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Message from the State Deputy

Brothers All,

Our District Deputy Midyear meeting went very well, especially our special guest Tom and Candi Peterson, GK 12175. The KofC Supreme video and testimony from Tom will forever be embedded in my mind. Thank you to all DD's, (one DD Greg Loberg virtually), all Directors and State Officers for attending this most important midyear meeting. All of our presenters did an exceptional job, fun and inspirational.

Also at this meeting, we held a drawing of ten prizes picked from all those that recruited a new member in the first quarter. One Proposer submission was included in the drawing for every new member recruited. One brought in five new members, thus gained five entrees. Here are the winners:

Proposer Drawing 1st Quarter winners.

William Webb (7642) KC Watch
Duffle bag (3611) Robert Bishop
Shepherd Blanket (16361) State Warden, Dave Olwell
Turkish towel (683) PSD George Czerwonka, Jr.
Picnic blanket (1620) Robert Spinner
Cutting Board (3611) Thomas Kingman
Buck Knife (11789) William Dewey
Lunch bag (7908) Carlos Carillo
Notebook (11408) Brad Lund
2 specialty Root Beers (11789) David Shaffer

We will do another Proposer drawing the last quarter of this fraternal year. Of course, we have the quarterly top recruiter and top DD in recruitment awards. The end of the second quarter has not been determined as of this writing (December 20, 2022).

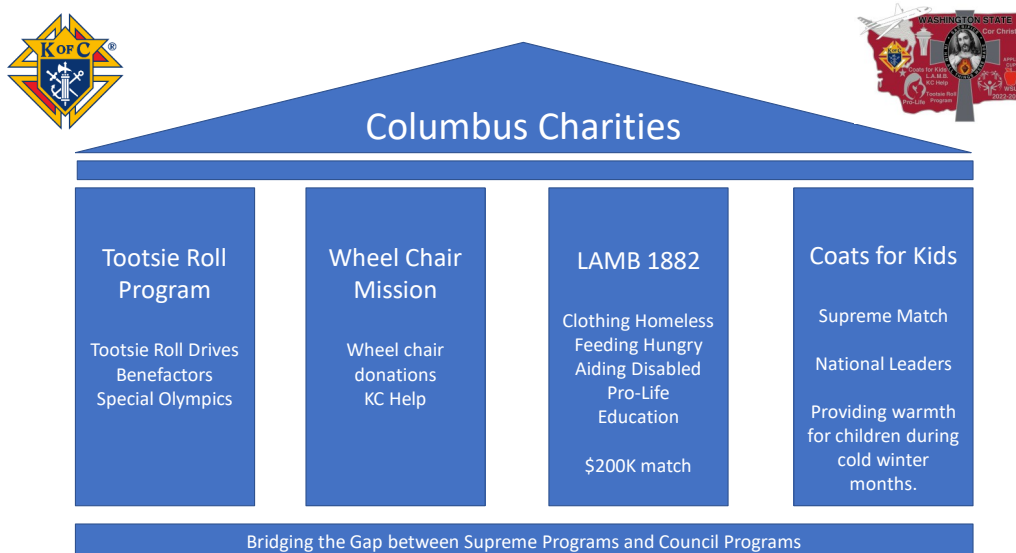
My challenge of reaching our goal of 50% growth by December 31st is moving along. When you read this article, we will already know if we made the mark. It is very important that we do, since we will receive a 5% reduction in our intake goal as a Supreme State Jurisdiction. This is the hardest criteria of the Circle of Honor requirements to attain. As of December 20th, 11 days remaining, we need 31 new members to meet that goal. So far this year, we have brought in 252 new members, or 44.60% of our goal.

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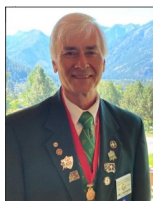
We have a couple of new programs that Dang will present. These programs are council based and will help promote Spirituality within the members.

LAMB 1882 is over \$12,000 now and growing (not counting the match). Please find it in your heart to contribute to LAMB 1882 where every dollar is matched. \$18.82 (which will become \$37.64 by the end of the fraternal year) per member is our goal, but any contribution puts more oil in the lamp. Hold fundraisers knowing we are in the beginning stages of creating a force to be reckoned with; a financial machine that will bridge the gap between our Councils and Supreme. If you have any questions about the program, ask. If your District Deputies do not know, or give you an answer that makes sense, you always have me. This is an annual program.

We have a new District Deputy incentive. Please contact District Deputy Director, Jim Chambers, for details.



God Bless you all and I look forward to a strong finish in 2023.



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State Chaplain's Message

My Brother Knights,

Merry Christmas! I pray that you and your loved ones are enjoying the gladness and cheer that are ours in the celebration of the Lord's birth. If you are someone who struggles to find joy at Christmas time, know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

The beginning of the new calendar year is the time when many people make resolutions to do something different than they have up to that point been doing. Some want to put an end to a bad habit or set aside some other obstacle. Others want to start doing something they've always wanted to do but never made time for, like a daily hour of prayer or participation in Eucharistic Adoration.

I don't know if there are any statistics out there to confirm this, but I'm sure most of us would agree that a large majority of new year's resolutions are likely to be abandoned at some point in the year. We might even safely say that most of those resolutions get set aside closer to January than to December.

Which brings me to an interesting consideration. The word "resolution" itself is undoubtedly connected with the word "resolve." Here we are speaking of the word not in the sense of settling a problem, but in the sense of deciding firmly on a course of action.

If most new year's resolutions are ultimately abandoned, should that not make us take a hard look at our capacity to be firm in our resolve? Undoubtedly, we are more firmly resolved about some endeavors than others, and that's fine - not every cause merits our unswerving and undying resolve. But what about the resolutions we make for our spiritual life? Do they sometimes fall into the category of "not as important as something else that's going on"?

Do you remember the movie *The Princess Bride*? The character Inigo Montoya is on a lifelong quest to find the six-fingered man who killed Inigo's father when Inigo was young. I'm not saying revenge is a legitimate object of our resolve! However, if you think about how Inigo goes in pursuit of his goal, it's pretty impressive. Nothing - even taking a knife to the gut! - deters him from seeing his quest to its end. That's the kind of unflagging resolve we need as we make resolutions to grow in our spiritual life.

An important part of making resolutions for the spiritual life is the identification of specific areas of need. Don't make resolutions just for the sake of making resolutions. Rather, spend some time thinking and praying about what would really help you grow closer to God. Could you use a stronger commitment to attendance at Sunday Mass? What about a more personal and heartfelt devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament? Perhaps a stronger connection with Our Lady? More frequent Confession? More time for silent reflection or reading of spiritual books? Greater connection with Jesus in the faces of the poor? If you aren't sure what would be helpful, just ask the Holy Spirit - I am confident He will tell or show you.

Surely God is not looking for us to "check the box" when it comes to the resolutions we make for our spiritual life. More than our accomplishment of any task, He desires the transformation of our hearts in faith, hope, and charity.

In addition to knowing what it is that will bring about that transformation, we also need a desire for it if we are going to be firm in our resolve to pursue it. In that case, we can always pray, "Lord, help me to desire it," or even, "Lord, help me to desire to desire it!"

Brothers, let's make good resolutions, be firm in our resolve, and help and encourage each other all along the path toward greater holiness. Vivat Jesus!



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A Message from the Bulletin Editor

Brother Knights,

Another new year has dropped upon us like the ice storm that hit Seattle. A reminder to councils to provide a list of Knights, family members and others in need of prayers. There is a page dedicated for this which should be updated on a regular basis. I thank you to those councils that provide the updates. There is also a page for those that have left us for eternal rest. Use the forms on the State web page to send notification to State Secretary Greg Mahoney.

Saint of the month - St Anthony the Abbot

Not too many saints are known for fighting demons and their hermit lifestyles, but St. Anthony the Abbot is one whose life is a lesson on what it means to keep fighting the good fight.

Anthony was an Egyptian of noble birth, but soon after his parents died when he was 20, he took Christ's teaching to heart: "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to [the] poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." (Mt 19:21) After leaving his younger sister with a group of consecrated virgins, Anthony took to a life of solitude – first living outside the gates of town and then in the desert, practicing self-denial and giving witness through constant prayer.

