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Message from the State Deputy

Brothers All,

Lenten Season is Here!!

It's not as important to give up something for Lent, as it is to GIVE something as a sacrifice.

Please read the phishing issues we have been experiencing on our website at the end of my article.

Here is an update to our "Battle of the jersey" between Oregon and Washington starting January 13th. Our percentage of goal for COH is at 71.89% as of this writing. We are right on track to make 100% of our goal by June 30th for Circle of Honor; however the greatest goal is to beat Oregon in percent goal.

January 13th both Oregon and Washington were tied at 51.09%. Ray Prom, Oregon State Deputy, and I issued a challenge. Whoever was behind in percent goal by April 21st would have to wear the winner's jersey from a PAC-12 team at the Oregon State Convention. Each State gets to pick which university they want the loser (I do not like that word) to wear.

Right now, Oregon is at 75.00% while we are at 71.89%. Both of our States have had a tremendous four month run. Oregon being smaller that Washington needs to bring in 10 new members to Oregon's 6 just to stay even. That means we have a lot of ground to make up. We need 17 new members to catch up.

Washington won the Western Round Up challenge that involved 19 States for the months of November, December and January. Oregon started coming on in December and matched us by January 13th. Since then they have been on fire, but so have we.

Every council that brings in and exemplifies a new member after January gets one vote as to what jersey the State of Washington wants Oregon to wear at their Convention April 21st. The council places a vote for either the Cougars or Huskies. Turn in that vote to Mike Rutland, Membership Director by April 21st, provided we are ahead of Oregon, will draw the winning team. Oregon will pick from the Ducks or Beavers.

State Deputy Ray Prom and I are good friends, so we will have fun with this competition, BUT I DO NOT WANT TO WEAR A DUCKS OR BEAVERS JERSEY. BOTH NEED TO BE IN THE WATER AND NOT ON MY BACK, SO PLEASE DON'T LET ME DOWN...

Message from the State Deputy Cont'd

Church drives are driving membership intake in both Washington and Oregon. We had 8 District Deputies win the first Church Drive competition from December 3rd to February 15th. They are:

Darren Johnson-DD4
 Diome Alcomendas-DD11
 Patrick DiJulio-DD14
 Greg Loberg-EE20
 Kevin Fraley-DD21
 Jim Chambers-DD23
 Dennis Thueringer-DD27
 Dana Smith-DD30

The next DD Church Drive contest is underway and ends April 15th. Then a third will start April 16th and end June 15th. We will continue into the next fraternal year from June 16th to August 15th.

As you know, there have been some phishing issues with mass email messaging through our website. After explaining the situation many times to members in person, phone calls, and emails, we still have some that do not recognize a phishing message. Multiple times I have instructed members to just delete the message, but I still get 30+ messages telling me I have been hacked. I haven't been hacked, but the email was compromised.

The messages are easy to detect by the first few words. It is obvious in the message that no one writes like this. Misuse of words, spelling, and grammar should be clues, but I still get questions. All the recipient needs to do is DELETE the message. If you don't answer, or reply, the phisher will go away and bother someone else.

Since I've had no luck controlling the issue, I will not be communicating with the membership over our website mass mail system. It is very unfortunate because I feel it is important to communicate to the membership. If we do not communicate, we will lose in the long run. It is very unfortunate, but I do not have the time to answer 30+ inquiries every time I send a message.

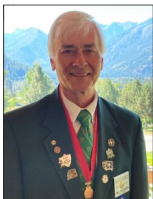
I am working on another method to send email messages to select groups. If it works, the message will go to GK's, FS's, DD's, State Chairmen and State Officers, but through my person address, avoiding the website. I will need to rely on your GK's, FS's and/or DD's to pass the message along to the members. I have an extensive filter system that I hope will work. Be looking for a c170... email address. That will be from me.

I want to make it clear; there is nothing wrong with our State website, just the email portion.

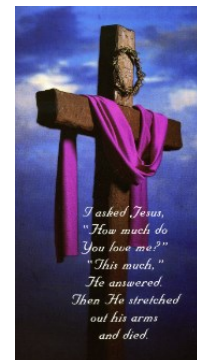
Moving on to Lent, to me it isn't the giving up of things as a sacrifice, but giving as a sacrifice. I never give up something for Lent, but chose instead to give. Just food for thought.

God Bless you All, and let's beat Oregon...Please!!

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State Chaplain's Message

My Brother Knights,

The season of Lent is a season of great opportunity. It gives us time to prepare our hearts for the renewal of our baptismal promises at Easter. It helps us develop greater self-mastery through the penances we embrace. It urges us to increase the good we do for our brothers and sisters in need. Lent really is a season of tremendous grace and growth.

It also highlights for us the distinction between our external observance and our interior reality, and the harmony or disharmony that characterizes their relation. We will see that this is a principle that applies far beyond the context of Lent and reaches into the entirety of our spiritual life.

One of the temptations that arise during Lent is that we allow ourselves to be satisfied with mere external observance. We make some kind of prayer commitment, we choose some form of fasting, we resolve to give alms, and we dupe ourselves into thinking that if we can just remain faithful to our "program" until Easter, we will have done a noble thing.

The Lord makes known to us, however, that it is not the sacrifices in themselves that He is interested in, but in the transformation of heart that should be brought about *through* those sacrifices. Our Lenten practices are not ends in themselves, but rather means to an end, namely, the increase of the love of God in our heart. Even the practice of almsgiving is carried out not only for the benefit of others, but also in the hope that our own hearts might be "stretched" to a greater capacity for generous self-gift throughout the year.

This is why, in our preparations for Lent each year, we ought to ask not so much, "What am I going to do?" but "What does the Lord want to accomplish in my heart in this season of grace?" The answer to that question then guides our discernment about what our Lenten observance might look like in practical terms.

As I mentioned above, this is a principle that guides us not only during Lent, but also for the whole of our spiritual life. It's all too easy to get caught in routines of external observance that fail to effect an internal transformation (i.e., conversion of heart). I can go to Mass every Sunday – or even daily! – and say my Rosary and all my other prayers consistently, and not allow those experiences to penetrate any deeper than my mind.

God wants more than just the good we do with our bodies and voices. He wants more than just our mind. He made us for love, and in pouring His love out upon us He invites us to give Him all the love of our hearts.

All this doesn't mean we should halt our external observance if we don't *feel* an interior change! Truly, it's more about what we *intend* than what we *feel*. What I am recommending is that we be more *intentional* about what we are doing, both during Lent and in the context of our day-to-day spiritual practices. That's another way of saying that there is always work we can do to ensure that our *hearts* are more thoroughly engaged in what occupies our mind and body.

Let's all pray for one another, that our Lenten observance might be more than a surface-level engagement. May we respond to the Lord's invitation to "put out into the deep" this holy season and always, opening our hearts to the healing and transforming power of His love.

Vivat Jesus!

Rev. Kenneth St. Hilaire
State Chaplain



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A Message from the Bulletin Editor

Brother Knights,

Every month there is a page devoted to the activities of councils. If your council would like to be highlighted send me an article of your event. Pictures of Knights in action make a difference. This is free advertising for your council/assembly and allows the state to see what your council/assembly our doing. It might peak some interest and they will try the same activity.

