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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

“BE MEN OF ACTION”

Message from State Deputy

Merry Christmas!



My Brothers All,

May you and your families have a Blessed Christmas season! First Lady Dawna and I hope and pray that your Christmas is bright!

Please plan to attend one of the Regional Meetings this year.....we have some fresh new information just announced by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson! A new initiative and a shift in direction for our youth programs..... See also the article in the new issue of the Columbia Magazine.

As we close this calendar year, please remember you and your Council can do anything! It just takes a commitment and focus. Forget the noise and distractions.....focus on what YOU want done. You will get it done. Do you want that Star Council? Star District? Go get it! Don't play the "excuse game" - if you truly want it.....find a way. Finish!

Remember, in all things.....action speaks louder than words.....BE MEN OF ACTION!

Finally, my wife Dawna, and I wish you a very Blessed and Holy Christmas with your families. Our prayers are with you and yours as we move into the Christmas Season. Just don't forget the less fortunate.....they need your help and aid.

God Bless.

Vivat Jesus!

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State Chaplain Message



When I was in the major seminary, a story used to circulate about a priest who had formerly been on the faculty at that institution. “St. Joseph would have *never* held a lily!” he reportedly used to say, reacting to the traditional image of the saint holding the Christ Child and a stem of lilies. Apparently, he thought a real man would never associate himself with something so “girly” as flowers.

Whether or not St. Joseph ever held a flower ... well ... I suppose scholars can debate that all they want. For me, the priest’s comment suggests an uneasiness with the notion that manliness includes gentleness. For many, machismo has become the substitute for true masculinity, and machismo with its outward display of toughness has no place for gentleness.

There also seems to have been a confusion of terms through which many have come to perceive gentleness as a manifestation of weakness. Consider this, though: St. Francis de Sales tells us that “nothing is so strong as gentleness, nothing so gentle as real strength.” Thus, there is perfect compatibility between gentleness and strength. We can take it one step further to say that *gentleness is a necessary aspect* of the strength that is characteristic of the man who is truly masculine. One who is authentically strong is also gentle.

Our model, of course, is Jesus Christ, the perfect image of manhood. See how Jesus interacts with people in the Gospels. There are, obviously, times when he exhibits a great deal of strength. Think, for example, of his cleansing of the temple (Mt. 21:12-13; Mk. 11:15-18; Lk. 19:45-46; Jn. 2:13-22), or the sharp rebukes he uttered at times (Mt. 16:23; Mk. 1:25; Lk. 9:55; 11:37-54; Jn. 3:10). Clearly, Jesus suffers no lack of strength when strength is what is needed.

Look also, however, at how gentle and compassionate he is, especially with people who are suffering. Remember, too, Jesus’ conversation with the rich young man, which we heard at Sunday Mass just a couple of months ago (Mk. 10:17-22). “Jesus, looking at him, *loved him* and said to him, ‘You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have ...’” (v. 21, emphasis added). Seeing how Jesus’ strength and gentleness are integrated in his manhood, we understand that the same must be true for us as Catholic men. We seek a healthy integrity which allows us to act with strength that is truly masculine as well as manly gentleness when the situation calls for it.

We may gain some insight from the model of the knight in medieval times. The knight was a man of strength and valor, a true model of masculinity. When it came to his lady, he conducted himself according to the chivalric code, displaying great gentleness and graciousness.

As Knights of Columbus, our guiding principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism require us to be men of honor, integrity, virtue, service, and strength. Following the example of the Lord Jesus, we must also conduct ourselves with gentleness, especially when dealing with women, children, the suffering, and all those we serve. Having this manly integrity, we can truly be called *Catholic gentlemen*.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Kenneth St. Hilaire
State Chaplain

State Secretary Message



Hi Brothers,

We are so close to having all of the money owed to the State collected, that all I have to do now is send an e-mail to the few that still owe. We have 94% of the Councils paid on the Liability Insurance statewide! The Exemplification Fund is remarkably low, but its growing because we are bringing in so many new members.

That's the best kind of problem to have. Keep bringing in new members!!! Congratulations to all of you who have taken care of your Council's debts. For those that still owe, it is not too late to pay these debts, and I will probably e-mail another bill for you this month.

Next month, we will be billing for Per Capita. This is a \$9 per member assessment that is **due without a Council vote**. It is based on Supreme's roster that is updated January 1st. Members who are inactive insurance members, honorary life members and Supreme qualified Disabled persons are not included.

