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HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY JULY 4, 2008



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July 11-13—Summer Leadership Meeting
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As we celebrate the 4th of July, let us be grateful to those who provided us with the freedoms we enjoy today, and all of the men and women in uniform throughout history who have given the ultimate sacrifice that we may keep these freedoms. Pray for all of our troops in harm's way.

Message from State Deputy John Walker

On behalf of the State Officers, District Deputies, and State Chairmen, I welcome all of you to the 106th State fraternal year. We look forward, with your assistance, to a very successful, rewarding and exciting time as we continue our commitment of service to the Church and community and to the Orders principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

This weekend of July 11 to 13, 2008 is the Summer Leadership Meeting in Pasco. The session is a training period for Grand Knights, District Deputies, Financial Secretaries, both newly elected and returnees. By now you should be registered at the hotel and with the State Warden. If not, contact Ed Parazoo immediately.

The final numbers are in from the 2007-2008 fraternal year. We were close to attaining our membership goal of 569 net, but came up 42 members short. Thanks to all of you who made a gallant effort to reach our goal. You helped to bring in 131 new members in June, the highest monthly number for the year. The sad news is that we had 19 councils that did not bring in one new member this past year. The goals for the 2008-2009 will be announced at the Summer Meeting.

There were a number of high percentage leaders this past year, with 2 councils over 300%. They will be announced and receive their awards at the Leadership meeting. The Star and Double Star award recipients will be announced in next months bulletin.

Membership is the life line of any organization, but it isn't the only goal for the coming year. Each member in the Order will have the opportunity to contribute to building a better council, a better jurisdiction, and a better world. I challenge each of you again this year to get involved in you council life. It may be helping out by serving as an officer or becoming involved in the many charitable works of the Order, or in helping the pastor



in church functions, in recruiting new members and getting and keeping them involved, and by offering prayerful support for your fellow brothers. The opportunity is there, you are the one who must accept the challenge and carry it out. Don't wait; heed the words of Pope Benedict, "Follow Me" – "Join Us in Answering His Call".

I intend to meet the challenge at the State Level. I need commitments from my fellow Officers, the District Deputies, the State Chairmen, and all brother Knights to "Follow Me" and move the Washington State Council forward in the 106th year of our jurisdiction and the 126th year of the Order.

The Assisted Suicide Initiative 1000 signatures have been delivered to the State for counting. The deadline was July 3. We now wait for the tabulation to determine if there were enough signatures to have it placed on the November ballot for consideration. We pray that they were not able to obtain their needed quota. If they do, we will have our work cut out for us, as education and more financial assistance will be necessary. I do have a commitment from Supreme for matching funds. More information will be forthcoming.

I wish to thank everyone for your assistance this past year. I can now say - I only have less than a year left as State Deputy. But I won't. The challenges of any new fraternal year are exciting and I will continue to work to meet these challenges.

I trust that you will join the State team with enthusiasm in the celebration of our traditions and history that makes **Washington** one of the best jurisdictions in the Order. **It is truly an exciting time to be a Knight of Columbus!**

John L. Walker
State Deputy

Knight of the Year Clarification

In last month's bulletin, I forgot to mention that GK Wayne Zuehls of Council 13395 was pictured on the front page accepting the award since 2007-2008 Knight of the Year Ted Kunges was not able to attend the awards banquet.

The Natural Choice is Life



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

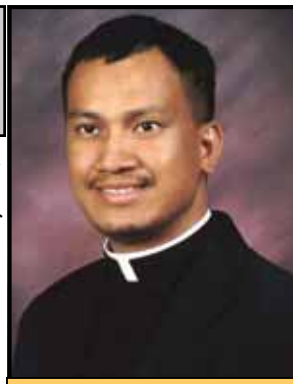


by Fr. Wilmar O Zabala New Assignment, Moving, Saying Goodbye

I have a confession to make: I don't like moving! I don't like doing the things I have to do that's associated with moving to a different place: the packing, the saying goodbye, the going-away party that never seems to last, the turning in your keys to the house that has become your refuge for years (I often wonder why priests couldn't just keep those keys! It's not like they'll come back and steal something!). You see, our bishop, Carlos A. Sevilla, S.J., has asked me to be the new Director of Catholic Campus Ministry at Central Washington University in Ellensburg. I am imagining you doing two things right now: *Either* you're jumping up and down, filled with joy, that the Church is paying more attention to the spiritual well-being of this group of people *or* you're on your knees praying that I would survive these college students!

I am actually excited about this new assignment. But, yes, I don't like moving. As I look back on my recent moving experience, however, I have learned important lessons that could be helpful to our spiritual growth.

God works through us. God uses each one of us for His purpose. The cards I received from parishioners have brought this message to light like never before. It's very humbling to read about the homily I gave that brought one person back to church. It's very humbling to read about a family's appreciation for taking the time to visit their sick loved one in the hospital. It's very humbling to read about lives being touched and inspired because of the enthusiasm and joy I show in the practice of our Catholic faith. God works through us. God uses one of us for His purpose. We don't know what that specific purpose is – and that's where individual and personal discernment comes in – but we do know that God doesn't ask us to do something on the basis of our worthiness. Those cards from parishioners reassure me that we don't have to be rich or powerful to make a difference. Simple and humble people do great things because greed and pride don't get in the way of God working through them. I like what Mother Angelica once said about God working through us: God is looking for dodos. There are a lot of people who know it can't be done so they don't do it. But a dodo doesn't know it can't be done. God uses dodos. And I am a dodo." I am joining the club, Mother Angelica: I am also a dodo!



STATE VICE-CHAPLAIN
THE REVEREND
WILMAR O. ZABALA

Pack light. I don't really have much – only books that I have accumulated throughout the years. Reading is one of my passions in life. But it did bother me that I still accepted an invitation from a college student who volunteered to help me pack up those books! If packing up these few worldly possessions bothered me, how much more for people who fill up every room of their homes with so much stuff from the local big-box stores that they have to rent storage space for their leftovers? Study after study confirms that our "fill 'er up" society isn't content, that with all our full houses and garages, we feel empty and suffer from depression and anxiety. And even though being full has not made us happy, we still continue to crave for the lives of those who are even more full of stuff than we are. My moving experience made me think of the Beatitudes: that God has a privileged presence in the powerless; that the poor, the hungry, the weeping are blessed because they more easily and more readily make a place for Him in their lives. They don't have anything to prove or lose; they have much to gain. When we get very much attached to our material possessions, our hearts get divided, and there's always the tendency to make God our last resort. Perhaps, this explains why Catholicism is growing rapidly in the poor continents of Africa, Asia, and Latin America but declining significantly in the wealthy nations of Western Europe. I have learned that packing light detaches us from material things and anchors our lives more on God.

Let go. When I arrived at the rectory in Ellensburg, I found out that there are bookcases in the room. I wanted to unpack those boxes of books as fast as I could, but there wasn't much that I could do. Oh, that feeling of powerlessness and loss of control! I have to learn to be patient and wait for those bookcases to arrive. I am sure that more patience is needed when I assemble them! Thinking about all these things, I consoled myself with these words: God didn't do it all in one day. What makes me think I can?

Please pray for me and my new assignment. If you're passing through Ellensburg in your travels this summer, stop by, bring me Starbucks coffee, and say hello! Go Wildcats!

Father Wilmar
Rev. Wilmar O. Zabala
State Vice-Chaplain

Message from State Secretary Knights to Christ Meditation Book



This daily meditation pocket size book is a way to begin a closer relationship with Jesus Christ.

In order to fulfill our duties as Officers of our Councils, as Chairmen, as District Deputies, as State Officers, we need the Holy Spirit to guide us.

The Knights of Columbus will not succeed without the Spirit leading the way.

Jesus told the apostles, "I will send a Paraclete to guide you. He will do the same today if we seek him in prayer and meditation.

Each member of your Council could use a copy of this meditation book, *Knights to Christ*.

The Country Store at the Summer Meeting will have copies for sale at \$7.00 each. To order bulk for your council, the cost is \$6.00 each plus shipping. See the WA. State Web page for more information.

Contact: *John M. Wallace*
State Secretary
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DOES YOUR COUNCIL NEED AN AD 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.



Fr McGivney Guild Message



Father McGivney died August 14, 1890. If the Vatican Congregation for the Causes of Saints should choose to move forward with his beatification, the Church will assign Father McGivney a feast day. So that Guild members may prayerfully observe the day of his death, a triduum of Masses will be celebrated in Rome for the intention of the successful progress of his cause for canonization. Guild members' intentions will be included and placed on the altar.

Please fill out the form in the May-June 2008 Guild Newsletter and forward it to the Guild office no later than July 7, 2008.

