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### Message from the State Deputy

Brothers All,

By the time you read this, we will be knee deep in our annual District Deputy Midyear Meeting. This is the halfway point of the year in training and planning.

Mother Teresa said faith and good works put oil in the lamp. KofC pulls men out of their self into Charity, Unity and Fraternalism. Fall in love with God like God did for us. Evangelize/Catechesis, like Reese's Pieces, they go together. We belong to one another with a common solidarity. Innocent lives are to be protected. All put oil in the lamp.

Faith and Charity is at the heart of our organization and being the strong right arm of the church is not only worthy, but very visible to our parishes. They know who we are and what we stand for if we are visible. Character, faith, charity is in our DNA.

Father McGivney was not a Supreme Knight. He left that to others and those that would follow. Faith was in the beginning and will be eternal.

So far, we have some excellent programs that are successfully completed, or will be in the future. Visible programs are the only path to success and in growing our Order.

As you know, recruitment is essential. We have recruited 64 men since I last reported. We were behind the curve three out of four months, averaging 34/month, before November. We needed an average of 52, so you see we are still behind the curve, but improving.

As it stands today, we have 201 new members or 35.26% of our goal. We need a strong December to reach 50%, but we can do it. If we reach 50% by December 31<sup>st</sup>, Supreme will lower our Circle of Honor goal by 5%. That is a big deal and I know we can do it with your dedicated help. Help Washington State make Circle of Honor for a second year in a row.

Church drives work. I can always tell when councils are holding church drives by the increase in membership reported on Tuesday. I'm not telling you anything new, but church drives are essential for our Councils/State to thrive.

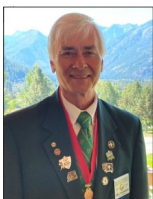
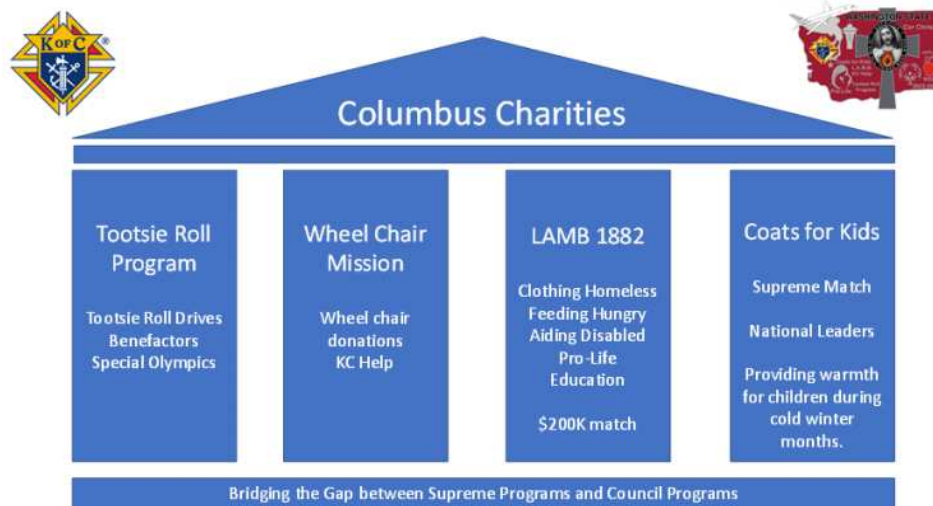
## Message from the State Deputy Cont'd

Mike Rutland, Membership Director, is putting together a Fraternal Benefits Night video to make it easier for councils to hold a Fraternal Benefits Night in their parish/council. Since I have been speaking of Circle of Honor, our State goal set by Supreme is 74 Fraternal Benefit's Night. But again, it isn't so much the Circle of Honor, but educating parishioners/Catholics/members what great benefits we have as Knights. That was Fr. McGivney's vision and what started the KofC.

3W will be a focus of ours next year, along with the other State programs. Stay tuned if you don't know what 3W is.

LAMB 1882 is over \$11,000 now and growing (not counting the match). Please find it in your heart to contribute to LAMB 1882 where every dollar is matched. \$18.82 (which will become \$37.64 by the end of the fraternal year) per member is our goal, but any contribution puts more oil in the lamp. Hold fundraisers knowing we are in the beginning stages of creating a force to be reckoned with; a financial machine that will bridge the gap between our Councils and Supreme. If you have any questions about the program, ask. If your District Deputies do not know, or give you an answer that makes sense, you always have me. This is an annual program.

I wish you a very blessed Advent Season, Christmas and prosperous New Year. We have a lot to look forward to next year, despite what you hear in the news. Turning off the news might be a good New Year's resolution. That might keep oil in the lamp.



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## State Chaplain's Message

My Brother Knights,

When Christmas falls on a Sunday, as it does this year, we are blessed with the longest Advent season possible: four full weeks. (That means that next year, when Christmas falls on a Monday, Advent will be the shortest possible – three weeks and a day – but let's focus on the blessing of having a lengthy Advent this year!)

Sometimes, Advent presents a contest of extremes. On one hand, it can be a hectic month. There are things we want to get accomplished before Christmas, and usually those things are in addition to – and not in place of – the other things we would normally be doing in the course of the month. December, for many, is a frenzy. It's one of the busiest times of the year.

On the other hand, the Church invites us during Advent to slow down, focus, and very mindfully prepare for the upcoming celebration of the Lord's birth. It's a time for increased, not decreased, prayer. It's a time to savor the moments, not blow through them like a tornado. Advent is a great opportunity to be *more* attentive to our relationship with God, not to set it aside while we tend to our mile-long to-do list.

Without a doubt, it takes firm resolve and advance planning to do what the Church invites us to do during this season. A spiritually fruitful Advent doesn't just materialize out of thin air. Nor does it coast along on its own once it's set in motion. Like a lit taper being carried in an outdoor procession, our Advent observance must be carefully tended lest it be snuffed out by a whirlwind of activity and lost to the dark.

Keeping that in mind, what can be done, practically, to ensure a spiritually fruitful Advent? I'd like to offer a few suggestions.

First, be sure to *observe Advent!* Contrary to what our surroundings indicate, Christmas has not arrived yet. It's important to heed the Church's wisdom and spend a substantial amount of time in spiritual preparation for Christmas. I wish this could go without saying, but I know too many people who go into full-on "Christmas mode" right after Thanksgiving and pay lip service, at best, to Advent. The faithful and diligent observance of Advent leads to a richer and fuller celebration of Christmas.

Second, take advantage of online Advent resources to help you "dive deeper" in this holy season. There's a plethora of programs, blog posts, video series, and other digital materials on the Internet that can assist you in your efforts to prepare your heart for Christ's coming. Most of them are available for free. I suggest taking a measured approach here: choose one or two sites or programs or authors and stick with them for the whole season. No need to overdo it.

Finally, don't forget the tried and true Advent traditions that have come down to us through many generations. Make or purchase an Advent wreath, light the candles each day, and spend a moment in reflection. Advent calendars are another favorite; open one door each day between now and Christmas. Put up the nativity set and, if possible, add pieces of straw to the manger to represent the good works you are doing to prepare a welcome place for Jesus in your heart. When I was a kid, we had a piece of dark construction paper taped to the side of the refrigerator, and when we did a good deed we got to stick a silver or gold star in the "night sky" to light the way for Jesus.

