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## *Year of the Priest & Volunteer*



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## Knights of Columbus

Monthly Bulletin Announcements  
Bishop White Seminary

*Fr. Darrin Connall, Rector*

Dear Brother Knights,

I want to begin my monthly seminary update by thanking those Knights of Columbus Councils who have responded to the recent request of our Bishops to help retire our remaining construction debt. To date, the following Councils have responded with a pledge or outright gift: Colbert 8872, Colville 12273, Coupeville 13422, Gonzaga 12583 and Pullman 7360. We are keeping the Bishops up to date with regard to your generosity and look forward to having 100 % participation from all of our State Councils.

One of the consistent areas of confusion I hear about Bishop White Seminary concerns the dioceses of the seminarians who are studying here. Knights from Seattle or Yakima might ask: "Why would we support the seminary in Spokane?" The simple answer is that your bishops send college seminarians to Bishop White for priestly formation. Many Catholics in central and western Washington are unaware that seminarians from the Archdiocese of Seattle and the Diocese of Yakima attend Bishop White Seminary.

For 54 years, Bishop White Seminary has been in the business of helping young men discern their vocation to the priesthood. The fact that so many have ties with Bishop White creates a strong sense of fraternity among seminarians and priests from throughout the State of Washington. For that, I am truly grateful.

### Form #100 Belongs in All of These Places

- BRIEFCASE
- IN YOUR POCKET
- NEAR YOUR PHONE
- GLOVE COMPARTMENT
- EVERYWHERE YOU GO!

**SIGN UP A  
NEW MEMBER  
TODAY!**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## Message from State Deputy, John Wallace

The Regional Meetings for me were a huge success. Chehalis had the largest group of Financial Secretaries I've ever seen. Six Past State Deputies and lots of Council members were also there. All the Regional Meetings were well attended. All the presenters had good information and the material was well presented.

Thank you, District Deputies, for setting up the meetings and keeping them on schedule. Three of them ended exactly as scheduled, at 4pm. At one of them I forgot to check the time. No doubt in my mind that you guys are good. The membership talk by PSD Karl Hadley and program talk by State Warden Bob Baemmert are both on the State Web Page.

What happens next?

Now we pick up the pace and move down the highway of success. As I wrote in the November Bulletin:

"There are some very important precepts about success that we need to know:

Action with a plan needs to take place. Action is the fuel in the council's fuel tank.

Without fuel there is no movement.

Negativity by anyone kills or slows down the plan.

Be positive yourself and gather positive members around you.

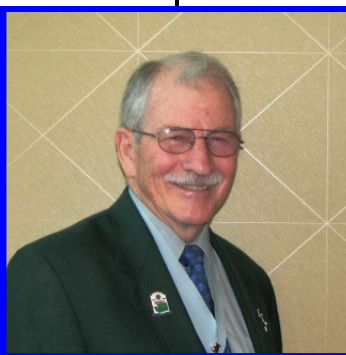
Have faith. If you believe in yourself and those around you, success will follow.

Don't give up. Persistence is the key."

"The secret of success of every man who has ever been successful lies in the fact that he formed the habit of doing things that failures don't like to do."

*(The Common Denominator of Success by Albert E.N. Gray).*

Fill the tank with good action, start the engine, put it in gear and



move out.

Success is yours. Take it.

As we move out, most of us have obstacles in front of us on the highway of success. You, as a leader of your Council, must get past these obstacles. Move out into the passing lane, the road is clear. The goal line is waiting. Now is the time to put the pedal to the metal. In order to move from good to great you must move out to the front of the pack.

Grand Knights, take a look at the back of your GK handbook or, if you have the disc of the GK handbook, that also has a list of requirements for each month that needs to be completed. This will help you and the Council to stay on top of what is due and when. If you don't have a handbook or disc, contact your District Deputy.

As a reminder, the Semi-Annual Audit is due Feb. 15, and is to be completed by the Council Trustees, not the Financial Secretary. The Financial Secretary and Treasurer are to give their records to the Trustees. I've asked the District Deputies to be an observer of all audits in their district.

Complete the Audits by the book.

Fraternal Surveys should have been sent to Supreme by the end of January. If the Council has not done so, you will be contacted until it is done. It will be accepted by Supreme even if a little late.

I thank all Knights who work at making the Washington State Council one of the best in the United States. You have accomplished this by "Getting it done."

Jesus said many times, "Fear not. Trust me."

John M. Wallace  
State Deputy

Hi, DDs:

If you are looking to have a certificate to present to your district free throw winners here is a link to the district certificates.

[District Certificates](#) Once on the page, scroll down to the bottom of the page. Double click on a certificate. Adobe reader should open. Use some 24lb or better paper and hit print.

Regional certificates, when available, will be on the same State Web Site page.

Thanks and God Bless,  
Ken

### STATE SQUIRES CONVENTION

The date for our Washington State Squires Convention has been set and verified.

The Squires Convention is to be held on Saturday, May 8th, 2010 at St. Cecilia Catholic Church Hall at 26900-78th Ave. NW in Stanwood, Washington 98292. Phone # for the St. Cecilia Parish Office is: (360) 629-3737.

Contact Matt F. Jarolimek, WA. State Squires Chairman at (360) 652-9001 or e-mail at: [mattfj@cedarcomm.com](mailto:mattfj@cedarcomm.com) for more info.

Matt F. Jarolimek



**STATE CHAPLAIN  
MOST REVEREND  
Alexander Brunett.**

## Feast of St. Valentine

February is always associated with romance. The Feast of St. Valentine usually starts off the milder weather, our attention turns to baseball and the birds start searching for mates. In medieval Europe the middle of February, the 14<sup>th</sup> to be exact, was the beginning of the season of courtship for the young men and women. If a relationship blossomed into true love the young couple referred to each other as "my Valentine".

We all remember exchanging valentines in grade school. That custom served a very good purpose for those who gave and those who received valentines. The cards expressed friendship and love. Unfortunately many school districts have suppressed this custom because St. Valentine was a religious person and we are not allowed to have anything religious in our neutral schools. The problem is that this means one less custom which expresses the basic relationship among people, the relationship being love. We can't let the ignorance of a few officials deprive us of the very element

which holds society together.

We are a Christian nation; 90% of Americans believe in God and 85% have Christian roots. As Knights we have here an opportunity to reassert the element of love in our society by finding ways to express it in word and deed. Word can be any thing from sending a valentine, a sympathy card or a birthday greeting. Deeds are equally simple, visiting a sick friend, encouraging a neighbor down on his luck, or spending some time with a lonely person.