The Pope’s message for Lent 2023

In his message for Lent 2023, Pope Francis encouraged Catholics to listen to what Jesus wants to tell them through the Scriptures and through others.

Using the story of Jesus’ Transfiguration as a launching point, Francis addressed both the journey of Lent and the Catholic Church’s ongoing Synod on Synodality in the message released Feb. 17.

The pope recalled “the command that God the Father addresses to the disciples on Mount Tabor as they contemplate Jesus transfigured. The voice from the cloud says: ‘Listen to him.’”

“The first proposal, then, is very clear: We need to listen to Jesus,” he said. “Lent is a time of grace to the extent that we listen to him as he speaks to us.”

Read more here — <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/253673/pope-francis-message-for-lent-2023-we-need-to-listen-to-jesus>

Fraternally,

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State Secretary's Message

Brother Knights,

Lent has begun. This holy season prepares us for Christ's glorious triumph over sin and death at Easter. As we prepare to celebrate Christ's Resurrection, let us make a commitment during Lent to grow deeper in relationship with Christ through prayer and participation in the sacrament of reconciliation. At council meetings, devote more time to Spiritual Reflection. As Matthew Kelly writes in his book, *Holy Moments*, "You were made for more." We should tune into the source who created us for more and who desires that we live life to the fullest.

As we prepare spiritually during Lent, preparations are also in full swing for the Annual meeting in May. I mailed the **Certificate of Election** to each council financial secretary on February 12, 2023. Promptly return the Certificate of Election form to me with Council seal affixed after council members elect delegates. I have already received three completed Certificates of Election – thank you. Let me know soonest if your council has not received the certificate of election. Two other important items for the Annual Meeting are **Council Resolutions** and the **Council Annual Report**.

A correction to my February article: Submit **Council Resolutions** to State Advocate Scott Hulse by **March 12, 2023**, for consideration at the Annual meeting. Do not send council resolutions directly to the State Secretary. Consult with State Advocate Scott Hulse on how to write resolutions in the proper format. The Grand Knight handbook posted on the WSC Website and the Knights of Columbus Officers Online provide instructions on how to write a resolution. Submit resolutions in Word document format only. I will send councils a copy of resolutions to be considered at the Annual Meeting at least 30 days prior for council review.

Council Annual Reports are to be written in Word document format and submitted to District Deputies by **April 1, 2023**. Council Reports should be concise and not exceed one page. Council Reports will be rolled up in the District Reports. District Deputy, State Director and State Chairman Annual Reports are to be written in Word document format and submitted to me by **April 10, 2023**. All reports will be included in the Convention proceedings that will be published a few weeks following the Annual Meeting.

April 29, 2023, save the date, for the Seattle Catholic Men's Conference hosted by St. Michael Parish in Olympia. Registration details are in the flyer included in this bulletin. Hope to see many Knights there.

Council billings update as of February 26, 2023:

Liability Insurance (August 2022):	90.00% paid of total premium due.
LAMB 1882 Goal (August 2022):	7.36% paid of total goal.
Pennies for Heaven Goal (January 2023):	42.77% paid of total goal.
Per Capita (January 2023):	60.26% paid of total Per Capita due.

I can't think of many good reasons for a council that has not paid its Liability Insurance premium yet. We should have had 100% of the premium paid no later than September. It is very important for councils to have Liability Insurance coverage to avoid financial and legal risks if someone is injured during a council event. State Liability Insurance Chairman George Czerwonka, Jr., PSD, wrote in more detail in the February Bulletin about the importance of Liability Insurance coverage. Read his article and submit payment if this premium is still outstanding in your council.

*"He prays best who does not know that he is praying."
St. Anthony of Padua*



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State Treasurer's Message

My Brothers,

As we have entered into the Lenten Season, I hope you are able to take some quiet time each day to reflect and pray. As I have noted before, this is a real struggle for me to quiet my mind and be still and silent. This year is no different, even with planning out a specific time before work, and using a book of Lenten Meditations from St. Thomas Aquinas. I will continue to persevere and hope this become easier for me with repetition.

One big event we are planning for is the first in-person Convention since 2019, and your state officers have been pretty ramping up for that. Lots of deadlines in the coming months, be on the look out for more information in the bulletin and on the website. I hope you will plan on attending this year in Olympia, it will be great to have everyone gather again to celebrate all things Knights!

An encouraging note on the website design—Worthy Warden Dave Olwell is leading a computer science class at St. Martin's on a project to redesign the website, and I got to preview it last week. What a change! I am excited to see the progress as the students work through the requirements and come up with a solution. We are pretty fortunate to have the Dean of Engineering as our State Warden!

One last encouragement for membership, those pesky Knights of Oregon continue to lead us in membership percentage of goal. Remember that our Worthy State Deputy will have to wear an Oregon college jersey at the Oregon Convention if we don't out recruit our brothers from the south. Please, reach out to that man who seems like a good fit and see if he wants to join the Knights. There are so many opportunities this time of year, and the Knights offer so much light and hope in these dark times.

Thank you for all you do for our Church and Order, I am proud to represent you.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

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State Advocate's Message

My Brother Knights

The Washington State Council Bylaws require that resolutions and amendments to the Washington State Council Bylaws must be received by the Washington State Council Secretary, Greg Mahoney, sixty (60) days prior to, for consideration during the Annual Meeting and Convention, 19 – 21 May, 2023. Proposed resolutions and amendments to the Washington State Council Bylaws must therefore be in the possession of State Secretary Greg Mahoney no later than 18 March, 2023.

Please send all proposed resolutions or amendments to the Washington State Council Bylaws to State Advocate Scott Hulse by 12 March 2023 if at all possible so that proposed resolutions and amendments to the Washington State Council Bylaws can be collated and prepared for review by the State Secretary. State Secretary Greg Mahoney will send printed copies of resolutions and proposed amendments to the Washington State Council Bylaws submitted for consideration at the 2023 Washington State Council Meeting and Convention to the Grand Knight of all subordinate Councils for the Council's consideration and comment thirty (30) days before the 2023 Washington State Council Annual Meeting and Convention is to be called to order.

The following guidance has been received from the office of the Supreme Advocate:

“The Laws of the Knights of Columbus permit State Councils to submit to the Supreme Council resolutions that pertain to issues affecting the entire Order. **All such resolutions should be submitted in good faith and in a spirit of charity, unity, and fraternity.** As you prepare for your conventions, please bear in mind the principles and procedures set forth below.

The Supreme Council established the resolutions process to enable subordinate councils to:

- (1) Express gratitude or support for a person, a fraternal program, or a policy of the Order;
- (2) Amend the Constitution or Laws of the Order;
- (3) Express an official position of the Knights of Columbus on matters relevant to the mission and identity of the Order;
- (4) Submit nominations for Supreme Director; and
- (5) Offer proposals to enhance the Order's fraternal mission.

State Councils should not submit resolutions that: (1) concern monetary expenditures by the Supreme Council, such as financial grants to organizations; (2) deal exclusively with matters of local significance that are relevant only to that particular jurisdiction; (3) recognize, commend, denounce, or criticize individual persons or other organizations; (4) propose changes to administrative policies, functions, or procedures of Home Office Departments; or (5) have been rejected by delegates to the Supreme Council in recent years.

Resolutions that do not conform to these expectations and purposes may be deemed out of order, in which case they would not be published to the Supreme Council and would not be considered by the delegates.