There are several accounts of Anthony being tempted by demons in the Egyptian desert, and these temptations have been recorded in art and literature throughout the centuries.

He is often referred to as the "Father of Monasticism" because he was the first monk known to go to the wilderness, and he offered instruction to the earliest monastic communities that settled close to him.

The details of Anthony's life come from the biography, *Life of Anthony*, written in Greek around the year 360 by St. Athanasius of Alexandria. It was translated into Latin shortly after publication, and it became one of the most widely read books through the Middle Ages. Anthony lived until he was 105 years old.

St. Athanasius said of him: "Anthony was not known for his writings nor for his worldly wisdom, nor for any art, but simply for his reverence toward God."

Fraternally,

Ken DeVos
State Bulletin Editor

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State Secretary's Message

Brother Knights,

I hope you celebrated a joyous Christmas last month. In all the busyness of the holidays it can be easy to ride the wave and miss the quiet moments that allow the joy of God's gift to take root in us. I would suggest now is a time for us to take a breather and allow ourselves more quiet moments for prayer and let the joy of the Son of God becoming man sink in. May the joy that resonates from God's gift remain with us in the New Year.

Despite the challenging weather conditions in December, the Winter Mid-Year District Deputy Meeting was well attended at the Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades. This was the first year the State Council hosted a meeting at the Retreat Center. Feedback from District Deputies and their wives was positive. We intend to return to the Retreat Center next year.

What would my report be like if I didn't include your favorite Council billing update as of December 22, 2022:

Liability Insurance (August 2022):	75.96% paid
LAMB 1882 Program Goal (August 2022)	06.10% paid
Pennies for Heaven Goal (January 2022):	93.57% paid
Per Capita (January 2022):	98.17% paid

There are a little over 40 councils that have not paid for Liability Insurance coverage. Please pay this invoice soonest or it will carry over on the Per Capita billing in January. Per Capita and Liability Insurance invoices are due upon receipt. These two bills do not require a council vote. Liability Insurance coverage is vital to a council in the event of accidents and injuries. Do not put this off. The Pennies for Heaven Goal will be included in the January 2023 State Per Capita billing.

The *Next Six Months Letter* (January 2023 through June 2023) is included in this bulletin outlining important administrative and future meeting information. The letter is also posted on the WSC Website: hover your cursor over *Home* on the blue bar at the top and click on *Next 6 Months*. Please read it carefully as we launch into the second half of the fraternal year.

This month do your best to support the Culture of Life by participating in a March for Life. If a March is not scheduled, then pray the Rosary on the day of the March for Life in D.C. or support a local pregnancy care center/clinic. We must continue to be a strong witness for life.

I wish you all a Healthy Happy New Year!

*"Three things are necessary for the salvation of man: to know what he ought to believe; to know what he ought to desire; and to know what he ought to do." –
St. Thomas Aquinas*



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State Secretary's Message Next Six Months

TO: Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries

RE: Next Six Months Letter, January 1, 2023, to June 30, 2023

NEXT SIX MONTHS LETTER

Important dates and information are included below that will prove useful during the next six months of the **FRATERNAL YEAR**. If you need assistance or information, never hesitate to call your District Deputy, State Chairman, or State Officer (in that order). If you have any questions about the information in this letter, please give me a call at 703.969.1888, or send me an e-mail at StateSecretary@kofc-wa.org. This letter can be accessed on the [WSC Website](#) by clicking on *Home* on the blue bar at the top and then select *Next Six Months*. You do not need to be logged in as a member to download the letter.

Important Notes for the Next Six Months

STATE PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT BILLING – The State Council Per Capita assessment will be sent to the Financial Secretary during the month of January. ***The \$9.00 per member assessment is due upon receipt (within 60 days following notification of such levy by the State Secretary) and is payable without council vote.***

The per capita assessment will be based on the number of members of the respective councils as of the last day of December of the current year, as shown by the records of the Supreme Secretary. The billing excludes inactive insurance and honorary life members and members who qualify under any of the following two Exemptions: Seminarian or Disability.

Members with a disability may request relief from payment of council dues and Supreme and State Council Per Capita assessments by completing Form 1831 to begin the Disability Exemption. Certification is no longer required every year and no doctor or member signature will be required. For additional information refer to the Washington State Council Bylaws, Article VII Finances, Section 3, and the Application for Per Capita Disability Exemption **(Form #1831)**.

SUPREME PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT BILLING – The Supreme Council Per Capita assessment of councils will be posted in January. Financial Secretaries are to download the council's monthly statement from the Officer Online Reports. ***The \$3.25 per member assessment (\$1.75 for Per Capita, \$0.50 for Catholic Advertising and \$1.00 for Culture of Life) is due upon receipt and is payable without council vote.*** Excluded members from this assessment are honorary life, **inactive insurance members**, and exempted members for Per Capita and Catholic Advertising; and honorary, honorary life, inactive insurance members and exempted members for Culture of Life.

PENNIES FOR HEAVEN GOAL – The Council **"Pennies for Heaven Fund"** goal is published during the month of January. The "Pennies for Heaven Fund" was established years ago, to help support our Seminarians and was designed around *A Penny A Day, A Prayer A Day for vocations*. This goal is voluntary. Each council is encouraged to donate at least \$3.65 per member to this fund to help support our seminarians and religious vocations. Please realize that amount does not truly represent what it takes to fund a seminarian through his studies to Ordination. Since 2018, because of your generous support, we have been able to provide \$432,800 to the Bishops of WA State and several thousand to Bishop White Seminary in 2020 and 2021. We helped retire the debt of Bishop White Seminary in 2017.

State Secretary's Message Next Six Months Cont'd

Councils donated \$49,879.62 last fiscal year (January 2022 Billing). This amount is \$1,599.56 more than the previous year. Earnings from the Pennies for Heaven Fund investments are added to the council donations to make up the total annual grant amounts. Much more is needed. Please consider raising additional funds for this most worthy purpose this year.

WSC NECROLOGY AND PRAYER REQUEST NOTIFICATIONS are due immediately – State Chaplain, Rev. Kenneth St. Hilaire, celebrates monthly Masses for deceased and ill Brothers and Family members of Knights in Washington State. In addition, a get-well card (in the case of an illness) or a card of condolence (in the case of a death) is sent to the member or next of kin by PSD Bob Baemmert. The State Secretary also forwards this information to the State Bulletin Editor, Ken DeVos, for publication in the monthly state bulletin; the General Agent, Keith Whiteaker, to assist families with Insurance and Survivor Benefits; and to the State Necrology Chairman, PSD Bob Baemmert, to publish the WSC Necrology bulletin for the Annual Necrology Mass celebrated at the State Convention in honor of deceased members and family.

New this year are two online forms for notifying the State Secretary of deaths and prayer requests. Financial Secretaries or Grand Knights must fill out the **WSC Necrology Notification form** and the **WSC Prayer Request form** found on the WSC Website. The electronic forms were created to ensure submissions contain the required information and to maximize efficiency in the process. Email notices will not be accepted as in the past. Keep in mind, the WSC Necrology Notification form does **NOT** take the place of notifying Supreme of member deaths through Member Management. **To access the forms, log on to WSC Website, hover or click on Members Only on blue bar at top and click on the respective form under the Forms column.**

Information on Survivor's Assistance and a Survivor's Assistance Checklist can be found in the [WSC Grand Knight Handbook](#) (Part III, p. 52-56) posted on the WSC Website. Information may not be completely accurate as the last update was in 2010. If you would like to help us update the WSC GK Handbook, please contact StateSecretary@kofc-wa.org.

STATE DIRECTORY CHANGE is due immediately – Before the beginning of the fraternal year and again at any time there is a change in either name or any of the contact information for the Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, or Chaplain councils should inform the State Administration and Finance Chairman, Kevin Fraley with a new Report of Officers from the Member Management Print Center. Email the report to kofcstatetrainer@gmail.com. The Washington State Directory can only be updated or changed in this way. The directory, available on the WSC website, is updated as reports are received and is the most current information available.

Please review the meeting information (dates and places) in the directory and make sure it is correct and that it exactly matches the official meeting information in Member Management Council Administration. Any updates or changes in meeting information should be sent in email to the A&F Chairman.