While doing so, you may want to order some of the many Guild Items as incentives for your membership recruiters or to give out in a drawing for all those who sign up for the Guild:

- \$10 Fr McGivney mug
- \$7.50 Fr McGivney lapel pin
- \$11.00 pewter collector's spoon
- \$10 scented rosary in case

In this way you can display the Guild Items for your current and perspective members and parishioners to consider purchasing and at the same time stimulate their interest in joining the Guild. The quickest way for members and parishioners to join the Guild is to access the website (www.fathermcgivney.org).

Vivat Jesus!
Karl Hadley, IPSD
Chairman, Fr McGivney Guild

**CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
IS FOR GROWN-UPS
LIKE YOU!**

Vocations Are Everybody's Business

District Deputy Director Message



Attention All District Deputies ...

The following is your Checklist for the Summer Meeting in Pasco... These are the things that you should bring to the meeting...

- Your DD Robe – or your predecessor’s DD Robe**
Yes even if it doesn’t fit!!! We will make the appropriate exchanges at the meeting
- Your DD Handbook – this is your copy of the Grand Knight’s Handbook.**
This is the three ring binder that is your copy of the Grand Knight’s Handbook. You should get a copy from your predecessor. This will be updated at the meeting.
- Your DD Jewel**
If you are a new DD – you will be getting a new Jewel. You DO NOT need to get your predecessor’s jewel.
- Your Positive Attitude & Willingness to Learn How to be a Great DD!**
This is something that if you do not have coming into this job – make certain that you look around to find it prior to the meeting.

There are some additional things that you should plan to help your district **Grand Knights** remember to bring to the meeting. They are...

- Grand Knight’s Handbook**
Every council was issued a Grand Knight’s Handbook. Your Grand Knights should be bringing their copy to the meeting for reference and update.
- Copy of Council’s Form #185 - & # 365**
This is the councils Report of Officers Chosen (Form 185) and Report of Service Program Chairman (Form 365). Even if these have been submitted, bring copies for the State Deputy.

MONTHLY SERVICE REPORTS PERCENTAGES

We have published the report for Monthly Service Report Percentages on the State Web Site. Please go to http://www.kofc-wa.org/MiscContent/MSR_Participation.pdf to view the current status.

Fraternally yours,
Ed Parazco, State Warden
General Program Director

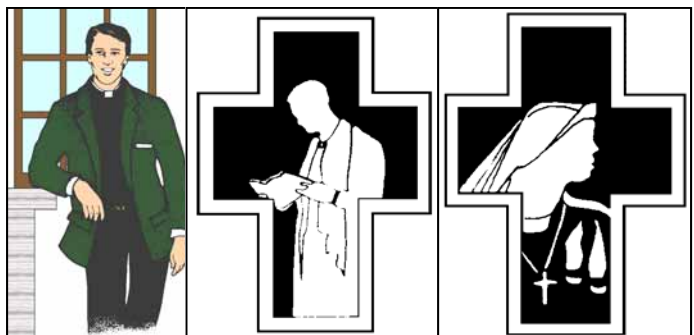
The Start of a New Fraternal Year...

Yes – I know that you did not need me to tell you this. But I thought that I would write a few words and share a thought or two about the New Fraternal year that we are starting this month. It is not too often that one has a chance to reflect on all that lies ahead. There are many times that we think about what has just happened and reflect on what has passed. How often have you said things like - “Where did the time go?” or “Boy, if I had it to do again, I’d certainly do it differently.”

Well, here we are – starting a new year. Why not take a moment to reflect forward on what is ahead. Just because the road might appear long, it doesn’t mean that you should approach it too slowly and so cautiously that it might delay a great start. I once read that when the road ahead is long, there are countless ways for you to make a difference. The richest, most fulfilling travels down that road are the ones that seem impossibly long – but so gratifying. And don’t the greatest achievements come in response to the greatest challenges. When there is much to be done, there is enormous value to be created. Those who step forward, those who make the effort, those who persist will be able to claim that value. Remember, it is there for you.

So here we are, starting this trip together. It’s time to get started and hit it with gusto. When the road is long and when the challenges are great, you’ll find that this is your chance to truly shine. When you reach the end of this fraternal year next year on June 30, and you can say that you gave it all you have, you probably end up with the best you can be – and a big fat smile on your face!

Pat Maloney, PSD
District Deputy Director



**PRIESTS, BROTHERS, NUNS.
THEY NEED US.
WE NEED THEM.**

Vocations Are Everybody's Business

A "THANK YOU" LETTER FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR



We have May in the books now, and and by the time you read this, June will also be in the books. I want to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to all our ACTIVE COUNCILS this past fraternal year. I know that it would not have happened without your great leadership as Grand Knights. As the CEO of your council you set the pace and work through others in getting things done...and that means setting your annual

agenda, appointing committee chairmen and then keeping your finger on the pulse making course corrections as the days, weeks and months quickly sail by.

We were still short of our goal on June 1 and needed every COUNCIL making a contribution to our membership growth this Fraternal Year. The clips I note below from your District Deputies give you just a small glimpse of what you have been doing in these final weeks; and as we move into the new Fraternal Year (2008-2009) on July 1, we need every Grand Knight to make a commitment in his heart to lead the charge to become a MEMBERSHIP ACTIVE COUNCIL.

Please note what you and your Brothers have been and are doing...

"Dear Brother Knights: There will be 1st degree exemplification at the Seattle Council #676 located at 722 E. Union St., Seattle at 7:00 PM. You must leave earlier to get there at a proper time, Thanks. This is the last chance that I know of to bring in your candidates for the Initiation for the K of C calendar year which ends on June 30th, 2008. Thanks."

"Greetings!" District 11, had a first degree yesterday and we brought in 7 new 1st degree members. In Christ, DD Jerry Herrera"

"District 27 will have a 1st degree June 24, 2008. At 310 3rd Ave S Kent. It will start 7:30 PM. "C" should be there by 7:15 PM. I will Fax in the Form 100. DD # 27 John"

"Dear Brother Knights: I am glad that I was able to get 7 candidates for 1st Degree Ceremony for St. Mark, Shoreline Area, tomorrow, Sat. June 21st, at 9 AM. I have notified all the Western side DDs with the provision that they pass the word out to all GKs."

"The First Degree was held in Colton, 6 new members were brought in, 2 from Colton, 3 from Clarkston and 1 from Pomeroy. Another Degree is being planned to bring in additional member(s) from Pomeroy who were unable to make the Colton Degree. Barney Buckley DD08"

"Colville does it again!!! We initiated 2 new members last night! This will put us at 340% barring anything from happening! Eddie SW"

I am sorry that time and space does not allow me to list all your great efforts as Knights of the Venerable Servant of God Fr. Michael J. McGivney, 1.75 million Catholic gentlemen who support our Church by putting our faith into action. There is no better way to support his vision and to respond to Pope Benedict's call than to become an active member in the Knights of Columbus than to recruit a new Brother Knight. As our Pope said during his historic visit...

"Follow Me" Help Us Build Up The Church!

So I ask you once again, let us continue the "Membership Challenge" and follow our Holy Father. We will all sail to the finish line in the New Fraternal Year beginning July 1st...Our work is not complete; we are not yet finished; our reward is not yet here! I will look for you all at the Summer Leadership meeting in Pasco. Thank you all once again for your great work and due diligence!

Vivat Jesus,

George Tzerwonka,

State Advocate and Membership Director

2007/2008 MEMBERSHIP JACKET AWARDS For Achieving 100% quota in by December 31, 2008

GRAND KNIGHT COUNCIL

- Rick Sartain..... Grandview, St. Joseph Council 2103 (17)
- Casper J. Sommer ... Port Angeles
James G. Caldwell Council 2260 (24)
- Matt Gross..... Anacortes, Fr. Treunet Council 3611 (19)
- Mark A. Mauger..... Kirkland, Obadiah Council 7642 (16)
- Lee Bayley Spokane, St. Charles Council 8137 (20)
- Rodney D. Kapule... Kent Council 8150 (27)
- Ralph E. Chestine.... Monroe
St. Mary of the Valley Council 9910 (21)
- Stan Hicks Kennewick, Holy Spirit Council 10653 (7)
- Paul G. Brown..... Shoreline,
Fr. Theodore P. Sullivan Council 11217 (26)

- Chuck J. Errico Langley, St. Hubert Council 11357 (19)
- Clark W. Gaines Kirkland
St. John Mary Vianney Council 11408 (16)
- Sean McCormick Spokane
St. Aloysius Gonzaga Council 12583 (5)
- Mike Calderon Vancouver
Fr. Michael J. McGivney Council 12983 (11)
- David Layden Tacoma
St. Charles Borromeo Council 13238 (29)
- Steve Plaisance Granite Falls,
Holy Cross Council 13560 (13)
- John D. McGrath Fife, St. Martin of Tours Council 14162 (22)
- Robert Kirby Newport, Pend Oreille Council 14268 (28)

