

January 2009 2008-2009 Bulletin



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Schedule for WSC Regional Meetings

In January, Eastside and Westside mid-year Regional Meetings will be held throughout Washington State to review membership, insurance, and program accomplishments and to help councils plan for the remainder of the fraternal year. **Council Grand Knights, Council Chairmen for Programs, Membership, and interested other Council Officers are asked to attend.**

Grand Knights are asked to bring their GK Handbook as reference and their council's 2008 Fraternal Survey and any other reports from 2008-2009 that may be delinquent. (185's – 365's – Audit reports).

We are planning a **First Degree Competition at each Regional Meeting**. All councils are encouraged to bring candidates to the degree. You can expect that the candidates will receive their first degrees from one of the best teams in their respective regions.

A training seminar for all Financial Secretaries will be conducted at each Region. Information will be provided on the FS training program for new and current FS's.

The schedule of the meetings and locations are listed below. The meetings are centrally located to facilitate accessibility of the attendees. The meetings are held with one meeting on Saturday for a selected number of districts and councils in that region and the other meeting on Sunday for the remaining districts and councils. Considering demographics, **the districts and councils are assigned to attend one of the meetings outlined.** The meetings start in the morning and are concluded by mid to late afternoon to allow the attendee's time to return home the same day. **Lunch will be provided at no expense to those in attendance. Travel expenses will be borne by the each council.**

Northeast Region, Districts 5, 8, 18, 20, & 28

January 10, 2009 – St. John Vianney – Council 8201

Starts 8:00 AM – 1st Degree – 10:45 AM

East-Central, Districts 6, 7, 10, 17, & 30

January 11, 2009 – Yakima 6097

Starts 8:30 AM – 1st Degree – 10:00 AM

North-NW, Districts 1, 9, 13, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23, 24, & 26

January 17, 2009, Everett 763

Starts 7:30 AM – 1st Degree 8:00 AM

West-SC/SW, Districts 2, 3, 4, 11, 12, 15, 22, 25, 27, & 29

January 18, 2009 – Bremerton 1379

Starts 8:00 AM – 1st Degree 9:00 AM

L.I.B.K

Jan 19 - Martin Luther King Birthday

Jan 20 - March for Life in Olympia

Jan 31 -0 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1738) DUE

Message from State Deputy John Walker Get the Word out and Help Retain Members

Worthy Brother Knights:

What lies ahead for **2009**, the Chinese year of the Ox? As the Ox was used long ago to plow the soil day after day, so do Ox people labor through their daily responsibilities either at work or at home without complaint or gripe? Will we all be Ox people? As Knights of Columbus, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and other Council officers we all have specific responsibilities. We need to accept these responsibilities and insure that we meet the remaining goals that we set at the beginning of the fraternal year and finish them by June 20, 2009 on a successful note.

Let us each take a few moments to reflect on what needs to be accomplished and set resolutions for the next six months. Consider the following:

- 1) What new activities have you planned to make your mark as the best Grand Knight your Council has ever had?
- 2) Have you drafted your Columbian Award Application and determined how many more activities you need in each program area?
- 3) Are you on track to achieve the coveted Star Council Award?
- 4) Have you exemplified all your candidates from the October Blitz?
- 5) Have you started training your successor to take over as Grand Knight once your term is completed?
- 6) Have you started the process to complete the Survey of Fraternal Activities and the Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics?
- 7) Are plans being made to complete the Annual Audit?
- 8) Have you scheduled 1st degree members for the next 2nd and 3rd degree so that they can assume council offices and be full pledged Knights?
- 9) Have you met the goal of at least one new member for the fraternal year?
- 10) Have you met your membership and insurance goals for the year?

This is only a partial list – use these and any others to set your resolutions to finish this fraternal year. Make sure you write them down and check them off as they are accomplished.

Note on the cover page of this bulletin the information on the Regional Meetings being held in January in your specific District. The turnouts for these meetings have been sparse the last few years. Please mark down the date and plan to attend these meetings that will be used to review membership, insurance,



and program accomplishments and to help councils plan for the remainder of the fraternal year.

As of December 31, 2008 we have **93** of 143 Councils that have recorded at least one new member this year with Supreme. Congratulations to all of you. That leaves **50** who have not. The inactive councils are noted elsewhere in this bulletin. One of my goals and I hope yours also was to have every councils membership active. It's not too late. There are Catholic gentlemen out there waiting to be asked. Carry your Form 100 with you and ask that fellow Catholics to join the greatest fraternal organization in the world – the Knights of Columbus!

Congratulations to the following Councils who have already achieved at least 100% of their **membership goal**: **809-Tacoma (100%)**, **2103-Grandview (133.3%)**, **4367-Moses Lake (100%)**, **7863-Marysville (200%)**, **8179-Kennewick (172.7%)**, **10543-Prosser (100%)**, **11085-Seattle (140%)**, **11357-Langley (100%)**, **11642-Mercer Island (160%)**, **12899-Vancouver (100%)**, **12983-Vancouver (100%)**, **13238-Tacoma (180%)**, and **13606-Seattle (120%)**. Congratulations to the following who have achieved at least 100% of their **insurance membership quota**: **2103-Grandview (166.6%)**, **3598-Auburn (140%)**, **4385-Bellevue (175%)**, **7907-Issaquah (133.3%)**, **11134-Spokane (100%)**, **13395-Silverdale (100%)**, **13606-Seattle (133.3%)**, **13794-Seattle (200%)**, and **14510-Spokane (133.3%)**.

Special congratulations to Grandview 2103 and Seattle 13606 who both have earned the Star Award for 2008-2009 (assuming they do not lose any members for the rest of the year and fall below the net increase).

As of December 31, 2008, we are far behind in our recruitment efforts and have had more suspensions than last year. With the annual dues cycle approaching, please continue to work on your retention efforts. While losses are inevitable, the best way to overcome them is to recruit new members to offset the suspensions and then recruit a few more to achieve your Council goal. It can happen through the next Blitz and by adopting the slogan – **“Every Day, a New Knight!”**

May the Lord grant each of you and your families a holy, joyous, prosperous and rewarding 2009 year.

One Nation Under God

John L. Walker, State Deputy

Councils Not Submitting Report of
Officers Chosen Form 185
DUE – JUNE 30, 2008
8398 12889 13761
Total **3** Not Reporting



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



by Fr. Wilmar O Zabala Making New Year's Resolutions

If you're like most people, you're probably working on your New Year's resolutions right now. Perhaps, this coming New Year, you are resolving to "quit smoking or drinking," "to be more charitable and non-judgmental," "to spend less and save more," "to lose weight and exercise daily," "to be a more loving and caring spouse and parent," or, if you're like me, "to spend less time watching "Sportscenter" or "Survivor." I used to make New Year's resolutions every year, but I stopped when I recognized that the biggest majority of my resolutions have gone by the wayside before January is over and that I don't remember most of them six months later! Actually, if you honestly ask me, the reason why I stop making New Year's resolution it's because of my greater understanding and appreciation of Paschal Mystery – the crucifixion, death, and resurrection of the Lord. "Paschal Mystery" reminds me that my life is an experience of "dying" and "rising," that every single day is always a new day to change my wrongdoings, a

resurrection, if you will, that allows me to rise from my mistakes or from whatever keeps me from being the kind of person God wants me to be. "Paschal Mystery" reminds me that I don't have to wait for the New Year to be a better person. Every single day is my chance!

I would like to propose these resolutions that every Knight of Columbus should consider making as we begin a new calendar year.

