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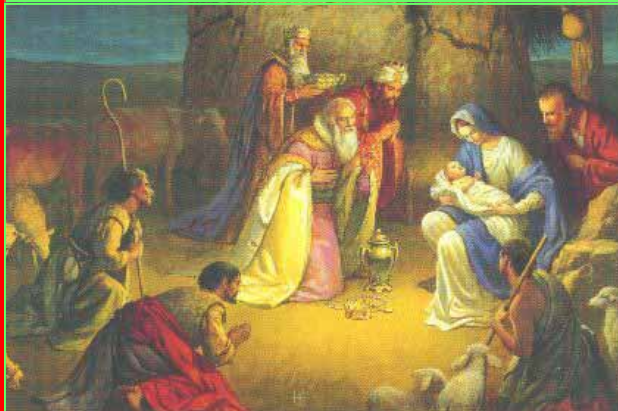
Dec 10-11—District Deputies Winter Meeting—Bellevue
Dec 8—Immaculate Conception
Dec 25—Christmas

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Your Washington State Officers, General and Field Insurance Agents, Fourth Degree District Master, District Deputies, Regional District Coordinators, Chairmen, Chief Squire and all members of the State Council wish you and your families all the happiness in this season of celebration of our Lord and Savior's birth.

State Chaplains: *Most Reverend Carlos Sevilla, Rev Wilmar O. Zabala*
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Message From State Deputy Karl Hadley "Time to Get a Little Mud on the Tires"

Worthy Brother Knights:

When Lewis & Clark crossed over to Oregon and built Fort Clatsop, they were looking at spending the next 106 days in a wet and miserable winter. Some of us will be tempted to hole up during the winter months and think recruitment can wait until Spring. (This followed the thinking that during Summer it was too hot and everyone was on vacation or during the Fall when members went fishing and hunting.) Such negative attitudes will only serve to put us deeper in the hole. **Now is the time to start digging our way out.**

A recent Mass reading in November related the parable where the master leaves three men with possessions of 10, 5, and 1 talents, respectively. When he returned, the two who had 10 and 5 talents invested them had doubled their amounts. The man with one talent buried his and didn't even get interest from a bank. He was thrown out into the "wailing and gnashing." **God has entrusted each of us with his precious possessions to invest wisely.** In our case, we have been given the opportunity to lead our councils in service to our priests, church, community, council, family, and youth. **When our terms end, we do not want to be called to task for having wasted our time and God's gifts, but instead look forward to being known as "true and faithful servants."**

As of November 30, 2005, over half of the councils are now membership active, but **56 of 138 councils (41%) have not recorded any new members with Supreme.** (Congratulations to councils



829, 2999, 3611, 6686, 8872, 11217, 13560, 13606, and 13794 for having already achieved 100% or more of their membership quotas and councils 829, 8455, 9721, 11134, 11217, 13560, 13606, 13794 and 13831 for achieving 100% or more of their insurance quotas!)

Also **congratulations to the top recruiters** in the state this year (as of 9/30/05): **Jeff Schumacher with 9 new members and Carmelo Ricciardelli, Greg Schmidt, Don Maile, Renato Sacramento, and Gerald Jandacka with 3 new members each!**

The **October Membership Blitz** was extremely successful! With over **213 Form 100s** signed and an **additional 191 Prospect Cards** signed, we can look forward to **another 400 members** taking their First Degree in the near future! Don't let them go very long without receiving their exemplifications. **Nothing could discourage or demoralize a new member more than anxiously expressing interest and then being ignored.**

Lewis & Clark may have had no choice but to hole up at Fort Clatsop for the winter. As for us, I'm reminded of the country-western song by Brad Paisley that says, **"It's time to get a little mud on the tires!"**

Vivat Jesus!

Karl A. Hadley

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State Deputy

From the State Officers

During the month of December most council members will be visibly demonstrating to our local communities the primary principle of our Order – Charity. Some will assemble and distribute food baskets to poor families or participate in caroling groups. Others will sell Christmas trees. Many will hold a "Tom & Jerry" or other party to celebrate the season with their Brother Knights. All, I hope, will sell Keep Christ in Christmas cards.

In all of these activities, let us remember the Reason for the Season – the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Throughout the country we will see efforts by some to remove Christ from Christmas. Some stores will prevent their employees from saying "Merry Christmas." A few newspapers will publish blatantly bigoted anti-Christian cartoons and commentaries denigrating Christmas. Schools will ban religious music from their "winter

pageant" programs. Civic groups will be barred from placing nativity scenes on public property unless they are accompanied by secular symbols, Santa Claus, reindeer, and snowmen. **But we Knights will not back down – we will proudly assert our inalienable right to worship our God!**

On behalf of the State Officers and their wives, Kyle and I wish all Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Faithful Navigators, and Faithful Controllers, and all council and assembly members, a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

Karl A. Hadley

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State Deputy

The following 6 councils (4.3%) have not submitted form 365 as of 12/1/2005

00683 01449 07908 08137 09237 10534

All councils (100%) have submitted Form 185 as of 12/1/2005

CONGRATULATIONS!!

And Thank You

The following 4 councils (2.9%) have not submitted audit form as of 12/12/005

03044 07117 09237 12002



**STATE CHAPLAIN
MOST REVEREND
CARLOS A. SEVILLA, S.J.**



Christmas 2005 by Fr. Wilmar O Zabala

Like most of you, Christmas is my favorite time of the year, and yes, even as a priest. I find it very interesting to see my office transformed into a cookie museum during the holiday season! People would bring in cookies in different sizes and shapes: an angel cookie, a smiley face cookie, a snowman cookie, a bear cookie, a wreath cookie, a heart cookie, and, yes, even a Barney cookie! Yes, there's something magical about Christmas. And what I see during this season of giving and sharing always brings joy to my heart. How could it not be! We take time to care and love. We give generously of our time and treasure. We take a break from our busy lives to remember distant or separated family members, relatives, or friends. We write them. We visit them. We get together. We enjoy each other's presence. Problems and challenges of many kinds cease to exist. We exchange gifts – not out of obligation but truly a sincere gesture of

love. Yes, sometimes we get too focused on buying the most expensive gifts possible. Yes, sometimes we give "commercialism" at Christmas a "priority" over "spirituality." We know, however, that at the heart of our crazy, hectic Christmas shopping lies our simple and holy impulse to love, to give, to make someone happy. Children are recipients of such great love. Children at Christmas – what a joy to behold! They sing Christmas carols. They giggle. They laugh. They wait. They dream. Those are the sights and sounds of Christmas. Indeed, they capture what's magical about Christmas.

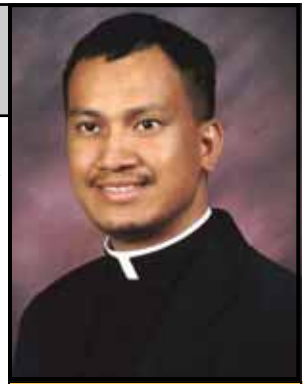
The scripture readings for our Christmas Masses, however, show us the "right ways" to celebrate Christmas. First and foremost, a true celebration of Christmas includes "making room for Jesus." The scripture says, "Mary wrapped Jesus in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." Some of the hotels these days have the "No Vacancy" sign lit. Some of us may have hung out the same sign so far as Jesus is concerned. Perhaps, we have said to him, "Sorry, Lord, but there is no room for you here. My heart is all filled up. Go away." That would be a tragic statement! That's like an engine saying it has no room for the steam. It's like a tree saying it has no room for the sap. It's like the ocean saying it has no room for the tide. It's like the heavens saying they have no room for the stars. It's like the garden saying it has no room for the flowers. It's like the Catholic Church saying it has no room for the Eucharist. If we're letting our possessions divide our hearts, if our possessions are possessing us, if we are not putting God in the center of our lives, the Christmas call to make room for Jesus refers to us. If we are spending more time shopping or watching "Desperate Housewives" or Reality TV shows and lesser time praying, if we would rather go fishing or watch football on TV than go to Mass on Sunday, the Christmas call to make room for Jesus refers to

us. This Christmas, let's receive God's gift to us: Jesus Christ! Christmas is not a date on the calendar but rather a way of life. We can participate in every festivity of this Christmas season, but until we receive the gift of Jesus Christ, until we make room for Jesus in our lives, we will never truly experience Christmas. To have a Christ-centered Christmas, we must not only recognize him as the center of a season, but the center of our entire life as well – every part of it, every day of the year.

Secondly, a true celebration of Christmas includes "worship." My seven-year-old nephew brought this to my attention when he called me last Christmas and said: "Uncle Wilmar, isn't strange that at Christmas time we buy presents for everyone, except the person whose birthday we're celebrating – Jesus!" That's quite true! Every year, thousands celebrate the birthday of Jesus by giving gifts to everyone in their lives but him. But what do we give the man who has everything? Certainly, our hearts, our obedience, our love, our anger, our bitterness, our burdens, our promise to love others better. But Saint Luke tells us that Jesus receives the gift of worship – found in the life of the shepherds to whom the angels announced the good news of Jesus' birth. Scripture tells us that "when they find the infant lying in the manger," "they kneel down and worship him." Perhaps, "worship" has become a lost art with you these days. Perhaps, you haven't been going to church. Perhaps, deep in your hearts, you want to worship God "with" and "in" the faith community, but you hesitate because you don't know how you will be received. To those of you who have such thoughts, I echo the words of the angelic messengers of the Advent season: "Do not afraid." Indeed, "come back." You'll fit right in, because we all "sinners" here helping each other to be "saints," of course, with God's help and grace. Come back to church. Come worship with us. Give Jesus your gift of worship this year! It's a gift fit for the King.