**Washington State Council Summer Leadership Meeting
July 11 – 13, 2008 - Pasco Red Lion Hotel
General Agenda**

FRIDAY - July 11, 2008

Noon – 4:00 PM	State Officers Meeting – Executive Board Room
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	PFH Meeting – Executive Board Room
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Columbus Charities BOD Meeting – Executive Board Room
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Columbus Charities BOD Dinner – Forest Room
8:00 PM – 9:15 PM	District Deputies & State Chairmen Reception – Forest Room
9:30 PM	Summer Meeting Preparation – Executive Board Room

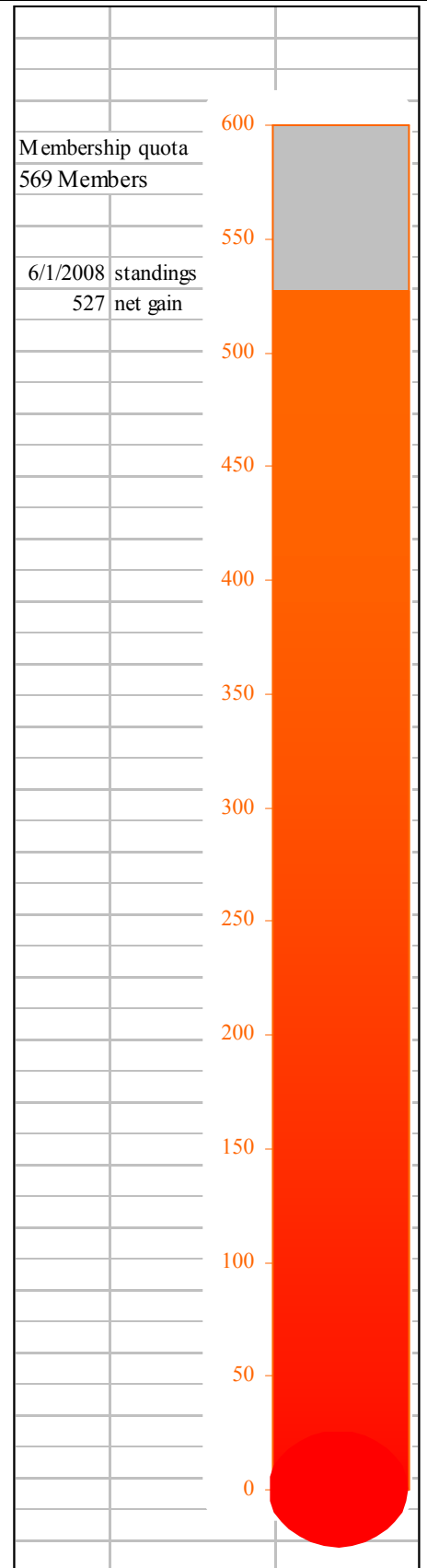
SATURDAY - July 12, 2008

6:00 AM – 7:45 AM	Attendees - Breakfast on your own
7:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Registration – Olympic Foyer
7:30 AM – 10:45 AM	District Deputies Training (Session #1) – Design Room
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	State Chairmen Orientation & Set-up - Sage Room)
8:00 AM – 10:45 AM	Financial Secretaries Training (Session #1) – Forest Room
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Good of the Order Meeting – Executive Board Room
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Country Store (Room 2110) & Ladies Hospitality Room - Project Room
9:00 AM – 10:45 AM	Grand Knights' Welcome – Silver/Bronze
10:00 AM – 11:45 AM	Ladies Buffet Breakfast and Program (Bin 10) (Tickets Required)
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Ladies Hospitality Room Open (Project Room)
11:00 AM – 12:15 PM	Leadership Buffet Luncheon (Tickets Required) – Olympic/Gold
12:30 PM – 2:15 PM	General Session - All Attendees – Silver/Bronze
2:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Grand Knights Training (Session #2) – Silver/Bronze
2:30 PM – 4:30 PM	District Deputies Training (Session #2) – Design Room
2:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Financial Secretaries Training (Session #2) – Forest Room
5:30 PM - 6:45 PM	Mass and Installation of Officers and DDs - St Joseph - Kennewick (DD's & State Officers line up @ 5:15 PM)
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Buffet Dinner & Social (Tickets Required) – Olympic/Gold
9:00 PM	Pool Open

SUNDAY - July 13, 2008

6:00 AM – 7:45 AM	Attendees - Breakfast on your own
8:00 AM – Noon	Country Store (Room 2110) Open
8:00 AM – 8:50 AM	General Session - All Attendees – Silver/Bronze
8:50 AM – 9:00 AM	Break
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Ladies Coffee and Pastries – Olympic Room
9:00 AM – 9:55 AM	General Session – All Attendees – Silver/Bronze
9:55 AM – 10:30 AM	DD Training (Session #3)(Goal Setting) – Design
9:55 AM - 10:30 AM	GK's Goal Setting Session – Silver/Bronze
9:55 AM - 10:30 AM	Financial Secretaries Training (Session #3) – Forest Room
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Break – Visit Program Tables
10:30 AM – 11:59 AM	General Session General Programs – Silver/Bronze Closing Remarks – Supreme Director. Good of the Order & State Officers
Noon	Adjourn – Have a safe trip home!

Membership Goal Thermometer



General Program Director Messages



Worthy Brothers,

Welcome to the new fraternal year! With the new fraternal year comes election of council officers and the need to complete and file form 185 "the Election of Council Officers". Please submit yours to the Supreme Council with a copy to our State Deputy. These were due by June 30 - so

make sure you get them in now if you haven't already.

Next focus on the selection of your council chairman and the completion of form 365 "Service Program Personnel Report". That also gets submitted to the Supreme Council with a copy to our State Deputy.

Now you should plan your fraternal year. What goals do you have for the council? Where do you want to lead the council? What programs and events do you wish to push? Sketch out your fraternal year so each month you already have a basic map of what you had planned to do during that month.

Part of that planning process should be attendance at the Summer Leadership Meeting, both you as the new Grand Knight as well as those officers and program chairman that would benefit should attend. There they will get first hand information on the programs from the Supreme and State Councils. They will have an opportunity to meet and speak with the various State Program Chairmen.

As you are beginning your year, there is one more report which needs to be submitted to close out last fraternal year. That is, if you sponsored a "ROUNDTABLE" you are required to submit report form 2630. If this was not done by June 30th please bring this report with you to the summer meeting.

Please bring the following items to Summer Leadership Meeting:

1. Copy of FORM 185, if not submitted also the original,
2. Copy of FORM 365, if not submitted also the original,
3. Copy of your COUNCIL PHONE TREE,
4. Original and copy of JULY FAMILY OF THE MONTH submission
5. Your request for access to the STATE WEB PAGE, Grand Knight & Council Program Director only.
6. Grand Knight's Handbook

Turn the reports in to the General Program Director. He will have a mail box for your use.

We have some BIG changes for the 1000 Point Club this year – be sure you attend the Summer Leadership meeting to get the scoop!

In closing, I congratulate all you Brother Knights who were elected or re-elected to your council's leadership. Remember, all the State Chairmen, myself and the other State Officers are available to help you succeed. Call on us and we will respond.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Summer Leadership Meeting in Pasco.

Fraternally

Ed Parazoo, State Warden & General Program Director

Knights of Columbus Sets New Record for Charitable Giving, Volunteer Service

New Haven, CT - June 6, 2008 - The Knights of Columbus announced today that it set new all-time records for charitable giving and volunteer service hours in 2007. Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson released the results of the survey in a speech to state deputies and members of the board of directors in New Haven.

The results of the Order's Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity for the year ending December 31, 2007 show that total contributions to charity at all levels reached \$144,911,781 - exceeding the previous year's total by more \$1 million. The figure includes \$31,235,220 donated by the Supreme Council, and \$113,676,561 in charitable donations from state and local councils, Fourth Degree assemblies, and squire circles.

The survey also shows that the reported number of volunteer hours by Knights for charitable causes grew to 68,695,768 hours, up more than 400,000 hours from 2005. There were 393,030 Knights of Columbus blood donors during the year, and Knights made more than 5.5 million visits to the sick and bereaved.

Cumulative figures show that during the past decade, the Knights of Columbus has donated nearly \$1.28 billion to charity, and provided in excess of 612 million hours of volunteer service in support of charitable causes.

FOURTH DEGREE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDS

The Trustees of the "Knights of Columbus John W. McDewitt (Fourth Degree) Scholarships" selected the following from Washington State as winners of one of the awards. The scholarships of up to a maximum of \$1,500.00 annually will be sent to the college and applied to the students account. Receiving the scholarships were:

Kyle P. Ryan, son of Terry Ryan of Fr. Justin P. Garvey Council 6686 – Bothell. Kyle will be attending Gonzaga University.

Jacob R. Felcyn, son of Paul R. Felcyn of Harry J. Tucker Jr. Council 11780 – Covington. Jacob will be attending Seattle University.

