$224.30
11217	108-06	\$15.50			

KCIC Message—2006 Sales Recap



FINANCIAL SECRETARIES: KCIC CHAIRMAN NEEDS YOUR HELP

KCIC past due council accounts identified below need your immediate attention. New copies of the outstanding bills were sent to your attention on February 24, 2007.

We are past due with the Washington State Council account as we cannot make payment to KCIC without your funds as the KCIC Program, although coordinated by the State Council, is a self-sustaining program.

If your council has an amount outstanding, please submit your councils check before month end. If you have a question regarding the amount past due, please call me at (509) 370-1001, or email me at kcic@kofc-wa.org.

Vivat Jesus!

George Tzerwonka

State Warden &
KCIC Chairman

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"
A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy.
"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked.
"You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven..."

GONZAGA KNIGHT SERVES IN IRAQ

While I still have three more years on my commitment, my current plan is to get out and go to Law or Grad school in my home state. Following my graduation and commission as a 2LT in the Army in May 2002, I immediately moved to Ft. Rucker Alabama for U.S Army Flight School.

For the next year and a half I lived in the Deep South and memorized procedures and technical manuals day in and day out until I finally graduated in July of 2003 and received my advanced aircraft qualification in the UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter. Following AQC, I moved to 2-1 AVN stationed outside of Ansbach, Germany in OCT 03. We immediately deployed to the field in anticipation of our upcoming deployment to Iraq in February 2004.

The next year was spent in Iraq in the vicinity of Tikrit. My jobs ranged from Maintenance Company Executive Officer to Higher Headquarters Executive Officer at Brigade level as I waited on a long waiting list to take control of a flight platoon. During this time I flew the entirety of most of northern Iraq (Baghdad to Mosul). I also negotiated labor contracts with local national workers, participated in flying cover for convoys, and did the ten million other things an Army officer

does on a day to day basis (but they don't teach you in flight school).

I redeployed to Germany in February 2005, and have attempted to reclaim some of the last year by traveling as much as work and the current world situation will allow. I made CPT and finally received my Flight Platoon this last September, a phenomenon that is growing more and more common in today's Army Aviation. The good news is that after all the hard knocks from my earlier jobs, this one is relatively easy and allows me the time to fly. I am currently at the end of my tenure with my flight platoon and unit, and I will be going to an advanced course (I still haven't decided which one yet) back in the States this fall/winter.

Then I will be moving on to another unit somewhere unknown and at least one more deployment to Iraq or Afghanistan. Anyway...this is the short version of my time since Gonzaga University. I wish you my Brother Knights the very best."

God Bless,
Luke

Captain Lucas A. Mann, US Army

**Excerpted from a column
by Mitch Finley
in the Inland Register
of February 8, 2007**

About a year ago, Ed Valencsin, a member of Walla Walla Council #766, read an article in the Columbia magazine about "Project Moses," entitled "Displays of Faith." The article "answered my question as to how to answer back to the ACLU and its removal of the Ten Commandments from our public lands and buildings."

The goal of Project Moses (www.projectmoses.com) is to erect beautiful, prominent monuments bearing the Ten Commandments "in either Jewish, St. Augustine, or King James numbering system, based upon the tradition of the owner of the property. Each numbering system traces its origins to Chapter 20 of the Book of Exodus and Chapter 6 of Deuteronomy, which are the same for all Jewish and Christian traditions.

At 4x5 foot monument, with the Commandments on the front side and the Beatitudes on the other, was installed on the grounds of DeSales High School and was blessed and deicated by Bishop Skylstad on January 24, 2007. □Our plan is to build three more, one for each parish in Walla Walla," said Valencsin.

One goal of Project Moses is to set up 7,000 Ten Commandments monuments at churches, synagogues, temples, religious schools, and private properties. The Project also aims to collect funds necessary to complete a \$10 million monument in Washington, D.C., similar to the size of the Lincoln and Jefferson Monuments. The centerpiece will be an 18 to 24 foot statue of Moses and an enormous stone slate with the Ten Commandments on it. Organizers hope to have the monument ready for visitors by 2009.

