

Harry J. Tucker, Jr., FSW, PSD, FVSM **Memorial Award for Fraternalism**

Harry J. Tucker, Jr. was born in Des Moines, Iowa in 1927. He joined the Knights of Columbus when he was 18 and the Fourth Degree at age 21. He was the Grand Knight of Derby, Kansas, Council 4458, 1960 to 1961. He served as Grand Knight of Auburn Council 3598, 1966 to 1967. He was appointed District Warden in 1968 and served until 1970 when he was appointed as District Deputy of District 12 from 1970 to 1972. He was elected State Warden in 1972 and 1973, State Advocate in 1974 and 1975, State Treasurer in 1976 and 1977, and State Secretary in 1978. Upon the death of the State Deputy in September 1978, he became the State Deputy and served out that term. He was elected State Deputy in 1979 and 1980. While State Deputy, he was elected Supreme Warden by the Supreme Board of Directors for 1980 through 1982. In 1981, he was appointed the Regional Coordinator of Ceremonials for the Order, a position he held until his death. He was very active in degree work, being a Conferring Officer for the Third Degree. He was a charter member of both the Very Reverend William J. Power Assembly 1630 and the Bishop Thomas A. Gill Assembly 1955. In 1985, he was appointed Vice Supreme Master of the Archbishop Francis N. Blanchet Province, holding that position until 1989. Once again, his council asked for his leadership, and he was elected Grand Knight of Kent Council 8150 in 1994. He was the charter Financial Secretary of Kent Council from 1982 to 1994 and the Faithful Comptroller of the Bishop Thomas A. Gill Assembly 01955 from 1985 until his death from a heart attack in Seattle on September 18, 1995.

State Deputy Thomas L. Weber directed the establishment of the Harry J. Tucker, Jr., FSW, PSD, FVSM, Memorial Award for Fraternalism shortly after Harry's death. The award is to annually recognize, at the State Convention, the council, which best exemplifies fraternalism. The council will retain the award following the State Convention until April 15 of the following year. The winning council should place the award in a place of honor in the council hall.

The inaugural award was presented by State Deputy Thomas L. Weber and MaryAnna Tucker, Harry's widow, at the 1996 State Convention in Spokane. The charter recipient of the Harry J. Tucker, Jr., FSW, PSD, FVSM, Memorial Award for Fraternalism was Richland Council 3307.

There are three mandatory requirements that *must be fulfilled* to be considered for the Harry J. Tucker, Jr., FSW, PSD, FVSM, Memorial Award for Fraternalism. These are:

1. The council must complete and mail to Supreme the Service Program Report form #365 by August 1.
2. The council must complete and mail to Supreme the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Report form #1728-nc by January 31.
3. The council must complete and mail the Harry J. Tucker, Jr., FSW, PSD, FVSM, Memorial Award for Fraternalism form to Washington's Council Activity Director by April 1.

It is very important that each council fulfill its responsibilities as a fraternity, a brotherhood of Catholic men and their families. Each council should have a system for expressing brotherly love - members extending their hand to brothers in a spirit of Christian love. Such expressions can be simple; often their impact is in the timing. The council's expression of brotherly love is an extension of the commandment to love thy neighbor.

Fraternalism, the practice of Brotherly Love, includes a wide variety of acts of kindness. The programs and activities listed below should not be construed to be inclusive, but rather a listing of activities each council may have or may wish to implement. For additional fraternal activities refer to pages 21, 22, 25, 26, and 27 in the "Surge.....with Service" booklet from Supreme.

Fraternalism may be divided into four basic categories: Survivor's assistance and memorials, assisting Knights and their families, recognizing Knights and their families, and fraternal benefits. The following outline suggests programs and activities that might fall into each category.

Survivor's Assistance and Memorials:

- o establishing a Survivor's Assistance Program as recommended in Washington State Council Grand Knight's Handbook, PART III, Council Information, pages III-52 to III-57 and Supreme's "Surge....with Service" booklet, page 25.
- o establishing a Memorials Committee.
- o promoting group attendance for the wakes, Rosaries and funeral Masses of deceased council members or members of their families.
- o visiting the widow of a Knight sometime after the funeral to ask how she is doing, whether she needs any help.
- o visiting the family and offer council assistance.
- o inviting widows and family members of deceased Knights to council activities.
- o having a Memorial Mass celebrated for departed brother knights and family members as recommended in Washington State Council Grand Knight's Handbook, PART III, Council Information, page III-57 and Supreme's "Surge.... with Service" booklet, page 25.