The first resolution: In everything you do, resolve to seek God's blessings. "Resolving to seek God's blessings" means beginning each moment of your day under the protection and grace of God's blessing. "Resolving to seek God's blessings" means bringing with you all the joys and sorrows of the year now past and ask for these to be blessed. "Resolving to seek God's blessings" means bringing your hurts and regrets as well as your hopes and resolutions for the future. "Resolving to seek God's blessings" means bringing your work left undone, your words left unsaid, your wishes left unfulfilled and ask that God will bless all, heal all, make whole and holy all you are, all you have been, all you shall become, by God's blessed grace! "Resolving to seek God's blessings" doesn't end with us. It also invites us to go forth to bless. In the *Book of Numbers*, the Lord instructs Moses to tell Aaron and Israelites to bless each other with these words: "The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!" Instead of being judgmental and critical, give a word of *blessing* to others. Learn to see them as God's *blessing* to you. Bless what's good and beautiful in the world. Never, for the sake of cause, orthodoxy, or justice, denigrate beauty. All that's good and beautiful has God as its author. Honor others, before speaking any word of challenge, condemnation, reprimand to them, who, as we all know, are made in the image and likeness of God. In everything you do, resolve to seek God's blessings and to go forth to bless.

The second resolution: resolve to give more visible witness to your faith. The gospel reading for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, celebrated on January 1, tells us that "the shepherds *went in haste* to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been

told them about this child." *They made known the message!* They *went in haste* not because they wanted to find out if the angel who appeared to them was telling the truth about Jesus' birth. No, they *went in haste* to share this good news with others. That's what discipleship is all about: We listen and then we act. When God speaks to us in our hearts, we don't sit around acting like a bum and not act until we're ready. The gospel can't wait. We go out in haste. These shepherds *went in haste* and made known the message! I used to say this: Parents, don't waste your time and energy coming to my office and complaining about your teenage daughter or son not going to church anymore when you yourselves are not witnessing to your faith, when you yourselves don't show any enthusiasm and zeal in your faith, when you yourselves don't impart to them with great passion that only God sustains you, only God has brought tremendous peace in your once chaotic lives and it's worth giving everything to God, that going to Mass, participating fully, consciously, actively, receiving Communion is an important and vital part of your lives. Until our children – or anybody else for that matter – see the joy and fulfillment in what we do spiritually, they won't pay attention to us, they will just continue to see faith, God, community, Mass a crashing bore! Do you see joy and fulfillment in what you do in church every Sunday? Do you show these to people who need to see the most? Make known the message! Resolve to give more visible witness to your faith.

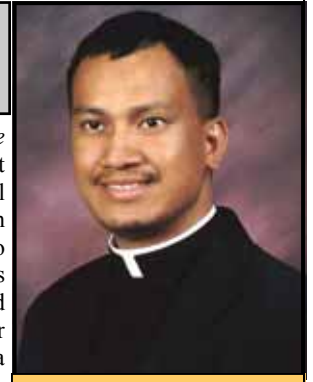
The third resolution: resolve to spend more time for reflection. The central line in that same gospel reading is this: "Mary kept all these things, *reflecting* on them in her heart." She reflected! She didn't ruminate; she didn't wring her hands or lose heart; she didn't allow fear of the unknown to paralyze her. Rather, she stored up in her heart what she didn't understand and, in the spirit of trust and wonder, she returned from time to time to visit them and recommit them as well as herself, her son, her husband and their futures to God. No, Mary's yes to God at the Annunciation wasn't a simple over-and-done-with act that "goes away" but her yes was to a life that made sense only because she constantly placed herself in God's hands. "Resolving to spend more time for reflection" means stopping from your busyness of life and giving yourself enough time to think things through, to recognize God's hands in your life, to recommit your struggles and concerns as well as your family and your future to God. Resolve to spend more time for reflection.

The final resolution: resolve to pray more. Today's gospel reading has this more to say about the shepherds: "Then the shepherds returned, *glorifying and praising God*, for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them." The shepherds *glorify* and *praise* God! "Resolving to pray more" means praying always and also praying formally each day. By your baptism you're a priest. Pray as priest: Hold the world up each day to God. Hold up both its wonders and its pain. Pray in gratitude, thanking God, not just for "this or that," but for life itself, for light, for this earth, for those who love you. Resolve to pray more.

May this New Year truly inspire you to make the resolutions to seek God's blessing and to go forth to bless, to give more visible witness to your faith, to spend more for reflection, and to pray more. May Mary, the Mother of God, guide you in your spiritual journey to come closer to Christ.

Father Wilmar

Rev. Wilmar O. Zabala, State Vice-Chaplain



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

IMPORTANT NOTES FROM THE STATE SECRETARY THE NEXT 6 MONTHS



“The Next Six Month Letter” was distributed at the Mid Year Meeting (Winter Meeting), Dec. 6, and will be available at the Regional Meeting this month, if unable to locate a copy, check on the Washington State Web Site.

1) WA. STATE PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT BILLING – The council per capita assessment will be mailed to the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary during the month of January, 2009.

The \$9.00 per member assessment is due upon receipt and is payable without council vote.

The per capita assessment excludes inactive insurance and honorary life members and members who have qualified for special disability as of December 31, 2008. (Each council was provided a list of its members shown on Supreme Council records as exempt from payment of dues and per capita taxes as of October 1, 2008. **Councils must have certified their members for continuing disability and submitted the certification to Supreme prior to December 31, 2008.** If the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary failed to certify the continuing disability of any member within the ninety day period, the waiver of dues and per capita charges were terminated).

For additional information refer to the Washington State Council Bylaws, Article VII Finances, Section 3 and disability Guidelines (Form # 1813 G).

To Be Successful

“Do what you should do when you should do it, whether you feel like it or not.” ... Thomas Huxley

“Success is tons of discipline.” ... Al Tomsik

If we take the extra mile the traffic will be light.

John M. Wallace

Councils Not Submitting
Semi Annual Audit Report Form 1295
DUE – AUGUST 15, 2008
(No Report at Supreme)
676 *683* 763* 1545 3044 3153 7907* 8015
8179 9605 9910* 10543 12002 12583*
12889 13422 13761
* Means last two reports are delinquent
Total 17 Not Reporting

SILVER KNIGHT AWARDS



ALL KNIGHTS CAN EARN THE SILVER KNIGHT AWARD

During the Fraternal Year, you need only...

- 1) Maintain your 3rd Degree membership in good standing;
- 2) Attend 3 Business Meetings;
- 3) Participate in 3 Service Programs;
- 4) Meet with your Insurance Agent or maintain your Insurance Member Status; and,
- 5) Recruit 2 New Members or Reactivate two old members.

If recruitment of 2 New Members is all that is left for you to do...start asking, Are YOU a Knight of Columbus? Their responses will surprise you!