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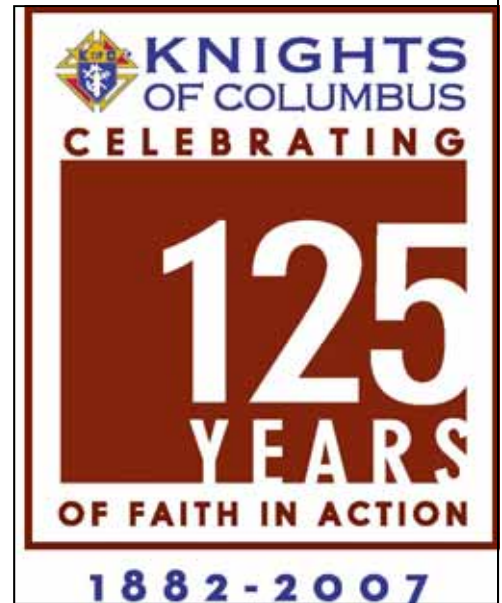
Spokane's Cindy Omlin (a 1979 graduate of Gonzaga University and, with husband John, a member of St. Thomas More Parish) recently returned from Washington, D.C., where she attended a January 10, 2007, U.S. Supreme Court hearing that has a direct impact on thousands of teachers in Washington State.

Omlin is Executive Director of Northwest Professional Educators (NWPE), a Spokane-based non-union organization founded in 2001 as an affiliate of the Association of American Educators (see www.nwpe.org for more information).

Omlin, a former speech-language pathologist for Spokane Public Schools, said her Catholic faith was in conflict with the teachers union's support for abortion-on-demand and gay marriage. "No one should have money taken from their paychecks to pay for someone else's politics," she said.

At issue is a paycheck protection law, approved by more than 70 percent of Washington state voters in 1992 that requires unions to ask non-members to give their approval before using collective bargaining fees that are deducted from paychecks to support political issues.

"Basically, the teachers union wants to use the non-bargaining teachers' collective bargaining fees for politics unless they 'opt-out' by sending an objection letter every year," she said. "Our side was arguing that Washington state's law requiring non-union teachers to "opt-in" for union politics better protects their free speech not to pay for politics they do not support and should be upheld by the Court as constitutional". Teachers do not lose their constitutional rights when they enter the school house door.



It is time to celebrate. March 29 is the 125th anniversary of the order. Father McGivney's dream has come true. Since the founding of the Order by a parish priest, the Knights have maintained a strong relationship to priests. To acknowledge and reinforce that our Order stands "In Solidarity with Our Priests," all councils are urged to recognize their parish priests by hosting an appreciation Mass and dinner in their honor in conjunction with Founder's Day celebrations. Consider presenting each priest with an "In Solidarity with Our Priests" certificate (#4362) available from Supreme supply department. Certificate folders (#4100) for \$1.80 or a black frame (#1973) for \$2.25 are available.

Additional Founder's Day activities which should be considered are:

- A Parish wide 1880's costume party/banquet with plenty of information to hand out to attendees.
- Help young people discover their calling to priesthood by displaying the Father Michael J McGivney Vocations Posters (#4173 for large size or #4174 for smaller size).
- Distribute Father Michael J. McGivney prayer cards(#2617) and "The Spirituality of Father Michael J. McGivney flyer (#4196) to the young people.
- Promote the order through recruitment materials
- Gather together in prayer as a council on March 29
- Submit article to the local newspapers to publicize Founder's Day.

Important Dates to Remember

Degrees, Reports and Miscellaneous

2006 – 2007 Fraternal Calendar

MARCH (Vocations Month)

- March 2 - 4 Special Olympics Winter Games – Wenatchee
- March 3 2nd/3rd Degrees – Lynnwood (Districts 13, 16, **21**)
- March 10 2nd/3rd Degrees – Tukwila (Districts 12, **15**, 27)
- March 17 St. Patrick's Day
- March 24 State Free Throw Championships – Yakima
- March 24-25 Membership Blitz Weekend
- March 25 2nd/3rd Degrees – Walla Walla (Districts 7, 8, 17)
- March 26 Day of the Unborn Child
- March 26 Feast of the Annunciation
- March 29 Founders Day (125th Anniversary of the Order)
- March 31 4th Degree Exemplification -- Burien