Jamie E. Burns, son of Kenneth C. Burns of St. Theresa Council 7908 – Federal Way. Jamie will be attending Carroll College.

Congratulations to the three recipients and best wishes for success in your college program which will begin in September 2008.

The Knights of Columbus Stand in Solidarity against Assisted Suicide

The Washington State Council of the Knights of Columbus stood firm in their stand against the assisted suicide initiative at their **105th State Convention** held May 16 – 18 at the Red Lion – Inn at the Park Hotel in Spokane. They unanimously passed a resolution against Initiative 1000 pledging their full support and personal resources to educate our citizens in calling the initiative what it truly is...assisted suicide. The resolution reads:

Resolution No. 12 (Approved May 17, 2008 Washington State Council, 105th Annual Convention, Spokane, WA)

WHEREAS, A physician assisted suicide initiative presented and falsely marketed as “death with dignity” is on the Washington initiative agenda; and

WHEREAS, Health care professionals of every kind and discipline are meant for healing and not the taking of human life; and

WHEREAS, The assisted suicide initiative would, if passed, legally allow doctors to prescribe a lethal dose of medication so certain patients can use it to commit suicide; and

WHEREAS, The law would run counter to the teachings of the Catholic Church by allowing a form of sanctioned euthanasia that would diminish respect and true dignity for human life; and

WHEREAS, Our State Chaplain, Bishop Carlos A. Sevilla, S.J., Archbishop Alexander J. Brunett of Seattle, and Bishop William S. Skylstad of Spokane have asked that the Knights of Columbus take the lead in helping to protect human life by joining the effort to defeat the physician assisted suicide initiative through their financial contributions and leadership role in educating people; and

WHEREAS, Our State Deputy, John L. Walker, has issued a call to action, “It is the time to walk the talk, to back up our words,” for financial assistance from subordinate councils of the Washington jurisdiction as soon as possible to put forth an amount sufficient for the campaign against the initiative for physician assisted suicide; then therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Washington State Council and subordinate councils vehemently oppose the physician assisted suicide initiative and all the forms of the taking of human life; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the members of the Washington State Council are encouraged to contribute individual and council funds to inform the citizens of Washington State of the harm physician assisted suicide will bring to the elderly and all forms of human life, and that all Knights and their families contact their elected Washington State legislators urging them to take a leadership role against physician assisted suicide and to vote against any and all such measures accepting only policies and initiatives that protect human life in every form from conception to natural death.

“People in need of a helping hand commit suicide every day, and we, as fellow citizens, all have an obligation to help them resolve their personal crisis instead of assisting them in carrying out the desperate act of suicide,” said George Czerwonka, the Knights State Advocate. So why do we need a law to put the burden of taking their life on our physicians and other health care professionals? Any law that allows physicians to terminate the lives of their patients is very unwise and runs counter to thousands of years of human civilization. When ill people learn the true details about assisted suicide and that no record will be kept of their decision, they too will come to oppose the taking of their own life. Death is a natural process of life and there is no reasonable explanation for such taking of life when someone is suffering psychological distress.

The Knights went on to say that Initiative 1000 is nothing more than an assisted suicide proposal being falsely marketed by its proponents and one of its major backers, former Governor Booth Gardner, as death with dignity...there can be no dignity in taking the life of an ill, disabled or elderly person. Oregon is the only state in 25 across the nation that have tried to enact these assisted suicide proposals and they have all failed but for Oregon. Where do Oregon and these proponents plan to go next...euthanasia? If true to their course as is now being done in Europe, they will go beyond assisted and begin taking human life too without consent. Maybe we will begin to account for our ill, disabled and elderly like we do with our pets that become too old or too ill to manage their daily life activities.

So who is against this initiative...not just the Knights of Columbus? There is a broad coalition against this initiative including doctors, nurses, the disabled community, hospice workers, minority groups, religious groups and many other citizens of our state. The many falsehoods repeated by the proponents of assisted suicide claim this is a religious issue when in fact it is an issue that runs counter to our civilization. The religious groups are present in their opposition as are people across the full spectrum of society.

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal Order founded in New Haven, CT by Father Michael J. McGivney with more than 1.7 million members and their families in over 13,000 active local councils throughout the world. The Knights annually donates over \$139 million and 64 million hours of service to charitable causes. They celebrated their 125th Anniversary Year this year standing together in charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism as a beacon in a world darkened by materialism, cynicism and secular humanism. Insisting that human life is sacred and inviolable, Knights of Columbus families strive to end the Culture of Death while creating the Culture of Life.

The Knights have pledged their time, talent and resources to defeat this measure by educating neighbors and all citizens of Washington for what this measure truly is and the harm it will only bring to us all. Membership in the Order symbolizes an individual’s commitment to his faith as a practicing Catholic, his profound love for his country, and his steadfast dedication to serving his community. There is no greater charity than lending a helping hand to save the life of another. If you are a Catholic gentleman and have turned 18 years of age, you too can join us in defeating this initiative. Please visit www.kofc.org for more information.

Exemplification Fund Fee



Thanks again for your patience in helping me to update the status of the exemplification fund. As a reminder, please feel free to obtain your billing status at any time by emailing me (StateTreasurer(at)kofc-wa.org).

The attached report has been updated to include corrections received and payments credited through July 1. Note that some checks may still be en route from the State Secretary to me for deposit and are therefore not reflected in the totals yet, so be sure to check with me by email if your total does not look correct.

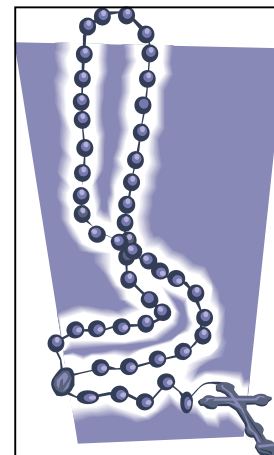
The status report shows credits as a negative (in parentheses) which sometimes occurs when your payment gets updated before I receive notification from the Supreme Council of a membership increase. Also note that my tally of \$7.00 per new member assumes that all increased members are new members; please inform me of any priests, readmissions, or reactivations so I can deduct them from the total. Finally recall that as with all funds, exemplification fees are to be sent to the State Secretary, not to me.

I would greatly appreciate your efforts to review your council's records with me either in advance of or at the Summer Leadership Meeting this month in Pasco. I would like to start the year by resolving any outstanding balances from the previous year.

Thank you for your patience and diligence in keeping these records up-to-date.

Vivat Jesus,
Don McBride, State Treasurer

COUNCIL #	FEE BALANCE	COUNCIL #	FEE BALANCE	COUNCIL #	FEE BALANCE	COUNCIL #	FEE BALANCE
676	\$ 28.00	3611	\$ 4.50	8476	\$ (1.00)	11780	\$ 35.00
683	\$ 109.00	3645	\$ 14.00	8872	\$ 77.00	11789	\$ 21.00
763	\$ (9.00)	4385	\$ 161.00	9145	\$ 21.00	11906	\$ 42.00
809	\$ 14.00	4782	\$ 14.00	9237	\$ 7.00	11948	\$ 27.00
829	\$ 6.00	5816	\$ 14.00	9238	\$ 28.00	12175	\$ 14.00
1327	\$ (7.00)	6097	\$ 138.00	9434	\$ (7.00)	12273	\$ 7.00
1379	\$ 28.00	6686	\$ 21.00	9605	\$ 21.00	12420	\$ 7.00
1460	\$ 28.00	6706	\$ 7.00	9617	\$ 21.00	12483	\$ 14.00
1545	\$ 14.00	6806	\$ (7.00)	9664	\$ 14.00	12591	\$ 35.00
1550	\$ 7.00	7356	\$ 35.00	9721	\$ 21.00	12889	\$ (2.00)
1606	\$ 7.00	7528	\$ 56.00	9833	\$ 41.00	12899	\$ 14.00
1643	\$ 140.00	7642	\$ 14.00	9910	\$ 63.00	12983	\$ 49.00
1674	\$ 42.00	7863	\$ 56.00	9941	\$ 7.00	13186	\$ 54.00
1699	\$ 35.00	7907	\$ 10.00	10534	\$ 49.00	13238	\$ 14.00
2103	\$ 63.00	7908	\$ 49.00	10543	\$ 35.00	13364	\$ 7.00
2126	\$ 42.00	8079	\$ 63.00	10652	\$ 21.00	13374	\$ 21.00
2303	\$ (28.00)	8102	\$ 35.00	10653	\$ 35.00	13422	\$ 7.00
2763	\$ 14.00	8136	\$ 35.00	11134	\$ 21.00	13462	\$ 14.00
2999	\$ 56.00	8137	\$ 168.00	11217	\$ 21.00	13560	\$ 4.00
3153	\$ 21.00	8179	\$ 49.00	11252	\$ 7.00	13606	\$ 42.00
3307	\$ (14.00)	8201	\$ 28.00	11357	\$ 63.00	13794	\$ 35.00
3361	\$ 63.00	8266	\$ 14.00	11478	\$ (12.00)	13834	\$ 7.00
3455	\$ 14.00	8297	\$ (9.00)	11611	\$ 28.00	14046	\$ 7.00
3598	\$ 56.00	8311	\$ 35.00	11762	\$ 98.00	14394	\$ 42.00
Total	\$ 729.00		\$ 1,004.50		\$ 679.00		\$ 517.00
\$ 2,929.50	As of	1-Jul-08					



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MEMORANDUM

To: _____
From: Sister Sharon Park, OP
Date: June 20, 2008
Re: Update on WSCC's end of life educational program, including assisted suicide.