Father Michael J. McGivney’s passion, personal conviction and vision can be yours too. Become a “Silver Knight” in our Order like the Silver Knights noted below:

FRANK TYSON	09833
GREG SCHMIDT.....	14046
ROBERT LIESS	11357
LYLE SPINK	11357
PAUL D’AVANZO	11357
EDWIN BROADHURST	12273
GEORGE CZERWONKA	12583
RAYMOND EGAN.....	10534
HAROLD KELLEM	08201
CHARLES E. STILLWAGGON	00894
JONAS HINER	04196
DAN GRUMBACH	07863
PATRICK GRAY	13186
CHRIS PETERSON	13186
RICHARD POOLE	13186
DAVID CASTEEL.....	02999
IRVING ST. GERMAIN	02999
CHARLES MCCOLLOUGH	11762
RUSS CANTONWINE.....	10652
CARMELO RICCIARDELLI.....	04385
RICHARD J. FODRAY	06686
LEROY SCHUELLER.....	13364
THOMAS J. MOONS.....	12591

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR MESSAGE



My Brothers All... Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, Recruitment Chairmen, Program Chairmen and all Knights with an interest in leadership in our respective councils:

I take this opportunity to **personally invite each of you to attend the upcoming Regional Meetings** in your area. The Spokane meeting will be held at St. John Vianney Council 8201 at N. 501 Walnut Road in the

Spokane Valley on January 10; the Yakima meeting will be held at Ahtanum Mission Council 6097 at 5502 W. Chestnut Avenue in Yakima on January 11; the Westside northern meeting will be held at Everett Council 763 at 2913 W. Marine Drive in Everett on January 17; and, the Westside southern meeting will be held at Bremerton Council 1379 hall at Burwell St. in Bremerton on January 18.

As we each reflect back on the first 6 months of the 2008-2009 Fraternal Year, I ask you to **look again and restate your recruitment and retention plans** for your councils. Have you as Grand Knight already earned the coveted KofC Jacket by reaching your recruitment goal prior to December 31, 2008? If not, do you have a plan to reach your goal during the next 6 months and are you prepared to put your plan into action? There are many ways and means to reach your goal, you need only select one or two and lead the way by appointing the right members to take the reins as recruitment committee chairman and retention committee chairman. They in turn can select other members to join them in executing your plan. You need only steer the course that you have charted!

Although we are way behind in recruitment for our Washington jurisdiction, I am convinced we will make our Net Gain Goal of 575 new members as the glass is not empty but only waiting for you to fill it...you see, I am an optimist as you recruited 285 new members through November 30, but for the suspensions of 246 members leaving a net of only 39 new members. The good news is that with the October Blitz, only 79 Councils produced 245 new Form 100's, and they are all coming through the pipeline now as you have also reported 123 First Degrees were held during this period. And further, let me remind us all that the 193 prospects developed need to be quickly followed-up; invited to an informational meeting to sign the Form 100; and, then escorted to their First Degree.

Now we all know that every prospect does not take the next step, and the success of the October Blitz can't be taken for granted; however, we all can imagine what would happen if every council actively participated in the upcoming March Blitz the weekend of March 7/8. As I review the results of the past October Blitz, we can restate your past work in a few simple algebra formulas and make the assumption that we can reasonably expect that the following can be achieved with 100% participation by all councils in the upcoming March Blitz:

A.

$$245 \text{ Actual Candidates} / 79 \text{ Councils Participating} = x / 144 \text{ All Washington Councils}$$

$$x = (245 \text{ Actual Candidates} \times 144 \text{ All Washington Councils}) / 79 \text{ Councils}$$

$$x = 446 \text{ Potential New Candidates (Form 100's) - All Councils Participating}$$

B.

$$193 \text{ Actual Prospects} / 79 \text{ Councils Participating} = x / 144 \text{ All Washington Councils}$$

$$x = (193 \text{ Actual Prospects} \times 144 \text{ All Washington Councils}) / 79$$

$$x = 352 \text{ Potential New Prospects - All Councils Participating}$$

C.

$$446 \text{ Potential New Candidates} + 352 \text{ Potential New Prospects} = 798 \text{ New Members - All Councils Participating on March 7/8}$$

With the potential of attracting more at least 798 new qualified, Catholic men based on the past efforts of only 79 Washington Councils that participated in the October Blitz, we can reasonably assume that we will produce the 446 new candidates with signed Form 100's; produce another 352 new prospects; and easily reach our Washington jurisdiction goal of 575 Net New Members by June 30, 2009!

“WE CAN, I KNOW WE CAN, IF WE ALL TRY...ALL PULLING TOGETHER IN UNITY...ALL COUNCIL’S ACTIVE DURING THE NEXT 6 MONTHS!”

Now all I need do is convince you, Worthy Grand Knights, that the Washington jurisdiction and our Worthy State Deputy are worthy too of your councils fraternal participation in the March Blitz! If you believe an exception should be made for your council, I'll look to hear from you and soon as you will be hearing from me again in January, once again in February and still once again in March, so plan now to participate by ordering your Blitz materials; confirming the March 7/8 dates with your Parish Priest; and, getting your recruitment team moving with planning now.

Like our Holy Father so aptly stated, **“FOLLOW ME – HELP US BUILD UP THE CHURCH!”** He was speaking to you and me, individually and united, and we as “His Brothers in Christ” can respond in charity to his calling as “Knights of Columbus.”

Vivat Jesus,

George Tzerwonka, Jr.

State Advocate and Membership Director

Councils Not Submitting
Service Program Personnel Report – Form 365
DUE – AUGUST 1, 2008
1449 1550 1758 2763 3044 3153 6706 7356 8297 8398
8672 9605 9721 9941 11252 11736 12002 12420 12889
13761 14162
Total 21 Not Reporting

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION INFORMATION ON-LINE

The Knights of Columbus Web site continues to make it easier to get the information you need.

Now you can access www.kofc.org/membership to find information regarding membership campaigns, recruitment and retention all in one section of the site.

I encourage all Grand Knights and Membership Chairmen to regularly go to this site when you are looking for ideas and advice on bringing new Knights into the Order while keeping current Knights happy and involved.

George Tzerwonka, Jr.
Membership Director

POTENTIAL KNIGHTS UNDER YOUR NOSE

Sometimes we miss what is right in front of us, such as young men who would like to join the Order. Which young men? Those in the Squire circles fostered and supported by your councils! **Have all of the Squires who have turned 18-years-old been recruited as Knights yet? If not, why not?**

More than 5,700 Squires will turn 18-years-old this fraternal year. They can be Squires and Knights at the same time! Be sure that you Grand Knights and your Membership Directors invite all 18-year-old Squires who have not yet become Knights, and their friends, (and the fathers) to be initiated into the Order as soon as possible, and definitely before June 30!

I invite you to contact Youth & Squires Chairman Jeffery Markwith (253) 838-1355 and your circle's chief counselor to learn which Squires are 18-year-olds and graduating from the program. Ask them for names, and ask each Squire to become a Knight at the next First Degree!

George Tzerwonka, Jr.
Membership Director

COUNCILS NOT REPORTING ANY Y-T-D MEMBERSHIP ADDITIONS

(No report at Supreme)

894 1327 1401 1488 1545 1823 2303 3044 3153 3645 5495
6706 7117 7149 7356 7360 7907 8079 8136 8266 8311 8398
8437 8768 9145 9237 9605 9637 9721 10532 10534 11252
11253 11408 11736 11762 11780 11906 12002 12251 12483
12786 12889 13186 13422 13462 13597 13761 13834 14394

Total 50 Not Reporting

MEMBERSHIP DOCUMENT (#100) GETS A NEW LOOK

The Membership Document (#100), a qualified prospect's passport into the Knights of Columbus, has been upgraded with a new look to make it more user friendly. This **redesigned form replaces all previous versions** of the Membership Document and should be used immediately. Old versions of the form #100 should be destroyed after December 31, 2008.

The form's most apparent change is to its size, which has been increased to 8.5 inches by 11 inches to allow for a larger type font to make it easier to read, allow more space for entries and to assist in determining the applicant's interests and preferences...it is not intended to replace the Admissions process. The form is also printed in a new maroon color.

The major revision to the Membership Document is the "New Member Annuity," which is now available to introduce a new member and his wife to the Knights of Columbus Insurance program and to assist in planning financial stability for retirement.