Finally, a true celebration of Christmas includes "giving" and "loving." Christmas without "giving" and "loving" is not Christmas. Yes, Christmas is about giving, but budgets don't determine the success of our Christmas giving. Giving is not dependent on the condition of our checkbook. Giving is dependent on the condition of our heart. This Christmas give gifts that are straight from the heart. Give the gift of time. Time is a valuable gift because when we give an hour of our time we are giving an hour of our life. Time is a very precious gift. Or give the gift of encouragement. Tell your family members, friends, or relatives, what they mean to you. Write it down so that they can read your encouraging words several times. Or give a "blind gift." Give a gift to someone you don't even know – a gift that is given in Jesus' name. Or give a secret gift. Give a gift to someone you know without him or her knowing who gave it. Give with no hidden motive and with no possible benefit to yourself. Most importantly, give the gift of love. Let me end with this writing that a friend from Florida forwarded to me recently. It's a beautiful Christmas rendition of Saint Paul's famous definition and vision of love

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**STATE VICE-CHAPLAIN
THE REVEREND
WILMAR O. ZABALA**

Message from Membership Chairman



Greetings! I'm happy to report that membership throughout the state is starting to pick up as the results of the Blitz start to bear fruit. Many of the councils have held their Blitz degree exemplifications in November, and I hear of more exemplifications every week.

An astute Knight pointed out to me recently that all the recruiting in the world doesn't help your council if you can't keep the members you have. It's very true... your existing members need to be kept busy (but not too busy), nurtured with the right mix of spirituality, fraternity, fun, and appreciation for their efforts.

Let's imagine a small council in which a handful of men do all the heavy lifting. There are only a few men at each council meeting, and they often lament to each other that there should be more helpers at their Sunday pancake breakfast or at their Lenten Soup dinners. They gripe that most of their members aren't showing up for meetings, they're losing members, and that things are looking tough for the council.

Sound familiar? It's a common story. But it's also a story that can have a happy ending.

First of all, a Grand Knight in this situation should take stock of the resources at hand and discern what is causing the problem. Often the problem is that the word regarding the needs of the council is not getting to the folks that need to hear it. A council bulletin is a vital part of the communication chain, but it is only a part—not the whole answer. A generic request for help in the bulletin might motivate a few self-starters, but frankly, it's too easy to ignore. A specific request, made by telephone or in person for a specific person to do a specific job is much more likely to result in a positive response. Even if they can't help with that specific request, they'll recognize that they are needed and wanted in the council's activities.

Now, the Grand Knight has a lot of duties and can't be the only one carrying the load in the "asking" department, either. In order to get things moving, he needs to start by picking a few good men – again by asking specific individuals to do specific things. Get together and review the list of council members and decide on a call list to round up helpers for an upcoming project, rather than relying on the "usual suspects" to do all the work. Don't have an upcoming project? That might be part of the problem. The Grand Knight needs to make sure the council has activities that are providing opportunities for meaningful service to the church, community, youth, family, or council. Often the best place to start is the church, because it appeals to Catholic men's sense of duty, but each program area is important.

Hold the successful event and ensure there's a good mix of new or less active members in addition to the "old guard" doing the work. The Grand Knight should ensure there is a lot of recognition and praise to go along with the hard work, so the workers feel good about the service they have provided.

Develop a process to use each time a function is planned. Designate a brother or a committee to do the calling, and develop a phone tree to ensure all the members get contacted.

And now we come full circle, back to recruiting. What is a great way to help a group of men that is tired of doing all the work?

More helpers, of course! Ask another man to help your council's work by joining the Knights of Columbus. Once he's joined, use the Shining Armor program to help him immediately get busy and become an active Knight. Promptly get him added to the phone tree and start including him in your calls for help on functions. Again remember that a specific request to do a job is much more effective than a generic plea for help to a group. Be sure to not burn him out or scare him off, either—don't ask a new member to chair a major function, but do ask him to help the chairman with a specific task or function. Pretty soon that new member is helping to ease the load, and at the same time is feeling good about being an active Knight. And guess what one of the parts of the Shining Armor includes? That's right, recruiting another new member. So by priming the pump, your council can really start to make things happen.

As a reminder, there is still time for your council to earn a great Knights of Columbus jacket for your Grand Knight by achieving 100% of the membership quota by December 31, 2005. There are many councils that can achieve this mark by bringing in all the candidates they have recruited through their Blitz efforts, so let's be sure to follow through with each and every prospect.

Since it's holiday time, and in keeping with a theme of A Knight Before Christmas (see the poem elsewhere in the bulletin), here are a couple of examples of notices you might consider putting in your parish bulletin for the holidays. They would work even better if you could combine them with a flier insert, with specific information about your council's activities and examples of how you have helped your parish.

Looking for the perfect Christmas present for your family?

What better gift could you give than being a more active Catholic... engaging in activities to support your church, youth, community, family, and council... exemplifying the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism! Ladies, is this the time to encourage your husband to be a member of a peer group of dedicated Catholic men doing God's work? Contact [your name here] at 123-4567 for information on how to join the Knights of Columbus...a Catholic, family, fraternal service organization with over 1.7 million Catholic men throughout the world sharing the experience of a lifetime.

New Year's Resolution

I resolve to be more active in putting my faith to work through activities to support my church, family, youth, community, and council. Does this sound like you? The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic, family, fraternal service organization with over 1.7 million members. If you've ever felt like you ought to be doing something to take an active part in doing God's work... you're right! Contact [your name here] at 123-4567 for information on how to join Council #0000.

Feel free to tailor these announcements or come up with your own holiday-themed membership campaigns. Also don't forget to invite prospective members to your Christmas party or other activities.

Vivat Jesus!

Don McBride, State Advocate
Membership Chairman

October 1, 2005 Membership Standings by Division (Division Leaders are Shown in Bold Face Type)

Division I <50 members							Division II 50-99 members							Division III 100-149 members						
							(continued)							(continued)						
1606	49 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%				8768	95 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%		7908	115 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%					
3044	33 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%				9145	84 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%		8137	132 :	0 / 7 =	0.0%					
8079	48 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%				9434	95 :	4 / 5 =	80.0%		8150	103 :	4 / 5 =	80.0%					
9237	45 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%				9721	52 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%		8201	122 :	4 / 6 =	66.7%					
9605	47 :	2 / 5 =	40.0%				10532	57 :	3 / 5 =	60.0%		8297	116 :	3 / 5 =	60.0%					
9617	43 :	-1 / 5 =	N/A				10534	52 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%		8311	107 :	2 / 5 =	40.0%					
9637	49 :	4 / 5 =	80.0%				10543	71 :	2 / 5 =	40.0%		8476	140 :	2 / 7 =	28.6%					
9910	36 :	1 / 5 =	20.0%				10652	75 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%		8872	109 :	6 / 5 =	120.0%					
9941	43 :	1 / 5 =	20.0%				10664	94 :	1 / 5 =	20.0%		9664	118 :	0 / 6 =	0.0%					
11085	38 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%				11252	73 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%		9833	137 :	1 / 7 =	14.3%					
11736	44 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%				11253	81 :	-1 / 5 =	N/A		10653	112 :	2 / 6 =	33.3%					
11906	40 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%				11357	76 :	6 / 5 =	120.0%		11134	108 :	2 / 5 =	40.0%					
12002	38 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%				11408	86 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%		11217	148 :	7 / 7 =	100.0%					
12251	36 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%				11478	74 :	5 / 5 =	100.0%		11762	143 :	-21 / 7 =	N/A					
12420	43 :	1 / 5 =	20.0%				11611	88 :	1 / 5 =	20.0%		11780	104 :	-1 / 5 =	N/A					
12889	48 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%				11642	78 :	2 / 5 =	40.0%		11948	126 :	-5 / 6 =	N/A					
13238	48 :	6 / 5 =	120.0%				11789	95 :	1 / 5 =	20.0%										
13364	34 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%				12175	57 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%		Division IV 150-249 members								
13422	44 :	1 / 5 =	20.0%				12273	58 :	1 / 5 =	20.0%		894	168 :	1 / 7 =	14.3%					
13462	43 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%				12483	61 :	-14 / 5 =	N/A		1327	206 :	3 / 10 =	30.0%					
13560	48 :	8 / 5 =	160.0%				12583	73 :	4 / 5 =	80.0%		1379	162 :	-3 / 7 =	N/A					
13597	33 :	2 / 5 =	40.0%				12591	89 :	4 / 5 =	80.0%		1620	193 :	1 / 9 =	11.1%					
13761	30 :	1 / 5 =	20.0%				12786	90 :	2 / 5 =	40.0%		2763	188 :	0 / 9 =	0.0%					
13794	32 :	5 / 5 =	100.0%				12899	91 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%		3598	220 :	6 / 10 =	60.0%					
13831	30 :	1 / 5 =	20.0%				12983	67 :	2 / 5 =	40.0%		4322	166 :	0 / 7 =	0.0%					
13834	31 :	4 / 5 =	80.0%				13186	85 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%		4385	162 :	6 / 7 =	85.7%					
							13374	78 :	4 / 5 =	80.0%		4782	214 :	1 / 10 =	10.0%					
Division II 50-99 members							13395	54 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%		6097	223 :	-3 / 11 =	N/A					
1449	79 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%				13606	79 :	9 / 5 =	180.0%		6686	180 :	12 / 9 =	133.3%					
1629	89 :	2 / 5 =	40.0%									7528	227 :	2 / 11 =	18.2%					
1674	82 :	2 / 5 =	40.0%				Division III 100-149 members					7642	175 :	-1 / 9 =	N/A					
1699	82 :	4 / 5 =	80.0%				829	118 :	6 / 5 =	120.0%		8179	214 :	-5 / 10 =	N/A					
1758	85 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%				1401	101 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%		9238	182 :	7 / 9 =	77.8%					
1823	63 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%				1460	112 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%										
2155	75 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%				1488	115 :	1 / 6 =	16.7%		Division V >249 members								
2260	97 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%				1545	140 :	0 / 7 =	0.0%		676	446 :	1 / 18 =	5.6%					
3611	87 :	5 / 5 =	100.0%				1550	131 :	0 / 6 =	0.0%		683	413 :	0 / 19 =	0.0%					
5177	81 :	1 / 5 =	20.0%				1565	139 :	-2 / 6 =	N/A		763	373 :	0 / 17 =	0.0%					
6706	95 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%				2103	107 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%		766	291 :	0 / 13 =	0.0%					
7117	83 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%				2126	113 :	1 / 5 =	20.0%		809	287 :	-1 / 13 =	N/A					
7149	54 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%				2303	118 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%		1643	306 :	7 / 14 =	50.0%					
7356	76 :	3 / 5 =	60.0%				2999	134 :	15 / 6 =	250.0%		3307	316 :	8 / 14 =	57.1%					
7360	76 :	3 / 5 =	60.0%				3153	108 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%		3361	302 :	1 / 14 =	7.1%					
8015	92 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%				3455	127 :	-1 / 6 =	N/A		5816	252 :	6 / 12 =	50.0%					
8102	88 :	3 / 5 =	60.0%				3645	141 :	-3 / 6 =	N/A										
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8266	73 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%				4367	113 :	2 / 5 =	40.0%										
8398	67 :	0 / 5 =	0.0%				5495	118 :	1 / 5 =	20.0%										
8437	73 :	1 / 5 =	20.0%				6806	127 :	0 / 6 =	0.0%										
8455	94 :	1 / 5 =	20.0%				7863	139 :	3 / 7 =	42.9%										

Message from General Program Director



We are approaching our mid-year point in this fraternal year. The following 2 months have deadlines which are important to your council's well being.