Under the Order's procedures, delegates to the Supreme Council may consider only those resolutions that have been officially adopted by a State Council or submitted to the Supreme Council by the Board of Directors. Resolutions that have not been adopted by the State Council should not be submitted to the Supreme Council. A State Council must affirmatively adopt a resolution for the Supreme Council to consider it. “Adoption” of a resolution by a State Council means that the program, policy, or sentiment expressed in the resolution has the support of a

State Advocate's Message Cont.

majority of the delegates to the State Council meeting. By adopting a resolution and submitting it to the Supreme Council, the State Council is effectively stating that it supports the resolution and recommends adoption by the Supreme Council.

A State Council may also use the resolutions process to amend its own by-laws. Upon adoption of a resolution proposing any changes to its by-laws, the State Council shall submit the proposed amendments to the Supreme Secretary, who will forward them to the Supreme Advocate for review and recommendation by a committee of the Board of Directors. The committee will then present the proposed amendments to the full Board of Directors. The Board will consider and vote upon these amendments at its meeting in August. Pursuant to Section 22 of the Laws of the Knights of Columbus, resolutions adopted by a State Council for consideration by the Supreme Council or the Board of Directors, including proposed amendments to State Council by-laws, must be submitted to the **Office of the Supreme Secretary** no later than June 15, [2023].

Please submit these resolutions by email using the following email address: supremesecretary@kofc.org Resolutions received by the Supreme Secretary will be acknowledged in writing and sent to the Office of the Supreme Advocate for purposes of inventory and preliminary review. Once the resolutions are categorized, organized, and published in a booklet, they will be referred to the Committee on Laws and Resolutions. Any resolutions received after June 15 will not be published to the Supreme Convention and will not be considered by the delegates.

Please follow the guidance set forth above. As leaders of your jurisdiction or local council, you should be familiar with the procedure for drafting, reviewing, submitting, and adopting resolutions. For a detailed explanation of the resolutions process and amending State Council by-laws, please review the relevant sections of the Officers' Desk Reference, which are found under the "Council and Assembly Issues" tab."



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State Warden's Message

My Brother Knights,

When I was growing up, the Archdiocese of Seattle ran both a major and minor seminary on Lake Washington, in what is now Saint Edwards state park. Now the only minor seminary in the State is in Spokane, Bishop White Seminary, where 14 men study at Gonzaga while living in community across the street from campus. The men come from Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and California as there are very few minor seminaries in the west anymore. When they graduate, if their vocation persists, they will be placed in a major seminary to study theology and prepare for ordination.

The closest major seminary is Mount Angel in Oregon, run by the Order of Saint Benedict. Mount Angel is one of two major seminaries used by the Archdiocese of Seattle and enrolls six men from the Archdiocese of Seattle. The other three are at Mundelein Seminary in Illinois.

The Diocese of Spokane has two major seminarians, one at Mount Angel and one at Saint Patrick's in Menlo Park, CA.

The Diocese of Yakima has four major seminarians, two at Mundelein and two at Seminario Hispano De Santa Maria De Guadalupe in Mexico.

In total, there are fourteen men in major seminaries for the future support of the 144 parishes in the Archdiocese of Seattle, 45 parishes in the Diocese of Yakima, and 82 parishes in the Diocese of Spokane. This is not enough future priests to support the known needs of the state, and the shortage of priests is the primary reason for consolidation parishes underway in the [Archdiocese of Seattle](#).

What needs to be done? We need more priests. To get more priests, we need more men in formation. Minor seminaries are important parts of formation, the critical first steps. Bishop White is our local minor seminary. It is a vital part of the effort to grow the number of priests in the state.

There are also fraternal considerations. We have a college council (12583) at Gonzaga, sponsored by the Bishop White Seminary. Most of the council officers are seminarians at Bishop White. I am the district deputy for that council and attended a council meeting there in February.

Bishop White hosted me, and offered me room and board with them. It is a bit more spartan than a college residence hall! The chapel is the center of the seminary daily routine, with the seminarians following the Liturgy of the Hours. I joined them for dinner, then vespers, followed by a Knight of Columbus meeting on the Gonzaga Campus. The conversation at dinner was very good and we talked a great deal about the state of K-12 Catholic education and what the long-term strategies for the Church might be. One of the seminarians was completely home-schooled and learned his faith not from a parish school or CCD program but completely from his parents – a sign of the times.

For Catholics worried about vocations to the priesthood, as I am and you should be, this was a mostly reassuring visit. The seminarians are good men, serious about their studies and actively discerning their vocation. The diocese of Spokane has made a huge talent investment, placing two outstanding priests to run the seminary. The Jesuits have contributed a third retired priest. That's three priests for 14 young men - a major bet on the future when there are so many current needs for priests in parishes now. The only concern is the number of seminarians. The state needs more men willing to explore a vocation to the priesthood.

State Warden's Message Cont'd

Fr. Dan Barnett is the rector of Bishop White, and also chaplain for the Gonzaga College Council 12583 . A graduate of Gonzaga, he has been a knight since he was 18. His chaplain remarks at the council meeting parallel the approach the Church is taking to vocations. He told the knights to not recruit other men to be knights just for numbers, but to live their lives on campus and conduct their council programs in such a way as to inspire others to want to be associated with their efforts. I was very pleased to meet him again.

It bears saying that it is in the interest of the Knights that seminarians participate in College councils and understand immediately the role that councils play in parishes, and in particular our commitment to support our priests and bishops.

Bishop White Seminary has been raising funds for the renovation of McGivney Hall for the Cor Christi program, which will serve men in the critical "propaedeutic" first year. During that year, men "detox" from the main culture and focus on Christ. (It reminds me of my first "plebe" year at West Point.) Its purpose is to form strong Catholic men in the heart of Christ, so that they have a solid foundation for their journey through seminary.

The Knights are called to support the development of McGivney Hall. We have given much; they need more. I encourage all of the Councils and Knights in the State to consider again [further donations to their fundraising.](#)

I hope you had a meaningful Ash Wednesday and that your Lenten prayer, fasting, and almsgiving move you closer to Our Lord.



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State Program Director's Message

My Brother Knights

Finish Line In Sight

We are just one month away from the deadline to submit all Service Program Award applications. Your council should be checking the state council web page and Supreme council web pages for deadlines. Other administrative and financial forms have their own due dates and councils should refer to Brother Kevin Fraley for assistance with those types of forms.

In particular, councils should draw attention to the new **State Blessed Michael McGivney Award**. This award had its inaugural presentation at the 140th Supreme convention in Nashville last summer. The award honors a Chaplain whose priestly zeal and exemplary service are in the finest traditions of Blessed Michael McGivney. See details under [Grand Knight resources](#) page of the state website.

April 1 - All service program award applications to the state council are due. Early applications are encouraged.
April 1 - Pro-life Poster and Essay contest entries must be submitted to State Pro-Life Director, Gary Cloninger to be considered at the state convention for state award.