A mailing with copies of the new Membership Documents was sent to Financial Secretaries of record in October. Additional copies of the Form #100 are available from the Supply Department.

George Tzerwonka, Jr.
Membership Director

DOES YOUR COUNCIL NEED A MEMBERSHIP ARTICLE FOR YOUR PARISH BULLETIN?

The Knights of Columbus want you to be a part of a growing organization with 125 years of success. There is a place for you among the more than 1.75 million families who already are having "the Experience of a Lifetime" as members of the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization. You can share in that experience. Call (*insert name of membership director with telephone number*) for more information about joining the Knights.

General Program Director Message



Dear Brothers,
Brothers:

I am looking forward to seeing you again at the regional meetings this month. Make sure you take advantage of these meetings and have representatives from your council there.

Also, if you are forming a new 1st degree team (or adding new members to your team) come to your area regional meeting and take a look at a team that is one of the best in the state. Each regional meeting will conduct a 1st degree for the state wide competition so bring your candidates!

How are things going for your council? Are you requiring assistance in any area? If so, we can help only if you let us know. Please use your State Chairmen – they are there to assist.

Hope your Christmas season was and is good to you and your family. Be safe and see you soon.

Yours in Christ,
Ed Parazoo, PGK, FDD, FFS
State Warden and
General Program Director

IS YOUR COUNCIL PREPARING FOR THE MARCH 7-8 MEMBERSHIP BLITZ?

If you have not prepared yet, simply follow these “Five Easy Steps” and do so promptly:

- 1) Tell your parish priest about these dates and get his approval;
- 2) Advertise your Membership Drive in the Parish Bulletin;
- 3) Send your Blitz materials request to the Supreme Supply Department;
- 3) Line up your Insurance Representative and Recruitment Team;
- 4) Select a “Blitz Pulpit Announcement” and provide to Parish Priest;
- 5) Coordinate with your team for coverage at all the Masses!

Look for the next “Follow-up Phase” in the February “State Bulletin.”

George Tzerwonka, Jr.
Membership Director



Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Order

...Payment of Council Dues;

Supreme Counselor Joseph A. Niglio has advised that Credit or Debit Card transaction accounts cannot be established by councils for the payment of membership dues.

Members of councils and assemblies should be given the option to pay dues either in cash or by personal check. The use of credit card or debit cards is strictly prohibited.

If your council has created and/or maintains an account for payment of dues with a Credit or Debit Card, please cease and desist from this practice and so advise the State Advocate that you have done so.

George Tzerwonka, Jr.
State Advocate

ST. IGNATIUS' PRAYER FOR GENEROSITY

Lord, teach me to be generous;
Teach me to serve You as You deserve;
To give and not count the cost;
To fight and not heed the wounds;
To toil and not seek for rest; and,
To labor and not ask for reward,
Save that of knowing that I am doing

HOLD MONTHLY FIRST DEGREES IN YOUR COUNCIL

All councils should hold a monthly First Degree exemplification so that no candidate has a long wait or need to travel a far distance to join our Order. To help councils ensure that their new members are brought into the Order quickly, I encourage each council to host a **First Degree exemplification each month** and to invite adjoining councils to also bring their candidates for the First Degree exemplification. That will guarantee at least one First Degree exemplification is being held each month for councils without a degree team. Councils with degree teams should assist councils that do not have one in developing their own teams. Every council should work toward having its own First Degree exemplification each month. If you need more information about the formation of your councils own degree team, please contact your District Deputy and the Ceremonials Chairman for assistance.

George Tzerwonka, Jr.
Membership Director

District Deputy Director Message



Worthy District Deputies:

It was great to see all of the District Deputies at the Winter Meeting in Renton, WA! You were provided with a lot of information and handouts. After studying what you received, feel free to call the respective state officer or chairman to clear up any confusion you may have.

One of the handouts from State Deputy John Walker was a "score card" for each district deputy showing the status of reports submitted, overdue, or upcoming, of membership inactive councils, and of new council and round table opportunities. Please review your score card and follow-up with your grand knights as appropriate.

Two envelopes were provided to you from Supreme - an Administrative Packet and a Membership Campaign Packet. The contents of the Administrative Mid-Year Packet included:

District Mid-Year Membership Meeting Outline

Use when you meet with your Council GKs, Officers, Membership Directors, Program Directors in January

Sample DD Council Meeting Visitation Remarks

Modify as necessary when you visit your councils

First Degree Exemplification Schedule – January/June 2009

Conduct one degree per district per month

Submit the schedule to the State Deputy and the State Membership Director

Degree Exemplification Report Forms #450 (7 copies)

Submit to the State Deputy and Supreme after each first, second, and third degree

Notice of Intent to Suspend Procedures - #1845A

Remember that the state has modified the process slightly for the Original copy to be sent to the State Retention Chairman for communication with the member

Sample Semi-annual Report of Council Status - #944B

Seven copies will be forwarded to you in April and are due June 30, 2009 (these are also available on Supreme's website - go to "For Officers," then "Forms," then "District," then "944").

AV Film Flyer #1539

Review for possible films to show at council meetings.

The contents of the Membership Campaign Packet included many brochures, posters, flyers, and degree certificates that you should show to your grand knights as something they may want to order for use in their councils.

After the Winter Meeting I e-mailed out a suggested agenda for you to use for your district meetings. If you do not have an e-mail account, let me know if you want a hard copy via snail mail.

Vivat Jesus!

Karl A. Hadley, IPSD

District Deputy Director

Fr. McGivney Guild Column



The Catholic University of America and the Knights of Columbus are intertwined, as the Knights have supported the school in both good and bad times. For a century, the Knights have contributed to the university by establishing an endowment fund, funding a Chair of American History, merging with Catholic University's law school to form the Columbus School of Law, establishing the Pro Deo and Pro Patria Scholarship Fund and making several other contributions. Supreme Chaplain Bishop William Lori is chairman of the board of trustees at The Catholic University of America.

A 50-year-old, five-story limestone building, formerly known as Keane Hall, is located in the heart of Catholic University's campus. It had been out of commission for more than a dozen years until the Knights gave \$8 million for the facility's extensive renovations. It was renamed as McGivney Hall during a September 8, 2008, dedication ceremony held at the north entrance of the building. The building now boasts four classrooms, the 120-seat Keane Auditorium and office space for the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson is also the Vice President and first Dean of the Institute.

During the dedication ceremony and the opening of the academic year on this twentieth anniversary of the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at The Catholic University of America, Archbishop Donald Wuerl, the chancellor of the Catholic University of America, gave the invocation and blessing. The archbishop prayed that the institute would uphold family values and be a source of "one truth." Vincentian Father David O'Connell, the president of the Catholic University of America, said he had a "few worries" about what would happen to the building over the years. "Today is a dream come true, and I thank you," he said during the dedication ceremony that Supreme Knight Carl Anderson attended.

A statue of Father McGivney is on display outside the southern entrance of the building.

You can be proud to be a member of the Knights of Columbus and of the Fr. McGivney Guild!

Karl A. Hadley, IPSD

Fr McGivney Guild Chairman

Recruitment Chairman Message



My Brother Knights I send to each of you & your families the warmest of greetings & a sincere hope that this year will be a very Good Year. Each New Year brings with it the promise of better things to come, new plans yet to be fulfilled & greater achievements. We have six months left in the fraternal year & this is more than enough time to reach & even exceed your Councils recruitment goals.

All of the work done at the beginning of the fraternal year should put each Council in a good position to do just that very thing. Go for it and it will be done.

