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**State Chairman,
District Deputy,
and Council Reports**

**120TH
STATE CONVENTION**

**MEMBERSHIP
MICHAEL RUTLAND
STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR**

My Brothers,

Vivat Jesus my brothers! I trust you are enjoying our Convention. I was proud and honored to serve you as the State Membership Director this year. Wow, where do I start. This year has seen remarkable growth. February, March, and April saw growth of 64, 71, and 57 new members respectively. As of the writing of this report we have achieved Circle of Honor for the second year in a row and for the first time achieved the Pinnacle Award, the highest Membership award in the Order. We could not have achieved these honors without all your combined efforts. Well done!!

This year, as we traveled the state conducting multiple regional meetings, we made ourselves available to train Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries on “How to” be successful. There were a lot of concerns and questions regarding the Online Membership Join process, and how to best recruit for the order and councils. We met with some amazing brothers, who managed to balance their work, family, and their positions within the Knights. Brothers from all walks of life having the same vision of Blessed Michael McGivney.

Additionally, this year Supreme changed their policy of deducting members from a council that had died, withdrawn, or suspended. As you know this practice made it hard for some councils to achieve their goal toward star council. The policy now, the number of men you recruit is not diminished by other circumstances that were always beyond the council’s control. We also discussed a way to get past the mindset of a council’s membership goals. We asked that every member in Washington recruit one new member during the Fraternal Year, that’s all. Just think of the possibilities. There are over 16 thousand members in the state, if everyone recruited one, we would grow exponentially and lead the entire Order. The possibilities are limitless.

As a result, there were 115 councils that brought in at least one new member this Fraternal Year. There were 26 councils that achieved 110% or better of their Membership Goals. The Renton Council recruited 20 new members achieving 400% and earning Quadruple Star. There were 5 Double Stars and 20 Star Council qualifiers. As of May there were 10 councils needing just one or two new members to qualify for Star Council.

You all are the best brother knights I have ever had the privilege to work with and I look forward to yet another successful year with your help.

Michael Rutland
State Membership Director

**GENERAL PROGRAMS
DANG NGUYEN
STATE GENERAL PROGRAMS DIRECTOR**

This year, programs across the state began to show strong revival after coming out of nearly three years of impact from the pandemic. Many councils have shown strong recovery by implementing their Council Recovery Plan. These councils are also very strong in recruitment of new members. The latter is not a coincidence. Programs drive membership! Men join our order to do something for their families, for their church, and for their communities.

Coats for Kids, Ultrasound initiatives, ASAP, Special Olympics, pancake breakfasts, fundraisers, parish life, holy hours, weekly rosaries, and many others are just some examples of the strong programs conducted this year throughout the state. Pastors across the state desperately needed parishioners to come back to church, and Knights stepped up to bring programs that would bring people together.

Even with major scheduling changes in the matching coats program schedule that literally had councils scrambling to raise funds several months earlier than they were used to, we still stepped up. You will find more details from Coats for Kids Chairman Mike Winkler's report, but in summary, as a state, we had very strong numbers that were above and beyond what we did last year. This demonstrated how dedicated we are to making sure no kid goes without a warm coat in our cold winter months.

Councils that sponsored fundraisers for our post-Roe v Wade world raised nearly \$35,000 to the ASAP program (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) with Supreme granting an additional \$4700 to pregnancy centers and maternity care resource centers throughout Washington. In total, 22 councils submitted 25 ASAP grants that were approved. With this money, the order said loudly that we as Catholics are more than "pro-birth". We are deeply devoted to supporting Life in all its stages.

Sadly, I can't report that every program went well this year. In the youth programs, many councils failed to conduct meaningful soccer and free throw challenges. For many years prior to the pandemic, we had not conducted a live state competition in these two youth programs. The pandemic was very devastating to these programs, as the number of councils conducting them this year were very minimal. Again, no state competitions for soccer and free throws were conducted in person. In lieu of a live state competition, the scoresheets from a handful of district winners were calculated and awarded as state winner by their total points for district competitions only. We must strive to do better in the next fraternal year to revive these youth programs.

Dang H. Nguyen
State General Program Director

COMMUNITY PROGRAM DIRECTOR ABUNDEO REPONTE

Congratulations to all Washington State councils for your good works of charity in your local communities. Council newsletters, form 10784s and community award application revealed community activities in all areas of this faith in action programs. This fraternal year councils exceeded last year's numbers of cases of coat council purchased from supreme, an increase of helping hands projects, expansion and more of usage of the KC help in the region. Thanks for your great work.

A special thanks for our District Deputies who have been working with councils and council leadership in developing annual community program goals and trying to mitigate ad-hoc planning over the pasted fraternal year. The benefits of setting annual goals are that the council maintained a positive attitude and demeanor while planning events and community activities, working through unforeseen problems over time, saving time and money.

Form 10784 is a valuable tool for state program directors. Some of the council members have voiced concerns or expressed how much of a nuisance to send the form 10784 to oblivion at the supreme council. Not so, state directors are able to review monthly reports of Faith in Action activities and suggest any areas to improve or expand council activities.

Recovering from the emergency lockdowns and the economic conditions of today have not stopped councils from the good work of charity but forces us to adapt and overcome many new challenges. I hope and pray the Knight of Columbus of Washington State continue to do all that we can for God and country.

Finally, as we plan for the next fraternal year, take time for a self-inventory, assessing your strengths, weakness, fears and roadblocks, while setting your goals and intentions (wish list). Then fearlessly work through your roadblocks and pessimism to turning your council's good intentions into reality or obtainable goals.

FAITH PROGRAM DIRECTOR TOM PURSLEY

It has been my pleasure to support the Washington State Council as your State Faith Director this past fraternal year. The Faith Director has the privileged job of monitoring the implementation of our "Faith" based programs. Since our Faith-In-Action initiative's a number of years ago, much work and understanding has taken root. Congratulations!

Challenges, especially under the lock-down, have been and continue to be disconcerting. Now we are back again. We have overcome these challenges through Faith and prayer. During these conditions, how to properly identify, connect, and coach Council Faith Chairman and or Program Director's was particularly thought-provoking. You inspired the parish family which allowed Faith programs to move forward during these times of difficulty. Faith in Holy Mother Church and your daily example sustained your efforts.

Today, more than ever, the parish family, especially our youth, continue to be the future. By our example, we as Knights of Columbus best exemplify Blessed Father Michael McGivney's objective of protecting our Catholic family. This is especially important during these times of peripheral influence.

My message to you is, be strong! Lean forward in your quest for positive change in yourself and your parish. At all times recognize and support your clergy and the laity. Be steadfast in your commitments. Be vigilant in your prayer life and say the rosary daily.

Lastly, I want to thank all my Brother Knights and their families for their hard work and sacrifice during these hardships. The lives that you have touched, changed, and saved is immeasurable. Dedication to our Lord's work and sustainment of our parishes is commendable.

I consider it an honor to have supported our outgoing State Deputy, Kim Washburn, and his wife, Barbara. A good friend and dedicated Brother Knight. Most importantly, a true leader under most difficult circumstances. Well done Kim!

Our continued communication via the State monthly bulletin, email and phone will go on unabated. What a wonderful group of Catholic gentlemen you are. May the Holy Mother and Her Son watch over all of you.

Fraternally and Vivat Jesus
Tom Pursley,
Washington State Faith Director

LIFE PROGRAM DIRECTOR GARY W. CLONINGER

It was a good year for Ultrasounds Machines. New Machines were installed in Oak Harbor, Omak, Bellingham, and Kennewick. We sent out applications for the Knight's to fill out and one for the Diocese. Then the applications are signed by the State Deputy and forwarded to Supreme for final approval. We present funds to the Pregnancy Center along with a ceremony to share with all that made the purchase of the Ultrasound Machine possible. Many of the State Officers attend those ceremonies, like Kim Washburn, State Deputy. Scott Hulse, State Advocate, Dang Nguyen, Program Director and several Grand Knights and District Mangers.

Washington State has placed 40 machines within our state since 2010. Overall, the Knights have provided 150 machines throughout all the jurisdictions. The forecast for this coming year (2023) is another four and one in 2024. It takes very dedicated Knights to make this happen. I give praise for all their support. Roe vs. Wade legalized abortion nationally in 1973. Since then, approximately 63.8 million lives of pre-born babies have been terminated. "There is an urgent need for us to fight this resurgence of the Culture of Death". Over the same time, it is estimated that over 800,000 Lives have been saved.

The 532 Ultrasound Initiative has been truly special with the placement of 4 new machines around the state in 2022 and 2 so far this year, 2023. Many councils, including the State Council worked diligently raising the funds needed for these Women Care Centers. With the help from 4US, a noted pregnancy support group out of Tacoma, WA. has matched most of all the council funds for these centers. Supreme has matched the combined funds. If you get the opportunity, make a point of expressing your support to both 4US and Supreme for their support.

The abortion pill, RU 486, is now being distributed by mail so women can administer it to themselves without a doctor's care or supervision. This although the manufacture of the pill acknowledges that over 4000 women have died from it. The pill is now being used to terminate pregnancies up to 17 weeks even though it was only intended to be used up to 4 weeks. The good news is abortions in the U.S. have declined 57% since 1990. Legislation is now in work to ban the usage of the pill in several states.

What is the culture of Life? It Provides Care for the Dignity of Humans, provides Life Assist Pregnant Women in Need, Aids the Handicapped and Brings Attention to Injustices of Life Issue. Our goal is to provide a qualifying Pregnancy Center with an Ultrasound Machine to give each mother a Window into the Womb, to Witness the Miracle of Life Growing within her Body.

Scott Hulse and Mike Taylor reports the 2023 Pilgrimage of the Silver Rose schedule is complete. The Silver Rose will be in Washington State from 5-1 through 6-4-2022. Please contact the two chairmen for actual travel from one city to the others. Scott will handle the schedule on the east side of the state and Mike will handle the schedule on the west side. The life programs are 1. The Marches for Life 2. Special Olympics 3. Tootsie Roll Programs 4. Ultrasound Initiative, 5. Christian Refugee Relief 6. Silver Rose 7. Mass for People with Special Needs 8. Pregnancy Center Support 9. Novena for Life 10. Pro-Life Poster and Essay Contest.

Gary Cloninger, Life Director Washington State Council Knights of Columbus

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ED PARAZOO, PSD**

This fraternal year I have worked as the Executive Director for the Washington State Council.

I have fulfilled the duties assigned to me by the State Deputy which included mailings, updating data, printing materials, scheduling meetings and lodging for the Winter DD meeting, the Regional meetings, the State Convention, the Summer Meeting, the Officers Retreat, and the Supreme Convention. I also ordered supplies and other materials as deemed necessary by the State Deputy and carried out any other requests that may have been made by other State Officers. It has been a rewarding experience and I look forward to helping in any way that I can to further the cause of the Knights of Columbus and the Washington State Council.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Parazoo, Executive Director
Washington State Council
Knights of Columbus

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS CHAIRMAN
DARREN E. JOHNSON**

Brother Knights, As the fraternal winds down so does my chairmanship. I have enjoyed being your SOW State Chairman but it's time for a new brother to step up and talk the reigns. I have been the chair for almost 8 years, and I have had many events locally, statewide, and nationally. I will never forget the USA Games at Husky Stadium and the opening ceremonies with Ann Wilson of Heart singing the National Anthem and all the celebrities that were part of that evening. We had a major part of the 4th of July event at the USA Games where 200 of us served the athletes, coaches and friends lunch provided by The Coca Cola company. I remember how many people came up to me and thanked us for spending the holiday with them. We have been awarded and recognized in so many different ways from SOW and the Archdiocese of Seattle for our support of Special Olympics Washington and helping others with disabilities. Remember the Special Olympics always needs our help. So, watch the website frequently to see what's happening in your area. I am not leaving the Knights I am just rearranging my schedule as I still work full time. God Bless you all for your support over the years.

**VOCATIONS-RSVP/PFH CHAIRMAN
TIM COYLE**

It has been an honor and privilege to serve the Washington State Council as the Vocations Chairman, overseeing the RSVP program and the Pennies For Heaven program. This is my 10th year as Vocations Chairman, and I would hope our most successful year.

RSVP: This past year I communicated with the Directors of Seminarians in Seattle, Spokane and Yakima and provided them with a summary of the support provided by the Knights of Columbus

Councils in Washington State. The year-to-date RSVP support comes from 98 councils and 4 assemblies which provided support in the amount of \$104,800 to 32 seminarians on the state and 11 religious. This is slightly higher than last year.

I assigned seminarians to councils for RSVP support, which took into account specific needs and sharing of support across the three dioceses. Each seminarian received a minimum of \$2,000 in support, and each religious received a minimum of \$500 in support payments. I provide the State Deputy reports on our progress. I continue to receive copies of the RSVP refund requests for this fraternal year and will make a consolidated report when all data is received.

I attended the ordinations in Seattle Archdiocese and Yakima Diocese, presenting the newly ordained priest gifts from the State Council, and delivering a message of support for their ministry.

Pennies For Heaven: I spoke with councils and wrote articles regarding the mission of Pennies For Heaven. The 2021 Pennies for Heaven was short of our goal. This was probably due to Covid restrictions and inability to raise funds.

I wrote articles for the state bulletin and worked on promoting the PFH and RSVP program through emails with Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries. I distributed over 200 Vocation Prayer Cards to councils throughout the state.

Tim Coyle, Vocations Chairman

MCGIVNEY GUILD CHAIRMAN EDWARD HEBERT SR.

Worthy Brothers,

It has been a pleasure serving as your State Chairman for the Blessed Michael McGivney Guild. Our state membership stands at 16,781 and the saddest part is only 3,320 of our state membership are members of the McGivney guild.

Even though our fraternal year is coming to a close there is still time for you, family members, relatives and friends to join the Blessed Michael McGivney Guild. It costs nothing to join and there is no dues, it is absolutely free!

To join contact the state chairman or best do it directly on the Supreme website by clicking on the GUILD LINK and filling out the application.

Again, thank you for allowing me to serve you. God Bless.

Vivat Jesus
Fraternally,
Edward P. Hebert Sr.

COATS FOR KIDS CHAIRMAN MIKE WINKLER

Thank you to all the councils that participated in the 2022 Coats for Kids program. We had another very busy year, with Supreme reporting that Washington State ordered 10,548 coats through the Coats for Kids program. We had 53 councils participating in the matching coats program this year compared to 41 councils last year. We increased our distribution points across the State from three to eight to help accommodate our continued growth in this program. Our preordering program during the month of August worked smoothly, with coats delivered in early to mid-October across the State. Ordering our coats early also avoided the need for Supreme to send substitute sizes when filling our orders. In addition to the coats ordered through Supreme, there were a number of coats purchased locally by our councils or donated through churchwide coat drives. Again, thank you to all the councils who participated and a special thank you to the brothers who served in our eight distribution points for the coats. Thank you also to Supreme for making the matching coats program possible.

Mike Winkler, Chair, Washington State Coats for Kids Program

COATS FOR KIDS STATE BREAKDOWN LEADERBOARD 2022-2023

as of April 1,
2023

State	Regular Coats cases (12 per box)	Regular Coats (SM,LG,TN,Adult)	Light Weight Cases (24 per box)	Light Weight Coats	Total Coats 2022- 2023
Pennsylvania	1,02	12,28	2	48	12,33
	4	8			6
Michigan	884	10,60	11	264	10,87
		8			2
Washington	771	9,252	54	1,29	10,54
				6	8
Minnesota	786	9,432	0	0	9,432
Massachusetts	633	7,596	0	0	7,596
Connecticut	590	7,080	7	168	7,248
Illinois	591	7,092	3	72	7,164
New York	540	6,480	3	72	6,552
New Jersey	490	5,880	4	96	5,976

Texas	297	3,564	88	2,112	5,676
Georgia	117	1,404	145	3,480	4,884
Maryland	335	4,020	1	24	4,044
Ohio	326	3,912	2	48	3,960
Florida	50	600	134	3,216	3,816
Nebraska	315	3,780	1	24	3,804
Missouri	302	3,624	6	144	3,768
California	262	3,144	20	480	3,624
Virginia	284	3,408	5	120	3,528
Wisconsin	286	3,432	0	0	3,432
Oregon	208	2,496	18	432	2,928
Utah	222	2,664	0	0	2,664
District of Columbia	220	2,640	0	0	2,640
Indiana	199	2,388	6	144	2,532
Delaware	196	2,352	4	96	2,448
North Carolina	179	2,148	9	216	2,364
West Virginia	190	2,280	0	0	2,280
South Carolina	102	1,224	30	720	1,944
Colorado	153	1,836	3	72	1,908
Nevada	96	1,152	28	672	1,824
Arizona	38	456	49	1,176	1,632
Iowa	112	1,344	4	96	1,440
Oklahoma	114	1,368	2	48	1,416
Kentucky	87	1,044	11	264	1,308
Tennessee	64	768	18	432	1,200
Montana	98	1,176	0	0	1,176
Kansas	93	1,116	2	48	1,164
New Mexico	83	996	6	144	1,140
New Hampshire	74	888	8	192	1,080
South Dakota	83	996	0	0	996
Louisiana	29	348	12	288	636
Idaho	49	588	0	0	588
Maine	44	528	0	0	528
Rhode Island	40	480	2	48	528
Vermont	36	432	0	0	432
Alaska	34	408	0	0	408
Arkansas	23	276	4	96	372
Alabama	28	336	0	0	336
North Dakota	16	192	0	0	192
Mississippi	9	108	2	48	156
Wyoming	9	108	0	0	108
Military Overseas	4	48	0	0	48
Puerto Rico	2	24	0	0	24
TOTAL	11,817	141,804	704	16,896	158,700

**STATE ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE & FORMS CHAIRMAN
KEVIN FRALEY**

We conducted training at the summer meeting, the ten regional meetings plus six additional regional training meetings, and hundreds of questions and problems solved throughout the year. I wrote up and sent out detailed instructions to FS's and GK's teaching them how to perform their duties.

**CEREMONIAL CHAIRMAN
PATRICK KELLEY, IPSD**

My Dear Brothers,

I wish to extend my thanks to all Grand Knights and District Deputies who performed their degrees in an appropriate manner this year so that their members were ready to participate in the Order, in full, as Council Officers and other valued positions.

With the inception of the Supreme provided Online recorded degree we are not able to count the number of actual degrees taken, however we understand that in the reaching of our membership goal, the taking of degrees by new members is in line with those goals.

While there are no longer requirements for Ceremonial Teams to be certified by a Supreme representative the expectation remains that all parts be memorized as much as possible and performed in person by Council members in appropriate dress.

The list of prescribed dress and paraphernalia is on the Supreme Website and should be viewed occasionally by Degree Team members to ensure that they remain in line with the requirements laid down by Supreme Ceremonials Director.

If your Council/District does not have a team, please prayerfully consider forming one or more in your District.

Fraternally,

Patrick L. Kelley

Patrick L. Kelley, IPSD
State Ceremonials Director

**ROUNDTABLE CHAIRMAN
PATRICK KELLEY, IPSD**

Worthy Sirs,

As of this date we have met and exceeded our Supreme goal for establishing Roundtables in neighboring Parishes. Many thanks to all. While this sometimes gets lost in the shuffle between membership, programs and other important Council items you managed to get it done with flying colors.

