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January 5, 2010

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Worthy State Deputy and dear Brother Wallace:

Both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate have now passed health care reform bills. Thanks to the efforts of Brother Knight Congressman Bart Stupak (D-MI), a broad bipartisan coalition of representatives was able to add language to the House version that maintains the long-standing policy against the federal funding of abortion. Unfortunately, the Senate version does not. It fails to maintain the policy against the federal funding of abortion and does not protect the conscience rights of those who refuse to participate in abortion. The U.S. bishops have called the Senate version "deficient" and have said that it should be opposed.

A joint House and Senate conference committee will soon meet to reconcile the difference between these two bills, and both chambers are expected to vote on a final common bill in January. It is crucial that every member of the House and Senate hear from us so that the final bill will not mandate federal funding of abortion and will adequately protect conscience rights.

I urge you to contact every Knight in your state and ask them to contact their elected representatives in both the House and the Senate. They can reach their elected representatives by email, phone calls or fax letters. Please go to the Knights of Columbus homepage at www.kofc.org for instructions on how to contact your Representative and Senators.

Brother Knights should also immediately call or visit the local office of their Representative and Senators while they are in their home districts during the Christmas recess.

Time is of the essence. Congress returns to Washington soon. We must prevent this health care legislation from becoming the largest expansion of abortion in our country since *Roe v. Wade*.

Fraternally,

 Carl A. Anderson
 Supreme Knight

Form #100
Belongs in
All of These Places

- BRIEFCASE
- IN YOUR POCKET
- NEAR YOUR PHONE
- GLOVE COMPARTMENT
- EVERYWHERE YOU GO!



**SIGN UP A
 NEW MEMBER
 TODAY!**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Message from State Deputy, John Wallace

Thank You From The State Deputy

When you hear the words, "I don't have time," from a prospective member, don't let this be a "discouraging word." We all hear this at times. During my recruiting efforts the answer I give is that it's okay to be what I call a "Silent Knight." We need both active and inactive Knights, and the reason is that **numbers count**. When politicians or any other groups understand the size of the Knights of Columbus, they pay attention. The Supreme Knight's "Culture of Life" is an example of the need to show the power of members backing him up when dealing with people and programs not in line with the Church and the Knights' beliefs. The new Knight might not be an active member in your council, but he is counted in the big picture.

Washington State is closing in on our goal of 17,000 members, at around 16,526 as I write this. I believe and trust that we can close this gap before June 30, 2010. I'm willing to try my best to achieve it.

I have the pleasure to announce that for the first six months of the fraternal year the Washington State Jurisdiction has gained 3 new councils. We are now at 148 councils strong and closing in on 150. Congratulations to Council 14852, St. Matthew's of Seattle, DD 26 Keith Klaus, DD 1 Romy Ablao & New Council Development Chairman Del Treichel. My congratulations also to Council 14922, Our Lady of Lourdes, Spokane, DD 18 Tom Sokol & New Council Development Chairman Dave Olson; and Council 14926, St. Joseph's of Sunnyside, DD 17 Ed Perez, & New Council Development Chairman Marcel Bergeron and Field Agent Armando Villarreal and his wife, Corina, who got the ball rolling at Sunnyside. Congratulations to all who worked on developing these new councils. I must also mention that other District Deputies and New



Council Development Chairmen are hard at work on developing other councils and round tables.

The next great news I would like to share is that membership in Washington State has met the halfway goal set by Supreme of 900 new members for the Fraternal Year. On Nov. 15, I sent a letter to all District Deputies and Grand Knights, stating that in order to meet this halfway point of 450 new members by 31 Dec, **200 more new members would be needed**. I asked you to "get it done" and you did. This requires a big thank you from me to all who work so hard for the Washington State Council.

My mother used to say about her sons, "There's not a lazy one in the bunch." I can say the same for all the District Deputies, Directors, Chairmen, Grand Knights, in fact, all Knights in Washington. All of you should realize how important you are to the Washington State success.

The State Deputy Road Show will have new topics in 2010, i.e. FS training; "what's wrong with my council and how do I fix it," and council officer training. Let me know what you would like in your area.

Archbishop Alexander Brunett, Bishop William Skylstad and Bishop Carlos Sevilla have written thank you letters to the Knights of Washington for the \$31,000 PFH checks they each received from you for seminary support, and for all that you do for the priests and seminarians.

The key to success is "Get it done"

St Joseph: Pray for us.



Washington State Field Agent Finishes 2009 at No. 2 rank worldwide!

Talk about an impressive feat! Robert O'Neil, a field agent for Western Washington's Roth Agency, soared to the top in 2009 with an unprecedented achievement in our state history.

Finishing the 2009 calendar year at a breathtaking 473.58% of quota, Bob triumphs as the 2nd highest ranked field agent across the entire Knights of Columbus agency and captures the brass ring as Washington State's undisputed Agent of the Year. Additionally, Bob's achievement qualifies him for coveted membership in the prestigious international **Million Dollar Round Table®**, the world's premier association of financial professionals. Membership at the table represents the highest 3% of producers worldwide and is an honor that has also been shared by Washington State's general agents Vince Polis and Jarrod Roth.