This month I will be seeing most of you at the Mid-Winter Meeting or at your local Regional Meetings, where I will present The Next Six Months and what is all going on. There is a lot going on, so come and find out what's all coming up. If you cannot attend I gave Tim Philomeno my Next Six Months letter to include on the State web-site so you can have it as a reference.

State Officers, State Chairmen, District Deputy Mentors, and District Deputies: Please calculate your individual hours & dollars donated to the Washington State Council as a state leader. I need that information so I can file a Fraternal Survey for the Washington State Council. Please include only your hours & dollars expended performing your state role. All hours in service to your home Council should be counted there.

Finally, my Packers have been in kind of a funk this year, and I have been amazed and who has beaten them lately. Now I know how the Seahawks fans feel...just kidding.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from the Baemmerts!

God Bless & Go Packers!

Bob Baemmert
State Secretary
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State Treasurer Message



Brothers All,

In recent Bulletin articles I have expounded on different aspects of the requirement of filing certain forms with the Supreme and State Offices.

In short, I was referencing forms 185 Officers Chosen, 365 Report of Service Program Personnel, and the 1295 Semi-Annual Audits. In the future I will be bringing up the need for the Columbian Report which is also necessary to achieve the Star Council Award.

Please understand the importance of the Special Olympics program report. While all the other forms that may be filed by a Council, depending on participation, the only one of significant note is the Special Olympics report which, even if a Council did **not** participate, should be filed denoting NO Participation because the amount of dollars received by the State from Supreme for this program is dependent on the number of Councils reporting, not the hours or dollars recorded in connection with actual participation.

As Treasurer, one of my responsibilities is maintaining the Exemplification Fund which is a recording the number of new members reported to us by Supreme and the payments by Month, Council #, and the Voucher # where the payment shows for a given month. The four Rs are free:

Reinstatement - Associate member less than 3 months since suspension. Termed no break in service.

Readmission - Associate member more than 3 months and less than 7 years since suspension. Break in service.

Reapplication - Associate member more than 7 years since suspension. Break in service.

Reactivation - Insurance member suspended.

Next Month we will take a closer look at the Fraternal Survey, form 1728, Due Jan 31st of each year.

Fraternally,

Pat Kelley
State Treasurer
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More information from the State Treasurer can be found on the WSC website at the below link:

<http://kofc-wa.org/FrontPageContent/messages/nSTmessage.aspx>

State Advocate Message



I continue to hold meetings with Home Corporation Councils. Two large Home Corporations have filed final paperwork to change the name and set in place agreements that protect the Council, Home Corporation and Supreme. I thank these two Councils for working with me to resolve these issues.

A couple of Councils have elected to close their Home Corporation and transfer the funds to the Council. Since these Councils no longer own a building, there is no reason to keep the corporation alive and is an added expense to file income tax forms each year

I will be focusing on more progress in this area after the final Regional Meeting in January. Then the Convention preparation begins in February, where does the time go?

I continue to field questions presented to me. I thank you for your patience as I research each question so I provide correct information.

God Bless you all!!!

Kim Washburn
State Advocate

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State Warden Message



Wishing all a Blessed Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year!!!

I look forward to the Mid-Year District Deputy Leadership Meeting. December is a time to assess progress during the first half of the Fraternal Year. Fraternal leaders should review Council membership and program plans and determine whether we're on course or if an adjustment is required. As stewards of the vision of Fr. McGivney, let's focus on service to God, our brother knights, our families, our parishes and our communities.

Grand Knights – acknowledge the great work of your Councils and submit the Monthly Service Reports. Thank you for all you do. Stay focused on Christ. Ask for help when you need it. And, together, we will accomplish much. Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Greg Mahoney
State Warden, WSC

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Message from the Immediate Past State Deputy



FR. PAUL HERIC NEEDS YOUR COUNCIL'S HELP NOW!

FOCUS is the acronym for "Fellowship of Catholic University Students" and is dedicated to launching college students into a lifelong Catholic mission. Through genuine friendship, the FOCUS missionaries meet college students where they are, inviting them to examine the meaning and purpose of their lives, sharing the love and truth of Jesus Christ.