One of the most important is the Fraternal Survey. Worksheet 1728A should be sent out to each of your members at the beginning of December with a return to you by 1/1/06. One way is to send the form out with your annual dues notices. This form is important because it helps keep the Order's non-profit status with the IRS. Encourage your members to fill out the worksheet and return it to the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary.

Form 1728, The Annual Fraternal Survey, is due in Supreme no later than 1/31/06. This form is part of your Star Council requirement therefore, on time receiving at Supreme Council is a must!

Grand Knights are reminded at the end of December you must schedule and conduct a semi-annual audit and submit it to Supreme Council with a copy to the State Deputy and District Deputy.

Grand Knights are reminded to inform your councils of the date, time and location of the Regional Meeting your district is assigned to. Encourage your officers and chairmen to actively participate in this informative meeting. Eastside is January 7 in Spokane and the 8th in Yakima and the Westside is January 14th in Olympia and the 15th in Everett.

My wife Sheila and I wish to take this opportunity to wish all of you and your families a very Blessed and Holy Christmas season.

Merry Christmas all.

Ed Hebert, Sr.

General Program Director

Message from Vocations



Have you mailed a check to your RSVP seminarian or candidate for the consecrated life of a nun? I have received a report from one diocesan vocations office that a certain

seminarian has not received a single check this fraternal year from councils or assemblies that has pledged to support him. This particular seminarian is in a financial bind, and really needs our help. If you haven't sent out the check, December would be a great time to do it - along with a Christmas card as well.

As of mid-November, I have not yet received confirmation of 2004-2005 RSVP support from the following Councils: 11762(30) 3361(19) 7642(16) 7907(23) 9145(05) 11217(26) despite repeated messages to the District Deputies involved and attempts to contact the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary of the Councils involved by letters, e-mail and telephone calls. IT IS NOW DECEMBER...

I would appreciate an early Christmas gift - information regarding the remaining six Councils' RSVP activity for the fraternal year that ended way back on JUNE 30TH.

There is still further disheartening news: one Council reneged on its pledge to support a seminarian last fraternal year; this seminarian now has NO support, and no Council or Assembly has stepped forward to sponsor him. Will you rise to the challenge, and see to it that "Every Seminarian Supported" is not an empty watchword?

A Blessed Christmas to you all...

Duane L. Vincent FDD PFN PGK

Chairman for Vocations/PFH/RSVP

e-mail: vocations@kofc-wa.org

Message from Retention



There are several District Deputies that deserve my thanks for their help with membership retention recently. As an example, I received the "District Deputy Copies" of a form

1845 informing me that some members we've contacted have paid their dues and became current, others had their dues paid by another member because of a hardship. Some have requested a withdrawal and some have sent payments to me, that I in turn forward to the council FS. In the first five months of this fraternal year we have received 180 notices of Intend to Suspend, or actual suspension notices from Supreme, including withdrawals. When this happens it is extremely difficult to retain the member that has already been suspended. Most of the suspensions are members that have moved away, with no forwarding address, so we have little chance to contact him. Some of them have been on the books so long they can't be traced.

This leads me to believe that we need to make every effort to stay in touch with our members; especially when we know they plan to move away. I would suggest that every Grand Knight appoint one or two active members in your council on your retention committee to contact those members that do not attend your council meetings or are rarely seen in church. A "NET" new member quota of 5 is not nearly as hard to obtain as when you have 6 or 10 suspensions on your books. I am asking all District Deputies to follow up, and forward your copy of form 1845, and I truly thank those that have supported my efforts these first five months. I look forward to seeing you at the DD meeting in Bellevue this month.

Monte Gromwell

Retention Chairman



Message from Recruitment Chairman



We are in our sixth month of office as Grand Knight and should be well on our way of achieving our membership goals. At least we should be at 50% of our goals to keep on track. I thought it would be appropriate at this time of year to use a holiday theme: "**A Knight Before Christmas**" as a motivating theme to focus on recruiting men to join our ranks. Some of the ways we could use this theme might be:

1. Have some form #100's when you are selling **Keep Christ in Christmas** cards and encourage your fellow Knights helping sell cards to ask men that are looking at the cards to also consider joining the Knights.
2. If your parish is having an alternative gift fair, ask if a Knight could be there with form #100's to recruit.
3. Ask your pastor if you could have a place in the Narthex for a supply of form #100's available after Mass.
4. Plan on having your recruitment team attend any parish Christmas activities and be sure they have form #100's with them.
5. In general, be aware of all the ways you can recruit men during the Christmas season and have lots of form #100s available.

This will be a short message this month as everyone has a lot of things to do and I think the above items should give all you Grand Knights enough ideas to have lots of form #100's on hand and be sure to have your team at all Christmas parish activities ready to recruit "**A Knight Before Christmas**".

I invite all Grand Knights to achieve Star Council this year and to exceed your membership goal by December 31, 2005. We all feel great when we achieve our goals especially if we do so early. Any questions or for help call me. 425-742-0239

Vivat Jesus!

John Alexy

Recruitment Chairman

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found in his First Letter to the Corinthians:

- If I decorate my house perfectly with lovely plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights, and shiny glass balls, but do not show love to my family – I'm just another decorator.
- If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals, and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family – I'm just another cook.
- If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home, and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family – I've missed the point.
- Love stops the cooking to hug the child.
- Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the husband.
- Love is kind, though harried and tired.
- Love bears all things, believes all things, and hopes all things.
- Video games will break; pearl necklaces will be lost; golf clubs will rust. But giving the gift of love will endure forever!

May God bless you abundantly this Christmas season! May you watch for Jesus throughout each day and may this be a joy-filled Christmas and the beginning of a joy-filled year!

Father Wilmar

Rev. Wilmar O. Zabala

Message from Bulletin Editor



I would like to provide an update on the Newsletter and Newsletter Name contest. The following Councils are in the running for **best newsletter** (listed in no

particular order): 1) Auburn #3598; 2) St John Bosco 11762, 3) Richland #3307, 4) St. John Mary Vianney. 5) St Joseph #7528, 6) Pasco #1620, 7) Richland #3307, 8) Fr Justin P Garvey #6686, 9) Holy Spirit #10653. **Best newsletter Titles** in the running are: 1)Tacoma #809, 2) Richland #3307, 3) St Joseph, #7528, 4) St John Mary Vianney #11408, 5) Richland #3307, 6) St. Frances Cabrini #4322, 7) Michael Flohr #766, and 8) St John Bosco #11762. You still have time. If I don't get your newsletter, you definitely won't be in the running.

Please keep the cards and letters (email) coming folks. I need your inputs for the Bulletin each month by the 20th so I can have time to organize all the articles in the bulletin and get it to the printers a couple of days before the 1st of the next month.

Also please don't forget that I can help you submit articles in the Columbia Magazine if you like.

Please try to send any pictures in JPEG format if possible. They take up a lot less room than TIF or bitmap.

Thanks,

Frank Tyson

Bulletin Editor

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Keep Christ in Christmas Cards

Thanks to all the Council Christmas Card Chairmen and those who helped to sell cards this season; a job well done. Please continue to sell these beautiful cards as long as you can to help bring Christ into Christmas. Remember, a lot of people start writing their cards late in the season, so continue to have them available for purchase.

We will continue to take your orders as long as required. Please call Mark at (253) 584-1238 or John at (253) 582-8199. Mailings are made each day.

Leftover cards should be given away to someone or some group that could use them. Storing cards for the year does not help bring Christ into Christmas.

Sheila, myself and all our family pray that this Holy Season will be joyous and blessed for you and your families.

Christ is with us.

John M. Wallace
KCIC CO-Chairman

A Knight Before Christmas

"Recruit a Knight before Christmas," 'twas all that was asked; so I set out to achieve this simple December task.

Form #100s were placed in my pocket with care; In hopes that in our benefits, men and their families would share.

I sought out my family, and much to my surprise they always wanted to join, which I never realized.

Next I went to the parish in search of recruits; I saw right away, that this would bear fruit.

I left with completed Form #100s in hand; When it comes to recruiting, I am the Man!

Next to a restaurant, where many a friend could be found; But then with the Knights, there's always one around.

More rapid than eagles, the new members they came, As I whistled down the street, I called them by name:

Welcome Bob and Chris, Jeff and Bill;

Greetings Alan and Steve, Fred and Phil.

I submitted the forms to my financial secretary; The number of prospects made him quite merry.

He sprang to his feet, as he joyfully exclaimed, "How did you do this, please explain?"

It was rather simple how this all came to pass; My Brother Knight, all I needed to do was ASK!