Married with three children, Bob serves councils from Redmond to

Monroe, faithfully carrying out Father McGivney's mission every day.

With a broad and diverse background Bob brings to bear a honed and uniquely skilled financial expertise to the members he serves, benefiting the modest as well as affluent, and everyone in between.

Look for Bob to receive special honors this year at the State convention in Yakima, and if you happen to see him in between, be sure to offer him congratulations on a job well done.

**CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
IS FOR GROWN-UPS
LIKE YOU!**
Vocations Are Everybody's Business



**STATE CHAPLAIN
MOST REVEREND
Alexander Brunett.**

WHEN DOES THE REAL WORK OF CHRISTMAS BEGIN?

Well, 2009 is behind us. Each year goes just a little bit more quickly. It's time to reflect on all of the happenings of last year, building on all of our experiences, relegating the sad things to the care of God and emphasizing the happy things to encourage us to launch into the New Year.

Advent and Christmas set the tone for the final four weeks of the year. And, joyous as those weeks were, most of us sighed a sigh of relief when Christmas night finally came. All of the wrappings from the presents were picked up, most of the guests had left for home and the dinner dishes were almost finished. But was Christmas really over?

When a family waits for nine months for the birth of a baby the mother doesn't say, "That's over, now we can get back to life as usual". The arrival of the child causes a lot of adjusting, rearranging and reassessing of "life as usual".

The coming of the Christ Child occasions (or at least should occasion) considerable changes in our lives. For a dedicated Catholic, Jesus is not relegated to a stable 2000 years ago, nor is He relegated to some unknown date in the future when He will come again. Equally important to these two comings is the realization that He comes daily into our lives. We must live Christmas every day of our lives.

Some years ago I received a "belated Christmas Card" from an old friend. It impressed me so much I have kept it over the years. To me it opened up a whole new view of this central act of history as

it applies to each individual's life. I ask you to keep this and reread it over and over again.

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and priests are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks...

The work of Christmas begins...

To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among peoples...

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To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among peoples...

To make music in the heart!



**STATE VICE-CHAPLAIN
THE REVEREND
LEE HIGHTOWER**

HOST DISTRICT? FREE THROW COMPETITION 2010

Worthy DDs,

Now that Thanksgiving has come and gone and Christmas is just around the corner, that must mean the State Free Throw Competition is not far behind!!

I need a commitment from 5 DDs to host a Regional Free Throw Competition!! Trophies have been ordered and will be sent directly to the host DD.

If you would like to host a regional competition, please review the attached document and check with the other DDs in your region. Then let me know as soon as you have a date and location secured. A regional competition would be held after all district level competitions and before the state competition. The state competition will be held in Yakima on Saturday, March 27, 2010.

DD's Steve Snell (Central Washington South); Tom Sokol (Eastern Washington) and Greg Vicars (Greater Seattle South)

have all offered to host a regional Free Throw.

I will have district medallions at the DD's meeting for those DD's that have said that they will be hosting a district level competition.

I will also be creating district and regional winner's certificates and have them posted on the WEB for you to download.

Thanks and God Bless

Ken DeVos
District Deputy 15

The Natural Choice is Life

3rd Annual



DINNER & BALL

at

The Lincoln Center

Valentine Sweetheart Ball
February 13, 2010

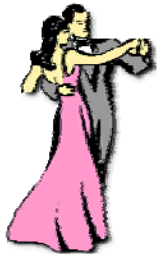
Dinner: 6 p.m.

Ball: 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Black tie event

Tickets: \$50 per person

All profits go to charity



Dinner menu:

Fresh Spinach Salad with Roasted Red Peppers, Toasted Walnuts,
Chevre Cheese and Herb Vinaigrette

Grilled Bistro Steak with Red Wine Demi Glaze along side Grilled
Chicken Breast with Roasted Garlic and Chardonnay Sauce.
Served with Creamy Parmesan Cheese Polenta and Fresh Seasonal
Vegetables

New York Cheesecake paired with Chocolate Sin Cake with fresh
Raspberry Sauce

Vegetarian diet plate available upon request.

A photographer will be available.

Entertainment by "Nobody famous live"

Tables seat 8 people. An entire table can be
reserved by contacting Eddie Parazoo
at (509) 680-3627.

For tickets, contact

Dick Anderson at (509) 276-8839

Bob Kirby at (509) 447-4794

Steve Roach at (509) 951-1211

or

Eddie Parazoo at (509) 680-3627

or email eparazoo@hotmail.com

If ordering by mail,
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Knights of Columbus

708 Hoffman Rd. #1

Kettle Falls, WA 99141

Please indicate number of tickets & return
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4th Degree Assembly #3063

Our Lady of the Unborn Child

The Next Six Months

Brother Knights and Council Officers,

Each council's Financial Secretary will soon be receiving a very important mailing with useful information and a required action for your councils. First is the Per Capita Dues assessment. In accordance with the bylaws each council is billed \$9 per member (not including inactive insurance, honorary life, or disabled members) and the assessment is due upon receipt without requiring a council vote.