Pope Francis said, "To evangelize, then, we must be open to the action of the spirit of God, without fear of what he asks us or where he leads us. Let us entrust ourselves to Him! He enables us to live and bear witness to our faith, and enlighten the hearts of those we meet."

In solidarity with Pope Francis, Bishop Thomas Daly of the Spokane Diocese and campus Chaplain Fr. Paul Heric, who serves at the Newman Center at Eastern Washington University (EWU) where FOCUS missionaries serve, we strive to live and apply the call for a 'new evangelization' on a daily basis. Beginning each day with prayer and a rich sacramental life, FOCUS missionaries are committed to first living the faith and then sharing it through authentic friendship with those they encounter on America's college and university campuses. *(Fr. Paul is also the Pastor at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Cheney, WA.)*

Since 1998, FOCUS has grown from just two missionaries serving on a single college campus to hundreds of missionaries serving on 113 campuses across the country this school year. From private colleges to big state schools, secular campuses to Catholic, FOCUS missionaries are reaching and influencing our nation's next generation.

Fully 90% of Catholic students stop practicing their faith when they enter college and 65% of them stay gone. We say, "How can that be?" With the help of your Council, we will stem the tide at EWU. Fr. Paul reports that the number of students coming each day to the Newman Center has increased to more than 150 students from less than a dozen in prior school years and continues to grow. Your prayers and support is most important this Fraternal Year!

The fee per missionary per school year is only \$15,000 as the missionaries support themselves but for travel, food, lodging, health insurance and other incidental costs - \$60,000 for four missionaries. Fr. Paul asks his brother Knights, you and me, for our support. All Councils can help Fr. Paul with this FOCUS project as it hits home with us in supporting evangelization and vocations! Already more than 500 young men are enrolled in seminarian programs and more than 200 young women have entered religious life...all receiving their calling following an encounter with Jesus through FOCUS.

With your call to evangelize for our faith, what can be simpler than supporting FOCUS? With small Councils pledging to send \$100; mid-size Councils pledging to send up to \$500; and, larger Councils pledging up to \$1,000 and more, we Knights will bear witness to the truth in passing our faith to the next generation.

State Deputy Ed Parazoo and I ask for your Council's participation and pledge to stand with us in revitalizing our Catholic future. Sharon and I made a pledge at the FOCUS Breakfast last week as a present to each other this Christmas! All member families can pledge an amount and make a difference too.

Please send your ONE-TIME Council and personal checks to State Secretary Robert Baemmert with 'FOCUS' noted on the Memo line. They are fully tax deductible. God Bless You!

Vivat Jesus!

George Czerwonka, Jr.
IPSD

Membership Director Desk



Brothers,

WOW!! November was a great month for us. We brought in 96 new members and only lost 8 State-wide. I want to thank all who recruited and answered my call for help.

We reached several Supreme Incentives in November by crossing 6% (1st Down), 7% (Screen), 8% (Field goal), and 9% (touchdown) growth hurdles and were only .06% away from the ultimate payout of \$980 for an 11% gain (Two point conversion). By exceeding the 9% growth level, our State will receive a payout from Supreme of \$490 which our budget relies on to keep per capita at bay. We could receive another payout if we placed 3rd in our Division, but I won't know this until later. As of November 29th, we were only .04% away from 3rd place.

There are so many bright spots in our Washington Jurisdiction for November that I just couldn't possibly name them all.

I am adding the District Deputy **"Wall of Honor"** this month. We have 69 Councils that are membership inactive, but better yet, we have 92 that are active and on the Council **"Wall of Honor"**.

I want to especially thank John Forrest for reaching 94.4% of quota, in addition to Jonas Hiner previously mentioned at 134.8%. We have many bright stars coming up behind these gentlemen, so stay tuned.

We made up some ground in membership gain last month, so let's do the same for December and we will be well on the road to reaching our goal. Rather than waiting until the last minute for 1st Degrees, start December off right and receive another payout from Supreme.

Supreme has added another bonus incentive until December 23rd. If our Jurisdiction can attain 8% growth, we will receive an additional 25% bonus on top of our regular payout. That would be 75 new members in December before December 23rd. Very doable, since we attained 10.4% growth, or 96 new members, in November.

Get those pulpit announcements and membership drives scheduled and remember to scan/send completed form 100's to membershiprecords@kofc.org. Know your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree exemplification dates when recruiting. It's the first impression of an organized association. **Invite a potential member to a Knight Christmas function!!!**

As Membership Director, I get wrapped around numbers and sometimes forget the fact we brought in 192 hands during the month of November. This allows us to grow in service to our Church, Parish and Community. That's the best news of all. Great job guys!!!!