There have been many questions from parish leadership and parishioners asking what the Church is doing about I-1000, the assisted suicide initiative, and what can they do to defeat it. The Washington State Catholic Conference (WSCC) is providing this update about its efforts to educate and inform Catholics in the state of Washington on end of life issues. The Church's teaching about a good death answers questions regarding pain management, palliative care, and about withholding and withdrawing of extraordinary treatment as well as providing spiritual support as one prepares to enter the "fullness of life."

A Teachable Moment

Whether I-1000 makes it to the November ballot or not, we believe it provides the Church a teachable moment to educate Catholics on end of life issues, including assisted suicide. The WSCC has added a new section to its website (<http://www.thewsc.org/LifeEd>) with links to Catholic teaching on end of life issues as well as information about physician assisted suicide. The WSCC is also offering educational programs for both clergy and parishioners, is producing a video to be released in July on Respect for Life at the End of Life, and creating other materials such as a WSCC statement opposing assisted suicide, a brochure, and a prayer card.

Parish Involvement

Parishes need to start getting organized. The Knights of Columbus have been very involved on the issue of assisted suicide and want to assist in parish activities. The WSCC website is a good reference point, particularly the sample plan for parish activity.

Every parish is encouraged to have a leader and to make plans for more active involvement. Almost all parishes, for example, used the bulletin insert from *Living Faith* encouraging parishioners not to sign petitions for the initiative. Other opportunities to get involved include distributing (Arch)diocesan approved videos and DVDs on end of life issues, displaying posters, providing presentations to parishioners, and coordinating programs, events, and bulletin announcements.

Another very helpful activity is having a voter registration table set up before and after Mass where parishioners can obtain and complete voter registration and absentee ballot request forms. Materials for registering voters can be found at <http://www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/register.aspx>.

Sign-up forms on our website and in parishes will allow parishioners to pledge their support for a culture of life. Please send completed forms to WSCC.

New Website Launched, Other Resources Available Soon

The WSCC website (<http://www.thewsc.org/LifeEd>) provides resources and links in three major areas: *Catholic Teaching, Educational Resources on End of Life Decisions, and Information on Assisted Suicide.*

Soon, more resources will be posted, including a pastoral statement from the bishops of Washington State, a statement from the WSCC opposing I-1000, and a brochure.

Assisted Suicide Proponents Raise Over \$1 million as Deadline Approaches

The proponents of legalizing assisted suicide in our state continue to collect signatures. The deadline for submitting signatures with the Secretary of State's office in Olympia is July 3rd. State officials will determine by late July or early August whether enough valid signatures have been submitted in order for I-1000 to qualify for the ballot. For I-1000 to appear on November's general election ballot, approximately 225,000 signatures of registered voters will be needed. The Yes on I-1000 political action committee reported contributions totaling almost \$1.2 million. According to news accounts, the proponents expect to raise a total of \$5 million before the election.

Even if I-1000 does not qualify for the ballot, WSCC will proceed with the educational program on end of life issues.

WSCC Offers Presentations for Parishes on Faithful Citizenship and End of Life Teachings

Presentations on Faithful Citizenship and End of Life Teachings are already underway in parishes. To obtain more information or arrange a speaking engagement for your parish, please contact:

Seattle: Jim Thomas, Director, Adult Faith Formation for Catholic Social Teaching & Family Life
(206) 382-4268 jim.thomas@seattlearch.org

Yakima: Irene Gutierrez, Social Justice/Respect Life Director
(509) 965-7110 igutierrez@yakimadiocese.org

Spokane: Scott Cooper, Director of Parish Social Ministry
(509) 358-4273 scooper@ccspokane.org

Or contact the WSCC directly at (206) 301-0556 or wsc@thewsc.org

Educational Video Undergoes Final Editing

The WSCC is working on a video to educate Washington State Catholics about Church teaching on end of life issues, including assisted suicide. Most of the interviews have been completed and the final editing is underway. When completed, the video will be distributed on DVD to parishes and other Catholic organizations, and clips will be streamed on the WSCC website.

KCIC Message



Welcome to the 2008 KCIC season! We want to thank those councils that **preordered** their assorted display cases last year for pickup at the Summer Meeting in Pasco, WA. The councils that ordered their assorted display cases **after** the Summer Meeting **please** consider ordering for pickup at the Summer Meeting to be held in Pasco, WA this year. It is much easier to get the number of assorted display cases that we need **before** the Summer Meeting than **after** the Summer Meeting. When ordering, use separate order forms for Assemblies and Squire Circles. You can combine Council and Round Tables. We know which councils have round tables. The price for the first case in English **including** freight is \$140.00. You can **only** order **one** case at the special price. The price for the Spanish case **including** freight is \$73.00. **Please consider bringing a check to the Summer Meeting and giving it to the KCIC representative.** If you are buying multiple cases, you can confirm the total amount **prior** to or at the Summer Meeting.

If you need an order form, go to www.kofc-wa.org.

The addresses to mail the order form are at the bottom of the form. If you wish to email the order form, Ron Baker, KCIC Chairman KCIC at kofc-wa.org.

We want to encourage **more** of the councils to participate in this easy fund raiser as well as being part of this evangelization program. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Ron Baker

KCIC State Chairman

Can we please wrap up the 2007 KCIC season? The councils listed below still have outstanding balances. As stated by our worthy State Deputy at the State Convention we cannot fill your 2008 orders until the balances are cleared. Your District Deputies have copies of the invoices. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Ron Baker
KCIC Chairman

Council #	Amount	Council #	Amount
763	\$ 271.00	8768	\$ 137.00
1327	\$ 8.00	Cir 9238	\$ 199.50
2999	\$ 137.00	9833	\$ 8.75
3044	\$ 41.00	9941	\$ 137.00
3361	\$ 152.50	10664	\$ 137.00
5816	\$ 653.00	11217	\$ 137.00
6706	\$ 92.75	12002	\$ 12.00
7117	\$ 356.00	12251	\$ 12.00
8102	\$ 137.00	12420	\$ 37.50
8136	\$ 21.50	12889	\$ 280.35
8672	\$ 12.00	13186	\$ 137.00
		13831	\$ 157.75

Pro-Life Continued

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Knights of Columbus hold an Essay contest for 7th and eight graders. The winners were announced at the State Convention in Spokane. The winner for the second place essay contest was Kelly Lynch of Holy Family School, council 7682 GK Mark Mauer. Her essay is included in this bulletin. Congratulations on the fine work.

A number of pro-life, one of the activities are planned for this fraternal year. I look forward to working with you in the coming year and meeting with you at the Summer Leadership meeting on July 12, 13 and 14.

Vivat Jesus,

Jim Toth

Jim Toth

Pro Life Chairman

Wal-Mart Says No to Planned Parenthood event

Grassroots Pro-Life Victory: Wal-Mart tells Planned Parenthood - Not in our Parking Lot

Washington, DC (27 June 2008) - A Wal-Mart parking lot in Richland, Washington is the latest front-line in the battle against abortion-giant, Planned Parenthood.

At the request of hundreds of pro-lifers, the store cancelled an event in which Planned Parenthood would pass out information in the lot June 27.

[American Life League](http://www.AmericanLifeLeague.org) sent out a press release June 26 to pro-lifers across the country informing them of this latest Planned Parenthood encroachment into neighborhood retailers.

"It's hard enough for parents to safeguard their children from Planned Parenthood's pervasive sexualized propaganda," said Marie Hahnenberg, a researcher with American Life League. "They shouldn't have to worry about exposing their kids to Planned Parenthood's aggressive agenda even in Wal-Mart's parking lot."

Local protests were led by Jim Toth, pro-life chairman of the Knight of Columbus for the state of Washington, and after reportedly hundreds of calls and e-mails, the store decided to cancel the event.

"We thank Wal-Mart for taking a stand against Planned Parenthood," Hahnenberg continued. "In the spirit of Sam Walton, Wal-Mart has put the best interest of its customers first and they are to be commended for their decision. We'd also like to especially congratulate Jim and the Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph Council in Kennewick, Washington, as well as the hundreds of pro-lifers across the country who responded with calls, prayers, and support."