Charity is the first principle of our Order. Who doesn't know that? I am sure that everyone who can turn on a television, listen to a radio or read a news paper also knows that the economy is not in good shape. Recruitment starts with retention. No Council should drop or lose a Brother Knight because of economic hardship. Each Council should be sensitive to the needs of each of its members & take whatever steps necessary to insure that, true to the vision of Fr. McGivney, each Brother Knights is helped if help is needed. Knights have no greater obligation than to come to the aid of Brother Knights & their families in time of need.

Now back to recruitment goals. January of course is Regional Meeting month. This is the time for each District Deputy, Grand Knight or Knight to bring questions or solutions to the attention of our State Officers & their fellow Knights. Membership Chairman George Czerwonka at past meetings has provided an excellent forum addressing recruitment & I expect that at this year's meeting any & all questions can & will be addressed.

This is January but March & the March Blitz will soon be upon us. Now is not too early to begin planning. Most Councils use the March Blitz as their major recruitment Blitz for the year so now is the time for the Grand Knight to approach your parish priest to request his help, request mass time to speak about the benefits of being a Knight & have your Financial Secretary order recruitment materials from Supreme. Review the literature from Supreme to glean any ideas that may work for your Council. Also, schedule a First Degree to bring in the new candidates that you will bring in from the fruits of your labor. **Plan to succeed & you will succeed in your plan!**

I thank you for your past work; I commend you for your present work; I congratulate you on your future achievements.

Vivat Jesus!

Richard J. Foudray

Bulletin Editor Resigns

Effective the end of this fraternal year, I have decided to give someone else the honor of being the bulletin editor for the State of Washington. It has truly been my pleasure and I have truly enjoyed all the wonderful friendships I have gained in my six years as your bulletin editor. You have rewarded my efforts by electing me as your delegate to four of the six years to the Supreme Convention. This is truly the highest honor you could bestow upon me and Roseann and I thank you dearly.

John M. Wallace is taking applications for bulletin editor for the next fraternal year. Some of the qualifications are that you must be computer literate. It is really helpful if you use Outlook and have Microsoft Word, Excel, and Publisher. You also should have the ability to convert documents to Adobe Acrobat documents. The last thing you should have is a decent camera so you can be the official photographer for State events.

Please respond as soon as possible so I can work with you to have a smooth transition. I will help you through the next 5 months and it will be all yours in July 2009.

It takes me about 3-4 nights each month to organize and send the bulletin out for comments to those who are gracious enough to review (Thanks to Duane Vincent for his kind help in reviewing).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Vivat Jesus!

Frank Tyson, Bulletin Editor

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Bulletin Editor Message



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. And 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 GK's redistribute the bulletin to as many members as possible or direct them to the state website noted in this paragraph.

Vivat Jesus!

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Family Message

Why I am a Knight of Columbus



Brother Knights,

I hope that all of you had a fantastic Holiday season with your families. I'm also hoping that now that the Holidays are over, that you are ready to get back to doing the work of The Knights of Columbus. Regional meetings are coming up, and I look forward to seeing all of you. I will have participation

in the Family of The Month program information for the leaders of your Council.

This is the time of the year when we start thinking about Award write-ups. The State Family of The Year write-ups are due April 1st to me, and the State Family Service Program Award write-ups are due to me on April 15th, so keep those deadlines in mind. The write-ups should be sent to me, by mail, to my address, as listed in the State Directory.

This year, I promised to have winning examples of The Family of The Year and Family Service Program Awards available to you on the State web-site. I am in the process of doing that this month. I also will have some of my own ideas about how to approach this task that may be helpful. I will talk to you more about my progress at the Regional meetings.

Participation in the Family of The Month program has still been surprisingly light. Only 28 Councils submitted a family in October 2008. They are:

- 829, 1488, 1620, 1629, 2763, 3455, 4322, 4385, 6686, 7528, 7863, 8150, 8455, 8476, 8768, 8872, 9637, 11253, 11357, 11762, 11780, 11906, 12786, 13186, 13374, 13560, 14046, and 14268

Thank you for your participation!

Congratulations to the three families from Washington State that were drawn by the Supreme Council to receive the Holy Family Statuette in October 2008:

- Douglas & Shari Clark Puyallup 1629
Steven & Ida Canzano Bellevue 4385
Dennis & Lois Bunkers Colbert 8872

The "Best Family of The Month" submission for the State (November 2008) came from Pasco Council 1620, Jesse Garza, Grand Knight. The write-up honors the Raymond and Laverne Debevec family and it reads as follows:

"Ray has been a Knight for 46 years and is a 4th Degree Knight. Two of his sons are also Knights. Ray is one of those Knights who you don't see at Knights functions working, but he works behind the scenes, helping keep our building in shape: working on the roof, painting or other jobs that need doing. He is also there when called to help.

He also does many jobs at the St. Patrick church and at Tri-Cities Prep High School.

Laverne is a member of St. Pats Altar Society and Richard (son) sings in the church choir. Jerry (son) is an usher at St. Pats.

A very good Catholic & Knights family."

Thank you for all you do Debevec family! Ray, you have been a Knight about as long as I have been breathing....I'm humbled by your commitment to our organization!

Bob Baemmert

State Family Chairman

Looking back on my 39 years of membership in the Knights of Columbus, the question of why I joined – and why I am so committed to my membership in this fraternal order has to be answered. The simple answer is that it is part and parcel of who and what I am.

Born into poverty – both my parents were blind – I have been blessed with the intervention of the Knights of Columbus since birth. The doctor who delivered me was a member of Seattle Council 676. Admiring my father for what he managed to do to support his family, the good doctor took care of the family's medical needs at a reduced cost.

When I was nine, my parents wound up sending me to Sacred Heart Villa in Seattle for a better education. George Hoffner, Past State Deputy of Washington State Council also had a son attending the school – and every morning, his employee (also a Brother Knight) picked me up and took both of us to school. Later, when I was received into the Church, he and his wife were my sponsors at baptism.

During my teen years, another Brother Knight was the physician who cared for me at the Providence Hospital free clinic when I was having serious ear problems, which eventually resulted in my having my eardrum replaced during surgery.

When the invitation to join the Knights of Columbus in 1970, I eagerly said "YES!" I only remember one thing about my first degree – we were told that "you will never be at home in the Knights of Columbus unless you have charity as the overriding principle in your life".

For more than fifty years, I have been involved in charitable activities of one sort or another – and when one chapter of charitable activities ends, God soon intervenes and steers me toward yet another. Through the Knights of Columbus, I even acquired a second vocation as State Chairman for Vocations, Pennies for Heaven and RSVP. Indeed, it did become a vocation – for nine years, I had the privilege and the honor of promoting vocations to the priesthood and to the religious life. There are a number of letters behind my name, signifying positions of leadership within the Knights of Columbus; the one I most cherish, however, is a strictly unofficial one – a "Begggar for Christ".

When it comes to the various charitable activities I have been involved with for more than fifty years, the statement of Martin Luther comes to mind (imagine a Catholic quoting Martin Luther!!!!): "Here I stand, I can do no other".

That sense of Charity – the driving principle of our Order - is in a nutshell why I cherish my membership in the Knights of Columbus.

Duane L. Vincent FDD PFN PGK

Veterans Administration Volunteer Service (VAVS)



My Brothers:
"An Invitation to Service: Serving Those Who Served"

Latest email on the National Level

The president-elect has made a superior nomination for Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs as stated by our

current Secretary, Dr(LTG) James Peake.

General Shinseki has the experience, the leadership, the concern for veterans we have hoped for in our new Secretary. He is courageous, an Officer with strong convictions to principle, and a willingness to stand up for these principles and convictions.