One more thing, we always hear how we should ask every Catholic man 18 and over to join the Knights? Sometimes we think, "Oh, he's been at this parish for several years, there is no way he has not been asked".

By next month, we will have another Council in our State. It will be a college Council at St. Martin's University in Lacey, WA. The Abbot of St. Martin's and I have been friends for quite some time. Since we were recruiting campus candidates, with his approval, I told him he should be on the charter of the new Council. I was under the impression that he had been asked to join Council 1643 in Olympia since he had been a strong supporter of the Knights for over 60 years. He said, "I would love to join the Knights". I was pleasingly surprised and ask why he hadn't joined before. He said, "No one asked me". I couldn't believe it, so there is your proof, **Don't Be Afraid to ask!!!**

Vivat Jesus!

Kim Washburn
Membership Director and much more...

Membership Director Desk continued

Individual November 2015

Top Recruiters November:

- Jeffrey Jewell (8179) 12 new members
- Andrew Swanson (14922) 5 new members

Council 2nd Quarter to date Highlight (yearly totals on pages to follow)

Division I: 13834 Seattle 50% gain 2nd Quarter
 Division II: 7360 Pullman 133.33% gain & 1606 Raymond 75% gain 2nd Quarter
 Division III: 11780 Covington 62.5% gain 2nd Quarter
 Division IV: 8872 Colbert 46.6% gain 2nd Quarter
 Division V: 8179 Kennewick 57.15% 2nd Quarter

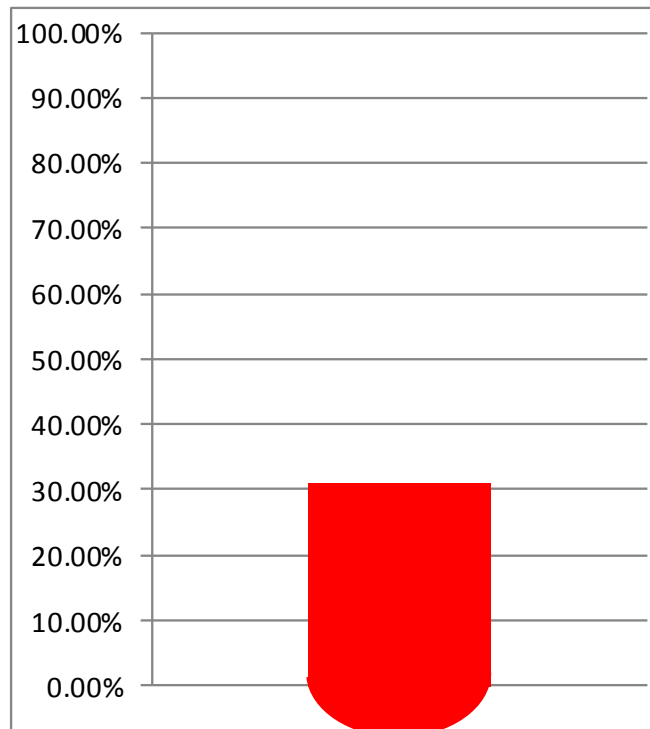
District October

District 5: Jonas Hiner 56.5% gain 2nd Quarter

2015-2016 Membership Goal Tracking

Month	Members
Jul-15	33
Aug-15	42
Sep-15	57
Oct-15	60
Nov-15	96
Dec-15	
Jan-16	
Feb-16	
Mar-16	
Apr-16	
May-16	
Jun-16	

Total	288
Goal	930
Percent to Goal	30.97%



Additional Membership information can be found on the WSC website:

<http://www.kofc-wa.org/Family/Membership/nMembership.aspx>

General Programs



Brother Knights,

Fraternal Leaders should be setting their eyes on Star Council. This is the time to assess how close you are to reaching that goal. There is still plenty of time to get there by June 30 – Engage! Grand Knights should review the Program Service Award Applications that are due to their respective State Chairmen by April 15. The applications can be located at the following link: <http://www.kofc-wa.org/Family/Officers/nGK.aspx>. Councils are conducting many good programs, and fraternal leaders need to acknowledge that effort and submit for a State Program Award this year.