I have received the updated data from Supreme as of 12-31-2009 and the billing is nearly ready to send. In addition, an informative summary of upcoming activities for the period January-June will

be provided in the Next Six Months letter. I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming Regional Meetings this month, and hope that you all are enjoying a healthy and Happy New Year!

Vivat Jesus,
Donald J. McBride, State Secretary

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FOOD FOR FAMILIES REPORT FORM

COUNCIL NUMBER _____

LOCATION _____
CITY STATE/PROVINCE

Council collects food for local food banks _____
Y/N

Number of Food Collection events the council has sponsored _____

Number of volunteer hours contributed by council members/families _____

Number of council members who participate in Food Collection events _____

Describe, in the space provided, the outreach your council provides to local food banks

Council has an organized program of volunteer outreach to local soup kitchens _____
Y/N

Number of times the council has prepared and served a meal at a soup kitchen _____

Total number of meals prepared and served by the council _____

Number of volunteer hours contributed by council members/families _____

Number of council members who participate in outreach of soup kitchens _____

Describe, in the space provided, the outreach your council provides to local soup kitchens



Members of **Pasco Council 1620** install siding at a parish convent that was converted to a rectory.

Knights volunteered to gut, clean and remodel the convent, and donated an additional \$50,000 to build an adjoining four-car garage.

General Program Director Messages



Brother Knights,

It sure was an honor to present the State Deputy's 1000 Point Club Program, Supreme's new Food For Families Program and the Service Program Award information to the District Deputies at our Winter Meeting in Renton. I could not help but be impressed with the organizational skills and the dedication to duty that these men display. We are very lucky as a State to have such a fine group of men to lead our Councils on the local level. Way to go District Deputies...Keep up the good work!

If you read Supreme's new Food for Families Program above and you haven't heard of it yet, let me introduce it:

""Food For Families"" is a Supreme Council Program and it is part of their "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" Initiative that they started last February. What we need to do is to have at least 25% of our Councils (about 40) do a Food Drive & Restock of their local food bank. There is a form to fill out after the Food Drive is complete and this needs to be sent to me- I will be the State Chairman of this program. I will keep track of our progress. If we meet our goal, we will receive our portion of the \$1,000,000 that the Supreme Council has allocated for the food banks in this country. This program is a "SLAM DUNK"! I'll bet a lot of councils are doing this on a regular basis already, and think of how that money will be able to help out the poor in our communities. I will provide forms to the DD's for distribution and I will have them at all of the Regional Meetings held in January. If you need a form just e-mail me at StateWarden@kofc-wa.org and I'll send you one. I'll even include one in this bulletin. We want to help the hungry in our State and what a great way to do it!

As for my other favorite program, The State Deputy's 1000 Point Club, participation is still a little sluggish. Only 49 Councils turned in their forms for November so far. I will continue to hound you until you participate in this valuable program. If you want to catch up, now is the time to do it. I will still give Councils credit for turning them in on time, if they send in their missing reports. The 49 Councils that have participated this month include:

763,766,1327,1550,1620,1699,3307,3361,3611,4322,4385,4782,5816,6686,6706,
7356,7528,7863,7908,8015,8102,8137,8150,8179,8201,8398,8455,
,8476,8872,9617,
9721,9833,10653,11253,11357,11762,11780,12273,112420,12483,
,12899,13186,13364,
13374,13422,13560,13794,14268, and 14510.

Can you believe that after only four of the ten reports submitted St. Charles Council 8137 (District 20) has got 485 points already! They are leading the State-GREAT JOB DD & PROGRAM CHAIRMAN, RON GIRKINS AND GRAND KNIGHT, LEE BAILEY! You guys are the soul of the Knights here in Washington and I'm proud of you!

I write this article one week before Christmas and it is my sincerest wish that all of you Brother Knights have a fantastic Holiday and a prosperous and fruitful year in the Knights of Columbus!

God Bless You,

Bob Baemmert-SW
General Program Chairman



STATE DEPUTY January 2010 SHORT NOTES

If you are reading this, thank you for making the effort to find the bulletin on the web page and reading it.

Regional Meeting – Jan 9 Spokane, Jan 10 Yakima, Jan 16 Everett, Jan 17 Chehalis. Be there.

Read about Food for Families in this bulletin. This is a very important project in which we should all get involved. Please notify State Warden Bob Baemmert of any council activities in the Food for Families Program.

WA State Per Capita & PFH letter will be in the mail to the councils toward the end of January or the first of February, 2010. Per Capita is due on receipt.

