

Family Service
Program Award 2006

PARISH
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Knights of Columbus
Granite Falls #13560



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**STATE COUNCIL
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ENTRY FORM**

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CATEGORY (MARK ONE):

- CHURCH
- COMMUNITY
- COUNCIL
- FAMILY
- YOUTH

FROM: GRAND KNIGHT: Edward Miller **TELEPHONE NUMBER** 360-691-5198

COUNCIL NAME HOLY CROSS **NUMBER** 13560

LOCATION: Granite Falls **Washington**
(TOWN OR CITY) (STATE OR PROVINCE)

Project Title: Parish Picnic

Project Conducted: August 20, 2006

Purpose of Activity: (In the space provided below, describe in one sentence the purpose of this activity. This section must be completed.)

To put on a Family Picnic that the whole parish could enjoy with their family & friends.

Number of council members participating in project: 40

Percentage of council members participating in project: 52%

Number of man hours expended in project: 370

Chairman's Name: Joseph Vigil **Telephone Number:** (360) 691-3390

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SUBMIT ORIGINAL TO: State Deputy, State Program Director

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Describe project in detail. Use additional paper if necessary. Supplementary material may be submitted along with the nomination. Accompanying materials can include letters, testimonials, news clippings, photographs, pamphlets, etc. Do not submit tapes, video-cassettes, display materials, films, etc., as they will not be considered in judging the nomination.

We are a new parish, three years old. The Seattle Archdiocese bought us 31 acres between the towns of Granite Falls, and Lake Stevens. We don't have any buildings on the property yet, but wanted to have a family outing on the property. We planned the third Sunday in August to have the picnic. The property has been idle for a number of years and was very overgrown with grass, weeds, & trees. Before we could have a picnic on the property we needed to clear a big area to make room for everyone who would attend and an area to park all the cars. We set some dates a month before the picnic to have work parties to clear the area for the picnic. At the work parties we made sure that we didn't run out of food and beverages for our brothers and other helpers that pitched in to help. Three weeks before our picnic the Lake Stevens Community held their annual celebration in their town. We made arrangements with the people who were running the "Beer Garden" to remove their tables that were old wire spools that they had procured from the local public power district. We did this when they were cleaning up from their party. We took trailers and loaded the wooden wire spools, drove them to the property and unloaded them in an area that would be safe until we needed them. The day before the picnic we held our last work party. We set up the old wooden spools for people to use as tables. We set up a dozen portable canopies and two very large shelters to put the food that people would bring for the pot luck lunch. We also planned to conduct Mass on the property before the picnic would start. We built a make shift stage to put the Altar on, set an area aside for the choir, and set up a P.A. system so all could hear the Mass. We rented port-a- potties and set them in their special area. We set up an area where the BBQ's would be and designated areas where pop, water, and beer would be. We designated an area for parking and had some knights directing people as they drove onto the property. With all this equipment in place, we had some knights spend the night at the property to make sure no one would disturb the area. It was nice to camp out the night before, we had a nice dinner, and campfire before settling to the ole sleeping bag. On the day of the picnic we had a bit of a challenge because there was no power on the property. Being the warm part of the summer, we needed to keep the beverages and some types of food refridgerated. We used big stainless steel tubs filled with ice to keep those items nice & cool. We had plenty of water, pop, and beer and BBQed Hamburgers, Hotdogs, & Polish Dogs for anyone who wanted them. We had games planned, Volleyball, Horseshoe, Balloon Toss, & pic eating contest. We had the youth group play music. We had different groups such as Altar Society, Youth Groups, and local businesses make up baskets to auction off. We rented a big "Air Play Jump n Slide" that the kids could play on all afternoon. We had knights working in every area of the picnic so as to not tire anyone out. In the late afternoon we started to gather the garbage, clean up the area and put away our make shift tables, awnings and canopies. We hauled equipment that we used at the property back to the church. Washed all the utinsil's, put away equipment. We had nearly 500 people attend the picnic that day. The feedback from everyone was very positive. Everyone who attended had a great time!

ATTEST: _____

(State Deputy)

Signed: _____

(Grand Knight)

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