You must log on as a member to gain access to the State Directory. After logging in, click on the Members Only tab on the blue bar at the top and then click on KofC WSC Directory Full under Members. It is your duty to check from time to time for updates and to stay current revising your council's directory information as needed.

ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY (Form 1728) is due January 31, 2023 The Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity is the most important form you can file to preserve our tax-exempt status. The data saves our Supreme Council millions of dollars in tax exempt funds, and it is through the tax-exempt status of Supreme that the State and local Councils are also tax exempt thus saving State and local Councils many more millions of dollars in taxes and tax preparation fees. Complete the online form or download PDF ([Form #1728](#)), complete and forward to fraternal mission.

This is the responsibility of the Financial Secretary, and it requires his best good-faith estimate of the total volunteer hours (for the Knights, the Church, and the greater community all combined) of all members and their families. Send a copy to the A & F Chairman and your District Deputy.

State Secretary's Message Next Six Months Cont'd

COUNCIL SEMIANNUAL AUDITS (Form 1295) are due August 15 and February 15 – Council Audits are due every six-month period (July-December and January-June). Every council requires a council audit. This should be done as soon as possible following the end of each six-month period with a deadline 45 days later (8/15 & 2/15). **Next audit is due February 15, 2023.** Download PDF [**\(Form #1295\)**](#), complete and forward to council accounts.

Audit reports are the responsibility of the Grand Knight. Send a copy to the A & F Chairman and your District Deputy.

COLUMBIAN AWARD APPLICATION (Form SP-7) is due (BEFORE) June 30, 2023 – For a council to earn the Star Council Award, a completed Form SP-7 must be submitted to Supreme Fraternal Mission before June 30, 2023. Besides earning the Columbian Award, other qualifying factors for a council to achieve the Star Council Award include earning the Father McGivney (Membership) and Founder's (Insurance) Awards. Additionally, the council must submit both the *Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity* (Form #1728) and the *Service Program Personnel Report*. Councils must also be fully compliant with applicable safe environment requirements. Complete the online form or download PDF [**\(Form #SP-7\)**](#), complete and forward to fraternal mission.

This report is required of all councils and is the responsibility of the Grand Knight and Program Director. Send a copy to the A & F Chairman, State Program Director, and your District Deputy.

REPORT OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS is due (BEFORE) June 30, 2023 – Your Financial Secretary must enter the 2023-2024 council officers into **Member Management Council Administration** immediately after the election in May 2023. Be sure to make the entries as "Next Year Officers" and not as "Current Officers" (unless you are past the 6/30 deadline and the newly elected have become "Current Year"). This must be immediately followed by the generation in Member Management Print Center of Report #2 (Report of Next Year Officers) (use Report #1 if past 6/30), which you then send to the State Administration and Finance Chairman (A&F Chairman), Kevin Fraley. These actions replace the use of the old form 185, **which, although still available, should NOT be used.** These actions also eliminate the need for use of the old state directory change form as the report will be forwarded to the A&F Chairman, so please discontinue use of the "change form". The Grand Knight should ensure that the Financial Secretary has taken care of this as required.

REPORT OF PROGRAM PERSONNEL is due (BEFORE) June 30, 2023 – This is done in the same manner as the report of officers, that is by direct entry into **Member Management Council Administration** as "Next Year" and then sending Member Management Print Center Report #4 (Report of Next Year Program Personnel) to the A&F Chairman. These two actions replace the use of the old form 365, **which although still available should NOT be used.** These positions (at the very least including Program Director, Community Director, Family Director, Membership Director, and Retention Chairman) should be determined and assigned by the incoming Grand Knight as soon after the election as possible and must be before the start of the new Fraternal Year on July 1 (**deadline is June 30**). If for some reason it is not done by June 30 then enter as "Current Year" and use Report #3.

INFORMATION ON THE WASHINGTON STATE COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING (STATE CONVENTION): May 19 - 21, 2023, at the Olympia Hotel, Olympia, WA

ELECTION OF CONVENTION DELEGATES – Certificates of Election for the delegates and alternates to the State Convention will be sent to the Financial Secretaries in February 2023. The State Convention will be held May 19 - 21, 2023. All councils should hold the election of convention delegates as soon as possible after the council receives the certificates and promptly return them to the State Secretary. **NOTE that credentials forms are no longer required by the bylaws and will not be sent to the councils, but Certificates of Election are required with council seal!**

State Secretary's Message Next Six Months

RESOLUTIONS – The State Secretary must receive resolutions for consideration at the 2023 State Convention by March 15, 2023. All resolutions will be reprinted and forwarded to the councils for review by April 15, 2023. For additional information refer to the Washington State Council Bylaws, Article III, Meetings, Section 1E. Detailed instructions on how to write a resolution can be found [in the WSC Grand Knight's Handbook on the WSC Website by clicking on State Family on the blue bar at the top, then click Grand Knight under Officer Resources, then click the Grand Knight Handbook link](#). Information can be found in Part II, Section 3, pp II-16 to II-19. You do not have to be logged in to access the WSC Grand Knight's Handbook.

All submissions must be in WORD.DOC format. NO PDF's or other formats will be accepted.

CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS – A summary of each council's annual activities will be submitted electronically **in WORD.DOC format**. Summary completion is the responsibility of the Grand Knights, District Deputies, and State Chairmen. Each Grand Knight should begin drafting early an outline of what their council has done since the last State Convention. The council report is due to the District Deputy by April 1, 2023, **in WORD.DOC format**. Each council's report should be no longer than **one page in WORD.DOC format**. Guidelines and information are found in the WSC Grand Knight's Handbook on the WSC Website by clicking on *State Family* on the blue bar at the top, then click *Grand Knight* under Officer Resources, then click the [Grand Knight Handbook](#) link. Information can be found in *Part II, Section 3, pp II-15 to II-16*.

District Deputies will finalize and consolidate their district's report to **WORD.DOC format** prior to submitting it to the State Secretary. The District Deputy should include a short report about district activities, **in WORD.DOC format**. The deadline for report submission by District Deputies and State Chairmen to the State Secretary is April 10, 2023.

State Chairmen and other appointees are responsible for their own report and getting it to the State Secretary by April 10, 2023, **in WORD.DOC format**.

MEMORIAL MASS – In March, the State Secretary will provide councils with the names of all deceased members and family members that have been received during the year. The councils will verify the accuracy of the list and return it to the State Secretary by April 1, 2023. All deceased members of a council since the last State Convention will be included. After council verification, the necrology will be published and distributed at the Memorial Mass in May.

ANNUAL MEETING (STATE CONVENTION) BIDS – The Washington State Council Bylaws approved in May 2022 require that State Officers establish the place of the Annual Meeting (State Convention) at least one year in advance.

Guidelines and information for hosting the State Convention are found in the WSC Grand Knight's Handbook on the WSC Website by clicking on *State Family* on the blue bar at the top, then click *Grand Knight* under Officer Resources, then click the *Grand Knight Handbook* link. Information can be found in *Part II, Section 3, pp II-14 to II-14.5*.

Councils desiring to host the Annual Meeting may do so by notifying the State Secretary, in writing, well in advance of the Annual Meeting. The notice must be on council letterhead signed by the Grand Knight and the Financial Secretary and have the Council Seal affixed.

State Secretary's Message Next Six Months Cont'd

LONG RANGE MEETING SCHEDULE – The following is a listing of important upcoming State Council and Supreme Council meetings:

<i>Summer DD, FS & Directors Only, Leadership Meeting</i>	2023 – July 7 – 9 (T)	Options under consideration (TBD)
	2024 – July 12 – 14 (T)	Options under consideration (TBD)
<i>Winter DD Mid-Year Meeting</i>	2023 – December 1 – 3	Palisades Retreat Center, Federal Way, WA
	2024 – December 6 – 8	Palisades Retreat Center, Federal Way, WA
WA. State Conventions	2023 – May 19 – 21	Olympia Hotel, Olympia, WA
	2024 – May 17 – 19	Red Lion/Yakima Convention Ctr, Yakima, WA
	2025 – May 9 – 11	St. Martin's University, Lacey, WA
	2026 – May	Options under consideration (TBD)
Supreme Conventions (Convenes the first Tuesday in August)	2023 – August 1 – 3	Orlando, FL
(TBD) = To Be Determined; (T) = Tentative		

PLANNING ASSISTANCE – The Knights of Columbus **Fraternal** Planner 2022-2023 provides a twelve-month checklist of all reports and dates when they are due. You can also find checklists and other tools with key dates, reminders and reports to be submitted. *The WSC Grand Knight Handbook is another resource, however, the handbook requires extensive revision because of the many changes in Membership, Programs and Ceremonials that the Supreme Council implemented in the last several years. Much of the WSC-specific information is still valid but seek clarification by contacting the State Secretary.*

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE – Please remember that work on 2023 billing and retention begins in October 2022 with corrections and updates to member information and member balances followed on November 1st by preparation of the annual billing packet to be mailed out December 15th. Wise Financial Secretaries get all or most of this work done before Thanksgiving to make December less hectic. Any questions or problems with administrative matters should be referred to any of the Administration and Finance Trainers. Refer to the last page for contact information.