Let's do the Blitz, plan and execute. It's a two stepper. A Blitz is not a membership drive. A Blitz is to gather names and telephone numbers, so the Membership Committee can work the new names. If you have a plan and follow it, a successful Blitz will make your goals achievable. Let's get it done.

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities is due 31 January. All councils must make this report. We have no slackers in Washington State.

The State Deputy Road Show continues—all Knights are invited when it comes to your area. Any district that would like to have the State Deputy Road Show visit their area, please contact me at kofcwallace@comcast.net.

The Power of Ten Program is in motion. See how your council can promote council communication, recruiting, retention of members, less work for the Grand Knight, and win the Supreme and State Awards. If interested in any or all of the above, call or e-mail me. 253-582-8199 or kofcwallace@comcast.net or visit the state web-site.

All DD's & Chairmen; Please update your web site page each month. Your picture would help. Questions? Call Tim Philomeno, Webmaster; 253-661-2296, or better, e-mail at Webmaster@kofc-wa.org.

To all: Make use of the Washington State web page; lots of good stuff coming in each month.

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Check out the new Columbus Charities web site.

WWW.Columbuscharities.net.

Don't forget the March for Life Jan. 19th in Olympia. See you on the Capital steps.

Does your council want to buy, or join in buying, an Ultra Sound machine? You pay half; Supreme will pay half. Checks to State Secretary Don McBride.

Let's exceed the membership goal of 900 new members, 60 Round Tables and 2 new councils.

Every council and district can achieve their goals and receive the Star Award. Let's make it happen.

Does your council have Round Tables? Use Form 2629. Only one member required on Form. Send copies to DD and State Deputy, and, of course, Supreme. Any group that supports the parish and or priest; and has a knight as a member of the group, can and should be a Round Table. No meeting – no money – only support the Pastor.

Bishop White Seminary needs our support.

Ask yourself, "Why am I a Knight?" Then tell others.

Semi – Annual Audit Report (#1295) due Feb. 15, 2010. If your council is late expect to hear from the DD.

If you read this page, please let me know. E-mail me at: [State Deputy@kofc-wa.org](mailto:StateDeputy@kofc-wa.org) or kofcwallace@comcast.net. Those I don't hear from will hear from me.

District Deputy Director Message

The "Next Six Months" is the beginning of a crucial period for the jurisdiction of Washington, the Districts and more importantly the Councils. The main theme of the most recent Winter District Deputy Meeting held in Renton dealt directly with preparing for the "Next Six Months" and addressed such issues of importance as Membership, Recruitment, Retention, State Ceremonials and a myriad of other issues. Discussed also was the preparation by the state council for the State Convention to be held in Yakima, Washington in May 2010. The state councils responsibilities in preparing for this meeting and the importance of doing it now – preparing that is. One of my challenges to the District Deputies at the summer meeting was pre-planning. Pre-planning is now, starting to think about what the council is going to write about as to what have they accomplished this year in the way of "Surge with Service", what significant council activity in the service program area are they going to write about. Waiting till April 1, 2010 is to late, so preparing now and looking back at the past six months is a start. Using your 1000 Point Club monthly submission is a great place to start, but you know that already.

Now to the hard part, the District Deputies have been challenged with pre-planning and using communications as a tool to accomplish this. We took to long the last six months to complete Forms 185, 365 and audits (can u believe we still have two councils that haven't completed this report) and how many councils were interviewed for a Semi-Annual Visit on Form 944B. I know it is said, we as a council don't have to do reports or we will get them done when we want to get them done. Same old lazy attitude yet about 90% of the councils get them done within the time frame required and thank you for that. Seems like the same councils don't know and we waste to much valuable time but this is a time of positive thinking for the "Next Six Months" and we actually are on a very positive upswing.

Have you looked at what you have accomplished in November, very good numbers, very positive in not only Supreme areas but local jurisdiction. Active activity in the 1000 point club point to that, a slight activity in the Blitz and Recruitment activity, have you figured out the difference yet and how about the suspension of members area, all positive. However, with all the positives, the area that remains a mystery is the Insurance area. This area is one of the strongest that we have. How many other Fraternal Organizations can boast of those positive numbers, look at the Elks, Lions, Eagles and others all losing numbers and do they have nearly a fraction of the successful Insurance program we have? I ask you to become more aware of how the IRA program works, I ask you that you become as GK's, FS's and Trustee's more aware of the Form 100 and insure that each and every new candidate that becomes a member is aware of this great program and how it works. If you don't give them the chance to understand this program it will hurt them primarily but in the end will also hurt the council because without it or an insurance program you won't make Star Council or Star District. Have you also talked to those members who aren't insured about this great program. Get them on board and lastly get the insurance agents to your degrees and if they can't come let the State Deputy know so he can get an alternate agent to attend. It is important that we work hand in hand, going it alone will only result in disaster.