And never forget that it is during the month of February that Lent begins. This is a period of tremendous graces. We make resolutions dealing with food, alcohol or exercising. Maybe this year we could just make one resolution---to open our hearts to receive God's love coming through the sacraments and Holy Scripture, and then keep it open to share His love with others.



**STATE VICE-CHAPLAIN  
THE REVEREND  
LEE HIGHTOWER**

## BLOOD DONOR & PLATELETS HONOR ROLL

Brothers All,

As we get closer to the convention this May...we need to continue to think about honoring our brothers as they so thoughtfully provide support for those in need. I am talking about the gift of life – blood and platelets.

### Blood Donor Honor Roll

The first and foremost principle of our Order is charity and the greatest example of charity is the gift of life. Throughout Washington there are brother knights and their families routinely giving the gift of life through their participation in blood donor programs. The dedication to the blood donor program by these individuals and by all knights and family members who participate in these programs has saved thousands of lives.

Washington State Council, Knights of Columbus, has George C. Turk, PSD, FVSM, Gift of Life, Blood Donor Honor Roll. This Honor Roll displays the names of knights and family members who have donated 100 or more pints of blood to acknowledge their dedication to unselfishly give of themselves to save others. The Blood Donor Honor Roll has been inscribed in three levels. The levels will group the names of those donors of 100, 150, and 200 pints of blood.

Please forward any new members to Ed Parazoo to be included in this honor roll. Use the form found on the state website at <http://www.kofc-wa.org/Family/Community/Community.aspx>.

### Platelets Heroes Award Honor Roll

Platelets are only usable for five days, so the supply must be constantly replenished. Each day people who undergo organ transplants need ten units of platelets; a marrow transplant recipient needs 200 units; a cancer patient who requires chemotherapy needs six to eight units daily for two to four weeks.

Apheresis (Greek "to take away") is a procedure in which a specific component, most often platelets, is collected. Platelets are essential for blood clotting and are produced in the bone marrow of healthy people. You may donate up to 24 times per year as your body will replace the platelets within 24 hours.

All knights and family members are eligible to have their names added to the Honor Roll. The requirements are the knight or family member must have donated a cumulative amount of fifty units or more of platelets as of April 1st of each year.

Please forward any new members to Ed Parazoo to be included in this honor roll. Use the form found on the state website at <http://www.kofc-wa.org/Family/Community/Community.aspx>.

Let's honor our brother Knights and their families by providing their names to either of these honor rolls when the criteria is reached.

If you have questions or submissions please get the information to:

Ed Parazoo, SA  
708-I Hoffman Rd  
Kettle Falls, WA 99141





Ralph Gillis  
Faithful Navigator

**Knights of Columbus**  
**Fr. Brabant Assembly #0032**  
**Victoria, BC**

December 23, 2009

Worthy Sir Knights

In 1976 Monsignor Joseph E Camerman Assembly in Bremerton Washington hosted the First International Night in Port Angeles. Father Brabant Assembly hosted the second event. This event has been hosted alternately between Washington State and British Columbia/Yukon since that original date. Fr. Alcuin Lawrence Assembly was later formed in Port Angeles and joined Monsignor Joseph E. Camerman as host when this event returned to Washington State.

The 34<sup>th</sup> International Weekend will take place in Victoria BC on the weekend of March the 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

**ROOMS:**

We have booked 20 rooms for Friday March 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010. There should be several rooms available outside of our block and ALL should have no problem staying at the Harbour Towers Hotel. We have been able to obtain very good rates for the rooms. Room rates are \$84.00 for a standard room and \$104.00 for ocean view. One and two bedroom suites are also available. These rates are based on single or double occupancy per night. Additional adults are \$19.00 per night. All rates quoted are excluding applicable taxes.

**ROOM RESERVATIONS:**

To reserve your room please call the Harbour Towers Hotel at 250-385-2405 and be sure to mention that you are with the Knights of Columbus group of reserved rooms. The hotel is located two blocks from the Coho ferry terminal. Reservations must be made prior to February 15, 2010. Check in time is 4:00 p.m.; check-out time is 11:00 a.m.

**FOOD:**

Saturday's dinner (March 27<sup>th</sup>) for International Weekend will be a delicious and generous buffet. The dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. at St Andrews Elementary School, 1002 Pandora St. (corner Vancouver St.) in Victoria. Transportation will be available for those requiring same. There will be a social hour starting at 6:00 p.m.

The cost of the Saturday evening buffet is \$35.00 which includes taxes and gratuity. Please ensure you have purchased your ticket well in advance and no later than February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Tickets for the banquet must be pre-paid as there will not be any tickets sold at the door. Please make cheques for the dinner payable to "Father Brabant Assembly" and send to Ralph Gillis, FN, 10373 McDonald Park Rd. Sidney, B.C. V8L 3H8. If you include your e-mail address, I will send a confirmation of receipt.

## MESSAGE OF STATE TREASURER

My Dear Brother Knights

I toil most days, like you, offering my work as a servant of Christ and your Treasurer. I look for certain things to get accomplished on your behalf, and one of them is the timely reconciliation of the Exemplification Fund accounts. Please review my Fund report noted below and advise me soonest with your council check or an explanation of why your account may be incorrect. I can only record the information provided in the New Member Reports that I receive monthly from Supreme and any variation as an exemption must come from you...priests, seminarians in their deaconate phase and/or readmissions and reinstatements are exempt. If the Fund is not correct, then only you can advise me of that so I can reconcile your account accordingly.

Another matter that has been pending your kind reply since last Convention time is the request for help from our Brother Bishops - Archbishop Brunett of Seattle, Bishop Skylstad of Spokane, and Bishop Sevilla of Yakima. They have requested your kind assistance in retiring the debt on the new Bishop White Seminary building that was constructed the past year (the first class has been in the new buildings since September of this school year and it is already at over capacity. The bishops are seeking our pledges over three years.

Currently, there are 22 seminarians with a calling to the priesthood at Bishop White. We all know they will be serving us and our families as our future priests. We do much to support them all through the RSVP program, and our Bishops also trust that we can work with them in the "Bishop White Seminary Campaign" on their behalf in this, the "**Year of the Priest!**" What a great way to recognize their years of service to us and our families with this campaign effort.

Kindly discuss the campaign with your respective councils to determine what they can do over the next three years and advise me accordingly with your pledge card that was mailed to all Grand Knights. If the card has gone astray, you need just ask me for another and I will email it to you. Councils that have already pledged are noted in Fr. Darrin's message. I'll look for your kind advice.