I believe under General Shinseki's leadership the VA will reach new peaks of excellence. The current Secretary and his team have laid a strong base, made significant improvements in veterans outreach, benefits, and health care.

Through our KofC "Serving Those Who Served" program we have the opportunity to provide even higher levels of support to our new Secretary and through him, the Department, specifically the VAVS to our veterans at every VAMC and CBOC in the Nation.

I ask that each State and Province make this program a high priority with a firm COMMITMENT to: recruit new volunteers--maintain the ones we have---ensure representation in every VAMC. Now, together, let's Make it So!

Vivat Jesus
Semper Fi
Charles H. Gallina, PSD/FVSM
Colonel USMC/Ret
Assistant for Military and Veterans Affairs Knights of Columbus

Latest Info on the Local Level:

\$71.4 Million Approved for New Outpatient Clinic in Walla Walla

U.S. Senator Patty Murray (D-WA), a senior member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, announced that the Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center in Walla Walla will receive \$71.4 million for design and construction of a new outpatient clinic for Walla Walla area veterans. Senator Murray has worked for over five years to save the Walla Walla VA Medical Center and to ensure that it has a future.

"This is a major victory that veterans in southeast Washington, northern Oregon and Idaho have waited a long time for," said Senator Murray. "Thousands of veterans rely on the Walla Walla VA and today they can look forward to a new era of quality, expanded local care.

Seattle VA Hospital – John F. Abate Rep. Council 5816 and Michael F. Deacy Dep. Rep. Council 5816Lakewood VA Hospital – Everett J. Roberts Rep, James Jackson Dep. Rep, Frank L. Hyke (DD-29) Dep. Rep. Council 11762Vancouver Campus – Donald

> 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.

- Jeffrey J. Gamache Moxee 2303
- Jerome F. Reisenauer Uniontown 1823
- Wayne Vadnais Moses Lake 4367
- Santiago L. Mamales..... Oak Harbor 3361
- Lewis B. Mueller PGK,PFN Everett 763
- Alex J. Plys Federal Way 7528
- John A. Bossly Tacoma 12483
- William C. Morningred Anacortes 3611
- Michael G. Franklin Lakewood 11762

Family Members' Deaths

- Rose J. Schrempp (Sister-in-Law of Maurice Moneymaker PGK Uniontown 1823
- Leonard Feuerborn (Brother of John Feuerborn) FDDKent 8150
- John Spalding (Son of David J. Spalding)..... Bothell 6686
- Karen Hall (Wife of Don Hall)..... Auburn 3598
- Lt. Col. Eugene O'Neil, USAF Ret. (Son-in-Law of Bert Cronin) Everett 763
- Marie Sophia Kuehn (Cutts) (Mother of Robert Kuehn) ..Everett 763
- Betty Decker (Wife of William Decker) Kennewick 10653
- Ora Lee Watkins Cavalier (Widow of Walter F. Cavalier)..... Lakewood 4322
- Mona Early (Wife of Michael P. Early) Everett 763
- Des Therrien (Brother of Henry Therrien PGK,PFN,FM)..... Bellingham 829

Sick Notices

- Maurice "Ole" Olson.....Everett 763
- Mona Early (Wife of Michael Early) Everett 763
- Robert Roberts (Father-in-Law of Rod R. Bly)..... Everett 763
- Steve Eastham (Stepson of Shane Smith DD)..... Yakima 894

J. Wagner Rep. Council 4782 and Gregory Georgoff Dep. Rep. Council 12899 Walla Walla VA Hospital – Steven R. Snell Rep. Council 766 and Marvin J. Ruzicka Dep. Rep. Council 766Spokane VA Hospital – Edward J. Mertens PSD Rep. Council 8201 and Tom Sokol Dep. Rep. Council 8201

Remember always, Thank you for your Service, we are here "Serving those who Served".

<http://www.gratitudecampaign.org/fullmovie.php>

"An Invitation to Service: Serving Those Who Served"

"...one nation under God" one phrase, no comma

Everett J. Roberts PSD/FMFD

Telephone (253) 584-5632 or robpsdkcwa@comcast.net

**Wayne C. Hogan, PSD
Master**

A Personal Invitation to Join the Fourth Degree



For many Knights joining the Fourth Degree is the pinnacle of their experience with the Order. It gives them a feeling of fulfillment for having become a part of the Order's most visible segment while serving the Knights of Columbus, the Church and their country.

To join the Fourth Degree a Knight must be 18 years old, have belonged to the Order for six months or more, be a Third Degree member, be a citizen in the country in which he lives, and have served the Order, the Church and the community with devotion.

When a Knight joins the Fourth Degree, he becomes a member of a group of men dedicated to promoting patriotism illuminated by their Catholic faith. He also earns the right, not obligation, to wear the regalia and to participate in color corps and honor guards at Church, Order and community events. Ideally, every Third Degree Knight should be a member of the Fourth Degree. For the Fourth Degree to remain a viable part of the Order, it must continue to grow.

This is my personal invitation to all third degree knights to join the Fourth Degree. If you are interested and wish to join the Fourth Degree, you should contact your local assembly. The assemblies are listed in the State Directory which every grand knight and financial secretary has been provided.

Third Degree Knights, living in eastern Washington, should contact the Eastern Washington Marshal, Thomas Sokol. His phone number is 509-924-0506 and his email address is DistrictMarshalEast@kofc-wa.org. Third Degree Knights, living in western Washington, should contact the Western Washington Marshal, Patrick Kelley. His phone number is 206-248-6149 and his email address is DistrictMarshalWest@kofc-wa.org. Any Third Degree Knight may contact me at 253-581-5261 and my email address is Master@kofc-wa.org.

We look forward to you becoming a Fourth Degree Sir Knight. Will you join, with the over 3,000 Fourth Degree Sir Knights in Washington, the patriotic degree?

*If not you, who?
If not now, when?*

Wayne C. Hogan, PSD
Master

**29th National Veterans Wheelchair Games
Roll'n on the River
Wayne C. Hogan, PSD
Master**

The Games will be held in Spokane from July 13 to 18, 2009 and hosted by Spokane VA Medical Center and the Northwest Chapter Paralyzed Veterans of America.

As the largest annual wheelchair sports event in the world, the competition is sports at its best for our nation's brave heroes. There will be over 500 wheelchair athletes, veterans from the "Greatest Generation" to the latest generation, competing in as many as 17 events over six days. Each year, this event is proudly presented by two partners: Paralyzed Veterans of America and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

From quad rugby to archery, power soccer to track and field, the Games are an exciting combination of competition, camaraderie, and courage. Competing in the National Veterans Wheelchair Games is not just about winning medals. Like service to our great nation, it's about taking part in life – no matter what.

We are looking for volunteers from the councils and the assemblies to assist in the Games, such as baggage handlers, command center, computer support, security, food service, medical support, opening ceremonies, registration, transportation, warehouse logistics, welcome reception, just to name a few.

The Washington District of the Fourth Degree Point of Contact is Thomas Sokol. Tom is the Eastern Washington District Marshal and District Deputy of District 18. His home phone number is 509-582-8749, fax number is 509-267-6234 and his email addresses are DistrictMarshalEast@kofc-wa.org, thomas@tjsappraisals.com, or www.tjsappraisals.com.

Please mark your calendar for these important Games. We ask you to give of your time to these brave men and women who have given so much in protecting our great nation.

More information will be forthcoming.