Pro-Life Message



We are not some casual or meaningless product of evolution..... Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary.

Pope Benedict XVI, First Homily as Pope, 2005

Pro-Life

Dear Brothers,

Greetings! At the state convention in Spokane Sister Sharon Park discussed how the Washington State Catholic Conference of Bishops has requested our support for the defeat an initiative to legalize assisted suicide. The importance of the defeat of this bill was presented also at the *Its About Life* Conference held at St Joseph's Parish in Kennewick earlier this year.

Why is this issue so important to us? What is being proposed is the legalization of a physician to write a prescription of poison to persons in Washington! In essence, the bill proposes to abandon people that are categorized as having "less than 6 months to live". The bill creates a distinction among people where some people are worth protecting from suicide, but some people are not. If this bill passes, those people with cancer or the specific illness will no longer has a life that is worth protecting as much as those without cancer or other specific illness.

It is up to us to reach out and say no, assisted suicide is not for anybody, nobody's is disposable, you are no less a member of our community because you have a severe illness, then you would be if you're out playing baseball. We will have more time to discuss the approach we are taking to defeat this bill. In the meantime, pray the initiative is unable to reach the required number of signatures of 220,000 by July 3rd in order for the measure to be placed on the ballot.

A number of pro-life, one of the activities are planned for this fraternal year. I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Each fraternal year the Washington

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Essays Winners

Second Place

BY: Kelly Lynch

Grade : 8th

School: Holy Family

Council: #7642

Grand Knight: Mark Mauger

Deciding on Life

Have you personally that affected by someone who chose to stand up for life? Many people around me have chosen life, and this has affected me greatly. Choosing life can impact everyone, just as choosing the opposite can destroy and change a person's life. How would your life the changed if the people around you chose abortion? My whole life would be turned around, if they had not chosen life.

In my life, someone's decision to stand up for life has affected me in many ways. One way is my mother's decision about choosing life for me. I would not be here today if she chose abortion, in spite of complications and hospitalization, and the possibility of a very early and most likely disabled baby. She still chose life. Another way someone's decision affecting me was when Elena and David chose life for their little Emma. Because of Emma's story, and seeing the early pictures of her, I realized when abortions are performed they are killing little babies just like Emma who could be alive today. Emma has touched everyone who hears her story, even her doctors who thought she would not survive.

A third way that someone's decision to stand up for life has changed me was when a mother in Korea and gave her baby's life, and my sister came to our family. Without her we would be a family of three children, and I would only experience having brothers, and not a sister to love and look up to. This mother's choice to love for child, even though she cannot care for her; allowed her to give love, and be loved, in our family. In Washington last year there were 25,989 abortions (Washington State Department of Health). The number of infants available for adoption has decreased over the past several years dramatically, due to contraception and legalized abortions. Meanwhile the number of families waiting to adopt has increased (Research Resources). Many of them have adopted from other countries. For some this is not possible due to the heavy costs. If the woman who aborted their babies last year had made the choice of life instead, many families would be blessed with a new child to love.

And finally a way that someone's decision affected not just me, but all who come in know them, were when the parents of my mom's disabled students chose life for their children. These children are really happy about who they are. They get joy, and put humor in peoples in people's lives. They can live a normal life and have a job and even live on their own. In England, one official figures show as many as 94% of women with babies with Down's syndrome are having abortions (Ertelt, S) In the United States, the percentage are almost as high. Andrew Imparato, Head of the American Association of People with Disabilities is concerned with this trend. He asks the question: "What kind of message does this send to people living with disabilities; that living with this is a fate worse than death?" (Neumayr,G). It is really amazing that people would choose abortion for children as these individuals who can change lives and make a difference, just as much as you and me.

Choosing life has affected me and many ways. I was given life, along with my sister, little Emma, and all the students in my mom's class. There can be no greater affect for us. I'm glad those who had a choice all chose life.

NCD/RT West



I have just agreed to be the new council, round table coordinator west for the coming year of 2008/2009. If things go right we will achieve our goal of 60 round tables for this year. I have learned a great deal from the DD's and GK's I have had the pleasure of working with the past two years and I think I am prepared knowledge, wise to be able to help our new DD.s and GK.s move forward and continue to maintain the high standard set by their predecessors.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the summer leadership training and helping our current group of new leaders get started on the right foot so we don't lose a lot of valuable time trying to find out what we have to do to accomplish our assigned goal for the coming year,

We still have time to get one more new council started to reach our goal of 3 this year. Hopefully a group of brother knights will step forward and provide us with that last council to reach the goal established by supreme.

Del Treichel
NCD/RT/West

> 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.

Ernest E. Wilmott	Vancouver 12899
Berthold M. Inglin	Buckley 9637
Ray F. Strojny	Lynnwood 5816
Michael A. Arent Sr.....	Kennewick 10653
H. Manning Barr.....	Bellevue 10664
William O'Brien.....	Colville 12273
Marvin Stock	Vancouver 12899

Family Members' Deaths

Roy Bly (Father of Rod & Dale Bly) Everett 763

Sick Notices

Norman St. Denis..... Everett 763
 Conrad A. Fournier (Council Warden)..... Coupeville 13422
 William R. Rumpza PGK,PFN,FDD Buckley 9637
 Richard W. Kubesh FFS Colville 12273
 George J. Landeis FS Tacoma 809
 Maurice Olson..... Everett 763
 Mary Hardy..... Everett 763

NCD/RT East ROUND TABLES- TWO IMPORTANT FORMS



Brother Knights,

Don't stop now, "Finish the Dance!", as mentioned by our immediate PSD Karl Hadley. What does all this mean? It shouldn't be confusing, although it could be if Grand Knights are not familiar with two forms that need to be filled out at this time of year.

ONE FORM: **2630** is due by June 30, 2008, (Round Table Annual Report) which needs to be filled out and sent to Supreme Council, cc: sent to SD and DD. Whoops, if this is late already, it should STILL be sent in to give credit for your Round Table.

SECOND FORM: **2629** (Report of Round Table Coordinator/Contact Person) is the form that is due now for renewal. Start the new fraternal year out with getting this job done, so last years business can continue providing your Council's presence (KofC) at a sponsored Parish.

Think of this as cultivating your garden and sharing your plants, or in this case, sharing your Council's programs with the sponsored Parish. Secure your success this coming year and insure the fact that membership will grow! ----- If Grand Knights have questions on either form, please stop by our table during the Summer Training Meeting, or contact any Chairmen listed on the Membership Team.

Note: The two above forms are very important and mostly good housekeeping.

NEW COUNCIL NEWS

District Deputy (7) Steve Snell is continuing his New Council Development of the existing Round Table in Othello (Sacred Heart Parish) sponsored by Eltopia-Connell Council 11478.

New District Deputy Ron Girkins and last year's District Deputy (7) Roger Devaney, have scheduled the presentation of the New Council Charter and Installation of officers on July 27, 2008. The New Council named "Holy Family Council 14510" is located at Fairchild Air Force Base.

I am looking forward to enjoying our weekend of Brotherhood, Charity, Unity and Fraternity at the Summer Meeting in Pasco.

Fraternally,
Dave Olson, PGK, FDD
NCD/RT East

Military Affairs—Archdiocese of Military Services USA (AMS)



Visit www.kofc.org/military
"Military Knights in Action" reports.
 Brother Knights, Grand Knights and
 Faithful Navigators:

For our Brother Knights information we currently have 41 active councils operating throughout the world: 31 Councils located in the United States at Alaska, Arizona, California, Delaware, Florida,

Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Texas, Virginia and Washington. We will soon add a 3rd council at Fairchild AFB, Council No. 14510 Holy Family with Dean Martinez as its Charter GK. Our military councils overseas include England (1), Germany (3), Guam (1), Italy (1), Japan (3) and Korea (1).

The "Military Affairs" program instituted in 2006 by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson to when he stated "The Military Archdiocese provides indispensable support to the Catholic men and women in our armed forces," Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said. "We regard it as one of our highest and most important priorities to provide help and support our soldiers, sailors and airmen, and to Archbishop Edwin O'Brien, who is entrusted with their spiritual welfare." At the time Archbishop O'Brien was in charge of the Archdiocese of the Military Services and since has been reappointed as the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The new Archbishop is Timothy Broglio who is active in council participation at many bases and local councils throughout the United States.

We will discuss a little more in detail the mission of the Archdiocese of the Military Services at the Summer Meeting and what you as a local council can do to support military personnel active, guard or reserve duty in your area. Many councils have such personnel active in their local councils and they have become an important part of the community. Most times it is not till the member has to deploy or rotate to an overseas area do we really become aware that he is serving in the military and we will lose him for a period of time. Many councils realizing this have taken action to support the family staying behind by various means, keeping them in mind at functions, calling to assist when they need help, babysitting, and most of all financial support to many with a small contribution not even noticed, suspensions of dues during the members service overseas. I applaud those councils being active.