Whatever your Advent practices may be, I encourage you to persevere in them to the end. Your diligence and resolve may lead to your most rewarding Christmas ever. Vivat Jesus!



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## A Message from the Bulletin Editor

Brother Knights,

Another year is quickly coming to an end. It has been a pleasure putting the monthly newsletter together for your reading enjoyment. The content, validity and subject matter of the newsletter is only as good as the content submitted. If your council has done or has an upcoming event that you would like to get the word out. Write it up and send it in. This year we added a section dedicated to Councils in action. A quick look into what some of the councils have and are doing across the state.

Also added was a Historical article supplied by the state historian Anthony Farrel. Additionally State chairmen have included their events from KCIC to Special Olympics and many programs in between.

The 4th degree section was expanded and has included many activities including exemplifications and doings from assemblies. Western Washington District Master Steven Schweyen has made many contributions. I would like to include the Eastern Washington 4th degree information as well.

The deadline to submit and have an article included in the next month's newsletter is the 25th of each month. The newsletter staff needs time to format and publish on the 1st of the next month. Late submission may not make it in to the next month newsletter.

Do you have deceased and or brother Knights that you could use our prayers. There are 2 pages dedicated to our departed brothers and family members as well as those that need our prayers. Please submit your notices through the state WEB site — [kofc-wa.org](http://kofc-wa.org). There are 2 portals to enter in this information. See the October and November newsletters for instructions. If you are stuck contact state program director Dang Nguyen [generalprograms@kofc-wa.org](mailto:generalprograms@kofc-wa.org) to assist you.

Have a blessed holiday season.

Fraternally,

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## State Secretary's Message

Brother Knights,

A Joyous Advent to you all as we await, prepare and pray in celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ on Christmas Day. May the celebration and abundant lights warm our hearts and direct our thoughts to the great mystery that unfolded on the first Christmas Day two thousand years ago. That burning bright mystery continues to be at work and is just as astounding today as it was two millennia ago.

WSD Kim and I recently saw up close how this great mystery is unfolding in Seattle as we visited *3W Medical for Women*, a non-profit medical clinic providing free-of-charge or low-cost reproductive health services to women in the Seattle area. 3W stands for Wellness for Washington Women. Helen Nguyen, Co-Founder and CEO, invited SD Kim and me to tour the clinic and discuss 3W's vision to provide evidence-based healthcare services rooted in respect for the inherent dignity and worth of every human person – including the unborn. Helen and her team are doing God's work in an amazing way.

You've probably heard described that today's people of faith often find themselves on the frontlines in the cosmic struggle of Good versus Evil as it pertains to spiritual warfare. Indeed, we are. The good people who run 3W Medical are as front-line as you can be in this epic struggle. In fact, if I may use a familiar term from my military past that better describes their situation, the good people at 3W Medical are courageously working behind enemy lines – right in the midst of one of Legion's cultural strongholds – a culture that unfortunately promotes the self over others. To be sure, working in Satan's back yard can present some unique challenges.

But 3W Medical is exactly where it needs to be – in the heart of the beast. It is evident the Holy Spirit is guiding the works of 3W Medical. As described in 3W Medical's Annual Report 2021, their facilities have expanded, their services have reached 50% more at-risk women than in any previous year and their donor base has more than doubled. Many thanks to Seattle Council 676 for its unfailing help to 3W in the past and for its continued support today. We must help 3W in this struggle. The State Council and other local councils can help in concrete ways, by promoting the vision of 3W Medical at parishes and by offering our treasure and our talent directly. We can do more by helping start 3W clinics in other areas and by supporting other pregnancy care service centers that promote the gift of life. It is our time to step into the breach!

I look forward to the Winter District Deputy meeting in Federal Way. This will be a time to assess and reflect on how we are accomplishing our mission as Knights of Columbus.





## State Secretary's Message Cont'd

Council billing status as of November 25, 2022:

Liability Insurance (August 2022):	74.30% paid of total Premium
LAMB 1882 Program Goal (August 2022):	4.28% paid of total Goal
Pennies for Heaven Goal (January 2022):	90.81% paid of total Goal (last Fraternal Year)
Per Capita (January 2022):	97.71% paid of total Per Capita (last Fraternal Year)

Per Capita and Liability Insurance billings are due upon receipt. These two billings do not require a council vote. Any insurance payments not received will be included on the council's State Per Capita billing in January 2023.

Look for the new *Next Six Months Letter*, outlining important administrative and future meeting information, to be published in the January WSC Bulletin, posted on the WSC Website, and sent to all District Deputies. Before you do that next month, spend at least 6 minutes every day during Advent in prayer using the Little Blue Book or The Magnificat Advent Companion that many parishes provide during the Advent season. You can certainly pray more than 6 minutes a day and I encourage you to do more. But the most important thing is to pray every day.

Best wishes to you and your families for a Joy-filled and a Blessed Merry Christmas!

***“Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.”  
- St. Catherine of Siena***



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## State Treasurer's Message

My Brothers,

I hope you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving, and were able to spend time with loved ones. Lots of memories from this time of year, with people who are present and people who are no longer with us.

As we move into the Christmas season, I encourage you to take time away from the hustle and bustle of Christmas, and ponder on "the reason for the season." I don't need to tell you how commercialized this holiday has become, with many no longer even acknowledging the religious aspects of Christmas. I think that we as strong Catholic men need to push back against the secular culture and treatment of Christmas. This doesn't mean start yelling at shoppers, or something like that. Rather, resurrect or even invent new traditions for Christmas that celebrate our religion.

As a child, I remember setting my shoes out on St. Nicholas Day (December 6th), and finding candy in them the next morning. I also remember filling the cradle of the Christ Child with straws during Advent, earned by doing a good deed, to give him a soft bed. Some years my mother would walk past, see how few good deeds had been done and mutter that baby Jesus would have a hard, hard bed that year! What memories I have from growing up, and I hope that my children have powerful, happy memories of our family's traditions.

My thanks to you all for everything you have done in the first half of the fraternal year. It has been a tough slog as we move past the pandemic and try to resurrect Councils and get them active again. Please know that we see and admire your hard work! I think we all deserve a break and some rest, then we can hit it hard again to start off the second half of the year.

I want to end with a line from one of my favorite Christmas songs, "Promises to Keep" by the Tran Siberian Orchestra. Attending the TSO concert as a family is one of our traditions to start the Christmas season.