**If not you, who?
If not now, when?**

OAK HARBOR EXEMPLIFICATION

The second of six Fourth Degree Exemplifications will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2009 at St. Augustine's Church, 185 N Oak Harbor St, Oak Harbor. Registration, with free finger foods, will be at the Oak Harbor Council Hall, 3259 Old Goldie Road. The banquet will be at the Navy Chief Petty Officers Club (off base), 1030 West Ault Field Rd. The host assembly is Whidbey-Fidalgo Assembly 2276 and the Faithful Navigator is James P. Waters, phone number is 360-240-0633. The Faithful Comptroller is Jack Newman, Jr., his phone number is 360-675-5189. The degree team is the Western Washington Fourth Degree Team and the Team Captain is Everett 'Rob' Roberts, his phone number is 253-584-5632.

EXEMPLIFICATION HONOREE

The exemplification honoree is Jack Newman, Jr., FMFD, FDD, PGK, PFN, Faithful Comptroller. Jack is a member of the John E. O'Brien Council 3361 in Oak Harbor and the Whidbey-Fidalgo Assembly 2276 in Oak Harbor. Jack joined the Knights of Columbus on October 22, 1967 and became a Fourth Degree Sir Knight on February 1, 1973.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Registration &
Hosted finger food..... 11:30am-12:45pm Oak Harbor Hall
Candidates seated 1:00pm St. Augustine Church Hall
Public Knighting and
Picture Taking 3:45pm St. Augustine Church Hall
Mass 5:00pm St. Augustine Church
Social and Banquet..... 6:00pm Navy Chief Petty Officers Hall

MENU

There will not be a sit down lunch; free finger food will be provided. The banquet will be roasted loin of pork with normal trimmings. Advance reservation and payment is required.

2ND AND 3RD DEGREES

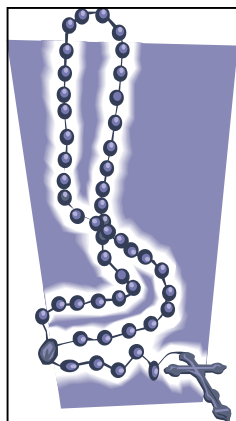
The degree scheduled to support this exemplification is February 8, 2009 in Bellevue.

NOTICE

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN CHANGED

The Laws and Rules Governing the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus, dated February 2008, have changed the time requirement. It now reads,

"A Third Degree member in good standing in his council and who was initiated in the Admission (First) Degree at least six months prior to his initiation in the Fourth Degree" Candidates who received their first degree on or before August 21, 2008 are eligible to receive their Fourth Degree exemplification in Oak Harbor on February 21, 2009.



Pray the Rosary Daily

Exemplification Requirements

FEEES

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 provided at no cost and banquet fee is \$19.50 for guests other than candidates whose cost is included in \$70 fee.

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.



Give Blood Often

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP IS FOR GROWN-UPS LIKE YOU!

Vocations Are Everybody's Business

Pro-Life Message



Dear Brothers,

Happy New Year! The New Year begins with recognizing Mary Mother of Jesus, Our Mother and the Mother of the Unborn. We invoke her support and guidance. Shortly after this feast we bring to a close the Celebration of Christmas with Epiphany, January 6th, recognizing the time when wise men came to visit the baby Jesus.

Epiphany, the 12th day after Christmas, celebrates the visit of the three kings or wise men to the Christ Child, signifying the extension of salvation.

March for Life

This years March for Life has been rescheduled from January 22nd to January 20th. For so many years the March for Life was scheduled on January 22nd, but this year is different. Please communicate this new date to your council & parish.

It is not too late to organize a parish group or convoy to Olympia. I hope to see many of you there. Please bring your Council's Banner.

If your council or parish school is making a trip to the Capitol, be sure and let your state representative know you are there. Contact your senator and representatives via the web link to the legislatures. Let your legislature know how many will be visiting.

A tour of the Capitol building is a great way to end your visit. Your senator or representative can schedule a first-class tour of the capitol for your group. Let your representative know you would like to meet with him or her to learn about the actions they will take in the 2009 legislative session to support marriage and family life. The tour itinerary can include visiting with your senator or state representative in the formal state reception room. It's an excellent way for students to see how government works first-hand. The tour of the capitol can also be arranged by contacting the tour office at (360) 902-8880.

I look forward to seeing you at the Winter Leadership Meetings to be held in January.

From the life support Newsletter of Dick Riddell...

Faith, Hope, and Hard Work

A pro-life president who has held back many pro-abortion initiatives is leaving office.

The president elect has clearly stated in word and action that he will abandon current restrictions and initiate new actions to increase the availability of abortion.

With God's help and a strong and persistent grassroots effort we must labor to protect the children, the handicapped, and the elderly from those who would diminish life.

Jesus said, "I do not reward good results but for the patience and hardships undergone for my sake." (Diary, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska of The Devine Mercy).

Vivat Jesus,

Jim Toth, Pro-Life Chairman

MARCH FOR LIFE

JANUARY 20th, 2009

NOON
THE CAPITOL
OLYMPIA

BEFORE MARCH

All are invited to a 10:00 a.m. PRO-LIFE MASS
CELEBRATED AT SAINT MICHAEL'S CHURCH
1021 BOUNDARY S.E. OLYMPIA
(I-5, Exit 105 or 105B, Follow sign to Port of Olympia; 2nd signal turn R. on Union, R. on Eastside, L. on 11th & L. on Boundary)
Followed by Procession from Church to Capitol.
(CARRY A KNIGHTS DEFEND LIFE SIGN)

AFTER MARCH

An ecumenical complimentary lunch will served at St Michaels Church located at 11th and Boundary Street SE., Olympia Compliments of the Knights of Columbus.

For Additional Information

Contact your Local Knights of Columbus Council or Ed & Dani Sauley
Knights of Columbus, Olympia 360/491-0610
James & Joan Toth, Pro-Life Chairman 509/546-9923

March for Life of Washington, Richard McEntee, PGK

18-Year-Old Squires **Ready for Knighthood**

Each year, many young men in the Squires celebrate their 18th birthday and face the end of their time as a Squire. Since joining the Squires, these members have actively progressed through the levels of the Squire Advancement Program, from "Page" towards "Squire of the Body of Christ," by organizing and participating in activities in their four service categories: Home and Family; Squires and Knights; Community and Country; and Church. These activities, as well as their activities as Squires, have prepared them for the next step in their experience: eligibility for membership in the Knights of Columbus.

Have you invited 18-Year-Old Squires to become Knights in your Council?

Happenings Around the State

STAR AWARD PRESENTATION MONROE COUNCIL 9910



Top row left – John Walker, SD – Roman Adamik, Tom Rolando, GK Dominik Thomeyer, Austin Mitchell. Bottom row left – Ralph Chestine (PGK), Romy Ablao (DD 21), John Lenac (PGK), Les Moore (PGK), and Bill Martinoli

District 21 & 26 NEW COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT

District Deputies Romy Ablao (DD21) and Keith Klaus (DD26) had their first meeting with 8 new members and 5 transferring members at Saint Luke in Shoreline on December 7, 2008. The meeting started with a First Degree Exemplification conducted by St. Mark’s Council 11217. The group of 12 members decided to hold another 1st Degree Exemplification on January 4, 2009. Nine applicants will be exemplified with the Lynnwood Council 5816 1st Degree Team doing the Degree. With the addition of 9 new members and 16 transferring members, Saint Luke will have a Charter and a new Council before the end of January 2009.