Your servant,  
George Czerwonka, State Treasurer

## RECRUITMENT INSPIRATION

One of our most important obligations, as Knights of Columbus, is recruitment. Without it, our great fraternal organization will die. So let's start by defining "recruitment". Basically, it is a sales position. It is Bro. Knights presenting to prospective members, in the shortest time frame, the greatest amount of information about the Order as is possible with the intention being to **sell** the Knights of Columbus to that individual. This means providing any man you are speaking to enough information right then and there to either convince him he wants to be a Knight, or to give you his name and phone number so that you can follow up within a week to discuss it

further. It falls on each of us here today, the DD's of Wash. State, to train our GK's and then help them train their men.

The effort leading up to any recruitment effort is not easy as there is much preparation to be done. A recruitment drive can not be put together overnight. It has to be planned, and planning has to include training. Our GK's and members need to know about the Order. They need to have a working knowledge of the Knights and the features and benefits available **ONLY** to members of our Order. There should be a schedule set up by the GK for the purpose of training and practice, and DD's should be a part of that training. Training should include basic rules of sales, such as:

- a) Knowing enough about the Order to overcome objections
- b) Having sufficient men on duty to adequately cover every door at your Church
- c) Men should be appropriately dressed with their name badges clearly visible
- d) If the man's wife is with him, be sure to include her in your presentation, and respond to her questions. (If you don't win her, you probably won't get him)

d) **Do Not** approach a prospect by asking "Would you like to join the Knights?" **Do Not** approach a prospect by asking "Are you interested in the Knights?" For some reason, we have been trained our entire lives, to smile, wave, and say NO as we continue to walk away. Asking questions like these will cause your prospect to walk away, and you will lose (probably for a very long time), any possibility of bringing him into our Order. This is where the training and practice will pay dividends.

Consider the following:

"Hi. My name is John Maniccia and I'm a member of the Knights of Columbus. I'd like to tell you about some of the features and benefits that would be available to you and your family if you were a Brother Knight."

In this example, I have not asked him a question he can easily say no to. Actually, while he can say no, it will be uncomfortable for him because you didn't ask him the question. Whatever your approach, a statement of fact (as given) has been proven to be the surest way of gaining and holding his attention. Once you've done that, continue with statements about the Order, about the service your Council provides to your Pastor, Church, each other, etc. You don't want to give him the opportunity, at this point, to ask questions. While his questions are valid and must be answered, you can probably answer them ahead of time by continuing your presentation. You, as a recruiter, need to control the conversation. You need to hold his interest long enough to enable him the opportunity to make a clear decision about the Knights. Once you have presented him with the features and benefits of our Order, **then** you can ask him a question. "Can you think of any reason why you should not fill out your application for membership today?" If he, or his wife, has any questions, listen carefully and answer each one as completely and briefly as you can. If the question can not be answered by the recruiter, the GK and DGK should be roving to help out. Again, ask for the order. Ask him to fill out the application. Close the sale.

This is not easy to do. It is strange to most people, but training, practice, and a will to get it done will result in greater recruitment numbers.

As DD's, it is our responsibility to lead and direct. Let's do everything in our power to give our SD a great recruitment year.

Thanks John Maniccia, DD-4

## General Program Director Messages



Brother Knights,

It sure was great to see all of you at the Regional Meetings. I hope that all of you got as much information out of them as I had fun giving my portion! The Service Program Reports are coming in fairly well, although it will never be good enough unless everyone participates. 53 Councils turned in a Service Program Report for December 2009. The Councils that participated are:

763,766,1327,1550,1620,1699,3807,3361,3645,4322,4385,4782,5495, 5816,6686,6706,7528,7863,7908,8015,8102,8137, 8150,8201,8437,8455,8476,8872,9617,9664,9721,9833,9941,10653,11357,11642,11762,11780,12273,12420,12483,12899, 12983,13364,13374,13422,13560,13606,13761,13794,14046,14510, and 14689.

St. Charles Council #8137 in Spokane is leading the State in points with 565, where Lee Bayley is the Grand Knight, and Ron Girkins is the Council Program Chairman and District Deputy. Keep up the good work you guys! Bravo-Zulu!

I introduced the new Supreme "Food for Families" Program to the State last month. This is the program that requires that 25% of our State Councils hold a Food Drive & Restock of our local food banks. If we do this and submit 40 reports (25% of our Councils) we receive our portion of the \$1,000,000 that Supreme has allocated to help local food banks. Just this month I was informed that these reports are due **MARCH 1, 2010**. This is a rather quick deadline, but I know that we can do it. I have already collected 11 forms, but now we have to really push if we are going to make the deadline. Gentlemen, there is money on the table for our hungry families...we simply must do this so that we can help them out! **I'm Begging you!**

Finally, it's not too early to start thinking about Award Write-ups and so the following Awards and the person you need to submit them to is listed below:

## Awards: Due Dates & Submission To Whom

### DUE APRIL 1

Pro-Life Essay- Frank & Roseann Tyson  
Herbert Liebert- Frank & Roseann Tyson  
Harry Tucker Award- John Rowley  
Family of the Year- Duane Vincent  
Knight of the Year- John Rowley  
George C. Turk Award- Ed Parazoo-SA  
Wade S. Walden Award- Ed Parazoo-SA

### DUE APRIL 15

#### Service Program Awards

Church Award- Jerry Herrera  
Community Award- Ed Parazoo-SA  
Family Award- Duane Vincent  
Youth Award- Mike Gazarek  
Council Award- John Rowley

Continue to do God's work! He wants our help!

God Bless You,

Bob-SW





## STATE DEPUTY February, 2010 SHORT NOTES

If you are reading this, thank you for making the effort to find the bulletin on the web page and reading it.

Read about Food for Families in this bulletin. This is a very important project in which we should all get involved. Please notify State Warden Bob Baemmer of any council activities in the Food for Families Program.

WA State Per Capita & PFH letter is in the mail to the councils. Per Capita is due on receipt. No council vote required.

Let's do the Blitz plan and execute. It's a two stepper. A Blitz is not a membership drive. A Blitz is to gather names and telephone numbers, so the Membership Committee can work the new names. If you have a plan and follow it, a successful Blitz will make your goals achievable. Let's get it done.

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities was due 31 January. All councils must make this report even if late. We have no slackers in Washington State.

The State Deputy Road Show continues—all Knights are invited when it comes to your area. Any district that would like to have the State Deputy Road Show visit their area, please contact me at [kofcwallace@comcast.net](mailto:kofcwallace@comcast.net).

