



# Knights of Columbus

## Washington State Council

March 10, 2017

Dear State Convention Delegates and Guests:

The State Officers and I look forward to seeing you and your families at the 114th Annual Meeting of the Washington State Council to be held in Olympia, WA, on May 19<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>th</sup>! If you haven't already done so, please register at the Red Lion Hotel by April 15, 2017 at 1-800-733-5466. Tell them you are with the Knights of Columbus. You may also register on the WSC web-site at [www.kofc-wa.org](http://www.kofc-wa.org). I ask that you also submit the enclosed Registration Form to the Convention Committee as indicated on the form.

The State Convention provides an opportunity for the delegates, members, and guests to celebrate accomplishments and successes, learn from other councils' activities, renew old acquaintances, establish new friendships, and to recommit to the vision of our founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney.

See attached agenda and information provided by our convention committee to see the many special events and activities scheduled this year. Fourth Degree members are requested to bring their regalia if they wish to participate in the Color Corps at the Masses and Banquet.

The proper clothing for the regular meetings is a business suit or blazer with slacks. The attire for the Saturday night banquet is formal - tuxedos, dark suits or white dinner jackets with ties for men and evening dress for the ladies.

District Deputies should bring their District signs for the tables and Grand Knights their Columbian Award Applications to the State Convention. I also suggest that you acquire a clipboard and add your council number in big white numerals so I can recognize you when you rise to speak and make a motion or second a motion.

Fr. Nicholas Rausch Council 1643 Convention Chairman Darren Johnson, Grand Knight Michael Colosi, District Deputy 4, Darren Johnson, the entire convention committee, and the staff of the Red Lion have dedicated themselves to ensuring your visit will be an enjoyable one for all. I am confident that you will agree they have done an excellent job preparing for your convention at the Red Lion-Olympia.

I trust that you will enjoy your time with the state fraternal family on this weekend in May; and, you will also make wonderful memories for the years to come. I trust this state convention will inspire you on to even greater efforts to celebrate in the greatest Catholic men's fraternal organization in the world – The Knights of Columbus.

The First Lady requests that you please provide her attached letter to your wives.

Fraternally Yours in service, as Men of Action,

***Eddie L. Parazoo***

*Eddie L. Parazoo, State Deputy*