State Blessed Michael McGivney Award
Council Nominee

Email: _____ Date: _____
Submitter's Name: _____ KofC Council Role _____
Council Number: _____ Jurisdiction: _____

In connection with the International Program Awards Contest sponsored by the Supreme Council office, the following Chaplain is the nominee named by my council:

CHAPLAIN INFORMATION:

Council Number: _____
Chaplain to be recognized: _____ How long has he been a priest? _____
Chaplain's Member Number: _____ Years as KofC Chaplain: _____
Other Positions Held? (Write N/A if none) _____
Mailing Address: _____
Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

AWARD SUBMISSION:

1. In less than 250 words, please answer how your chaplain is:
 - a teacher of the faith
 - an apostle of Christian family life
 - a devoted parish priest
 - an exemplar of charity
 - a builder of Catholic fraternity
 - role model to your Parish

State Program Director's Message

W-9s for ASAP grant applications

Below are the W-9s that I currently have available for any council to request. These W-9s belong to organizations have been accepted for grants under the ASAP program. Councils are still required to submit a W-9 form with your ASAP grant application even if the W-9 was submitted by another council. Your council is not limited to supporting these organizations, but be sure to read all of the guidelines for qualifying organizations under Supreme's ASAP program website at <https://kofc.org/asap>. If you are supporting one of these organizations, send me an email and I will provide you with the W-9.

Some organizations may not be familiar with the IRS W-9 form. Here is a link to a blank W-9: <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>. Your council can give the organization this form and ask them to fill it out. Be sure they complete Part I in its entirety and sign/date the form in Part II, as well. Without Part I and Part II completed, the W-9 will not be considered valid. By filling it out, they're providing their organizations EIN and asserting their 501(c)(3) status.

If your organization is not listed below, you will need to reach out the organization directly and request a copy of their W-9. When you have received the W-9, please upload the W-9 to me using the following link: <https://form.jotform.com/223485109744056>

The following W-9s are available from me upon request

Organization Name	Address	EIN
Care Net Pregnancy & Family Services	1924 S. Cedar, Suite B, Tacoma WA 98405	91-1226978
Catholic Charities of Spokane, dba Catholic Charities Eastern Washington - PREPARES	12 E. 5th Ave, Spokane WA 99202	91-0569880
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Yakima - PREPARES	5301 Tieton Dr., Suite C, Yakima WA 98908	91-1370404
Catholic Community Services of Western Washington - PREPARES	100 23rd Ave S, Seattle WA 98144	91-1585652
Hope Medical of Washington	7500 W. Arrowhead Ave, Kennewick, WA 99336	47-4787535
Life Services of Spokane, dba MyChoice Clinics	2659 N. Ash St., Spokane WA 99205	91-1494402
My Choices - Obria PNW	824 E. 8th St., Port Angeles, WA 98362	91-1266330
Next Step Pregnancy Services	19526 64th Ave W, Lynnwood, WA 98036	61-1590547
Pregnancy Choices of Skagit County, dba C.A.R.E. Medical Center	110 N. 15th St, Mount Vernon, WA 98273	94-3124655
Pregnancy Resource Services of Kitsap County, dba Trillium Women's Center	PO BOX 2917, Silverdale, WA 98383	94-3097958
Women's Accessible Medical Services, PS (3W)	4528 8th Ave E Ste 1A, Seattle WA 98105-1738	46-3851701

Vivat Jesus!

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State Membership Director's Message

My brothers we are now into March, and in 3 months the end of the fraternal year will be upon us. You all have done a wonderful job during February. A total of 64 new online members have been added to our ranks, beating all records for this fraternal year. As of March 1st we are 26th in the order attaining 74.56% of our goal and climbing. While we can be and should be proud of our accomplishments, we can not afford to rest. We need 143 new members to achieve our goal by June 30th. Additionally, we have been challenged by the State Deputy of Oregon, Ray Prom as mentioned by our State Deputy Kim Washburn in his article. Currently, Oregon leads us by 3.42% in member growth, with Oregon at 77.98% and Washington at 74.56%. Will you help us beat Oregon? We have until the middle of May to beat them. As I've said many times, if **everyone** brings in just 1 new member this fraternal year, we become unstoppable and will become number one in the order.

This month under the leadership of our State Advocate and Ethnic Council Development Chairman Dr. Scott Hulse and DD7 Federico Lopez, we will be conducting a large Hispanic church drive at St Rose of Lima in Ephrata. For too long our Hispanic Brothers have been underrepresented and served. This will be followed by another large Hispanic church drive and council development in District 7, at San Juan Diego I Basin City. We expect to grow our Hispanic councils from 1 to 3 before the end of this fraternal year.

I'd like to address the large number of online brother knights, 141 to be exact. As good as we are in recruiting new members, we need to complete the job by getting these brothers exemplified, brought before the council admissions committee, voted into the council, and transferred off the prospect list to the council rolls. Brothers, there are enough members sitting on the prospect list for councils to satisfy their membership goals for Star Council, and in some cases Double Star. What's stopping you?

We must now reach out and sell them on the value of joining our councils. The process is simple. When representatives of your council reach out to these brothers the conversation must start with, *"Welcome brother to the Knights of Columbus. You are now part of the largest Catholic Family Fraternal organization in the world. You now have over 2 million brother that share the same faith and values as you."*

As your conversation continues let them Know what your council has to offer both them and their family. Don't just talk about the breakfasts, dinners and all the work the knights do around the parish. Let them know you would be honored if they would consider joining the council. Set up a meeting and have them fill out Form 1842 Member Experience Interest Survey. This survey will let you know their experience and where their interests lie. Remember it's about them not the council. You are setting the stage for their life experience as a knight and council member. Get them to your councils in person exemplification. If you haven't organized an exemplification team yet, have them view the online exemplification offered by Supreme. Here is the link; <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/for-members/ceremonials/online-invitation.pdf> or use the QR Code below.

Are you up to the task? Will you commit to reach out and welcome these brothers? If you need help, please reach out to me. I am committed to helping you succeed.

Vivat Jesus!



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State Faith Director's Message

Faith In Action Our New Watch Word



March 2023 Faith Programs (links) continued

[Building the Domestic Church Kiosk](#)

[Holy Hour](#)

[Into the Breach](#)

[Marian Prayer](#)

[Refund Support Vocations \(RSVP\)](#)

[Rosary](#)

[Sacramental Gifts](#)

[Spiritual Reflection](#)

[Pilgrim Icon \(Supporting Faith Program\)](#)

[Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer Hour \(Supporting Faith Program\)](#)

[Eucharistic Revival \(Supporting Faith Program\)](#)



Easter will soon be upon us. This is a wonderful time to reflect on our Catholic heritage and our Faith Programs. With Ash Wednesday having passed and Lent continuation this month, try to create opportunities for prayer and reflection together as Knight's and especially as a Parish family. Well organized Parish spiritual events often leave a lasting impact. Review the Spiritual Reflection [resources](#) and discussion points under Faith programs. With support and guidance of your chaplain, plan and or participate in a day of reflection together. Remember Monday 20 March...Feast Day of St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Another reminder from last month's bulletin. The Next Six Month Letter, provided by State, directs Councils to file their program award applications with the State Council by April 1, 2023. What that requires you to do, is develop your input for the "Faith Award". Submit your award packet to me (Faith Director). Do not send your packet to the state deputy and or other state officers. I will review each packet according to strict guidelines provided to me by state. I will submit my findings to our officers for judgement and final selection. Format your product in a word document with associated pictures etc. Any questions or assistance needed please call me. So far they have been trickling in correctly.