APRIL (Squires Month)

- April 1 Family of the Year/Knight of the Year DUE
- April 1 Herbert M. Liebert, PGK Right to Life Memorial DUE
- April 1 Harry J. Tucker, Jr., FSW, PSD, FVSM Memorial DUE
- April 1 ..George C. Turk, PSD, FVSM Gift of life Blood Donor Honor Roll DUE
- April 1 Wade S. Walden, FDD Platelets Heroes Aware Honor Roll DUE
- April 8 Easter Sunday
- April 10 Grand Knight & District Deputy Reports DUE

(Calendar Continued to the right)

Washington State Council Web Page

<http://www.kofc-wa.org>

Washington State Council Ceremonial Schedule

Washington State Council Knight's With E-mail Addresses

2006 – 2007 Fraternal Calendar

April (Continued)

- April 15 Service Program Award Submissions DUE
- April 15 Church Award DUE
- April 15 Community Award DUE
- April 15 Council Award DUE
- April 15 Family Award DUE
- April 15 Youth Award DUE
- April 15 2nd/3rd Degrees – Colbert (Districts 20, **28**)
- April 21 Squires Convention – Federal Way
- April 21 2nd/3rd Degrees – Kelso (Districts 4, **25**)
- April 21 2nd/3rd Degrees – Langley (Districts 9, **19**)
- April 22 2nd/3rd Degrees – Wenatchee (Districts 6, **10**)
- April 27 - 29 CDA Convention – Pasco
- April 28 4th Degree Exemplification—Spokane Valley
- April 28 State Bowling Tournament – TBD
- April 28 2nd/3rd Degrees – Lakewood (Districts 2, 3, 22, **29**)

MAY

- May 6 2nd/3rd Degrees – Issaquah (Districts 14, **23**)
- May 13 Mother's Day
- May 18 - 20 State Convention – Bellevue
- May 26 2nd/3rd Degrees – Vancouver (Districts **11**, 25)
- May 28 Memorial Day

JUNE

- June 1 - 3 Special Olympics Summer Games – Ft. Lewis
- June 2 4th Degree Exemplification – Lakewood
- June 3 2nd/3rd Degrees – Spokane (Districts 5, **18**, 20)
- June 10 2nd/3rd Degrees – Everett (Districts **13**, 16, 21)
- June 17 Father's Day
- June 23 - 24 State Golf Tournament – TBD
- June 30 Columbian Awards (#SP-7) & RSVP Application (#2863) DUE

Rules filed to clarify pharmacists' responsibilities in filling prescriptions

OLYMPIA > A rule clarifying the professional responsibilities of pharmacists and pharmacies in dispensing and delivering valid, legal prescriptions has been filed by the Board of Pharmacy.

The proposed rules are intended to set clear expectations for pharmacists and pharmacies to assure that patients have access to safe and appropriate medications in a timely manner by eliminating barriers to access. This includes precluding a pharmacist's right to refuse dispensing a drug that is contrary to his religious or moral beliefs. A copy of the proposed rules can be found by going to <https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/hpqa1/HPS4/Pharmacy/default.htm> and selecting the WAC documents in the first paragraph of the Rule Making Update.

A public hearing is scheduled for 9:15 a.m., March 29, at the Renton Community Center, 1715 Maple Valley Hwy. Public testimony will be accepted at the hearing. The time allotted to each speaker may be limited by the board based on the number of people who want to testify.

Comments can be viewed and posted electronically on the agency Rules Comment Web page <http://www3.doh.wa.gov/policyreview/>. Comments can also be sent to Doreen Beebe, Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, P.O. Box 47863, Olympia WA 98504-7863 or faxed to 360-586-4359. The board will accept written comments until March 23.

Sports Message



WASHINGTON STATE wants YOU!

Bids for State Bowling & Golf Tournament are needed now!

These tournaments were formed for the purpose of promoting, encouraging and fostering a spirit of friendliness and good will among the members, and for maintaining and increasing the interest in bowling and golf.