Assisting Knights and their Families:

- o monitoring the status of members and family members who become ill.
- o sending get-well cards to members in the hospital.
- o scheduling visits for brothers who are hospitalized, in extended care facilities, or at home.

Recognition of Knights and their Families:

- o recognizing members on their birthdays, wedding, anniversaries or birth of a baby, either by announcements in council bulletin, council newsletter, or cards with words of congratulations or best wishes.
- o presenting degree certificates to the members of each degree class immediately following the exemplification.
- o conducting Honorary and Honorary Life ceremonials as specified in Washington State Council Grand Knight's Handbook, PART III, Council Information, pages III-49 to III-50 and Supreme's Grand Knight's Handbook, pages 51-53.
- o recognizing a Knight of the Month and presenting the member with Supreme's Knight of the Month certificate, form #1476.
- o recognizing a Family of the Month and submitting the Family of the Month report form to Supreme. The grand knight should present the family with Supreme's Family of the Month certificate, form #1843.
- o recognizing a Knight of the Year and submitting the nomination to the Washington's Council Activity Director by April 1.
- o recognizing a Family of the Year and submitting the nomination to the Washington's Family Activity Director by April 1.
- o conducting an annual "Recognition Night" or Awards Dinner.
- o establishing a PGK Club and use it to foster fraternalism. Any PGK who is a member of the council, whether he was the Grand Knight of the council, should be eligible to be a member of the council's PGK Club.

Fraternal Benefits.

- o completing and mailing to Supreme the "Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Report" form #1728-nc by January 31. REQUIRED FOR CONSIDERATION OF THIS AWARD.

- o conducting a “Fraternal Benefits Night” for the members and their families. The program should be coordinated with the council’s field agent. The information of the following topics are appropriate for presentation: family income, education funds, retirement resources, and mortgage protection.

- o providing information to brother knights and their families on the Supreme Council’s educational benefits, such as student loans, scholarships, and fellowships.

- o conducting a “Will Planning” information night for members and their families.

All activities of the council that exemplifies fraternalism will be considered. There is not one single event or activity that demonstrates a council’s fraternalism. It is found in the hearts of all the members and their families by the love shown to one another, especially those in need. It is living the teaching of Christ, when he said, “Love thy neighbor”. Attached is the Harry J. Tucker, Jr., FSW, PSD, FVSM, Memorial Award for Fraternalism submission form.

When filling out the award submission form, the council should describe its program and/or activity that best exemplifies fraternalism. *The council should not submit a “grocery list” of all its programs and activities.* Only submissions that address one project and/or activity will be considered for evaluation. The council’s involvement in the project may occur over a long period of time and the events supporting the project may be conducted numerous times. The council should use as many continuation pages as appropriate to define its major fraternal activity in detail. This will allow for a qualitative evaluation of the council’s program by the State Council. The councils may submit council newsletters and bulletins, newspaper articles, letters, photos, and other information relating to their fraternal activities.

Explain, in as much detail as appropriate, how your council practices Brotherly Love and why it deserves to be honored as the recipient of the Harry J. Tucker, Jr., FSW, PSD, FVSM, Memorial Award for Fraternalism.

The Harry J. Tucker, Jr., FSW, PSD, FVSM, Memorial Award for Fraternalism submission form is located at pages II-41.4. Remove this submission form and make a photocopy. Complete the photocopied report and mail it to the council activities director by April 1. Replace the original report in the Grand Knight’s Handbook.

The following Councils have received this prestigious award:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>
1996	Richland #3307	2012	Seattle #13794
1997	Pasco #1620		
1998	Richland #3307		
1999	Puyallup #11948		
2000	Pasco #1620		
2001	Kennewick #10653		
2002	Richland #3307		
2003	Puyallup #11948		
2004	Kennewick #10653		
2005	Kennewick #10653		
2006	Pasco #1620		
2007	Granite Falls #13560		
2008	Kennewick #10653		
2009	Tukwila # 11253		
2010	Federal Way # 7908		
2011	Kennewick #8179		

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Council Name: _____ Date: _____

Council Number: _____ Location: _____

Program/Activity title: _____

Date program/activity conducted: _____

Purpose of program/activity: _____

Number of council members participating in program/activity: _____

Percentage of council members participating in program/activity: _____

Number of man-hours expended in program/activity: _____

Describe the council's major fraternal program/activity in detail. Use additional paper if necessary. Supplementary material are encouraged to be enclosed with the report, such as council newsletters and bulletins, letters, testimonials, newspaper clippings, photographs, pamphlets, etc.

(If required, use continuation sheets)