



Knights of Columbus Washington State Council Bulletin



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(Let It Be Known)

- 5/1—Monthly Service Report due to General Program Chair
- 5/9—Mother's Day
- 5/13-16—State Convention in Spokane
- 5/15—Family of the Month Due to Supreme

101st Annual Convention – Spokane, Washington

The 101st Annual Washington State Convention is set for May 14, 15 & 16 in Spokane Washington. The meeting will be held at the Red Lion Inn at the Park. Convention delegates and attendees should have completed their registration process at this time. St Charles Council 8137, the convention host council, is busy making final preparations. A special Convention Medallion has been designed for this year's meeting and will be given to registered attendees. This year's convention will include an opening Concelebrated Mass and Western themed evening at St Charles church in Spokane. There will be an opened session for all family members during which time Archbishop Brunett will speak to the attendees. A Meditation Chapel will be open during the weekend. There will be couples picture taking prior to the Award's banquet. Councils are reminded that they can turn in their PFH donations, Columbus Charities tickets and their Pro Life Posters prior to the start of the convention. It should be a beautiful weekend in the Li-lac city.

Third State Squires Convention John H. Williams, State Warden

The 3rd State Squires Convention was held Saturday, April 24th, in Lynnwood, starting with an investiture of 11 new Squires. The investiture team was from the St. John Neuman Circle #2666. The team members were: Chief Squire – Thomas McLaughlin; Deputy Chief Squire – Jordon Dodge; Marshal – Sean McLaughlin; Notary – Matt Leen; Bursar – Brett Renville; Pole Captain – James Oliver; and Arm Captain – Evan Dodge.

Following the investiture, State Chief Squire, Josh Markwith of the Auburn/Federal Way Circle #5411 opened the convention. Six circles were present, Everett/Maryville #2353, Lynnwood, #2666, Camino-Stanwood, #3545, Auburn/Federal Way #4571, Colville and the state's newest circle, Shoreline. Ed Parazoo, State Squires Chairman, was the advisor for the State Council.

First order of new business was elections of the 2004/5 officers. The balloting was spirited, going to six ballots for some offices. Your new State Squire Officers are:

State Chief Squire	Allan Cloninger	Camino-Stanwood
State Deputy Chief Squire	Zach Markwith	Auburn/Federal Way
State Bursar	Nathan Keiffer	Shoreline
State Notary	Matt Leen	Lynnwood
State Marshal	Thomas McLaughlin	Lynnwood
State Sentry	Jordan Dodge	Lynnwood



The other major item of business was selection of the location of the Fourth Annual State Squires' Convention. The delegates overwhelmingly decided on to hold the 4th Annual Convention in

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Message From the State Deputy Pat Maloney

We have just recently celebrated the great feast of Easter. It's the good feeling of the Easter season that we as Catholics can share with others as we revel in this celebration of our Faith. As I sit writing this month's letter, I look outside and see the beautiful weather and I realize that it is this time of the year when things start getting really exciting – gardens and flowers start to bloom. The weather & our surroundings start turning dramatic. Our surroundings are becoming absolutely gorgeous. Not only can we delight in the great feeling of the Easter season but we also welcome the rebirth of the earth around us. This time of the year should make everyone feel very good. I wish you and your families the best this Easter Season!



receiving our rosaries at the time we became new members of the Knights of Columbus. We also hope that in receiving the rosary, they will continue to grow in their faith and gain comfort from learning more about the Mother of God through the rosary.

Our Membership Blitz Drive for the month of March was a good productive effort. We had a large number of councils participate in this state-wide effort. Again, it resulted in a significant number of signed Form 100's and a significant number of interested prospects. How are you planning on recruiting these prospective members? I encourage

you to work with your field agents in contacting these members. Don't just leave these prospects waiting! These men and their families are expecting to hear from you! Don't let them down! Our field agents will help you and your council recruit these potential new members if you need the help. Call on them – they will be happy to help you out! Focus on getting these interested members into the Knights. Make it a goal this month to contact each and every prospect members.

