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### Message from the State Deputy

Brothers All,

Every red-blooded Washingtonian loves to beat Oregon!

On 13 January, the Oregon and Washington State Councils entered into a membership challenge/competition when both were at 50.89% of their Jurisdiction goal. The competition will run until April 21<sup>st</sup>, the beginning of the Oregon State Convention. I will be attending that Convention and whichever state deputy is behind in percent of goal at that time will be required to wear a jersey from a major university selected by the winning state (either the Ducks/Beavers or Huskies/Cougars)

Councils that recruit members in the window 13 January to April 21<sup>st</sup> will nominate which university jersey is worn, with one vote per council regardless of number of members recruited. Keep in mind, it's percent of goal growth that will determine the winner, so please continue to recruit.

A new member can be recruited directly into the council or from the online prospect tab. That new member must have completed their exemplification and be a full member of that council by April 21<sup>st</sup>. Transfers do not count.

After the first new member is in the council, the members of that council will submit their vote for either the Huskies or Cougars to Michael Rutland, Membership Director Washington State, by the Grand Knight. Mike will track these votes until April 21<sup>st</sup>. Mike's email address is: [membership@kofc-wa.org](mailto:membership@kofc-wa.org). If you have trouble getting the message to Mike, let me know.

Each council vote for either the Huskies or Cougars will go into a hat in Washington for a drawing April 21<sup>st</sup>. The State Deputy who is behind at that time in percent growth must wear the selected jersey of the winning State for the entire weekend.

Again, even after the council's one vote, it is imperative they continue to recruit for the percent of goal. Keep in mind, it is the overall state percent of goal that will determine the winner.

Oregon is 60% the size in membership compared to Washington, so we need to work extra hard in recruiting. For every 6 new members Oregon brings in, Washington needs 10 to remain even with the gain. As of today, we are at 52.85% while Oregon is 53.57%. We are already behind. WE CAN'T LET THEM WIN.

State Deputy Ray Prom and I are good friends, so we will have fun with this competition, BUT I DO NOT WANT TO WEAR A DUCKS OR BEAVERS JERSEY. BOTH NEED TO BE IN THE WATER AND NOT ON MY BACK, SO PLEASE DON'T LET ME DOWN...

## Message from the State Deputy Cont'd

Second, I want to announce the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter results for the top recruiter and top DD.

Daniel Gosser-FA is Top Recruiter

Rudy Vital-13 is Top DD

They both will receive a customized NFL Wilson football. Really cool!!!



Third, I want to thank all who brought in a new member during the month of December. As you know, I challenged you to help us cross the 50% growth mark as of December 31<sup>st</sup>. We fell short by 11 members. With just four more days, we would have met the challenge and gained a 5% reduction in our Supreme goal. Still you did a real good job, so kudos to you!!

Fourth, I want to wish everyone a solemn, humble and giving Lenten Season. Get the season started off right by attending Ash Wednesday Mass February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

God Bless you All, and let's beat Oregon...Please!!

Kim Washburn  
Your State Deputy



State Deputy Kim receiving the Circle of Honor award from Supreme representative Chuck Davlin



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## State Chaplain's Message

My Brother Knights,

For several months, I have been proposing in my monthly column practical considerations for growing our prayer life.

The recent announcement in the Seattle Archdiocese of the "Partners in the Gospel" strategic pastoral planning effort is perhaps my cue to focus this month on one critical element of our prayer life: trust.

Have you noticed in our Catholic sphere a general increase in emphasis on the theme of trust over the course of recent years? I could point to the growing devotion to the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the accompanying image, complete with its inscription, "Jesus, I trust in You!" I could point to the growing popularity of the Surrender Novena, with its ten-times-daily repeated refrain: "O Jesus, I surrender myself to You; take care of everything!" I could point to the composition of prayers like the Litany of Trust that aim to help us to rely on God for everything.

If you live in the Archdiocese of Seattle, you may be experiencing some anxiety about what Church life might look like down the road. Even if you're not worried about that, or if you don't live in the Archdiocese, I'm willing to bet that there is *some* dimension of your life in which God is inviting you to trust in Him a little (or a lot!) more.

I have two bits of good news! The first is that it's not at all difficult to identify the areas where we need to trust God. All we have to do is pay attention to the intentions we bring before God when we pray. We can also look for areas in our lives where we are desperate to be in control. In both these cases, God would certainly be pleased if we entrusted ourselves and our intentions to Him.

The second piece of good news is that, since God *wants* us to trust Him more completely, that grace will certainly be granted to us if with faith and perseverance we ask for it.

Here are my practical tips for praying with trust.

- Use vocal prayers that have been developed for this purpose. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy (see <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/>) or the Surrender Novena (see <https://hallow.com/blog/how-to-pray-the-surrender-novena/>) or the Litany of Trust (see <https://sistersoflife.org/litany-of-trust/>) are three that I mentioned above, but there are many, many more out there.
- One of my favorites: use your rosary beads and simply pray, "Jesus, I trust in You" on each bead, trying your best to let that prayer come from deep in your heart.
- Reflect on the ways God has provided for you throughout the course of your life. I like to remind people that the very fact that they live and breathe is proof that God has always provided for them!
- When you pray in private, use postures associated with trust and surrender. Extend your arms straight out to the sides for a moment. Or place your palms face up on top of your legs if you are seated.

These are just a few simple things to try, and I hope you find them helpful as you strive to trust God more deeply and more completely. When all our concerns are in His hands, they are in the best place they could possibly be.

Vivat Jesus!

Rev. Kenneth St. Hilaire  
State Chaplain



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## A Message from the Bulletin Editor

Brother Knights,

Every month there is a page devoted to the activities of councils. If your council would like to be highlighted send me an article of your event. Pictures of Knights in action make a difference. This is free advertising for your council/assembly and allows the state to see what your council/assembly our doing. It might pique some interest and they will try the same activity.

Fraternally,

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## State Secretary's Message

Brother Knights,

Again, this year, February is my housekeeping edition for the monthly bulletin. Let's begin with a literary masterpiece -- the *Next Six Months Letter* (covering January 2023 through June 2023), summarizing important administrative and leadership responsibilities all Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries should be tracking with their Fraternal Planners. The letter (last updated: January 28, 2023) is posted on the WSC Website. Hover your cursor over *Home* on the blue bar at the top and click on *Next 6 Months*. Read it carefully, there will be a test -- essay! And it's not open book.

I want to highlight a few items and key dates in the letter. The State Per Capita billing was mailed to all Financial Secretaries on January 23, 2023. You will see an Incentive waiver for any new members who joined your council between July 2022 and December 2022. No State Per Capita was charged for these new members. Included in the mailing is your council's Pennies for Heaven Fund Goal for 2023. If you have not received the mailing yet, please contact me as soon as possible and I will send you the documents by email. **The State Per Capita billing is due upon receipt and does not require a council vote.**

The next council semiannual audit is due to the Supreme Council on **February 15, 2023**. Get the audit done early and submit. If you have any questions on completing the form, please contact Council Administration and Finance Chairman Kevin Fraley.