The Power of Ten Program is in motion. See how your council can promote council communication, recruiting, retention of members, less work for the Grand Knight, and win the Supreme and State Awards. If interested in any or all of the above, call or e-mail me. 253-582-8199 or [kofcwallace@comcast.net](mailto:kofcwallace@comcast.net) or visit the state web-site.

All DD's & Chairmen; Please update your web site page each month. Your picture would help. Questions? Call Tim Philomeno, Webmaster; 253-661-2296, or better, e-mail at [Webmaster@kofc-wa.org](mailto:Webmaster@kofc-wa.org).

To all: Make use of the Washington State web page; lots of good stuff coming in each month.

Check out the new Columbus Charities web site. [WWW.Columbuscharities.net](http://WWW.Columbuscharities.net).

The Six Month Letter has everything you need to know. Don't have a copy? Check State Web Site.

Does your council want to buy, or join in buying, an Ultra Sound machine? You pay half; Supreme will pay half. Checks to State Secretary Don McBride.

Let's exceed the membership goal of 900 new members and go for 1100 new members, 70 Round Tables and 2 new councils. Every council and district can achieve their goals and receive the Star Award. Let's make it happen.

Does your council have Round Tables? Use Form 2629. Only one member required on Form. Send copies to DD and State Deputy, and, of course, Supreme. Any group that supports the parish and or priest; and has a knight as a member of the group, can and should be a Round Table. No meeting – no money – only support the Pastor.

Bishop White Seminary needs our support. Send checks to the State Secretary, Don McBride.

Ask yourself, "Why am I a Knight?" Then tell others.

Semi – Annual Audit Report (#1295) To be completed By Trustees, due Feb. 15, 2010.

"Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success."

Author unknown

### Sick Notices

Robert Cukjati.....	Tacoma 809
Frank Grant.....	Tacoma 809
Cocot Ratuiste.....	Pasco 1620
Dan L. Oenning.....	Uniontown 1823
Jenny Davis.....	Richland 3307
JoAnne McConwell.....	Richland 3307
Sally Morgan.....	Oak Harbor 3361
Marui Tonnini, GK.....	Oak Harbor 3361
Carmelo Ricciardelli, DD14.....	Bellevue 4385
Michael Taylor, GK.....	Mill Creek 9434
Stan Hicks.....	Kennewick 10653
Paula Martinez.....	Spokane 14510
Brad Peterson.....	Vern Raschko 8311
Ruby Ridgway.....	Camano-Stanwood 8476





## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR



*January/February are "Drought Prevention Months!"*

Worthy Grand Knights:

### JANUARY/FEBRUARY CAMPAIGN INCENTIVES

During January and February, councils having a combined monthly total of 5 or more gains will receive a Father McGivney Coffee Mug

District Deputies who have a combined district monthly total of 10 or more gains will also receive a Father McGivney Coffee Mug

District Deputies who conduct a District-wide First Degree between January 1 and February 28, 2010, with new members from more than one council and who submit an evaluation report to State Deputy John Wallace will receive a Fr McGivney Guild Lapel Pin

The following councils brought one or more candidates (and district deputies who had candidates from more than one council) to the First Degree Competitions held at the January Regional Meetings and received a Father McGivney Collector's Pewter Spoon:

Spokane: 4196 (1 candidate), 8201 (1 candidate), 8398 (1 candidate), 9145 (1 candidate); (2 candidates were from district 18)

Yakima: 14926 (1 candidate), 1401 (2 candidates); (2 candidates were from district 6)

Everett: 763 (2 candidates), 2126 (1 candidate), 7863 (1 candidate), 13560 (2 candidates), 14689 (3 candidates); 2 candidates were from district 1 and 3 candidates from district 13)

Chehalis: 1449 (2 candidates), 1550 (1 candidate)

Every new member attending the First Degree at the Regional Meetings was presented a State Pin by State Deputy John Wallace

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF FATHER MCGIVNEY GUILD LAPEL PINS

The following councils recruited 5 or more members during the December "Knight Before Christmas" campaign and received a Father McGivney Guild Lapel Pin at the Regional Meetings:

Tukwila 11253 (5)  
Kennewick 8179 (6)  
Spokane 8201 (7)  
Sunnyside 14926 (8)

- Seattle 14852 (10)
- Spokane 4196 (11)

Councils for the following district deputies recruited 10 or more members during the December "Knight Before Christmas" campaign. Each district deputy noted below received a Father McGivney Guild Lapel Pin at the Regional Meetings:

- DD11 Robert Schwarz (11)
- DD17 Ed Perez (11)
- DD18 Tom Sokol (18)
- DD26 Keith Klaus (11)

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS JACKETS

Congratulations to the following councils and their Grand Knights and District Deputies for achieving 100% or more of your membership quota by 12/31/09:

Pt Townsend 10532 (100%), GK Dwayne Blondin  
Seattle 13606 (100%), GK Shawn Peake  
Shoreline 14689 (100%), GK Matthew Harmon



Lakewood 11762 (100%), GK John Forrest  
 Spokane 8201 (100%), GK Thomas Crossan  
 Tukwila 11253 (116.7%), GK James Duffy  
 Spokane 8398 (150%), GK Chris McJimsey  
 Toppenish 1699 (150%), GK James Zagelow  
 Goldendale 7149 (166.7%), GK Dale Retzlaff  
 Duvall 11906 (175%), GK George Doty  
 Spokane 12583 (233.3%) (two jackets), GK Sean McCormick  
 Spokane 4196 (270%) (two jackets), GK Damon Smith  
 DD20 Ron Girkins (100.0%)  
 DD26 Keith Klaus (160.0%)  
 DD18 Tom Sokol (176.1%)

Each of the grand knights of the above councils and district deputies will receive a **Knights of Columbus Jacket**. Give your jacket size to Ed Hebert of the Country Store and he will purchase them in time for the State Convention.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HIGHEST NET AND % GAIN LEADERS

Congratulations to:

**Spokane Valley Council 4196 (Grand Knight Damon Smith)** for having the **Highest % Net Gain** in the state as of January 1, 2010, with **270%**

**Spokane Valley Council 4196 (Grand Knight Damon Smith)** for having the **Highest Net Gain** in state with **27 net gains** as of January 1, 2010

**Spokane Valley Council 4196 (Grand Knight Damon Smith)** for having the **Highest Net Gain** in state with **11 gains** in December 2009

Each of the above will receive a **WSC Supplement History Book**.