The establishment of a Roundtable in nearby Parishes can often lead to a new Council but is not required to do so. What it really means that there is one more Priest supported by our Order and that is the most important reason.

Each year the Report of Roundtable Coordinator is necessary to keep a Roundtable in effect. Gone are the days of reporting hours and activities at that Parish. Only the name of the coordinator needs to be formally submitted. Please try to make an annual checklist of these items so that they are fulfilled as early in the fraternal year as possible, and the rest will take care of itself.

Thanks once again for your efforts and good work.

Fraternally,
Pat Kelley, IPSD
Roundtable Director

WEBMASTER CHAIRMAN TOM WILLIAMS

My Brothers,

My second (and hopefully last!) year as webmaster is coming to a close. Our State Warden Dave has led an effort by students at St. Martin's University to rewrite the Washington State website with new technologies, to freshen up the look and feel and to make it easier to support. I look forward to implementing the new website later this year and then handing the baton off so that I can focus on the position of State Secretary.

I continue to be grateful to all the men who support the current website, the unsung heroes who update member addresses and phone numbers, who maintain the calendar, who call me when there is a bug on the website. I couldn't do this job without your help and support, and I want to thank you publicly for everything you do.

Technology is at a crossroads as applications and services migrate from dedicated servers to the cloud. This presents us with some serious challenges but also opens up vast new opportunities to use new functionalities, create new opportunities to streamline functionality and make the technologies work for us. This is an ambitious goal to lift our technology into more modern iterations, and we are well underway!

I can't tell you how excited I am to hold a Convention again in person! The last three years, while absolutely necessary for safety, have been but a hollow shell of the Convention experience. It will be wonderful to once again gather in person and celebrate the Knights!

Vivat Jesus!
Fraternally,
Tom
Thomas C. Williams
Webmaster
Washington State Council
Knights of Columbus

BULLETIN EDITOR KEN DEVOS

My editing skills are getting better in putting the monthly state newsletter together. State Officers, program chairmen and directors provide the content and I format and make it look pretty. Every now and then an article is missed, but the overall content is there, and the messages are getting out. There is a section for council activities in the past or future. If your council has or is going to do something, pass in the information and the newsletter will include the message to get the word out. Pictures are gladly accepted to enhance the story.

Fraternally,
Ken DeVos – State newsletter editor

HISTORIAN CHAIRMAN ANTHONY FARRELL

This is my second year as the State history Chairmen. I came in not knowing what to expect. Yet it has been a challenging and learning experience being responsible for maintaining and collecting materials for the Knight's archives. I have learned by reading through the historical file that many councils have been adding to their historical records. However, most have little recorded activity beyond 2019.

Furthermore, I have no history file for the newest Councils (9) and am missing basic information such as Charter date, membership list, and activities. It seems that this has been an ongoing problem. My predecessor Joseph St. Hilaire has mentioned this recording gap in several State Convention articles. Perhaps in the past there were less councils which made it easier to collect and maintain files. If you are able, please consider completing your historical file from 2019 to present, or since your inception. I have notified all DD by E-mail to help collect this information.

For new councils you can solve this problem of missing information by submitting a report (one- or two-page article) answering the following questions:
When did your Council get started (Charter History form and Data)?
Who were the Chartered members and their membership numbers?
How many members do you have today?
List of present officers, and Membership numbers?
What significant activities, programs, and missions have you conducted that benefited the parish or community?
Have the council and members received awards and recognition for their achievements?
Finally, has our council grown since its inception? And how much?

The following council do not have a file (#15968, #16184, #16176, #16186, #16361, #16667, #16690, #17152, #17152)

If you furnish these basic facts. I will create a file for you (write down the History). You may not consider it important, but for every history there is a story that follows your council. So, in the future whoever reads your file will appreciate your efforts to put your story in print.

This also goes for councils that have files but only need to update them. If your Council or Assembly has material of historical importance you may want them to be part of the historical archives for prosperity.

Also, congratulations to all the Councils for conducting another year of charitable service to their Parish and community.

Contact: State Directory (WSH) historian@kofc-wa.org

KCIC CHAIRMAN ED MILLER

This year once again Christ is Christmas LLC. was not able to provide us with a selection of English Christmas Cards. With the permission of the SD, I initiated a search for English Cards. I identified a company that had a nice quote from the bible along with a salutation that were made in the U.S.A. and bought 600 boxes. Halfway through the card season, I ran out of about everything I had except for a couple of selections, when I got a call from Catholic Prayer Cards. They sent me samples of their products & quoted me a very good price. The samples were outstanding & with the SD permission we used them for the rest of the year. The relationship created with Catholic Prayer Cards allowed KCIC to order directly from them when an order was placed from a Council without needing to hold additional inventory.

We continue to order a variety of ethnically diverse Christmas Cards from Christ is Christmas LLC in addition to pins, car magnets, ornaments, signs, Christmas Seals, & candles.

We had 22 councils participating, 6 more councils than last year! That's better, but with 161 councils & 61 assemblies in our state, we should be doing much better. This coming year I want to make it very easy for each council to acquire cards & sell. Let's all take just a little time to send at least 1 Religious Christmas Card to someone that you care about to KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!

Vivat Jesus!

Ed Miller

KCIC Washington State Chairman

ATHLETICS/YOUTH CHAIRMAN KEN DEVOS

This was my 12th year as state youth director. I started under the asking of PSD John Wallace. Maybe one of these years I can step down, but incoming state Deputy Greg Mahoney is looking this way for me to continue. Oh, please let there be a God!! State youth activities ramped up a little this year. I would like to see more councils get back to pre-COVID levels so state finals can be held for both Soccer Challenge and Free Throw. We started a little late, but an effort was made to hold a western and an eastern state free throw competition. This would have been open to all council champions. Not only a free throw competition, but also a basketball skills clinic as an incentive to get councils to participate and raise the number of participants. Look for this to come in the next fraternal year.

An idea that my council did this year was work with my parish school and hold the free throw competition during PE class. This worked out great, with a huge assist from the PE teacher, as we had

a total of 125 participants. More in one year than had have had in the past 10 years combined!! You have to think of new ways to get your programs to work.

I would like to thank all the councils that participated in the Soccer Challenge, KCIC poster contest, Catholic citizenship essay and in the free throw program. We have some good free throw shooters out there but without a physical free throw final their entries cannot be sent to Supreme for consideration as state champions.

Fraternally,
Ken DeVos - State Youth Director

WHEELCHAIR/KC-HELP CHAIRMAN JERRY RHOADS

During the Pandemic of 2020 and 2021, the Knights Community Hospital Equipment Lend Program operated as an essential service under COVID restrictions supporting hospitals with patients who were ambulatory for home care. In 2022 as restrictions were lifted and the delayed less critical surgeries were performed, we experienced a record year of service to our communities. Throughout 2022, service to our communities remained strong and our volunteers and staff responded with a can-do attitude. Statewide, KC Help served 6,056 Families with durable medical equipment. The Wheelchairs, Hospital beds, Hoyer lifts, bathroom equipment and other assistive aid and mobility equipment needed for their recovery from injury and illness made a real difference in the lives of families. Our neighbors in the 132 communities we serve experienced the gift of who we are as Knights of Charity. Being able to provide for the least of our brothers is what we are called to do. This program gives us an amazing presence in our communities. Knights of Columbus men, their wives and often times their kids joined in to receive, sanitize and repair donated equipment. Our Volunteers open doors to the community and help them select the equipment they need, listen to their stories, and walk with them as they recover.

Families made nearly 14,000 phone calls to KC Help. They were in need of our service or wanted to donate equipment and/or funds to our program. Through the three KC Help Regional Centers in the Tri Cities, Wenatchee and Poulsbo, 9,669 items were provided with a value of our service at \$2,546,350. Our Brothers provided 10,615 volunteer hours in 2022. The hour may have been spent sanitizing a commode, fixing a wheelchair, listening to their story, or delivering a walker to a homebound widow. If that hour is valued according to the "Independent Sector of the Do Good Institute," it is \$29.95 per hour and totals \$317,919. However, if the value of our volunteer's hour is based on the value of our service, it averages \$240 per volunteer hour.

Highlights in 2022 include placing thousands of durable medical equipment items with many families who would otherwise have had to do without. Thus, we emerged at the 2022-year's end increasing our statewide service from 7,904 items in 2021 to 9,669 items (a growth of 22%).

Statewide we loaned:

- 367 hospital beds to clients for recovery at home reducing the impact to our area hospitals,
- 1,468 Manual & Transport Wheelchairs,
- 181 Electric Wheel Chairs & Scooters,
- 148 Lift chairs
- 130 Hoyer lift/Sit to Stand Lifts
- 238 Knee Scooters
- 2,628 Walkers

- 4,509 Bathroom equipment and other DME
- In addition, two 16 ft. cargo trailers full of DME were sent to San Felipe, Baja Mexico
- We served a total of 6,056 families statewide:
 - 2,351 families from the Tri Cities branch.
 - 2,528 families from the Wenatchee branch
 - 1,177 families from the Poulsbo branch

While these numbers speak volumes about our service, they pale in comparison to the medical and emotional stress families are experiencing. Loss of jobs and delays in getting the desperately needed medical equipment at any cost, confirm our presence in the community is essential. Expressions of hope and joy when we are able to help, confirm we are doing meaningful and necessary work. Our relationship with our neighbors is the most valuable part of our service.

Looking to the future, we have three areas that are in the preparation mode of bringing KC Help service to their communities. Alliances with Catholic Charities in Spokane and St Vincent De Paul in Bremerton are expanding our facilities. The Yakima Diocese is providing land in East Wenatchee for KC Help to build an additional storage building. The Tri Cities (Richland KofC) project to establish a corporate headquarters capable of helping other Districts startup a KC Help Center is well on its way. This corporate center will be a hub to establish an expansive inventory facility to supplement the equipment and growth needs of the other regions as they develop.

Data Tables

Regional Service Center	Total Clients	Total Equipment Provided	Value of Service	Volunteer Hours	Value of Hours	Miles	Miles Value	Cities Served	Client Calling
Tri Cities Service Center	2,351	3,674	\$ 1,339,160	4738	\$141,903	Not Avail	\$0	56	5,815
Wenatchee Service Center	2,528	3,913	\$ 536,365	4143	\$124,083	Not Avail	\$0	66	5,500
Poulsbo Service Center	1,177	2,082	\$ 670,825	1734	\$51,933	1,734	\$11,315	10	2,674
Totals	6,056	9,669	\$ 2,546,350	10,615	\$317,919	1,734	\$11,315	132	13,989
Equipment Type	Tri Cities		Wenatchee		Poulsbo		Total		
Hospital Bed w Mattress	176		115		76		367		
Manual Wheelchairs	632		545		291		1468		
Electric Wheelchairs	129		0		52		181		
Lift Chairs	90		0		58		148		
Hoyer Lift/Sit to Stand	77		23		30		130		
Knee Scooters	96		73		69		238		
Walkers	993		1,215		420		2,628		
Bathroom & Other DME	1,481		1,942		1082		4509		
Total							9,669		

**SILVER ROSE CHAIRMAN
MIKE TAYLOR**

Last Year we covered the whole State. Starting with Post Falls and the Spokane area and ending in Monroe, before transferring to Idaho. We were able to bring the Rose to 30 plus Parishes.

This year the Pilgrimage is starting in Vancouver and coming up through the west side of the state. It will be with us at the convention and can be used at both the Holy Hour and the Necrology Mass. After the convention it will move to the east side of the state starting with Spokane where DD20 Greg Loberg will shepherd it through the area. It will move to the southeastern side of the state where I will pick it up and shepherd it through Yakama and finally to Pasco. It will then transfer to Idaho in Lewiston where it will continue its pilgrimage through the rest of the western states.

Yours in Christ
Michael Taylor
Silver Rose Chair
DD16

**NECROLOGY CHAIRMAN
ROBERT J. BAEMMERT, PSD**

“Burying Our Dead” is an important Corporal Work of Mercy that we as Knights take very seriously. When a brother Knight or a member of his immediate family has been called home to our Lord, we respect, honor, and remember them.

The Financial Secretary or Grand Knight of each Council is instructed to go to the Washington State website, to log-In with their member number and password, to go to the Members Only Column, and to select and fill out the appropriate form.

Timely reporting here is critical. This allows the State Chaplain time to say a Mass in that person’s honor and for a condolence card to be sent to the family in a timely fashion. If the information is received past thirty days, no condolence card will be sent. Nothing is more difficult for a grieving family than to be reminded of their loss months down the road.

In addition to these remembrances, a State Necrology Mass for the Faithfully Departed from the year, is held on Sunday Morning of the State Convention weekend, by the State Chaplain. Each fallen member’s name is read as part of that Mass.

Sadly, two Past State Deputies; John Wallace, and Hal Westby, as well as a Former First Lady; Lori Hogan, have passed this year. I ask that you keep them in your prayers. From the Washington State Family and from all our Washington Knights, May the Souls of The Faithfully Departed Rest in Peace.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Baemmert, PSD

District 1

Thomas E. Joyce, District Deputy

Seattle Council 676

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Seattle Council 8311

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Seattle Council 12889

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Seattle Council 13606

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Seattle Council 13761

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Seattle Council 13834

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

District 2

John M. Devine, District Deputy

To all that have survived the recent Pandemic – CONGRADULATIONS!!! – It was a rough go for a while, as you are well aware, but Knights Overcome, Adapt and Persevere. Some things have changed – some things have remained the same, but we are all aware of the three constancies in life - change, death and taxes. As with all Districts, #2 has endured the perpetual consistencies of life.

Council 1379 (Bremerton) has made a small fortune with their relatively new recycle program with all proceeds devoted specifically to the RSVP program. They work in conjunction with KCHELP and collect steel, copper, brass and the ever-constant aluminum. The council broke even this year in the Lenten Fish Fry due to the high cost of goods, while maintaining an affordable price for the community. The Council Youth Program (as we knew it) no longer exists, but efforts to revive it are being investigated.

Council 8297 (Poulsbo) is now KCHELP West. Larry Devlin & Company have established 4 distribution centers and serve 8 counties in Western Washington. Cleaning, repairing and distributing Hospital Equipment requires the HELP of Knights and volunteers throughout District 2. Scrap is recycled. The council meets secretly at Saint Peter's Mission due to the unavailability of church facilities, even to this day. The Council's Car Wash Ticket Sales Program provides a modest and steady income.

Council 11789 (Holy Trinity, Bremerton) gets it. They are on top of their game and constantly developing new avenues to reach out to the specific ethnic groups in the community. The calendar is always full and stretches out a year in advance. An excellent priest, outstanding leadership, active volunteers and superb communication, all combine to ensure Holy Trinity is the best Council in the State. This council is a magnet for new and transferring members throughout the District.

Council 12251 (Bainbridge Island) is in their own little world. They have a knack in adapting their programs and activities to the needs (and wants) of the community. Instead of having a food drive,

Knights pick up the food for you. Instead of having a Pancake Breakfast, they have a Wine & Cheese Party. And it all works.

Council 13395 (Silverdale) has fought the good fight. Naval Base Kitsap at Bangor has closed its Religious Facilities leaving the council without a priest, a parish or a community. The sixty members of this Council are in the process of merging with Holy Trinity, and the final audit (and property transfer) is scheduled to occur on 15 May 2023.

Respectfully,

JD

DD2

Bremerton Council 1379

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Poulsbo Council 8297

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Bremerton Council 11789

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Bainbridge Island Council 12251

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Silverdale Council 13395

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District 3

Abundeo Reponte, District Deputy

By the Grace of God, the fraternal year is nearly over, and we can reflex on our achievements, fix our flops, continue to mourn our losses and plan for the next fraternal year. All councils are active and serve their parishes community. At the beginning of the fraternal year, it was a challenge to attend council meetings because some were online, in person or scheduled on the same day. Using the fraternal planners was not a good fit because it was bulky and didn't have features and portability that Google or Outlook has.

All councils this past fraternal year were able to adopt changes taken on from the pandemic into their normal operation "post pandemic" operations. This demonstrated their flexibility and reliance moving forward in the fraternal year.

District 3 council has made great efforts in recruiting and has taken advantage of fraternal benefits but, as our council members age, we must find a way to have younger Catholics ages 18-35 to return to church. Our order and faith depend on it. If young men would put down the remote or game controller and dedicating an hour or two too God every week is a great start. We as catholic men and Knights must take control of our faith and find a way to spread the "good news".

Worthy State Deputy: Thank you for a job well done and I hope and pray for your future successes and the success of the state officers and councils.

PUYALLUP COUNCIL 1629

Garry Sparks, Grand Knight

During the past three years of the pandemic, the All-Saints Puyallup Valley 1629 Knights of Columbus, along with our sisters in the Columbiettes Auxiliary and their family members, have actively participated in several programs in support of our parish and community as follows:

Special Olympics, Pro-Life, Coats for Kids, Toys for Kids, Heroes on the Water, Horses for Heroes, St. Francis House Puyallup Food Bank, Seminarian Support, All Saints' School Maintenance, Cutting and splitting firewood for parishioners, Assisted parking cars for the Parish, Quarterly Blood Drives for Cascade Regional Blood Services.

We also conducted our Officers monthly meeting, (on Zoom) which worked out well. We now have our general meetings in person. Some members continued serving as Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors. One successful highlight over the past three years was the annual sales of specially designed "Keep Christ in Christmas" yard signs and Christmas Cards throughout the Advent Season. The monthly Knights' Breakfast in our Parish Center has helped with recruiting new members as well as fellowship for the Parishioners. The Council has been doing successful fundraisers at Applebee's Restaurant. The Council has always had a great turn out of members when asked for help.

I'm proud to say, I am the Grand Knight of Council 1629.

God Bless,

Garry Sparks, GK 1629, WFN 1175

SPANAWAY COUNCIL 6806

Jerry Zukowski, Grand Knight

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Council 6806 under the leadership of Grand Knight Jerry Zukowski, Deputy Grand Knight John Larsen, Financial Secretary Louis Fuertes, Program Director Brian Poje, with the support of the Brother Knights and spouses of the Council participated and/or sponsored the following activities and projects during the Fraternal Year 2022/2023:

FAITH: Pastor, Deacon, Parish Staff, Pastoral Council, Sacristans, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Choir Members, R.S.V.P Program, Pennies for Heaven, Monthly Parish Pancake Breakfast, Keep Christ in Christmas, Light Up for Christ, 9/11 World Day of Prayer, Seminarian Support, Support to St. Vincent DePaul Fundraiser Dinner, Parish Christmas Trees, Parish May Crowning, Prayed Rosary at council meetings, Lenten Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross, Advertisements in Weekly Bulletin, maintenance, repair, and security of Parish facilities and grounds.

COMMUNITY: Annual Parish Appreciation Thanksgiving Dinner, Blood Donations, Food Bank Support, Habitat for Humanity Program, Special Olympics, Dorothy Day Food Packets for the Needy, Helping Hands Program, Coats for Kids, Monthly Metal Recycle Program.