The Annual Meeting (State Convention) will be **IN PERSON** this year (yeah!!), May 19-21, 2023, at the Olympia Hotel in (you guessed it) Olympia, WA. Key items for the Annual Meeting that you do not want to miss or wait until the last minute to complete are the **Certificate of Election**, **Council Resolutions** and the **Council Annual Report**. I will mail the **Certificate of Election** form to all council Financial Secretaries in February. Promptly return the Certificate of Election form to me with Council seal affixed after council members elect delegates.

Submit **Council Resolutions** to me by **March 15, 2023**, for consideration at the Annual meeting in May 2023. I will not accept submissions after March 15, 2023. Consult with State Advocate Scott Hulse on how to write resolutions in the proper format. The Grand Knight handbook posted on the WSC Website and the Knights of Columbus Officers Online provide instructions on how to write a resolution. Submit resolutions in Word document format only. I will not accept resolutions in any other document file format.

**Council Annual Reports** are to be written in Word document format and submitted to District Deputies by **April 1, 2023**. Council Reports should be concise and not exceed one page. Council Reports will be rolled up in the District Reports. District Deputy, State Director and State Chairman Annual Reports are to be written in Word document format and submitted to me by **April 10, 2023**. All reports will be included in the Convention proceedings that will be published a few weeks following the Annual Meeting.

Here is an update on council billings as of January 28, 2023:

Liability Insurance (August 2022):	78.86% paid of total premium due
LAMB 1882 Goal (August 2022):	6.27% paid of total goal
Pennies for Heaven Goal (January 2023):	0.20% paid of total goal
Per Capita (January 2023):	0% paid of total Per Capita due

Councils that have not paid for Liability Insurance coverage that was billed this past August will find this amount added to their State Per Capita billing. We should have had 100% of the premium paid no later than September. It is very important for councils to have Liability Insurance coverage to avoid financial and legal risks if someone is injured during a council event. State Liability Insurance Chairman George Czerwonka, Jr., PSD, writes in more detail in this bulletin about the importance of Liability Insurance coverage. Read his article.

*"If, then, you are looking for the way by which you should go, take Christ, because He Himself is the way." St. Thomas Aquinas*



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## State Secretary's Message Next Six Months

TO: Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries

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

### NEXT SIX MONTHS LETTER

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

#### *Important Notes for the Next Six Months*

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

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

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

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

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

## State Secretary's Message Next Six Months Cont'd

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## State Secretary's Message Next Six Months Cont'd

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## State Secretary's Message Next Six Months

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## State Secretary's Message Next Six Months Cont'd

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## State Secretary's Message—Liability Insurance Message

TO: Greg Mahoney, State Secretary

FROM: George Czerwonka, Liability Insurance Chairman

RE: COUNCILS IN ARREARS FOR LIABILITY INSURANCE ASSESSMENTS

State Secretary Greg:

As the insurance chairman for Washington State Council, I am very concerned about the number of subordinate councils that are not paying their liability insurance assessment for commercial general liability and auto liability coverages.

The Supreme Council requires all members to be insured for general liability and automobile liability to cover the council and members for loss and damages as required under the Revised Codes of Washington State (RCW). The requirement is no different than our need to insure our personal vehicles and businesses, too.

We are fortunate as a fraternal non-profit to qualify for the Washington State "Non-Profit Insurance Program" (NPIP) formed in 2004 by the Washington State legislature. Our insurance limits of \$5 million and \$10 million aggregate are a bargain at only \$1.84 per council member at the last June 1, 2022, renewal.

The plan offered by the Supreme Council is 3 to 5 times higher in cost and they offer lower limits. I am familiar with the agency and personally confirmed the costs of the offering. They also include a \$125 surcharge per council for D&O coverage (director's and officer's liability).

Although volunteers have limited immunity in Washington State, **all volunteer organizations are required to keep and maintain liability insurance with varying limits of liability depending on their level of non-profit funding.** Volunteers of nonprofit or governmental entities shall not be personally liability for harm caused by an act or omission of the volunteer on behalf of the organization; except as noted below.

*(1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, a volunteer of a nonprofit organization or governmental entity shall not be personally liable for harm caused by an act or omission of the volunteer on behalf of the organization or entity if:*

*(a) The volunteer was acting within the scope of the volunteer's responsibilities in the nonprofit organization or governmental entity at the time of the act or omission;*

*(b) If appropriate or required, the volunteer was properly licensed, certified, or authorized by the appropriate authorities for the activities or practice, where the activities were or practice was undertaken within the scope of the volunteer's responsibilities in the nonprofit organization or governmental entity;*

*(c) The harm was not caused by willful or criminal misconduct, gross negligence, reckless misconduct, or a conscious, flagrant indifference to the rights or safety of the individual harmed by the volunteer;*

*(d) The harm was not caused by the volunteer operating a motor vehicle, vessel, aircraft, or other vehicle for which the state requires the operator or the owner of the vehicle, craft, or vessel to either possess an operator's license or maintain insurance; and*

*(e) The nonprofit organization carries public liability insurance covering the organization's liability for harm caused to others for which it is directly or vicariously liable of not less than the following amounts:*

*(i) For organizations with gross revenues of less than twenty-five thousand dollars, at least fifty thousand dollars due to the bodily injury or death of one person or at least one hundred thousand dollars due to the bodily injury or death of two or more persons;*

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**State Secretary's Message—Liability Insurance Message Cont'd**

(ii) For organizations with gross revenues of twenty-five thousand dollars or more but less than one hundred thousand dollars, at least one hundred thousand dollars due to the bodily injury or death of one person or at least two hundred thousand dollars due to the bodily injury or death of two or more persons;

(iii) For organizations with gross revenues of one hundred thousand dollars or more, at least five hundred thousand dollars due to bodily injury or death.

(2) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect any civil action brought by any nonprofit organization or any governmental entity against any volunteer of the organization or entity.

(3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the liability, or vicarious liability, of any nonprofit organization or governmental entity with respect to harm caused to any person, including harm caused by the negligence of a volunteer.

(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to the emergency workers registered in accordance with chapter [38.52](#) RCW nor to the related volunteer organizations to which they may belong.

(5) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(a) "Economic loss" means any pecuniary loss resulting from harm, including the loss of earnings or other benefits related to employment, medical expense loss, replacement services loss, loss due to death, burial costs, and loss of business or employment opportunities.

(b) "Harm" includes physical, nonphysical, economic, and noneconomic losses.

(c) "Noneconomic loss" means loss for physical and emotional pain, suffering, inconvenience, physical impairment, mental anguish, disfigurement, loss of enjoyment of life, loss of society and companionship, loss of consortium other than loss of domestic service, hedonic damages, injury to reputation, and all other nonpecuniary losses of any kind or nature.

(d) "Nonprofit organization" means: (i) Any organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3)) and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of the internal revenue code; (ii) any not-for-profit organization that is organized and conducted for public benefit and operated primarily for charitable, civic, educational, religious, welfare, or health purposes; or (iii) any organization described in section 501(c)(14)(A) of the internal revenue code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(14)(A)) and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of the internal revenue code.