A Knight Before Christmas is what we would like; Happy Christmas to all, and from all a new Knight.

Kevin Brady, Membership Coordinator, Supreme Council

Exemplification Fund



Thanks to all District Deputies, Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries for their efforts to resolve the Exemplification Fund Balance of their councils. The voluntary Exemplification Fund was established to support the operating cost of the 3rd Degree Teams as they travel to different areas of the State to administer the 3rd Degree. The fund does not cover operating costs of the 1st and 2nd Degree Teams. That cost is the responsibility of the councils involved.

Previous to 1998 the responsibility for collection of the 3rd Degree Initiation Fee (\$10.) was the District Deputy's. Because of record keeping and other problems the current procedure was established in 2004. A fee of \$8.00 per new member is requested from the council upon the initiation of a new member into the 1st Degree (except for priests and seminarians). The State Council only receives the gross total number of new candidates from Supreme for each council. Because of this, the Financial Secretary of the council needs to forward with the \$8.00 fee check, the number of candidates minus the priests, seminarians, transfers, readmissions, reactivations and re-initiations to the State Secretary.

Each and every 1st Degree Knight should receive his 3rd Degree for full Knighthood. Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries have the responsibility to ensure council members are scheduled to attend a 2nd and 3rd Degree. The Washington Knights of Columbus makes this process as easy as possible by scheduling twenty-four combined 2nd and 3rd Degrees throughout the State. In view of the above the State Council requires that Councils review their membership rolls and ensure those in need of the 2nd and 3rd Degree are taken to a Degree. Further that the Exemplification fee is forwarded after the 1st Degree and not wait until the member takes his 3rd. Your attention to these matters would be appreciated.

The following is a list of councils that have an outstanding balance from last year that has not been paid. Any council may request a review of payments by e-mailing StateTreasurer@kofc-wa.org.

District Deputies, please collect funds from Councils who have not paid past fees and have candidates attending a third degree exemplification.

683	2103	4322	7642	8768	11611	12483
763	2155	4385	7863	8872	11642	12786
809	2303	5177	8015	9664	11762	12899
894	2763	5816	8079	9721	11780	12983
1327	3044	6097	8102	9941	11906	13462
1401	3153	6706	8266	10543	12002	13422
1545	3361	7117	8311	11217	12273	13597
1785	3455	7356	8398	11408	12420	13794

In union with Christ,

John M. Wallace
State Treasurer

Knights in Christ Daily Meditation

I recently came across and have been using the *Knights to Christ Daily Meditation Book*. The pocket size meditation book was developed and produced by the Colorado Knights of Columbus Charities Fund, Inc. It has an imprimatur by Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap, Archbishop of Denver.

Lakewood, Washington Council 11762 has made a consignment agreement with the Colorado Knights of Columbus Charities Fund, Inc. to purchase the *Knights to Christ Daily Meditation Book* for resale to councils within Washington State District.

Knights to Christ is designed to **strengthen the spirituality of Knights and their families**. It takes short passages of scripture and helps to present the ideas of the passage by stories, challenging questions and quotes. All of these elements offer understandable and meaningful reflection for the reader.

Knights to Christ challenges **Knights and their councils** to better fulfill the mission of the Knights of Columbus in the context of our faith. Men especially need to be challenged and made to see what more they need to do to live their faith through the Knights.

Knights to Christ will significantly **enhance the image of Knights** in the Catholic community. The Knights of Colorado tell us that every priest, Bishop, and Cardinal that has reviewed the book, not only favorably commented on it, but expressed strong compliments on the book's content and purpose.

Knights to Christ teaches the principles of the Knights more deeply and with **greater perspective**. Imagine gaining 365 different perspectives on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism in the context of our Faith!

The following is taken from a flyer put out by the Colorado Knights of Columbus Charities Fund:

"A book of contemporary daily meditations linking scripture to the principles of the Knights of Columbus."

"*Knights to Christ* takes what we already are taught through God's word—the Bible—and does three things:

First, it provides an explanation of a daily scripture passage through a story, reflective question and quote.

Second, each scripture selection is framed to explain a principle of the Knights: "Charity, Unity, Fraternity or Patriotism, so we learn more deeply our principles as taught to us by scripture.

Third, the reflective questions are directed to the Knights, and they are often action-oriented challenges. Men need to be more challenged in their roles as husband, father, man, brother, and citizen. Many of the daily reflections offer such questions. The questions make you think about your understanding of the scripture passage, of what it means applied to the principles of the Order, and most importantly challenges you to action.

We are taking what is foundational—our Faith and our Order's principles—and presenting both together in an innovative fashion."

If you see a need for spiritual growth in your life and family or council, please contact me for how your council can purchase this meditation book.

John M. Wallace

Meditation Book Chairman

(253) 582-8199

StateTreasurer@kofc-wa.org

Message from Executive Secretary



District Deputy Mid-Year Winter Meeting

On Saturday, December 10, 2005, the State Officers will meet with the District Deputies, Regional District Coordinators, and State Chairmen in Bellevue. This is an annual function where the District Deputies review what has been accomplished in the first six months of the fraternal year and discuss preparations for the next six months. This meeting provides all attendees with the opportunity to share new ideas on how best to achieve Membership and Insurance Goals and to develop better Program Activities.

The District Deputies will also finalize plans for the Regional Meetings that will be held in January 2006. The Ladies will have the opportunity to create Holiday Crafts for the upcoming Christmas Season and visit the Bellevue Plaza for shopping. After the meeting, attendees will attend mass at St Madeleine Sophie Parish, followed by a Group Dinner arranged by Regional District Coordinator/DD#23 Alan Newhouse and hosted by Bellevue Council 10664.

Edward R. Himebaugh

WSC Executive Secretary

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

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

**SIGN UP A
NEW MEMBER
TODAY!**




KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Message from Youth Chairman

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ESSAY CONTEST *THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CATHOLIC CITIZEN IN A FREE SOCIETY*

- Goals** To encourage students to read and study the teachings of Pope John Paul the Great and to strengthen bonds between the Knights of Columbus and individual Catholic schools.
- Theme & Topic** **Theme** - The Responsibility of the Catholic Citizen in a Free Society
Topic - "Describe the role in society of a Catholic who lives his or her faith and follows the social teachings of the Church."
- Taken from Pope John Paul the Great's Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Christifideles Laici*:
 "Above all, the common outcry which is justly made on behalf of human rights—for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture—is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination."
- Eligibility** The contest is geared toward students graduating from Catholic elementary schools or high schools in 2006. Students in these grades should be encouraged to participate.
- Guidelines**
- Essays must reflect on the assigned theme and topic, and be submitted before the deadlines.
 - Essays must be the student's original work.
 - Essays must be typed on 8 ½" x 11" paper, one sided, double spaced, with 1" margins.
 - Essays must be between 500 and 750 words long.
 - The student's name only should appear on the official Knights of Columbus Essay Contest entry form, which should be stapled to the essay.
 - All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus and will not be returned.
- Judging**
- Judges are selected by the sponsoring Knights of Columbus unit.
 - Judges can be K of C members, clergy, educators, civic officials, etc.
 - Essays judged on a 100-point system
 - 20 points – Overall impression
 - 40 points – Content
 - 40 points – Grammar/Style
- Timetable/Sequence of Events**
- You should order the Knights of Columbus essay contest kit from the Supreme Council Office from September to March.
 - Contact local Catholic schools to secure cooperation. At this time the date, place and means of recognizing winners is determined.
 - Students write essays in March 2006 and submit them in April 2006.
 - Judges review essays in April 2006.
 - Essay winners receive awards at school awards ceremony or graduation in May/June 2006.
- Awards**
- Certificates are included in the Essay Contest Kit.
 - First place certificates (Form #4207)
 - Participant certificates (Form #4206)
 - Blank certificates (Form #4214) - free of charge from Supreme Council
 - Additional recognition is at the discretion of the sponsoring Knights of Columbus unit.

Ed Parazoo

State Youth Chairmen

Message from Family Chairman



If you are anything like me, you are getting excited for the holidays. I love the food, the fun with friends, some fishing, some hunting, some hockey games, some fires in the fire place, but more than anything, some time off from work to enjoy my family.

One of our family traditions is to go to a local church that puts on a Christmas play with live animals and a reenactment of the birth of Christ in a real outside manger. It's our way to keep the real meaning of the holidays in perspective. Every year we celebrate The Holy Family and the ultimate gift that they gave to us...their Son.

Our families are one of our greatest gifts, so spend some time with them and enjoy them as part of your Holiday season.

Forty-three Councils in Washington State found the time to honor a special family in October, by participating in the Knights of Columbus "Family of the Month" Program. This is an incredibly easy way to show appreciation for, and to say thank you to, those families in your Council who have given of their time and talents. In the spirit of the Holy Family, consider starting a tradition in your Council by participating in the "Family of the Month Program" if you aren't already doing so.

Congratulations to the following Washington Families who were drawn by the Supreme Council to receive a Holy Family Statuette:

OCTOBER 2005:

Family of
Robert & Alice Carlson, Council 3307, Richland

Family of
Richard & Terri Ryan, Council 7385, Bellevue

Family of
Richard & Betty Better, Council 7149, Goldendale

Family of
Pete & Jalaine Kraetsch, Council 9833, Sammamish

Family of
Jim & Kathy Brewster, Council 10652, Ft Lewis/McChord

Finally, from my family to yours, We Wish You the Happiest and Most Blessed Holidays Ever!!!

Bob Baemmert

State Family Chairman

Pro-Life Message



March for Life
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18th, 2006.
NOON - 1 PM
THE CAPITOL- OLYMPIA

Dear Brothers,

The Washington State March for Life in Olympia will be held on January 18, 2006 (Wednesday). The rally provides a way for Knights and their parish family to be responsible Catholic citizens. Each district within the I-5 corridor should now consider having pro-life chair couples to contact their school principals and encourage catholic school students to consider a half-day field trip to Olympia on that day. Eighth graders or high school students especially gain insight into our government by listening to the state representatives and senators at the rally and by seeing first hand our democratic process at work. The chaperones and students might also take the opportunity to meet with their representatives or senators at their office buildings immediately following the rally.