You may want to check out the website above for more examples of the Knights in Action supporting our military personnel serving overseas. See you at the summer meeting and looking forward to your comments about what you are doing to being pro active in support of our military men and women.

Knights of Columbus – In Service to One. In Service to All.

Everett J. Roberts, PSD/FMFD

Veterans Administration Volunteer Service (VAVS) Serving Those Who Served

My Brothers, as we continue the need for volunteers in the VAVS program, especially in the area VA Hospitals, we look at the hundreds of Veterans Administration beds that are full. Brave men and women, who have risked so much in conflicts from World War II to Operation Iraqi Freedom need-our-help, will you? With the beginning of summer, many of us are tuned in on our summer activities with family, friends, council or assembly activities and we tend to forget the need that is still there in our VA Hospitals.

How can you help, get your council or assembly involved in at least one activity. If your council or assembly doesn't have time for a full blown activity, how about contacting your local facility Representative or Deputy Representative and ask them how you can help or what you can provide for their use.

One way to help could be through the collection of sundry items and here is a list of some of those items:

Denture cream, shampoo, disposable razors, combs and hairbrushes, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, lotions, aftershave, shaving cream, mouthwash, pre-paid phone cards, new cloths to include white cotton socks, sweat pants, shirts, new underwear for both men and women, shatter-proof mugs, insulated drinking cups. Some other items are stationery, greeting cards, writing materials and postage stamps.

Please note that personal items cannot contain alcohol and must be in their original containers. Items that have been used or are in opened containers will not be accepted.

If you choose to donate cash in the forms of check, they should be made out to the Veterans Administration Hospital with a memo notation that the funds are restricted to Voluntary Service patients comfort items.

There are many Veterans and many needs. If you're looking for an opportunity to do more, contact the Voluntary Services program at the VA Hospital in your area. The greatest gift you can give is your time. Isn't that what we do as Knights the best?

We are preparing for our annual summer meeting and many issues on the Veterans Administration Volunteer Service will be presented.

Seattle VA Hospital – John F. Abate Rep. Council 5816 and Michael F. Deacy Dep. Rep. Council 5816

Lakewood VA Hospital – Everett J. Roberts Rep. Council 11762, Frank L. Hyke (DD-29) Dep. Rep. Council 11762. James J. Jackson Dep. Rep. Council 11762

Vancouver Campus – Donald 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 766

Spokane 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".

Don't forget the THANK YOU (gratitude sign).

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

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

Everett J. Roberts PSD/FMFD

Telephone (253) 584-5632.

Color Corps for the Summer Leadership Meeting Wayne C. Hogan, PSD Master, Washington District

The Summer Leadership Meeting will be held July 11 through 13, 2008 at the Red Lion Inn in Pasco. State Deputy John Walker has asked the Fourth Degree Color Corps to participate at the installation of state officers and district deputies. The Installation Mass will be held at St. Joseph Church located at 520 S Garfield St, Kennewick. The mass will be at 5:30pm, therefore, request all Color Corps members to be at the church at 5:00pm to dress, receive instructions and form-up. A room has been reserved for the Color Corps to dress and store their regalia. The travel distance from the Red Lion Inn to the St Joseph Church is 5.2 miles and the drive is about 11 minutes depending on traffic. Maps will be provided at the meeting.

The training sessions for the district deputies, grand knights, financial secretaries, and other attendees is scheduled to be completed by 4:30pm. Will request early release for those participating in the Color Corps.

Encourage all Summer Leadership Meeting attendees, who have regalia, to participate in the Installation Mass. With the number of attendees who are sir knights attending the Summer Leadership Meeting, plus the sir knights of the local assemblies, we should have at least 30 in regalia. This is possible, only if you my brother sir knights want to make it happen. Will you join us in visually demonstrating our support of the clergy, the Order, the Washington State Council, and our country?

Request all sir knights who wish to participate in the mass contact Tom Sokol, Marshal East, at 509-993-2903. Tom's two email addresses are DistrictMarshalEast@kofc-wa.org and thomas@tjsappraisals.com.

If you have any questions, contact Tom Sokol or me at 253-581-5261 or email kofchogan@comcast.net.

*See you in Kennewick in regalia.
If not you, who? If not now, when?*



Give
Blood
Often

Ceremonial Meeting Wayne C. Hogan, PSD State Ceremonial Chairman

The 2008 State Ceremonial Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 23, 2008 at St. Andrews Parish Activity Center, 401 S Willow St, Ellensburg. To accommodate those traveling distances a gathering with coffee and sweet rolls will be from 9:30am to 10:00am. The meeting will start at 10:00am and continue until 1:30pm. Those wishing to depart immediately after the meeting may do so, all others are invited to have lunch at 1:30pm. The state will provide the lunch. Attendees are encouraged to carpool to the meeting. The drivers may submit a request for mileage.

This will be a very important ceremonial meeting with future major changes addressed. State Officers, Conferring Officers, Assigned District Deputies and Third Degree Team Captains are expected to attend. District Deputies, Second Degree Team Captains and Third Degree Team members are encouraged to attend. Anyone interested in becoming a member of a ceremonial team are invited.

All attendees must be a third degree knight.

Additional information will be provided at the Summer Leadership Meeting in Pasco. Please RSVP to me by email at kofchogan@comcast.net by Friday, August 16.

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

Certified Conferring Officer Karl A. Hadley, PSD

Washington has a new conferring officer, Karl A. Hadley, PSD. Brother Karl, the Immediate Past State Deputy, was certified on June 7, 2008 in Lakewood and has already been assigned degrees for this coming year.

My congratulations to Brother Karl on this major milestone in ceremonials. He joins the ranks of Washington's other active conferring officers, Ed Caballero, Pat Maloney, Don McBride, Mike Rutland, Tom Weber and me.

My thanks to Brother Frank Hyke, Degree Team Captain, and members of the Puget Sound Degree Team for participating in the certification.

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

*Wayne C. Hogan, PSD
State Ceremonials Chairman*

Family Message



It is time once again for the Summer Meeting. I really like this meeting because the enthusiasm of the new Grand Knights is infectious. There will be much for them to accomplish this year, not the least of which is to honor the great families in their Council by participating in the Family of The Month Program. I will get an opportunity at the Summer Meeting to show all of the new Grand Knights just how easy that is... I can hardly wait... See you in Pasco!

Congratulations to the 28 Councils who participated in the Family of The Month Program for April, 2008. They are as follows:

- 763, 1488, 1620, 4322, 4385, 4782, 7356, 7528, 7642, 7863, 8150, 8179, 8476, 8768, 8872, 9637, 10652, 11408, 11642, 11762, 12583, 12786, 12899, 12983, 13186, 13374, 14046, & 14394

Congratulations to the following families that were drawn by Supreme to receive the Holy Family Statuette in April:

- Paul & Cynthia Stabbert Lakewood 4322
- Matthew & Jill Klump Bellevue 4385
- Donald & Marcella Maile Stanwood 8476
- Laudie & Donna Faiman Colbert 8872
- Larry & Brenda Holdener Buckley 9637

The "Best Family of The Month" submission for the State (May 2008) came from Selah Council 8768, Ken Kron Grand Knight. The write-up honors the Mark & Kathy Nedrow family. The Write-up reads:

Kathy is the Recording Secretary for YLI. Mark is Financial Secretary for our Council. He is a blood donor, a fixture in the dishwashing area for all of our breakfasts, and he is a happy doughnut maker. They are extremely generous with their money and they are very willing and hard workers on our Thursday work parties and on The Paper & Can Recycling Project. They are wonderful to have around.

The world is a better and "green-er" place because of people like the Nedrows. I wonder about Mark and his happy doughnut making and if that is why he is wonderful to have A.....Round.

Play safe this summer!

God Bless,

Bob Baemmert

State Family Chairman

Message from Vocations, RSVP, PFH



My Brother Knights as I take on the duties of Vocations Chairman for the State Council I reflect on the fantastic job Duane Vincent and his wife have done during their tenure. I congratulate Duane on a job well done and I welcome any assistance he is willing to offer as I have a very big pair of shoes to fill.

As you know Vocations involves two very important state programs, Pennies for Heaven and the RSVP program.

The Pennies for Heaven program is the program with which we donate a Penny A Day – A Prayer A Day for vocations so that we can exceed last years contribution to each of the three bishops in the State of Washington for seminarian support. Grand Knights will soon receive their prospective goals for their respective councils and are encouraged to continue the great tradition that Duane fostered in them and their predecessors.

The RSVP Program is one of direct seminarian support. This support comes from councils that sponsor a Seminarian and donate \$500.00 dollars to that seminarian for Support. At the end of each year the council's Grand Knight submits a letter of reimbursement to Supreme after which the council will receive a Check for \$100.00.