As you may know, May is Convention month for the State Council. Our state officers, district deputies, state chairmen and council delegates with their families and friends have the opportunity to travel to beautiful Spokane to meet and participate in this year's 101st Annual meeting. The host council, St Charles 8137 has been working hard preparing a warm welcome for everyone to this year's meeting. Convention Chairmen Darrel Keeney and Host GK Al Walden have promised to make this year's event enjoyable for all. You will find a Convention Agenda in this month's bulletin.

May is also a month in which we traditionally recognize another important part of our Catholic faith. We recognize this month as the month of Mary, the Mother of God, the Queen of Angels, and the heart of the Holy Family. Mary, as we have come to learn as Knights of Columbus, is our Patroness. We should remember our prayers to Mary can be most powerful. Praying to Mary can also be a great source of comfort. This is a great time to stop from our busy days of spring to pray the rosary. With our rosary in our pockets, & the words, A Hail Mary, Mother of God, on our lips, what obstacles can be to difficult to overcome?

This past month during the Easter season, many councils offer gifts of rosaries to the new catechumens & new members of our Faith communities. With these gift, we hope to share with these new Catholics some of the same feelings we experienced when

As we get near the end of the fraternal year, every council leader should be looking at where they are and where their council is with respect to achieving the goals established at the beginning of this year. Are you where you want to be? It is often habit to think that because the year is winding down, so should we. Don't let this happen. It's your duty to continue to lead and motivate your councils to a strong finish. It's your efforts in these next few months that will lead the way to future successes. As a leader, you know this. We all should be looking to finish the year with a strong solid effort. With a strong effort, you can build on this great feeling of the Easter season and enjoy not only the rebirth of the earth around us but the continued growth and success of all councils.

In closing, on behalf of the State Officers, I extend to you a welcome to our annual meeting in Spokane this month. We look forward to seeing you at the convention. And I continue to wish you success as we near the end of this fraternal year.

Vivat Jesus!

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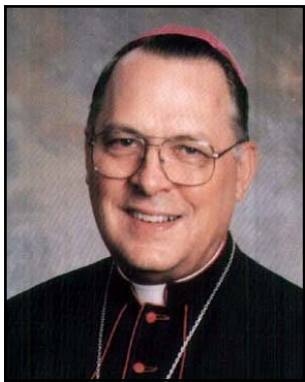
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**MOST REVEREND
ALEXANDER J. BRUNETT
STATE CHAPLAIN**



The Road Less Traveled by Fr. K. Scott Connolly

In 1970, I began kindergarten at Robert Frost Elementary in Kirkland, Washington. In High School I had the opportunity of hearing and eventually memorizing one of Robert Frost's poems entitled "The Road Not Taken."

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that, the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sign
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

When I graduated from college and came to the Pacific Northwest, I was exploring whether ministry might be a vocation that I was being called to especially the priesthood with the Archdiocese of Seattle. When I arrived in Seattle in May, 1987, and went to interview with the Channel Program, this Robert Frost poem was emblazoned on the wall. It was then and there that I knew that I had returned home and was being called to follow the Road Less Traveled and I have tried ever since to follow that path in my life.

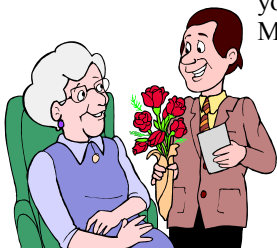
With this in mind, I need to let you know that Archbishop Brunett has asked me to blaze a trail in a new way starting this July first. He has invited me to become the founding pastor of a new parish in Woodinville, and I have accepted that invitation. The decision was formally announced last week in the *Catholic Northwest Progress*, and the parish has already been named—Blessed Mother Theresa of Calcutta. It is with sadness that I leave St. Rose and St. Catherine where I have been for the last six years, but I also look forward to this new challenge with joy and anticipation. I ask you to keep me and all the people of the new parish in Woodinville in your prayers. It is not often that people have the exciting opportunity of being involved in the creation of a brand new parish from the very beginning. What a great gift to the Church of Western Washington. I'll be looking forward to getting a new Knights of Columbus Council started as soon as it is possible!