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES – Ensure all council members are aware of the following changes.

- a. Form 450 has been eliminated and there is no longer a need to report degree ceremonials to the Supreme or State Councils.
- b. Form 100 has also been discontinued and all its previous functions are now accomplished using electronic means through Officers Online.
- c. There will be no suspension for nonpayment of dues.
- d. There is a new Form 1831 for disability exemptions from dues and no doctor or member signature will be required. Form 1831 will not require an annual renewal.
- e. Signatures are no longer required on membership cards and are valid when issued.
- f. The Round Table form 1629 is the only form required to submit for a Round Table to exist. The Round Table Annual Report form 1630 has been discontinued.
- g. **Councils must file their program award applications with the State Council by April 1, 2023. The State Council must file the International Program Award applications to Supreme by April 30, 2023.**

Never hesitate to call the District Deputy, a State Chairman, or a State Officer for assistance. We are all here to help you be successful. If you have any questions or need advice, I'll be happy to help you.

State Treasurer's Message

My Brothers,

Happy New Year to you! I hope you had a rewarding Christmas season and made some good memories.

Welcome to the second half of the fraternal year, we have put in a lot of work and had many successes, but there is a lot of time left. Remember Seahawk's coach Pete Carroll's mantra—you win the game in the fourth quarter! Let's put some focus on recruiting, programs and reaching out to our communities. To those Councils who are doing that (and those who never stopped during the pandemic), my hearty thanks! To those looking for ideas, please feel free to reach out - you have your District Deputy, state chairmen and state officers who are glad to help out. There are any number of ideas for projects that range from 1-2 men to 50 or more!

I would like to say thanks to all the District Deputies who attended the Winter Leadership meeting, it was great to see people in person. Kudos to all the presenters, I thought the meeting went very well and provided lots of good information for the DDs to take back to their Councils. The Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center was a great place to meet, and I look forward to an opportunity to return when the temperature is above freezing . . .

I wish each and every one the best in the upcoming year. We Knights are put on this earth to make a difference, and it is up to each of us to do our best to help build God's Kingdom here on earth.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

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State Advocate's Message

My Brother Knights

We celebrate the Birth of Jesus as we approach the New Year. During Advent I have been reflecting back on the past year. These reflections, catalyzed by an opinion article, "Christmas presence: The true gift we must offer each other," published by Fox News and written by Mike Kerrigan, an Attorney in Charlotte, North Carolina, caused me to think about the way that we approach Catholic Men when inviting them to become Brother Knights. The article contrasted the words presents and presence as well as find and make.

The example in Mike Kerrigan's article was a father, who is a West Virginia coal miner and the fact that the father didn't find the time for his son. Rather, he made the time for his son. The article showed a photo of the father and his young son, who was an avid University of Kentucky Wildcat basketball fan. Rather than go home after work to shower and clean up, the father went directly to the field house with his son, still wearing his work clothes and boots, which were covered by coal dust. Father and son were sitting together watching the University of Kentucky basketball team scrimmage. The expressions on the father's and son's faces while looking at each other clearly reflect the love each has for the other. The father clearly didn't worry about finding time to spend with his son. The father made time to spend with his son.

How many times have each of us said that we couldn't find the time to participate in an activity? Possibly the most frequent response, when we ask Catholic men to become part of our Order, is that the men can't find the time because they are too busy and have too many other obligations. The West Virginia father didn't find the time, he made the time. This is the message we should be imparting to all Catholic men. Catholic fathers in young families have a myriad of responsibilities requiring an immense amount of time, not the least of which is providing for the family. We, as Knights of Columbus, can assist fathers of young families by prioritizing activities and programs that include the entire family so that men will make time to assist with our mission of Corporal Acts of Mercy. Young fathers will still have to focus on family priorities; however, if the Knights of Columbus' mission of charity becomes a family priority, fathers will make the time.

Programs that include the entire family such as Youth Programs that Brother Ken Devos champions, the focus of Family Programs provided by Brother William Swartz, Faith Programs organized by Brother Tom Pursley, Brother Abundeo Reponte's Community Programs as well as Programs focused on the sanctity of Life directed by Gary Cloninger all provide opportunities for participation by families as well as individuals. Councils should tailor their programs so that they address the needs of their Parishes and the surrounding communities while encouraging all Parishioners to become active participants. Actively observing a need will often influence Catholic men to want to make time to participate.

We must make time rather than find time to demonstrate the truth in Mike Kerrigan's thesis that the greatest gift we can give is presence; acting with humility to provide for whomever and whenever there is a need. Encourage our Brothers and Sisters in Christ to make time rather than find time and ask them to join us in our mission to provide the Corporal Works of Mercy, which are so integral to our Faith; feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, visiting those who are in prison, comforting the sick and burying the dead. This is our duty as Knights as well as our mission. Acts of kindness, no matter how small have a lasting effect.

As an aside, John Calipari, coach of the University of Kentucky's Wildcat basketball team, saw the father and son duo in the stands during the team scrimmage. John Calipari, who is from Clarksburg, West Virginia, a coal mining town, arranged to have the family, including a dozen other family members, ride the team bus to the game and had the entire family seated behind the Wildcat's bench during the game between the University of Kentucky and Duquesne University on Veterans Day. The Wildcats won!



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State Warden's Message

My Brother Knights,

Do you make New Year's Resolutions?

The tradition dates back to the Babylonians – four thousand years ago. The Babylonians started their calendar with a twelve-day festival that began on the vernal equinox. The festival, Akitu, was also the start of the farming season, and two common resolutions were the return of borrowed agricultural equipment and promises to pay debt.

The Romans adapted the practice. You may recall the Janus was the two-faced Roman god of transitions, who looked both backwards for reflection and forwards towards new beginnings. His cult would begin the year with sacrifices and promises of good behavior for the year ahead.

The tradition persisted into the Middle Ages. Medieval knights would renew their vows to chivalry, honor, and loyalty by placing their hands on a peacock or pheasant. Some reports say it was a live bird; others that it was a cooked bird that was consumed by all afterwards. Charles Dickens described them as "the most celebrated of all for vows of chivalry."

The tradition carried over to the United States. In the early years of the republic, resolutions were more religious or spiritual in nature. Promises centered on developing a stronger moral character, a stronger work ethic, and more temperance in the face of earthly pleasures. In 1947, according to the Gallup poll, the number one resolution was to "Improve my disposition, be more understanding, and control my temper." The second was to "Improve my character, live a better life."

Today, as a culture, we seem to focus on self-improvement. Weight loss, improved financial discipline, fitness, and stopping smoking or drinking are now the topics most often resolved.

The best resolutions, I think, are positive – resolving to do something instead of stopping something. They are simple, realistic, and achievable. And I also think, like in earlier days, those that are religious and spiritual in nature should have precedence.

May I offer some potential resolutions for you, my brother Knights, for 2023?

- Daily be chivalrous, honorable, and loyal in all my actions
- Pray the rosary daily
- Practice gratefulness and graciousness by daily thanking those in your life, especially the Lord
- Venerate the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary by careful use of language every day
- Each month, tell at least one potential member of the Knights about the benefits of the Order

I am going to resolve to do all five on this list.

I'd be delighted to read your resolutions! Send them to me at StateWarden@kofc-wa.org, and I will share some in the February column.

May the New Year be rich with blessings for you, your families, and your neighbors.