So as we approach the "Next Six Months", the time is now, the time for action is now not April 1, 2010. In November 1996 as I left the State Deputies meeting in Rye, New York a great Knights of Columbus member who worked for the Supreme Knight as an assistant, quickly hopped on the bus, said his goodbyes to all of us and gave us a parting shot – "if not you – who, if not now – when". This was said to all of the State Deputies on board that day and I was the State Secretary from Washington there that heard it. Anyone can use it but remember where it came from because it was original and please use his name if u r going to quote him - Harvey Barque, the original – in December of 1996 a little less than a month later, he had a massive heart attack and died.

Everett J. "Rob" Roberts PSD
District Deputy Director

"...one Nation under God"

"if not you – who, if not now –when" original HB Nov 1996

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

January is "Drought Prevention Month!"



Worthy Grand Knights:

JANUARY/FEBRUARY CAMPAIGN INCENTIVES

During January and February, councils having a combined monthly total of 5 or more gains will receive a Father McGivney Coffee Mug

Any council bringing one or more candidates to the First Degree held at the January Regional Meeting will receive a Father McGivney Collector's Pewter Spoon

Every New Member attending the First Degree at the Regional Meeting will be presented a State Pin by State Deputy John Wallace

District Deputies who have a combined district monthly total of 10 or more gains will also receive a Father McGivney Coffee Mug

District Deputies who bring one or more candidates from 2 or more councils to the First Degree at a Regional Meeting will receive a Father McGivney Collector's Pewter Spoon

District Deputies who conduct a District-wide First Degree between January 1 and February 28, 2010, with new members from more than one council and who submit an evaluation report to State Deputy John Wallace will receive a Fr McGivney Guild Lapel Pin

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HIGHEST NET AND % GAIN LEADERS

Congratulations to:

Spokane Council 12583 (Grand Knight Evan Farris) for having the **Highest % Net Gain** in the state as of December 1, 2009, with **233.33%**

Spokane Valley Council 4196 (Grand Knight Damon Smith) for having the **Highest Net Gain** in state with **17 net gains** as of December 1, 2009

Gig Harbor 9238 (GK Paul Beaudoin) for having the **Most Gains** in the State in **November** with **7 new members!**

Each of the above will receive a WSC Supplement History Book.

DIVISION LEADERS (as of December 1, 2009):

Supreme continues to make adjustments to council 7/1/09 membership totals; this causes a slight realignment of our divisions to maintain 24 to 25 councils per division.

Division	Highest Net Per Cent	Highest Net Gains
I	Leavenworth 13597 (66.7%) Spokane 14510 (50%)	Seattle 14852 (13) Spokane 14510 (2) Leavenworth 13597 (2)
II	Goldendale 7149 (166.6%) Duvall 11906 (125%) Spokane 8398 (100%)	Goldendale 7149 (5) Duvall 11906 (5) Spokane 8398 (4)
III	Spokane 12583 (233.3%) Langley 11357 (83.3%)	Spokane 12583 (14) Langley 11357 (5)
IV	Toppenish 1699 (100%) Sequim 8455 (71.4%)	Toppenish 1699 (6) Sequim 8455 (5)

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	Poulsbo 8297 (57.1%)	Poulsbo 8297 (4)
	Colbert 8872 (57.1%)	Colbert 8872 (4)
	Vancouver 12899 (50%)	Vancouver 12899 (4)
V	Spokane Valley 4196 (170%)	Spokane Valley 4196 (17)
	Lakewood 11762 (88.9%)	Lakewood 11762 (8)
	Bellingham 829 (80%)	Bellingham 829 (8)
	Federal Way 7908 (75%)	Federal Way 7908 (6)
VI	Gig Harbor 9238 (71.4%)	Gig Harbor 9238 (10)
	Lynnwood 5816 (64.3%)	Olympia 1643 (10)
	Bremerton 1379 (58.3%)	Lynnwood 5816 (9)
	Olympia 1643 (55.6%)	Bremerton 1379 (7)

DISTRICT DEPUTY LEADERS (as of December 1, 2009):

Congratulations to:

DD18 Tom Sokol for having the **District** with the **Highest % Net Gain** in the state (**95.2%**)

DD5 Dean Martinez for the **Highest Net Gain** in the state (**21**)

DD17 Ed Perez for the **Most Gains** in the state **during November** (**17**)

Each will receive a **WSC Supplement History book!**

PATH-FORWARD

As of December 1, 2009, we had **gained 332 new members** with **122 suspensions** for a **net gain of 210**.

The second half of the year is usually the most productive, so **we are “on pace” to achieve our “intake” goal of 900 new members and a “net” gain (after suspensions) of 650 members**. To do so, we will have to continue **to average over 81 new members each month and fewer than one suspension per council for the next six months**. With dues payments starting to be sent out, Financial Secretaries must be assisted so that members are not suspended for lack of payments.

We still have **45 councils that are membership inactive**. If each of those councils brought in just two new members, the burden on the remaining 100 councils would be reduced to eight new members each. **Eighteen councils have net negative members** – I challenge them to recruit enough new members to return to a net zero balance for the year so that the other councils don’t have to make up for their 79 losses.