The March for Life (rally) will begin at the Capitol mall at Noon and is expected to be completed by 1:30. If you would like more information please contact me at 509-546-9923.

Merry Christmas and Bleesed New Year,

Jim Toth

Pro-Life Chairman

Message from State Advocate

Please let me help you resolve any questions you might have regarding the rules of our order, including assistance in updating your council's bylaws. If your council does not have bylaws, or if you would like to update your current ones, please feel free to contact me at StateAdvocate@kofc-wa.org to obtain a copy of a suggested sample set of bylaws you can tailor for your council. Thanks!

Don McBride

State Advocate



Fourth Degree News

Fourth Degree Exemplification

The big event of the year for the Whidbey-Fidalgo Assembly will be their hosting the NW Washington Regional Fourth Degree Exemplification being held in Oak Harbor on February 18, 2006.

The exemplification will be held at St. Augustine's Church... The Best Western "Harbor Plaza" will be the site for lodging... The banquet will be held at the Chief Petty Officer's Club (off base)... Registration and a hosted luncheon for all (12 noon - 1pm) will be held at the Oak Harbor Council Hall - 3259 Old Goldie Road. During the exemplification there will be a program for the ladies in attendance.

Banquet reservations are to be made, with payment, no later than February 8th. Payment is not required for the candidates, but are required for all others, including the candidates wife and/or guests. \$17.50 per person (Roasted Loin of Port)... make checks payable to "Whidbey-Fidalgo Assembly" and mail to Jack Newman Jr., 578 SE 4th Ave., Oak Harbor, WA 98277. For those with diet restrictions call Jack (360) 675-5189.

Lodging reservations are to be made direct with the Best Western "Harbor Plaza", 5691 State Highway 20, Oak Harbor, WA 98277 (Phone: 1-800-927-5478). Identify yourself as a Knight of Columbus: Single or Double, same rate \$71.00, which includes an expanded Continental Breakfast. Each room features in-room coffee, refrigerator, microwave and hair dryer. For those physically impaired, there is an elevator. For "early birds" arriving Friday evening, there will be a hospitality room for meeting and greeting candidates, members and their wives. Make your reservations now!! Cut-off date for special room rate is January 31st.

All Membership Documents (Form 4), for the candidates, are to be sent to the State Master, Storm Smole, not later than February 1, 2006 with a \$65.00 check payable to "Master KorC Fourth Degree"... Form 4's must be complete... especially the certification of the council's Financial Secretary.

The desired dress for the exemplification is black single breasted tuxedo with white shirt (no wing tip collar), black footwear and black bow tie. A dark suit with white shirt, black foot wear and black bow tie will be permissible. Military personnel (active or retired) may wear their dress uniform.

Vivat Jesus!

Jack Newman Jr., FMFD
Exemplification Coordinator

The Fourth Degree Emblem Meaning



The triad emblem of the Fourth Degree features the Dove ... Cross ... Globe ...

The Dove ... classic symbol of the Holy Spirit and Peace ... is shown hovering over the orb of the earth (globe). Both are mounted on a variation of the Crusader's Cross which was found on the tunics and capes of the Crusading Knights who battled to regain the Holy Land from the pagans.

Our honored Order cherishes as its patron Christopher Columbus. Christopher ... Christ Bearer; Columbus ... Dove of Peace. Symbolizing the paraclete Spirituality, the sacred symbol of the emblem typifies the union of the three divine persons in one Godhead ... The most blessed Trinity.

The Globe ... God the Father, creator of the universe.

The Cross ... God the Son, redeemer of mankind.

The Dove ... God the Holy Spirit, sanctifier of humanity.

The colors are Red, White, and Blue.

The Globe ... Blue

The Cross ... Red

The Dove ... White

The red, white and blue are the colors of the flag of our country in which our order originated; and are used to stress the basic principle of the 4th degree:

PATRIOTISM



**'Tis the season
to be jolly!**

New Council Development, Round Table West



Grand Knights have a tough job. As a Grand Knight of a council that has members from 2 or more parishes, your job is even tougher. You not only have to answer questions for the priest of your parent church and the state officers but you have to answer questions from all the priests of the churches your council belongs.

Fortunately for you, Supreme has made this task easier for you. You find a volunteer from each church to act as a go-between (the priest of the parish and that of the council). When the priest needs something they contact your volunteer and he relays it to the council. Easy as pie!

So what's the problem you ask? Ok lets get down to the Nuts and Bolts: we have 176 parishes in western Washington and we have 91 councils. That leaves 85 parishes that do not have a council. Ok, how many Round Tables are reported? The answer is 11. We have 74 parishes that know nothing about the Knights of Columbus. I don't believe this! I know that there are active members within every parish and it only takes ONE knight to start a Round Table. You as the Grand Knight should be asking them to be the coordinator, why haven't you?

Why are you so against filling out a piece of paper and submitting it to Supreme? It simply states exactly what you are already doing now! If a parish priest ask for something from you then you are the acting coordinator. What a wonderful way to get Ideas for the whole council to work on for there communities. One priest may want something to do with Pro Life and another needs books for the youth group, yet another may be needing cooks for the soup kitchen these are real things to rally behind. Don't you want the world to know that your council built a tool shed for St. Mary's? Why are you hiding your councils light under a basket?

Is it that you are afraid that the District Deputy will start a new council and take away all of your workers? Do you own your Building and you need a large membership base to pay for the taxes? Maybe you said "Not on my watch will they ever start a Round Table" Did your council take a vote not to participate in the Round Table Program because they like it the way it is?

Let's straighten out some facts: Here in Washington we don't start Round Tables just to rip apart councils. We start Round Tables to assist the Parish Priest Period. Yes we do also inform the Supreme Council that we are involved with other parishes, that is what it means in belonging to an Organization that is larger than ourselves. People need to know who and where to go in the time of need, don't keep it a secret. Let everyone know that your council is proud to help and that the Knights of Columbus stands up when called upon. Keep the dream alive.

Faternally,
Richard Wessling
NCD-RT East

New Council Development, Round Table East



The timing is terrible when a guy gets injured and has to have surgery. That was the case for me, and has affected getting some of my Knights of Columbus work finished on time. Needless to say, the worst is over I hope, and as I recover, I will keep working on some of my duties.

My list of assigned Parishes for you will be late for the December's column in the Washington State Bulletin, which was asked for by our State Deputy to have ready by this publishing. However, each District Deputy on the east side will receive it by the "District Deputies Winter Meeting" held in Bellevue. This list will contain an upgrade by Districts and Councils for the assigned Parishes that still don't have a Knights of Columbus presence.

For the benefit of Districts and Councils on the east side, to the best of my knowledge, I will list those previously sponsored, by various Councils, and their Round Tables that have not filled out form number 2629. (Report of Round Table Coordinator) Those listed Councils and their Grand Knights are responsible to turn them in. They read as following:

1. Council 3307, District 17, sponsor for St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish (Spa) in Benton City.
2. Council 1699, District 17, sponsor for St. Mary Parish in White Swan, Resurrection Parish in Zillah, (Spa) and St. Peter Claver Parish in Wapato.
3. Council 11134, District 20, sponsor for St. Joseph Parish (Spa) in Spokane.
4. Council 8137, District 20, (previously sponsored by Council 9145, District 5) new sponsor for Holy Family Parish at Fairchild A.F.B.
5. Council 13186, District 10, sponsor for St. Joseph Parish (Spa) in Waterville.
Council 1545, District 10, sponsor for St. Francis Xavier Parish in Cashmere, and St. Francis de Sales in Chelan.

If this above list is added to the 2005-2006 Fraternal Year, it will help immensely to achieve our goals.

I should remind those Districts and Councils who added Round Tables in the past, to stay current each year. Supreme will erase them from our records after two years. The above list is in jeopardy after this Fraternal Year. Please fill out form 2629.

Like I said last month, "Continue Moving Forward".

Faternally,
Dave Olson
NCD-RT East

First Degree Team Ceremonial Competition



The four First Degree Teams that will participate in the 2005-2006 Washington State Council's First Degree Team Ceremonial Competition have been selected. These four teams are veterans to the Ceremonial Competition and are respected throughout Washington as our finest First Degree Teams.

- Representing Eastern Washington is Kennewick Council 8179, the winner of the 2005 competition.
- Representing Central Washington is Richland Council 3307.
- Representing Northwest Washington is Lynnwood Council 5816.
- Representing Central-Southwest Washington is Tukwila Council 11253.

These outstanding teams will conduct the revised First Degree Ceremonial at each of the four Regional Meetings in January 2006.

Saturday, January 7, 06 in Spokane at St John Vianney Parish the Kennewick Council 8179 degree team will conduct the degree. The tentative start time is 1:00pm. All District Deputies and Grand Knights from Districts 5, 8, 18, 20 and 29 are required to attend the Regional Meeting. All council First Degree Team members are encouraged to observe the revised First Degree Ceremonial.

Sunday, January 8, 06 in Yakima at Yakima Council 6097 hall the Richland Council 3307 degree team will conduct the degree. The tentative start time is 8:45am. All District Deputies and Grand Knights from Districts 6, 7, 10, 17, and 28 are required to attend the Regional Meeting. All council First Degree Team members are encouraged to observe the revised First Degree Ceremonial.

Saturday, January 14, 06 in Olympia at Olympia Council Columbian Hall the Tukwila Council 11253 degree team will conduct the degree. The tentative start time is 1:00pm. All District Deputies and Grand Knights from Districts 2, 3, 4, 11, 12, 15, 22, 25, 27, 30, and 31 are required to attend the Regional Meeting. All council First Degree Team members are encouraged to observe the revised First Degree Ceremonial.