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State Immediate Past State Deputy's Message

My Brother Knights,

So far I have only been advised of a possible 9 Degree teams that have formed in addition to the State Officers team.

The following Districts have reported a team or more since last year when we started recording this.
2, 4, 13, 23, 32, 33 & 34 (2 Teams?)

If any other teams have formed and are currently holding Degrees, please let me know so I can keep the State Deputy up to date.

ROUND TABLES

To date, Supreme reports only 8 Round Tables for Washington. If you have one currently operating or can start one by sending in the Supreme Report of RoundTable Coordinator, please do so quickly. For those of you that had Round Tables in the past, please check those parishes to ensure that they still have a K of C presence and assistance to the Pastor. If so, send in the form, if not, do so quickly, please.

Our Priests need all the help we can provide, and RoundTables are a wonderful way to get started in another Parish.

<h2 style="margin: 0;">Report of Round Table Coordinator</h2> <h3 style="margin: 0;">20 to 20 </h3>				
Due By: JUN. 30				
<p><i>Please see the reverse of this form for instructions on how to complete this form.</i></p> <p><i>The activities of every Parish Round Table sponsored by your council should be included in your council's Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728).</i></p>				
COUNCIL INFORMATION:				
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https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/roundtable_coordinators2629_p.pdf



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State Membership Director's Message

My Brother Knights,

Happy New Year my brothers. Well, we made it, 2022 is officially behind us and what a challenging year it was. Coming out of all the restrictions and lockdowns as a result of the Covid Pandemic. I am so proud of my brother knights. You never gave up and kept charging ahead leaving no neighbor behind. You reached out your hands in help for others and welcomed new members with open arms. Speaking of reaching out to prospective new members, Supreme is continuing the "BLESSEDMCGIVNEY" recruiting initiative. Free membership for a year! What a wonderful gift to offer a perspective member.

Currently, we are so close to achieving 50% of our goal of 566 new online members. During our regional meetings I spoke on how we could explode our membership. If every member in the State recruited just one new member between now and the middle of June, Washington would not only lead the order, but we would also dominate all 75 Jurisdictions by over 2000% of goal

Today there are those doing everything to tear down the nuclear family, emasculate men, and denigrate our Catholic Faith. There are good Catholic men of every age that are longing for strong bonds of brotherhood and looking to strengthen their faith.

In offering membership to an eligible Catholic man, focus on what the Order has to offer them. Always remember, "We change lives, and we save lives". We help men become better husbands and fathers, become better leaders in their homes, parish, and communities. We do this through our "Into the Breach" video series. Remember just as Father McGivney asked men to assist him in establishing his mission, so too members of you council continue that mission and ask every eligible Catholic man in your parish and community to join your council.

Promote your council's spirituality. Place emphasis on your council's involvement in the spiritual life of your parish. Promote council corporate communions, retreats, family Mass, Eucharistic adorations and any other activities conducted by your council that promotes and strengthens our Catholic identity.



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BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP		
 <p>FAITH FORMATION RESOURCES</p> <p>Through our web portal, Knights.net, email newsletter, and the digital Catholic Information Service (CIS), you have access to a wealth of resources and prayer guides to help you grow in faith. Our faith formation resources cover topics from how to pray the rosary to how to interact with media and technology, as a Catholic. Whenever you are in your faith journey, you'll have the spiritual weapons you need to live in today's world as a Catholic man.</p> <p>SEE OUR FAITH RESOURCES</p>	 <p>COLUMBIA MAGAZINE</p> <p>Reaching more than 1 million readers, Columbia Magazine is the award-winning flagship publication of the Knights of Columbus. Each month, members receive a printed copy that shows a light on the issues that matter the most to Catholics.</p> <p>READ THE NEWEST COLUMBIA</p>	 <p>KOFC'S INSURANCE PROGRAM</p> <p>As a Knight, enjoy access to our highly rated insurance program. Every Knight has a dedicated brother Knight field agent assigned to him and his family and is entitled to a complimentary annual financial review. Knights are eligible to purchase KOFC life insurance, long term care insurance, disability income insurance and annuity products, all backed by our official and faith-first business practices.</p> <p>LEARN ABOUT INSURANCE</p>
 <p>OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHARITY</p> <p>Knights give back to their communities and those in need around the world. Our charitable programs such as Crisis for Kids, Food for Families, the Ultramarathon Initiative and the Christian Refugee Relief Fund are just a few of the ways you can make a difference at the periphery. Our partnerships with organizations like the Gary Sinise Foundation and Special Olympics amplify our mission of service. Whether you volunteer with us or lend your financial support, you can feel that your work as a Knight is making the world a better place.</p> <p>SEE OUR CHARITIES</p>	 <p>FRATERNITY OF FAITH</p> <p>Joining the Knights of Columbus, you become part of the largest Catholic fraternity in the world. As you grow in faith, you are supported by a true brotherhood built on shared values -- and on a shared desire to be the men God has called you to be. Join your local council for even more support from Catholic men in your neighborhood.</p> <p>LEARN MORE</p>	 <p>STAND UP FOR THE TRUTH</p> <p>When you join the Knights of Columbus, you join 1.8 million men around the world stand up for our Catholic faith in the public square. You'll get access to the information you need to stay informed and make an impact in matters of life, family, and religious liberty.</p> <p>DEFEND LIFE</p>

State Program Director's Message

My Brother Knights

Happy feast of Epiphany!

To continue my message from December, all councils should be laser-focused this month on reaching your year-end goals. There are less than 6 months left until the end of the fraternal year, but many deadlines are looming just around the corner for service program award applications, various reports, and balloting for new officers.

Again, I highly encourage all council chairman, directors, and particularly Grand Knights to look at the state council's web page for Grand Knight Resources (<http://kofc-wa.org/Family/Officers/nnGK.aspx>). This web page has been updated and contains the most up-to-date deadlines, forms, and contacts that every council will need to be considering in the upcoming months. While the most common response I hear from councils about why they are not sending in their award applications, is that they're not doing those programs for recognition or awards. This is a noble gesture, however, if you are not getting the recognition, then how are you spreading the message about the good works of your council and the order? Brothers, I urge you to **not hide your light under a bushel basket**. Put it on the lampstand where it can shine for all to see!

Everyone should be reaching for that Star Council!

Here are just a summary of some important dates for programs coming up. Please be sure to check the state council web page and Supreme council web pages for other deadlines. Other administrative and financial forms have their own due dates and councils should refer to Brother Kevin Fraley for assistance with those types of forms.

January 31 - Special Olympics activities report (Form #10784) due to Supreme Council. This includes all Tootsie Roll activities and supporting Special Olympic Games and activities.

April 1 - All service program award applications to the state council are due. Early applications are encouraged.

April 1 - Pro-life Poster and Essay contest entries must be submitted to State Pro-Life Director, Gary Cloninger to be considered at the state convention for state award.

Special Notice for Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) grant applications

For every \$500 raised by councils for support of pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes, Supreme will send an additional \$100 (maximum \$2000 per organization per council). See <https://www.kofc.org/asap> for more details.



State Program Director's Message

The grant application has changed, as of December 2022. **If your council has not yet submitted a grant application to Supreme you must follow the new procedure.** The grant application is now an online submission process. Do not submit the old PDF paper application. You must have all your required documentation ready to upload prior to filling out the online form.

All required documents must be one of the following accepted file types: .jpg, .jpeg, .gif, .bmp, .png, .doc, .dot, .docx, .txt, .pdf, .xls, .xlsx

Provide either a copy of a canceled check drawn on the council/assembly account (front and back) or an ASAP Donation Receipt Letter. W-9 (U.S.) from the pregnancy center or maternity home must also be provided as an attachment to this form. Organizations in Canada do not need a W-9 form.