FAMILY: Family of the Month and Year Program, Family Night at the Tacoma Rainiers Baseball Game, Get well and sympathy cards, recognizing birthdays and anniversaries of council members, Memorial Masses for deceased Brother Knights and family members, Social Potlucks, 40 days of Lent Food Drive for needy families, Parish Children's Christmas Party, Support to Local Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts, Annual Council Scholarship Award.

LIFE: Support the Supremes Culture of Life Program, 40 Days of Prayer (Pro-Life) during Advent and Lent, Pro-Life display at monthly Parish Breakfast, March for Life in Olympia, and 4US Rally in Steilacoom.

BUCKLEY COUNCIL 9637

Lowell (Mac) MacLaughlin, Grand Knight

Featured Faith Programs

Council donates \$500 annually to support a Seminarian. We participate in RSVP.
Held a memorial mass in November for all past deceased Knights.

Faith Programs

Knights act as greeters for multiple masses including funerals, ushers and sacrosanct.
Council donates \$100 per month to St. Vincent DePaul Society.
Council hosted our regional meeting in October. Was told it was the highest total attendance ever.
Council nominated our Financial Secretary for Knight of the Year for Washington State.

Community Programs

Participated in the Coats For Kids program purchasing and distributing \$238 for coats for children. It is such a wonderful program.

Featured Family Programs

Council held food drives to support local food bank
Council handed out Food Baskets for Thanksgiving and again for Christmas.

Family Programs

Council donated \$200 to the parish kitchen fund.

Life Programs

Knights set up the Manger scene in front of the parish.
Knights held the Tootsie Roll Drive collecting \$1120, donating to Carbonado Schools.

Council Activities

Council reassembled the Manger scene after strong winds blew it over, then disassembled and stored after Christmas.
Council in the process of purchasing a new flagpole and flag after a car knocked it down.

PUYALLUP COUNCIL 11948

Brian Ricard, Grand Knight

Holy Disciples Knights of Columbus Council 11948 proudly submits the following action report to date for Fraternal Year 2022-2023.

Officers:

Grand Knight:	Brian J. Ricard	Deputy Grand Knight:	Michael T. Bourlier
Financial Secretary:	James J. Severns, Jr.	Treasurer:	Frank E. Chamberlain
Chancellor:	Phillip J. Heinzman	Recorder:	Timothy J. Braden
Advocate:	Randolph J. Chavis	Warden:	Robert W. Engelker
Inside Guard:	Robert L. Scothorne	Outside Guard:	Gerald W. Boardway

1-Yr Trustee: William M. Hays 2-Yr Trustee: Nathan M. Kane
3-Yr Trustee: James S. Taylor Chaplain: Dominic C. Chikankheni
Lecturer: Jason A. Osburn

Events/Highlights:

- Conducted first two Exemplifications under new Supreme rules for such.
- Fundraising events included an Applebees Breakfast, Oktoberfest event, several house painting projects, and camper teardown/disposal for elderly knight/spouse preparing home for upcoming sale.
- Supported Grand Knight in cancer-recovery by pouring concrete for his home fire pit project.
- Continued with Seminarian support, Nourish Pierce County Food Bank support, Care Net support along with Supreme \$100 matching funds support and awarded multiple \$500 scholarships.
- Supported Council Priest in need of a book stand for altar and a book pedestal used for daily mass.
- Renamed annual scholarships program to Les Nelson/Mark McCoy Scholarships by adding recently departed Brother Mark McCoy to the name of the program.
- Used Affiliate Membership Initiative to move 13 members off the Council rolls for non payment of dues. Currently have 106 members on Council rolls.
- Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight to attend upcoming State Convention in Olympia in May.

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Brian J. Ricard, Grand Knight
Holy Disciples KofC Council 11948
Puyallup, WA

ENUMCLAW COUNCIL 13364

Gary Gwin, Grand Knight

Summary of Fraternal Activities

Sacred Heart Council 13364 started on the path to reactivation beginning in April of 2022. We conducted our election of officers in August 2022 and were notified of reactivation in December of 2022.

While awaiting our confirmation of being recognized as an active council we continued to pursue KofC featured programs and have been successful in becoming an integral part of the Sacred Heart parish community. Which has enthusiastically welcomed our return.

The activities which we have been able to plan, and conduct are:

- We gained the support of our Pastor and the Parish Community.
- Patriotic Rosary
- Brought back a coffee and donuts service after Sunday morning Mass.
- Entered and participated in the annual Enumclaw Christmas Parade. We were one of two Christian based entries. Our entry was spectacular and well received. Our theme was "Christ in Christmas". It consisted of the following components which represented our diverse parish population.
 - A van with the nativity scene mounted on it. With the Ladies of Sacred Heart Guild riding along.

- A trailer with the 9:00AM choir performing traditional Christmas Carols. The trailer featured Sacred Heart Banners and Council 13364 KofC banner.
- A trailer with the Hispanic choir performing Christmas songs.
- A group of 30 Hispanic dancers in traditional Hispanic dress
- A group of 42 Hispanic horseman carrying Sacred Heart banners, Our Lady of Guadalupe Banner, and a banner of Jesus Christ.
- Additionally, we had parishioners handing out the Christmas Mass schedules.

The entry was very well received.

- We conducted a Coats for Kids and adults drive in support of Plateau Outreach Ministries (POM).
- Conducted a Food Drive in December with food being donated to POM.
- Supported the annual Parish Picnic with volunteers for setup and conducting group activities.
- Presented the “Into the Breach” series after Mass.
- Successfully completed and submitted our Financial Audit
- We’ve been successful at recruiting new members.
- Conducted Soup & Bread Lenten dinners during Lent.
- Currently planning our entry into the annual Enumclaw 4th of July parade.

The Council continues to grow. We have much work to do but we are very enthusiastic about our future. The support we have received from the State Deputy, State Membership Director, Admin. & Finance chair, District 3 Deputy, our neighboring St. Aloysius Council #9637 (Buckley), and St. Stephen the Martyr Council 13374 (Renton) have been critical in getting Council 13364 active once again. We very much appreciate their support.

SUMNER/ORDING COUNCIL 15136

Ronald Hurst, Grand Knight

Faith

RSVP – Donated \$1000 (2 x \$500) to two seminarians. Raised money with pancake breakfasts.
Rosary – Council leads weekly Rosary on Tuesday evenings, 52 weeks per year.

Family

Food for Families – Council organizes collection of food from local stores for St. Andrew’s Emmanuel Food Pantry. Collect an average of 3000 pounds of food per week, 52 weeks per year so ~150,000 lbs. per year.

Family Fully Alive – Plan to complete this by the end of the fraternal year.

Community

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest – 5 youth participated. First year so should get better participation next year.

Free Throw Championship – 7 youth participated First year so should get better participation next year.

Life

Special Olympics / Tootsie Roll Program – Collected \$4125. Donated to SO – WA, Enumclaw SO and The Arc – WA. Also volunteered at SO events.

Pregnancy Center Support – A pancake breakfast is planned for April 23 with profits to be donated to Pregnancy Aid in Auburn to help with rent.

40 Days for Life – Prayed at the Cedar River Clinic in Tacoma in October and March every Saturday from 10 AM – Noon throughout the 40 days.

District 4

Darren E. Johnson, District Deputy

Also looking forward to hosting this year's convention in Olympia with all 4 of my councils being part of this event. See you then!

Chehalis Council 1550

Scott Olson, Grand Knight

Council 1550 at St. Joseph's Parrish in Chehalis, WA has had a good year. Our council has continued our efforts for Coats for Kids by hosting a summer Yard Sale, and donating coats bought from the proceeds to various charities. We also joined with Council 1758 to host a Parish Family Picnic/BBQ at an outdoor Mass. Council members pitched in to stripe the Parish parking lot, host a Pancake dinner on Ash Wednesday as well as Soup Kitchens supporting Friday Lenten Stations of the Cross. Our members have been active in ongoing Parish Small group sessions, a "That Man is You" Men's group, holding monthly donut socials after Mass, and a Marriage Counseling group. We donated money to Seminarians, our Parish Women's Group for a new decorative brick wall along St. Joseph's parking lot, and provided for a student to receive a scholarship.

Olympia Council 1643

Robert Adams, Grand Knight

We were able to give 165 coats away for "Coats for kids" to local area children. We also organized a Clergy appreciation dinner for 23 Priests, Brothers and Sisters, and their families and guests in September. During our annual Bernie Tourney we raised enough money to give scholarships to St. Mike's School, Holy Family School, JP II High School and St. Martin's University. One of our service projects benefiting Thurston County Food Bank and Sacred Heart Food Pantry was to participate in 4 food drives receiving can food, package food, paper goods and toiletry items along with monetary donations. We stayed busy throughout the year with the Christmas Tree give away, Veteran's Dinners, Drexel House Dinners for homeless Veteran's and other homeless that are housed in the facility and assisting with many functions and needs at all three Parishes and the Holy Theophany Monastery in Olympia.

Centralia Council 1758
Michael McDonald, Grand Knight

Council 1758 in Centralia post Covid dormancy has become quite active this past year. We have maintained past parish activities and increased our presence within the church and local community.

We have increased our membership by three brothers this past year. We have maintained and offered our councils local college scholarship/s to local High school Senior students pursuing a college degree, and who are active in the parish. We also attended Columbus Park Advisory Board meetings in Olympia.

Our council also hosted many an event.

Monthly Coffee/Donut hour hosts: We also hosted our annual Turkey Bingo in November prior to Thanksgiving; We Host and do Pancake Breakfasts/membership drives every 2 or 3 months. Hosted Soup Suppers post Stations of the cross during Lent, and we are teaming up with other parish groups to help out with Divine Mercy Spaghetti feed also. We are active in Pennies from Heaven. Donated to local community services that have parishioners actively involved. Our brothers also serve our church as Lectors, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, facility caretakers and repairmen.

Faithfully submitted,

Michael McDonald
Grand Knight
Centralia Council 1758

Yelm Council 17152
Bill Gonzales, Grand Knight

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

District 5
Thomas Holm, District Deputy

Spokane Council 683
Tim Kromholtz, Grand Knight

Tim Kromholtz, Grand Knight, Spokane Council 683, continued to lead the growing group of knights of Spokane Council 683. We continue to support the VFW District 9, Post 51 with our presence, meetings, dinners, and all activities. We are helping them, and they are helping us in turn. The VFW Post has been very open to meeting our needs, and we have expressed our appreciation with recarpeting the hall and offering half the cost of renovating the bar area.

What did we accomplish as works of charity, mercy, and fraternity in the past fraternal year?

We earned the Columbian Award the prior fraternal year, and our activities will again meet the criteria for the award. We recruited 5 new members, and we hope to earn STAR COUNCIL. We completed the Election of Officer's, Service Program assignments, Fraternal Survey report, Special Olympics report, Semiannual Audit reports, Convention report, Necrology report and Safe Environment renewals with background checks. We participated in the following WSC programs: NPIP Commercial Liability Insurance; Pennies for Heaven Fund for vocations; McGivney Hall and Cor Christi propaedeutic program; Per Capita funding of the WSC operating account; Annual WSC Convention; FS Summer Meeting; and Regional Meetings.

Our membership stands at 129 members – 79 Associate, 40 Insurance, 10 In-Active (7 Honorary and 40 Honorary Life).

The monthly "LOG" newsletter editor, George Czerwonka, PSD, FS, has continued monthly using the KofC email system and posting to elderly non-computer experience members. We use the newsletter "LOG" as a communication, Catholic teaching, and informational tool. The KofC dinner place mats are used for bi-monthly dinners. Blessed Michael McGivney and Pope Francis Prayer Cards are provided the members.

Patrick Tully turned 101 years on February 22, 2021, and a dinner was held again in his honor. He continues to attend meetings and is very active in volunteer works. The Council is been a strong supporter of the Tootsie Roll (TR) Program with the Fred Meyer stores and Darryl Stephens' cadre of supporters benefiting the Anna Schindler Foundation and Anna's House for cancer kids, L'Arche of Spokane, Joya of Spokane, and Special Olympics. We contributed more than \$10,000 to the program again, and we trust in the Lord we will lead the state in giving again this year.

The annual Keep Christ in Christmas Billboard's (7) program with LAMAR Industries on Greater Spokane's arterial roadways during the period beginning the day after Thanksgiving and January 6 of the New Year was successful in the 37th Year with a new picture of the Holy Family. We expanded to 7 locations adding one in Colville and Cheney. Spokane Council 683 continues to evangelize with support of Eastern Washington council's sharing in the annual cost.

Annual charitable gifts were shared with Habitat for Humanity, Archdiocese of Military Services, Basilica of the Immaculate Conception National Shrine, Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes, Meals on Wheels, Toys for Tots, Bishop White Seminary, McGivney Hall and Cor Christi Program, Sisters of Mary Mother of the Church, Monastery of Saint Gertrude, Mr. Andrew Kelly and Jonathan Padrnos, Seminarians. Andy is in Theology IV at St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park, CA.

The Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Church continue to receive our help with all maintenance of the Annunciation House, convent, and mother house. Many hours were spent with maintenance including the removal of trees, leaves, brush, and field grass again. The luncheon offered by the sister's is priceless!

Coats were ordered again for the Coats for Kids program. Coats were stored and sorted at Tom's garage for delivery to elementary schools in poor neighborhoods. The Council donated coats to Longfellow School, PREPARES siblings, St. Anne's Children's Home, St. Charles Catholic School, Trinity School, Caritas Outreach Ministries, St. Margaret's Home for battered women with children, Transitions Home for homeless women with children, and more than 100 coats were also taken to the Spokane Indian

Reservation schools too.

The annual Christmas Basket program began with purchases over six months for 31 families with gifts for all family members and Christmas Basket's with turkey and fixings, produce basket, dairy basket and pastry's basket. Collection and distribution began with the rental of a U-Haul 26-foot truck collecting all gifts and foods for sorting at the VFW Hall. The families selected received personal gifts (\$40 average). The weather was terrible on hauling day due to an ice storm, but the delay was taken in stride by all members participating in sorting and delivery.

Various members participated in Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions, virtual novenas, rosaries, feast day celebrations, Catholic Advocacy Day, Meet Your Legislator, Heart's on Fire Men's Conference, Spokane for Life Mass, 40 Days for Life and Bishop White Crucifix Fund. We also took the lead in working with the WSCC in providing legislative informative.

We look for continue growth and good works in the coming new Fraternal Year!

Cheney Council 9145

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Spokane Council 10534

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Spokane Council 14922

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Spokane Council 15143

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

District 6

Federico G Lopez, District Deputy

1. Promoting some ways of Fundraising activities to make the Councils self-sustaining to have a viable Council and participate in the life of the Parish. Breakfast once a month, Bake Sales, Raffles, etc.
2. The previous participation means that the Grand Knight and Programs Director are talking to Father and getting his approval for other activities that are essential to the Council's survival. Their same programs keep them going but it has been recommended to allocate them in the format of Faith and Action to aim at the Star Council goal. This has allowed the Councils to have this Award more between reach.
3. Promote the recruiting of members involved in other ministries in the parish to have better coordination of activities and make the council's role more prominent.
4. Make the Council open to the possibilities of having Round Tables in small parishes or language oriented to be inclusive of groups in the community in need of developing some connections to the larger community. We have such a good response from new members coming from these environments that at times it seems that we need more people involved to make things go at the pace they would like to go.
5. Doing these basic steps is increasing the visibility of Councils and now Round Tables, More people who see and participate in our programs like what is going on and want to be part of it. Members keep flowing towards the Council and see themselves active in any activity.
6. The Safe Environment Program continues to be the bigger issue for Councils. Most leaders feel that they are doing a lot already and refuse to participate in the training, and because of their experience in the activities they are participating, the Council have a difficult time replacing them, being that their pool of new members has dried out and replacements simply are not there. This is an ongoing issue that we are slowly working on correcting.

7. The biggest challenge at this point is Members Benefit Promotion, at times it looks so simple, but getting people to participate online is the most difficult thing to convince the member due to lack of interest, no access to computers or schedule conflict.
8. So far 2 Councils have achieved their membership goals, one more is one member away from getting it and two councils the bigger ones may get close or make the goal. This fraternal year is definitely the best performance on recruiting, if in the next year we continue to promote Round Tables our councils will be the center of the parish groups. They will get more phone calls from Priests and should become more involved.

Yakima Council 894

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Moxee Council 2303

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Yakima Council 6097

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Yakima Council 8294

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Selah Council 8768

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Cle Elum Council 15684

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Yakima Council 17257

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

District 7

Michael Patello, District Deputy

Pasco Council 1620

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Walla Walla Council 766

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Richland Council 3307

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Kennewick Council 8179

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Kennewick Council 10653

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Eloptia/Connell Council 11478

District 8

Charles Appel, District Deputy

Colfax Council 1488

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Pomeroy Council 1460

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Colton Council 1565

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Uniontown Council 1823

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Clarkston Council 3455

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Pullman Council 7360

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

District 9

Rik L. Dalvit, District Deputy

Bellingham Council 829

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Ferndale Council 7356

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Lynden Council 12420

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

District 10

Stefan Czesak, Jr., District Deputy

Wenatchee Council 1545

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Okanogan Council 3044

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

East Wenatchee Council 13186

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Leavenworth-Cashmere Council 13597

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

District 11

Diome Alcomendas, District Deputy

Camas-Washougal Council 2999

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Vancouver Council 4782

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Goldendale Council 7149

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Vancouver Council 12899

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

DISTRICT 12
Donald Hall, District Deputy

Auburn Council 3598
Daryl Dougherty, Grand Knight

Under the leadership of GK Daryl Dougherty, the council supported the parish picnic, Supported 3 Family Faith Nights; Participated in the parish's annual Trick or Trunk; Leads the parish in the Rosary before masses; Leads a parish Rosary via Zoom each evening; Donated coats to 5 Auburn schools for Coats for Kids; Held our annual Santa Breakfast; Conducted a Diaper Drive; Conducted a Food for Families Drive; Participated in the 40 Days for Life Campaign; Sponsored a local Ukrainian family at Christmas time; Support for seminarians; Aid and support to the area homeless; Lead Stations of the Cross during Lent; Promote personal disaster preparedness; Support local pregnancy aid; Support aid to Ukraine; Support local Sacred Heart radio; Are ushers, ministers of holy communion, lectors as well as parish janitorial support; Support parish marriage/dinner/dance celebration; Participate in the Auburn Veteran's Day parade; Support Puget Sound Honor Flight

St. Joseph Council 7528
Jim Stiles, Grand Knight

Under the leadership of GK Jim Stiles

Faith - Support seminarians; Lead the parish Rosary; Lenten fish dinners; Provide high school scholarships to graduating 8th graders; Are Ushers, Lectors and Ministers of Holy Communion; Puts up and takes down parish grounds Christmas lights; Support youth and adult Mission Trek; Support seminarians

Community - Coats for Kids, distribute 16 cases of coat to 3 schools; Support Nativity House; Support Ukrainian refugee families; Support FW Little League; Support Auburn Veterans Day Parade; Night at the Rainiers baseball inviting our bishop, priests and deacon to attend

Family - Host Spring and Fall parish festivals.