Vivat Jesus!

Karl A. Hadley, PSD

WSC Membership Director

**In a district realignment
Richland Council 3307
has been reassigned to
District 7**



Family Members' Deaths

Francie Bloomfield (Wife of Charlie Bloomfield)..... Everett 763
 Lisa Ann DeShais (Granddaughter of Chalie Bloomfield).....
 Everett 763
 Father of Rev. Fidelis Omukoro, OP.....Seattle 8311
 Mary Louise D'Andrea (Wife of Frank D'Andrea)
 Gig Harbor 9238
 Virginia Jaroszewski (Mother of GK John Szalda)
 Mountlake Terrace 9605

SILVER KNIGHT AWARDS



"By the Power vested in me by the State Deputy, Washington State Council, Knights of Columbus, I dub thee "A Silver Knight," entitled to all the Honors of Your Title, hereafter and forever more; and you are herewith charged with forming other Knights under your care in the duties of Silver Knighthood so they may, one day, join you in earning the title, distinction and honors of a Silver Knight!"

December 2009

DWIGHT I. BOOTH JR. Our Lady Queen of Heaven Council 6806

GERARD J. KINNEY. Our Lady Queen of Heaven Council 6806

Sick Notices

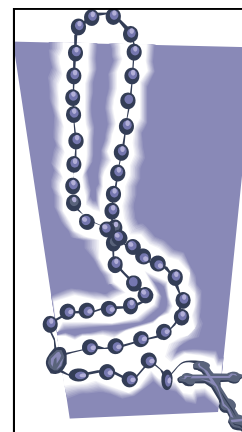
Cocot Ratuiste.....Pasco 1620
 Jenny Davis.....Richland 3307
 JoAnne McConwell.....Richland 3307
 Marui Tonnini, GK.....Oak Harbor 3361
 Paula Martinez.....Spokane 14510

> 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.

James G. Justin.....Vancouver 1327
 Alfonse J. Kuder, PGK.....Centralia 1758
 Rev. John A. Rice.....Centralia 1758
 Marvin L. Foes.....Battleground 7117
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Pray the Rosary Daily



Pope John Paul II Declared 'Venerable'; Sainthood Cause Advances

Members of the Knights of Columbus rejoice at the news that Pope Benedict XVI has formally acknowledged the heroic virtue of Pope John Paul II, and declared him "Venerable." The Knights of Columbus enjoyed a long and close relationship with Pope John Paul II, who reigned from 1978 to 2005. A [photo essay and short history](#) tell the story of the Knights and one of the most beloved and remarkable popes in the history of the Church.

For short history & photo essay go to website



THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT A COUNCIL CAN DO FOR A NEW MEMBER

You are now a First Degree member of the Knights of Columbus.....

So What's Next?

Congratulations on your exemplification into the First Degree of the Knights of Columbus. We are very happy to have you join us in the Order. We sincerely hope that you have a long and rewarding experience with the Knights of Columbus and that being a Knight will help you deepen your Catholic faith and bring you and your family many blessings. Please avail yourself of all the benefits afforded by the Order, including the excellent insurance program. Also, do not hesitate to contact the Grand Knight or other members if you have any questions about the Knights in general or about your council.

As Soon As Possible

As mentioned in the First Degree ceremony, you have taken only the first step toward full Knighthood. You do not attain full Knighthood until you have attained the Third Degree. **You should plan to attend a Second and Third Degree exemplification as soon as possible. The next nearby Second and Third Degree will be Saturday, February 13, in Bothell. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Transportation will be provided.** Please let the Grand Knight know what your availability is because he or your proposer will accompany you to the exemplification.

Getting Involved: Be An Active Knight

There are many charitable event opportunities for you in the Knights. We hope that you will volunteer for many of these and join the fun that usually results. ***Being a Knight of Columbus is a lifetime commitment*** and although you are not expected to be totally active all the time from now on, you should get involved as much as you can. Indeed, that is one of the beauties of the organization: it gives all members the chance at involvement and leadership. It is our hope that through your involvement you will get to know other Knights and gain new and enduring friendships. In this way, your life as a Catholic, as a husband and father, and as a Brother Knight will be greatly enhanced. Being a Knight of Columbus is not like serving a term on the Pastoral Council or some other parish committee or activity. You are now a Knight who has a fraternal relationship with many other Knights. Take advantage of this opportunity to gain friendships among like-minded Catholic men. Also, involve your wife and children in our activities. You will notice that being involved in the Knights will make you a better Catholic, a better husband, a better father, a better citizen.

Pay Your Dues

Our dues is a nominal \$30 per year. This should not be a burden to any member, but if you have any difficulty with it, please speak with the Grand Knight. Also, paying your dues each year is re-confirming your agreement and willingness to be a Knight. Also, please consider the Knights of Columbus insurance program.