To help with this process, I have acquired the W-9s that have been submitted to Supreme and have been approved for a grant. If you are supporting one of these organizations, send me an email and I will provide you with the W-9. If your organization is not listed, you will need to reach out the organization directly and request a copy of their W-9. When you have received the W-9, please upload the W-9 to me using the following link: <https://form.jotform.com/223485109744056>

The following W-9s are available from me upon request

Organization Name	Address	EIN
Care Net Pregnancy & Family Services	1924 S. Cedar, Suite B, Tacoma WA 98405	91-1226978
Catholic Charities of Spokane, dba Catholic Charities Eastern Washington - PREPARES	12 E. 5th Ave, Spokane WA 99202	91-0569880
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Yakima - PREPARES	5301 Tieton Dr., Suite C, Yakima WA 98908	91-1370404
Catholic Community Services of Western Washington - PREPARES	100 23rd Ave S, Seattle WA 98144	91-1585652
Hope Medical of Washington	7500 W. Arrowhead Ave, Kennewick, WA 99336	47-4787535
Life Services of Spokane, dba My-Choice Clinics	2659 N. Ash St., Spokane WA 99205	91-1494402
Pregnancy Choices of Skagit County, dba C.A.R.E. Medical Center	110 N. 15th St, Mount Vernon, WA 98273	94-3124655
Pregnancy Resource Services of Kitsap County, dba Trillium Women's Center	PO BOX 2917, Silverdale, WA 98383	94-3097958

Notable mention: **3W Medical for Women** is a Seattle-area organization that has been approved for grants under ASAP by Drew Dillingham, Supreme Council's Program Manager for Life and Faith. I do not have a W-9 for this organization yet, but as soon as I receive a copy, I will make it available. If you are a council that donated to 3W Medical for Women and you have a copy of their W-9, please send it to me.

Vivat Jesus!

State Faith Director's Message

Faith In Action Our New Watch Word



January 2023 Faith Programs (links) continued

[Building the Domestic Church Kiosk](#)

[Holy Hour](#)

[Into the Breach](#)

[Marian Prayer](#)

[Refund Support Vocations \(RSVP\)](#)

[Rosary](#)

[Sacramental Gifts](#)

[Spiritual Reflection](#)

[Pilgrim Icon \(Supporting Faith Program\)](#)

[Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer Hour \(Supporting Faith Program\)](#)

[Eucharistic Revival \(Supporting Faith Program\)](#)



Happy New Year my Brothers!!! Hope you had a spiritually filled and joyful time with your families... hope all is well with your parish and faith based programs too. I missed being with all of you at the District Deputy winter meeting.

A special blessing to Brother Tom Peterson Council 12175 San Juan Diego for a successful second term as Worthy Grand Knight. Keep up the fire Brother!

We culminated our official distribution of our Saint Joseph Icon in December. A special thank you to Dr. David Olwell, (Worthy State Warden) and College Council 16361 for hosting their St. Joseph Icon. Their demanding college schedules allowed for multiple accomplishments. Brothers' attainment of 4th Degree and new efforts toward the establishment of a College Assembly were most noteworthy. Last but not least, down the hill from the university, a combined Coats for Kids effort with Sacred Heart Council 1643 was most successful. What a wonderful display of unselfish efforts toward demonstrated Faith In Action. A job well done.

There're about five months remaining in our quest to attain recognition for services rendered to the parish community. Our associated Faith Programs lend weight to attainment of Star Council. This, of course, means a steady influx of new members too.

Toward the later part of the Fraternal Year you will be asked to develop your input for Faith Award category. If you haven't consolidated your good works for submission or haven't a plan to do so, now is the time to give it some serious consideration. Think of the narrative and supporting material to support your effort...you might search for someone in your Council that has a skill-set for compiling information on your events. The submission of a 10784 is a good chronicle of accomplishments and supporting write-up. This will strengthen support for your entry. Council Program Directors and or Faith Chairman are especially central to making this a gratifying experience.

State Faith Director's Message Cont'd

JANUARY 2023 Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge

"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

(Gospel for Jan. 29, Mt 5:11-12a) It often isn't popular to be a true follower of Jesus. That can especially be the case when we express our faith in public ways. For example, many Christians who have prayed outside an abortion facility have experienced hostility for their beliefs. But when we stand up courageously for truth and righteousness — even when we face opposition or persecution to do so — we know we do so as followers of Christ.

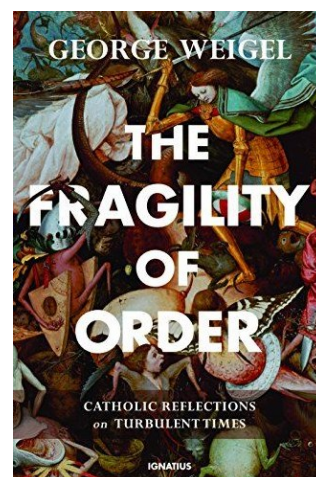
Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: This month, I challenge you to give witness to your faith and love by supporting the pro-life cause in some concrete way, such as by donating your time or other resources. Second, I challenge you to participate in the ASAP, Novena for Life, and/or March for Life programs.

Questions for Reflection: Are you willing to suffer as a disciple of Christ, as Jesus warned would happen? Do you sometimes fail to speak up for your faith or moral values out of a desire to be liked by others or to not "rock the boat"? What concrete, practical things can you do to strengthen your willingness and ability to publicly witness to your faith, even when it might be unpopular — or come with a cost?

As I was reading "The Fragility of Order" by George Weigel, I came across an entry most appropriate to our mission as Knights, "*Redemptoris Missio (The Mission of the Redeemer)*" St. John Paul II. There, he taught that the Church did not have a mission, rather, the Church is a mission, and everyone in the Church is a missionary, commissioned by baptism to help spread the Gospel throughout the world". What a wonderful observation and our goal as Knights.

In this New Year remember our Holy Mother's incredible gift of Her Son, Jesus Christ. Devotion to Our Lady via the rosary is the principal by which we contemplate and serve her Son as Knights of Columbus. Our faith can be strengthened through Her intercession, always remembering there is nothing that cannot be achieved with the strength of the rosary.

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4th Degree - Western Washington District Master's Message

Sir Knights,

On Saturday, December 10th, District Sir Knights from Bremerton, Gig Harbor, Lakewood, Renton and Seattle gathered at the St. James Cathedral to provide the Honor Guard for the Archbishop for celebration of Holy Mass for Simbang Gabi. The Cathedral was packed with many of the faithful through out the area. Those Sir Knights who attended are shown below. It was an honor and a blessing to be able to perform this service to the Church as members of the Fourth Degree Knights in full uniform regalia.



On Friday morning, December 16th, six District Sir Knights from the area, gathered to stand as Honor Guard, at the Bellevue St. Louise Catholic Church, for the funeral of very long time Brother Knight of Columbus Carmelo Ricciardelli, who recently passed away at age 100. The District Resolution of Condolences were read by WSMD and Sir Knight Michael Rutland, who then presented the certificate to Carmelo's son Robert, who represented the Ricciardelli family. It is an honor, privilege and blessing to provide an honor guard to show final respect to such a Knight as Brother Carmelo who has spent many years, serving the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Church.

Vivat Jesus

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4th Degree - Vice Supreme Master's Message

Sir Knights,

Membership: The new fraternal year and the new calendar year have similarities; in that we are asked to focus on membership. This focus is not just for new members but for your current members. If through the year we have not engaged our members to participate in anything meaningful, then they have little reason to ask others to join our ranks.

Navigators – Who are leaders of your neighboring Councils and Assemblies? Please reach out their Grand Knights and Faithful Navigators and talk about joint activities or events. Tell your District Masters what you are doing or ask them to assist you. Talk it up and share ideas. Are you anticipating an Exemplification, but are just not sure? Don't keep these thoughts to yourself because a shared thought or concern can flower into an event of wonder.

Another reminder for **Affiliate members**. If Councils move a member to Affiliate status, they are removed from the Fourth Degree roster until they choose to reestablish a Third Degree membership in good status.

Wear your colors: From your name plate to hats, ties, jacket, and everything in between. Let people especially other Knights know that you are a Fourth Degree Knight. Through your actions, others will want to join your ranks within the Patriotic Order of the Knights of Columbus.

Patriotism in the New Year: January 22 is Ukraine Day of Unity: Ukrainians join together to form a live chain across the Dnieper River in Kyiv to mark the 1919 Unification Act of the Ukrainian People's Republic and the short-lived West Ukrainian People's Republic. Many of us have been supporting Ukraine in both funds and prayers, we pray this celebration will still occur. If you feel moved to participate in a local celebration, please share it.