Life - Respect Life Dinner; 40 Days for Life; Support Birth to Three developmental programs; Support CCS Project Rachel; Monthly pro-life vigils

St. Theresa Council 7908
Kris Merritt, Grand Knight

Under the leadership of GK Kris Merritt, the council held its 40th Anniversary Party, hosted 5 Family Movie Nights; Worked 8 Seahawks Games as a fundraiser; funded bringing internet from the church office to the church; hosted a Keep Christ in Christmas event; Donated to Alzheimer Charity; Donated to seminarians; Donated to a family with terminally ill family member; Donated to a family who needed help with burial cost; Donated 18 boxes of coats for Coats for Kids; Hosted multicultural Lenten parish meals; Formed Prepares / Asap committee; Collected over \$2000 in diapers for Prepares; Held 2 bi-lingual

Exemplifications; Helped host St. Theresa Feast Day; Host a Christmas party potluck; supported Camp Prime Time

Centennial Council 8079

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

St. Martin of Tours Council 14162

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

District 13

Rodolfo Vital, District Deputy

As we close 2022-2023 fiscal year, I am thankful for all the brother Knights in my district for their hard work, creativity and continuing drive to support their parish Priest, the community and other charitable organizations.

Everett Council 763

Charles Henggeler, Grand Knight

Council 763 was quite busy throughout 2022-23. We have taken charge of adoration at our new chapel every Thursday. We also have been active in Our Lady of Hope's Hot Meal program as well as continuing to work at the Angel of the Winds Arena, raising money for several organizations in the area. We hosted a midnight breakfast after the Easter Vigil this year which served an estimated 120 guests.

Marysville Council 7863

Robert Ustaris, Grand Knight

Council 7863 has been hard at work supporting our local parish and community. Our activities this year include:

- Monthly updated bulletin Council Bulletin Boards
- Monthly Council Newsletter
- Provided Youth Group Dinners
- Provided School Orientation Dinner
- Provided food and helped set up and take down of Parish Feast event
- Awarded one \$1,500 scholarship to a very deserving student
- Installed a memorial plaque at the Marysville Food Bank in honor of a Brother Knight
- Removed 2 old flagpoles in the cemetery and replaced with a new lighted flagpole.
- Donated a Soccer Goal to the newly established St. Mary Academy school.
- Donated handheld radios to the Parish to assist with activities and security
- Purchased an additional Fryer to assist with the ever-growing Fish Fry event.
- Donated food in support of the Easter Brunch event.
- Assisted a fellow Parishioner with repainting the exterior of her house to help secure a loan to remodel the exterior of her home and pay medical bills.
- Hosted insurance benefits presentation in conjunction with an Exemplification

- Participated in Keep Christ in Christmas card sales – sold out again!
- Organized and refreshed our Council awards wall
- We have started a Spanish Mass Lunch after our KofC Breakfast
- Knights of our Council feed the homeless each quarter
- Continued monthly breakfast activities and supported the following
 - Nun’s Retirement
 - Coats for Kids
 - Holiday Charities
 - Seminarian Support

 - Saint Vincent De Paul
 - Two Hearts Pregnancy Aid
 - Student Scholarship Fund
 - Backpack Ministry

- Conducted a parish coat drive and donated to the Marysville Food Bank
- Continued Parish support as Sacristans, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers
- Hosted a Two Hearts Pregnancy Aid Breakfast along with a bake sale
- Continued 4th Degree Honor Guard for funerals
- Continued Advent Wreath activity - very successful but was even bigger in December 2022.
- Installed security cameras in the Parish Hall and surrounding areas
- Participated in the Consecration to St. Joseph
- Participated in the Men’s Group ministry
- Provided dinner for the Confirmation class
- Hosted a Married Couple’s Dinner/Awards Banquet in conjunction with a KofC Memorial Mass
- Hosted a raffle at the Awards Banquet to raise money for pew repairs
- Recognized KofC Widows at Awards Banquet and presented with flowers and gifts
- Created and contributed paroles to Simbang Gabi celebration
- Supported other Councils in their fundraising activities
- helped several Parishioners including one of our Widows pack/unpack as part of their moving process
- Continued Family and Knight of the Month
- Created a Council Perpetual Plaque to remember our Council Brothers who have passed

In continuing the success of this last fraternal year, Council 7863 is planning on finishing the year strong with the following activities:

- Conduct another Exemplification as we continue to recruit additional members
- Support Priest retreat
- Provide flowers to the mothers of the parish for Mother’s Day
- Provide rosaries to the Confirmation Class
- Host a Silver Rose Event (5/6)
- Host a Spring Benefits information meeting
- Draft Parish Kitchen Standard Operating Procedures
- Donate to a Veteran Support Group
- Update Council By-laws
- Continue highway cleanup activities

- Continue plans to start up a Parish Safety Team
- Continue to install security cameras around the Church grounds
- Continue planning and working on the Stations of the Cross /Meditation Garden
- Design and roll out new Council Hats
- Continue plans to repair and refresh pew kneelers

Everett Council 9617

Ronald Enneking, Grand Knight

Council 9617 has been hard at work supporting our local parish and community. Our activities this year included:

- Achieved Triple Star Council last year and already at more than 200% membership goal.
- Monthly updated Council Bulletin Board
- Semi-Annual Newsletter to all Brother Knights
- Published Knights activities in the parish bulletin
- Held two recruiting weekends
- Held in-person First, Second and Third Degree Exemplification ceremony
- Christmas Dinner Party for all member Knights and Spouses
- Provided food and helped set up and take down of Parish Picnic
- Attended online insurance benefits presentation
- Continued monthly breakfast activities and supported the following
 - Respect Life
 - Annual Catholic Appeal
 - Serra Club
 - Seminarian Support
 - Saint Vincent De Paul
 - Parish Debt Reduction
 - Student Scholarship Fund
 - Priest and Deacon Christmas Gifts
 - Scholarships for Ignite your Torch
 - General Parish Support
 - Special Olympics
 - Knights of Columbus – Wheelchair Mission
- Continued Parish support as Sacristans, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, and Lectors
- Continued Knight Family of the Month
- Attended two AquaSox games
- Provided 4 Lenten Baked Salmon dinners for the parish
- Hosted two Covid Vaccination clinics
- Weekly One Hour Thursday Eucharistic Adoration during Lent
- Monthly Family Rosary

Snohomish Council 9664

Jeremy McIver, Grand Knight

Activities from our council for the 2022-2023 year.

- Serving two masses a month

- Helping clean, the parish grounds
- Multiple breakfast fundraisers with proceeds going to various charities
- Warm clothing drive for those in need
- Weekly Food Bank runs
- Easter Egg Dash
- Two scholarships for current seniors
- Serving lunch at confirmation retreat
- Providing Rosaries to confirmation students
 - Helping older parishioners with yard work
 - Membership drive in April and May

Lake Stevens/Granite Falls Council 13560
Michael Grimes, Grand Knight

The council is very active in supporting the parish Priest, the church community, and in supporting food for family program.

District 14
Patrick D. DiJulio, District Deputy

Bellevue Council 4385
Brian Blank, Grand Knight

Council 4385 St Louise - Bellevue: We have had great success and reception by the parish as we re-initiated our Knights supported community activities this year.

We were able to hold 6 pancake breakfast fundraisers, 2 fish fry fundraisers, and a St Patrick's day celebration. All events were very well attended and great compliments from our pastor and the community for re-invigorating parish life after the pandemic years.

We re-established a blood drive at the parish in partnership with Bloodworks Northwest. With a new online registration process, this event is easier than ever. We recruit after Mass the week of the blood drive and have 2 knights help with the canteen on the blood donation day.

For the first time in a while, we held the Free Throw Challenge for the youth. This was a great experience that connected us with the CYO activities supported by the parish school.

Our biggest success this year was a member drive that included a push into our large Hispanic community. We were able to recruit 15 great new knights to the order and establish a Spanish speaking round table within our council.

Brian Blank
 GK 4385

Bellevue Council 8136

Nate Short, Grand Knight

Council 8136 Sacred Heart has been active in ushering and acting as liturgical ministers to support our parish masses and weekly Eucharistic adoration.

We held an Italian Dinner in November to support Catholic Charities.

Nate Short

GK 8136

Mercer Island Council 11642

Tim Leahy, Grand Knight

Council 11642, St. Monica - Mercer Island

It was a great year bringing back some of the activities we did pre-Covid, as well as some new opportunities.

After a 2-yr. hiatus, we brought our infamous Knight's Italian Dinner back the parish. Not only was it well attended, but the parishioners were grateful to us for creating the first Parish event in a while. Our entire council stepped up to help man and facilitate this event. Funds we made from this event went to Coats for Kids, as well as funds for the seminarians.

Speaking of Coats for Kids, our Brother Knight Pat DiJulio offered his facility, Western Van Lines, to help store and distribute the boxes of coats for the area councils to access. We also had other Knights from our council help with the distribution process.

When our Pastor reached out to the Parish with a request for people to help with Coffee and Donut service after the Sunday Masses, our council stepped up and committed to one Sunday a month, lightening the load for the planner to fill the rest of the month.

Our November Pie Sales were a big hit, with the largest net revenue in our history. This was helped by having all the pies donated by Safeway Inc. 100% of these funds went to support life and to protect the unborn, with funds split between Next Step Pregnancy Centers and 3W Womens Health Services.

March was busy starting out with hosting our Lenten Soup Supper, providing soup and bread to parishioners attending the Stations of the Cross. All the soup we served was donated by Ivar's.

The following weekend was the return of our Knights Parish Buffet Breakfast. Again, we had parishioners telling us how thankful they were to have this fun activity back again. In the past we set a price per person, but decided to leave it up to the diners to donate in whatever denomination they chose. We weren't disappointed as our attendees were overly generous.

Our council was proud to support St. Monica's School and awarded four 8th grade graduating students selected for being "good citizens" with scholarships.

It had been a long time since we had been able to get together and recognize our own Brother Knights in a form of gratefulness, so the end of March was a time for celebrating all that we had done over the past several months. Our Knight's Appreciation Dinner made a return with a BBQ dinner, awards, and good fellowship.

Speaking of "fellowship", this year was our first year in our meeting time change. We moved our meetings from Saturday mornings to Monday evenings so we could end our meetings with fun and fellowship. Snacks and adult beverages are now available after every meeting, creating a fun environment and an opportunity to get to know our Brother Knights on a more personal basis. It's been a very good year.

Tim Leahy
GK 11642

St. Madeline Sophie Council 10664

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

DISTRICT 15

James Kiniry, Jr., District Deputy

Tukwila Council 11253

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Seattle Council 13794

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Seattle Council 15338

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Seattle Council 16690

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Seattle Council 15538

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

District 16

Michael Taylor, District Deputy

It has been my privilege and pleasure to work with five councils comprised of hard-working Catholic gentlemen. We had several District meetings using Zoom which were well attended. This year we were able to successfully install all 5 councils. With Covid finally slowing down several of the councils have been holding in person exemplifications. The councils have been working with their respective pastors to bring more people to church with monthly rosary programs, Holy hour, and into the breach presentations. Here is just some of the work the councils have been doing. I am proud to be associated with these brothers.

Bothell Council 6686

Bill Nash, Grand Knight

Council 6686 is having a very productive Fraternal Year. In no order: Again, this year, two knights, plus our pastor Fr. Wichert, carried a 6' wooden cross (built by a 6686 brother) on a 12-mile pilgrimage, raising funds for seminarian support and Fr. McGivney Hall at Bishop White seminary. Led rosaries for several deceased council members and wives. Supported parish work parties for landscaping chores around the parish campus. Served as Hospitality Ministers, Eucharistic Ministers, and Lectors at masses. Ran a highly successful Baby Bottle Campaign for Next Step Pregnancy Services; raised over \$10,000. Provided booklets in English and Spanish for our Parish Kiosk.

Conducted three 1st/2nd/3rd degree exemplifications including two in-person with a council Exemplification team. Held a “Keep Christ in Christmas” campaign with “bark art” cedar bark and yard signs, raising funds to support our four sponsored seminarians and WA Wounded Warrior Military Families. Collected over 100,000 pounds of food donations (Food for Families) for the needy and St. Martin de Porres Shelter in Seattle. Collected additional food donations (No Neighbor Left Behind) and took to the St Mary’s Food Bank in downtown Seattle. Participated in parish “Serving Our Savior” program, cooking 100+ meals every Thursday for delivery to several Eastside homeless shelters. We held our famous Sunday Pancake Breakfast after two masses every month except July and August, promoting community within our Parish coming out of the COVID pandemic. Knights led “Into the Breach” Men’s study group focusing on the KofC video series and the impact on men’s lives. Awarded two \$1,500 Scholarships to worthy students. Conducted “Coats for Kids” campaign which delivered 12 cases of new coats to needy Northshore School District students and Military kids at NAVSTA Everett. Three Casino Nights were held at area retirement centers, bringing big smiles to many faces. The council participated in two Fraternal Benefits Seminars. Several officers attended the State Virtual meeting and several training sessions. Knights led 5th Sunday rosary in the chapel after mass. Held Silver Rose ceremony in the church attended by St Brendan students and parishioners. Held a “make a knotted rosary” program with several teaching sessions and ~25 parishioners attending. Cooked hot dogs for 400+ parishioners at parish picnic. Held a Voter Registration campaign after masses for several weeks. Staffed Disaster Preparedness table at pancake breakfast. Held a membership drive after all masses for 2 weeks. Held a “Cookie mix in a Jar” fundraiser with 72 jars. Held a Novena for Life March 16-24, culminating with mass on March 25, Feast of the Annunciation. Re-started regular Corporate Communion mass & breakfast on 5th Sundays. Supported the (postponed) Big Band Jazz Festival. Supported KofC Supreme Ukraine Solidarity Fund. Held our annual St. Patty’s Day Potato Bake in the School Gym, serving 150+ parishioners & school families. Held weekly Lenten Fish Bakes with pastor’s talks on Wednesdays in Lent. Provided soups for a Friday Soup Supper in Lent. Held bake sale for seminarians and other charity causes. Purchased a new Eucharistic Procession Canopy at the pastor’s request. Purchased a new KofC white chasuble for the pastor. Council 6686 passed both semiannual audits with flying colors. New FS Gary Shumate formally took the reins from 12-year FS veteran Mike Baumann; council finances continue to be in GREAT shape. Our annual Council Auction is scheduled for June 11— always a big fundraiser!

Kirkland Council 7642

William Webb, Grand Knight

Featured Faith Programs

Council donates \$500 annually to support a Seminarian. We participate in RSVP.

Faith Programs

Knights act as greeters for multiple masses, ushers and sacrosanct.

Council donates \$100 per month to St. Vincent DePaul Society

Community Programs

Knights run a cash Raffle as a fund raiser.

Featured Family Programs

The council held two food drives to support the local food bank.

The council hands out Food Baskets for Thanksgiving and again at Christmas.

Family Programs

Council setup “Keep Christ in Christmas” sign near road in front of Church.

Life Programs

Knights' setup Manger scene next to the Church
The council sponsors the Silver Rose on its annual Pilgrimage.

Council Activities

Council members removed a large dead tree near the Rectory.

Mill Creek Council 9434 Irwin DeVera, Grand Knight

The North Creek Council traditionally participates in many Faith in Action Programs and community events. This year is no different. We started off the fraternal year by setting the tone by having an Installation of Officers Ceremony in the Sanctuary of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church with our members and parish priests. Our council under the leadership of Grand Knight Irwin DeVera has strived to keep an active council by averaging 4-plus council programs and activities per month.

Summary of Faith in Action Programs

Faith: RSVP, Into the Breach Series, Conducted Rosary Programs every month, Spiritual Reflection with The Mother Teresa Movie, Blessed Michael J. McGivney and St. Joseph Holy Hours, Holy Hour Intercession for Fr. Jesus cancer care, Novena for Life Roe vs. Wade, Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe, Papal Anniversary Novena.

Family: Food for Families by donating \$1,000 to Society of St. Vincent to purchase food for community, Participated in Family and Knight of the Month, Keep Christ in Christmas by selling Christmas Cards, hosted a Children's Christmas Party for parishioners and help decorate church, Consecration to the Holy Family, Family Prayer Night Monthly Adorations, Good Friday Family Promotion.

Community: Participated in the Coats for Kids matching program, Disaster Preparedness by staffing a cold weather shelter when temps drop below 34 degrees. Catholic Citizenship Essay contest with the confirmation classes, Soccer Challenge conducted during the summer picnic season, Helping Hands Program with Mike Taylor providing weekly service of the word and communion at Cogir assisted living, Passion of Christ Play during Lent, Lenten Stations of the Cross.

Life: Mass for People with Special Needs, Pregnancy Center Support of 2 Hearts Pregnancy Aid \$500.00, ASAP Program held a baby bottle drive and auction dinner, Novena for Life 90 Days for Life Devotion, Tootsie Roll Drive for Special Olympics, Silver Rose with the Message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Other Events: Knights very active in church activities and continue to be The Strong Right Arm of our Church and Parish Priests: Ministries: Alpha, Beta, Bible Study, Lectors, Pro-Life, EME, Music-Choir, Pastoral Council, Ministers of Hospitality, SEAS Environmental Team, Serra Club, Simbang Gabi, St. Michaels Ministry, Octoberfest Dinner, Pancake Breakfast Team, Angel of the Winds Concession Team, Staffed Parish Beer Garden at Picnic, Pennies for Heaven, \$500 College Scholarship, Snow storm clearing, Hosted Regional Meeting, Star Council, Presented Certificates of Appreciation to Members, Exemplification Pizza Party, Ministry Fair Church Drive, Surpassed Membership Quota before December.

Monroe Council 9910

Dwight Bickler, Grand Knight

We host a family Day for all Knights family members to show our appreciation.

Held a community BBQ At Thanksgiving provided turkeys for a community dinner for the homeless and less fortunate.

Have a quarterly parish breakfast, provide adult support for the parish youth group, put on a quarterly Box Lunch program for the parish.

Members of the parish council, finance council, Parish maintenance who help to plan and accomplish needed repairs.

Lead and participate in a bi-weekly Men's Prayer Group

Serve as lectors, Ushers, altar servers, acolytes, and choir both English and Spanish, provide communion service to homebound. Support St. Vincent De Paul parish chapter.

Held Keep Christ in Christmas program awarding prizes to the top 13 participants.

Have had to refill their Building the Domestic church kiosk for both English and Spanish.

The Council Joined with other local Church's in the March for Life walking down through downtown Monroe.

Coordinated two blood drives for the parish.

Purchased more than 150 books called "One Less God Thank you" for the youth group, Confirmation candidates and other parishioners with children.

Hosted Two (2) sit down dinners which help contribute funds to sponsorship of the RSVP program. Also provides funds for the Two Hearts Pregnancy aid.

As in past years the Knights always provide an honor guard for the MASS celebration of our Lady of Guadalupe.

We help lead in the annual parish outside clean-up of our parish grounds. This includes tree trimming, weed pulling and spreading 75 yards of bark cover.

A Family movie night has been a big hit and we will continue the event a few times a year.

It is always fun to watch a movie with your friends while eating hot dogs, pizza, and popcorn. Just spread a blanket out on the floor or sit in a chair and enjoy the movie.