### DIVISION LEADERS (as of January 1, 2010):

Division	Highest Net Per Cent	Highest Net Gains
<b>I</b>	<b>Leavenworth 13597 (66.7%)</b> <b>Seattle 12251 (66.7%)</b> Spokane 14510 (50%)	<b>Seattle 14852 (23)</b> Spokane 14926 (5)
<b>II</b>	<b>Duvall 11906 (175%)</b> <b>Goldendale 7149 (166.7%)</b> Spokane 8398 (150%) Pt Townsend 10532 (100%) Seattle 13606 (100%) Seattle 14689 (100%)	<b>Duvall 11906 (7)</b> <b>Spokane 8398 (6)</b> Goldendale 7149 (5) Pt Townsend 10532 (4) Seattle 13606 (4) Seattle 14689 (4)
<b>III</b>	<b>Spokane 12583 (233.3%)</b> <b>Tukwila 11253 (116.7%)</b> Langley 11357 (83.3%) East Wenatchee 13186 (83.3%)	<b>Spokane 12583 (14)</b> <b>Tukwila 11253 (7)</b> Langley 11357 (5) East Wenatchee 13186 (5)
<b>IV</b>	<b>Toppenish 1699 (150%)</b> <b>Sequim 8455 (85.7%)</b> Vancouver 12899 (62.5%) Poulsbo 8297 (57.1%) Colbert 8872 (57.1%)	<b>Toppenish 1699 (9)</b> <b>Sequim 8455 (6)</b> Vancouver 12899 (5) Poulsbo 8297 (4) Colbert 8872 (4)

<b>V</b>	<b>Spokane Valley 4196 (270%)</b> <b>Lakewood 11762 (100%)</b> Bellingham 829 (90%) Federal Way 7908 (75%) Sammamish 9833 (66.7%)	<b>Spokane Valley 4196 (27)</b> <b>Lakewood 11762 (9)</b> Bellingham 829 (9) Federal Way 7908 (6) Sammamish 9833 (6)
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<b>VI</b>	<b>Spokane 8201 (100%)</b> <b>Gig Harbor 9238 (71.4%)</b> Olympia 1643 (61.1%) Bremerton 1379 (58.3%)	<b>Spokane 8201 (11)</b> <b>Olympia 1643 (11)</b> <b>Gig Harbor 9238 (10)</b> Bremerton 1379 (7)
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#### DISTRICT DEPUTY LEADERS (as of January 1, 2010):

Congratulations to:

**DD18 Tom Sokol** for having the **District** with the **Highest % Net Gain** in the state (**176.2%**)

**DD18 Tom Sokol** for the **Highest Net Gain** in the state (**37**)

**DD18 Tom Sokol** for the **Most Gains** in the state **during December** (**18**)

**Each** will receive a **WSC Supplement History book!**

#### PATH-FORWARD

As of January 1, 2010, we had **gained 450 new members** (50% of our goal of 900!) with **161 suspensions** for a **net gain of 289** (45% of our goal of 650).

The second half of the year is usually the most productive, so **we are “on pace” to achieve our “intake” goal of 900 new members and a “net” gain (after suspensions) of 650 members.** To do so, we will have to continue **to average over 75 net new members each month – thus, over and above that total, every suspension must be met with an additional new member each month for the next six months.** With dues payments starting to be sent out, Financial Secretaries must be assisted so that members are not suspended for lack of payments.

We still have **32 councils that are membership inactive.** If each of those councils brought in just two new members, the burden on the remaining 116 councils would be reduced to four new members each during the next six months. **Sixteen councils have net negative members** and are responsible for **130 of our 161 losses – I thank them for recruiting 41 new members** and attempting to recruit another 91 new members to return to a net positive balance for the year.

**Order your Blitz materials from Supreme now to prepare for the March Blitz!**

Vivat Jesus!

*Carl E. Hadley*, PSD

WSC Membership Director

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

*Vocations Are Everybody's Business*

## FATHER MICHAEL McGIVNEY GUILD

Worthy Grand Knights:

The good news is that Guild membership is now at 136,000 as of January 1, 2010. For the Washington State Jurisdiction, it is now at 2,538. Thank you for encouraging your members to join!

The Roman process of investigation into his life and holiness is nearing completion and the investigation into a reported miracle is progressing.

The Guild plays an important role in making Father McGivney better known and spreading the word about his powerful intercession.

The spiritual heritage of Father McGivney is his precious gift to the Knights of Columbus. We owe it to him and the church to share his gift not only with every member, but with those we meet and with whom we work.

Every new member should receive the Father McGivney Guild sign-up form at his first degree.

Vivat Jesus,

### > 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.

William Jasper.....	Tacoma 809
Lawrence S. DeRego.....	Bremerton 1379
Raymond E. Benson.....	Pasco 1620
Lawrence L. Fortier.....	Pasco 1620
Gary Saylor.....	Pasco 1620
James R. (Dick) Barrett, PGK.....	Centralia 1758
Patrick Seacrest.....	Auburn 3598
Anthony Budinich.....	Kent 8150
Eugene Masterson.....	Sequim 8455
Eugene Richard Weiland.....	Sequim 8455
Adam Wurtz.....	Selah 8768
Dale Blair.....	Colbert 8872
John F. Fitzsimmons.....	Langley 11357
Theodore Rambur.....	Lynden 12420
Julian Silva (Died last summer).....	Lynden 12420
Ed JeLovich, GK.....	Aberdeen 1449
Andrew Mueller.....	Camas 2999
Howard Ritter.....	Camas 2999

The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney. The Guild distributes informational materials about him, receives reports of favors granted through his intercession and oversees the distribution of relics. Guild members receive regular updates on the progress of Father McGivney's cause for canonization and are invited to participate in promoting devotion to this Servant of God. Members of the Knights of Columbus are not automatically Guild members and must elect to join the Guild. The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild Newsletter is published bimonthly except July- August, and is sent free to Guild members. To join the Guild, fill in and submit this form. Fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are required.

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Rev, Mr, Mrs, Miss, Dr) First\* Middle Last\* Suffix

Address\* \_\_\_\_\_ City\* \_\_\_\_\_ State\* \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country\*

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## DISTRICT MASTER'S MESSAGE

### Worthy Faithful Navigators, Faithful Comptrollers, Grand Knights, and Financial Secretaries:

It is left to us, the Knights of Columbus, and especially the Fourth Degree, to defend and preserve our nation - and its Constitution - and its heritage - and, yes, its Judeo/Christian culture.

We have been at war for over 40 years against secularism and its theology of moral relativism - frankly, we have been losing that war. We need third degree members now more than ever to enlist in our Fourth Degree "army" to oppose the common danger!

While our secular culture condones immorality, we Knights proudly stand against abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, and pornography. While our own state approved Referendum 71, we Knights promoted the message that marriage between one man and one woman is the very foundation of civilization.