MARCH 2023 Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge

But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." (Gospel for March 5, Mt 17:7) "Do not be afraid" — we read these words often in Scripture. Here, Jesus speaks to the apostles, awestruck at his Transfiguration. In a similar way, the angel told St. Joseph, "Do not be afraid" to take Mary, who had conceived the Christ Child, as his wife. The knowledge that God is with us should encourage and strengthen us. Sometimes, as with the apostles, we are overwhelmed by the mysteries of faith; at other times the challenges of living our faith in a secular culture seem daunting. Yet Christ continually empowers us as he calls us: "Rise, and do not be afraid."

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: This month, in which we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph, I challenge you to watch the documentary *St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father* (available for free at kofc.org/stjoseph), reflecting on St. Joseph's courage. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Pilgrim Icon program, which features an icon of St. Joseph.

Questions for Reflection: What are you afraid of? Do your fears prevent you from fully following God's will in your life? How can you imitate the courage of St. Joseph?

Faith Director: Before Easter Sunday and with great reflection. Immerse yourselves in meaning of confession- reconciliation. "Do not be afraid" and confess and do penance. Easter receipt of the Blessed Sacrament will have a greater meaning for you.

State Faith Director's Message Cont'd

As with last month's call to the Rosary, carry the Rosary in defense from the Evil One. Our Holy Mother said, "Behold my Heart encircled with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude..." (Words of Our Lady to Lucia-December 10, 1925. Read and understand the First Saturday Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, The Fatima Message. Pray the Rosary Daily. Pray for peace!

Fraternally and Vivat Jesus
Tom Pursley
Washington State Faith Director
360-888-6833

The MESSAGE of
Our Lady of Fatima

"I am the Lady of the Rosary,
I have come to warn the faithful
to amend their lives and ask
for pardon for their sins.
They must not offend Our Lord
anymore, for He is already too
grievously offended by the sins
of men. People must say the
Rosary. Let them continue
saying it everyday."

1917, Fatima, Portugal



State Community Director's Message

My Brother Knights,

Two weekends ago 10 Knights (from my council) and 90 men and woman from the parish were commissioned as "Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist" (lay Eucharistic ministers) for our local area. In our there are 3 hospitals, numerous assisted living facilities and the home bound (a roughly 13 hundred home bound Catholics) and one priest to take them the Eucharist. This ministry required training, reading, reflection, prayer and Safe Environment Program (SEP) compliance. In one of the books describe this ministry as:

"To be a lay Eucharistic minister, it is vital to see one's ministry as a participation in his telling of the story of the God who pitched his tent among us in Jesus of Nazareth. The lay Eucharist minister shares in telling the story the Father and who continues to be encountered in the breaking of the bread. To say "the body of Christ" and hand a communicant the consecrated bread, to say "the blood of Christ" and offer the cup of salvation is to continue telling the story of God's saving action, God's self-gift among and on behalf of God's people." Broken & Poured Out by Richard R. Gaillardetz Ph. D.

This ministry is needed in our community to serve Catholics who cannot attend Mass and this ministry will change you. Please see the reading list below for more information.

Question for Reflection:

Has your own attitude toward the liturgy been guilty of either a liturgical horizontalism or verticalism?

How does your community make connections between the celebration of the Eucharist and the call to serve the coming reign of God in the work for peace and justice?

Book recommendations:

Broken & Poured Out, Richard R Gaillardetz Ph. D.
The Joy of being a Eucharistic Minister, Mitch Finley

I'm eager to read your Faith In Action-Community awards submission. Please submit one award application for each Faith In Action area (Faith, Family, Community, Life). The award application can be found on the Supreme web site, look-up council forms and click the Faith In Action link.

Faith in Actions Community award due date: March 31 (will accept submission until April 6). Any application for community received after April 7th will be filed and not evaluated.

Please send to your Community Award application and supporting document or pictures to:
a.reponte@yahoo.com

Please use this email address for the short term.

Vivat Jesus,
Al,
Abundeo Reponte
Community Director
a.reponte@yahoo.com



4th Degree - Western Washington District Master's Message

Sir Knights,

Reminder to all that the next fourth degree exemplification will be held on Saturday, April 29th, at the St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Tacoma and will be hosted by Assembly 3381. Please mark the date and be prepared to come with new candidates ready to take their exemplification into the 4th degree of the Order. Notice and registration is posted on the State website and attached for your information. Candidates should complete their registration as soon as possible and submit to the District Master as noted at least one week prior to the degree. The District is hoping that this will be a very large degree and it is possible that this could be the last degree this fraternal year, so take the opportunity now.

Assemblies should be working towards their Star Assembly Award, as well as the Civic and Patriotic Awards. For Star Assembly, each assembly must complete on time reporting, provide at least 6 newsletters for the year, perform program, recruit new members and complete applications for 'Civic' and 'To Be A Patriot' awards. Details can be found on the Supreme website or if you have questions contact the DM at any time.

Again, a reminder that the Washington Western District, will be taking applications for the three annual district awards. Submissions should be sent to the District Master by April 1st but no later than April 15th deadline, so that there is time to review and select the winners and prepare the awards, that may be presented at the State Convention or another important event prior to the end of the year. These three district awards are for the following categories: Please email your application submissions to the District Master at email <Remeor@aol.com>. This could include a 1 to 4 page write up with pictures included as needed. If you have questions please feel free to contact the DM at any time.

- 1.) Assembly of the Year
- 2.) Faithful Navigator of the Year
- 3.) Sir Knight of the Year

All Assemblies should have completed their fraternal survey by now but if not please get it in as soon as possible. Also please keep your EIN current and if behind take immediate action to correct as soon as possible. This has been an ongoing problem with both Councils and Assemblies in the past. If you need help please reach out.

A new Assembly will soon be installed at Yelm in the very near future and more information will follow soon.

All 4th degree members with uniform should order their new '**service baldric**' soon from The English Company for the proper position color. Regular members will still wear the current service baldric in use.

Western Washington District Master
Steve Scheweyen
wmaster@kofc-wa.org



4th Degree - Western Washington District Master's Message Cont'd

Sir Knights,

On February 13th there was an award presentation by the District Master for the Covington / Black Diamond St. Eugene de Mazenod Assembly 3414. Two awards, that were earned last year, the Star Assembly Award and the Civic Award were earned by Assembly 3414 for performing all of the required items for Star Assembly, including program, reporting, membership, newsletter and civic and patriotic requirements.

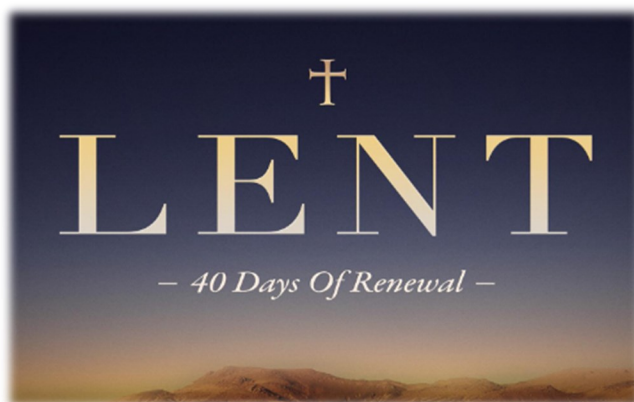


It was a great honor to present these prestigious awards to Assembly 3414 and the presentation was made to the Assembly, with the Past Faithful Navigator Peter Berg, the current Faithful Navigator Anthony Stevenson, accepting these awards with Assembly 3414 members present.