Kirkland Council 11408

Brad Lund, Grand Knight

Knights are actively involved with the everyday functions of our Church, such as Hospitality Ministers, Facility Management, ground clean up, special projects, and much more.

We kicked off the Fraternal year with a summer party at our new GK (Brad Lund) house. The attendance was good, and we all had a fun time.

The Council held their first Oktoberfest event in three years near the end of Oct. This event raised a large amount of funds to help us get back on track financially, after the last couple of years of limited income. This was due in large part to the generosity of Brother Mike Mcauliff paying for most of the event's cost.

Coats for Kids was a success and covered two of the elementary schools in our area. We also teamed with our churches St Vincent de Paul to distribute coats during their holiday event. We were able to help younger children with 96 new all-weather coats.

Greg Leptich and Joe Byrne always assist with and lead the Esperanza Trekkers to Tijuana. There, they build houses from the ground up for a select family and lead by example.

Parish Clean Up has been a project for Tony Zimmerman and he continues to lead the way. He always has innovative ways to entice volunteers to come out and help. Tony also helps with Oktoberfest, donating his time, talent, and Cole Slaw.

Our Council is also immensely proud to be able to help our Priest and Parish Community for the second year with the Church Auction Dinner. This is the biggest fundraiser for St. John Vianney. It was an event success and a culinary conquest. The food was taken care of by the "Team Iron Chefs," led by Greg Lum. New offerings were prepared for the special night. The Team consisted of Rick Heerdt, Derrick Ho'okano, Mario and Bing (Sous Chef) Lapurga, Nicole Lapurga, Stan Madayag, Sophie Chung, Chris and Simon (prep) Lee, Mia Polintan, Greg (Executive Chef) and Moonja Lum, and Lori and Patrick Fitzpatrick.

We take special pride in supporting our Pastor with his needs, church projects and events. Fr. Vu also in return supports all our events and fund raisers. He allows us to use his house (the Rectory) when we have a get to together. We held a white elephant Christmas party there this year and had a wonderful time. We support our Parish Community and Fr Vu (Knight) and continue to explore ways to help and work together.

We held our first Crab Feed event in late Feb. this year for the first time in a while. The turnout was good, and we raised a lot of money. All this allows us to continue our programs into the future, such as RSVP, Scholarship awards, Coats for Kids, Church donations and other needs that might arise during the year.

District 17

Richard Legerski, District Deputy

Toppenish Council 1699

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Grandview Council 2103

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Goldendale Council 7149

Prosser Council 10543

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Granger Council 14926

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

District 18

Robert Heacock, District Deputy

Spokane Valley Council 4196

Craig Smentek, Grand Knight

Council 4196 has been a consistent advocate for the unborn and for at risk pregnancies. We have supported the local My Choice clinic throughout the year. We were able to provide funds for training and maintenance of their ultrasound machine which we helped purchase last year. We have participated in the ASAP program, the LAMBS 1882 program and have \$5,000 set aside for PREPARES, the diocesan program to support mothers in need. We participate in the annual Northwest Walk for Life and man the prolife booth at the Interstate Fair.

2. As part of our support for the St Mary Catholic School, we donated proceeds of our Lenten Fish Fries to the 8th grade class trip to Nature Bridge. We sponsor both the Soccer Challenge and the Free Throw competitions. We have a yearly college scholarship program. We held the Catholic citizenship essay contest and Respect Life poster and essay contest.

3. We have a vibrant Food for Families program. This year so far, we have donated over #6,000 of food to homeless vets and various charities, especially homeless veterans.

4. In support of St Mary Parish, we have led the Consecration of the Holy Family, held Holy Hour/adorations every week of Lent, had pancake breakfasts monthly, Lenten fish fries, and 2 Bingo's to help support our charitable activities. We have sold KCIC cards and magnets, Christmas poinsettias and Memorial Day pots. We have purchased and maintained 2 AED's.

5. We sponsor 8 seminarians at Bishop White Seminary with semiannual funds to supplement their incomes. Half the Turkey Bingo proceeds were donated to St Cyril and Methodius toward their building fund. We participate in the Troopon program, KCIC billboards and are planning a tootsie roll campaign for Fall. We donate to Vocare, Quo vadis and have planned a McGivney Hall benefit dinner on 5/9/23.

6. A quarterly newsletter is published highlighting our activities. We have had three exemplifications and have a dedicated team. We meet monthly for a communal dinner followed by a business meeting and have monthly officers' meetings. We have semiannual delta drives and so far, have 7 new knights this year.

7. We support the community special Olympians/athletes with donations and participation in the annual Powderhounds competition. We were recognized by the Spokane Valley School as a community partner after donating over 300 coats to the local schools (Coats for Kids). We work concessions at the GU women's basketball games. We organize quarterly blood drives.

The balance of the parishes in District #18 which are #8201 Saint John Vianney Council, #8266 St Paschal Council and #11611 Saint Joseph's Otis Orchards Council also have had similar activities.

Spokane Valley Council 8201

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Spokane Valley Council 8266

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Otis Orchards Council 11611

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

DISTRICT 19

Michael Semanie, District Deputy

Oak Harbor Council 3361

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Anacortes Council 3611

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

LANGLEY COUNCIL 11357

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

DISTRICT 20

Gregory Loberg, District Deputy

It has been an honor and privilege to again serve the Washington State Council and our State Deputy Kim Washburn as District Deputy for District 20 this past fraternal year 2022-23. It's truly a pleasure working with the Grand Knight's, Financial Secretary's, and other Officers of the five District Councils. Our Goal of obtaining Star District is still very much within reach and with the continued support of the District Grand Knights we will succeed. Thanks to all the District Parish Pastors for their support with our many Faith Programs especially the St Joseph Icon and Silver Rose Programs. The support for the Ukrainian Relief Fund has been most gratifying and ongoing, as well as support of the Cor Christie and RSVP programs. My sincere thanks to Art Smalley, District Warden and all the dedicated members and officers of District 20 Councils for their support as I now complete my sixth and final term as District Deputy for District 20.

Greg Loberg DD20

Saint Charles Council 8137

Dennis Schell, Grand Knight

St. Charles School ice cream social was provided by the council to open the school year and help welcome new families and students to the parish. The council introduced the Second Harvest Bite To Go program serving 10 students during the school year who were in need of extra food during the evening and weekends. A tootsie roll campaign was successful in raising funds for Special Olympics and a local veteran's program. Two Lenten dinners were cooked by Knights, their wives, and families. Lenten dinners feed between 80 and 130 parishioners. The council participated in luminaries, lighting candles in bags that lined the parish parking lot and street in remembrance of the aborted babies. Annual food drive in coordination with the St. Charles School was again administered to collect food

for Caritas collecting over 4,000-lbs of food in a 5-week period during Lent. The winning class won a root beer float party from the Knights and the school was given a nice BBQ for the students and staff. The council has seen an increase in booklets being taken from the kiosk resulting in a reorder of booklets. While the council didn't see a significant increase in membership, we did see greater participation during the year compared to the previous year. Knights began participating in Sunday doughnuts and coffee after Mass. The Officer's Meeting was moved off site from the parish to provide a great opportunity for fellowship among the Officers and brevity in the meetings. During the Spokane County Fair, the council participated in the Right To Life fair booth. The council started a new tradition of providing Bibles and handmade rosaries to the graduating 8th grade class. This new program was well received by parents and students.

Dennis Schell GK

St. Thomas More Council 11134

Ed Swedyk, Grand Knight

St. Thomas More Spokane, council #11134, began the year with several goals, one of which was to re-engage membership to start returning to the meetings. This has been a success in that our monthly meeting participation has doubled. Our council also wanted to increase the visibility within the Parish and School community. Our Officers implemented several strategies to accomplish these goals. One action was to have a solidarity Mass on the fifth Sunday of the month wearing our red KC vests providing visibility among the Parishioners. We also increased the projects we undertook. We viewed both of these actions to also promote recruiting new members. In fact, we held a Delta Membership Drive in October 2022. We appreciated the assistance from State Officers. Projects undertaken:

Life – Pro-life across America billboards, 40 days for Life, Spokane County Fair, Right to Life booth, Prayer night dedicated to St. Joseph Pilgrim program.

Faith- RSVP vocation support- \$2500 contributed, Pennies for Heaven, Sacramental gifts, and we are signed up for the Silver Rose prayer program on 25 May.

Family- We contributed \$5,000 to STM School in support of their programs, contributed \$7,500 to St. Vincent de Paul to assist the hungry, donated 45 Turkeys to the St Vincent de Paul to assist families in need during the Thanksgiving Holiday, contributed funds to Keep Christ in Christmas billboards and continued the Keep Christ in Christmas button program with drawings selected from STM School children, we have ordered 300 roses to distribute on Mothers' Day.

Community- we contributed \$4,000 to STM Parish to help offset the unexpected repairs to the Church elevator. Held a KC Free Throw contest for the youth. Held our annual Christmas social. Held several burrito breakfasts and pancake breakfasts to raise funds for seminarians and to support other ministries. Held our first Spud Bowl fundraiser during the Super Bowl weekend. We brought back our Turkey Bingo. We held three Lenten Fish Fry's this year. We are supporting a Boy Scout Eagle project that will provide a benefit to the Church and its various ministries. We have purchased two Knights of Columbus wheelchairs to replace the ones in the Church that were in less than good condition, along with exploring KC Helps program. Started to plan for and promote our largest fundraiser - the 39th KC STM golf Social to be held June 17th.

Ed Swedyk GK

St. Michael the Archangel Council 14394

George Baertlein, Grand Knight

St. Michael the Archangel- Council 14394 Annual Council Summary: 2022-2023

Pray at Planned Parenthood every Monday afternoon for the unborn and recently born babies.

Participated in National March for Life after attending Mass at the Cathedral to save lives for the unborn. Participated in the Coats for Kids Program.

Purchased 50 hats and 50 gloves, which the Missionary of Charity Sisters distributed to the needy in our council area. Purchased and sold KC Christmas cards.

Hosted the Silver Rose again his year. Raised donations through the Tootsie Roll program for the Special Olympics and L'Arche.

Worked Right to Life Booth at the Spokane County Fair. Donated to Keep Christ in Christmas billboards. Donated turkeys for St. Francis Assisi Church turkey bingo.

Participated in the state Pennies for Heaven program. Participated in Holy Hour Prayer/Adoration at the 3 parishes in our council.

Provide free booklets from KC kiosks for all parishioners in the three churches in our council.

Raising funds to sponsor another seminarian through RSVP program. We will give flowers to mothers on Mother's Day and participate in the Corpus Christi procession.

George Baertlein GK

St Pope John XXIII Council 15968

Bill Boniface, Grand Knight

At our April Council Meeting nominations for Council Officers for the 2022 – 2023 Fraternal Year were made. We collected food in support of Caritas.

In May the Council worked two days at Fred Meyer's Wandermere Store soliciting donations to Help People With Disabilities and collected approximately \$4,000 that would be divided 20% to Washington State Special Olympics, 40% to The ARCH of Spokane, and 40% to L'Arche of Spokane. At our Council meeting that month Officers were elected for the next Council Year which had Grand Knight Bill Boniface being elected for a fourth term. We collected food in support of Caritas.

In June we assisted the Parish School with their annual Rocket Project. We also kicked off our 3rd C.A.P.A./Prepares Baby Shower of the Council Year. We collected food in support of Caritas.

In July we held a Solidarity Donation Gathering at the Inland Cider Mill and raised over \$1,200 which when added to the \$1,662 from the sale of firewood would total \$2,862 to be sent to Supreme. We delivered all of the baby supplies along with a check for \$1,265 to Catholic Charities. We also held our annual Council barbecue. We collected food in support of Caritas.

In August we delivered 34 Wheelchairs to Shriners Hospital for Children, Catholic Charities of Eastern Washington, Providence St. Joseph Care, ProMedica Care, and the Parish Office for use by Parishioners. We presented our Helping People With Disabilities Checks to The ARCH of Spokane and L'Arche of Spokane at both Sunday Masses. We collected food in support of Caritas.

In September we held our Annual Coats for Kids Drive capped off with a "Thanks for Your Support Breakfast." Total donations plus free coats from Supreme allowed us to have 464 Coats to distribute. Officer installation was held as well. We collected food in support of Caritas.

In October we delivered our 464 Coats for Kids to; Excelsior, Catholic Charities Gonzaga Family Haven, and Catholic Charities Rising Strong. We collected food in support of Caritas. We held another Baby Shower in support of Catholic Charities C.A.P.A./Prepares Program.

In November we delivered Coats for Kids to Newby Beginnings, a center for active military and veteran families in Idaho and Bemiss Elementary School. We delivered 3 truckloads of baby supplies to Catholic Charities C.A.P.A./Prepares along with a check for \$997. We collected food in support of Caritas.

In December we cooked breakfast after both Masses on a Sunday at the Annual St. Nick Breakfast in support of the Parish School. We held our Annual Council Christmas Party at the Kalispel Golf & Country Club. We collected food in support of Caritas. We passed out prayer cards at all the Masses on the Feast of the Holy Family.

In January we passed out Prayer Cards with the Prayer for Life. The Council participated in the Walk for Life Northwest. We installed shelving which we procured from a local grocery store at Maddie's Place, a clinic for new born's whose mothers have used drugs or alcohol. We collected food in support of Caritas.

In February we held our First Lenten Fish Dinner which was held after the Stations of the Cross which was conceived to bring more people to Church and Reflect on the Lenten Season. The result was five times more parishioners in attendance than with prior years soup suppers. We collected food in support of Caritas every weekend of Lent.

In March we continued our Lenten Fish Dinners each Friday after Stations of the Cross. The profit from these Dinners will be used to purchase Backpacks for mother's when the leave Maddie's. We collected food in support of Caritas every weekend of Lent.

The Council meets on the third Wednesday of the month with dinner at 6:30 and business beginning at 7:00.

Officers & Directors Meeting is on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Boniface GK

**Our Lady of Lake Council 16184
Tim Trudnowski, Grand Knight**

Our Lady of the Lake Council 16184 in Nine Mile Falls, WA has been very busy this past program year 2022-2023. With the pandemic waning we were able to restart many programs that were on hold and continue many others. We continued with Church property cleanup during the year and again did our highway 291 cleanup on our 2 miles of highway. We held our second Sunday Knights Breakfasts at the church and our first Sunday Rosaries each month. We continued our annual Food Drives for our local food bank collecting over 1,500 lbs. of food, diapers and other items needed. We did our Tootsie Roll Drive again along with our sponsorship of the Right to Life Booth, Walk for Life and the Keep Christ in Christmas Billboards. We sponsored a seminarian in the RSVP program, sponsored scholarships for

our local high school seniors, held our annual Free Throw Contest and gave away over 150 coats in the Coats for Kids program. We continued our 40 Cans for 40 Days Lenten Food Drive and we held our Knights Golf Tournament. Many of these programs allowed us to donate over \$9,900 to causes such as Special Olympics, Northwest Autism Center, JOYA (Guild School), The House of Charity and the Knights of Columbus Ukrainian Relief Fund. We donated over 2,500 additional hours visiting the sick and homebound, visiting our veterans and many other volunteer programs in our parish and all around our area.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Trudnowski GK

District 21

Kevin Fraley, District Deputy

District 21 consists of four councils: Father Casimir Chirouse Council 5816 in Lynnwood (est. 1966), Pope Saint Pius X Council 9605 in Mountlake Terrace (est. 1987), Saint Teresa of Calcutta Council 12591 in Edmonds (est. 1999), and Saint Teresa of Calcutta Council 14046 in Woodinville (est. 2006). Yes, we really do have two Saint Teresa of Calcutta councils. All four councils are membership and program active, and all are current with reports and audits to Supreme and are Fully Compliant with the Safe Environment Program.

Lynnwood Council 5816

Tony La Stella, Grand Knight

ADORATION Every First Friday of the month, Council 5816 hosts and attends the Adoration in the STM Chapel.

COFFEE AND DONUTS Council 5816 hosts Coffee and Donuts after Sunday Masses on the 1st Sunday of the month.

FIREWOOD MINISTRY Council 5816 obtains, splits, and delivers seasoned dry firewood to families in our community for a donation which supports the six cords of wood the Knights were able to give to Knights in need and low-income families to heat their homes.

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT Each year Council 5816 puts on a large annual golf tournament which raises several thousand dollars of scholarships for students at St Thomas More school. This year we had upwards of 100 participants.

MULTI CULTURAL FAIR We participated in this event at St Thomas More to build unity between cultural in our parish.

ALL CHURCH PICNIC To promote 'community' at St Thomas More Parish, Council 5816 hosted a Food Stand at the All-Parish Summer picnic. We provided free hamburgers, hotdogs, and chips, serving over 300 Parishioners.

COATS FOR KIDS Council 5816 purchased and distributed 192 coats to 9 schools in the Edmonds School district for homeless or needy students and families.

YOUTH ITALIAN DINNER Council 5816 provided a dinner to over 100 Youths & family members at St Thomas More.

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE Council 5816 put on a parish wide fundraiser over a 6-week period which raised in excess of \$4,000 for Next Step Pregnancy to help families when unexpected children are born.

VETERANS BREAKFAST (and March) A breakfast honoring Veterans was held. Our Breakfast highlighted the work Brother Michael Reagan does for the Fallen Hero's Foundation. We provided a \$1,000 donation to the Foundation.

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST Santa made a visit to our Christmas Breakfast. \$350 was given to a single parent family in our community in time for Christmas.

PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST Council 5816 put on this breakfast to raise money and awareness for Pro Life activities.

ALL PARISH VALENTINE DINNER DANCE Council 5816 hosted a Valentine's Day lasagna dinner and dancing to our very own Knights of Columbus live band, "The KC Holy Rollers." Three of our Knights were featured in the band. We served over 75 Parishioners who danced the night away until 10 pm. The band will be available for little, if any cost to play for other Knights events and councils throughout our region, as well as church events and charity fundraisers.

FISH FRY FRIDAY Council 5816 sponsored three Fish Fry Friday's during Lent. We coordinated with the Stations of the Cross ministry and provided baked or fried fish meals to over 100 parishioners per Fish Fry. We partnered with the Youth Ministry and the Faith Formation Ministry to have youth of the Parish participate in preparing and serving meals.

EASTER EGG HUNT Council 5816 puts on a free annual Easter Egg Hunt for the parish children at St Thomas More.

MOTHER'S DAY CARNATIONS Council 5816 provides carnations to mothers after all masses at St Thomas More.

SILVER ROSE Council 5816 hosts this event each spring at St Thomas More to commemorate our Lady of Guadalupe

ANNUAL BBQ & SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION Council 5816 each June puts on a BBQ for the students of St Thomas More and presents scholarships.

SUPPORTING BROTHERS-IN-NEED At every monthly Member's meeting and Officer's meeting, (24 times a year), we have reflections and prayer a decade of the Rosary for our Brothers in need. Brother Knights also visit these families when appropriate and provide meals upon request.

Mountlake Terrace Council 9605

David Marley, Grand Knight

Council 9605 greatly benefitted from the emergence from the COVID shutdown. Our primary and most visible fundraiser, providing parking for Tour de Terrace, was held once again with great success. Past events that had been previously cancelled, such as Breakfast with Santa, re-emerged. In addition, to those regular events, the Knights took on the task of replacing the rubber pads on the church kneelers. Many of these pads had fallen off and the noise of metal kneeler legs hitting the concrete floor was deafening.