"And the dream is still alive  
From that first December morning  
And it always will survive  
As long as we can see  
That the dreams we find in life  
Are the dreams we tend to seek  
And Christmas has its promises to keep"

Blessings to you and all whom you love, and may the Good Lord continue to Bless and Keep the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus!  
Fraternally,  
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## State Advocate's Message

### Brother Knights

Several issues have become evident during the past two months, which may be of general interest. The first has to do with how money received by a Council should be reported. All money, no matter the source, whether revenue from fund raisers, donations from any source, income from any source, etc. must be received by the Council's Financial Secretary and reported as Council income. This requirement is clearly stated in the "Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus: "Section 122 (a) All moneys obtained from any source, by or through any person or persons, acting for or in the name of any council or under its direction or authority shall be considered council funds and shall be forthwith delivered to the Financial Secretary, who shall give his official receipt therefor and who shall report at the close of each meeting the amounts so received and from what source." Section 139.1 further states that [the Financial Secretary shall] "Collect and receive all moneys due the council, and all funds obtained from any source, by or through any person or persons, act-ing for or in the name of the council or under its direction or authority, including all moneys resulting from any form of athletic activity carried on by the council or with its authority, or in which its name or any part thereof is used, or in which any representation is made in any way that such activity is a council activity. Provided, however, that where two or more councils engage jointly in any form of athletic activity the moneys resulting therefrom shall be handled as directed by the State or Territorial Deputy or Deputies in whose jurisdictions such councils are located."

District Deputies are responsible for assuring that any money received by a Council is properly reported. Furthermore, it is a District Deputy's responsibility to verify this by participating with the Council Trustees including the Council's Grand Knight during all Council audits. This responsibility is not explicitly stated in the "Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus"; however, Section 62.1 states that "[The District Deputy shall] Have general control and supervision of the councils within their respective districts, and shall be responsible for the enforcement of laws and rules of the Order in and by said council." Section 62.3 states that "[The District Deputy shall] Inspect the books, vouchers and accounts of councils within the district, and may at any time demand them for examination. Section 62.5 states that "[The District Deputy shall] Be recognized when a District Deputy as a special representa-tive of the State Deputy, and when a Territorial Deputy as the special representative of the Supreme Knight, and the various council offi-cers and members shall implicitly obey his ruling and decisions in all matters of disputes or otherwise, and all lawful orders made by him." Section 62.7 states that "[The District Deputy shall] Cause the accounts of councils in his district to be kept in the books furnished by the Supreme Secretary, and in the manner provid-ed by law."

A second issue relates to members who have individually formed Washington State nonprofit corporations, some of which have obtained federal IRC 501 (C) 3 tax exempt status. First, Councils need to understand that they are a 501 (C) (8) tax-exempt fraternal benefit society under the umbrella of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus Fraternal Benefit Society. Councils cannot be both a 501 (C) (3) and a 501 (C) (8) organization as a Knights of Columbus Council. The following is general guidance from the Office of the Supreme Advocate for councils wanting to form a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable corporation.

*Section 162.11 of the Laws of the Order prohibits councils and members from forming "any business, or social, or other enterprise" using "Knights of Columbus" or their membership without permission of the Board of Directors. The law prevents councils and members from using the Order to establish independent, third-party entities outside of the fraternal of the Knights of Columbus. This includes the formation of a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable corporation. Council [Number] is subject to Section 162.11 by the charter conferred on the council by the Board. The reason for this law is simple: to protect the*



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*Councils should work within the existing fraternal structure of the Knights of Columbus to raise and donate funds to charitable causes, which has proven to be very successful over the course of many years. Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund (KCCF) offers a solution for councils that seek to establish separate corporations to raise and distribute charitable funds. Through this solution, a local council may set up a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) through the KCCF. A DAF is a fund held by a nonprofit corporation that is recognized by the IRS as a charitable entity under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. KCCF is a charitable corporation that offers DAFs in order to facilitate Catholic-compliant philanthropy for dioceses, councils, individuals, and other institutions. A Knights of Columbus council may set up an account with KCCF through a simple application process and with a minimum contribution of \$5,000. A DAF provides a valuable service to councils that have a significant amount of money in a bank account, or hold other liquid assets (e.g., a council that has received money from the proceeds of the sale of a home corporation facility, or a large bequest from a generous donor). Setting up a DAF through KCCF ensures that Council [Number] is compliant with Section 162.11, as the DAF is fully subject to checks and balances of the Laws of the Order.*

Councils should obtain legal advice from a lawyer licensed to practice law in Washington State and consider all of the risks, legal obligations, implications, insurance requirements and liabilities that may exist, among other factors, when the Council considers forming a separate 501 (C) (3) organization. The Knights of Columbus Washington State Council Advocate is not a lawyer.

There don't appear to be any advantages for Councils that have formed their own 501 (C) (3) organizations. Furthermore, there are a number of disadvantages when a Council forms a separate 501 (C) (3) organization, which include record keeping and reporting requirements among others. In addition, dissolution of a 501 (C) (3) organization can be a time consuming and expensive process, particularly when the Council mingles Council funds with charitable donations, as some of our Washington State Councils are now finding

The Washington State Council's Columbus Charities 501 (C) (3) and Pennies for Heaven 501 (C) (3) provide avenues for directing tax deductible contributions to various causes that conform with the principles of the Catholic Church. Furthermore, the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus provides numerous opportunities for tax deductible contributions for which a Council can receive credit.

Councils are encouraged to review two letters from Internal Revenue Service received by the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus. The first, received 25 October 1940, established the Knights of Columbus as well as all subordinate Councils status as part of a tax-exempt fraternal benefit society. The second letter, received 22 May 2017, provides the following guidance. "For federal income tax purposes, donors can deduct contributions or gifts they make to [Knights of Columbus Councils] if the contributions or gifts are used exclusively for IRC Section 501 (C) (3) purposes. If [the Council solicits] contributions or gifts for non-501 (C) (3) purpose, the solicitation must include a statement that the contributions are not deductible for federal income tax purposes." Both of these letters are available in the Knights of Columbus Officer's Desk Reference in the Section for "Tax Compliance for all Councils in the United States." This Section is under the heading Tax Issues in the Officer's Desk Reference.

Vivat Jesus!  
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## State Warden's Message

My Brother Knights,

December is one of my two favorite months of the year. In addition to Advent, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and the joys of Christmas, it also has my wife's birthday and a much anticipated two-week Christmas break from the academic year.

Many of our best programs occur in December. My home council will partner with Council 1643 for a "Coats for Kids" distribution. All of the "Keep Christ in Christmas" programs bear fruit in this month. Our Knights who serve in parish ministries have their busiest period. Our councils stay busy!

Christmas masses are typically some of the best attended of the year. This is an opportunity for councils to evangelize with our fellow Catholics who are seldom seen. Does your council work with your parish(es) to have an especially warm welcome for the often absent? There is still time to think this through for this year. If we lead a man to be a more faithful congregant, we have advanced him towards being a practical Catholic and on to being a candidate for the order. More importantly, we are assisting him to improve his relationship with God. Christmas and Easter are our best opportunities to re-evangelize our less practical Catholic brothers and sisters. I encourage you to take advantage of it!

I was privileged to attend our local Assembly 1183's Veteran's Day dinner in November. This annual event commemorates the contributions of our local veterans and is free to them. It is one of the many patriotic activities of our Assemblies across the state.

I spent Thanksgiving in California with family. My original council was 9486 at old Fort Ord. With the recent closing of the chapel on Fort Ord (which the council supported and where it was located), it has merged with another local council. Transitions such as that are very difficult on all sides. In this case, it was unavoidable.