Yours In Christ,
Father Scott

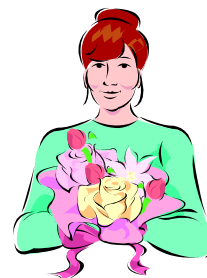
Very Rev. K. Scott Connolly

May 9 is Mother's Day. There are three very important people in your life that you need to remember on Mother's Day. First, you need to make sure you remember your Mother by visiting her, sending her a card or calling her on the phone if you are still lucky enough to have her around. If she has joined the Father in heaven, make sure to say a prayer to her and thank her for all she has done for you. The second person you should remember is the woman you chose as your wife. Whether or not you have children, she is still the "Mother" of your family, providing all the things that are typical of a mother. She provides love, comfort and stability to the family as well as being the Mother of your children. Please make sure you let these two very important women in your life know you appreciate them!! Lastly and most importantly, pray to the blessed Mother and thank her for being the Mother of Jesus, our Savior and Lord!!

Frank Tyson, Bulletin Editor



Mother's Day



Message from General Program Director

Hello Brothers,

.It sure is true what they say about time flying by, **May** is here and that means our Convention is almost here as well. My Chairman and I have been real busy in preparation for the Convention. One of our first tasks is receiving and selecting finalist in the many award categories. Let me first thank all of those councils who took the time to submit an award application. I know how difficult it is to sit down and come up with a project to submit and then make it look like a professional editor wrote it. The award submittals that I received were all great and it was difficult to select winners in each category.

Remember also that there is still time to submit any missed Service Reports for the year. The last report is for April and it is due May 1st. If anyone would like to know how many points they have, please call or e-mail me and I will provide that information to you. Also, please check the web site for the current report status of all of your reports. I will be updating the web page on a weekly basis until the Convention. If you do see a discrepancy, please e-mail or call me. I will also continue to call and work with the District Deputies and Grand Knights to get any remaining past due Supreme reports turned in. These reports are critical and a must to turn in.

I look forward in seeing you at this year's Convention in Spokane.

Mike Bunney

General Program Director

Message from Vocations

I'm getting excited – Convention 2004 is just around the corner! It is always a pleasure to renew old friendships, and to make new ones among the Knights and their families. This will be my 30th or so convention – there have been but a very few missed over the years.

Unfortunately, Sylvia will not be able to accompany me to the convention this year. She is “down under” in Australia, taking care of her brother who is recovering from surgery.

If you haven't sent your Pennies for Heaven check to State Secretary Karl Hadley, please bring it to the convention with you. Either I or Rusty Forster (PGK 676 and 11085) will be more than happy to accept the check and paperwork in the Columbus Charities room.

We'll be busy processing 365 certificates for those Councils that qualify – did yours?

A hallmark of honor is the “365” pin, which will be presented to those Grand Knights whose councils did meet the annual goal. If you have one, wear it with pride!

As usual, Pennies For Heaven committee members will be at the rear of the hall, with brightly colored tickets in their hands. In exchange for something GREEN with monetary value, a ticket will entitle you to participate in a drawing for a rather nice statue on Sunday morning. So, do bring a bit of extra GREEN and enter the drawing...

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**Why me, Lord?
Why not?**

Message from Church Chairman

While preparations are underway for the annual state convention and the conclusion of the fraternal year, this is not the time to wind down church activities. Conversely, parish life in most locales picks up with spring festivals, end-of-year events at parish schools and outdoor liturgical services. Many parishes depend on the leadership and support of Knights of Columbus councils for the success of these events already, while other parishes can benefit from what councils can contribute further.

Seek out your pastor and parish administration for what activities your council can support as well as offering your own ideas of new events to enliven the parish. Consult the Church Activities section of the Surge With Service book for suggestions. Look beyond spring and summer as well. Many of the most successful activities councils support within their parish benefit from well-organized planning begun months in advance. It's not too early to be thinking ahead to the fall and beyond.

And, if your council is yet to receive the Icon of The Divine Mercy, include its arrival in your plans. Please contact me if you need assistance with programming ideas.