(e) "Volunteer" means an individual performing services for a nonprofit organization or a governmental entity who does not receive compensation, other than reasonable reimbursement or allowance for expenses actually incurred, or any other thing of value, in excess of five hundred dollars per year. "Volunteer" includes a volunteer serving as a director, officer, trustee, or direct service volunteer.

## State Secretary's Message—Liability Insurance Message Cont'd

Let me also point you to what is called "Comparative Fault" and "Joint and Several Liability". Please read the following:

### COMPARATIVE FAULT

*In all actions involving fault of more than one entity, the trier of fact shall determine the percentage of the total fault which is attributable to every entity which caused the claimant's damages except entities immune from liability to the claimant under Title [51](#) RCW (Workers Compensation). The sum of the percentages of the total fault attributed to at-fault entities shall equal one hundred percent.*

*The entities whose fault shall be determined include the claimant or person suffering personal injury or incurring property damage, defendants, third-party defendants, entities released by the claimant, entities with any other individual defense against the claimant, and entities immune from liability to the claimant, but shall not include those entities immune from liability to the claimant under Title [51](#) RCW. Judgment shall be entered against each defendant except those who have been released by the claimant or are immune from liability to the claimant or have prevailed on any other individual defense against the claimant in an amount which represents that party's proportionate share of the claimant's total damages.*

### JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY

*The liability of each defendant shall be several only and shall not be joint except:*

- (a) A party shall be responsible for the fault of another person or for payment of the proportionate share of another party where both were acting in concert or when a person was acting as an agent or servant of the party.*
- (b) If the trier of fact determines that the claimant or party suffering bodily injury or incurring property damages was not at fault, the defendants against whom judgment is entered shall be jointly and severally liable for the sum of their proportionate shares of the claimants [claimant's] total damages.*
- (2) If a defendant is jointly and severally liable under one of the exceptions listed in subsections (1)(a) or (1)(b) of this section, such defendant's rights to contribution against another jointly and severally liable defendant, and the effect of settlement by either such defendant, shall be determined under RCW [4.22.040](#), [4.22.050](#), and [4.22.060](#).*
- (3)(a) Nothing in this section affects any cause of action relating to hazardous wastes or substances or solid waste disposal sites.*
- (b) Nothing in this section shall affect a cause of action arising from the tortious interference with contracts or business relations.*
- (c) Nothing in this section shall affect any cause of action arising from the manufacture or marketing of a fungible product in a generic form which contains no clearly identifiable shape, color, or marking.*

Joint and several liability simply means the comparative fault assigned by the trier of fact to all negligent parties can be levied against one of the parties for the entire loss and damage of the claimant less any percentage attributed to the claimant. It is then and there up to you to seek a contribution from the others, and it is likely they do not have insurance and do not have any assets.

The cost per council of the NPIP commercial general liability and automobile liability insurance is really a very small amount when compared to what we all pay for our personal homeowners and automobile insurance. My annual insurance bill with a stock insurer exceeds \$1,250.00 per year for auto and a homeowner's policy. You are likely paying a similar amount. You are assessing the smaller councils less than \$100.00 for this superior coverage that also includes director's and officer's insurance.

I can't imagine going without insurance for our personal needs (home, auto, life and health care), and I believe the same need is required for our council and members. I believe our assessment was \$227.00. Please let me know how I may be of further help in educating the council officers. I'll happily meet with and/or speak with councils and members that have not paid their insurance assessment.



## State Treasurer's Message

My Brothers,

It is hard to believe that the Christmas season has ended or is ending shortly (depending upon if you end the Christmas season on the Epiphany on January 6th, the Commemoration of the Baptism of the Lord on January 13th, or with Candlemas on February 2nd) and now we are getting ready for the Season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is February 22nd this year and will be upon us before we know it!

I have been paying attention to State Chaplain Fr. Kenny's columns for years and I have decided to add a daily prayer for Lent this year, rather than giving up something for Lent. I have chosen a book of daily Lenten Meditations from St. Thomas Aquinas, one of the Doctors of the Church. I have been working my way through his Summa Theologica for years now, and I have a fondness for his writings. I am looking forward to setting up a time to read and pray each day. I am also concerned about just how I will fit this into my busy schedule each day . . .

What are your plans for Lent? Do you have anything special that you will do, give up or add to your daily routine? I think it is so important to be thoughtful and deliberate with how we live our faith in Lent, and make a change for the better. Challenge yourself, pray about it and I know you will come up with something meaningful and beautiful.

We are in the home stretch of the fraternal year, the time when we can really close the deal on a successful year. Please keep recruiting, keep scheduling your programs and doing God's work. For those Councils with parish schools, there are opportunities there with First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation normally coming between now and the end of the school year. Add in RCIA and you should have many opportunities to make a positive impact in your communities.

Finally, I am sure you have heard of the Oregon - Washington State membership challenge with our State Deputy Kim and the Oregon State Deputy. I am all for a good joke and perhaps a little bit of embarrassment, but heaven's sake let's win this and prevent the indignity of good Washington man having to wear an Oregon school jersey!

As always, thank you for your service to our Church and Order. I am proud to be associated with such fine men, and grateful for all work you do.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

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## State Advocate's Message

### My Brother Knights

Members of our Washington State Council of the Knights of Columbus are increasingly being impacted by cyber security issues. The State Council used to communicate with members either directly by telephone or indirectly by mailing information to the members. The transition from mail delivered by the United States Postal System to simultaneously transmitting information electronically to multiple recipients through email with the assumption that communications continue to be secure has resulted in unforeseen security issues that impact everyone. One has to understand that email is not a secure mechanism for communication and that the simultaneous use of multiple accessible email addresses enables widespread exposure of contact information for large groups of people.

We have all received messages similar to the following that pretended to be from various Knights of Columbus leaders, our State Deputy, Past State Deputy and even the Supreme Knight:

**“Hello, Are you less busy at the moment? I got a request for you to manage discreetly I will be going into a meeting shortly, please no calls so kindly respond back via email.”**

Recipients need to be vigilant, exercise caution, and practice common sense when viewing these kinds of messages, which are referred to as spoofing and phishing. These messages are generally sent by someone pretending to be someone else with whom the recipient is acquainted and may request money, personal data, and other kinds of personal information.

There are tools embedded in most email services that enable a sender of email messages to hide the email addresses in lists of multiple recipients. Everyone using email messages to communicate with large groups must become familiar with these tools and use them to prevent widespread exposure of email contact information.

There are also tools that enable an individual to verify that messages are from an authentic source. The easiest is to simply hover the pointer for your mouse over the sender's identification in the message header and look at the source email address. For example, a recent message that claimed to be from our State Deputy, Kim Washburn, which is listed above, actually came from the following bogus address: [statedeputykofc1@gmail.com](mailto:statedeputykofc1@gmail.com). There are several concerns with this particular email address. First, we have a number of District Deputies, Grand Knights and others that maintain multiple email accounts in order to separate messages relating to Knights of Columbus business from other business and personal messages. The use of “1” after the “kofc” should be a flag. Ask yourself the question, why would anyone want to add a “1” to the address? The second flag might be the online email source, “gmail.com.” Messages from our Knights of Columbus officers at both the State and Supreme levels often come from known domains, which individual Knights should recognize.