You too can help a Veteran by hosting a fundraiser after all Masses one weekend in an effort to raise enough money to send one wounded veteran or caregiver to Lourdes this coming May. Refer to the following website for details on this program: <http://www.warriorstolourdes.com/en/index.html>. You can help a wounded warrior through **Heartbeat**. Go to www.heartbeatforwarriors.org to learn more.

Actively promote the **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest** in December. Start planning and ordering materials for the **Free Throw Championship**, **March for Life** events and Supreme's **Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest**.

Good luck to all Councils conducting the **Catholic Citizenship Essay Contests** through December, **and the Coats for Kids distributions** through February. **We received many coats this year from Supreme.**

Congratulations and thank you to all 31 Councils participating in the Black Friday Distribution, plus or minus a few days. Congratulations to our **Tootsie Roll Drive** participants. Thank you to all 30 Councils participating in this effort to help people with disabilities.

Consider supporting the **Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) program** with donations. This program brings missionaries to WA campuses to evangelize college students to live the faith and then share it. Go to **FOCUS.org** for more information and sign up for the FOCUS e-Newsletter.

VOCATIONS, VOCATIONS, VOCATIONS: I highly recommend that Grand Knight's speak with their pastors and, if applicable, school principals about the **Pennies for Heaven (PFH) program** to consider getting our youth more involved. What a great service project for students to participate in during the school year. Think about how excited young kids would be if they could bring in a penny a day and drop it in a PFH bucket/barrel/can in the classroom knowing they were helping support vocations. If we had a PFH can in every catholic classroom K through 12, it would bring an added sense of awareness to young people about the importance of supporting vocations.

Be Men of Action and help build up Christ's Church. Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Greg Mahoney
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New Council Development/Round Table



Brother Knights,

Round Tables are an effective means of stimulating interest in the Knights of Columbus for Catholic men in parishes without a Council, and in parish demographic groups not active with the Knights. Our goal remains 45 RT's by the end of the Fraternal Year. We have only 19 RT's established to date. **Worthy Grand Knights, let's work towards an active Knights of Columbus presence in all parishes in WA State.** The RT Program guidelines are found in pamphlet 2632 7-14. This process is very easy. Do not wait for someone else to do it.

Worthy District Deputies, please provide feedback to me regarding the potential for forming a new Council in your respective districts. Based on initial assessments, we may have the potential to form up to four new Councils across the state in this fraternal year alone – that's a **GOOD NEWS** story. As our Supreme Knight has often reminded us, "We have a moral obligation to invite every eligible Catholic man to join the Knights of Columbus." The NCD guidelines are found in pamphlet 2119 7-14. Another helpful tool is the *Action Plan for Developing New Councils in Only Seven Weeks*, flyer 4808 5-15. This is a tool that outlines one way to establish a new Council. Use these tools.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Greg Mahoney
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Welcome to Council 16361 at St. Martin's University

The good news arrived on December 7th from the Supreme College Council Coordinator Mr. Robert Rauch - the newest Council in Washington is now active! Council 16361, a college Council at St. Martin's University in Lacey, has been formed and is now active. This is the first new Council of the fraternal year. Please pray for the success of the Council and that it may be a positive influence in the lives of the young men of St. Martin's University.

Congratulations to our newest Council and a great big thank you to DD04 Darren Johnson and State Warden Kim Washburn for their work start the new Council!



Saint Martin's
UNIVERSITY

Culture of Life

Please join us for the first annual

Walk for Life Northwest

The Committee for the Walk for Life Northwest
invites you to Riverfront Park in
beautiful downtown Spokane, Washington

January 16, 2016
11 AM

Join people of the entire northwest region
Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Alaska
British Columbia, Alberta and more
gather to witness to the dignity of life.

Bishop Thomas Daly and visiting bishops will celebrate
Catholic Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes
9 AM prior to the Walk
All are welcome to attend!

We are proud to have **Reverend Walter Hoye II**
Baptist Pastor and Founder of Issues4Life Foundation
and
Bryan Kemper
President of Stand True Ministries
speak before the Walk

We encourage you to carry banners from your church
or community

Please, no graphic images at this family event.

