

# The Anchor



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An Open Letter  
to Rodney Bly  
From Kris Krischano

Rodney, how long ago it seems that you and I stood with our classmates in the Everett Civic Auditorium on a June evening and threw our mortarboards in the air and sang, "We'll have these moments to remember." With that we were declared graduates of the Class of 1953. Our high school days had ended, and we went about our separate ways building new memories. Fifty-nine years later we can look back and say, "We did our best."

Thank you for all you have done, Rodney. Those of us who know you are proud and privileged to call you "friend". You not only have done your best, you have done it with dignity, humility and compassion.

Occasionally we followed similar paths. We served our country in uniform. We joined the Knights of Columbus. Last year you were recognized at the State Convention for having been a Knight for 50 years. Together we promoted vocations to the priesthood and Religious life as members of Serra Club; you as a leader, me as a pen pal to seminarians. This year your Retreat Master at Palisades dedicated the retreat to you in honor of your having been a Retreat Captain for 55 years. I can only admit to attending a few. We excelled in sports; you as a respected foot

## Grand Knight's Call to order

by John Reed



### "Inspired by God and the Knights of Columbus"

Congratulations to our newest Brother Knights Dennis Scott Finley and Val Farmer. They joined our ranks March 26 at 6:00 p.m. I was proud and thankful for the new members and our First Degree Team who helped make this a glorious occasion.

Last month's steak fry was hosted by Scott Bader, family and the Brother Knights crew on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to Scott and everyone involved for your time, planning and effort to make it a success.

I want to wish you all a holy, faith-filled experience this Easter season. With the forgiveness that Christ extends to us, may we forgive those who harm us and share this freedom with Brother Knights, fellow Catholics,

and people everywhere.

ball official, me as a great armchair quarterback.

We continue to build memories. And I just wanted you to know that the memories I have of you are all the best, Rodney. You epitomize all that humankind should be. If the world were made up of people like you, what a wonderful world it would be.

Now you are experiencing perhaps the greatest challenge of your life. Like always, you are giving it your best, my friend. I speak for all your Brother Knights in saying ... God bless.

Thanks for the memories!

Charlie

In April we recognize St. Jean-Baptiste de la Salle. He dedicated much of his life to the education of poor children in France, creating many lasting educational practices that are followed to this day. He is considered the founder of the first Catholic schools. St. Jean-Baptiste de la Salle was a priest, educational reformer, and found of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, better known as the Christian Brothers. (Some of you might know that my daughter Elizabeth attends LaSalle University in Philadelphia. (The Christian Brothers still run that university.)

This fraternal year is quickly coming to an end. We are busy finishing up forms and paperwork.

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## Call to Order—(Cont'd)

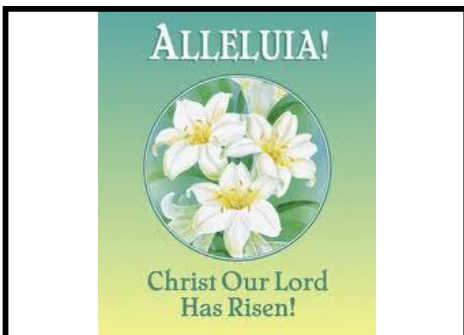
We are also anticipating this year's 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention being held May 18, 19 and 20<sup>th</sup> at the Red Lion Inn at the Park in Spokane. The host council is St. Charles Council #8137. Council #763 Everett has purchased an advertisement in the convention booklet too.

With our Easter Vigil, most parishes bring in many men and women into full communion with the Catholic Church. We welcome all the new faithful parishioners.

During the coming months these new members will be looking for ministries and opportunities in which to participate. What better time to invite them to a social event, maybe a steak fry, and introduce them to membership in the Knights of Columbus. We still need members and insured to meet our goal this year.

Ask the gentlemen sitting next to you at Church, or at the coffee and donuts following the Mass. Explain the work we do and the benefits of being a member for them in the Knights. Tell them about the founder Michael J. McGivney and how, why, when he started the Order, then help them fill out the 100 Form you have with you.

May God continued to bless us and his Bride, the Church.



## Resolution at State Convention May 18-20 Addresses religious freedom

### Resolution No. 1 (Submitted by the Washington State Council)

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we will never waver in our efforts to defend religious freedom as an inherent right of all Americans; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that as American citizens and as Knights of Columbus, we will steadfastly support the free exercise of religion as it is enshrined in the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we stand in solidarity with our bishops in their call to the Catholic faithful, and to all Americans, to join together in the great struggle to oppose this mandate and to protect religious liberty and freedom of conscience; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we call upon President Obama to rescind this mandate which is a clear and direct violation of our religious liberty rights; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we call upon Congress to pass, and the President to sign, legislation that will protect the constitutional right of religious institutions and individuals to be free from government coercion in health care and all other matters; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we will remain steadfast in our opposition to any future governmental action or policy that forces Catholic institutions and individuals to violate our most deeply held moral and religious convictions; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that our struggle for religious freedom at this decisive moment in our nation's history is not only for our sake, but for the sake of our children, our grandchildren and all future generations, so that they too may know a country that is "one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

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### Religious freedom will be the winner

*(The following letter, written by Brother Knight Tom Hoban (Jr), was published as a Letter to the Editor in the Everett Herald, Friday, March 30, 2012. Side note: The date was during the NCAA Basket Ball Tournament before it was known which two teams would play for the national championship. As it turned out, Kentucky triumphed over Kansas in the tournament's finale.)*

"In my President Obama vs. the Catholic Church bracket, I have religious freedom winning in the finals. Two thousand years of experience becomes too much for the inexperienced president to overcome. The press will report he showed flashes early. In the end though, it really wasn't much of a game.

"Expecting something else, he is surprised at the church's reaction when they meet later: 'We have been praying for you.' Moved by thus gesture, the two come together around a common goal of serving fellow man—one wielding only the power of a temporary seat in a rather young and the other a consistency from the day it was founded.

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### Winner (Cont'd)

"Like a teenager learning a difficult lesson, this young president struggles with humility. But the game was really not that close. The gesture, though, was so powerful that he is left changed forever ...

"In my other bracket, I have Kentucky over Kansas."

Tom Hoban

## April Calendar

### (Columbian Squires Month)

April 15: Divine Mercy Sunday  
 April 16: 7 p.m. Fourth Degree Meeting  
 April 21: Third Degree  
 Exemplification  
 Vancouver  
 April 23: 7 p.m. Regular Meeting  
 following the Rosary  
 April 28: 6 p.m. Steak Fry

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**Stars in the Knights**

Congratulations to Rodney and Noreen Bly for being selected as Supreme Council's Family of the Month for February!

**March Council Awards**

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Ed Maychrzak

Family of the Month  
Leonard and Lena Rochon

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