We have some councils in Washington State that are struggling. The state officers and district deputies really strive to support them and help them regain their footing. Our State Advocate **Scott Hulse** has been heroic in his efforts to assist councils in difficulty, driving over 10,000 miles across the state to provide services and encouragement.

The state hates to lose a council. We will do all we can to prevent that. But sometimes the best solution to merge a dying council with another council. When that happens, the state leadership team will be there to help!

I hope to see many of you at the winter meeting at the first of the month. For all my brothers in Washington State, Karen and I offer our best wishes that you and your families may joyously and happily celebrate the Advent and the Nativity of Our Lord. May the Holy Family be the model for your families over the holidays, and may peace be with you through the season.

Vivat Jesus,  
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## State Membership Director's Message

My Brother Knights,

It's hard to believe we are halfway through our fraternal year. Thanksgiving has passed and now we enter into the Christmas season. We Catholics refer to it as Advent and is the four week preparation for the birth of Jesus. It is a time to remember Jesus' first coming. It's a time to reflect and prepare. As we do, why not reflect on why you became a Knight? Who recruited you? Reflect on your memories of brothers you have met and the relationships you have forged. I bet there is a smile on your face. Then why not offer that experience to another. In this Advent season give offer the gift of membership to another. Remember, the Knights of Columbus saves lives and change lives. Through our into the Breach video series, we help men become better husbands, better fathers, better leaders in their families, parish and communities.

Just as Father McGivney asked men to assist him in establishing his mission, so too members of you council continue that mission and ask every eligible Catholic man in your parish and community to join your council. So how do you do that? Here are 5 keys.

Talk about your positive experiences as a member of the Knights of Columbus. Convey a sense of enthusiasm, excitement and pride when talking about the great things your council accomplishes and the people who are being helped. Offer some personal stories of how volunteering has helped you grow in your faith and what being a Knight means to you.

Maintain a positive attitude, smile often, avoid being negative and most important, reach out your hand and always look the prospective member in the eye when talking to him.

Talk to the perspective member and his wife about the opportunity for spiritual growth and fraternal benefits offered to them and their family. Benefits such as scholarships, the insurance program, and others are open to the member's entire family.

Be visible! Wear your badges, council vests or any other symbol that shows you are a member of the Knights at all functions and even while attending Mass.

Assume that a prospective member is interested in becoming part of the Knights and ask him to join. This goes back to #2 of maintaining positive attitude. Look around ask family, friends, co-workers, and fellow parishioners all present recruitment opportunities.

The Order has made it easier to help you. The online join process has been streamlined and now is just one page. Simply go to Supremes' website <https://www.kofc.org/en/index.html> and click on "Join Us" and you will be brought to the Online Join form.

Please don't forget about FREE online membership, use either "BLESSEDMCGIVNEY" or if working with your field agent ask for his unique PRMO CODE. Always remember if you have any questions regarding Online Membership or Recruiting please feel free to give me a call. I'm here to help you be successful.

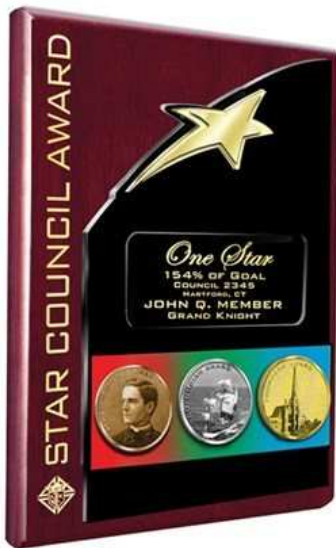


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## State Program Director's Message

My Brother Knights

Advent is now upon us as we prepare ourselves for the coming of Christmas. This is a great time of year to look back on the past 6 months and take note of your council's accomplishments -- or lack thereof. I have talked to you in the past about setting up your COVID recovery plan (<https://kofc.org/crp>). Are you still following your plan? Is it still working for you? Should you revise your plan? The CRP is a valuable tool even as we are seeing COVID start to pull away in our rearview mirrors. It will continue to be a valuable tool for your council to emerge successfully out of the past 3 years and as you continue to move forward.



If your goal on July 1 of this year was not Star Council, I ask you, "Why not?" Supreme has made membership recruitment goals so much easier for councils now. Your council will no longer be penalized for withdrawals, deaths, and transfers that prevented many councils from getting Star Council in the past. The qualifications in service programs are still there, and you must all host at least 2 fraternal benefits nights with a minimum of 7 member-eligible attendees at each FBN event. These requirements should be within reach of every single council unless you are not active.

If your programs are mediocre, that will affect the growth of your members. How are they to put their Faith In Action without programs? Without programs, how are you to respond to new members when they ask you, "What's in it for me?" If your council always hits Star Council year after year, why not set your sights on Double or Triple Star? There are already a few councils in our jurisdiction that are well poised for Double Star or higher by the end of this month. Do not sell yourself short. Do not sell your council members short.

Sometime within the next three months, your council should be looking at submitting for state awards. These **award applications are due April 1** so that they can be judged and possibly submitted for international award consideration at the Supreme Council. All state awards will be presented in person at the State Convention in May. Grand Knights and Program Directors of every council should be looking at <http://www.kofc-wa.org/Family/Officers/nnGK.aspx> for a complete listing of all state awards.

Finally, I'd like to leave you with the warmest Christmas blessings from our Lord. I hope that you will have some time to reflect on and spend time with your families or those nearest to you that care the most for you. Reflect on your Brother Knights, of whom you are part of a 2 million strong fraternity. Keep Christ in Christmas, my Brothers! May God's blessing come upon you in these days of Advent and Christmas.

Vivat Jesus!  
Dang Nguyen  
WSC General Programs Director





## State Community Director's Message

My Brother Knights

The topic of my next Catechism Class is the Domestic Church. Kind of a tough subject to teach 3<sup>rd</sup> graders from a Knights point of view. As most Knight already know "Domestic Church" is a cornerstone Faith Program of the Knights of Columbus. From the KofC web site "The Domestic Church describes the imperfect family and council who deliberately choose the live a contrary to what seems like Godless world and says, 'in our home, council, and parish,' we choose to live our faith."

Choosing to live 'a life of faith' in our home, councils, and parish, we serve our parish community and organized and lead fund raising activities for charitable giving (Evangelization).

Kudos to all councils including council #10653 Kennewick that submitted their entries for the youth essay contest. If your council needs more time, we will accept entries through December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Many kids this winter got a new winter coat thanks to your hard work and efforts to fund raise this fraternal year. Coats bought this year exceeded last year's numbers of coats ordered. If you have pictures of the coats distribute and would like to have them published. Please email them to me for the January newsletter.

Free Throw competition is the youth program to be complete by the end of January. Please send your results to Ken Devos by the end of January.

Monthly Service Report and form #10784: For each council should submit a #10784 every Faith in Action program or activity they complete. The council program director or council program chairman may submit the report as soon as you complete the program and provide a copy to the council Grand Knight. It is helpful to know that your council are active, alive, and doing well.

I'm happy to report Spanaway council 6806 and Sumner council 11948 complete a very successful tootsie roll drive this year, and Puyallup council 11948 complete summer fund raising activities as well.

Stay warm, safe and pray this Advent and Christmas season, and may God be with you always in the new year.