For more details about the Walk
visit our website at
www.walkforlifenorthwest.org

Contact us at **walkforlifenorthwest@yahoo.com**

Vocations Chairman

Does your Council support a seminarian under the RSVP program? If not, December is the best time to get started. We have 44 seminarians in Washington and your support is greatly appreciated by them and their families. Any financial relief is gratefully appreciated, even though they may not send a thank you card. In order to build that relationship, you should not be just sending a check. You should send a letter telling the seminarian about some of the projects your Council is working on. How your local pastor uses the Knights to build community in the parish. And how you are praying for their vocation discernment and preparation.

Send a Christmas card to your seminarian. Send a birthday card if you know their birthday. Many of them are on Facebook or other social media. But their time is limited and sometimes they don't get your emails or Facebook posts for quite a while. Be generous with your encouragement, and steadfast in your prayers for your Council's seminarian(s).

Every Council can support vocations, whether through RSVP, Pennies for Heaven or other programs within your diocese. Every Knight should also be supporting vocations by contributing to the Annual Catholic Appeal or contributing to Quo Vadis Days. Know your diocese programs, and invite your diocese Director of Vocations to speak to your Council when he is in your neighborhood. Invite seminarians to visit your Council if they are from your parish or serving at your parish during their summer program.

During Advent, look closer at what you are doing as a Council and as an individual to promote vocations, and to encourage our seminarians in their preparation for the priesthood. If your family uses an Advent wreath, say a prayer for vocations before you blow out the candles. May the celebration of the birth of Christ the High Priest inspire more vocations in our state!

Merry Christmas!

Tim Coyle
Vocations Chairman



**CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
IS FOR GROWN-UPS
LIKE YOU!**

Vocations Are Everybody's Business

Tootsie Rolls Update

Brothers all,

\$49,966.01

So far, we have 31 Councils reporting out of 56. I know of 4 Councils that are big contributors to the program that have yet to report. With that, I expect our numbers to increase significantly.

Fred Meyer is our best partner so please make sure you report your location totals to their home office in Portland, OR. If you need the address, let me know. You need a total for the weekend, not a daily figure.

It's also a good idea to have a picture taken with the manager and staff of the store, frame and present to management. Our Columbus Charities website would like to have that photo, too.

If you ordered Tootsie Rolls from the Tootsie Roll Company, you need to pay them for product received ASAP. This check needs to be payable to:

TRI Sales Finance LLC
P.O. Box 99435-File 99435
Chicago, IL 60693-9435

Yes, it is important to include the File 99435 with the P.O. Box since it is internally required for delivery to the right area in the Tootsie Roll Company. You should have received an invoice around the time when the tootsie rolls were received. The bill is due 30 days **AFTER** your drive.

Start reserving locations for next year and worry about volunteers later. You can always cancel a location, so reserve it very soon.

I need your help!!! Please send your funds to me, Council Drive Report, Request for Distribution and disabled organization(s) you wish to donate too, or leave with Columbus Charities for Special Olympics and like programs, ASAP. It makes it difficult when a Council or two drag into the next calendar year with my other duties increasing.

Remember, 80% of the net funds may be requested to return to benefactor(s) in your area, as long as it qualifies. I encourage you to do this, for visibility and continued success of our program.

I look forward to the mail box trip each morning. Thanks for all you do!!!

Vivat Jesus!!

Kim Washburn
State Tootsie Roll Chairman and much more...

Founders Award

ACHIEVING YOUR COUNCIL'S INSURANCE GOAL

Councils that neglect to promote Knights of Columbus Insurance products do their members a grave disservice. The Order's life insurance, retirement annuities, Disability income protection insurance, and long term care products are among the best in the industry. Just look at the numbers:

14 consecutive years of Growth
40 consecutive years of rating excellence (A++ Superior) AM BEST
More than 2,000,000 contract In Force
More than \$21,000,000,000 in Assets under Management
***More than \$100,000,000,000 of Insurance in Force**
One Founding Mission:
To protect members and their families from financial devastation.

*On November 3, 2015 the Knights of Columbus surpassed \$100 Billion of life insurance in force, cementing its position as one of the largest life Insurer in North America.

Be an Insurance Member. Call your agent today and make an appointment.



Romy Ablao
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Silver Knight Awardees—November 2015

The Silver Knight Award Program is designed to enhance membership commitment to the principles of the Order and to recognize excellence in membership recruitment and active participation in Council's program activities and services. District Deputy Mentors, District Deputies and Grand Knights should actively promote this program in their respective Districts and Councils.