The following is a list of some of the things to consider should your Council wish to host the bowling or golf tournaments. Please refer to the Grand Knight's handbook for more details.

- Secure a golf course in writing for the last full weekend in June.
- Secure a bowling establishment in writing for the last full weekend in April
- Use bowling center(s) with at least 12 lanes
- Secure hotel(s) in writing with a good room rate
- Optional Tournament program
- Optional Banquet

If interested in bidding, the Council must submit a letter to the State Deputy or State Secretary on Council stationery, signed by the Grand Knight and the Financial Secretary. Please make sure the Council seal impression is included on the letter.

Time is of the essence!!

John Rowley

Message from Recruitment



Kenneth Gardner, the Membership Director of the Ohio Southern District, had a great idea he called, "A gold mine of positive membership." If you are looking for potential members to add to your

council, look no further that your current Supreme Council roster! The council's roster includes Inactive Insurance members - men who have KofC insurance, but who stopped paying dues to their council.

The Ohio State Councils focused on two groups of inactive insurance members who had at least 25 years of service when they were suspended. The first group were 149 gentlemen over the age of 70 who could rejoin the Order as Honorary Life Members - 80 of them did so (a 53% success rate)! The second group were 103 gentlemen over the age of 65 who could rejoin as Honorary Members by paying \$10.00 per year in dues- 30 of them did so (a 30% success rate)!

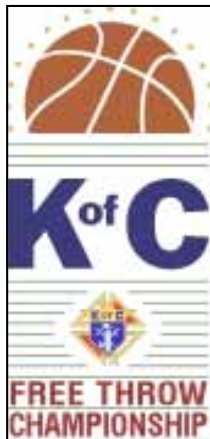
Do you have a 30 to 55% success rate in recruiting new members? Inactive members are eager to rejoin the Order if asked. They have already joined once and know about the good works of our councils.

During the past year, State Deputy Karl Hadley sent a letter to each inactive member - all you have to do is follow-up with them! Try it (and let me know the results).

Vivat Jesus!!

Ray Pratt, PGK,

State Recruitment Chairman



STATE FINALS

Father Queen Gym—Holy Family Parish
56th & W. Chestnut Avenue
Yakima, Washington

Saturday
March 24, 2007
Registration Starts 10:30am
Competition Starts 11:30am
Completed 4:30pm (Estimated)

Host District
Contact: Terry Wauzynski, GK Council 6097
905 S 32nd Ave
Yakima, WA 98902-4023
(509) 452-9513

Lunch Hosted by Ahtanum Mission Council 6097

Remember that Council and District Free Throw Contest should be held in January and Districts should be held in February or early March.

**COLUMBIAN SQUIRES 6th ANNUAL
STATE CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOKLET**

On April 21, 2007 at St. Vincent's Parish in Federal Way - Auburn/Federal Way Circle 4571 and St. Joseph's Council 7528 will host the 6th Annual State Columbian Squires Convention.

To capture this historic event, a Convention Program Booklet will be published as a memento. Would your council, assembly, circle or you personally like to acknowledge these Columbian Squires? You can purchase advertisement space in the Convention Program Booklet. All proceeds will go the Washington State Columbian Squires Circle to assist in the activities of the State Circle (no other forms of funds are available for the State Circle).

The advertising sizes and rates are:

Ad Size	Full Page	Half Page	Quarter Page	Sponsor*
Rate	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$10.00

**Example: Mr. and/or Mrs. Joe Smith, Council 676 or in memory of Past Grand Knight Bob Jones, Council 4322
The names will be listed together on a separate page.*

Should you wish to assist with the creation of this program booklet by taking out an advertisement:

Make checks payable to: Washington Columbian Squires.

Please attach copy of advertisement with return copy.

Note: all copies are to be supplied in camera ready format

Your advertisement must be submitted to Ed Parazoo, State Squires Chairman, as soon as possible, but no later than April 1st.

Any questions, please call Ed at (509) 680-3627. You may E-mail your advertisement to Ed at Squires@kofc-wa.org and mail the check later.

Mail check and photo ready copy to:

Ed Parazoo, State Squires Chairman
708 Hoffman Rd #I
Kettle Falls, WA 99141-9707.