Vivat Jesus!  
Abundeo Reponte  
State Community Director





## State Faith Director's Message

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



December 2022 Faith Programs (links) continued

[Building the Domestic Church Kiosk](#)

[Holy Hour](#)

[Into the Breach](#)

[Marian Prayer](#)

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

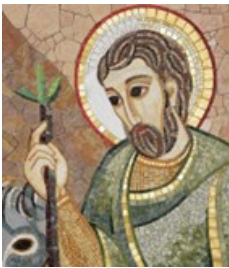
[Rosary](#)

[Sacramental Gifts](#)

[Spiritual Reflection](#)



Merry Christmas to you and your families. Yet again we have much to be thankful for this season.



The official year of St. Joseph Icons provided to our jurisdiction ends this December. I would like to thank Russ Cantonwine DD 34, Federico Lopez DD6, and Worthy State Warden Dr Dave Olwell St. Martin's University for handling the distribution of the St. Joseph Icon. In recognition of their efforts, these Icons will remain within each Brother Knights jurisdiction. This entrustment to Saint Joseph lends itself to our strong adherence to our Faith and future endeavors as Knights. Keep up the spirit and ask Saint Joseph and Saint Michael to safeguard us all!! Thank you for servicing St. Joseph.

A revisit of a previous Christmas prayer.

"My God who has mercifully and patiently led me through this busy year, giving more than I deserved, grant me at this Christmas time, the grace of Jesus Christ. Let the gracious spirit of Jesus, "The spirit of the little child," as it knocks at the ears of men, enter my life and bless it. Let duty become touched with beauty, and justice be forgotten in love. At other times, I ask that I may do my duty; today I ask for more, that obligations may be changed to opportunities and duty done with joy. At other times, I ask that I may walk uprightly-today I pray for grace to bow myself to other's needs. Let my ears hear the cry of the needy and my heart feel the love of the unlovely. Give my hands strength not to do great things, but to do small things graciously. Let me accept kindness with humility. Heal the wound of misunderstanding, jealousy or regret that scars my heart and let the gentler air of the dear Christmas spirit touch my life as the cold winter is touched by the gentler days of spring. As the year ends, and the New Year begins, grant me peace in my own heart; that those I love and those I may help may have sweet joy and rest". *Prayers Old & New*

**Brother District Deputies**, as we approach the close 2022 I would ask that each of you to reach out to your Grand Knights and their Councils. If possible, strive to have district-wide mid-year meetings this month. This is a good time to ascertain the well-being of your district and its Faith Program execution. A good exchange of ideas and attainable objectives for the remaining fraternal year.

## State Faith Director's Message Cont'd

Program execution. A good exchange of ideas and attainable objectives for the remaining fraternal year.

This Christmas season remember well the incredible gift of Christ and the beauty of his birth. The Joyful Mysteries ring true... 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!' (Lk 1:41-42). As you prepare for the Advent season consider *Journey to the Inn: An Advent Celebration* (#9898)... In Spanish this is referred to as *Las Posada* — meaning “the inn” or “the shelter”. So remember well that we, as Knights of Columbus, “Keep Christ in Christmas”!!

Say the rosary daily and remember, “*All those who propagate the Holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.*”



Fraternally and Vivat Jesus  
Tom Pursley, State Faith Director  
In God We Trust and God Bless America  
St. Michael Protect Us  
[pursleyt1@comcsat.net](mailto:pursleyt1@comcsat.net)  
360-888-6833

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

Sir Knights,

November was a busy month for the Washington Western District Fourth Degree. St. James Cathedral requested an Honor Guard for the annual **'Our Saints Day'** Mass for November 5th. Sir Knights from the District participated in this event with an Honor Guard at the Mass.

On Saturday, November 12th, an **'Annual Veterans Appreciation Banquet'** was hosted by the local Knights of Columbus, the Father Nicholas Rausch OSB Council 1643 with Grand Knight Joe Patnude and the Saint Francis of Assisi Assembly 1183 with Faithful Navigator John Zyrkowski. The dinner was sponsored by Dr. Karl Hoffman Dentistry, who generously provided \$1500 to support the event, which was catered by Pellegrino's Catering Service and was held in the Sacred Heart Church Hall with over 172 guests, of whom 100 were Veterans. This was a free meal to all Military Veterans and active-duty Military personnel and all parishioners, family and friends were in attendance to show their support. The Capitol Battalion, Sea Cadet Corps, provided ceremonial support and assisted in serving the meal. An excellent turkey dinner was prepared by Sam Pellegrino and his staff. Sam and his wife also provided the musical tribute to the **Services**, by the Knights of Columbus Schola group. Special recognition is due Archpriest Lawrence Gosselin for preparing the event brochures, detailing the script for the evening's events, arranging for Fr. Nwagbara's presence and delivering a notable benediction for the attendees. Also, credit is due to Sir Knight Thomas Pursley for an excellent tribute to prisoners of war and missing in action service members. The Guest Speaker for the evening was Colonel James Sims, United States Marine Corps Retired. Information is also provided on the Knights Web Site at <kofc1643.com>. The event was also attended by the District Master and was very well attended, with all enjoying the wonderful evening of events already noted. Please check out their web site for more information regarding Council 1643 and Assembly 1183 and their events coming up in December. Several pictures of the event are likewise provided below.

On Saturday, November 19th, the Washington Western District held another **'Fourth Degree Exemplification'**, which was hosted in Seattle by the St. Joan of Arc Assembly 3398, Faithful Navigator /Marshal, Renato Sacramento. This would be the first live fourth degree with Mass and banquet, held in this area, since, prior to the Covid restrictions and was very well attended with 28 Candidates who would take part, including three Priests and one Deacon. The Honoree for this fourth degree, was the Western Washington Degree Team Captain, Romy Ablao, who had missed the previous degree, due to serious medical complications and is now back in full recovery mode with his attendance at this degree, to receive his Honoree recognition, for his many years in service to the Knights of Columbus. The Western Washington Fourth Degree Team Exemplars were Romy Ablao, Team Captain; John Devine, Historian; Al Reponte, Defender of the Faith; Wayne Hogan, Expositor of the Constitution; Paul Roth, Narrator; Mike Stergios, Registrar and Ken DeVos, Faithful Friar, and Angelo Battisti, Audio Visual. In addition, the Ceremonial Marshal was Bill Smith; the Antechamber Marshal was Darren Parsons with support from Marshal George. The Color Corps was led by the District Color Corps Commander Peter Berg and the District Secretary was Scott Gilyeat. The degree was conducted in the St. Francis Hall, at Seattle St. George Church. Prior to the degree and after the degree, pictures were taken in the Church of the Candidates, Team, Staff and Sir Knights in attendance, as well as pictures of the public Knighting. The pictures were taken by Sir Knight Mario Ortiz's daughter Addie and will be sent out. The Ladies program was held at 2:00 pm at the St. George School Hall and was conducted by FDM Eugene Daly and his wife Grace, on special chef cake decorations. At 5:00 pm Mass was celebrated by the Pastor Rev. Father Scott Connolly in the Church, which was to also coincide with the regular Saturday evening Vietnamese Mass at that time. After the Mass the formal banquet was also held in the St. George School Hall and was catered by Sir Knight Edwin Barber, also a member of Assembly 3398. At the opening of the banquet, a flag presentation and opening pledge of allegiance was performed by Marshal Bill Smith. Father Scott Connolly provided the opening invocation and meal blessing. During the banquet, FDM Larry Shaw performed tribute to the POW - MIA with a special and moving presentation. Remarks were then provided by the recognized Class Respondent and the Honoree Romy Ablao. Sir Knights John Devine and Al Reponte made a special presentation of two flags to recognized candidates and raffle was held with the presentation of a sword and a special ladies gift.