Not only does a Seminarian need financial support but he also needs moral Support. Letters, care packages and other things that might boost the morale of a seminarian will reinforce the program.

You never know when you might stop by a church while you are on the road and find your seminarian there as the Parish Priest!

As we progress through the year I will expand on these and other ideas for the two Programs.

Again Duane, thank you for all of your hard work and know that the program is in good hands.

Vivat Jesus

Peter Caldwell, PGK, FDD, FN
Chairman Vocations, PFH, RSVP
e-mail to vocations at kofc-wa.org

Note from Seminarian

Here is a note received from a Seminarian supported by councils 8179 Kennewick, 13186 East Wenatchee and 13560 Granite Falls. He is a member of Spokane Council #12583.

Dear KofC,

I was accepted for the summer 2008 CPE program at Vitas Innovate Hospice Care in Orange County (California). It's a great opportunity for learning pastoral care skills.

I have already finished third year theology at St. Patrick's Seminary. Please continue praying for me.

Your brother, Ubaldo Guizar

Happenings Around the State

District 14

Dear Brother Knights: I want to personally thank a lot DD26 Bob Sanchez, Mike Connell, GK Paul Brown, all of the Council 11217 1st Degree Team (Shoreline) for allowing Council 4385 5 out of 7 candidates become 1st Degree K of C members in St. Mark, Shoreline area. All the Firenze Restaurant Team Salvatore Lembo (Owner), Francesco Montalto (Manager), Carl Calderon (Manager), Ettore Alonzo (Waiter), and Giovanni Nardone (Wine Businessman)

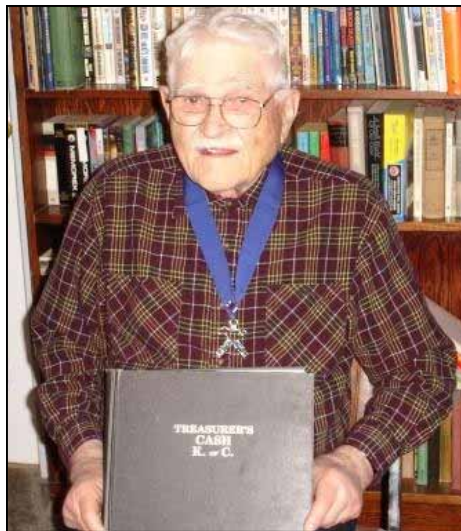
were very happy to become members of our great Org. and thanked me many times over for finally become KofC Members. I was able to talk to them at the end of Ceremony reminding them why Venerable Fr. McGivney founded this huge K of C Army, its Insurance benefits, about great Volunteer Org., Shining Armor opportunities Awards, God's Blessings. All the present Brother Knights congratulated them, and then I gave them a Shining Armor card that explained to them what steps they had to take to get a Shining Armor Pin. Afterwards I put the K of C pin on their Lapel. The Council 11217 provided all of us doughnuts and coffee. Again I want to thank from the bottom of my heart the Shoreline Council members for permitting exclusively for the St. Louise-Overlake Candidates become members. May God bless everyone for their great work for making everybody happy, including Our Great Worthy State Deputy, and

other State Officers, and efforts of #4385 Council help in their admssions, etc. I also want to thank GK. Tuan, admission Committee members, new F/S Trevy Burgess (assistance) and our great Insurance Agent Jeff Schumacher for taking their names for future Insurance needs. I had invited all the Councils in the District 14, but just St. Louise Council participated in the program.

LOVE IN JESUS,
Fraternally
Carmelo G. Ricciardelli, PGK, DD 14,
Council's Membership Director.



Camas-Washougal #2999 Felix Mueller Recognized



Fr Blanchet Council #2999, Camas, recognized Felix for his years of faithful service at their June business meeting with Certificates of Appreciation and Perfect Attendance and a small reception following the meeting. Felix was the Fr Blanchet Council Treasurer for 15 consecutive years from 1993 through June 2008. During

these 15 years Felix had perfect attendance—never missing a meeting in 15 years and kept a very detailed and perfect set of books.

Felix, a Pearl Harbor survivor, and his family, Michael and Marie, were also recognized by the Council as the Family of the Month. In addition to being Council Treasurer, Felix is an active Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister, is active in the council woodcut program--having cut and stacked hundreds of cords of wood over the last decade, and is a regular at the Sunday breakfast and a supporter of the Catholic Daughter's of America scholarship program (which has a scholarship named after him). He is also involved in numerous other activities. Felix is also an active member of the Fourth Degree and participates in the color guard.

It is with great pleasure that the Knights of Columbus acknowledges and thanks Felix Mueller for his years of faithful and dedicated service. He is truly an example for all to emulate.



Happenings Around the State

Spokane #14510—New Council, Holy Family 14510, At Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane, will be having its charter presentation at 10:30 am Sunday Mass on July 27, 2008. State Deputy John Walker will be presenting the charter to Grand Knight Dean Martinez. The new council will also be honored by the presence of the Supreme representative for Military Councils, Colonel Charles (Chuck) Gallina. The officers of the new council will be formally installed by District Deputy Ron Girkins in a ceremony immediately following the charter presentation.



Bellingham Council's float took first place, the Mayor's Award, in the non-commercial float category in the Ski To Sea Parade May 24. This is the second time our float has won the award. Following the parade theme 'Transportation--Past, Present, and Future', the float committee of GK Duane Heuser, Ken Koenig, Lyle Nelson, Ben Roberts, Bob Grasher, Chris Kowis, Mike Sherby, John Dutton, and Joe St.Hilaire, came up with a replica of Christopher Columbus's flag ship, the *Santa Maria*, complete with mast, bowsprit, and up-and-down movement simulating the turbulence of the sea. Playing the part of Columbus at the helm was Bro. Chris Kowis. Joshua Dutton, son of Bro. John Dutton, was in the role of cabin boy. Both characters wore period costumes. Joshua's was made by his mother, Janille. Bro. Chris spied the distance through a telescope and used a sexton to keep the ship on course. Bro. Bob Grasher pulled the float with his pickup truck. Marching in front of the float ensemble was a Fourth Degree color corps comprised of Commander Lyle Nelson, and Sir Knights John Lee, Jim Sofka, Gary Metcalf, John Dutton, and Joe St.Hilaire. Also for the second year at the parade Brother Mike Sherby operated a hot dog and soda booth for parade fans. The booth was situated on the Assumption grounds along the parade route and all 450 hot dogs were sold out before the parade ended. Assisting Bro. Mike with the hot dogs were Bro. Don Stevens and Cindy Sofka.

Our Fifth and Newest Assembly Our Lady of the Americas Assembly 3123 Wayne C Hogan, PSD Master, Washington District

On June 24 received notification from the Supreme Master announcing the establishment of our newest assembly, Our Lady of the Americas Assembly 3123 in Bothell on June 19, 2008. The assembly was instituted by Sir Knight Richard Foudray. The councils affiliated with the new assembly are Bothell Council 6686 and Woodinville Council 14046. My congratulations to all the sir knights who worked hard to form their own assembly and special thanks to Sir Knight Richard who is the District Deputy of District 16.

In the last fraternal year, 2006-2007, we established three new assemblies, Assembly 3006 in Vancouver, Assembly 3041 in Ellensburg, and Assembly 3063 in Chewelah. This is our fifth new assembly this fraternal year, 2007-2008, beginning with Assembly 3095 in Granite Falls, Assembly 3097 in Bremerton, Assembly 3106 in Buckley-Enumclaw, and Assembly 3111 in Colbert. My congratulations to all the sir knights who made these new assemblies possible.

JOB WELL DONE!

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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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A.M. Best affirms Knights of Columbus rating of A++ (Superior)

For the 33rd consecutive year, A.M. Best Company has given the Knights of Columbus its highest financial strength rating, A++ (Superior). A.M. Best is a worldwide rating and information agency, which conducts in-depth analyses and issues reports about the fiscal stability of insurance companies.

In its 2008 affirmation, A.M. Best cited the Knights of Columbus' "strong fraternal and insurance presence within the Catholic communities in the United States and Canada, its strong risk-adjusted capitalization as measured by Best's Capital Adequacy Ratio and the Order's consistently positive statutory operating results."

The report also stated that "the Order has a strong affinity with its large membership base through its charitable works

and competitive portfolio of life insurance and annuity products."

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said that A.M. Best's A++ rating "confirms the wisdom of our careful investment policies in turbulent economic times, and of our adherence to our original mission of providing Catholic families with security and stability through top quality life insurance products." During the past decade, the amount K of C insurance in force has doubled to more than \$67 billion.

The Knights of Columbus is an international fraternal benefit society and the world's largest lay Catholic organization with more than 1.75 million members. Last year members of the Knights of Columbus donated more than 68 million hours of volunteer service for charitable causes, and contributed more than \$144 million to charity.



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