Gmail, Outlook, and some of the other, but not all, email services use Sender Policy Framework, or SPF, an email authentication technique that helps protect email senders and recipients from spam, phishing and spoofing. Most contemporary email services also provide additional tools that individuals can use to screen, identify, and flag messages from vendors, unidentified sources and invalid email addresses. Email users are responsible for becoming familiar with available tools that protect them from various forms of spoofing and phishing and for activating these within the browsers and services that they use to access their email. However, there is nothing better than the use of COMMON SENSE when accessing email. Do not open a message if you do not know the person or entity that sent the message to you. There is a key that is designated as “Delete” on most keyboards. Use it! Protect all of our Brothers!

Vivat Jesus!

Scott



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## State Warden's Message

My Brother Knights,

Ash Wednesday on 22 February begins Lent this year.

The forty days of Lent, as you know, lead up to the commemoration of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ in atonement for our sins. We purify ourselves by acts of self-sacrifice and spiritual growth during this period of preparation for Easter, honoring and imitating the 40 days Christ spent in the desert just after being baptized to prepare himself for his ministry.

The temptations of Christ in the desert were several trials where Jesus was presented the opportunity to be faithful or unfaithful to God. Jesus is tempted to satisfy his hunger by turning stones into bread, to test God by leaping from a pinnacle to see if the angels would really catch him, and trade power ("All these things I will give you") for faith.

Pope Benedict XVI profoundly reflected on the season of Lent eleven years ago during his General Audience on Ash Wednesday. Benedict challenges us to "find fresh courage for accepting with patience and faith every situation of difficulty, affliction, and trial in the knowledge that from the darkness the Lord will cause a new day to dawn."

Pope Benedict closed with these words:

Lent is a favorable time for intensifying your spiritual life; may the practice of fasting help you, dear *young people*, to acquire ever greater self-control. May prayer be for you, dear *sick people*, the way to entrust your sufferings to God and to feel him always close to you; lastly, may works of mercy help you, dear *newlyweds*, while living your married life, to open it to the needs of your brothers and sisters. A good Lent to you all!

What more could I add?



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## State Immediate Past State Deputy's Message

My Brother Knights,

Simply stated:

ROUNDTABLES  
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We need only 2 more to reach our annual Goal. Please check your Council Records for former Roundtables and simply submit the form to Supreme at:

CouncilGrowth@KOFc.ORG

And please add me to the list so I have a copy for the State deputy's files.

### Guidelines for Establishing a Parish Round Table

- ▶ Parish round tables are ideal to provide a Knights of Columbus presence and be of service to smaller parishes and missions, and to fill needs for ethnic development. In general, parishes with more than 150 families should first explore the possibility of forming its own council.
- ▶ The grand knight and his officers make lists of council members who belong to those area parishes. All will automatically become part of that parish round table. New parishioners of the parish may be recruited, as well.
- ▶ The grand knight, with the help of his officers and insurance agents, informs all council members who belong to the designated parish, that the Order would like to set up a parish round table and then explains the benefits to them.
- ▶ The grand knight and a Knight parishioner call on the pastor to offer help.
  - Since the pastor assigns the projects, there will be no conflict with existing groups.
  - The grand knight presents the priest with a list of Knights who are parishioners.
- ▶ The grand knight appoints only one parish round table coordinator for each designated parish.
- ▶ The grand knight completes the *Report of the Parish Round Table Coordinator* (Form #2629) APPENDIX E, emails it to councilgrowth@kofc.org and sends copies to the State Deputy, District Deputy, State Round Table Chairman, and keeps a copy for council files.
- ▶ Formation of the parish round table and appointment of the coordinator are announced to those involved, and announcements are published in the parish and council bulletins.
- ▶ Once a round table grows and exceeds 30 members and still has potential to grow, the paperwork should be submitted to form a new council.



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## State Membership Director's Message

My Brother Knights,

My brothers February is here and with that love is in the air. Valentine's Day is almost upon us. Many of us will be busy getting cards and candy and arranging dinners for that special someone in our lives. Let's go further, I'm challenging every member in the state to recruit 1 new member between now and June. Give the gift of membership to family, friends, acquaintances, and first responders.

I have recently had the privilege of helping three councils in Covington, Black Diamond, and Issaquah with their church drives. These three councils did a wonderful job presenting the Order to their parishes. What made it special was the commitment and support of their Parish Pastors. That support was key to their recruitment success.

It makes sense to look for new members in the place you're most likely to find them — your parish. One efficient and proven way to do this is to hold a Church Recruitment Drive. Here are steps to success for your event.

### 1. The Preparation Phase

- Get permission from your pastor to hold a Church Recruitment Drive Weekend after all Masses.
  - Contact your council's field agent to get his assistance.
  - Advertise the drive in the parish bulletin.
  - Make sure all members have access to the parish's internet
  - Order supplies for your next Recruitment Drive, officers with access to Officers Online should log in, click the Supplies Online link, and search under Kits.
- Organize your members into teams for the drive weekend. Make sure that enough council members are committed to covering each Mass.

### 2. The Implementation Phase

- Arrange for a membership recruitment announcement to be made before or after every Mass.
- Have members, wearing Knights of Columbus branded apparel so they are easily identified, positioned at the entrances of the Church or other appropriate area, to talk to prospects about joining and help them complete *Online Membership*, or a *Membership Document* (#100) or a *Prospect Card* (#921A) if he'd rather learn more about the Knights before filling out a Membership Document.

### 3. The Follow-Up Phase

- Within 48 HOURS, council members must contact every prospect who signed up or expressed interest in joining during the Implementation Phase.
- Inform prospects of the date, time and location of the open house and invite families to attend as well. Also, let them know the date, time, and location of the Exemplification.

Finally, and most important, please include me in your planning. I can help answer any questions you may have.



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## State Program Director's Message

### My Brother Knights

Last October, *Mother Teresa: No Greater Love* premiered across the nation and set records at the box office in its category. Made to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Mother Teresa's passing, this documentary is a breathtaking account of this globally renowned and heroic humanitarian, as well as the work of her religious community.

We encourage every council to introduce the documentary to their councils and local communities. A DVD copy of the film is available for purchase through [Knights Gear](#) and is available for [digital viewing on Amazon Prime](#). K of C councils do not need special permission or licensing to show this film. A "movie night" for your parish accompanied with food, beverages, and discussions would make for a great program. This type of program would qualify as a "Life" program under Faith In Action.

Supreme has developed a **Facts & Discussion Guide**, as well as templates for posters, email announcements, bulletin announcements, and social media posts. Councils can access these materials in Supplies Online or can download the materials from the [Mother Teresa movie website](#).