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

District Master Steve Schweyen was assisted by the District Secretary Scott Gilyeat with the presentation of the fourth degree certificates to each candidate present and with a picture. At the end, Father Scott Connolly, again provided some special remarks and led the closing prayer with a special blessing for all in attendance. Pastor of the Quad Parish, Father Scott Connolly is also a Past State Chaplain as well. Degree Sir Knights pictured below.



### Annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner Held November 12

The Knights of Columbus Assembly 1183 held its annual Veterans' Appreciation Dinner on November 12, 2022, at Sacred Heart Parish Hall. The guest speaker was Colonel James Sims, United States Marine Corps, Retired, who gave an outstanding presentation on the little-known Pig War which occurred on San Juan Island.

The Capitol Battalion, Sea Cadet Corps, provided ceremonial support and assisted with serving the meal. An excellent turkey dinner was prepared by Sam Pellegrino and his staff. Sam and his wife, Pam, provided the musical tribute to the services by the Knight's Schola Choir.

U.S. Army chaplain, Fr. Anselm Nwagbara's gave the invocation. There were 172 guests, of whom 100 were veterans. Special recognition is due Archpriest Lawrence Gosselin for preparing the event brochures, detailing the script for the evening's events, arranging for Fr. Nwagbara's presence and delivering a notable benediction for the attendees. Also, credit is due to Sir Knight Thomas Pursley for an excellent tribute to prisoners of war and missing in action servicemembers.

Our thanks go out to Dr. Karl Hoffman who generously provided \$1500 to support the event. The evening was enjoyed by all attendees and we look forward to presenting these tributes in the future.



Vivat Jesus

WWD—Steve Scheweyen  
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## Blessed Fr. McGivney Guild

My Brother Knights,

August 13 of this year marked second celebration of the feast of Blessed Michael McGivney, and the first with relaxed COVID-19 restrictions. Our founder was beatified at the height of the global pandemic, Oct. 31, 2020, and attendance at the ceremony was severely restricted. So it is with great joy that we now can assemble in large groups to honor this humble and holy parish priest. Knights and other devotees of Father McGivney may also wish to celebrate on Monday, Oct. 31, the second anniversary of his beatification. Perhaps you could offer a Blessed Michael McGivney prayer card to the parents of Halloween trick-or-treaters.

As you see in this newsletter, there were many in-person Masses, events and gatherings on the August feast day, and we are confident that the memorial of our founder will rank as one of the Church's popular liturgical feasts. For Guild members, who have been praying for his beatification and canonization for many years, the day holds a special significance. As spiritual friends of Blessed Michael, his feast is a day when we offer heartfelt thanks to God for the example of his holiness and the power of his intercession. His annual feast is when we beg his help in very particular ways. As a parish priest, heavy demands were laid on Father McGivney's shoulders by those whose lives were difficult and painful. Some came with pressing practical and material needs; others came bearing interior miseries, doubts and fears. No matter the issue, he offered solace and advice to the men and women who approached him, as he continues to do today.

Father McGivney's primary concern was always the care of a person's soul. His offer of practical or material help was a witness to the compassion and forgiveness of Jesus. His generosity in sharing the goods of this world was his way of reminding his people of their journey to that world that has no end in heaven. While neither a social worker nor a human rights activist, his ministry compelled him to deal with worldly problems and issues. But always the priest, he consistently preached and spoke of the charity of God, that love which not only relieves and comforts but also forgives sin and draws the believer to a real relationship with Jesus Christ.

Charity became the central theme of his life and work, most clearly seen in his organization of the Knights of Columbus. To give without counting the cost and without expecting a reward was central to the mission of his fraternal benefit society. Blessed Michael's vision saw his Knights extending their help and influence beyond the limits of the local parish and even beyond the boundaries of the Catholic community. For him, true charity extended to the culture at large, to all of God's children.

As the son of immigrants who fled the starvation and disease of the Irish potato famine and suffered the injustice of English overlords, Father McGivney knew firsthand of the world beyond St. Mary's in New Haven or St. Thomas in Thomaston. The conflict and persecution in other parts of the globe touched his life and alerted him to the misery and pain of those afflicted by the political and social disorders of the day. This insight into the experience of the hungry, sick and abandoned was part of his inspiration in founding the Knights of Columbus. His determination was not simply to relieve the sufferings of those in need but also to harness the talents and goodness of Catholic men in a fraternity that would grow in charity and stand ready to face a crisis or the simple need of the day.

Blessed Michael is well suited as a heavenly patron for our time in light of his own life and work as a parish priest and founder of an international brotherhood. He is a blessed for our times, and we pray that he soon will be declared a saint. His personal holiness and organizational brilliance were part of a larger moment of grace and renewal that marked the life of the Catholic Church in the second half of the 19th century. The industrial revolution was gaining steam, and many displaced families were seeking jobs in the booming cities, working long hours in dangerous conditions. Since his father was a factory worker and he himself labored for three years in a mill before entering the seminary, Father McGivney understood the hardships of his people. Even today, as many people are displaced and face harsh working conditions, there is no better spiritual advocate before the throne of God than Blessed Michael. Pope Francis often calls Catholics to face honestly the struggles and sufferings of God's people and never hesitates to call on bishops, priests and all those involved in pastoral ministry to be hopeful and joyful in the Lord. In that spirit, Father McGivney is cheering us on from his place in eternity. He never wavered in his trust in divine providence even when his life's work seemed to falter and fail. As those praying for his canonization, we must hear his call to live in the same faith and hope that marked his life.

Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.

Devotedly yours in Christ,  
Father Gabriel B. O'Donnell, O.P.  
Guild Director Vice-Postulator



## State KCIC Chairman's Message

My Brother Knights,

It's that time of the year again to start planning for selling Christmas Cards, pins, ornaments, Christmas Seals, & magnets. This year we have a NEW LINE OF CHRISTMAS CARDS!!! The price is a little higher because these cards are MADE IN AMERICA! Not China! I have the council order forms, and retail sheet for you and your customers. Just please send me an email ([pigfarmer.ed@frontier.com](mailto:pigfarmer.ed@frontier.com)) to ask for the forms and I'll send them to you, or give me a call at 425-508-4944 if you have questions. Let's show our community that we want to Keep Christ in Christmas!

Vivat Jesus!

Ed Miller

KCIC State Chairman

### KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Faith in Action - Family Programs



[View the winners of the 2021 - 2022 Poster Contest here.](#)

RESOURCES

Knights of Columbus councils evangelize society through their faithful acts, celebrations and a variety of activities.