DISTRICT 7 FREE THROW COMPETITION

District 7 competition is on Sunday February 15th, 2009 at Tri-Cities Prep, 9612 St. Thomas Dr., Pasco, WA Registration @ 12:30pm and competition starts @ 1pm

REGIONAL FREE THROW COMPETITION
MARCH 22, 2009 AT TRI-CITIES PREP,
9612 ST. THOMAS DR. PASCO, WA
REGISTRATION @ 1:00 PM
COMPETITION TO START @ 1:30 PM

Contact information for both events:

Steve Snell - District Deputy # 7 – Phone: 509-386-3462
Dennis J. Samson – Chairman - 509-269-4230
Tri-Cities Prep Phone: 509-546-2465 Fax: 509-546-2498

Bellingham #829 - Annual Chili Cook-Off

Council 829 will hold its 8th annual Chili Cook-Off January 24, this year at Sacred Heart Church. The coveted Chili Cup trophy returned to Assumption Church last year after it was held at Sacred Heart for two years. The traveling trophy resides in the parish of the winner of the cook-off until it is won by a member of another parish.

Bellingham #829 - Super Bowl Party

Join Fr. Scott and the Knights of Bellingham Council 829 will hold Super Bowl on February 1 at Assumption Church gym. Football fans can watch the game on the big screen, get great food and liquid refreshments, relax in easy chairs, and take a chance on the pool--winners for each score change and a big pot for the final score.

RETENTION..... WHEN DOES IT BEGIN??

The Same Day a New
Member Takes Their 1st Degree

Happenings Around the State

Sammamish # 9833 - Our council will be having its 10th Annual Crab Feed on February 7, 2007 at Mary, Queen of Peace Church. All tickets are sold in advance so make sure you buy your tickets now!! Tickets are \$30 per person and may be purchased by sending a check to Frank Tyson, 2020 215th Place NE, Sammamish, WA. 98074. This is an all you can eat crab, salad, baked potato, dessert and all you can drink pop (diet and regular), coffee, Chateau St Michelle wine and Mac & Jack beer.

Seattle #11085 - Msgr. F. X. Prefontaine Council had a breakfast November 16 for Brother Knight Fr. Crispin's orphans and it was the BEST as we made over \$1,500.00 in donations. Thanks for the help!!!! Fr. Crispin is going to get us pictures.

December 6th & 7th we sold over 200 Christmas trees and saw that every lady at Noel House got one or two gifts for Christmas (also the giving tree). We also helped to give the ladies a great Christmas party. Thanks to two of our new members Daniel Pelfrey, "Expert Tree Salesman and the Amort boys (all three). At Christmas we are one of the largest givers for homeless ladies in the Seattle area.

On December 26, 27 & 28 we had the Knights of Columbus Christmas CYO 6th Grade Boys Basketball tournament at St. John with 10 teams and it went great!!! Friday we had from 2" to 10" of slush in the parking lot but by Sunday as you know it was all clear and everybody had a good time.

We helped to ship computers to Brother Knight Fr. Montfort in Malawi (Africa) and he is going to send us pictures.

Sunday January 18, 2009 we are having the K of C breakfast for the 7th & 8th grade! They help the migrant farm workers. We are going to pay for all of the food expenses as it is costing over \$200.00 per student for the week working to help the migrant farm worker. If you can help please come as we need extra cooks.....

Sunday January 25, 2009, 5:00 PM Egan Hall we are having our first dinner of the year, it will be with the Boy Scouts as we are helping the Boy Scouts get more members and restart the Cub Scouts. Two Knights are leaders of the Boy Scouts, Tony Amort & Avery Vincent. We want to give them all the support we can, tickets are \$15.00 per person (Betty Ericksen 206-781-8913). For about 16 years the Boy Scouts have been a major project of the St. John Knights. Three family's sons have grown up and are doing great things for the parish, we thank them for all the work they do - the Vincent, Opheim & O'Donnell families!!!!



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Important Dates to Remember

Degrees, Reports and Miscellaneous 2008-2009 Fraternal Calendar

JANUARY

Jan 1.....New Years Day, Feast of Mary Mother of God
 Jan 1.....Per Capita DUE
Jan 10.....Regional Meeting (Spokane 8201)
Jan 11.....Regional Meeting (Central Washington)
Jan 17.....Regional Meeting (Everett 763)
Jan 18.....Regional Meeting (Western Washington)
 Jan 19.....Martin Luther King Day
 Jan 20.....Pro Life March for Life - Olympia
Jan 24 – 25.....New Year Membership Blitz
 Jan 31.....Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1738) DUE

FEBRUARY

Feb 6 -7.....Pre-convention Meeting – **Tukwila**
 Feb 8.....2nd/3rd Degrees – Bellevue (Districts 14, 15, 16, **23**)
 Feb 14.....Valentine's Day
 Feb 15.....2nd/3rd Degrees – Kelso (Districts 4, **25**)
 Feb 16.....Semi-annual Audit Report (#1295) DUE
 Feb 16.....Presidents' Day
 Feb 21.....4th Degree Exemplification in Oak Harbor
 Feb 25.....Ash Wednesday
 Feb 28.....2nd/3rd Degrees – Port Townsend (Districts 2, **24**)
 Feb 27 – March 1.....Special Olympics Winter Games - Wenatchee

MARCH

March 7.....2nd/3rd Degrees – Seattle (Districts 12, **15, 27**)
 March 8.....2nd/3rd Degrees – Clarkston (Districts 7, **8, 17**)
 March 8 - 9.....Membership Blitz Weekend
 March 14.....4th Degree Exemplification in Spokane
 March 15.....2nd/3rd Degrees – Puyallup (Districts 2, **3, 12, 22, 29**)
 March 17.....St. Patrick's Day
 March 21.....2nd/3rd Degrees – Lynnwood (Districts 13, 16, **21**)
 March 22.....2nd/3rd Degrees – Walla Walla (Districts 6, 7, **17**)
 March 28.....4th Degree Exemplification in Vancouver
 March 29.....State Free Throw Championships – Yakima

(Calendar Continued to the right)

APRIL

April 1.....Family of the Year/Knight of the Year DUE
 April 4.....2nd/3rd Degrees – Oak Harbor (Districts 9, **19**)
April 4 -5.....Lenten Membership Blitz
 April 5.....Palm Sunday
 April 10.....Grand Knight & District Deputy Reports DUE
 April 10.....Good Friday
 April 12.....Easter Sunday
 April 15.....Service Program Award Submissions DUE
 April 18.....4th Degree Exemplification in Kennewick
 April 19.....2nd/3rd Degrees – East Wenatchee (Districts 6, **10**)
 April 19.....Squires Convention – Federal Way
 April 25.....2nd/3rd Degrees – Colbert (Districts 20, **28**)
 April 26.....State Bowling Tournament – TBD

MAY

May 2.....2nd/3rd Degrees – Vancouver (Districts **11, 25**)
 May 3.....2nd/3rd Degrees – Mercer Island (Districts **14, 23**)
 May 10.....Mother's Day
 May 15 - 17.....State Convention – Tukwila
 May 25.....Memorial Day
 May 30 – June 1.....Special Olympics Summer Games – Ft. Lewis
 May 31.....2nd/3rd Degrees – Seattle (Districts 1, 26)

JUNE

June 6.....4th Degree Exemplification in Seattle
 June 13.....2nd/3rd Degrees – Lakewood (Districts 2, 3, 4, 22, **29**)
 June 14.....2nd/3rd Degrees – Spokane (Districts 5, 18, 20, **28**)
 June 14.....Father's Day
 June 30.....Columbian Awards (#SP-7) & RSVP Application (#2863) DUE

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 YOUR COLUMBIAN
 SQUIRES THAT TURNED
 18 YEARS OLD THIS
 FRATERNAL YEAR?**

**Why me, Lord?
 Why not?**



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