And every year, we Knights demand that society remember to "Keep Christ In Christmas." In recent decades, there has been a "War on Christmas" during the annual approach to December 25<sup>th</sup>. Each year, the Catholic League chronicles the attacks against Christmas. Here are a few examples:

The term "Christmas" and its religious symbols are increasingly censored or replaced with terms like "*holiday*" or "*winter*."

Some public school systems banned the display of nativity scenes, but allowed the display of less "overtly religious" symbols such as trees, or menorahs, or the Muslim star and crescent.

The Christmas tree inside the town hall in Cary, North Carolina, was relabeled as the "Community Tree."

They used to have a "Holiday Tree" in Madison, Wisconsin, but even that was deemed too improper this year, so they opted for "The State Capitol Tree."

Vineland, New Jersey opted to call their Christmas parade the "Holiday parade."

Howard County, Indiana, decided not to have a manger scene this year, and elected instead to have a lighted display of the Loch Ness Monster, a whale and other animals.

Waterbury, Connecticut renamed their holiday parties "celebrations." What they were celebrating remains a mystery, but one thing is for sure: Santa was not allowed to give out gifts as that job was assigned to Frosty the Snowman.

Santa was banned from the festivities in the Northern Lehigh School District in Pennsylvania; his role as gift-giver was taken by the district mascot, the Bulldog.

One corporate diversity wag (her actual title is executive director of diversity, inclusion and engagement) advises against saying "Happy New Year." She recommends "Looking Forward."

Several retailers over the years stopped using the term Christmas, until publicity and threats of boycotts by the Catholic League, the American Family Association, the Knights of Columbus, and other organizations turned them around.

During this past Christmas season, we were treated to a slew of



atheist evangelizing efforts, ranging from billboards in towns across America to posters on urban buses, all designed to promote atheism and denigrate Christianity.

In England, author Philip Pullman is pushing for an atheist curriculum in the elementary schools, and his fellow countryman and cohort, Richard Dawkins, wants summer camps aimed at weaning kids away from Christianity.

And, despite the fact that 80% of this country is Christian, we are constantly being told that Christianity should be barred from the public arena. Some of you may have seen Brett Hume on the recent FOXNEWS Sunday show commenting on Tiger Woods during which he stated that Tiger should turn to Christianity for forgiveness and redemption. The firestorm that erupted is instructive as to what opposition we face. Hume was compared to Islamic extremists, been the subject of endless blogs ridiculing him and his religion and been counseled to apologize.

*Karl A. Hadley, PSD*

Master

### Family Members' Deaths

Roberta Beritich (Wife of Antone Beritich).....Tacoma 809  
 Katherine Goeckner (Wife of Charles Goeckner).....Pasco 1620  
 Bernadette Mary Baemmert (Mother of SW Bob Baemmert)  
 .....Richland 3307  
 James Fleming (Father-in-law of Daniel Amundsen).....  
 .....Kirkland 7642  
 Deacon Chuck Wilson (Father of Bob Wilson).....Kirkland 7642  
 Karl Grumbach (Arizona Council 6612, brother of FDD Dan  
 Grumbach).....Marysville 7863  
 Father of Rev. Fidelis Umukoro, OP.....Seattle 8311  
 Regina Berger (Mother of Ralph Berger).....Selah 8768  
 Owen Gray (Uncle of FL Sheila Wallace).....Lakewood 11762  
 Molly Hightower (Grand-niece of Fr. Lee O. Hightower)  
 .....Lakewood 11762  
 Louis Ladow (Father of DGK Peter LaDow)  
 .....Woodinville 14046  
 Dorothea Phelps-Williams (Mother-in-law of PGK Ken Fabrizio)  
 .....Woodinville 14046

DD 04 John Maniccia and wife Dodi. After the Pro life march in Olympia, between 6,000 to 7,000 people marched at the Capital after Mass at St Michaels.



**REGIONAL FREETHROW SCHEDULE**

**Regional - Northwest – Host DD9**  
**Districts 9, 13, 19, 21 & 32**  
**Date, Site and time to come**

**Regional – Greater Seattle North – Host DD1**  
**Districts 1, 14, 16, 23 & 26**

Date – February 14<sup>th</sup> 2010

Location - St. Luke Parish Gym in Shoreline  
 322 North 175th St. Shoreline, Wa. 98133

Registration @ 12:00 PM

Competition Start @ 12:30 PM

Contact Information:

Romy Ablao – District Deputy #1  
 Phone 206-399-3515

**Regional – Greater Seattle South – Host DD12**  
**Districts 3, 12, 15, 22 & 27**

Date - March 13th, 2010

Location - Surprise Lake Middle School  
 2001 Milton Way, Milton WA.

Registration @ 1:00 PM

Competition Start @ 1:30 PM

Contact Information:

Greg Vicars - District Deputy # 12  
 Phone: 206-919-3559

Todd Larson Chairman of Competition  
 Phone 253-874-4353

**Regional - Southwest – Host DD25**  
**Districts 11, 25 & 31**

Date - February 27, 2010

Location St Rose School Gym  
 720 26th Avenue

Registration @ 12:00 PM

Competition Start @ 12:30 PM

Contact Information:

Charles Strozyk - GK 2763  
 Phone 360-425-7723

Seth Krause - Chairman of Competition

**Regional - Central Washington South – Host DD7**  
**Districts 6, 7, & 17**

Date - March 7, 2010

Location TRI-CITIES PREP  
 9612 St. Thomas Dr. Pasco, WA

Registration @ 1:00 PM

Competition Start @ 1:30 PM

Contact Information:

Steve Snell - District Deputy # 7  
 Phone: 509-386-3462

Dennis J. Samson – Chairman of Competition

**FAMILY OF THE MONTH WINNERS**

Congratulations to the following families who were selected as winners in Supreme Council's Family of the Month drawing for December 2009.