The District would encourage all Assemblies in the West District of Washington to work and perform to achieve the Star Assembly award and the Civic and Patriotic Awards. It should be also noted and congratulations sent out regarding several other West District assemblies, who also earned the Civic Award last year. Those Assemblies were the Gig Harbor, Our Lady of the Harbor Assembly 2501 with Faithful Navigator Lawrence Garetto; the Stanwood St. Cecelia Assembly 3223, Faithful Navigator John Donohue and the Bermerton Holy Trinity Assembly 3097, Faithful Navigator Roberto Dela Pena. Arrangements are currently being made to also present those civic awards as well.

Congratulations to all of these Assemblies and their members who worked hard to make this happen.

Western Washington District Master
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4th Degree - Vice Supreme Master's Message

Sir Knights,

Two big announcements in a row. Last month was about the new Colored Service Baldrics.

This month announces the retirement of Supreme Master Dennis Stoddard.

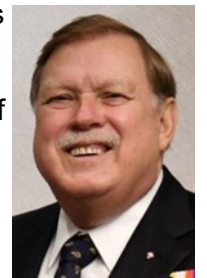
During the Knights' Board of Directors quarterly meeting, they announced that Michael McCusker, the past state deputy of the Tennessee Knights of Columbus has been elected to serve as Supreme Master, leading the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus. He served as state deputy of Tennessee from 2019-2021 and was elected to the Supreme Board of Directors during the Supreme Convention held in Nashville in August 2022. McCusker, a decorated military veteran, will succeed Dennis Stoddard, who will retire March 1 after 13 years as Supreme Master.



In recognition of Stoddard's distinguished record of accomplishments, the Board of Directors voted to accord him the honorary title of Supreme Master Emeritus.

For more information on our new Supreme Master please see: Supreme website for "Board of Directors Elects New Leaders"

<https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/knightline/special-edition/2023/week-of-february-6/board-of-directors-elects-new-leaders.html>



District Masters are busy notifying all the Navigators and Comptrollers that it is time to submit District Patriotic Awards: Sir Knight of the Year is due to the DM by 3/31. Then Faithful Navigator of the Year, and Assembly of the Year. Include a photo with your submission. Contact your District Master for details.

There are several Exemplifications in March. Contact your District Master for details.

March 11, in Medford, Oregon

March 18, in Spokane Valley, Washington

March 31, in Rupert, Idaho

Come back in April to see even more about Exemplification!

New Assembly development. It takes tons of planning to make this happen but in Yelm, Washington, the paperwork has been submitted and we are still hoping to get Supreme Master Dennis Stoddard's name on the Charter. As I put this letter together, we have had no news, yet there is still hope.

Does the flag at your home need to be brought indoors during inclement weather. My wife would say, "Yes!" Actually, as long as the flag is in good repair and well lighted when it is dark, it can stay outside.

The Knights of Columbus has several publications to guide any person in making the correct choices in displaying Our Nation's Flag. Hold a Flag Information segment during your next membership meeting.

When is your State Convention? Be ready in your Regalia to join a procession. Contact your District Master.

Faithfully,

Joseph W Schaecher

Vice Supreme Master, Archbishop Francis Norbert Blanchet Province

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Administration and Finance Chairman's Message

Worthy Financial Secretaries/Faithful Comptrollers,

This is the sixth in a series of instructional messages about important administrative matters. I ask that you create a folder on your desktop and save every one of these to that folder so you can refer to it whenever unsure. Upcoming topics will include the survey of fraternal activity, Columbian Award report, budget, and possibly others. **Please save!**

Elections of Officers for the upcoming fraternal year always take place at the May business meeting. Preparations for this begin in February with appointment by the Grand Knight (solely) of the Nominating Committee of three to five members. This committee meets in February and March with the task of identifying, arranging for permission from candidates for nomination, and developing a slate of nominees for each position to be filled. Positions required to be filled for a 1 year term except as noted by all councils include Grand Knight, Treasurer, and Three Year Trustee (3 year term). The Nominating Committee must name nominees for these three positions. Other positions to be filled for a 1 year term are optional and include Recorder, Chancellor, Warden, Advocate, Deputy Grand Knight, Inside Guard, and Outside Guard. There need not be nominees to all the optional positions, those should be filled in the order given above. The One Year Trustee and Two Year Trustee positions for the next year are NOT elected in the annual elections since those terms will not be expiring. Financial Secretary, Chaplain, and Lecturer positions are not elected since these officers are appointed. The Nominating Committee presents its slate of nominees (one per position) at the April business meeting.

While the Financial Secretary position is designed to be held by the same member for many years and over the long term to ensure stability and continuity of leadership, the Grand Knight position is only a 1 year term and is designed to be rotated through the membership to give the maximum number of members the opportunity to lead the council. It is frequently the custom to re-elect a Grand Knight to a second term, and in rare cases when other candidates cannot be found to a third term, but it is NOT ever acceptable for a Grand Knight to serve more than three consecutive terms. Such a situation is invariably unhealthy and endangers the long term survival of the council. The Nominating Committee must work to avoid this situation.

At the May business meeting, the slate of nominees is considered to be moved and seconded, and it is voted on as a single block. If it does not pass unanimously or if there is any objection or nomination from the floor then the positions are voted on separately. Positions must be voted on in the following order, and each position must be elected before moving on to the next position: Grand Knight, Treasurer, Three Year Trustee, Recorder, Chancellor, Warden, Advocate, Deputy Grand Knight, Inside Guard, Outside Guard. All officers elected take office on July 1st and not before.

Vacancies in officer positions due to death, transfer, or resignation sometimes occur in midterm. When these occur in any of the required positions (Grand Knight, Treasurer, One Year Trustee, Two Year Trustee, or Three Year Trustee) the vacancy must be filled by election at the next business meeting, normally within 30 days. The election is for the remainder of the original term (1 year for GK & Treasurer, 3 years for Trustee). It is never acceptable to leave these required positions vacant until the next annual election.

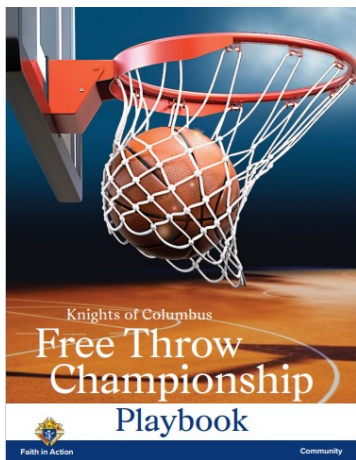
Vivat Jesus
Kevin Fraley
Admin & Finance Chairman



State Youth Director's Message

My Brother Knights,

Well, another fraternal year has crept up on us and I am looking forward to a fantastic year. Time to start putting your youth programs together. The big 4 programs are the Soccer Challenge, Free Throw, KCIC poster contest and the Catholic Citizenship essay. All of these are Supreme sponsored contest. Don't be limited to these programs. Many councils reach outside the box and create their own events. Past events over the years have included Halloween trunk or treats, Christmas plays, altar server recognition as well as first communion and Confirmation programs.