#### A Higher Purpose

Promote the true spirit of Christmas in homes, schools, parishes and communities. Councils will evangelize society through their faithful acts, celebrations and a variety of activities.



#### Overview

The Knights of Columbus offers multiple activities that promote Christmas and the season of Advent in their proper context: Journey to the Inn, Spread the Light of Christ, Crèche or Advent Wreath Blessing, and the Christmas Poster Contest. These programs are centered on the example of the Holy Family and the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The new Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC) Program brings all KCIC activities together under one umbrella. It encourages councils to prompt their neighbors to shift from a preoccupation with materialism to the light of Christ and the spirit of giving. KCIC activities include whatever efforts best suit the parish and community of a particular council and do not need to originate from the Supreme Council.

## State KCIC Chairman's Message Cont'd



### *Start This Program* "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS"

1. First and foremost, keep the Knights of Columbus national theme before the public of the **true meaning of Christmas~ the birth of Jesus Christ!!**
2. Encourage personal participation in the New Evangelization by displaying *KCIC* magnets, bumper stickers, Christmas seals, yard signs and more.
3. Provide a product not readily available to our Catholic community. Set up pop-up booths at your Parish and sell Christmas Cards, Seals, Ornaments and more!
4. Minimal manpower required by any council.
5. **Raise** guaranteed and needed **funds for local K of C** councils to address charitable needs.
6. Create an identity of your local Council serving the Catholic parishes.
7. Positive community image results in an opportunity for **new member recruitment!!**
8. Use the proceeds from this evangelization project to support vocations of nuns and priests, Catholic Schools, Pro-life, tomb for the unborn, college scholarships and/or other council charitable programs.

For further information and assistance in starting a program for contact:



**Edward W. Miller**  
**21913 Waite Mill Road**  
**Granite Falls, WA 98252-9769**  
**Phone: 425.508.4944**  
**Email: [pigfarmer.ed@Frontier.com](mailto:pigfarmer.ed@Frontier.com)**

**Profits raised will support Council Charities**  
***"Keep Christ in Christmas"***

## State Vocation Chairman's Message

My Brother Knights

Bishop White Seminary has an urgent need for the Cor Christi program. The fundraising goal to start the remodel and purchase of materials for this program has increased due to inflation and post-COVID problems. The money received to date will run out in mid-February which could bring this project to a halt, as well as subject it to increased costs. They currently have a \$7,000 a month mortgage plus utilities. All renovation costs are pay as you go. Please consider a gift to Cor Christi this year.

Total Raised to Date:  
\$2,239,935

Adjusted Target Goal (after COVID and with inflation):  
\$5,200,000 (Original estimate was \$3,600,000)

Funds raised by Knights of Columbus councils and individual Knights: \$479,145

### How can you help?

Make your donation today at: <https://bishopwhitesem.org/cor-christi/>

As a Knight of Columbus or a council, be sure to use the Special donation button indicated for KofC donations.

**Or mail your donation to: Cor Christi, 429 E. Sharp Ave., Spokane, WA 99202**

Tim Coyle  
Vocations Chairman



<https://bishopwhitesem.org/cor-christi/>



## Special Olympics

### My Brother Knights

Brother Knights and the 4th Color Corp recently opened the Special Olympics Washington Fall Games in Richland WA.

(See pictures )(a Special Thanks to KofC 3307/1174 Color Guard and Bruce Hines)

Finally Special Olympics Washington is opening up events across the state and their counting on us for continued support throughout the new year. Watch for a 2023 event calendar coming up soon. Again, thank my Brother Knights for all that you do.

God Bless

Darren E Johnson

Special Olympics State Chairman

[SpecialOlympics@kofc-wa.org](mailto:SpecialOlympics@kofc-wa.org)



## State Youth Director's Message

My Brother Knights,

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

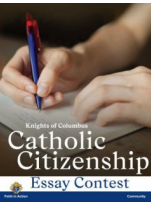
Your council has a wealth of talent available, use family resources to assist. Have a parish school? Partner with the school and ask the school to help with your community efforts.



### KCIC Poster Contest

Council completed in January 2023

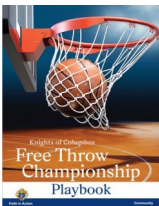
Council winning posters sent to Youth Directory Feb 1st 2023



### Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

Council completed October 2022

Council winning essays sent to Youth Director December 1st 2022



### Free Throw Competition

Council completed January 2023

District if needed February 2023

State Final March 18th 2023 Yakima

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

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

State Youth Director  
Ken DeVos



## Community—Knights in Action

### Council 5495 St Pope John 23rd

5495 St Pope John 23rd Burien presented Transform Burien 4 cases of coats in support of the Coats for Kids program. A presentation was held at a 10 AM mass by Grand Knight Chris Treichel. Other Knights provided support displaying a few of the coats. Transform director Greg Henken, gladly accepted the donation and provided a few words to the congregation.



### Council 12175 St Juan Diego

12175 St Juan Diego Seattle Grand Knight Tom Peterson is battling Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS). He is not letting that slow him down and continues to do what he can to assist the Council. Supreme heard of Tom's condition and sent a film team to document his story. Here is a link to the video. He is an inspiration to all of us.

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## Community—Knights in Action

### Council 683 Spokane

It is that time of year again when we post our shared "Keep Christ in Christmas" billboards. They will go up on November 28. The small number of billboards coming due for renewal limited us once again. We only rent the month of December. LAMAR found 5 arterial street locations for us. We reached out to add more locations this year, finding two at the far ends of our council participation, Cheney and Colville.

We have twenty-one councils participating with funding gifts, Cheney - St. Rose of Lima 9145, Chewelah - St. Mary of the Rosary 2155, Colbert - St. Joseph 8872, Colville - Immaculate Conception 12273, Deer Park - St. Mary's Presentation 9721, Newport - Pend Oreille 14268, Nine Mile Falls - Our Lady of the Lake 16184, Otis Orchards - St. Joseph 11611, Spokane 683, Spokane - St. Charles 8137, Spokane - Mary Queen 9237, Spokane - Our Lady of Fatima 10534, Spokane - St. Thomas More 11134, Spokane - St. Aloysius Gonzaga 12583 (college council), Spokane - St. Michael The Archangel 14394, Spokane - Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes 14922, Spokane - St. Aloysius 15143, Spokane - St. Pope John 23rd 15968, Spokane Valley - St. Mary's 4196, Spokane Valley - St. John Vianney 8201, Spokane Valley - St. Paschal 8266.

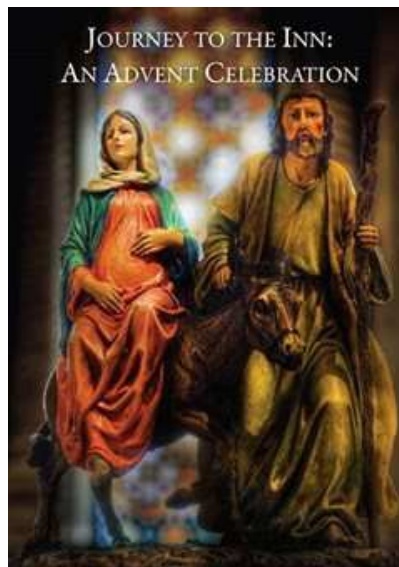
Annual gifts varied by council size and funding available from \$100 to \$500. Most councils choose a breakfast, parish collection, or other fundraiser. All 21 councils participated in 2019 with gifts totaling \$3,100.00 (cost \$2,800); 2020 had only 13 councils offering gifts of \$2,275.00 (cost \$2,800), and 20 councils took part this past year 2021 gifting \$4,000.00 (cost \$2,800). We have a surplus of \$975 to put toward 2022.