We ask you to help us make this a memorable event in the lives of these Catholic boys.

!!ATTENTION GOLFERS!!

!!Endangered Sport!!

As of this state bulletin, we have **no** official bid from any of the 140 councils to host the 2007 Washington State Knights of Columbus Invitational Golf Tournament. It is scheduled to be held the fourth full weekend (Saturday and Sunday) in June. The dates would be June 23 – 24, 2007.

From and including February 1 to, but not including June 23, we have 3,408 hours to tee time (maybe). We need at least one of our 140 councils to step forward and make a bid! Time is not a luxury that a potential host council or the State has to make this happen.

We need a host council!

We need golfers to attend!

We need both to succeed!

We need both to continue!

Endangerment could lead to extinction!

John Rowley
Sports Chairman



Pope: "Guaranteeing the right to life is a duty upon which the future of humanity depends"

VATICAN CITY, February 26, 2007 (LifeSiteNews.com) - Pope Benedict XVI addressed an assembly of the Pontifical Academy for Life Saturday, which was meeting on "Christian conscience in support of the right to life." The right to life, the Pope said, "must be supported by everyone because it is fundamental with respect to other human rights."

Pope Benedict noted that while the truths of the natural law can be known by human reason, there is a need today to reeducate people "in the desire to know the real truth, and in the defense of their own freedom of choice, against the inclination of the masses and the flattery of propaganda."

Benedict XVI said that despite efforts to make known the necessity for humanity to respect the right to life, "attacks against the right to life in the world have increased." In this context he referred to "pressures for the legalization of abortion in Latin American countries and in developing nations, also through the use of the liberalization of new forms of chemical abortion under the pretext of reproductive health," and to an "increase in population control policies."

The Pope highlighted developed nations' growing interest in biotechnological research and "the obsessive search for the 'perfect child'." There is, he said, "a new wave of eugenic discrimination," which "gains consensus in the name of the supposed good of the individual while, especially in the economically developed world, laws are being promoted for the legalization of euthanasia. All this is happening as pressure increases for the legalization of forms of cohabitation alternative to marriage and closed to natural procreation."

Christian consciences, he said must be "illuminated in order to recognize the true value of actions," and so as to be able "to distinguish good from evil, even where the social environment, cultural pluralism and the overlay of interests do not help to this end."

The Pope emphasized the need "to open minds and hearts" during the various stages of life, to ensure that people "accept the fundamental duties upon which the existence of individuals and of the community depends. Only in this way will it be possible to ensure that the young understand the values of life, ... of marriage and of the family," and "appreciate the sanctity of love, the joy and responsibility of parenthood, and of collaborating with God in the giving of life." When "continuous and qualified formation" is lacking, it "becomes more difficult to pronounce upon the problems associated with biomedicine in the fields of sexuality, nascent life, procreation, and upon the way to treat and cure patients and the weaker groups of society."

"When the value of human life is at stake," he concluded, "this harmony between magisterial function and lay commitment becomes uniquely important. Life is the primary good we have received from God, the foundation of all the others. Guaranteeing the right to life - for everyone and in the same way for everyone - is a duty upon which the future of humanity depends."

Article by John-Henry Westen

**Knights of Columbus
Washington State Directory
Changes as of February 28, 2007
Please Copy, Cut Out, and
Paste Inside Directory**

**REGIONAL DISTRICT COORDINATORS
DISTRICT DEPUTIES**

District No. - 7
Marcel P Bergeron.(Linda).(10653).....(509).627-5664
106 Willowbrook Pl, Richland, WA 99352-8705
District Councils: Walla Walla 766, Pasco 1620, Moses Lake 4367, Eltopia-Connell 11478, Kennewick 8179, 10653

SUBORDINATE COUNCILS

DES MOINES - CENTENNIAL COUNCIL 8079
GK - Robert J. Legge (Earline).....(253).838-5114
2920 SW 337th St, Federal Way, WA 98023
2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7:00pm; St Philomena Parish Hall