Free Throw Competition

State Final March 25th 2023 Yakima has been cancelled

Participating councils should have their council winners shoot the 25 district shots. The scoresheets will be sent to me no later than March 24th

I am looking to make this my last and final year as Youth Director. 12 years has been a great ride but it is time for new ideas and a vision to move the youth programs ahead. If you know of a candidate for this position let me know, I have a year to pass along my knowledge

State Youth Director
Ken DeVos

Community—Knights in Action

Council 7907 - Issaquah

On Sunday, Jan 29, 2023, State Deputy, Kim Washburn along with DD Jim Chambers and State Membership Chairman, Mike Rutland visited Council 7907 in Issaquah for our first 2023 pancake breakfast. Also with the guests was our former GK Greg Mahoney, who is now the State Secretary. The breakfast proceeds were dedicated to Care Net of Puget Sound. All the distinguish guests gave a brief pep talk to all in attendance including Maureen Fellez who is the Church Relations Director for King County of Care Net.

The breakfast was standing room only and brought the St. Joseph's parish together for the first time in 2023 and raised a very successful amount of funds for Care Net. Council 7907 thanks all of our distinguished visitors and guests.



Council 5495—Burien

Spaghetti Dinner & Raffle

Proceeds to Support Seminarians of the Archdiocese of Seattle

Come enjoy
Spaghetti, bread,
Salad, & ice cream



When:
Sunday March 12th
4:30pm - 7pm

Where:
St Francis Unity Place
15226 21st Ave SW
Burien WA 98166

Cost:
Adults \$15
Children 10 & Under \$5

Contact Ken DeVos
206-249-2548
for additional information and
group reservations

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Submit articles to get your council’s activity included here

Members and Family in need of Prayer

CouncilSeattle 676
Carol Costello; Dan Schweitzer; Rose Boyle; Georgene Ulrich; Gerry Joyce, wife of Tom; Regina Freedman; PGK Wes Duffield; Joe Salle; Jonathan Mylius; Bill Joyce; brother of DD Tom Joyce; Larry & Arlene Boulanger; John Costello; Edgar Pitre; Father Robert Eagan.

CouncilSpokane 683
Deceased Knight: John Wallace, PSD. Knight Illness: Patrick Tully, Philip Martin, Rev. David Kruse, Rev. Tim Hays, Robert Watkins, Rev. Patrick Hartin, Rev. Paul G. Czerwonka, Wayne Hogan PSD, Dick Daschbach, Richard Charette, Most Rev. William Skylstad, Kim Washburn WSD, John Kiernan, Very Rev. Darrin D. Connall, Darryl Stephens, Ronald Connell. Deceased Family: Gail Ward. Mother of Dr. Kent E. Mosby; Leroy Milanowski and Ben von Ruden - cousins of George Czerwonka. Family Illness: Tess Kelley - wife of Patrick Kelley IPSD, Trina Owen - daughter-in-law of Tim Kromholtz GK, Patty Walker - daughter of Lou Walker, Jessica Evans - daughter of Chris Bettman PFN, Patricia Mackin, Lynne Watkins - wife of Robert Watkins, Teresa Teich - wife of Dr. Richard Teich, Stan Fong - (brother) and Ludy Kostelecky (mother-in-law) of Greg Fong PGK, Arlene White - wife of Terry white, Yong Phillippe - wife of Dru Phillippe, Rachel Kupice - wife of John Kupice PGK, Jeff McNabb, Paul Jones, Dave Silver, Dan Hogstad, Carol Oliveri, Wayne Stanley, Jim Olsen, Jonathan Evans, Margaret Walsh, Carol Kirby, Matt Weller, Mrs. John Kiernan, Lori Hogan - wife of Wayne Hogan PSD, Phyllis Dolle, David Lorhan - brother of John Lorhan, Cory Wade - brother of Tom Wade, Dorothy Plantz (sister),Jeffery Czerwonka (brother) - Fred Zblewski, John Radke, (cousins) of George Czerwonka. We also pray for our Holy Father, Most Rev. Thomas Daly, all priests, seminarians, and men and women religious

CouncilWalla Walla 766
John Biagi, Carl Bossini, Antonio Caso, Joe Chvatal, Brent Caulk, David Hall, James Gaffrey, Chris Grasso, Michael Fazzari, Leo Lapke, Rick Magnaghi, Larry Meliah, Clifford Nестеby, Father Nicks, Harry Olson, Jack Pinza, Frank Sannar, Steve Snell, Richard Spiess Sr., Terry Teske, Ron Warzinski, Douglas Wolff

CouncilBellingham 829
Kim Washburn, Nora Pylilo. Charlie Dunn, Henry Therrien, Sam Raines, Louise Murphy, and for the repose of the souls of Patrick St. Hilaire and Leonard Roy

CouncilYakima 894
Msgr. Ecker, Patti & John Soden, Laurie Browning, Sandy Lamm, Mike Cunningham, Harry Cambeis, Darrel Jones & Family, Jeff Penuel, Ann Hill, Carey Hill, Kody Weldon, Josh Jones Family, Thomas McCormick, Gary Mitchell, Tony Lesich, Jackie Gamache, Tina Wanamaker, Rod Allen, Derick Pemberton's Fiancé, Mike dean's Good Friend, Yakima Transit's Drivers and their families, this can be a very nerve-wracking season for them and "Bridgett" whose Marine Son may be being redeployed to Afghanistan (a wonderful lady who offers rides to Veterans)

CouncilWenatchee 1545
Frank Peipel, John Aumell

CouncilPasco 1620
Karen Smith, Gabriel Scheel, Robert Delarm, Corky Hutfles

CouncilOlympia 1643
Walt Dale • Ron DeGroot • Ray DeTerra Family • David Gedrose • Charles Woodrow Hubbell III • Mary Rutledge-Harrison • John Kramer • Florante Jayme • Harold Watson Mrs. Edna M MacKay • Pam Pellegrino • Sam Pellegrino • Meg Pivec • Dennis Perez • Ed Sauley • Greg Squires • Jose Ybarra • Nancy Zyrkowski

CouncilOak Harbor 3361
Andy Valrosa, Arlene Swatosh, Dahlia Blackburn, Dale Auburg, Ed Witt, Fr Larry Bailey, Jeanne Valdez, Jim Brady, Onee Rezabek, Ric Bluhm, Richard Rezabek, Tom Karney

CouncilRenton 3645
Beverly Ann Williams, Kam Pang

CouncilSpokane 4196
Nick and Susan Curalli, Greg Curran, Kevin Curran, Mark Curran, Russ Curran, Richard Diehl, Ed Galles, Russell and Jackie Howell, Michael Lockwood, Don McCabe, Jennifer McCabe, Mark Mendiola, Mike Routt, Larry Smoot, Jill Gfeller, Max Moss, Laura Bevan, Shauna Lemoine, Thomas Stuber, Mark Mclean, Darleta Woodbury, Max Moss, Laura Ohland, Ron Connell, Joe Reincke, Jake Dwyer, Tim Gunning, Jeff Kopecky, James Hood