### **Fraternal Programs Q2 2022-2023 Report Form #10784 Summary**

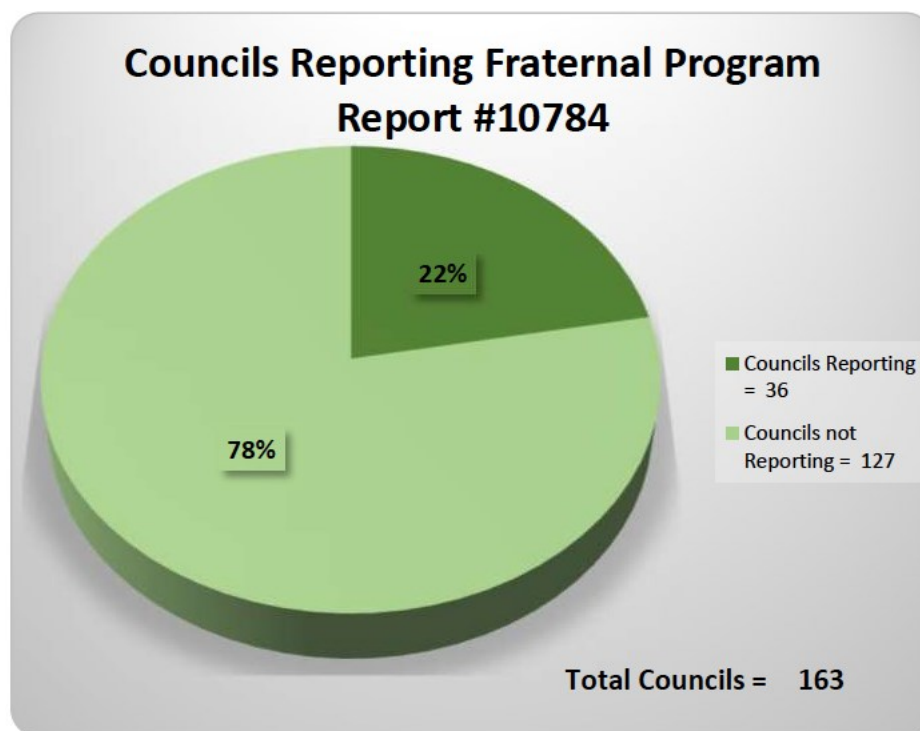
About this time, all councils should be looking toward the end of the fraternal year and reviewing your progress toward achieving the McGivney Award, Founder's Award, Columbian Award and Star Council Awards. Councils should be submitting Report Form #10784 **immediately** after a program is completed. All Faith In Action programs use only this form for reporting, including Special Olympics and Tootsie Roll programs (which falls under Special Olympics). Do not wait until the end of the fraternal year to submit these. You will not make the deadline if you wait.

## State Program Director's Message Cont'd

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At the end of Q2 fraternal year 2022-2023, Washington jurisdiction has 36 out of 163 councils submitting this report form #10784. Total number of forms submitted: 284. We must do better if your council wants the Columbian Award.



### **Upcoming dates**

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

In particular, councils should draw attention to the new **State Blessed Michael McGivney Award**. This award had its inaugural presentation at the 140th Supreme convention in Nashville last summer. The award honors a Chaplain whose priestly zeal and exemplary service are in the finest traditions of Blessed Michael McGivney. See details under [Grand Knight resources](#) page of the state website.

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

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

## State Program Director's Message Cont'd

### **W-9s for ASAP grant applications**

To continue from my December article, below are the W-9s that I currently have available for any council to request. These W-9s belong to organizations have been accepted for grants under the ASAP program. Councils are still required to submit a W-9 form with your ASAP grant application even if the W-9 was submitted by another council.

If you are supporting one of these organizations, send me an email and I will provide you with the W-9. Remember that only qualified 501(c)(3) organizations that are aligned with our Catholic moral and ethical principles will be approved for a grant. Please see the complete grant request instructions available on Supreme's website for details. (<https://kofc.org/asap>)

If your organization is not listed below, you will need to reach out the organization directly and request a copy of their W-9. When you have received the W-9, please upload the W-9 to me using the following link: <https://form.jotform.com/223485109744056>

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

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

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

Vivat Jesus!

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## State Faith Director's Message

### *Faith In Action Our New Watch Word*



February 2023 Faith Programs (links) continued

[Building the Domestic Church Kiosk](#)

[Holy Hour](#)

[Into the Breach](#)

[Marian Prayer](#)

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

[Rosary](#)

[Sacramental Gifts](#)

[Spiritual Reflection](#)

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

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

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



Greetings Brothers, we're finally winding up our fraternal year. With our Lord's grace we have accomplished many good deeds in support of our Faith and Jurisdiction. Time to reflect on the upcoming Easter Season. Ash Wednesday 22 February.

The Next Six Month Letter, provided by State, directs Councils to file their program award applications with the State Council by April 1, 2023. What that requires you to do, is develop your input for the "Faith Award". Submit your award packet to me (Faith Director). Do not send your packet to the state deputy and or other state officers. I will review each packet according to strict guidelines provided to me by state. I will submit my findings to our officers for judgement and final selection. Format your product in a word document with associated pictures etc. Any questions or assistance needed please call me.

The passing of Pope Benedict XVI on December 31 was a sad day indeed. There is much drama going on throughout the world today. I wish I could say that society is more benevolent, it simply isn't. I mentioned George Weigel last month, author of *The Fragility of Order*. He observes that "the deconstruction of marriage and the family is pandemic throughout the West. As Knights of Columbus we are called to strengthen our connections to our parish family and its institutions. The defense of our teachings is paramount. Alteration of our sacred Catholic teachings is absolutely unnecessary. Be ever watchful of *Wolves in Sheep's clothing*. Pray the Rosary and St. Michael prayer daily. The evil one is alive well and more proliferous than we think. Pope Benedict XVI and St. Pope John Paul II were keenly aware of the warning signals. Our Marian Apparition's too cautioned us about the attack of the church. Be forever vigilant.

### **FEBRUARY 2023 Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge**

**But I say to you, do not swear at all ... . Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one."** (Gospel for Feb. 12, Mt 5:34a, 37)



## State Faith Director's Message Cont'd

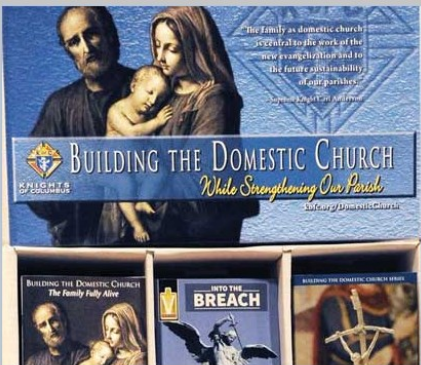

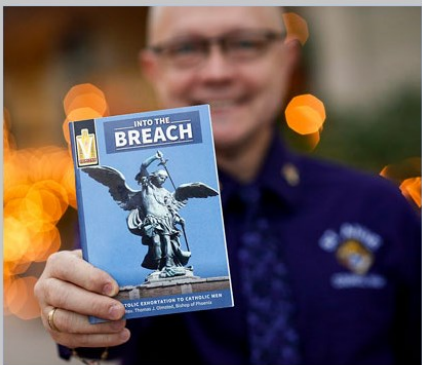
Jesus here decries casual oaths that offend God, but all sorts of deceitful, blasphemous or obscene language is frequently heard in our society today. Taking the Lord's name in vain — or misusing our gift of speech in other ways — has become commonplace. Showing respect for God is fundamental to the Christian life and doing so in our speech is a pivotal place to start. Let's speak plainly and keep our speech pure and true to honor God.

**Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:** This month, I challenge you to mindfully practice curbing your tongue, particularly avoiding taking the Lord's name in vain. Second, I challenge you to seek to grow in your respect for God as a Catholic man by participating in the Faith in Action Into the Breach program.

**Questions for Reflection:** Do you pay much attention to what you say and how you say it? Do you notice what you hear around you, whether from the people in your life or from media you consume? What are some specific ways you can try to avoid speech that fails to show respect for God?

Brothers we are well aware of our devotion to our Holy Mother and Her Rosary. We carry the Rosary in defense from the Evil One. Holy Mother said, *"Behold my Heart encircled with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude..."* (Words of Our Lady to Lucia-December 10, 1925. Read and understand the First Saturday Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, The Fatima Message. Pray the Rosary Daily.

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 <p>The family as domestic church is central to the work of the new evangelization and to the future responsibility of every Catholic.</p> <p><b>BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH</b> While Strengthening Our Parish</p> <p><b>BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH KIOSK</b></p> <p>Help strengthen families as the domestic church by providing exceptional religious education materials to all Catholics.</p> <p><a href="#">LEARN MORE</a></p>	 <p><b>SPIRITUAL REFLECTION</b></p> <p>Create annual opportunities for prayer and reflection together as a fraternity.</p> <p><a href="#">LEARN MORE</a></p>	 <p><b>INTO THE BREACH</b></p> <p>Deepen members spirituality and formation to combat the crisis of religious faith in the world.</p> <p><a href="#">LEARN MORE</a></p>
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<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/faith/index.html>



## McGivney Guild Director's Message

### Who was Blessed Michael McGivney?

**This quintessential parish priest deserves a hallowed place in American history books.**

"How an Aristocratic Avenue Was Blemished by a Roman Church Edifice."

Thus read the headline of a July 1879 New York Times article, speaking of a parish building in New Haven, Connecticut.

The assistant pastor of that parish was unfazed by this anti-Catholicism. After all, he knew what it was like to deal with hardship. His parents were Irish immigrants to Waterbury, Connecticut, at a time when Irish Catholic immigrants often faced bigotry, exclusion, and uncharity from American society.

His response? Get to work.

Michael McGivney was born on August 12th, 1852, the oldest of thirteen, only seven of whom survived childhood. Young Michael finished school at age thirteen, and worked in a factory for a few years before he was able to pursue his call to the priesthood at seminaries in Canada and New York.

When Michael was a twenty-year-old seminarian, his father died, leaving Mrs. McGivney and the children without support. Michael came home to support his family during that difficult time, and it was questionable whether he could continue his studies.

But the Bishop of Hartford, Connecticut, intervened and enabled Michael to finish his studies at St. Mary's in Baltimore. He was ordained on December 22nd, 1877.

As assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, he zealously strove to build up the faith and parish life of his community. Amidst the challenges of poverty and rampant societal anti-Catholicism, he ensured that parish life was strong, organizing groups, outings, and events to build faith and community. He made the Faith the center of his parishioners' lives.

Fr. McGivney was particularly inspired to gather the Catholic men of his parish and city. He saw the threat of anti-Catholic secret societies and the need for a Catholic fraternity to counter its allure and provide a community of faith, brotherhood, and support.

Moreover, the pastor saw that men were the spiritual leaders of their families, and it was essential that they keep each other and their families spiritually strong. This became difficult when households suffered the loss of the breadwinner, which often led to families splitting up and potentially losing the Faith.

So the good priest met with these men at St. Mary's and discussed the idea of a fraternal organization for mutual spiritual and material aid. In 1882, the Knights of Columbus was born. He spoke to the priests of his diocese about setting up councils at their parishes.

Fr. McGivney spent two more years at St. Mary's and was then assigned as pastor of St. Thomas in Thomaston. He worked there for six years before he went to his eternal reward, a victim of pneumonia, at the age of only thirty-eight.

Since its founding, the Knights of Columbus has grown into the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization with 2 million members. It all began in the heart of a saintly American parish priest, who gave his life for the welfare of his flock.

Read more about this extraordinary priest in the New York Times bestseller [\*Parish Priest: Father Michael McGivney and American Catholicism\*](#).

Brothers,

As of 1/1/23 our state council has almost 17,000 members of which only 3,320 are members of the Father Michael McGivney Guild. I wish to remind all members, family members, relatives, and friends are eligible to become members of the guild. You can do this on line thru the supreme website or you can send me a email and I will assist you in joining the Guild.

Fraternally,  
Ed Hebert Sr. State Chairman McGivney Guild

## 4th Degree - Western Washington District Master's Message

Sir Knights,

Notice given for next fourth degree exemplification which will be held on Saturday, April 29th, at the St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Tacoma. The official notice with schedule and information will be sent out in the very near future to Councils and Assemblies for their information. Please mark the date and be prepared to come with new Candidates ready to take their exemplification into the 4th Degree of the Order. Notice will also be posted onto the state web site as usual. The district is hoping that this degree will be a very large turnout.

Recently the West Washington District Master traveled to Hillsboro, Oregon, at the invitation of the Oregon District Master Duane Morris, who conducted another "Patriotic 4th Degree Exemplification", at St. Matthew Catholic Church. A third-degree exemplification had been held earlier in the morning. The 4th degree commenced at 3:00 pm, followed by Knighting Ceremony at 4:30 pm. Mass was celebrated by the Parish Priest at 5:30 pm and followed by a full ceremonial banquet dinner hosted by the District Master. This was quite an experience to witness the 4th degree as an observer and the full event went very well, thanks to the Oregon District Master Duane Morris. The degree was held on January 14th.

Since January 11th, 2023, the new 'service baldric' will be available for each member of the 4th degree to order through the English Company at **kofcsupplies.com** and the new baldrics will be sold in various sizes. The new baldric color for each position will be as follows:

Supreme Master / Supreme Knight / Former	Dark Blue
Vice Supreme Master / FVSM	Light blue
District Master / FDM	Gold
Marshal (Active)	Green
Faithful Navigator / PFN	New White
Color Corps Commander (Active)	Purple
Member	Original Issue Service Baldric

Each member will be responsible to place their order for their new service baldric only and should do so ASAP, although some practical normal transition period would be expected. Of course, it remains the responsibility of the VSM or DM to see that all members are dressed out properly with new service baldrics in due time. There will be **no red patch or baldric** for regular members, and they continue to wear the original service baldric currently in use.

This information is from letters from the Supreme Master to the VSM and DM with letters dated 9 Jan 2023 and 10 Jan 2023. Many thanks to all of our West District Sir Knights who continue to serve the Order and their Church with their dedication and sacrifices and do such an excellent job.