March 3 is National Anthem Day: We believe the United States adopted "The Star Spangled Banner" as its national anthem on this day. Francis Scott Key wrote his 1814 poem "Defence of Fort McHenry,". The song did not become the official anthem until 1931 when signed by President Herbert Hoover.

Planning - In preparation for our nation's Semiquincentennial in 2026 (the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of the Thirteen Colonies in 1776). Big events take time to plan – start now.

Improper Regalia: Back in October, it was brought to the attention of Supreme that a new uniform (new regalia) from the Philippines could be made available if a member had a contact in that country. Maybe because of the tropical weather, I don't know the reasons, but the Philippines (PI) has a different uniform (regalia) than the rest of the Fourth Degree world. Their uniform is not transferable to any other country. If a Fourth Degree member transfers from the PI to Idaho (for example), they cannot wear the uniform brought over from the PI, so a new uniform must be purchased from www.kofcuniform.com/.

As far as uniforms go, only approved uniforms (regalia) are allowed to be worn. If someone has purchased similar color slacks or jacket or tie (I hope you get the idea), they are not authorized, and the member should be counseled so as not to bring discredit upon The Order.

Happy New Year!

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State Vocation Chairman's Message

My Brother Knights

Journey to Discernment

Some people think of a seminary as a “priest factory,” you go in and come out as a priest. This can create a stigma for seminarians who discern out of priestly formation. Seminary is a place to discern God’s call in your life, whether it be priestly ministry or marriage and parenthood. It could also be religious life, or remaining single. Vocation is what God is calling you to be. Many people cannot hear God’s call until they are in an environment conducive to prayer and contemplation. The propaedeutic year of formation is designed to create that unobstructed environment to allow seminarians to begin a real discernment of God’s call to them. But even then, they may not have the certainty of their calling.

There should be no feeling of shame, disappointment or regret when someone leaves the seminary. It is a step in the right direction because they have discerned that God is calling them to another vocation. I have heard from council members who said they wasted their money supporting a seminarian who left formation. That just simply isn’t the case. You supported someone who was discerning their true vocation, and there is no reason to feel that your support was wasted. Many seminarians who leave formation return stronger in their faith and become more active in their parish life. Let’s pray for our seminarians that they can hear God’s call in their life and be brave enough to follow that calling.

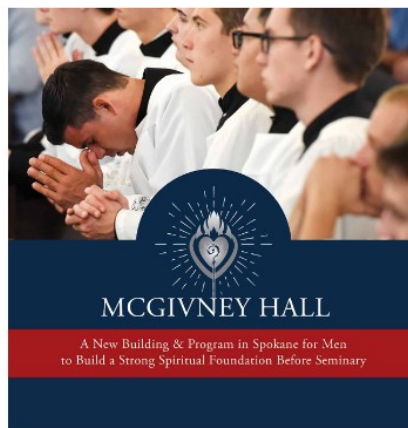
Tim Coyle
Vocations Chairman



With Gratitude to the Knight of Columbus

Many thanks to the generous Knights who have championed priestly vocations for many years, and continue today with their support of the Cor Christi Pre-Seminary Program. With your financial contributions, McGivney Hall will be renovated to be a simple but suitable home for the young men who are journeying toward the priesthood.

[Quick Facts about McGivney Hall](#)



<https://bishopwhitesem.org/knights-of-columbus-donation-portal/>

State Youth Director's Message

My Brother Knights,

Well, another fraternal year has crept up on us and I am looking forward to a fantastic year. Time to start putting your youth programs together. The big 4 programs are the Soccer Challenge, Free Throw, KCIC poster contest and the Catholic Citizenship essay. All of these are Supreme sponsored contest. Don't be limited to these programs. Many councils reach outside the box and create their own events. Past events over the years have included Halloween trunk or treats, Christmas plays, altar server recognition as well as first communion and Confirmation programs.

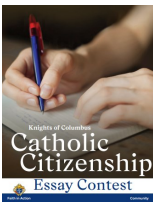
Your council has a wealth of talent available, use family resources to assist. Have a parish school? Partner with the school and ask the school to help with your community efforts.



KCIC Poster Contest

Council completed in January 2023

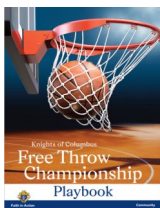
Council winning posters sent to Youth Directory Feb 1st 2023



Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

Council completed October 2022

Council winning essays sent to Youth Director December 1st 2022



Free Throw Competition

Council completed January 2023

District if needed February 2023

State Final March 18th 2023 Yakima

Free Throw final may change as the wheels are spinning to have a separate west and east final. Stay tuned as developments happen.

I am looking to make this my last and final year as Youth Director. 12 years has been a great ride but it is time for new ideas and a vision to move the youth programs ahead. If you know of a candidate for this position let me know, if have a year to pass along my knowledge

State Youth Director
Ken DeVos

Community—Knights in Action



Knights keep the spirit of Christmas alive with billboards across eastern Washington

The moment the first orange leaf falls from a tree, one cannot help but notice that snowmen, stockings and elves miraculously appear on the shelves of every store. Like many holidays in American culture, these celebrations have deep roots in the Catholic tradition, yet in modern society, they have become something entirely different.

Local Knights of Columbus councils wanted to do something about all the holiday craze, banding together to purchase ad space on six billboards in the Greater Spokane Area with the message: "Keep Christ in Christmas."

George Czerwonka, a member of the Knights of Columbus and the financial secretary of Spokane Council #683, believes that people have lost the true meaning of Christmas.

Members and Family in need of Prayer

CouncilSeattle 676
 Carol Costello; Dan Schweitzer; Rose Boyle; Georgene Ulrich; Gerry Joyce, wife of Tom; Regina Freedman; PGK Wes Duffield; Joe Salle; Jonathan Mylius; Bill Joyce; brother of DD Tom Joyce; Larry & Arlene Boulanger; John Costello; Edgar Pitre; Father Robert Eagan.

CouncilSpokane 683
 Deceased Knight: John Wallace, PSD. Knight Illness: Patrick Tully, Philip Martin, Rev. David Kruse, Rev. Tim Hays, Robert Watkins, Rev. Patrick Hartin, Rev. Paul G. Czerwonka, Wayne Hogan PSD, Dick Daschbach, Richard Charette, Most Rev. William Skylstad, Kim Washburn WSD, John Kiernan, Very Rev. Darrin D. Connall, Darryl Stephens, Ronald Connell. Deceased Family: Gail Ward. Mother of Dr. Kent E. Mosby; Leroy Milanowski and Ben von Ruden - cousins of George Czerwonka. Family Illness: Tess Kelley - wife of Patrick Kelley IPSD, Trina Owen - daughter-in-law of Tim Kromholtz GK, Patty Walker - daughter of Lou Walker, Jessica Evans - daughter of Chris Bettman PFN, Patricia Mackin, Lynne Watkins - wife of Robert Watkins, Teresa Teich - wife of Dr. Richard Teich, Stan Fong - (brother) and Ludy Kostelecky (mother-in-law) of Greg Fong PGK, Arlene White - wife of Terry white, Yong Phillippe - wife of Dru Phillippe, Rachel Kupice - wife of John Kupice PGK, Jeff McNabb, Paul Jones, Dave Silver, Dan Hogstad, Carol Oliveri, Wayne Stanley, Jim Olsen, Jonathan Evans, Margaret Walsh, Carol Kirby, Matt Weller, Mrs. John Kiernan, Lori Hogan - wife of Wayne Hogan PSD, Phyllis Dolle, David Lorhan - brother of John Lorhan, Cory Wade - brother of Tom Wade, Dorothy Plantz (sister), Jeffery Czerwonka (brother) - Fred Zblewski, John Radke, (cousins) of George Czerwonka. We also pray for our Holy Father, Most Rev. Thomas Daly, all priests, seminarians, and men and women religious

CouncilWalla Walla 766
 John Biagi, Carl Bossini, Antonio Caso, Joe Chvatal, Brent Caulk, David Hall, James Gaffrey, Chris Grasso, Michael Fazzari, Leo Lapke, Rick Magnaghi, Larry Meliah, Clifford Nestebey, Father Nicks, Harry Olson, Jack Pinza, Frank Sannar, Steve Snell, Richard Spiess Sr., Terry Teske, Ron Warzinski, Douglas Wolff