EDMONDS – Mother Teresa council 12591
GK – Jim O’Brien (206) 790-4919
20414 Maplewood Dr., Edmonds, WA 98026
2nd and 4th Thursday, 7:00 pm, Holy Rosary Youth Center, (parish office bldg) 760 Alpha St, Edmonds

RICHLAND - RICHLAND COUNCIL 3307
FS - Jon J. Rowley (Barbara).....(509).946-2418
1824 Mahan Ave., Richland, WA 99354-3234
2nd and 4th Wednesday, 7:30pm (509)943-1492 K of C Hall, 2500 Chester Rd, Richland



**Give
Blood
Often**

Photos from Centralia Regional Meeting

Grand Knight's at 200% of Quota or Better



PSDs at Centralia

Photos from Spokane Regional Meeting

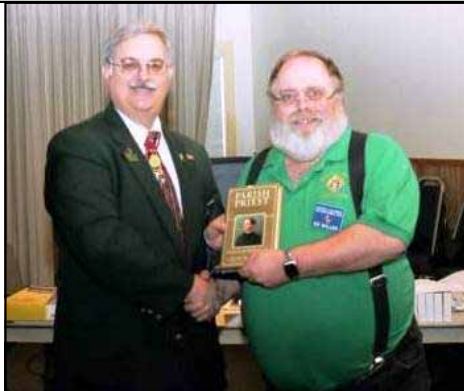
Grand Knight's at 200% Of Quota or Better



Richland 3307 Team

Regional Meeting at Everett

New Council Installed



St Martin of Tours Council #14162 in Fife was installed on January 17, 2007. The Grand Knight is John D McGrath and the Financial Secretary is Stephen Kober. Congratulations to our newest Council.



Lynnwood First Degree Team

Happenings Around the State



Spanaway #6806—Six people representing the Spanaway council were present at the annual march for life in Olympia. Ray and Hellen Nelson are holding the Spanaway Council banner.

Oak Harbor #3361—Oak Harbor held a joint 1st degree on Jan 23rd and exemplified 11 new members, Langley—1; Coupeville—2; Anacortes—3; and Oak Harbor—5. Honoree Edward Virsack, HLP, PGK was present for the exemplification.

Auburn #3598—Auburn council is having a fish fry each Friday in Lent starting 5:30pm. Proceeds from one Lenten Fish Dinner, pending vote of the Council, will be dedicated to Relay for Life, an annual community event to fight cancer.

Olympia #1643—On Sunday, March 25, at St Joseph's chapel in St Michael's parish, Olympia council will celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation and the "Day of the Unborn Child" with prayers for reparations and petitions for the renewal of the Culture of Life from 9:00pm to 12:00 midnight.

MENU FOR THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DINNER St. Monica Family Center Friday, May 18, 2007 --- 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

CREATED BY JOHN ZAVAGLIA
(Council 11642 Treasurer)

OLD FAMILY FAVORITE RECIPES

KITCHEN CREW: THE JOHN ZAVAGLIA
FAMILY -- CHERI, TONY, JOHNNY,
MICHAEL AND GINA;
JANET KRANC and LEN PSYK

Price: \$15



- **ANTIPASTO:** GREAT AUNT'S RECIPE COMPLETE WITH MARINATED JULIENNE VEGETABLES, CHEESES, SALAMI, ARTICHOKE HEARTS, STUFFED MUSHROOMS, TOMATOES, ASPARAGUS, OLIVES, AND ROASTED RED PEPPERS ARTFULLY ARRANGED BY CHEF JANET KRANC.
- **MINI PENNE WITH MARINARA SAUCE:** FRATERNAL GRANDMOTHER'S RECIPE SIMMERED WITH SELECT CUTS OF BEEF AND PORK ALL DAY LONG, SERVED AL DENTE.
- **MEAT BALLS:** MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER'S RECIPE ORIGINATING FROM SOUTHERN ITALY. (SEE FEATURE ARTICLE IN SEATTLE TIMES PAGES E1 AND E2 ON DECEMBER 20, 2006).
- **PORK LOIN ROASTS:** COOKED BY CHEF LEN PSYK WITH PORTABELLO MUSHROOMS AND GRAVY MASTERFULLY MADE BY CHEF JANET KRANC.
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