Work For The Shining Armor Award

If you accomplish the following five goals during your first year as a Knight, you will be eligible for the Shining Armor Award: attend at least three council meetings, attend at least three council activities, make your Second and Third Degree, meet with the insurance agent, and recruit a member to the Knights of Columbus.

Upcoming Bellingham Council Events

December 17 (Thursday) - Knights help at Sacred Heart fund-raiser dinner for the Newman Center
 January 12 (Tuesday) - Monthly council meeting: 6:30 Rosary, 7:00 meeting
 January 30 (Saturday) - Chili Cook-Off, Sacred Heart
 February 7 (Sunday) - Super Bowl Party, Assumption
 February 13 (Saturday) - Second and Third Degree, Bothell

Officers: There are several offices in the Knights: Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Advocate, Recorder, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Warden, Inside Guard, Outside Guard, and others*. This means that you have many opportunities to get involved in the decision-making process. Please attend the meetings and find out what being a Knight is all about.

*You must be a Third Degree member to hold a council office.

DISTRICT MASTER'S MESSAGE

"To defend and preserve"

Worthy Faithful Navigators, Faithful Comptrollers, Grand Knights, and Financial Secretaries:

The best way for councils to retain members is to get them into the fourth degree.

Our Fourth Degree membership for the Washington District on July 1, 2009 was 3,315. With 48 assemblies, Supreme has set a goal of a 10% gain by each assembly (i.e., 332 new members). At the November 14, 2009, exemplification in Bothell we brought in 43 new sir knights. Thus, with five more exemplifications remaining this year, we will need to bring in an average of 58 candidates per degree if we are to meet our goal.

The best way for us to gain new fourth degree members is to form new assemblies.

One assembly should be affiliated with one parish and one council. The advantage to this arrangement are clear:

- Dedicated Color Corps for parish and council events
- Reduced travel time to meetings and events
- More leadership opportunities
- Improved membership recruitment and retention

A new assembly can be formed when 30 council members are Sir Knights.

In Eastern Washington the following councils are large enough to form their own assemblies:

Spokane Assembly 1539:
Spokane Council 8137

Kennewick/Pasco/Etopia-Connell Assembly 2258:
Kennewick 10653 (or 8179)

Spokane Assembly 1529:
Spokane 11134

Yakima Assembly 1171:
Yakima 6097
Moxee 2303 and Selah 8768

In Western Washington, the following councils are large enough to form new assemblies:

Bellingham Assembly 1176:
Mt Vernon 2126, Sedro Woolley 8672, and Burlington 9941

Oak Harbor Assembly 2276:
Anacortes 3611 and Coupeville 13422

Everett Assembly 1530:



Marysville 7863

Tacoma Assembly 1175:
Puyallup 1629 and 11948

Vancouver 2259:
Vancouver 12899

The next Fourth Degree Exemplification in Western Washington will be held **February 27, 2009**, at **Assumption Parish**, 2116 Cornwall Ave, **Bellingham**. The host assembly will be San Juan Assembly 1176. **All assemblies north of Seattle area (and any who could not send candidates to the Bothell degree) should be sending candidates to this exemplification.**

NOTE: Due to the Olympics in Vancouver, BC, hotel rooms will not be available at a decent price in Bellingham. Also, the dinner cost for guests has increased to \$25 due to the caterer's charge.

In Eastern Washington, the next exemplification will be **March 6, 2010, in Richland at the Council 3307 Hall, 2500 Chester Rd** and will be hosted by Msgr. William J. Sweeney Assembly 1174 (for **all Tri-Cities-Walla Walla-Prosser-Yakima-Ellensburg-Wenatchee-Ephrata area assemblies**).

Informational flyers are included elsewhere in this bulletin. Please **keep me informed of your estimated headcounts** for the Bellingham and Richland exemplifications and **mail the form 4s (and the \$70 exemplification fee) to me as soon as possible.**

PATRIOTIC QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"The Constitution is not an instrument for the government to restrain the people, it is an instrument for the people to restrain the government -- lest it come to dominate our lives and interests." - **Patrick Henry**

Karl A. Hadley, PSD
Master

FAMILY OF THE MONTH WINNERS

Congratulations to the following families who were selected as winners in Supreme Council's Family of the Month drawing for November 2009.

Family of Francisco & Blanca Martinez, Council 1620 Pasco

Family of Donald & Catherine Schafer, Council 4385 Bellevue

Family of Tom & Thomas Mack, Council 7863 Marysville

Family of Steven & Nancy Navratil, Council 8137 Spokane

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

The third of six Fourth Degree Exemplifications will be held on Saturday, March 6, 2010, at the Richland K of C Hall, 2500 Chester Rd. The host assembly will be Msgr. William J. Sweeney Assembly 1174.

The Faithful Navigator is Martin Prisc and his phone number is 509-628-1333.

The Faithful Comptroller is Thomas Bander and his phone number is 509-375-0632.

The degree team is the Eastern Washington Fourth Degree Team.

EXEMPLIFICATION HONOREE

The exemplification honoree will be Father John Birk, Faithful Friar of Fr William A. Schmitz Assembly 2258.