CouncilBellingham 829
 Kim Washburn, Nora Pylilo, Charlie Dunn, Henry Therrien, Sam Raines, Louise Murphy, and for the repose of the souls of Patrick St. Hilaire and Leonard Roy

CouncilYakima 894
 Msgr. Ecker, Patti & John Soden, Laurie Browning, Sandy Lamm, Mike Cunningham, Harry Cambeis, Darrel Jones & Family, Jeff Penuel, Ann Hill, Carey Hill, Kody Weldon, Josh Jones Family, Thomas McCormick, Gary Mitchell, Tony Lesich, Jackie Gamache, Tina Wanamaker, Rod Allen, Derick Pemberton's Fiancé, Mike dean's Good Friend, Yakima Transit's Drivers and their families, this can be a very nerve-wracking season for them and "Bridgett" whose Marine Son may be being redeployed to Afghanistan (a wonderful lady who offers rides to Veterans)

CouncilWenatchee 1545
 Frank Peipel, John Aumell

CouncilPasco 1620
 Karen Smith, Gabriel Scheel, Robert Delarm, Corky Hutfles

CouncilOlympia 1643
 Walt Dale • Ron DeGroot • Ray DeTerra Family • David Gedrose • Charles Woodrow Hubbell III • Mary Rutledge-Harrison • John Kramer • Florante Jayme • Harold Watson • Mrs. Edna M MacKay • Pam Pellegrino • Sam Pellegrino • Meg Pivec • Dennis Perez • Ed Sauley • Greg Squires • Jose Ybarra • Nancy Zyrkowski

CouncilOak Harbor 3361
 Andy Valrosa, Arlene Swatosh, Dahlia Blackburn, Dale Auburg, Ed Witt, Fr Larry Bailey, Jeanne Valdez, Jim Brady, Once Rezabek, Ric Bluhm, Richard Rezabek, Tom Karney

CouncilSpokane 4196
 Susan Curalli, Greg Curran, Kevin Curran, Mark Curran, Russ Curran, Richard Diehl, Russell and Jackie Howell, Michael Lockwood, Don McCabe, Jennifer McCabe, Mark Mendiola, Laura Bevan, Shauna Lemoine, Thomas Stuber, Mark Mclean, Darleta Woodbury, Max Moss, Joe Reincke, Jake Dwyer

CouncilPoulsbo 8297
 Ron Wernke family, Mary T. Bartlett, Ross & Sharon Smith, Roger Fritz family, Michael Thatcher, Tom & Rosie Bennett, Tom Musha family, William Smith jr, Larry Devlin family, Lee Metzger, Nathan Wernke family, Bill & Nancy Hepp, Robert Brainerd, Storm & Caroleen Smole, Chuck Hackett, Jerry Almeda, John Wahlfors family, Brian Cross

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CouncilCamano-Stanwood 8476
 Bill Vincent, Don Maile, Frank Olson, Gary Cloninger, Gary Baumgartner, Gary Bibbs, Greg Bloom, Mark Grumbine, Jim Devine, John Keefe, Preston Laine, Richard & Mary Jo Chavarrie, Roger Docken, Tom, Mary and Daniel Connerton, Bud Dubai, Ray Fossum, Dennis Lindsay

CouncilBurlington, 9941
 Pat Lyons, Bob Zimmerman, Dave Lustik

CouncilBellevue, 10664
 Alan Newhouse, Ken Yarab, Phil Morrissey, Paul Herrick, friend of Steve Duncan

CouncilBelfair 12002
 Carlos Craff, Bob Giesert, Harry and Dotty Tachell, Richard Helriegel, Fr. Dennis Sevilla, Howard Riggelman family, Nevinger family, Lanny and Diane Zwan, J.J. MacPherson, Keith Taylor


CouncilLakewood 11762
 Everett and Mira Roberts, Maria Havens, John McInnes, Franklyn Hyke, Dorian Diaz, John Silbaugh, Janet Wachter, James Daly, John Wallace, William Wells, Linda Hansen, Brent Carney, Robert Nuccio, James Self, Maria Suazo

CouncilSeattle 13794
 Rene Sacramento, son of Renato Sacramento

CouncilPend D'Oreille 14268
 Family of Warren Foersch, Family of Jim Hines, Ray Springsteen, Gary Brooks, Rowland Busskohl, Bob and Nellie Graham, Buc Buckley, Jerry Tefft, Judy Herrin, Dave and Barbara Floyd, Gladys Bishop, Nancy Sanger, Bill Burrell, Sister Nancy, Bishop Skyyllstad, Diana Tefft, Katherine, Liliana, and Victoria Freeman (grandchildren of Peter and Kathy Freeman), Jack Lopresti, Jim Flanagan, Kathleen Pasquale, Robin Baylow, Phillis Kardos.

Past State Deputy Hal Westby

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Prayer for Restoration of Health

Dear Jesus,
 Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden.

Dear God,
 We place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again.

Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us.
 Amen.

> Prayer List In Memoriam <

We join the survivors in remembering the following members who recently died. We offer our prayers for them and their families. May their souls rest in peace.

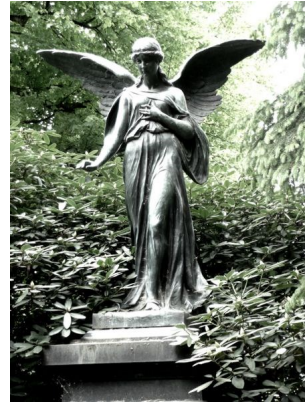
Clarence E. Moore Council 9238 (Gig Harbor)
Len J Wiater Council 8137 (Spokane)
Dian Ochs Council 11948 (Puyallup)
Samuel Carbajal Council 12983 (Vancouver)
Jerry Boyer Council 3611 (Anacortes)
Robert A DeLorenzo Council 8179 (Kennewick)
John Willems Council 2763 (Longview)
Arne David Lund Council 2763 (Longview)
Nick P Nickolas Council 809 (Tacoma)

Carmelo G. Riccardeli Council 4385 (Bellevue)
Leon J Young Council 4385 (Bellevue)
Hector R Hernandez Council 1620 (Pasco)
Michael Scrabeck Council 1620 (Pasco)
Cletus F Remer Council 8179 (Kennewick)
Edware Vrana Council 12786 (Kelso-Castle Rock)

Family Members' Deaths

Thomas Michael Scheel Council 1620 (Pasco)
Brother of Henry Skeel

Teresa Hochanadel Council 15730 (Vancouver)



*Eternal rest grant unto
them, O Lord.
And let the perpetual light
shine upon them.
And may the souls of all the
faithful departed, through
the mercy of God, rest in
peace.
Amen.*

State Historian's Article

My Brother Knights,

January has come with frost on the ground and ice in the birdbath. The days are shorter, and nights are longer. Fire in the hearth and the kettle is calling. The earth is resting, until the spring comes calling.

These are the signs of our new year. However, as Knights we have not changed. We continue to have hope and love for humanity. Historically we carry on our assignment each year to increase the quality of Life for all. The culture of death is still here but through our pro-life activities we hope to change that. There is a commitment that spreads like wildfire in our Order. The Knights always get involved, and always willing to get in the trenches when working with pro-life issues. We challenge our culture to see the tragedy of not protecting the unborn, a right to life. That right starts at conception. The Supreme Court has recently overturned its decision on Roe vs. Wade and says it's unconstitutional for the government to support abortion (Abuse of its judicial authority). But our protection for the unborn does not stop there. The culture of apathy has not diminished. The knights continue to point out the moral decay which permeates our society.

The year is new. But our time is not. After celebrating Christ birth last month. We are reminded of how precious life is. Jesus was born on earth and sacrificed himself so we might have eternal life. We share this conviction with others. The importance of life is a moral commandment taught by God to protect those who cannot protect themselves. However, there seems to be an objection to our cause. But our faith brings a moral focus to our society.

This January our new Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly calls upon us today to continue our fight for the unborn by attending the Pro-Life march in Washington D.C. on June 20th, 2023. Many Knights will not be able to attend this event. However, they can still participate by attending rallies at their State Capitals. The message is simple and universal, life is precious, and the unborn need our protection. These unborn babies might become the greatest contributors to our society, a saving love to our lives.

Your Brother in Christ,
Anthony L. Farrell
State Historian



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