Thank you for your continuing support of The Church.

Paul Roth

State Church Chairman



Message from Recruitment Chairman

Well here we are with only two months left in our fraternal year, but still time enough to make our membership goals. Looking back on the start of my own recruiting efforts, I recruited my first member during the month of May. It was during my term as Grand Knight around this time of year when I realized that we were behind on our membership goal. So, naturally being the responsible Grand Knight that I was, I decided to take a personal interest in membership and started carrying some form #100's with me. Well, as it turns out I was successful in my efforts and I signed my first new member. With that early success under my belt I felt a new confidence in recruiting and really got excited about reaching our goal. We did reach our membership goal and did make Star Council that year. Most importantly, I recruited my first new member and felt a personal involvement helping our council reach the Star Council Award.

Being the leaders of our council means we should be aware of our goals and where we stand with them. It is never too late to make an effort to achieve our goals. At the very least we can get excited about reaching our goals and involve as many people as it takes to be successful. There is a wonderful feeling of accomplishment when we attend the State Convention in Spokane next month and know that we achieved our membership goals for the year. After all membership recruitment is the life blood of our order.

So, let's all look at where we stand on our membership for the year, make your resolve to achieve your goal, and then involve as many Knights as you can to help you. We men like to do things and to be recognized for our efforts. I can think of no better way to accomplish this than to recruit as many candidates as you can in the remaining two months and hold a first degree each month. Remember in football games *more points are scored in the last two minutes before the half and the end of the game*. It is not too late so let's all get going and start our own two minute drill on recruiting.

I am available to speak or help in any way that you want, just call me at 425-742-0239.

Vivat Jesus,
John P. Alexy,
Recruitment Chairman

Messages from Retention Chairman

I am including a form letter this month as an example of the format for councils to use for re-instatements or re-activations. Modify the wording to fit the circumstances for each situation. The letter should be on your council letterhead.

Vivat Jesus,
Andy Kraemer
Retention Chairman

Dear Former Member and Knight,

As I write this letter, I am praying that God will give me the words and courage to inspire you to prayerfully consider reinstatement into the Knights's of Columbus.

I understand that with any organization a person may have different reasons why they feel it is not worth their time to continue supporting that organization. The reasons vary from difference of opinions, personality conflict, feeling that the organization does not have a purpose or just simply, I don't have the time and don't go to the meetings so why stay a member. Since becoming the Grand Knight of Council in , I have had the privilege of having my eyes and mind broadened to the fact that we as Catholics need to look at the overall picture of the good that we can do as members. The Knights of Columbus locally and worldwide are doing some phenomenal works of Charity. Locally, since July we have donated (list charities, activities, and dollar amounts). Nationally the Knight's have raised and donated \$107,128,844.00 for charitable and benevolent causes and reported volunteering 50,210,034 hours of service. I am asking for your help. As a former member there is no better time than now to prayerfully consider reinstating in one of the greatest organizations in the world. As other fraternal organizations are seeing a decrease in membership, the Knights continue to grow. You have a lot to offer us and I believe the Knight's have a lot to offer you.

How active you become after you reinstate is strictly up to you. **The important thing is that you reinstate**, just the fact that you are a paying member helps the whole community. It will enable the Knight's in To continue and expand on their charitable works. The yearly dues are \$.

May God Bless you and your family as you consider this important matter. Someone will be in contact with you personally. If you wish to talk with me you can call me at work or home .

Yours in Christ,

John Doe
Grand Knight

Message from Squires Chairman

On Saturday April 24 -- the Squires from around the state meet in Lynnwood for their annual convention. What a great event! If you haven't attended one, plan to next year. You can see our future in action!

We invested 11 new young men into the fraternity! We are 2 shy of the required number to start a new Circle in Shoreline! Great work Chief Counselor Mike Connell!

A big THANK YOU to Lynnwood Circle #2666 and Knights of Columbus Council #5816 for hosting us -- you guys DONE GOOD!