Paul Herbord, St. Luke Council 14689, Shoreline

Paul is a Past Grand Knight and was the Charter Chancellor when the Council was established. He has remained active by participating all programs of the Council. In addition of being a Parish Lay Minister, he co-chairs the St. Luke Annual Chili Cook Off which is one of the largest fund-raisers. He is one of the Council's top recruiters.

Alan Newhouse, St. Madeliene Sophie Council 10664, Bellevue

Alan joined the Order in 1992. He served as Grand Knight for two consecutive terms (1993-1995), earning the Star Council Award twice. In addition his Council earned the State Pennies for Heaven Top Percentage Point Award. He was appointed District Deputy (2002 - 2006), Northwest Regional District Coordinator (2005-2007), and once again elected Grand Knight in 2014.

Romy B. Ablao
Silver Knight Award Program Chairman
(206) 399-3515

Message from USCCB President Archbishop Kurtz

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, KY. President of the U.S. Conference of Bishops (USCCB) writes:

Regardless of what a narrow majority of the Supreme Court may declare at this moment in history, the nature of the human person and marriage remains unchanged and unchangeable. Just as *Rowe v. Wade* did not settle the question of abortion over 40 years ago, *Obergefell v. Hodges* does not settle the question of marriage today. Neither decision is rooted in the truth, and as a result, both will eventually fail. Today the Court is wrong again. It is profoundly immoral and unjust for the government to declare that two people of the same sex can constitute a marriage.

The unique meaning of marriage as the union of one man and one woman is inscribed in our bodies as male and female. The protection of this meaning is a critical dimension of the “Integral Ecology” that Pope Francis has called us to promote. Mandating marriage redefinition across the country is a tragic error that harms the common good and most vulnerable among us, especially children. The law has a duty to support every child’s basic right to be raised, where possible, by his or her married mother and father in a stable home.

Jesus Christ, with great love, taught unambiguously that from the beginning marriage is the lifelong union of one man and one woman. As Catholic bishops, we follow our Lord and will continue to teach and act according to this truth.

I encourage Catholics to move forward with faith, hope and love: *faith* in the unchanging truth about marriage, rooted in the immutable nature of the human person and confirmed by Divine revelation; *hope* that these truths will once again prevail in our society, not only by their logic, but by their great beauty and manifest service to the common good; *love* for all our neighbors, even those whom hate us or would punish us for our Faith and moral convictions.

Lastly, I call upon all people of good will to join us in proclaiming the goodness, truth and beauty of marriage as rightly understood for millennia, and I ask all in positions of power and authority to respect the God-given freedom to seek, live by, and bear witness to the truth.



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Don't Assume You Can't Afford Disability Income Insurance

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Corrections

- On page 21 of the November State bulletin, it states that you address a sister in writing as "Reverend Sister." This is incorrect. The word Reverend is reserved for clergy only, i.e. deacons, priests and bishops. Religious sisters and brothers are not clergy, they are considered lay persons by the Catholic Church. The correct form a writing to a sister is "Sister First Name, initials of order." "Reverend Mother" is used only by the sisters who are subordinate to the mother of their convent. That is the only exception. **(Thanks to Tim Coyle, Vocations Chairman)**
 - The October bulletin incorrectly listed both Yakima and Spokane as Archdioceses, rather than Dioceses. **(Thanks to IPSD George H. Czerwonka, Jr.)**
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Members and Family in need of Prayer November 2015

Archbishop J. Peter Sartain, Diocese of Seattle

Sister Sharon Park, Exec Dir WA State Catholic Conference

Council Seattle 676

Don Luby; Tom Joyce; Phil Philbrick; Albert Freedman; Jim Kessler; Paul Heneghan; Leo Costello; Mac Henderson; Edgar Pitre; Gene Posel; Vic Grieco; Pat D'Ambrosio; Tom Hoagland; Vince Kerkof; Walter Brazelton; John Costello; Joe Robinson PGK PFN PDD; Bridget Dobson; Archbishop Sartain; Ann Heneghan, daughter of Paul; Archbishop Emeritus Brunett; Rogelio & Tonie Alejo.