Sunday, January 15, 06 in Everett at Everett Council 763 hall the Lynnwood Council 5816 degree team will conduct the degree. The tentative start time is 8:45am. All District Deputies and Grand Knights from Districts 1, 9, 13, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23, 24 and 26 are required to attend the Regional Meeting. All council First Degree Team members are encouraged to observe the revised First Degree Ceremonial.

This will be an outstanding opportunity for members of their council's First Degree Team to observe four of the best First Degree Teams in Washington competing for the prestigious title, 'Best of the Best' in the Washington State First Degree Team Ceremonial Competition. Also, this will be a unique experience to witness the revised First Degree ceremonial. This will aid each council's First Degree Team in their preparation and training. For those councils that do not have a First Degree Team this will provide an insight as to the requirements to form a degree team. All should attend and those who do will be witnessing a historical event, the revised First Degree Ceremonial. Mark your calendars. This will be an event you do not want to miss.

If you would like more information on the Washington State First Degree Team Ceremonial Competition, go to the State's webpage and access, download and print the booklet.

Wayne C. Hogan

Wayne C. Hogan, PSD
State Ceremonial Chairman

Message from Fr McGivney Guild Chairman

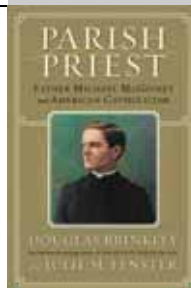


I have no article this month, but Vera and I want to wish you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas.

Pat Maloney, IPSD

Fr. McGivney Guild Chairman

New Biography of Fr McGivney



A new 237-page biography on the Order's founder will be available in bookstores and through online book sellers in January. Parish Priest -- Father Michael McGivney and American Catholicism (William Morrow, \$24.95 US/\$32.95 CAN) by New York Times bestselling author Douglas Brinkley and Julie M. Fenster is a fascinating account of Father McGivney's world and the many characters who influenced him and came to know the greatness of this extraordinary parish priest. In January, you'll be able to purchase the book online at www.kofc.org.

If viewing on web, click [here](#) to go to Fr. McGivney Home Page.

Coast Guard Aircrew Receive Medals for Saving Life of Newborn

Members of the Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod HU-25 Falcon crew Wednesday received medals for their heroic efforts last December in transporting a critically ill newborn from Albany, NY to Boston's Children's Hospital. Battling 40-knot crosswinds, heavy snow, and low visibility, the crew saved the life of the newborn, according to the Coast Guard.

Those receiving the medals included CMDR Stephen P. Czerwonka, who served as co-pilot on the mission, and Lt. Adam E. Cochran, who piloted the Falcon jet into Logan Airport. Petty Officer 2nd Class Andi J. Sowers received the Coast Guard Achievement Medal for superior performance of duty while serving as a sensor systems operator.

Established May 11, 1942, the Air Medal is awarded to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States who has distinguished him or herself by meritorious achievement or for sustained distinction in the performance of duties involving regular and frequent participation in aerial flight.

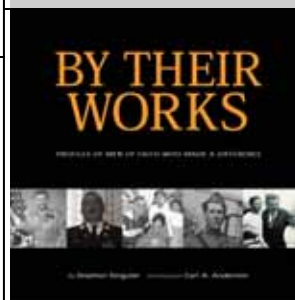
The citation does not tell the entire story. Stephen related to me that this life flight occurred during the heaviest snowfall last winter when Cape Cod Air Station and Logan International Airport in Boston were closed to all air traffic. When heavy weather is expected, Coast Guard duty aircraft are moved to safe havens. CMDR Czerwonka and crew were at a duty station in New Hampshire with his Falcon HU-25 jet aircraft when he received the life flight call.

A newborn baby girl was in grave condition and needed a life flight from Albany, New York to Boston Children's Hospital if she was to survive. The decision to fly lay squarely on the shoulders of CMDR Czerwonka. He first flew into Logan International...it was closed to all air craft landing and takeoffs due to the heavy snow, limited visibility and 40 knot cross winds...landing successfully on a runway just plowed for them. The taxi to the terminal to pickup a medical team and isolet for the baby was harrowing, but he took off again on the same freshly plowed runway in the 40 knot cross winds...something he had not encountered in more than 14 years of drug interdiction and SAR (search and rescue flights).

The flight to Albany and pickup of the newborn for the return flight was uneventful with the medical team aboard, but the landing in the crosswinds by Lt. Cochran was harrowing as Logan was still closed to all traffic. And to top it off, CMDR Czerwonka and crew took off again to return to their safe haven in New Hampshire to wait out the storm.

CMDR Stephen P. Czerwonka is the son of State Warden George H. Czerwonka, Jr. and Sharon Czerwonka. He is married to the former Stephanie Jochumsen of Spokane. They reside at Air Station Cape Cod with their children, Lauren and Jacob. CMDR Czerwonka is a 1984 graduate of University High School of Spokane Valley; a 1988 Electrical Engineering graduate of the US Coast Guard Academy; and, a 1992 Naval Aviator graduate of Naval Air Station Pensacola.

By Their Works



From the earliest days of the Knights of Columbus in the late 1800s, an extraordinary variety of men of faith and courage have decided

to become Knights. This book, written by best-selling author Stephen Singular, tells the stories of more than sixty Knights, including James Connolly, the first American to win an Olympic gold medal in modern times; two-time Congressional Medal of Honor winner Dan Daly; Al Smith, the first Catholic to be nominated for president; John F. Kennedy, the first Catholic to be elected president; legendary football coach Vince Lombardi; Peace Corps founder Sargent Shriver; Myles Connolly, the editor of *Columbia* magazine who went to Hollywood and wrote "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" and other popular movies; and New York Fire Department Lt. Danny O'Callaghan, who died helping people escape the twin towers on 9/11.

The deadline for ordering *By Their Works* at a **special pre-publication price of \$25** has been extended to December 1, 2005. When this top-quality coffee table book appears in bookstores next spring, it will sell for \$45. So order now, and don't forget to get one for your Catholic school library! Use the order form in any recent issue of *Columbia*.

Schedule for WSC Regional Meetings

In January, Eastside and Westside mid-year Regional Meetings will be held throughout Washington State to review membership, insurance, and program accomplishments and to help councils plan for the remainder of the fraternal year. **Council Grand Knights, Program Chairmen, Membership Chairmen, and interested Council Officers are asked to attend.**

First Degree Team Captains and members should attend the degree competition to observe the revised exemplification by a high quality team. This will be an excellent training opportunity.

Financial Secretaries are also encouraged to attend these meetings. A **training seminar** will be held to help new and current Financial Secretaries.

Two meetings will be held on the East side of the state and two will be held on the West side of the state. The schedule and locations are listed below. The meeting sites are centrally located to facilitate accessibility of the attendees. These meetings are held with one meeting on Saturday for a selected number of districts and councils in that region and the other meeting on Sunday for the remaining districts and councils. Considering demographics, **the districts and their councils are assigned to attend one of the meetings as outlined.** The meetings start in the morning and are concluded by mid to late afternoon to allow the attendees time to return home the same day.

REGION-DATES	DISTRICTS	TENTATIVE TIMES
Northeast		
January 7, 2006 St. John Vianney Parish Spokane	5, 8, 18, 20 & 29	8:45am Regional Meeting Starts 1:00pm 1st Degree Starts
East-Central		
January 8, 2006 Yakima 6097 Hall Yakima	6, 7, 10, 17, & 28	8:45am 1st Degree Starts 10:00am Regional Meeting Starts
West-South Central		
Southwest & South Olympic*		
January 14, 2006 Columbian Hall Olympia	2*, 3, 4, 11, 12, 15, 22*, 25, 27, 30 & 31	8:45am Regional Meeting Starts 1:00pm 1st Degree Starts
West-Northwest, West North, & North Olympic**		
January 15, 2006 Everett Council 763 Hall Everett	1, 9, 13 14, 16, 19, 21, 23, 24**, & 26	8:45am 1st Degree Starts 10:00am Regional Meeting Starts

Please plan to attend the indicated Regional Meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!

Reports Online

The Order has entered into the fourth phase of "Reports Online" registrations. Online accounts are now being offered to vice supreme masters, masters, grand knights and faithful navigators. This group of officers will produce more than 12,000 new registration invitations. The newest release also includes the ability to view individual council and assembly rosters.

In an attempt to balance the number of support calls to our Customer Service Center, we are spreading out the mailing of the grand knight and faithful navigator registration invitations over 4 weeks. At this time (12/1/05), more than one-half of the invitations have been mailed, and we expect to mail the last batch of invitations on December 14. The mailing is random, so some of your officers may have received their invitation already while others may not receive their invitation for another two weeks.

A full list of the officers who have access to the "Reports Online" feature has been provided to the State Deputy. Early in 2006, the registration process will begin for financial secretaries and faithful comptrollers.

Of particular interest is the number of district deputies who have taken advantage of the feature and registered their accounts. Only 23 percent of the district deputies Orderwide have registered their accounts.

District deputies are reminded to register online, if they have internet access. Grand knights should not be concerned if they have not yet received invitation letters.

The following roles have/will have access to the "Reports Online" feature: State Officers, Immediate Past State Deputy, Executive Secretary, Vice Supreme Master, Master, District Deputy, Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator, State Membership Director, State Program Director, and the following state chairmen: Membership, Round Table, Council Retention, Membership Retention, Insurance Promotion, New Council Development, Ceremonial, and Council Reactivation.