EVENT TIME SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
Registration	11:30 am	Richland Knights of Columbus Hall
Lunch	Noon	Richland Knights of Columbus Hall
Exemplification	1:00 pm	Richland Knights of Columbus Hall
Ladies' Program	1:30 pm	To Be Announced
Public Knighting and picture taking	3:30 pm	Richland Knights of Columbus Hall
Mass	5:00 pm	Christ the King Church
Social and Banquet	6:30 pm	Richland Knights of Columbus Hall MENU

The menu is to be announced. The cost of the dinner is \$20.00. The candidate's exemplification fee of \$70.00 includes one banquet ticket. Lunch is optional for the sir knights, candidates and ladies.

The luncheon cost is \$5.00 and may be paid during registration.

FEES

The exemplification fee for each candidate, except priests, is \$70.00 as set by the Supreme Board of Directors. Included in this fee is one banquet ticket for the candidate, a social baldric and a Fourth Degree pin.

There is no exemplification fee for ordained priests or religious brothers; however, their assembly will pay \$13.00 for their social baldric and Fourth Degree pin and \$20.00 for the cost of the dinner.

The candidate's or the assembly's check is to be made payable to the **Master, Knights of Columbus.**

Banquet tickets for wives or guests should be made payable to Assembly 1174.

DRESS

MEN: Plain black tuxedo, white shirt, black tie, black shoes and socks. Military personnel may wear their uniform. Sir Knights are to wear their social baldric and jewel of office (either council or assembly).

LADIES: As the men are dressed formally, most ladies prefer a dressy dress. Some wear a simple dress or cocktail dress although skirt and blouse is acceptable.

INITIATION ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

The sponsor is to make certain that all information is legibly printed on the Form 4.

The applicant, his sponsor, and the financial secretary of the applicant's council promptly sign the Form 4.

After admission committee action, the faithful navigator and faithful comptroller promptly sign the Form 4.

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Candidates who received their **first degree on or before September 5, 2009**, are eligible to receive their Fourth Degree exemplification in Richland on March 6, 2010.

Contact the Master for special consideration for a waiver.

Priests do not require a waiver, but must state they are a priest on the Form 4.

2ND AND 3RD DEGREES

Degrees supporting the exemplification: October 18, 2009, in Yakima, November 15, 2009, in Richland and November 22, 2009, Spokane

First Degree Team Ceremonial Competition
Wayne C. Hogan, PSD, VSM
State Ceremonial Chairman

The First Degree Team Ceremonial Competition serves many purposes. First, to select and recognize Washington's most outstanding First Degree Team for the fraternal year. Second, to present a professional and outstanding ceremony at each of the four regional meetings to be emulated by the councils' first degree teams. Third, to motivate councils without first degree teams to form their own first degree team. Fourth, to present a professional first degree for the candidates being initiated into the Order.

Washington is privileged to have some of the finest first degree teams in the Order with dedicated and outstanding ceremonialists. Four of these first degree teams will be participating in the State's First Degree Team Ceremonial Competition. The First Level of the First Degree Team Ceremonial Competition, the District Level, was completed on October 31, 2009. We have four first degree teams submitted to participate in the ceremonial competition.

For eastern Washington, the two teams participating in the state competition are, District 20, DD Ron Girkins nominated St. Charles Council 8137 and District 7, DD Steve Snell nominated Kennewick Council 8179.

For western Washington, the two teams participating in the state competition are, from District 1, DD Romy Ablao nominated Seattle Council 676 and from District 12, DD Greg Vicars nominated Federal Way Council 7908.

The requirements, procedures and the evaluation form can be found in the First Degree Ceremonial Team Competition handbook, which is located on the Grand Knight's CD. This CD was issued to the attendees at the Summer Leadership Meeting in Pasco in July. Also, the First Degree Ceremonial Team Competition handbook may be found on the State's Webpage. Encourage all to download the handbook and review the requirements.

If you have any questions or want additional information, contact me via email at kofchogan@comcast.net, or Ceremonials@kofc-wa.org. You can also contact me at my office phone number (253) 581-5952, which is also my fax number.

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



Give
Blood



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The Faithful Navigator is Dale Boudreau and his phone number is 360-933-1320.

The Faithful Comptroller is Duane Heuser and his phone number is 360-671-9712.

The degree team is the Western Washington Fourth Degree Team.

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The exemplification honoree will be Father Scott Connolly (Former State Chaplain).

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The revised Waiver Request form will be emailed to assemblies.

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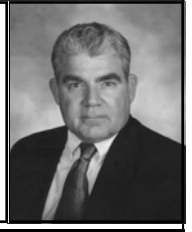
2ND AND 3RD DEGREES

The degrees scheduled to support this exemplification are: September 20, 2009, in Shoreline, October 18, 2009, in Everett, November 1, 2009, in Sedro Woolley, and February 13, 2010 in Bothell.



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