Family of Pual & Rose Textor, Council 829 Bellingham

Family of Douglas & Erlinda Warren, Council 3361 Oak Harbor

Family of Benjamin & Valentina Anstey, Council 6686 Bothell

Family of Mike & Vicki Frucci, Council 8201 Spokane

Family of Peter & Joan Cunningham, Council 11780 Covington

Phone: 509-269-4230

**Regional - Eastern Washington - Host DD18**  
**Districts 5, 8, 18, 20, 28 & 33**

Date – February 27<sup>th</sup> 2010

Location St. John Vianney

501 N Walnut Rd Spokane Valley, WA

Registration @ 12:00

Competition Start 12:30 PM

Contact Information:

Tom Sokol – District Deputy # 18  
 Phone: 509-924-0506

**Regional - Central Washington North – Host ???**  
**Districts 10 & 30**

**Regional – Olympic – Host ???**  
**Districts 2, 4, 24 & 29**

Washington State Free Throw Finals

Saturday March 28th

Father Queen Gym

Holy Family Parish

56th & W Chestnut Ave, Yakima, WA

Registration Starts 10:30 AM

Competition Starts 11:30 AM

Completed 4:00 PM (Estimated)

Lunch Hosted by Ahtanum Mission Council 6097



### March for Life 2010

On January 19, 2010, around 7,000 people descended on Olympia, WA for the annual March for Life. Please see the picture of the panned area showing the complete steps of the capitol covered with Pro-life supporters spilling down across the lawn area in from of the capitol. It was wonderful to see so many Knights of Columbus in attendance. SD John Wallace and 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Sheila were there and John led the Pledge of Allegiance. Many other Knights were there supporting the cause. Many thanks go to Worthy District Deputy Dick McEntee for all his hard work in the March for Life program. Photo by Frank and Roseann Tyson

### District Deputy Director Message

The "Next Six Months" is actually down to "Five" and now is the time to be planning for those events that are going to come due in the March and April time frame in preparation for May and the State Convention.

However, before I tell you where we are going with that, I need to review some very important areas that I discussed with you at the Winter Meeting, and I am going to ask that all District Deputies might like to have their Grand Knights read my articles. If nothing else it will reinforce the leadership that you are giving to them and may be a little more receptive if they understand that you are under the gun the same as they are.

District Deputy Semi-Annual reports (Form 944's) are due as an evaluation of what the council is doing in particular areas and let supreme and the state deputy understand where problem areas are and what assistance we can offer in certain areas. District Deputies should discuss each of the areas with the Grand Knight, Trustees and council officers and any areas that need assistance with should be so annotated.

Audits – Semi-annual audit (Form 1295) for 31 Dec is due no later than 15 Feb 2010. We have asked all councils to invite their District Deputy to sit in and observe the trustees as they conduct the audit. Any assistance needed can be offered by the District Deputy and each District Deputy should insure that Supreme, State Deputy, the council and the District Deputy receive a copy of the audit,

and trustees should be furnished a copy also for their personal files. This audit form requires the signature of at least two trustees and must be mailed. This form is not available to be filled out and emailed. Remember it must be signed by at least two trustees at the time of the audit.

Fraternal Survey (Form 1728) – as each District Deputy is aware this is of vital interest to the legislators in the state of Washington as an issue and has been explained in detail to them. They in turn should advise you of the added importance of the submission of this form by all councils.

Now we have completed the next group of reports that need to be turned in by each council. We are not going to go through the process we have just completed of taking six months for these reports to be completed and still have two councils that have not completed their audit report. Each District Deputy has been informed it his responsibility to get these reports completed.

The "Next Five Months" are the busiest time of the year and it has already started. Each council has received its annual Per Capita dunning list along with the suggested donation by each council for the Pennies for Heaven Fund (PFH). This is usually a no brainer since Per Capita is not an arguable item as the rules and By-Laws of the Order are very specific. No Pay – No delegates at the State Convention.

Each District Deputy should already be prepping their councils for what is to come as to the report required by each Grand Knight and

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**FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION**

Saturday, March 6, 2010

Richland K of C Hall, 2500 Chester Rd

Host assembly: Msgr. William J. Sweeney Assembly 1174

Host Faithful Navigator: Martin Prisc, 509-628-1333

Host Faithful Comptroller: Thomas Bander, 509-375-0632

**ELIGIBILITY**

Candidates who received their **first degree on or before September 5, 2009**, are eligible to receive their Fourth Degree exemplification in Richland on March 6, 2010.

**EXEMPLIFICATION HONOREE**

Father John Birk, Faithful Friar of Fr William A. Schmitz Assembly 2258

**EVENT TIME SCHEDULE**

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Ladies' Program	11:30 am	Lunch & Shopping (meet at Hall)
Registration	11:45 am	Richland Knights of Columbus Hall
Lunch	<b>NOTE: Candidates are on their own for lunch</b>	
Exemplification	1:00 pm	Richland Knights of Columbus Hall
Public Knighting/picture taking	3:30 pm	Richland Knights of Columbus Hall
Mass	5:00 pm	Christ the King Church
Social and Banquet	6:30 pm	Richland Knights of Columbus Hall

**BANQUET MENU AND COSTS**

The menu for the banquet dinner is chicken and prime rib.

A candidate's banquet ticket is included with the \$70 exemplification fee, but you may wish to purchase a banquet ticket for your wife (\$20).

Members attending the exemplification may purchase tickets for the banquet (\$20) for yourself and your wife.

Make lunch and banquet checks payable to Msgr. William J. Sweeney Assembly 1174 and mail to FC Thomas Bander, 2335 Benton Ave., Richland, WA 99354, no later than February 22, 2010.

**COLOR CORPS**

Sir Knights who are interested in being part of the color corps at this exemplification should contact District Marshal Darrell Henn, 509-582-8333, or FN Martin Prisc, 509-628-1333.

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District Deputy for the State Convention Handbook. The request for advertisements by councils for the State Convention Handbook and the election of delegates for the State Convention has to be completed. Submission of these delegates is required to be in hand of the State Secretary by a certain date. The next big area is the awards area which you will receive written instructions on how to write these for submission, who to send to and what date it is required. By the way, it is best to start now on all of these awards, Knight/Family of the Year, Surge with Service area awards for each program, Humanitarian Award and so on. Your District Deputy has a list of all of the awards that need to be ready to go between 1 and 10 April. So how much time do you really have left? The State Convention will be here before you know and another year is almost over and a sigh of relief. Almost forgot what about the council programs of Star, Columbian and the most important event of all Grand Knights, the election of new officers for the coming year. Planning begins almost as soon as it is over, the state convention that is. The current council officers should starting set-

ting up an agenda for the coming year for 1 July when the new Grand Knight takes over. He doesn't have to accept it but it sure is nice to have something to start with.

The old adage about a never ending cycle would have to correctly directed toward the Knights of Columbus for those who have been members for 60 years or however long will tell you. It never ends but it may change a little in format or whatever. A few awards have been added and some deleted but the cycle remains the same. 1 July a New Grand Knight and Council Officers, reports are done or not, and so it goes but it is something we all have come to love and do or we wouldn't be Knights.