The addition of billboards in Colville and Cheney this year have added rental costs of \$450 each and \$180 for the panels, \$1,080.00 total. The cost of 5 billboards in Greater Spokane increased modestly this year to \$525 rental plus \$400 for panels totaling \$3,025, an increase of 8.0357%. Rental cost per billboard in Greater Spokane is \$900 per month annualized giving us a 41.666% discount.

We used the abstract picture of the Holy Family the last couple of years, and we changed to real life images this year. We also changed the text to cursive lettering in gold color. We increased the size of the KofC logo. We continue to feature all locations for participating councils. I am mailing printed copies of the contract and the Holy Family panel to share with your members at your next council meeting.

We always appreciate your advice and council. Please send your gifts to:

George H. Czerwonka, Jr.  
Financial Secretary  
Spokane Council 683  
Knights of Columbus  
1018 S. Carnine Lane  
Spokane Valley, WA 99037-5036



**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 Nestebey, 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, Onee Rezabek, Ric Bluhm, Richard Rezabek, Tom Karney

**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

**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 Dubai, 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

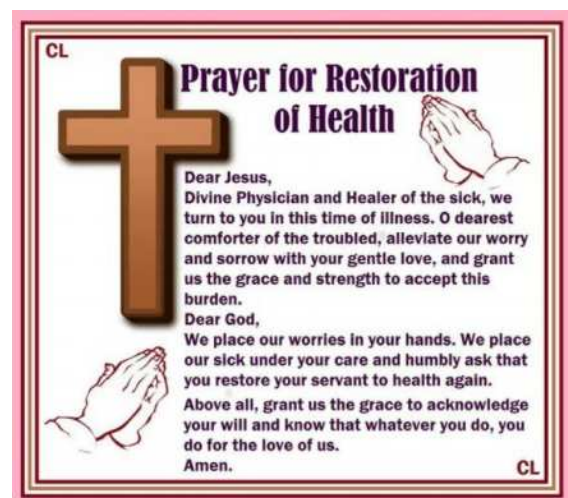
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 Carlos Craff, Bob Giesert, Harry and Dotty Tachell, Richard Helriegel, Fr. Dennis Sevilla, Howard Riggelman family, Nevinger family, Lanny and Diane Zwan, J.J. MacPherson, Keith Taylor

**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 .....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 Skyyllstad, Diana Tefft, Katherine, Liliana, and Victoria Freeman (grandchildren of Peter and Kathy Freeman), Jack Lopresti, Jim Flanagan, Kathleen Pasquale, Robin Baylow, Phillis Kardos.

Past State Deputy Hal Westby



**> 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.**

Thomas Michael Scheel Council 1620 (Pasco)  
James W. Miller Council 11217 (Shoreline)  
Kenneth R Ledgerwod Council 1460 (Pomeroy)  
Sherman S Sheldom Council 13374 (Renton)  
Robert M J Paulsen Council 13374 (Renton)  
John D Kampsen Council 13374 (Renton)  
Vicente M. Quinene Council 6706 (Port Orchard)  
Dennis Newman Council 9664 (Snohomish)  
Robert A Hltchcock Council 7528 (Federal Way)  
Sherman Shelton Council 13374 (Renton)  
Robert M J Paulsen Council 13374 (Renton)  
John D Kampsen Council 13374 (Renton)  
Kenneth J. Kilroy Council 9833 (Sammamish)  
Clarence E. (Ed) Moore Council 9238 (Gig Harbor)  
Larry L. Roemmich Council 9238 (Gig Harbor)  
David Lee Beardemphl Council 809 (Tacoma)

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

**Family Members' Deaths**

Teresa Hochanadel Council 15730 (Vancouver)



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



## State Historian's Article

My Brother Knights,

During the Christmas Holidays the Supreme Council Headquarters in New Haven illuminates a Christmas tree and asks Knights throughout the world to spread the light of Christ. This season is no exception. It is a time for us to celebrate Jesus Christ birthday. We share our celebration and joy with love for our fellow man. Part of this occasion is accomplished through the Keep Christ in Christmas campaign. Yet, it doesn't stop there with giving Christmas Cards. As councils we welcome new members and old alike during this time. We try to get Knights involved in many charitable Christmas activities. Many Councils have food drives, conduct meals on wheels for the homeless and shut ins, give out free Coats for kids, help on parish functions, and adopt a road clean up. Knights get into the habit of helping that they become "Johnny on the spot". However, all this charitable giving can be overwhelming. We sometime need to draw the line on some requests and remind ourselves that there can be a dark side to the season. There are people in the world who prey on the weak and venerable during the holidays. A wake-up call can keep us from becoming victims to the scam (trap). It can happen to the best of us. I too was almost caught in a scam.

Story:

A well-known friend who I had known for years e-mailed me requesting that I do him a favor. I e-mailed him back requesting verification and details. He informed me that he wanted to give gift cards to people who have helped him over the past year. But that he was too busy to get the gift cards himself and did not want any of them to know that he was getting cards. He would reimburse me for my efforts if I could do this favor. He further instructed me to purchase eight (8) for \$100 each. gift cards each (total \$800.00). I informed him that I would investigate it. Later that day I went to the grocery store (Safeway) to buy groceries for a shut in who I had been getting food, for several weeks. While there I stopped to talk with a clerk asking her to show me where they kept the gift cards. I told he that I needed to buy 8 gift cards, each one worth \$100. The clerk became curious about the mount and value. She wanted to know who the cards were for. I told her about my friend request. She said, did you talk to him in person? I said "no", I verified his request by e-mail and checked his email address. It all appeared legit. The Clerk informed me that she had a lady just couple of weeks ago buy \$1200 of gift cards and mailed them to a friend (supposedly). The cards ended up being used in Florida. The lady did not know anyone in Florida. She was scammed for \$1200. After hearing the clerk's story, I double checked the Email address on my phone. It appeared to be the same except for a number was added to the address which I did not notice earlier. I thought that number might send the address to a different location. So, I thanked the clerk for the heads up and did not purchase the cards. Instead, I called my friend who informed me that he would never ask me to buy gift cards for him. If he needed gift cards, he could go online and get them himself. I was relieved that I avoided getting scammed which could have cost me \$800. The lesson that was learned is not all requests are legit. Knights need to be aware and keep their guard up when someone wants a favor. That there are people out there that prey on the venerable during the holidays. But as Knights we have our faith in God, and He will help us become good stewards and guide us in helping those truly in need during this Christmas Season. A card does not always keep Christ in Christmas.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Anthony L. Farrell  
State Historian



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