Thomas A. Hamling, Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Office



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Good Will to Men
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 509-993-8809 (Cell)
 General Agent Keith T. Hageney, FIC,
InsuranceEast@kofc-wa.org



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676, 5177, 5495, 8311, 8437, 11085, 12175, 12889, 13462, 13761, 13834	Joe Stocking, FA , Office (206) 517-5861, Cell (206) 954-9434, Fax (206) 524-8429, jmstocking@aol.com	1449, 1606, 1643, 1674, 9238, 13238	Thomas L. Johnson, FA , (253) 857-5670 Cell (866) 735-7409 Fax (253) 857-5671, johnsonasse@wwdb.org
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1327, 2999, 4782, 7117, 11252, 12899, 12983	Kevin Farr , Office (253) 677-6730, Fas (253) 473-5679, kafarr06@msn.com		

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683 (L-Z), 2155, 8872, 9721, 12273, 12583	John Roach , (208) 448-0847	766, 1460, 3455, 10653	Michael Wise , Home/Fax (509) 582-9985, Cell (509) 308-5150
1565, 1823, 7360	Mark DiSanto, FIC Home (509) 635-1190, Cell/Work (509) 595-8843, Office/FAX (509) 635-1169, KofCDiSanto@turbonet.com	1401, 1545, 3044, 3153, 4367, 11736, 13186, 13597	Wa Central Basin Agent Needed.
894, 1699, 2103, 2303, 6097, 7149, 8768	Yakima Valley Agent Needed	683 (A-K), 1488, 4196, 8137, 8266, 8398, 9145, 9237, 10534	A.K. Jonas Hiner , Work (509) 893-9048, Fax ((509) 891-6278, Home (509) 924-3214 akjonas.hiner@kofc.org



Knights of Columbus

FRIENDS-FAMILY-FAITH-FINANCES. WHO BETTER THAN A KOFC AGENT.

**HAGENEY AGENCY NEWSLETTER
SERVING E. WASHINGTON AND IDAHO STATE**
STATE DEPUTY AND GENERAL AGENTS MEET!

AT GRAPEVINE TEXAS, SUPREME OFFICERS, STATE DEPUTIES AND GENERAL AGENTS CAME TOGETHER FROM ALL JURISDICTIONS. MAIN TOPIC OF DISCUSSION WAS, HOW DO WE BRING OUR INSURANCE AGENTS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS TOGETHER TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP AND INSURANCE SALES.

THE ANSWER OF COURSE IS,

COMMUNICATION!

A GREAT WAY TO COMMUNICATE IS TO HAVE OUR FIELD AGENTS PARTICIPATING AT ALL RECRUITMENT FUNCTIONS AND TO BE IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH THE COUNCILS RECRUITING OFFICER. IF THE COUNCIL DOESN'T HAVE A RECRUITMENT OFFICER, ASK THE AGENT TO BE ONE.

WITH REGARDS TO THE INSURANCE AGENCY, WE RECRUIT JUST LIKE THE COUNCILS DO BUT FOR A DIFFERENT REASON. AGENTS TEND TO RETIRE, MOVE ON TO OTHER CAREERS, TERMINATE DUE TO THE DEMAND OF THE POSITION OR WHATEVER THE CASE MAY BE, WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR THE NEXT FIELD AGENT. HERE IN THE NORTHWEST WE ARE FORTUNATE. WE ARE GROWING AND NEED AGENTS TO COVER THE EXPANSION. TO FIND THE NEXT AGENT IS THE HARD PART. WE CAN'T JUST PUT ADS IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER ASKING FOR ' "

"CATHOLIC MEN ONLY"

THIS TENDS TO CREATE SOME PROBLEMS, SO WE RELY ON OUR COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR HELP. IF THE MEMBERS ARE ALREADY RECRUITING, WHY NOT OFFER THE POSSIBILITY OF A CAREER AS WELL. TOGETHER OUR FRATERNAL BROTHERHOOD WILL GROW AND BE READY TO NOT ONLY PROTECT CATHOLIC FAMILIES, BUT DEFEND AND SERVE OUR FAITH.

COMMUNICATION IS THE KEY!

**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER
2005**

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT**READ ALL ABOUT IT!**

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AND**

"BY THEIR WORKS"

**AN EXCITING NEW
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PROFILES OF THE
MEN OF FAITH WHO
MADE A DIFFER-
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BOOKS ON THE
BEST SELLER LIST
IF YOU PURCHASE
THEM ON THE WEEK
OF JANUARY 10TH.**

**BUY A FEW AS GIFTS
FOR YOUR FRIENDS.**

BE NOT AFRAID!

WE HAVE HEARD THIS FROM JOHN PAUL HIMSELF, "BE NOT AFRAID" SO WHY THEN ARE WE! AS ONE OF THE ORDER'S INSURANCE AGENTS I HAVE BEEN AFRAID OF REJECTION WHEN I CALL MY MEMBERS. AS MEMBERS WE CRINGE WHEN WE KNOW AN INSURANCE AGENT IS ON THE PHONE. WHY? AS AN AGENT, I HAVE THE DUTY OF SHOWING YOU HOW TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY. AS A MEMBER I KNOW THAT NO ONE CAN FORCE ME INTO ANYTHING. SO WHY NOT GET TOGETHER TO DISCOVER WHAT THE KNIGHTS HAVE TO OFFER.

AS AN AGENT, I'M NOT GOING TO LET MY FEAR OF REJECTION STOP ME FROM GETTING THAT APPOINTMENT WITH MY MEMBER, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT WHEN DEATH COMES, NO ONE IS AS PREPARED AS THEY SHOULD BE. TOO MANY TIMES HAVE I SEEN MEMBERS WHO THOUGHT ALL WAS OK, BUT WAS NOT.

SO, AGENTS. BE NOT AFRAID AND PUSH FORTH.

MEMBERS, BE NOT AFRAID AND SPEND SOME TIME WITH YOUR AGENT. THE ONLY THING THAT CAN BE LOST FROM THIS, IS JUST A BIT OF OUR TIME.

MAY GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERYONE OF US THIS THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS SEASON. IN CHRIST, KEITH HAGENEY FICF

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Parish Bulletin Inserts*

December 4—"Today, the voice of the mass media is particularly needed by that person among us who, threatened with loss of his life, is incapable of counteracting the violence of others with anything to defend himself but the fact that he is a human being. But even that claim cannot be uttered by him. He has no voice (is usually unable to speak up) on his own behalf. All he is left with is the "silent scream." Should we not try and make the "silent voice" audible? Should we not vote on his behalf? For the true victim of violence is not he that suffers if but he that inflicts it." Msgr. Tadeusz Styczen, "Never Again," *Medicine and Law: For or Against Life*, January, 1999.

December 11—For all the world to see, a 41 year old woman who committed no crime died of dehydration and starvation in the longest public execution in American history. While lawyers and judges engaged in a minuet of death, the American Civil Liberties Union, which would have passionately criticized state court decision and demanded due process if Terri Schiavo were a convict on death row, shamefully served as co-counsel for Terri's husband in his insistent desire to have her die." Nat Hentoff, "Terri Schiavo: Judicial Murder, *San Diego Union Tribune*, June, 2005

December 18—The world's best argument against abortion is the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, because it reveals the sacredness and dignity of every unborn child. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, John the Baptist, himself an unborn child, responded joyfully to the presence of his Savior. These marvelous events should fill us with the perseverance to defend vulnerable human life from abortion, abandonment, and experimentation.

December 25—A Christmas reflection: "The Church knows how to celebrate; the world has forgotten. The Church knows how to receive and give life and love. But the world has become too preoccupied with usefulness, efficiency, and productivity." (Father Frank Pavone, 3/25/05) In the season of life and love, let us rejoice and be eternally grateful that we have been given such extravagant gifts.

-*From National Right to Life "Choose Life..." Pamphlet

Suggested Petitions*

December 4—May God's call to comfort His people empower us to reach out to those who are suffering the aftermath of abortion, we pray.

December 11—That we may pray without ceasing for the end of legalized abortion in this country, we pray.

December 18—That the Virgin Mary's example of faith in accepting her unexpected pregnancy may inspire and strengthen the women of today facing pregnancy, we pray.

December 25—May the birth of Our Lord and Savior lead all of us to a deeper appreciation of the gift of human life in no matter what form it appears, we pray.

*From National Right to Life "Choose Life..." Pamphlet

Knights of Columbus Washington State Directory Changes as of November 30, 2005

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INSURANCE FIELD AGENTS

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SUBORDINATE COUNCILS

WENATCHEE - WENATCHEE COUNCIL 1545

GK - Robert M. Hulligan.....(509) 663-9872

1726 9th Street, Wenatchee, WA 98801

2nd Monday 7:30 pm, (509)884-5444 Holy Apostles Church (Old Hall), 1513 NE 8th St, E Wenatchee

Grand Knight Message of the Month **Fr Justin P Garvey Council 6686** **Richard Foudray, Grand Knight**

December brings the shortest days and longest nights of the year. This is a time for reflection and a time for renewal. The blessings and joys that we have received are reflected in the bright Christmas lights that grow brighter as the birth of our Lord draws nearer. It is the time when we who have been given so much should remember those who have so little and opening our hearts reach out in the spirit of charity to give what we can. The generosity our Council has been exemplary both in its monetary donations and in taking a leadership role by providing opportunities for its members to give through service to church, community, council and youth activities.

We have two exciting events planned this month. The Christmas party for underprivileged children on December 11th is an event that brings joy to children who would otherwise not have much of a Christmas. Our Council provides the use of the Hall and Knights and their families provide manpower in a very worthy community service project. We are also very happy that our resident Santa Greg Schmidt has recovered enough from his recent open heart surgery to cheerfully fulfill his role this year. The joy on the faces of the children as they sit on Santa's lap is worth all of the work that goes into this event. Event Chairman and Deputy Grand Knight Joe Pinedo deserves much credit as he carries on this Council tradition.

The adult Christmas party on December 17th at the Hall at 6:30 pm is an event planned so that Council members have a chance to be together in the spirit of Christmas and just enjoy each others company. This event while low key is one not to miss. Food is shared, carols are sung and wishes for a merry Christmas are exchanged.

Our Council is proud to announce that the Knight of the Month is Leo O'Dore and the Family of the Month is Bill and Dorothea Richardson. Bro. Leo's service and dedication to our Council and to the Knights is such that he could be Knight of the Month every month. Thank you Bro. Leo. Bro Bill and his lovely wife Dorothea spend many hours each month collecting food to be delivered to those in need. Thank seems too little for such dedication but inadequate though it may be we extend to Bro. Bill and Dorothea a very warm and heartfelt thanks from our Council.