CouncilPort Orchard 6706
Vicente M. Quinene

CouncilPoulsbo 8297
Ron Wernke family, Mary T. Bartlett, Ross & Sharon Smith, Roger Fritz family, Michael Thatcher, Tom & Rosie Bennett, Tom Musha family, William Smith jr, Larry Devlin family, Lee Metzger, Nathan Wernke family, Bill & Nancy Hepp, Robert Brainerd, Storm & Caroleen Smole, Chuck Hackett, Jerry Almeda, John Wahlfors family, Brian Cross

Members and Family in need of Prayer

Council.....Camano-Stanwood 8476
Bill Vincent, Don Maile, Frank Olson, Gary Cloninger, Gary Baumgartner, Gary Bibbs, Greg Bloom, Mark Grumbine, Jim Devine, John Keefe, Preston Laine, Richard & Mary Jo Chavarrie, Roger Docken, Tom, Mary and Daniel Connerton, Bud Dubai, Ray Fossum, Dennis Lindsay

Council.....Mill Creek 9434
Jery Taylor

Council.....Burlington, 9941
Pat Lyons, Bob Zimmerman, Dave Lustik

Council.....Bellevue, 10664
Alan Newhouse, Ken Yarab, Phil Morrissey, Paul Herrick, friend of Steve Duncan

Council.....Lakewood 11762
Everett and Mira Roberts, Maria Havens, John Mcinnes, Franklyn Hyke, Dorian Diaz, John Silbaugh, Janet Wachter, James Daly, John Wallace, William Wells, Linda Hansen, Brent Carney, Robert Nuccio, James Self, Maria Suazo

Council.....Puyallup 11948
Mark A McCoy,Thomas P Mc Andrews

CouncilBelfair 12002
Carlos Craff, Bob Giesert, Harry and Doty Tachell, Richard Helriegel, Fr. Dennis Sevilla, Howard Riggleman family, Nevinger family, Lanny and Diane Zwan, J.J. MacPherson, Keith Taylor,Idamarie P. Harrington

CouncilEdmonds 12591
William F Erwert, Kevin Fraley

CouncilSeattle 13794
Rene Sacramento, son of Renato Sacramento

CouncilPend D'Oreille 14268
Family of Warren Foersch, Family of Jim Hines, Ray Springsteen, Gary Brooks, Rowland Busskohl, Bob and Nellie Graham, Buc Buckley, Jerry Tefft, Judy Herrin, Dave and Barbara Floyd, Gladys Bishop, Nancy Sanger, Bill Burrell, Sister Nancy, Bishop Skylstad, Diana Tefft, Katherine, Liliana, and Victoria Freeman (grandchildren of Peter and Kathy Freeman), Jack Lopresti, Jim Flanagan, Kathleen Pasquale, Robin Baylow, Phillis Kardos.

Past State Deputy Hal Westby

CL Prayer for Restoration of Health Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, We place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen. CL

> 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.

- Anecito Alcoy Council 3361 (Oak Harbor)
- Larry E Phillips Council 3361 (Oak Harbor)
- Mark P Watling Council 7528 (Federal Way)
- John A. Pelletier Council 8179 (Kennewick)
- David Kowalski Council 5816 (Lynnwood)
- Fr. Jorge G Del Valle Council 9434 (Mill Creek)
- John R Henry Council 1460 (Pomeroy)
- Terence C Dixon Council 1460 (Pomeroy)
- Sheryl W Kerner Council 12983 (Vancouver)
- Peter J Lyski, Jr Council 766 (Walla Walla)
- Mark A Mc Coy Council 11948 (Puyallup)
- Jack A. Schmidt Council 1379 (Bremerton)
- William F. Erwert Council 12591 (Edmonds)
- Rodolfo Gelacio Council 3361 (Oak Harbor)
- Benjamin P Gillio Council 15968 (Spokane)
- David M Rollins Council 9910 (Monroe)
- James F Mertel Council 6706 (Port Orchard)
- Carl Gene Tewalt Council 8201 (Spokane Valley)
- Robert C Renner Council 9637 (Buckely)
- Robert Renner Council 14162 (Fife)
- Johnny Raymond Pabon Council 3645 (Renton)
- Rev. Louis V LeDoux Council 809 (Tacoma)
- Fred J. Olson Council 1379 (Bremerton)
- William D. Proctor Council 1379 (Bremerton)
- Johnny R Pabon Council 7528 (Auburn)

- Thomas P Mc Andrews Council 11948 (Puyallup)
- William C McRedmond Council 12786 (Kelso-Castle Rock)

Family Members' Deaths

- Dorthy Boos Council 12983 (Vancouver)
- Ana Laguana Council 3361 (Oak Harbor)
- Carolyn Lucille Kurriger Council 809 (Tacoma)
- Marianne Brojac Council 1379 (Bremerton)

- Dan Curry Council 894 (Yakima)
- Penny Kessler Council 676 (Seattle)
- Joseph Driscoll Council 676 (Seattle)



*Eternal rest grant unto
 them, O Lord.
 And let the perpetual light
 shine upon them.
 And may the souls of all the
 faithful departed, through
 the mercy of God, rest in
 peace.
 Amen.*

State Historian's Article

My Brother Knights,

Each year has its own set of holidays related to seasonal changes or national celebrations. As we say farewell to winter and hello to spring, The Knights of Columbus celebrate occasions such as Valentine's Day, President's Day, St. Patrick's Day, and Mother's Day, just to name a few.

However, for us Catholics the major spring holiday is not those that are mentioned but the season of Lent. This forty-day season starts with Ash Wednesday, which will be on February 22nd this year, and ends on Palm Sunday. For many Christians around the globe, this season is considered the sacred time of the year.

Lent is a liturgical season of conversion that focuses on three spiritual pillars: prayer, fasting, and alms giving. During the 40 days of Lent, The Knights of Columbus are urged to reflect on their lives, perform acts of charity, and making sacrifices. Each pillar prepares us for the joyful celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Lent is a symbolic representation of the 40 years the people of Israel spent in the desert. It also symbolizes the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert where he prayed, sacrificed, and fasted before beginning his public ministry.

So why do we fast, pray, and give alms? These pillars guide us in daily reflection on our own lives as we strive to rekindle our relationship with God. Lent is a time of personal and spiritual growth and a time to look inward and outward. It's a journey with mercy, prayer, and sacrifice which we do all year. Our commitment has always been these pillars which help us to grow in our faith and assist those who need our help.

Giving alms to the poor is an ancient tradition of the Lenten season. For many, fasting allows us to save money on certain items. Individuals can then donate that money to charitable organizations like the Knights of Columbus whose mission is to support, protect, and defend the lives of the communities through its commitment of charity, education, and love. These acts of charity add a deeper meaning to the sacrifice we are making. It is an important part of this time of reflection that we intentionally focus on the good for other.



Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta was an example of a person on a Lenten Journey. Her whole life was spent sacrificing, praying and getting people to give, helping the very poor of the world. She was the Champion with a legacy of mercy which we as Knights deeply admire.



As Knights we keep the lessons of Lent on our minds every day. Our mission is to live out the teachings of Jesus in all that we do. His love for all of us is why we aim to treat everyone we meet as our brothers and sisters. The people's lives we help reflect Lent and Easter in many ways. They come from the darkness of poverty, abuse, and neglect. Through the love and support of Knights of Columbus, they can live a new life full of possibilities and hope. That is what Lent in March is all about.

Your Brother in Christ, Anthony L. Farrell State Historian

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