Bremerton, Colville, Shoreline, Spokane -- who will be the first Circle to form this year??? Colville and Shoreline both have 8 members currently they only need to get two more boys invested. Bremerton has the boys identified—they just need invested. I can't wait to see how the last two months of the year play out!!

See you all at the State Convention in May.

Thanks,

Ed Parazoo

State Squires Chairman
squires@kofc-wa.org

Family Chair

Thank you for the many Good submissions for Family of the Year. It has been a real pleasure reading about your wonderful families. I only wish I had the opportunity to get to know them better.

Please make sure each family is notified of the honor of being chosen by your council as well. Your annual dinner, or awards banquet is an ideal time to recognize the special people.

Thank you again for the privilege of reading about your Family of the Year!

Vivat Jesus!

Robert McDonnell

Family Chairman

Message from Youth Chairman

Thank you to those councils that submitted your Youth Program Award Application! The following councils submitted award applications for the Youth Program area and should be proud of their commitment to acknowledge their fine work in the Youth Program area:

Fr. Justin P. Garvey Council #6686 - Bothell

The Four Chaplains Council #10652 - Ft. Lewis/McChord

Harry J. Tucker Jr. Council #11780 - Covington

Holy Disciples Council #11948 - Puyallup

St. Steven the Martyr Council #13395 - Renton

The rest of you: What happened? Shy? I am sure you all had outstanding Youth programs. You should apply next year for one of the top honors in the state. Not only will it provide your council with some due recognition but also it will allow other councils to hear about your program and help them decide to take on a outstanding event in their future.

Although it is too late this year -- let's really give it some thought for next year.

I can't wait to see who wins! See you at the convention - and let's find out!

Ed Parazoo

Youth Program Chairman

Squires Convention Photographs



February, 2004 Family of the Month

"K of C Supreme Council February 2004 "
"Family of the Month" Awardees are as follows:

Family

Council

John & Leslie Reed, #763 - Everett
Gerald & Hilda Shepard, #2303 - Moxee
Stephen & Valerie Ryan, #4782 - Vancouver

Congratulations to All Submission honorees.

Bob McDonnell,

Family Chairman

Squires Convention Photographs



SD Pat Maloney Letter to Editor Seattle Times & PI

April 29, 2004
To the Editor:

As the current State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus in the state of Washington, I am compelled to speak out regarding the actions of U.S. Representative Jim McDermott during his leading of the Pledge of Allegiance in the House of Representatives this week.

The Knights of Columbus in the State of Washington stand in unity in our firm and abiding support of our country's Pledge of Allegiance. We recognize that the United States of America is a great nation that has consistently fought against following extreme man-made dogmas which aim to dictate people's actions and speech. Our country was founded upon the belief that there are inalienable rights granting all people life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. And the source of these inalienable rights comes from a higher authority than the State. This was well understood by the framers of the Constitution and written in the Declaration of Independence. Haven't the words "One Nation under God" always been a statement of political philosophy and not of theology? And isn't our Pledge a statement of political philosophy because these words confirm that we, as humans, have been endowed with these rights by our Creator?

In today's world, where many decisions seem based on what is popular politically or what is relative to circumstances in which one finds themselves, it is a surprise when someone who is supposed to be representing the people chooses to create their own agenda without concern for how this impacts the people they "represent." Congressman McDermott, you didn't represent any of the 15,000 Knights of Columbus and members of their families who live in the State of Washington. It is hard for me to understand why you failed as you led your fellow legislators in the Pledge of Allegiance. Is it that you are asserting your personal sense of religion on the entire country? Representative McDermott, please understand that you were elected

Message from State Advocate

Worthy Grand Knight,

If you are considering a review of the Council by-laws or you can not locate a copy, or maybe the Council never had by-laws, there is an easy way to resolve this problem. Sample copies of the latest revision of the standard set of by-laws with clear directions on how to make changes is available.

Send for a sample copy with the Council Number and an address to:
kofcwallace@comcast.net

Thanks,
John M. Wallace
State Advocate

Third State Squires Convention, Continued

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Lynnwood on April 23, 2005.