Edmonds Council 12591
Vincenzo Bianco, Grand Knight

Council 12591 did not submit an annual report, but they are known to be very active in membership growth, almost achieving double their quota. They have held a number of fundraising events and parish activities, including regular pancake breakfasts, the free parish picnic, several after mass coffee & doughnut hours, and their biggest fundraiser, the annual Crab Dinner benefitting six Catholic orphanages in Vietnam. This council is very active with Coats for Kids, Pennies for Heaven, and supporting the local pro-life pregnancy center.

Woodinville Council 14046
Dennis Hammonds, Grand Knight

Council 14046 of St Teresa of Calcutta continues to be a strong supportive group for our parish. Our brothers continue to assist our parish's youth ministry, assisting in mass celebrations as ushers, lectors and eucharistic ministers. We also have members who continue to provide support and man hours within the total community, such as the USO, Housing Hope and St Vincent DePaul.

DISTRICT 22
Jesse Schossow, District Deputy

The following describe major accomplishments and highlights for each of my Councils:

Tacoma Council 809
Ted Schlatter, Grand Knight

Knights of Columbus Council 809, St. Patrick Church and School started the year with being awarded the Columbian award for the 2021-2022 fraternal year. In September, it helped the Parish Boy Scout Troop's Fund Raiser Bazaar. It donated \$7,000 to its Parish to replace fire extinguishing systems in the reception hall kitchen. In November, the Council donated to the Box of Joy program for Keep Christ in Christmas spreading joy to children of third world Christian communities. It also donated turkeys to the local food bank for families during Thanksgiving. The Council supported the National Coats for Kids charity drive. In February, the Council and individual members donated funds to support the parish school's tuition aid fund during Catholic Schools Week celebrations. In January, the Council prayed a 9-day Novena for Life and observed the National Holy Hours for Life. For Lent, the Council promoted Good Friday services by facilitating Stations of the Cross. The Council brought friends and families back together with the return of our St Patrick's Days dinner, pancake breakfasts and Lenten fish bake which raised funds for our sponsored seminarians and funds for our local Care Net programs. Throughout the year, the Council held monthly virtual rosaries. Council 809 continues to present baptism gifts to families welcoming their newborn children into the Church and we celebrated nominating a Family of the Month as well as a Knight of the Month each month.

Tacoma Council 13238

Brett Purtzer, Grand Knight

Knights of Columbus Council 13238, St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish and School had another busy and successful year. Activities focused on Faith, Family, Community and Life.

Faith activities included conducting Rosaries and prayers before Business Meetings, supporting the Chaplain's Reports, and other spiritual reflections. Parish activities included Knights leading prayer retreats and meal service; six Lenten Friday Fish Frys that encouraged parishioners to attend Stations of the Cross; Knights participating in weekly Eucharist adoration; Knights leading Rosaries in Church before each Sunday Mass at both 8 AM and 10 AM; Knights taking up the gifts and ushering at all Masses; and Knights funding 4 x \$500 scholarships for Seminarians.

Family activities included promoting a Family of the Month; hosting a Christmas potluck with wives; and funding 10 x \$500 school scholarships targeting Catholic families struggling to keep their kids in St. Charles Borromeo School – our last School Principal credited this program has having a lot of bang for the buck... The Council also funded \$1,080 for first aid kits for school classrooms, and \$4,500 to fund defibrillators for both the school and church.

Community activities included the Council hosting an annual Oktoberfest (265 Parishioners attended; 62 Knights served; 7 wives/children helped; 14 students helped; \$19,000 raised for the Parish Food Bank and \$20,504 raised for the General Fund after costs); supporting Nativity House, a local CCS Shelter and Soup Kitchen (\$5,000 donated; an estimated 5,680 pounds of clothing collected and donated; numerous Knight volunteer hours provided); donating \$1,000 to the School Development Office's "Shoe Liturgy" which purchases and distributes shoes to poor children in the South Puget Sound; hosting the beverage station at the Parish Picnic, and hosting coffee and donuts after Sunday Masses. For the first time, the Council donated \$5,000 to a new St. Vincent de Paul chapter established in our Parish.

Life activities included sponsoring 40-Days for Life participation; weekly rosary praying outside Planned Parenthood; and sponsorship of other pro-life activities in the Parish.

Tacoma Council 15462

Porfirio Montes, Grand Knight

In July 2022, Knights of Council 15462, St. John XXIII reconstituted itself following a pause from COVID-19. The Council has taken great strives to increase membership and faith activities within the Parish. Grand Knight "Monty" has set his priority on the basics – catechesis and support of church liturgical activities. This was so important with the recent consolidation of area parishes to St. John XXIII, and other area parishes. Council Knights participated as ushers, eucharistic ministers, catechist, etc... The Council hosted several pancake breakfasts. Recently, the Council coordinated and hosted a replica of the Shroud of Turin on Palms Sunday. This was a terrific event which inspired the community. In June, the Grand Knight and his fellow Knights intend to support "Priest Day" in June in Ocean Shores. The Council, going forward, plans to focus on rebuilding its bank account and membership numbers. Several young leaders have stepped up and this Council shows great promise in serving its parish community.

Tacoma Council 16667

Dennis Vercillo, Grand Knight

Knights of Columbus Council 16667, Holy Cross, has had several successful recruiting, community, and faith events over the past fraternal year. In November 2023, the Council hosted a successful Turkey Bingo. Funds from this event went to fund ongoing council operations and faith activities throughout the church. These included pancake breakfasts. Other significant events include hosting "Jesus Night" for area teens. Parishes from District 22 sent youth to these spiritual retreats as a way of connecting young people to their faith. The retreats were guided by small group discussions, liturgy and music, and pizza... The council conducted several recruiting drives. One of these included inviting spouses to movie night with their husbands at the parish. The most recent movie night included the release of Mother Theresa. These events helped the Council to reach its recruiting goals. In May, the Council intends to participate in the Silver Rose Program. Council 16667 is on a great trajectory for future success.

District 23

James Chambers, District Deputy

District 23 is 5 Councils in the Eastside of King County. These Councils are a mixture of suburban and rural. While seemingly different membership bases, they prove how the Knights are a single entity with common goals and values.

Issaquah Council 7907

Joel Edwards, Grand Knight

Council 7907 A Star Council winner in 2022, 7907 focused on expanding their programs this year.

- Ran the Family Fully Alive prayer program
- Supported their Parish's sponsorship of a Ukrainian Refugee Family
- Gave (3) scholarships to Seminarians and supported Carenet
- Provided support for the local Food & Clothing Bank
- Ran a Coats for Kids distribution
- Restarted their Tootsie Roll Campaign and held a Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest
- Hosted a Silver Rose event on Mother's Day 2023

Redmond Council 8102

Joe Sacquitne, Grand Knight

Council 8102 A Double Star Council in 2022, 8102 has great membership support this year and ran existing and new programs.

- Expanded Pancake breakfasts to include other ethnic groups from Parish to create International Pancake Breakfast menus creating wide interest.

- Created a College Scholarship Program that delivered (2) \$2,000 Scholarships this year.
- Donations to a Convent
- Worked with Assembly 2621 Kirkland to run a Coats for Kids distribution for Fort Lewis Rangers.
- Restarted the annual Oktoberfest and Crab Feed dinners
- Donation to support a School in India
- Working with Parish to sponsor a Ukrainian Refugee Family

Sammamish Council 9833

Fidelis Xavier, Grand Knight

Council 9833 pushed for a greater emphasis on religious activities with a return to pre-meeting Rosary and participation in Parish religious events. Well qualified for Star Award this year.

- Assisted with the Father Tolton Theatrical Shows.
- Provided support for Parish events – Summer BBQ, Our Lady of Vailankanni, Simbang Gabi, Marian Festival and many others
- Coordinated a Food Truck for the Lenten Fish Fry with indoor seating and beverage sales
- Ran a Coats for Kids distribution
- Held a Grotto clean-up for the Crowning of Mary

Duvall Council 11906

George Doty, Grand Knight

Council 11906 worked on strengthening their basics with recruiting, supporting membership, supporting the Parish and is on track for Star Award this year.

- Regular Pancake Breakfasts, Crab Feed with membership drives
- Visibility in cooking and supporting the Parish Picnic
- Hosted a Washington State Council Financial Secretary Training session.
- Created a formal Exemplification team
- Ran the Coats for Kids program with the 4th Degree Assembly for Fort Lewis Rangers
- Donation to LAMB 1882 Fund
- Donation to St. Vincent De Paul

Snoqualmie Council 16186

Andy Vallejo, Grand Knight

Council 16186 is in a small Parish and accomplishes great programs. They have a very balanced set of activities which includes Faith based activities, Parish activities, Service and Support efforts. This creates a strong tie with members and the Parish which results in a great response to their programs.

- Live meetings, starting with a Rosary and Adoration open to the Parish before the meeting starts. Then the members often have a light dinner, some social time and a simple meeting.
- Monthly they host coffee hour after Mass
- Held the Family Movie night fund raiser at a local theater.
- Ran a very successful Fish Fry during Lent

District 24
James Fryxell, District Deputy

Port Angeles Council 2260
Lance German, Grand Knight

Fundraisers for the past year include hamburger & hotdog sales at the Ruddell Car Show, hamburger sales at the Sprint Boat Races, and the sale of sauerkraut at the Queen of Angels parish holiday bazaar.

Programs we supported were

- Coats for Kids
- Queen of Angels School
- Project Rachel
- Sarge's Veterans housing in Forks, Washington
- Pennies for Heaven
- Support for two seminarians through the RSVP program
- Fr. Victor's seminary in India
- Archdiocese of Seattle's Priest Days

Sequim Council 8455
Gilbert Ulibarri, Grand Knight

Our council had a very active and productive year, assisting fellow members, our parish and the local community in the following activities:

- **Golf Tournament.** We hosted this fifteenth annual event in September at Sequim's Sunland Golf and Country Club. Throughout the years, proceeds from the event have enabled us to donate over \$65,000 to local charities. This year we were able to disburse over \$6,000 to organizations that assist in pregnancy crisis, mental health, hospice care, food and shelter assist for the needy and also to our local St. Vincent de Paul chapter.
- **Tootsie Roll event.** The generous citizens of Sequim showed overwhelming generosity for this two day event we held in the Fall. We raised over \$4,000. Donations will go to two local organizations that assist people with special needs: Special Olympics and Mosaic.
- **O RSVP.** Thanks to a large endowment provided us, we once again were able to financially support five Seminarians. Historically, we have donated over \$50,000 to the RSVP program.

- Scholarship Fund. We donated \$1000 to a deserving graduating high school senior.
- Coats for Kids Project. Donated 384 coats to needy kids on the Olympic Peninsula from Port Townsend to Forks.
- Merger with the Port Townsend KofC council. We seamlessly executed the required administrative functions for our two councils to merge. We look forward to working with the gentlemen from Port Townsend in all future activities.
- Supported Pennies for Heaven.
- Helped with parking for Joint Parish Picnic.
- Helped with St. Joseph Ministries Fair.
- Hosted a Financial Secretary Training Meeting.
- Helped St. Joseph Ladies with Bazaar.

District 25

Daniel McGaughan, District Deputy

Longview Cowlitz Council 2763

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Woodland Council 11252

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Kelso-Castle Rock Council 12786

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

District 26

Jerome Cloft, District Deputy

Evangelist District 26 consists of Councils from the following parishes in the Shoreline and North Seattle areas: St. Matthew Parish, St. Luke Parish, St. Mark Parish, St. John Parish, and Christ the King Parish. Overall, the Councils had a good fraternal Knights year 2022-2023, with a mix of mostly ups and a few downs coming out of Covid restrictions and helping to re-establish Parish, as well as Council, activities and events. A brief summary of Council activities follows.

Shoreline Council 14852

John Sweeney, Grand Knight

Our council's year has been relatively quiet as the parish has been recovering from the Covid pandemic. The parish's participation in social and fundraising affairs has been spotty, despite attendance at Mass being back to normal.

In that environment our Filipino breakfast was successful in getting our treasury back into shape – about \$3,000. We've also undertaken the construction of a new walkway to our Mary grotto. This project should be completed in May or even April, God willing. We've also supported the re-opening of coffee hour by taking it on the second Sunday of each month, and the last Sunday of a five week month. As only one other group is supporting the coffee hour, we often end up supporting it on other Sundays as well.

Socially, we haven't gotten together in some time as many members left the state for the winter. With their return this month, I'm planning on a get-together informally. It won't be fund-raising as our priest has vetoed doing some of the parish's past affairs.

Membership-wise, about 8 of our regular members have yet to pay dues. Our FS is in the Philippines for the winter, so we haven't gotten closure on them yet. As for new officers, no one is rushing forward; I'll poll people when they're back in town.

We're all waiting apprehensively to see what the archdiocese will do with our parish in the May 3rd reorganization. Once that's set, we'll have some goal setting to do but, for now, we're treading water.

St. Luke Council 14689

Charles Balsley, Grand Knight

The Council met throughout the year with all meetings compliant with State and Archdiocese recommendations for safety. Throughout the year council 14689 supported the Bitter Lake Community Dinner, helping to provide meals for the less fortunate. In June of 2022 and March of 2023, the council held exemplifications and added three and two new members respectively. In September 2023 the council helped support the Parish picnic. In October 2022 the council produced the St. Luke Chili Cookoff – a wildly successful community building event. In November the council provided cinnamon rolls following Thanksgiving mass. In December council members provided parking lot assistance for Christmas masses. In December the council agreed to donate \$1000 to the Cor Christi project and to donate \$250 to Operation Night Watch. Operation Night Watch provides meals, clothing, supplies, and shelter to Seattle's homeless population. In January the council agreed to support an Eagle Scout project with a donation of \$100. In April 2023 the council provided 50 Rosaries to the Parish for First Communicants.

Seattle Council 11085

Philip Powell, Grand Knight

Council 11085 provided support at the Parish picnic by cooking burgers and hotdogs for attendees. Council held two pancake breakfasts for the Parish, one of which benefited the local Boy Scout Troop. Council 11085 cooked and prepared meals at the Boy Scout fundraising Dinner. Council 11085 hosted a Fish Fry fundraising dinner. Council 11085 has recruited two new members and is working to bring in at least another two new men.

Shoreline Council 11217

Greg Insley, Grand Knight

Council 11217 conducted meetings every second Tuesday of the month and leadership meetings every fourth Tuesday of the Month. Activities from July 2022 – April 2023 are as follows:

Faith:

Council 11217 prayed the Rosary and Vocation Prayers throughout the year.

Seminarian support was provided by Council 11217 in the amount of \$500. This was accomplished by the council's All You Can Eat Breakfasts.

Rosaries and cards were provided to those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in February and to the First Communicants in March.

Divine Mercy Sunday April 16th - the Chaplet of Divine Mercy was prayed in St. Mark Church and the Knight's provided a spaghetti dinner for the parish attendees.

Council 11217 began the Knights of Columbus Rosary program in March.

Community:

Council 11217 hosted our K of C All you Can Eat Breakfast the third Sunday in September, November, December (Santa Breakfast), and February.

The council hosted coffee and donuts every third Sunday of the month when not conducting a breakfast.

The K of C Soccer challenge was held in October for St. Mark Classical Catholic School students.

Council 11217 sponsored the K of C Free Throw Contest in January for the students at St. Mark Classical Catholic School

Members of Council 11217 were involved in Scouting and in Veteran support groups throughout the year.

Council 11217 provided monetary support for St. Mark Classical Catholic School (\$500) in March.

Council 11217 hosted an Easter Egg Hunt on April 9th for parish youngsters ages 1 – 8.

Knights of Council 11217 participated in the parish cleanup on April 1, with special attention given to the St. Mark Affirmation of Life Memorial

The Knights of Council hosted a catered dinner/dance in late December for the parish.

Council 11217 held an All You Can Eat Crab feed for the parish and friends in March.

Family:

Council 11217 led St. Mark Parish in the Consecration of the Holy Family in December. Throughout the year Council 11217 have recognized the Family of the Month and have also nominated a Family of the Year.

The council sponsored the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest in December.

Council 11217 recognized mothers on Mother's Day in May with carnations for mother and grandmothers.

Life:

Knights of Council 11217 led the Pro-Life Rosary at the St. Mark Affirmation of Life Memorial every fourth Sunday throughout the year.

The council also sponsored the K of C Pro-Life Poster and Essay Contest in February.

Council 11217 provided monetary support for Next Step Pregnancy Center in, (\$500)

The council placed ten pavers purchased by parish members throughout the year at the Affirmation of Life Memorial.

Members of Council 11217 participated in vigils both during 40 days for Life and at other times outside local Planned Parenthood facilities.

Council 11217 throughout the year has recognized the Knight of the Month and has submitted a Knight of the Year application to the State Family Chairman.

Seattle Council 5177

Council 5177 has been SEP Non-Compliant this year and has remained inactive. At the end of the year the Council is working on taking the necessary steps to become SEP Compliant, regain their good standing, and hopefully begin to resume Council activities.

District 27

Dennis Thueringer, District Deputy

District 27 had a very active 2022-2023 fraternal year. The councils have been energized with the ability to fully use the facilities available at their church. All the councils follow the Faith in Action model and really focus on the work they are doing. Four of my five councils have gotten new Pastors in the past year or two and all have done a wonderful job of building sound relationships with them.

It is great to go to a council meeting and have the pastor there taking part in the meeting.

The activities in the district range from Blood drives and food drives to special services like consecration to the Holy Family and the Silver Rose program. As things in the churches come back online the parish staffs are reaching out to their councils for help with a range of functions necessary to host events at the church. Events like funerals and grounds/facility maintenance and just about any position for weekend masses. Most of the councils are involved with the Rosary programs and special masses (confirmation, special guests). The ASAP program has been very well received the St Anthony's council used the baby bottle fund raiser idea and collected over six thousand dollars.

Some of the councils were able to resume their Tootie-Roll programs last fall and have plans for next fall as well.

The ability to sign up new members on the spot has been embraced by most of these councils and is proving to be a great way to increase the membership. Each of the councils is working on an exemplification team. I have been doing the Presiding Officer role and have a kit with the exemplification tools that I carry with me always. Council exemplifications are generally open to the other councils in the district. I have enjoyed many good conversations with new members and their families at receptions following the exemplifications. Very few new members are brought into the order using the video and they are encouraged to attend the next (and all) exemplification held by their council.

Many of councils are using every activity as an opportunity to recruit new members and have worked with State Membership Director Mike Rutland to improve their recruiting skills and it shows. Three of the Grand Knights are finishing their first year and plan to serve another year. One is finishing his second year and has done a good job of preparing the Deputy Grand Knight to take over. The other Grand Knight is finishing his fourth year and will be replaced by the Deputy Grand Knight next year. There are solid leadership progression plans in place in each council.