Council Spokane 683

Mary Lacey, Dennis Bauch and Janice Bauch, George Stanton, Greg Fong's mother-in-law, Mrs. Kostelecky; Kadra Muto, Dan Taylor, Ron Caffero, Forrest Day, Dick Daschbach, Doug Jones, John Kupice's father and Rachel Kupice, Kathy Budig, Ian Johnstone, Anthony Jackson, Margaret Gump, Pam Comstock and Xavier Kasbar. Family of IPSD George Czerwonka, George Czerwonka Sr, father, Robert S Stefanowicz, son in law, Robert Tyner, brother in law, Ellen Plantz, Grand Niece, Matthew Formanek, Brother-in-law, Devin Herritz, nephew.

Council Bellingham 829

Henry Therrien, Bill Maris, Lee Ann Rasbach, wife of Brother Dave Rasbach,

Council Yakima 894

Most Rev Carlos A Sevilla, S.J. State Chaplain, Philip Weivoda, Barbara Royce

Council Olmpia 1643

Walt Dale, Ray DeTerra Family, Whitney Johnson, John Kramer, Sam Pellegrino, Carole Robbins, Ed Sauley, Jose Ybara, Nancy Zyrkowski

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Council Spokane 4196

Pansey Marro - mother of Anthony & Michael Marro, Phyllis Lamb - wife of Roy Lamb, Sue Galles - wife of Ed Galles, Ken Jansen, Richard Diehl - father of Jim Diehl, Jan Schulhauser - wife of Tony Schulhauser, Harold Zeuschel, Jr - son of Harold Zeuschel Sr., John Klepinger, Joe Cucinotta, Laura Martinez - wife of Deacon Chalo Martinez, Paisley Burger - Granddaughter of PGK Shelley Hays, Tom Murphy - friend of Jim Clarizio, Joe Oscar Marmolejo - father of Oscar Marmolejo, Rosa Perez - aunt to Peter Bautista

Council Lakewood 4322

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Council Lynnwood 5816

John Balch

Council Camano 8476

Mary Jo Chavarrie, Wife of PGK Richard Chavarrie, Don Mulinski; PGK Kenneth Kron; PGK Pat Lyons; Ben Cleaver, Gary Cloninger; PGK, FDD Richard and Rosemary Barson, Mary Schmidt wife of PGK Reinhold Schmidt, Lois Sharpe wife of deceased member Jack Sharpe, Jr, PGK Peter VanWagnen, Fred

Members and Family in need of Prayer November 2015

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Del Murray, George and Marie Benton, Ida and Jewell Smalley, mother and wife of PGK Art Smalley

Council Mountlake Terrace 9605

Adrian Calvillo-Reyes; Robert M Shay, Bob Dixon

Linda Bergeron, wife of Marcel Bergeron..... **Kennewick 10653**

Robert Frank **Seattle 11085**

John M Wallace PSD **Lakewood 11762**

DD3 Nathan Kane **Puyallup 11948**

Council Tacoma 12483

Marsha Grimwood, wife of Steve Grimwood; Maureen Lee, wife of Mike Lee; Brian Dunledy, cousin of Andy Kraemer

Council Spokane 12583

Tim Coyle, Vocations State Chairman

Council Edmonds 12591

Paul Bailey, Bill Brayer, Donna Bruce, wife of David Bruce, Joe Cadden, Marty Casey (bro.-in-law of Kevin Giblin), Patricia Collins, wife of Jim Collins, Bridget English (dau. of Dan Thulin), Barbara Fanger (wife of Frank Fanger), Frank Fanger, Jim Hughes (bro. of Tom Hughes), Gil Martelino, John McAlerney, Tom McCarthy, Jer Minerich, Ethel Moons (wife of Tom Moons, PFS), Tom Moons, PFS, Frank Rocco, Jr., Frank Rocco, Sr. (father of Frank Rocco, Jr.), Alberto "Joe" Romero, Joseph Zampardo (son of August Zampardo, PGK [dec.])

Council St. Luke 14689

Robert Fortier, Cherie Hooks, Fernand Ricard, Jimmy Norton, Hill Williams, Sr, father of PGK Hill and DD21/PGK Tom Williams, Steve Amos, Sr

> 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.

November 2015

Dennis Petek Spokane 683

Edwin Hamad Spokane 683

Timothy R Harris Port Angeles 2260

Lloyd Schmaltz Spokane 4196

Samuel "Lew" Touchstone, PGK Kirkland 7642

*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.*

Family Members' Deaths

November 2015

Lucille Weisenbarger, mother of Rev. Gary Weisenbarger, Fife 14162

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