Everett J. "Rob" Roberts PSD  
District Deputy Director

"...one Nation under God"

"If not you – who, if not now –when" original HB Nov 1996

**FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION**

Saturday, February 27, 2010  
Assumption Parish, 2116 Cornwall Ave, Bellingham

Host Assembly: San Juan Assembly 1176

Host Faithful Navigator: Dale Boudreau, 360-933-1320, [daletjb@msn.com](mailto:daletjb@msn.com)

Host Faithful Comptroller: H. Duane Heuser, 360-671-9712, [h\\_heuser@msn.com](mailto:h_heuser@msn.com)

Exemplification Chairman: Joe St.Hilaire, 360-671-4836, [joesthilaire@hotmail.com](mailto:joesthilaire@hotmail.com)

Degree Team: Western Washington Fourth Degree Team

**ELIGIBILITY**

Candidates who received their **first degree on or before August 26, 2009**, are eligible to receive their Fourth Degree exemplification in Bellingham on February 27, 2010.

**EXEMPLIFICATION HONOREE**

Father K. Scott Connolly, Pastor of Assumption Parish, Bellingham, and Former State Chaplain

**EVENT TIME SCHEDULE**

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Registration	11:30 am	Assumption Parish Gym
Lunch	11:30 am	Assumption Parish Gym
Exemplification	1:00 pm	Assumption Parish Gym
Ladies' Program	1:30 pm	Tour of Fairhaven or Mall Shopping
Public Knighting/picture taking	3:30 pm	Assumption Parish Gym
Mass	5:00 pm	Assumption Church
Social and Banquet	6:30 pm	Assumption Parish Gym

**BANQUET AND LUNCH COSTS**

The banquet buffet will include prime rib, stuffed chicken breasts, Caesar salad, garlic mashed potatoes, brown-sugar carrots, rolls, and cake for dessert. There will be a no-host bar. The cost of the dinner is \$25. Lunch (\$5) is optional for the sir knights, candidates and ladies.

A candidate's banquet ticket is included with the \$70 exemplification fee, but you may wish to purchase tickets for you and your wife for the lunch (\$5), and a banquet ticket for your wife (\$25).

Members attending the exemplification may purchase tickets for lunch (\$5) and banquet (\$25) for yourself and your wife.

Make lunch and banquet checks payable to San Juan Assembly and mail to FC H. Duane Heuser, 2522 G Street, Bellingham, WA 98225, no later than February 15, 2010.

**DIRECTIONS TO ASSUMPTION CHURCH, BELLINGHAM**

Entering Bellingham on I-5 from the south, take Exit 254, Iowa/State Street. At the light at the bottom of the off-ramp, turn left onto Iowa Street, then go three blocks west to James Street. Turn right and go one block north on James Street. Then turn left on Kentucky Street. Go west on Kentucky Street six blocks to Assumption Church, at the corner of Kentucky and Cornwall. Turn into parking lot behind church and gym.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS**

The Bellingham exemplification takes place during the Winter Olympics in Vancouver; therefore, hotel accommodations will be difficult to make and will be extremely expensive. Many Knights are offering their spare bedrooms to overnight visitors for the February 27 exemplification. If you need a room, contact Joe St.Hilaire, 360-671-4836.

**COLOR CORPS**

Sir Knights who are interested in being part of the color corps at this exemplification should contact District Marshal Eugene Brown, 425-353-5699, or FN 1176 Dale Boudreau, 360-933-1320.



## GENERAL INFORMATION FOR BELLINGHAM AND RICHLAND FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS

### FEES

The exemplification fee for each candidate, except priests, is \$70 as set by the Supreme Board of Directors. Included in this fee is one banquet ticket for the candidate, a social baldric and a Fourth Degree pin. There is no exemplification fee for ordained priests or religious brothers; however, their assembly will pay \$13 for their social baldric and Fourth Degree pin and for the cost of their dinner (if attending). The candidate's or the assembly's check is to be made payable to the **Master, Knights of Columbus. Send all Form 4's (Fourth Degree Membership Document) with \$70 checks to the Master.**

### DRESS

**MEN:** Plain black tuxedo, white shirt, black tie, black shoes and socks. Military personnel may wear their uniform. Sir Knights are to wear their social baldric and jewel of office (either council or assembly).

**LADIES:** As the men are dressed formally, most ladies prefer a dressy dress. Some wear a simple dress or a cocktail dress although skirt and blouse is acceptable.

### INITIATION ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

The sponsor is to make certain that all information is legibly printed on the Form 4. The applicant, his sponsor, the financial secretary of the applicant's council and the assembly's faithful navigator and faithful comptroller sign the Form 4. The faithful comptroller will promptly forward the signed Form 4 and the applicant's \$70 check to the Master.

### WE ARE FACING AN EPIDEMIC

It seems to me that discussing out-of-wedlock birth statistics honestly may not be "politically correct" – but then, abortion supposedly isn't either; however, we know where the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic church stand on that issue. Recently, an Army soldier has recently been charged with missing movement because there was allegedly no care available for the baby "and the mother was no longer in a relationship with the father" (code words for unmarried mother).

Disregarding the variance in statistics among ethnic groups, a child is still a human being who deserves a decent chance at life. However, in 2007, there were 1,714,643 babies born to unmarried women, an increase of 4% from 2006, and 26% higher than the number in 2002 (1,365,966). The 2007 total is 2.5 times the number reported in 1980 and 19 times the estimate for 1940 (89,500).

The birth rate for unmarried women in 2007 was 52.9 births per 1,000 unmarried women aged 15–44 years. The rate increased 5% between 2006 and 2007 and 21% since 2002 (43.7). The rate for 2007 was 80% higher than the rate for 1980.

In 2007, nearly 4 in 10 births were to unmarried women. The proportion of all births to unmarried women was 39.7%, up from 34.0% in 2002. The 2007 proportion was more than double that for 1980 (18.4%).

All of the above quoted data is from the National Center for Health Statistics (an agency of the United States government). With that in mind, it is obvious that we are facing an epidemic, with nearly 4 in 10 births are children of unmarried women in 2007.

As Knights of Columbus, we have an opportunity – indeed, an obligation to support these children and their mothers in whatever manner we can. This includes membership in such family support organizations as St. Vincent de Paul Society chapters and organizing projects such as a collection of food for food banks, as well as gathering baby clothes, diapers, and other necessities of life for such agencies as St. Joseph's Baby Corner (Seattle) and at local parishes.

I urge you to take advantage of any opportunity to help those most in need of our assistance – innocent children who deserve our help.

**Duane L. Vincent FDD PFN PGK**  
Family Chairman  
Washington State Council



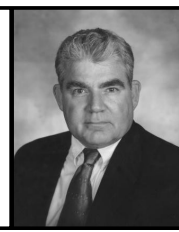
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