All district 27 councils support vocations to religious life through prayer and the RSVP program. At this time four of the fourteen men in the seminary for the Arch-Diocese of Seattle are from our district. A short story to complete my summary of district 27; Just before lent started this year my wife and I went to a fundraiser dinner at one of my councils. After Saturday evening mass we headed down to the social hall. When we got there, I asked the Grand Knight if there were any seats open at his table. The table was full, and he suggested that I check with the Deputy Grand Knight. I like the Deputy Grand Knight very much and admire how active he is withing the church and the council even though he and his wife have their hands full with four small daughters. He said they did have room at his table, so my wife and I sat down. Before too long another young Knight (he had joined within the past few months) and his pregnant wife joined us, then the music director and her husband (not a Knight) joined us to fill our table. At some point during the evening the music director stated that she is thirty-eight years old. My daughter had just the week before turned thirty-seven. It was about that time that I realized that we were sitting at the "Kids Table". The next thought that popped into my mind was how cool is that, to have a kids table at a Knights of Columbus event.

This is my fourth year as DD and I'm having too much of a good time with it to give it up. My goal for next year however will be to turn it over to the next DD that will take the district to the next level

Vivat Jesus,

Dennis Thueringer, DD27

Renton Council 3645

Pete Williams, Grand Knight

Brother Dennis, highlights of our council activity in the Faith in Action area of Life include holding a baby bottle drive to raise funds for the ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) program. We involved both St. Anthony Parish and School raising over 3 times the \$2000 we set as a stretch goal. Funds were sent to 3 pregnancy centers.

In the area of Community, we established the South Sound Distribution Center for Wheelchairs and distributed 7 to-date. A fundraising effort with the parish generated almost \$1200. We also had a successful Coats for Kids drive. We received donations of coats from St. Anthony parishioners and funds to purchase 181 coats. The distribution was made in December in conjunction with the parish Christmas giving program.

In the area of Family, we started recognizing the parish Family of the Month utilizing recommendations from the Pastoral Council. We also held 2 pancake breakfasts and a taco fest to help bring the parish community together after Covid and raise funds for council activities.

In the area of Faith, we held a movie night to show the Mother Teresa movie. We served free hot dogs and popcorn to the attendees.

Kent Council 8150

Mario Sanchez, Grand Knight

Brothers of Council 8150 held a business meeting every second Wednesday, and a social meeting every fourth Wednesday--except in July! Every business meeting was preceded by praying the rosary where at least 4 council members joined the GK.

The council leadership continues to closely coordinate with Father Carlos whose continued endorsement of our fundraising events translated into greater participation from members of the parish across representative groups (English/Latino/Swahili).

The council led volunteer efforts to clean up and update parish grounds the Saturday before Easter, serving hot dogs and sodas to parish members who showed up to help.

We also helped to organize and participated at the first parish Summer Fair, leading game parlors and providing lunch to the team of coordinating leaders. This was an event that the Knights had been pitching to be held around Pentecost, since we are Holy Spirit Parish. The weather in May forced us to postpone it to later Summer; but we were glad to have finally taken this step. All parish communities and ministries came together on a great sunny day--more than 300 people transited throughout the day, with food trucks so busy they ran out of supplies well before the end of the Fair!

On June 26th, 2022, we hosted our own district wide exemplification. This approach as a means to build greater bonds between district councils had been well received and put into practice by the district GKs in 2022. We exemplified three new brothers and promoted another two to the third degree.

The Saturday of Labor Day on September 6, 2022, the council hosted our traditional Burgers and Hot Dogs Feed, where we serve parish members a meal after the Saturday 5pm mass, at no cost.

We hosted rosary every Wednesday in May and October, where we joined other parish members participating in Adoration Hour in St. Anthony's Chapel. The council has also been involved in leading

funeral rosary prayers for past council members who have recently passed, as well as for members of the parish community, when called on occasion.

Council 8150 coordinated a food drive to collect donations at the parish two weeks before Thanksgiving 2022. Parish members donated 1476 pounds of food and \$470 in cash which were transported by council brothers to the Kent Food Bank on November 15th, well before the Thanksgiving holiday.

Our Second Sunday Pancake Breakfasts now consistently offer fresh fruit, 100% juice, and yogurt as a healthier alternative. Families with younger children and elders on restricted diets appreciate this option. The council also started serving biscuits and gravy--which has been a huge hit!

Worthy District Deputy Dennis Thueringer took his first turn as Santa Claus at our Holiday Breakfast, delighting the kids and honoring the memory of our beloved Santa, Vincent O'Connor (RIP), whose wife Mary Lee donated one of his Santa outfits for safekeeping by council 8150.

Our Fish Fry Fridays wrapped up March 31st, 2023. We were able to host all 6 Fridays this year, for the first time since the COVID pandemic, and netted a little over \$3K, which is a new record for us. Father Carlos hosted short lectures during the first 4 of these events, touching on topics of Death, Eternal Life, and Grace.

Brother Mark Hedington (PGK) has continued to liaison with Bloodworks, and with the help of other council members who serve as ushers has been signing up dozens of parish members after masses to donate blood.

This past year we formed a greater bond with the growing Young Adult ministry (unmarried ages 18-30). AS they have progressively increased their support in volunteering at our events, we have found opportunities to donate funds to their group so they can build up their program and encourage more young adults to remain active at the parish. Some of their members are now regular guests at our breakfast fundraisers, and they opted to have their monthly communal dinner at one of our recent Fish Fry Fridays, which both kept very busy and delighted the brothers running the kitchen.

We have been looking for ways to reduce our reliance on periodic banquets (Oktoberfest and St. Patrick's) for fund raising, and have been exploring a project with Father Carlos to design laser engraved products that can be sold after mass periodically, and whatever funds we raise are earmarked for the Youth Group ministry's annual Yakima retreat. We are exploring whether we could partner with a local laser cutting company to reduce costs of production. Not only do we look to help fund the Youth Group in this way, but we are also looking to enable them in the sale of the products as well as in future design considerations--so that they acquire leadership, administrative and creative skills.

The council gained a handful of very active new members this past year, and they have been instrumental in helping us get back to the full calendar of activities. It's been very refreshing to have

such energetic new members who have been a part of the parish for some time. Their joy in contributing to the council's success has been infectious; and, as the outgoing GK I have been pleased to see the bonds that have been strengthened while doing the work of the council.

Council 8150 is looking forward to a busy 2023-2024! Now that we are back to the full calendar of activities, we can pivot to focus more energy on outreach to partner with other ministries, return to a more robust disposition to charitable giving, recognize the good deeds of our brothers, and work more closely with Father Carlos to hit our recruitment goals.

IHS,
Mario Sanchez
GK@8150

St. Barbara Council 11736 Gary Reed, Grand Knight

The Black Diamond Council 11736 continued to be very active in our parish and the greater community through a variety of activities. We held 4 pancake breakfasts to raise funds for the RSVP, scholarship program, general fund, and Coats for Kids. We were able to donate \$800.00 to our RSVP Nathan Hatch, and actively corresponded with him. Our scholarship program continues to offer two (2) \$1000 scholarships to high school seniors who are active in the St. Barbara parish. This was done by raising money through our pancake breakfast. Our council hosted four very successful blood drives with Bloodworks Northwest. The drives were done in the parish hall and were completely booked each time. Our Coats for Kids program was able to distribute 14 cases to our local Plateau Outreach Ministry in Enumclaw, WA. The moneys for this were obtained through our pancake breakfast and direct donations through our website. The council works with our parish and collects food for the local Black Diamond Community Center. We collected over 5,000 lbs. of food plus the 40 Cans for Lent programs food that was donated by our parishioners. We held a Dinner and auction at the parish to raise funds to help with repairs and future maintenance of our parish buildings. We were able to raise \$11,000 to give to this cause. As part of Mother's Day weekend masses, the Council members purchase and hand out carnations to all the ladies of our parish to honor and thank them for all they do. We sponsored an Easter Egg hunt for the children of the parish which was well attended. We were able to sponsor and hold our annual church picnic, which included great food and games for all. What a great way to build community!!! The council also helped our Ladies with their Bazaar this year by helping the vendors with set up and tear down. We also ran a lunch kitchen for this event and funds raised were placed into our general fund. The council sold poinsettias at Christmas time for parishioners to take home and or donate back to the parish for decoration. The parish renovated our hall this year and many of our Knights donated their time and talent to help with this project.

We continue to build relationships with our Pastor and Parish. Several of our members participate in the Pastoral Council, Catholic education, music, ushering, church check-in, lector and Eucharistic Ministry. The council also hosts church clean up parties throughout the year to maintain Parish grounds. We have switched to a mixed, virtual and live, format for membership meetings. This flexibility has proven to increase member interest and boost attendance. We are growing as we were able to recruit 10 new Knights to our council!! Our attendance at meetings continues to increase

with about 15 to 20 knights participating. Our Parish Priest Fr. Anthony is a Knight himself, and he supports and encourages the council in all activities.

Covington Council 11780

Mark Rosenberger, Grand Knight

- Weekly Volunteers at Covington Storehouse (Food Bank)
- Weekly Volunteer at Habitat for Humanity Auburn Store

May 2022

- Presented Mother's Day Roses after all masses to all women.
- Hosted Silver Rose Program.
- Maintenance to Parish Facilities, Grounds and Prayer Garden.

June 2022

- Established 2022-2023 Fraternal Year Council Goals
- Parish Cherries Sales for Coats for Kids
- Father's Day Family Prayer Card Distribution
- Ukraine Solidarity Fund Donation from Pancake Breakfast

July 2022

- Tacoma Rainiers Baseball Game Council and Parish Family Outing

August 2022

- Parish Welcome Gathering and Pancake Breakfast for the parish.
- Seattle Mariners Tickets Raffle for Seminarian Fund (RSVP)
- Created KOC Pamphlet / Insurance Benefits as a Baptism Handout

September 2022

- Established Parish POC for Funeral Reception Setup & Clean Up

October 2022

- Tootsie Roll Fund Raiser at Fred Meyer in Covington
- Council Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats Facilitated Workshop
- Received Star Council Award for 2022-2023.
- Pancake Breakfast for Coats for Kids
- Coats for Kids Distribution at local elementary school

November 2022

- Delta Church Membership Drive and Pancake Breakfast.
- Seattle Seahawks Ticket Raffle for Columbus Charities Least of All My Brethren (LAMB)
- Supported a parishioner with household moving assistance

December 2022

- Council Family Holiday Social
- Fraternal Seminar
- Pancake Breakfast for Coats for Kids

- Sanctuary Christmas Tree Setup

January 2023

- Crab Feast for the support of Parish Outreach Ministries
- Prayer with Scripture Facilitated Series

February 2023

- Tootsie Roll Program Donations to NAMI Washington and The Arc of King County
- Fish Fry. Proceeds to Parish Ministries and Local Community
- Prayer with Scripture Facilitated Series

March 2023

- Knights led Stations of the Cross
- Helping Hands Project to assist a Brother Knight with home project.
- Two Fish Frys. Proceeds to Parish Ministries and Local Community

April 2023

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May 2023

- Mother Teresa No Greater Love Parish Video
- Presented Mother's Day Roses after all masses to all women.
- Hosted Silver Rose Program.
- Prayer with Scripture Facilitated Series

Enumclaw Council 13364

Gary Gwin, Grand Knight

Council 13364 was reactivated this year! A huge thank you to all who helped make this happen.

Renton Council 13374

Donald Koetter, Grand Knight

The St. Stephen the Martyr Council 13374 located in Renton, Washington has had a robust calendar of events and programs supported. We have been able to support several Knights Featured Programs through hosting events that not only raise much needed funding but also enhance the social fellowship for the parish.

These events include:

- "Coffee and donuts" service after Sunday morning Mass. These events supported raising funds for our "Coats for Kids".
- "French Toast Breakfast" one Sunday morning which is providing funding for our RSVP, Seminary/convent programs.

- “Block Party” – which was co-sponsored and supported by the Council volunteers which raised funding for the Renton Area “Terrific Tuesdays” meal program which provides meals primarily to homeless men.
- “Lenten Fish Frys” a very popular weekly event during Lent where parish families get together for fun and fellowship, including games for the kids.
- “Faith in Action Dinner” is an event we are planning to hold in early June. It is a major fundraiser for charitable programs.

Our Programs by category are listed below:

Faith Programs

A Mens Retreat, RSVP, RCIA Rosary’s, and support to the St. Mary’s Convent which is located near the St. Stephen the Martyr campus.

Family Programs

Consecration to the Holy Family, Food for Families, and the Ukraine Solidarity Fund.

Community Programs

Helping Hands, Coats for Kids, French Toast Breakfast, Parish Block Party

Life Programs

4US, Pregnancy Center Support, Aid and Support After Pregnancy, Parish Youth Life Poster Competition

The Council enjoys strong support from the St. Stephen the Martyr parishioners, parish staff and most especially with Fr. Ed White our parish pastor and Council chaplain. We have a strong Marian devotion and precede all our Council meetings by reciting the Rosary. We’ve enjoyed growth in membership and have exceeded our new membership targets and expect to improve upon that over the remainder of the Fraternal year. We have accumulated over 435 volunteer hours so far this year with 15% of our membership reporting and actively engaged. The Council will have contributed more than \$10,000 to charitable causes. Overall, we are on a path to achieving the Star Council Award for the second consecutive year.

DISTRICT 28

Alan Kempen, District Deputy

District 28 consists of 3 councils in the Southern portion of the Kitsap peninsula between Puget Sound and Hood Canal. All councils have been very active in their parishes and communities. This year all have been able to open up their activities after the COVID-19 pandemic. The Councils are now able to conduct their meetings at their parishes and are conducting their activities at the parishes. Below you will be able to read about their accomplishments during this past year. All are current with reports. I am proud to be associated with such a dedicated group of Knights who are members of these Councils.

Port Orchard, Council 6706

Frank White, Grand Knight

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council 6706 has resumed activities on the parish campus following the pandemic.

FAITH

- Council members are supporting liturgical roles for Masses throughout the year at St Gabriel Parish
- Knights from our Council have been active with St. Gabriel's Parish Council, Finance Council, RCIA and other ministries.
- Knights have Eucharistic Minister routes on Sundays and other times as needed.
- We assist annually two Seminarians in the amount of \$1,000 each under the RSVP Program.
- Quarterly Seminarian Collections are back on track during the 3rd month of each quarter.
- We have been promoting "First Friday Mass"
- Council members and their families participate in Lenten "Stations of the Cross."
- Council hosted a Lenten "Soup Supper."

FAMILY

- We provide the proteins for St. Gabriel's Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. Donations include turkeys and hams.
- The Council provided hamburgers, hotdogs, and condiments to parish families at the retirement party of a long time faith formation leader.

COMMUNITY

- Knights provide monthly Pancake Breakfasts following Sunday Masses
- Knights provide Fundraising Dinners throughout the year as planned events
- We schedule two evening meals a year for the Benedict House, a transitional residence for homeless men in Bremerton.
- Knights are working with the local Community Food Pantry and Food Kitchen throughout the year.
- Flags are placed on Knights graves at our local cemetery on Memorial Day and Veterans Day for Knights that have served in the Armed Forces.
- Knights volunteer at the local Veterans Home and assist with Mass and as Pushers for Veterans in wheelchairs.

LIFE

- When scheduled, Knights and their families participate in the March for Life activities.
- Knights provide the "Gift of Life" through blood and platelet donations.

Gig Harbor, Council 9238 **John Hyry, Grand Knight**

2022/2023 – St. Nicholas Council Brother Knights focused on strengthening our levels of fundraising, giving, faith-ministry support, and infrastructure to better serve our parish and community.

(1 Fundraising

- a. Sunday Breakfasts with outstanding Knights support to date: \$4,055
- b. Priest Appreciation Dinner parish support donations: \$5,399
- c. Pennies For Heaven donations: \$1,114
- d. Sunday Breakfast plus Harbor Days, Blessing of The Fleet Food Booth will round-out our May and June food events.
- e. Miscellaneous sales and donations added: \$790
- f. Newly launched website: \$20
- g. Restarting two fundraisers: Golf Tournament and Garage Sale TBA

(2 Giving

- a. Food For Families: \$1,000
- b. St. Nicholas Parish School: \$1,000
- c. St. Vincent DePaul: \$1,000
- d. Seminarians: \$1,000
- e. Right to Life organizations: \$900
- f. Patriotic donation: \$300
- g. Underprivileged Children: \$300
- h. Cor Christi: \$900
- i. ASAP program: \$1,000

(3 Parish, Faith & Ministry support

- a. Deacon Mikhail has been a blessing with his powerful and interactive talks on important topics of faith to begin our meetings.
- b. Knights in good numbers supported our parish Rescue Project over a six-week period. A deeply spiritual event online that we all agreed had a significant impact on our individual faith journeys.
- c. Knights Supported 40 Days for life including guest speaker and prayer vigils.
- d. Delta Drive recruiting after mass is elevating interest and our visibility in the parish.
- e. Our 4th Degree Assembly contributes a highly impactful agenda for our Council and Community:
 - A. Parish enhancements include seasonal landscaping of Farther' s residence and Parish School projects.
 - B. Blessing of the Fleet procession in regalia, "Our Lady of the Harbor" icon to the awaiting fishing fleet.
 - C. Our Assembly does so much more, too much to list.

(4 Infrastructure

- a. Launched our new website this year, (www.kofc9238.org) was a monumental effort with several brother Knights giving their time & talents to great lengths.

Belfair, Council 12002
Roy Harrington, Grand Knight

In 2023, the Knights of Fr. Victor Cloquet Council at Prince of Peace Parish are celebrating 26 years of service to the Belfair area community. We have made a special effort this year to reach out to the Guatemalan members of the parish and have recruited five new brothers through our efforts. More will be recruited in the coming months. Total donations this past year are in excess of \$20,000.

FAITH

- Council members perform liturgical support roles for masses throughout the year and at memorial masses, as requested.
- Knights serve on the Pastoral Council, Finance Council, and other parish ministries.
- Knights bring communion to shut-ins and hospitalized parishioners.
- Through "RSVP", we provided financial support (\$2000) for our sponsored seminarian, Kyle Rink, who is attending Mundelein Seminary in Illinois.

- Our Council continues a special focus on Fifth Sunday masses, even during the pandemic, and we generally have about 20 to 35 Knights, spouses, and family members in attendance. The Knights wear blue shirts with K of C emblems, for recognition by parishioners.

FAMILY

- Through the “Food for Families” program, we provided \$2500 in financial support to North Mason Coalition of Churches & Community (\$834), North Mason Food Bank (\$833), and the Community Food Pantry (\$834).
- The Council returned to serving the entire parish a Sunday morning breakfast once every two months. We also brought back the St. Patrick’s Day dinner in 2023.

COMMUNITY

- Through our “Coats for Kids” program, we purchased new coats and other clothing items (\$3800) and donated them to Northwest Children’s Outreach for distribution to children during the winter of 2022-2023.
- We provided over 550 hours of assistance to military Veterans who needed to access their county, state and federal VA benefits. We also donated \$3400 total to the two Disabled American Veterans Chapters in Mason County.
- Provided 2 meals for Benedict House, a Catholic facility for homeless men in Bremerton.
- We donated \$2500 in support of the North Mason Giving Tree project this past December which provided Christmas presents to 200 families and more than 500 children.