Reminder that all Assemblies should be now thinking about report submissions for their annual fraternal survey and please continue to get these in as quickly as possible. Also start thinking about the annual award submissions both for the Star Assembly Award, the Civic Award and the, 'To be a Patriot Award'. Information is on the Supreme website with forms to complete and deadlines for their submission. If you have any questions, please contact DM at any time. Also reminder that the West District WA State Award submissions will be coming up very soon for these awards:

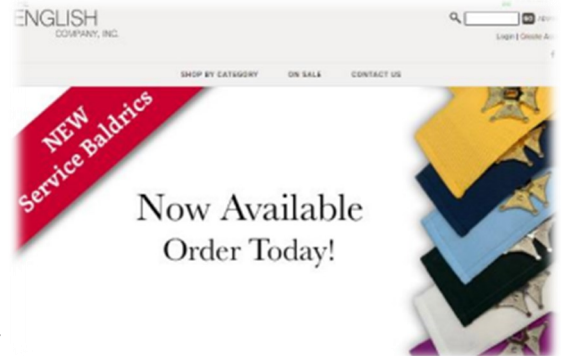
- 1.) Assembly of the Year Award;
- 2.) Faithful Navigator of the Year Award
- 3.) Sir Knight of the Year Award.

Submissions should be sent directly to the West District Master for each of these awards and should be received by April 1st, but not later than April 15th deadline. This is so that these can be reviewed and time to order and prepare the awards, which maybe either presented at the State Convention or another important event before the end of this fraternal year.

## 4th Degree - Vice Supreme Master's Message

Sir Knights,

Supreme Master Dennis Stoddard announced on Jan 11th that new Service Baldrics in your color and size will be available. <https://www.kofcsupplies.com/Category/4thdegreecolorcorps> This has been a hot topic of discussion for those with regalia for some time now, so I hope to hear a nice rustling of activity to get them on order. Remember that all Former Vice Supreme Masters, Former District Masters and Past Faithful Navigators, are authorized to wear their colors of Light Blue, Gold and White (respectively) Service Baldric along with the same color Patch behind the Emblem on your Beret. Also note that there are no red patch or baldric for regular members, as they will continue to wear the standard white service baldric with red and blue strips. It is our responsibility to purchase the new baldrics. Generally, the Assembly will purchase the purple for their CCC but occasionally member want to purchase their own. We all know there will naturally be a transitional period but I do encourage each member to order their new baldric as soon as you can. If you have questions, do not contact Supreme. It is best to use your chain of command or go directly to The English Company.



Patriotism and Days of Honor in February: Last month ends and this month begins with celebrating Catholic Schools Week. Is your school having an Assembly with all the students? Doesn't the Flag need to be brought in and the students and faculty say the Pledge of Allegiance? Opportunity! The month continues with Presidents Day on February 20 which can be celebrated in many ways. Ash Wednesday brings us into Lent on February 22. Food for thought. Not all these events require regalia but do require men of dedication and conviction. Last month I mentioned two events: March 3 is National Anthem Day and that Assembly's can start planning for our nation's Semi-quincentennial in 2026 (the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of the Thirteen Colonies in 1776). Big events take time to plan – start now.

Fraternal Leader Advisory, Volume 68 under Programs discusses the Silver Rose. The 2022 Silver Rose program concluded on December 12th, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Pictured here is one of the highlights of the roses' runs across North America, which shows the transfer from Knights in Laredo, Texas to Knights in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico (Left to right: Most Rev. Enrique Sanchez Martinez, Bishop of Nuevo Laredo, Most Rev. James A. Tamayo, Bishop of Laredo, Vice Supreme Master Matt Maly (also the Past State Deputy of Oklahoma). Check out the Silver Rose schedule in your District so you can plan and be ready to participate.



Faithfully,

Joseph W Schaecher  
Vice Supreme Master, Archbishop Francis Norbert Blanchet Province  
[jwschaecher@msn.com](mailto:jwschaecher@msn.com)

## Administration and Finance Chairman's Message

Worthy Financial Secretaries/Faithful Comptrollers,

It has come to my attention that a surprisingly large number of councils and assemblies are not handling credit and debit card sales transactions correctly. This despite the fact that this is covered in our training at both the annual meeting and all the regional meetings. Here is the basic principle governing these transactions.

We always receive the full amount charged to the buyer or patron. Yes, I get that not all of this gets deposited into your bank account, but it doesn't matter. This is the amount of the sale, and that is according to both the K of C, any competent accountant, and the IRS (who in fact consider it illegal to record less than the full sale amount being received). You must process a Receipt for the full amount, and then a Voucher (with no associated check) for the bank or card processing fees referenced to the event as an expense of that event. The Receipt and Voucher should reference each other so the deposit amount makes sense and makes future audits easier. This is treated *exactly* the same as if you received full payment and then processed a voucher to pay the fees. The only difference is that the bank paid itself the fees on your behalf.

There is no need to redo anything that you have already done, but please be sure to follow these instructions from now on.

Vivat Jesus  
Kevin Fraley  
Admin & Finance Chairman

## ADMINISTRATIVE FORMS

- #101 - Application for Appointment as Financial Secretary - No due date
- #103 - Nomination for Appointment as Financial Secretary - No due date
- #185 - Report of Officers Chosen for Term - PDF - Online - due 6/30
- #365 - Service Program Personnel Report - PDF - Online - due 8/1
- #450 - Degree Exemplification Report - Online - No due date
- #532 - Requisition for First Degree Ceremonials - No due date
- #770 - Installation of Council Officers - No due date
- #1295 - Semiannual Council Audit - due February 2/15
- #1295 - Semiannual Council Audit - due August 8/15
- #1728 - Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity - PDF - Online - due 1/31
- #1728A - Survey of Fraternal Activity Individual Member Worksheet - No due date
- #1831 - Relief from Council Dues and Per Capita Taxes - No due date
- #1842 - Member/Prospect Interest Survey - No due date
- #1938 - Evaluation of Financial Secretary - No due date
- #2629 - Notice of Appointment of Round Table Coordinator - No due date
- #11077 - Fraternal Benefit Seminar Form - (Must be completed and submitted by General Agent) - No due date
- #SP-7 - Columbian Award Application - PDF - Online - Instructions - due 6/30
- #STSP - State Council Service Program Awards Entry Form - No due date

## State Youth Director's Message

My Brother Knights,

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

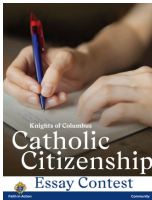


### KCIC Poster Contest

State winning posters:

- Ages 5-7 - Aiden Warren (Council 1379)
- Ages 8-10 - Katharine Herring (Council 1379)
- Ages 11-14 - Joseph Hannon (Council 11217)

Winning posters have been forward to Supreme for international consideration

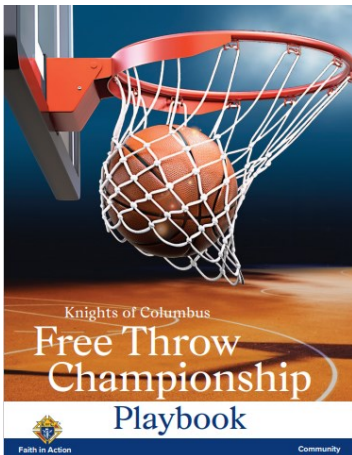


### Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

State winning essays:

- 8th grade - Lydia Tamvat ( Council 10534)
- 10th grade - Clara Demarest (Council 10653)
- 12th grade - Bradley Gorham (Council 10653)

Winning Essays have been forward to Supreme for international consideration



### Free Throw Competition

Council completed January 2023

District if needed February 2023

State Final March 25th 2023 Yakima (Still on for now)

I need to know if your council is participating in the free throw program. As of 1/28/2023, only 7 councils have reported that they are participating. This is not enough participants to hold a physical in-person state final. Please report ASAP if your council is participating.