I wish to the members of our Council and to their families a very wonderful and joyous Christmas season and I wish for all to keep in their hearts this thought "When we do charity we become Charity."

Vivat Jesus,

Richard Foudray, Grand Knight

Christmas (NOT) in Advertising

According to a survey conducted by the American Family Association of advertising inserts from 11 different companies were placed in two papers on Nov. 27 (Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal and Memphis Commercial Appeal.) Combined, the inserts totaled 280 pages.

Of the 11 companies, only one-McRae's/Belks-had a reference to "Christmas." They mentioned "Christmas" only two times. The other 10 companies did not mention "Christmas" a single time! While refusing to use "Christmas," they used the term "holiday" a total of 59 times in their 10 inserts.

The companies which refused to mention Christmas a single time in their 260 pages of insert promotions were Target, Kroger, Office Max, Walgreens, Sears, Staples, Lowe's, J.C. Penney, Dell and Best Buy.

Ask these companies why they banned "Christmas" in their in-store promotions and retail advertising and they will tell you they didn't want to offend anyone. They mean, of course, anyone except Christians.

According to Bill O'Reilly of FOXNEWS, below is a list of the major department stores across the country that use "Holiday" instead of "Christmas" in their holiday advertising and other promotions:

FAO Schwarz

KB Toys

Costco

BJ's Wholesale Club

Wal-Mart

Sears & Kmart

According to Catholic League (www.catholicleague.org) Lands'End also refuses to use Christmas in its catalog—even though it sell Christmas items.

Happenings Around the State

St. John Bosco #11762—Brother Dick Muri has once again graciously provided the council with bus transportation to the most important March for Life in Olympia on January 18, 2006.

If you would like to have something in the bulletin about happenings in your council, please submit them by the 20th of each month to Frank Tyson at bulletin@kofc-wa.org or fax to 425-868-2036. Questions? Call me at 425-836-0895.

HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF FUND HONOR ROLL

Listed below are the Councils who have sent donations into the WSC for KATRINA RELIEF as of November 30, 2005. Our State goal set by State Deputy Karl Hadley was \$15,000.00. The total donations to date are **\$38,496.69**. Congratulations to all who made an effort to contribute, no matter what the amount.

Councils

676	Seattle	8862	North Cross
809	Tacoma		Sedro Wolley
829	Bellingham	9237	Mary Queen, Spokane
1327	Columbia, Vancouver	9238	St Nicholas,
1488	Colfax		Gig Harbor
1565	Colton	9605	St Pius X, Mountlake
1620	Pasco		Terrace
1643	Olympia	9617	Cascade, Everett
1823	Uniontown	9664	St Michaels,
2155	Chewelah		Snohomish
2260	James G Caldwell	9721	St Mary's Presentation
	Port Angeles		Deet Park
3307	Richland	9833	Mary, Queen of Peace,
3361	John E O'Brien		Sammamish
	Oak Harbor	10532	Sarge Bryant,
3645	Renton		Port Townsend
4196	St Mary's, Spokane	10543	Sacred Heart, Prosser
4385	St Louise Overlake,	10653	Holy Spirit,
	Bellevue		Kennewick
4783	St Joseph, Vancouver	10664	St Madeline Sophie
5495	Pope John XXXIII,		Bellevue
	Burien	11134	St Thomas More
6686	Fr Justin P Garvey		Spokane
	Bothell	11357	St Hubert, Langley
6706	St Elizabeth Seton	11478	Bishop Bernard J
	Port Orchard		Topel, Eltopia-Connell
6806	Our Lady of Queen of	11762	St John Bosco,
	Heaven, Spanaway		Lakewood
7117	Padre Pio, Battleground	11780	Harry J Tucker, Jr
7149	Holy Trinity, Ferndale		Covington
7356	Holy Family, Ferndale	12175	Fr Richard Stohr,
7360	Sacred Heart, Pullman		Seattle
7528	St Joseph, Federal Way	12251	Archbishop Thomas J
8102	Fr Englebert, Redmond		Murphy, Bainbridge Is
8137	St Charles, Spokane	12420	Lynden
8179	Kennewick	12273	Colville
8455	Sequim	12591	Mother Teresa,
8768	Our Lady of Lourdes,		Edmonds
	Selah	12899	Holy Redeemer,
9476	Camano, Stanwood		Vancouver
13374	St Stephen the Martyr,	13395	Fr John Francis
	Renton		Laboon, Silverdale
13422	Bud Dorr, Coupeville	13560	Holy Cross, Granite Falls

Assemblies

1630	Rev Wm J Power, Bellevue	2376	Fr John A Walsh
1955	Bishop Thomas E Gill		Renton
	Federal Way	2433	St Olaf, Paulsbo
2258	Fr William A Schmitz		
	Kennewick/Pasco		

> 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.

Brother	Council
Art Cutter.....	Vancouver 12899
Harold J. Weber.....	Uniontown 1823
Lawrence Jaworski	Oak Harbor 3361
Robert M. Hull.....	Pasco 1620
John Neilands	Colfax 1488
Samuel C. Murphy.....	Marysville 7863
Carl L. O'Leary	Vancouver 1327
Cecil E. Thill	Uniontown 1823
Joseph L. Dressel.....	Goldendale 7149
Harry (Jack) Catey.....	Everett 763
Richard Swan.....	Lakewood 11762

Family Members' Deaths

Dennis T. Stout (son-in-law of Frank Gabrielli)	Bremerton 1379
Marilyn Gray (wife of Patrick Gray, FDD).....	East Wenatchee 13186
MaryAnn Grant (wife of Frank Grant, FDD).....	Tacoma 809

Sick Notices

John P. Holland, PSD.....	Spokane 683
Jim Pugh, GK.....	Spokane 8266
Wade Walden, DD#10	E. Wenatchee 13186
John Flynn	Bothell 6686
James O'Boyle.....	Bothell 6686
Nel Michel (wife of Norm Michel).....	Bothell 6686
Mary Dassinger (wife of Bob Dassinger)	Bothell 6686
Dave Olson, NCD/RT East	Spokane 8201
Karen Donohue (wife of Mike Donohue, GK).....	Seattle 676
Kim Ollson (neice of Greg Schmidt)	Bothell 6686
Pauline Furey (wife of Tyke Furey).....	Silverdale 13395
Lovel Briere, PGK	Olympia 1643

Important Dates to Remember

Degrees, Reports and Miscellaneous

DECEMBER

Dec 10-11 District Deputies Winter Meeting – Bellevue
 Dec 25 Christmas Day

JANUARY

Jan 1 New Years, Feast of Mary Mother of God
 Jan 1 Per Capita DUE
 Jan 7 - 8 Regional Meetings (Eastern Washington)
 Jan 14 - 15 Regional Meetings (Western Washington)
 Jan 21 2nd/3rd Degrees – Spanaway (Districts 3, 22)
 Jan 31 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1738) DUE

FEBRUARY

Feb 4 2nd/3rd Degrees – Port Townsend (Districts 2, 24)
 Feb 17-18 Pre-convention Meeting – Kennewick
 Feb 15 Semi-annual Audit Report (#1295) DUE
 Feb 18 4th Degree Exemplification in Oak Harbor
 Feb 19 2nd/3rd Degrees – Seattle (Districts 1, 26)
 Feb 26 2nd/3rd Degrees – Chewelah (Districts 20, 29)

MARCH (Vocations Month)

Mar 3 - 5 Special Olympics Winter Games – Wenatchee
 Mar 4 2nd/3rd Degrees – Lynnwood (Districts 13, 16, 21)
 Mar 11 - 12 Membership Blitz Weekend
 Mar 11 2nd/3rd Degrees – Tukwila (Districts 12, 15, 27)
 Mar 12 2nd/3rd Degrees – Pomeroy (District 8)
 Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day
 Mar 19 2nd/3rd Degrees – Yakima (Districts 6, 7, 17)
 Mar 25 State Free Throw Championships – Yakima
 Mar 25 2nd/3rd Degrees – Anacortes (Districts 9, 19)
 Mar 25 4th Degree Exemplification in Olympia

APRIL (Squires Month)

April 1 Family of the Year/Knight of the Year DUE
 April 2 2nd/3rd Degrees – Wenatchee (Districts 10, 28)
 April 8 2nd/3rd Degrees – Woodland (Districts 11, 25)
 April 8 4th Degree Exemplification in Richland
 April 9 2nd/3rd Degrees – Spokane (Districts 5, 18, 20)
 April 10 Grand Knight & District Deputy Reports DUE
 April 15 Service Program Award Submissions DUE
 April 16 EASTER SUNDAY
 April 22 Squires Convention – Edmonds
 April 22 2nd/3rd Degrees – Centralia (Districts 4, 31)
 April 29 State Bowling Tournament – TBD
 April 30 2nd/3rd Degrees – Mercer Island (Districts 14, 23)

MAY

May 6 2nd/3rd Degrees – Lakewood (Districts 2, 3, 22, 30)
 May 14 Mother's Day
 May 19 - 21 State Convention – Kennewick
 May 29 Memorial Day

JUNE

June 2 - 4 Special Olympics Summer Games – Ft. Lewis
 June 11 2nd/3rd Degrees – Bothell (Districts 13, 16, 21)
 June 18 Father's Day
 June 24 - 25 State Golf Tournament – TBD
 June 30 Columbian Awards (#SP-7) & RSVP Application (#2863) DUE

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Recognizing a Stroke

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.

STROKE IDENTIFICATION: (remember those first three letters of stroke)

RECOGNIZING A STROKE

Thank God for the sense to remember the "3" steps, STR. Read and Learn! Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

- ▶ S *Ask the individual to SMILE.
- ▶ T *Ask the person to TALK. to SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently) (i.e. , It is sunny out today)
- ▶ R *Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call 9-1-1 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.



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