LIFE

- The Council conducted its first ever Baby Bottle Campaign raising more than \$6,000 of which \$2500 was donated to the Archdiocesan Prepares Program and \$3243 was donated to the Prepares program at St. Gabriel’s Parish.
- Knights made 11 blood donations, ...the “gift of life”.
- We supported Special Olympics at the state level with a gift of \$1700 and gave \$3400 to Special Olympics in Shelton, WA.

District 29

Anthony Hillock, District Deputy

Ellensburg Council 1401

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Ephrata Council 3153

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Moses Lake Council 4367

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Cle Elum Council 15684

District 30

Dana Smith, District Deputy

Aberdeen Council 1449 remains suspended.

Raymond Council 1606 has been very active with 4 new members, special Thanksgiving dinners and maintenance and repairs on the Parish facilities. They continue their special programs and support for the Parish.

Hoquiam Council 1674 has not been active as many members are aged and or deceased. They have maintained the Rosary Give-away Program and promoted it throughout Western Washington.

Ocean Shores Council 15689 has been able to recruit at least one new member to take on the role of Financial Secretary after the current FS resigned. David Blair has taken on the role of Grand Knight after the GK had to relocate for medical reasons. They continue to promote Faith in Action programs and activities. They continue with the Tootsie Roll campaign.

Elma Council 16176 was able to recruit three new members but have recently lost one who passed away unexpectedly. They continue with the Tootsie Roll campaign. The Council replaced the lighting in the church basement and installed solar lights on the side doors for security.

All active Councils are still working to recover from the effects of COVID and the reduced attendance in the Parishes. Also, there have been fair too many deaths of brothers and a good number of brothers relocating out of area.

Dana Smith, District Deputy.

District 31

William Swartz, District Deputy

Mt. Vernon Council 2126

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Arlington Council 8015

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Camano-Stanwood Council 8476

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Sedro Woolley Council 8672

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

Burlington Council 9941

Our Council worked in support of our parish community with our service programs.

District 32
James Bongers, District Deputy

Chewelah Council 2155
Tony Hansen, Grand Knight

We hosted the regional training meeting. **Faith:** We donated to the Bishop White Seminary Fund and the McGivney Hall Fund to support seminarian formation in Spokane. We helped with the Mardi Gras dinner by cooking and cleaning up. We keep the Catholic cemetery up. We help with projects Father comes up with. The Fourth degree Knights usually help with the Corpus Christi procession at St. Joseph Mission. **Community:** We gave out two scholarships; we usually do 7-8 breakfasts a year for the scholarships. We gave donations to the Chewelah food bank. Reported by Grand Knight Tony Hansen.

Spokane Council 8398

This council is currently inactive. I have retrieved the council records from the last Financial Secretary and am investigating a merger. Reported by District Deputy Jim Bongers.

Colbert Council 8872
Chris Boza, Grand Knight

Community: Approximately 1700 pounds of food and \$7500 were donated to local food banks. Seventeen wheelchairs were purchased for donation to local care homes and hospitals. **Life:** A prayer service was held, and Candles for Life distributed in commemoration of the Roe V. Wade decision. Baby items and about \$1900 were donated from a baby bottle boomerang, donations and a baby shower to CAPA. We participated in the Spokane Walk for Life. We manned the Right-To-Life booth at the County Fair. We held a Tootsie Roll drive to help people with disabilities and raised about \$1300 which was donated to Special Olympics of Washington, Arc of Spokane and L'Arche of Spokane. **Faith:** We assisted with set-up and clean-up for the parish Mardi Gras dinner. We cleaned up the parish grounds twice. We obtained a flammable storage box for use by the maintenance staff. We repaired the pavilion and tables and maintained the grill at the Knights Pavilion. We held a Mother's Day Brunch at which we served 143 meals. We set up, cooked and cleaned up for the Parish Picnic. We provided \$1000 in support to a seminarian. We sponsored a 9/11 Memorial Mass. We set up, cooked and cleaned up for the Parish Octoberfest. **Family:** We purchased 162 Coats for Kids and leveraged with New Hope donations to purchase 87 pairs of boots. Reported by Grand Knight Chris Boza.

Spokane Council 9237

This council has struggled to emerge from COVID and is currently prayerfully examining their future. Reported by District Deputy Jim Bongers.

Deer Park Council 9721
Peter Van Doren, Grand Knight

Community: We donated 900 pounds of food to local food banks. We awarded a \$1500 college scholarship to a parish youth. We installed a new mailbox for a parish widow to replace one that had been destroyed in an accident. We distributed 150 Coats for Kids. We held 4 blood drives. We purchased five wheelchairs for use in the parish. Faith: We moved the several hundred item Nativity Fair display from storage to the church hall and back. We cleaned and waxed the Parish Hall floor twice. We set up and cleaned up for the parish Seder Supper. We hosted a Lenten Soup Supper. Reported by District Deputy Jim Bongers.

Colville Council 12273
Dave Hewes, Grand Knight

Community: We cleaned up Evergreen Cemetery. We awarded one scholarship and gave an honorable mention to another applicant. We did a litter pick up along the highway. We held a pie auction in support of local care homes. We distributed Coats for Kids to the local towns. **Faith:** We sponsored a Mass at the mission that included a historical presentation. We participated in the Corpus Christi celebration. We purchased books as gifts for the Christmas Masses. We held a parish movie night with refreshments and showed the movie on the life of Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta. We sponsored a Lenten Soup Supper which raised funds for Ukrainian aid. **Life:** We held a Tootsie Roll drive. Reported by District Deputy Jim Bongers.

Newport Council 14268
Edward Funkhouser, Grand Knight

Faith: We are supporting a seminarian through the RSVP Program. We conducted "That Man is You" men's spirituality program. We created a "Men of Prayer" program to lead by example in our church/family. We started a rosary program where we lead the rosary each Sunday before mass. We purchased a new keyboard for our Parish. **Family:** We support 3 food banks for the Food for Families program. We supported Keep Christ in Christmas. We have a Scholarship Program supported by monthly church breakfasts. **Community:** We collect for Coats for Kids. We purchased four wheelchairs for the Global Wheelchair Mission. We created a new program for Emergency Outreach where we support families that have had a disaster (fire, etc.). **Life:** We participated in two March for Life sessions (Spokane and CDA). We collect for Special Olympics through Tootsie Roll Campaign. We are in the process of purchasing an Ultrasound for greater Spokane. We are supporting ASAP through our PREPARES program. Reported by Grand Ed Funkhouser.

District 33

Paul Morel, District Deputy

The councils in District 33 are recovering from being off for the last two years. One council won a Star Council for last year and the rest are trying to catch up. A state training seminar was held in February focusing on recruiting Hispanic men into the Knights. A church drive was held, and six new members joined the Knights. Two of the new members have gone thru the Exemplification of Degree. Councils have raised funds for Cor Christi, coats for kids, blood drives, hoop shoot, food banks in West Seattle. The councils are striving to become more active in recruiting new members.

As the next year starts, I feel that all councils in district 33 will grow in charity, faith, unity. They will have a task to help shape our parishes in the new direction that the Archdiocese of Seattle is leading us to merge parishes.

Vivat Jesus. Paul Morel District 33 Deputy

Seattle Council 8437

Renard Bansale, Grand Knight

The Monsignor Ailbe McGrath Council 8437 is striving to recover after a largely inactive Covid-19 lockdown period lasting until late 2022, on top of a recent Knights personnel draining at Holy Family Parish in Seattle. Seasoned Brother Knights from around the district, state, and Supreme conducted an invigorating recruitment drive in mid-February 2023, with an emphasis on the parish's thriving Latino community. Two recruits so far have successfully undergone the monthly Exemplification of charity, unity, and fraternity, conducted at the nearby Council 12175, with more hoping to attend in the following months. Council 8437 seeks in the coming months to thoroughly refresh their roster as well as future programming, targeted towards the bilingual parochial school, to further encourage broader family participation. Vivat Jesus. Brother Renard N. Bansale, GK 8437

St. Juan Diego Council 12175

Thomas Peterson, Grand Knight

The St Juan Diego Council #12175 of Seattle has been busy. We held two fish dinners raising \$2000 to support our activities. Our medical closet gave out equipment valued at more than \$70,000 to people in the community who could not afford it. Our basketball free throw contest which is once again gaining in popularity had nineteen participants this year as we partnered with CYO to get more kids involved. We supported our church and school community by hosting several events such as six coffee and donuts, a carnitas lunch, hot chocolate at the annual lighting of the Christmas tree and supported the school carnival. We cooked hot dogs and hamburgers for close to 500 people which raised over \$4000 at the annual church fundraiser. We supported the Ultrasound initiative. We supported the Cor Christie building fund to remodel McGivney Hall for seminarians. We continue to exceed our pennies for heaven assessment year after year. We are starting new programs that follow the faith in action format such as leading a rosary after Sunday masses. We put together an exemplification team and conduct a regular monthly exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity to support membership growth in our district. In conjunction with the Supreme media team, we produced a video which inspires all who watch it to faith and service. We achieved star council for the 2021-2022 fraternal year and with a few more new members will do so again this fraternal year. Vivat Jesus. Brother Thomas Peterson, GK 12175.

Burien Council 5495

Chris Treichel, Grand Knight

Council 5495 in Burien had an active year, the council participated in the KCIC poster contest and Free throw competition. Additionally, the council participated in the Coats for Kids program providing coats to Transform Burien and the Navos Children's Center. We supported 4 Seminarians with \$500 donations, donated \$1000 to Bishop White seminary and \$1000 to Cor Christi program. Council members support the USO at Sea-tac airport, the Highline Food bank, Adoration hours and blood donors. Council members also support the parish as ushers, choir members, and live stream team for masses and volunteer with our local Scout troops and CYO athletics. We also brought back in person breakfast after mass, our Council Christmas party and our very successful Vocations Dinner raising over \$7500 for our Vocations support.

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DISTRICT 34

Russell L Cantonwine, District Deputy

District 34 began the new fraternal year somewhat normal as in previous years by joining together on several occasions through the fraternal year. We started with supporting District 22 St Ann's Parish Patriotic Rosary, marched in the Steilacoom parade and held a combined Installation of officers that attracted over 60 brothers and family members for a rosary, installation of officers and barbecue at St John Bosco Parish on 19 July 2022. On October 2nd, 2022, Councils 10652 and 11762 combined resources to sell corn at the Steilacoom Apple Squeeze festival netting about \$500 dollars for each council. We held 4 District 1st Saturday's that included: Holy Hour, Benediction, Exposition, rosary, confession, Mass and donuts. We held the 1st ever District 34 Christmas party again with 60 brothers, family members, and our insurance agent Chris Salp in attendance celebrating Christmas. **St Frances Cabrini, Council #4322**, Lakewood, WA, as a Community in Action, administered the Tootsie Roll Program, Coats for Kids, the Soccer Challenge, Free throw Competition, Catholic and Citizenship Essay Contest. Faith in Action was demonstrated by the establishment of the Domestic church Kiosk, brother Knights leading weekly parish rosaries prior to mass, sponsoring our Parish First Saturday Masses, establishment of a rosary distribution center and donating \$1000 to our RSVP seminarian. Families in Action was demonstrated by our Family night out event and our support to the Food for Families program to which the Knights donated \$2000 and helped distributed over 300 Food boxes to needing families on Christmas week. Life in Action program is working to again donate \$3000 in infant care items to the Catholic Pregnancy Support Center, we conducted two Parish Novena's for life, and participated in the 40 days for life prayer vigil at the Cedar River Abortion Clinic. Thus far they are at 71% of our recruitment goal for the year. **Four Chaplains Council 10652** and its members continue to successfully practice our faith in action in concert with our JBLM Catholic community. They coordinated, conducted, and participated, in several different Faith in Action programs, 2 fraternal benefits night (with presentations from Eric Reutter and Jim Ruta), local community Apple Squeeze, corporate Mass for the repose of deceased council members, and hosted dinner for Bishop Neal Buckon (Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS)). The following is a summary of our Faith in Action programs by category. In the Faith programs category, supported two Seminarians with \$500 contributions each through the RSVP

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The past financial secretary, Don Haven continues to support the main core of our faith leading the Rosary every Wednesday. The new pastor and council chaplain, Fr Thomas Tran has asked the Knights to feed our community every first Sunday with a pancake breakfast. Fr Thomas also held Holy Hour during the seasonable months in the Grotto of the Meditation Park.

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Reported By Russell L Cantonwine, District Deputy 34

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Vivat Jesus!

Reported by Andrew Miller, SFC Grand Knight.

Joint Base Lewis-McChord Council 10652

Ronaldo DeMorse, Grand Knight

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Reported by Donald Denning Grand Knight

District 35

Daniel Herrera, District Deputy

District 35 is located in the SW corner of Washington State. It comprises 4 councils namely:

Columbia Council 1327

Battle Ground Council 7117

St Johns The Evangelist Council 12983

Bishop Blanchet A.M.A Council 15730

These councils utilized member management and practice sound financial semi-auditing report, required by the Supreme Council. As of May 10, 2023, the total members of District 35 are 388 and all councils are in Good Standing as required by the order.

These councils follow featured activities from the State and Supreme Councils. The following activities are as follows:

Church:

- 1) RSVP, support to Seminarians
- 2) Bishop White Seminary
- 3) Sacred Heart Seminary
- 4) Monthly Breakfast, October thru June. Fellowship is key to this event.
- 5) Soup Supper and Fish-Fry Friday during Lent
- 6) September Spuds and Splits program. We do a free welcome back event the weekend after Labor Day and give everyone attending a loaded baked potato and ice cream sunday

Council:

- 1) Monthly Rosary prior to meetings
- 2) Annual Support for Pennies for Heaven
- 3) Support for LAMB 1882

Community:

- 1) Monthly Milk program to several homeless shelter across Clark County
- 2) Coats for Kids program
- 3) Annual support of St. Vincent DePaul food bank
- 4) Ukraine financial support
- 5) Catholic Daughters financial Support
- 6) Back to School drive driven by our seed money
- 7) Support of Catholic Radio locally

- 8) Local council for the homeless

Family:

- 1) Annual Easter Egg Hunt
- 2) Mother's Day gift of candy after every service
- 3) Father's Day gift of Sugar Daddy after every service
- 4) December Movie program, we rent out local theater and give all altar servers free admission plus sell reduced tickets to faith community, holiday stockings given out to youth
- 5) Holiday Program after all masses on a Sunday in December with Santa and Mrs. Claus, Holiday Stocking give out to all kids.

Youth:

- 1) Annual support of Youth to travel to Steubenville conference
- 2) Annual support for Religious Education Program
- 3) Annually offer 3 scholarships of \$750 to youth graduating high school to further their education at college or trade school
- 4) Annual support of Vacation Bible School
- 5) Boys Scout support

Pro-Life:

- 1) Annual Support of March for Life
- 2) Project Racheal support

Columbia Council 1327

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District 36

Scott Hulse, District Deputy

District 36 has only one Council for which Spanish is the principal language, Monseñor Romero Council 17257. However, Monseñor Romero Council 17257 participated in membership drives at several bilingual Parishes including Holy Family Parish in Seattle, Washington, and St Rose of Lima Parish in Ephrata, Washington. The Council is planning to assist with additional recruitment drives at bilingual Parishes, but primarily on the east side of the Cascade mountains. In addition, there was a very successful bilingual recruitment drive at St Louise-Overlake Parish in Bellevue, Washington, with participation by Pona Magana, Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Hispanic Recruiter.

Msgr Ailbe McGrath Council 8437 at Holy Family Parish may transition to a principally Spanish Council in the future; however, the Council is currently a bilingual Council. Columbia Basin Council 3153 at St Rose of Lima Parish will most likely remain a bilingual Council; however, Monseñor Romero Council 17257's participation in a recruitment drive has helped to reactivate Council 3153, which became dormant during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council 17257, one of the newest Councils within the Washington State Jurisdiction, has had an exemplary year. The Council brought in eleven new members, participated in one in-Council Spanish

Language Exemplification and had new members exemplified during five other Exemplifications sponsored by Councils in District 6.

District Deputy
Scott E Hulse

Yakima Council 17257

Humberto Orellana, Grand Knight

Monseñor Romero Council 17257 has been active in the following Faith in Action Programs:

- Faith Programs – Council 17257 participated in programs that brought the Council closer to the community and have the Parish Pastor interested in having the order as part of the Parish family.
 - Into the Breach: during lent Council 17257 hosted a video and soup and sandwich meal. An average of 50 people came to the Way of the Cross led by the Council and then participated in the sessions and reflection. Participants requested more similar programs.
 - Good Friday Family Awareness: Council 17257 used the Into the Breach video on suffering that brought tears to the eyes of participants and confirmed participants commitment to life and family. This was the evening with the largest participation of the program thanks to all volunteers that provided great soup, sandwiches and leadership to execute this program.
 - Holy Hours: Council 17257 participated in three at the Holy Redeemer Parish and two at the Cowiche Parish with the Cowiche Round Table. The Council looks forward to expanding the Round Table during the upcoming fraternal year.
 - Council 17257 provided Spanish and English Information kiosks for Holy Redeemer Parish.
 - Spiritual Reflection: Council 17257 participated in a Diocesan program that involved all aspects of the program Feb 20th: Procession, Mass, Eucharistic Exposition and Holy Rosary.
 - RSVP: Council 17257 provide support for Seminarian Kennzy Dorcelly.
- Community Programs – Council 17257 participated in three Community programs:
 - Council 17257 distributed 192 coats during the Coats for Kids program in schools that have 98% in the free or reduced school lunch program,
 - Council 17257 participated in the Helping Hands program, and
 - Council 17257 initiated a Leaving no Brother Behind program.
- Family Programs – Council 17257 participated in Family programs:
 - Council 17257 collected 4080 pounds of food and delivered the food to Saint Vincent de Paul for distribution. By providing grocery bags for Parishioners to bring food in, the Council provided an incentive for people not to forget about the poor.
 - Council 17257 organized at least three Family Prayer nights,
 - Council 17257 selected families for recognition through the Family of the Month program, and
 - Council 17257 participated in the Keep Christ in Christmas program, which wasn't as successful as the Council wanted but the Council learned how they might improve participation in the future.
- Life Programs – Council 17257 participated in three Life programs and is planning to participate in two more before the end of the year. These programs include:
 - Council 17257 members and their families participated in the March for Life,
 - Council 17257 participated in the Special Olympics Tootsie Roll program, and
 - Council 17257 participated in the Novena for Life.

- Council 17257 has plans for a consecration to the Holy Family program and intends to donate to the Diocese Prepares program before the end of the fraternal year.

In addition to Council 17257's participation in Faith in Action programs, since September, 2022, the Council has sponsored a Parish breakfast on the third Sunday to raise funds for the Council's programs. The Council also provides members of the parish teams planning to stay in tune with Father's plans.

Abraham Vargas was elected Grand Knight for the upcoming fraternal year during the April, 2023, meeting. Grand Knight elect, Abraham, was selected from three nominees for the Grand Knight position. The Council is confident that Abraham Vargas will do as good a job as Humberto Orellana has done during the 2022 – 2023 fraternal year.

Grand Knight
Humberto Orellana

Vivat Jesus!