Those councils that are participating, have your council winners shoot the additional 25 Free Throws that would be the district level

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

State Youth Director  
Ken DeVos



## Community—Knights in Action

### Councils 848 & 6097 Culture of Life Walk Participation—Yakima



Submit articles to get your council's activity included here

**Members and Family in need of Prayer**

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

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

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

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

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

**Council .....Wenatchee 1545**  
 Frank Peipel, John Aumell

**Council .....Pasco 1620**  
 Karen Smith, Gabriel Scheel, Robert Delarm, Corky Hutfles

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

**Council .....Oak Harbor 3361**  
 Andy Valrosa, Arlene Swatosh, Dahlia Blackburn, Dale Auburg, Ed Witt, Fr Larry Bailey, Jeanne Valdez, Jim Brady, Onec Rezabek, Ric Bluhm, Richard Rezabek, Tom Karney

**Council .....Renton 3654**  
 Beverly Ann Williams, Kam Pang

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

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

**Members and Family in need of Prayer**

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

**Council .....Burlington, 9941**  
 Pat Lyons, Bob Zimmerman, Dave Lustik

**Council .....Bellevue, 10664**  
 Alan Newhouse, Ken Yarab, Phil Morrissey, Paul Herrick, friend of Steve Duncan

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

**Council .....Puyallup 11948**  
 Mark A McCoy

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


**Council .....Edmonds 12591**  
 William F Erwert, Kevin Fraley

**Council .....Seattle 13794**  
 Rene Sacramento, son of Renato Sacramento

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

**Past State Deputy Hal Westby**

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**Prayer for Restoration  
of Health**

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

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

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

### > Prayer List In Memoriam <

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

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

Anecito Alcoy Council 3361 (Oak Harbor)  
 Larry E Phillips Council 3361 (Oak Harbor)  
 Mark P Watling Council 7528 (Federal Way)  
 John A. Pelletier Council 8179 (Kennewick)  
 David Kowalski Council 5816 (Lynnwood)  
 Fr. Jorge G Del Valle Council 9434 (Mill Creek)  
 John R Henry Council 1460 (Pomeroy)  
 Terence C Dixon Council 1460 (Pomeroy)  
 Sheryl W Kerner Council 12983 (Vancouver)  
 Peter J Lyski, Jr Council 766 (Walla Walla)  
 Mark A Mc Coy Council 11948 (Puyallup)  
 Jack A. Schmidt Council 1379 (Bremerton)  
 William F. Erwert Council 12591 (Edmonds)  
 Rodolfo Gelacio Council 3361 (Oak Harbor)  
 Benjamin P Gillio Council 15968 (Spokane)  
 David M Rollins Council 9910 (Monroe)  
 James F Mertel Council 6706 (Port Orchard)  
 Carl Gene Tewalt Council 8201 (Spokane Valley)  
 Robert C Renner Council 9637 (Buckely)  
 Robert Renner Council 14162 (Fife)  
 Johnny Raymond Pabon Council 3645 (Renton)  
 Rev. Louis V LeDoux Council 809 (Tacoma)  
 Fred J. Olson Council 1379 (Bremerton)  
 William D. Proctor Council 1379 (Bremerton)  
 Johnny R Pabon Council 3598 (Auburn)

### Family Members' Deaths

Teresa Hochanadel Council 15730 (Vancouver)

Dorothy Boos Council 12983 (Vancouver)  
 Ana Laguana Council 3361 (Oak Harbor)  
 Carolyn Lucille Kurriger Council 809 (Tacoma)  
 Marianne Brojac Council 1379 (Bremerton)



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

## State Historian's Article

My Brother Knights,

We are in our second month of the New Year and what the Knights do continuously all year is recruit, recruit, and recruit! We are always looking for a few good men who will leave a legacy. Who desire to strengthen their faith and family values. Support the church, promote vocations, and help champion the cause of Sainthood for Michael J. McGivney, our founder. A knight who wants to assist the young and old and protect the culture of life. That's not too much to ask. It does sound like a tall order. However, a true and caring knight can achieve it. It has occurred many times. Let's look at just such a knight, Virgil Dechant.

Virgil Dechant was the longest running Supreme Knight ever with 23 years of service. Before him the average Supreme Knight was in office for 8 ½ years. He not only smashed the longevity record but instituted a new long-lasting one. Over the years Virgil has met Popes, became a close friend with Mother Teresa of Calcutta (St. Teresa of Calcutta) and conversed with many political leaders like Ronald Reagan. Virgil was a knight true to his calling. What he accomplished was a testimony to the way of life of a Knight. Virgil changed the course of the Knights of Columbus.

Out of Kansas, a young man named Virgil Dechant Joined the Knights at 18. Motivated by what the Knights were doing he rose through the ranks eventually becoming Kansas State Deputy. In 1967 he went to New Haven as supreme secretary having proved himself as a successful dedicated Knight. Ten years later the board of directors of the Knights of Columbus elected Virgil Supreme Knight. He held that position until 2000 when Carl A. Anderson was appointed the new Supreme Knight (21 yrs.).

Virgil cared deeply about the family, his family, and the Knights of Columbus. He instituted a more professional approach to the Knights of Columbus insurance agency. Virgil had the courage to protect those families who had no protection. Even more important was his support for the Church during the trouble years after the church was attacked viciously by the press. Dechant remained faithful and loved the Priesthood. His support for vocations was formed by his family and the years with the Knights. He championed the cause of sainthood for Michael J. McGivney, our founder. Virgil's relationship with the Vatican facilitated stronger ties with the Order. Under Dechant's leadership the Knight of Columbus challenged the sanctity of human life by increasing support for pro-life initiatives including providing pregnancy resources. Furthermore, Virgil Dechant had a deep devotion to our lady, The mother of Jesus. He fostered the Marion Devotion by instituting two K of C traditions. In 1978, at the urging of his father he made all new knights receive a rosary blessed by the supreme chaplain as they entered the Order. The following year he started the Marion hour of prayer (now the Marion Prayer Program). His tenure left an indelible mark on his legacy. He grew the order and left an important role for the Knights of Columbus in the life of the church, a recruited Knight who was true to the cause.



Your Brother in Christ,  
Anthony L. Farrell  
State Historian



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