The delegates attended Mass in conjunction with the sponsoring council's (Fr. Chirouse Council, Lynnwood #5816.) Corporate Communication. Both Father Dalton and Father Tracy commended the Squires during the homily and during the announcements. Following Mass, a spaghetti dinner was put on for the Squires by Council 5816. The installation of the new State Squire Officers by State Deputy Pat M. Maloney capped off the convention.

in a democratic country where your inalienable rights are not granted just by the state, but by the same God whom you have chosen to push in your "religion is personal" closet.

Patrick M. Maloney
State Deputy
Knights of Columbus
Washington State

KCIC Message

For successful Christmas card sales during the Christmas season, planning ahead is important. At the State Convention in May order sheets and literature on Christmas Card sales for the upcoming season will be available.

To take advantage of a special reduced price on a case of Assorted Christmas Cards it is necessary to place your council order early, so that the cards will be available to be picked up by the council's newly elected Grand Knight at the Summer Meeting in July.

Prior to attending the State Convention in May, discuss with your council the "Keep Christ in Christmas" program which provides three great opportunities. First, it provides the council members, the parish and the community with the ability to purchase beautiful Religious Christmas Cards. Second, it provides the Knights of Columbus visibility in the parish and community. And third, it is an outstanding fund raising program for your council.

A hidden opportunity with selling cards to the parish is recruitment of new members or reinstating former members. It is also a great time to share about the Knights of Columbus.

If your council has not participated before, seriously consider doing so this year. This is a worthwhile program for keeping Christ in Christmas in your council and parish.

Be prepared to place your KCIC order at the State Convention.

John M. Wallace
KCIC Chairman

Fourth Degree News and Exemplifications



It is an important time to get your submission for the Civic Award and To Be A Patriot Award ready to send forward and now is a good time to get it in draft form. Remember it is best to zero in on one activity for the To Be A Patriot Award, put it into a readable format with pictures, letters of recommendations and any material so it is presentable. We had several good submissions last year but a lot of them were put in an envelope and submitted with no coherent order and the committee was expected to put it together to understand the whole submission. Your chairman should do this. I will select a

group of Sir Knights to act as a committee to select the final submission. Also, preparation for the audit should be of concern and your agenda for the upcoming months if you anticipate being elected Faithful Navigator. Make this year a priority year to get all of your reports submitted in a timely manner. Each year reports drag on and on.

Each assembly should discuss whether they wish to host an Exemplification in their area and if so submit by email, telephone or letter to the Master a request for consideration of a degree on a tentative date. This is needed so it can be published in the directory and if need be changed later. I have a couple of assemblies who are interested but I don't have any dates and hopefully, assemblies in the same area will schedule them a few months apart. The new Master should have at least 5 to 6 Exemplifications scheduled when he comes on board.

Another area of awards is the Membership Award in the Fourth Degree for meeting or exceeding your required quota of membership. Each assembly is given a quota based on their membership and this quota is listed normally by me at the end of each newsletter. If you are interested you can check out your or other assemblies in the list. Also, I will continue to list the number of delegates your assembly would be authorized at a District Meeting so you can become familiar with the formula for understanding.

Installation of Officers—The time is now in trying to get all of the assembly officers installed. I personally prefer, one or two assemblies getting together to do the installation. It hasn't been that way in the past but I have found that there are several assemblies who enjoy this camaraderie of friends, wives and guests getting together for this special event evening. Anyway, if you want to do it, it is fine with me but I would ask that each assembly have one or two color corps members available to assist the Marshall in preparing for the installation and to act as his aides.

State Convention Color Corps—All delegates who are members of the Fourth Degree are requested to bring their regalia if they wish to take part in any of the ceremonies. The State Deputy has requested Color Corps presence at the opening ceremony, opening mass, Flag Ceremony at the Banquet, closing ceremony and guards present at the Blessed Sacrament when it is open. Information on this will be given out at registration.

New Assemblies—I am in the process of contacting members in certain locals to see if they are interested in forming new assemblies locally in their area. Some of our assemblies are quite large and cover quite a large area which inhibits full participation. Appreciate any help from any Grand Knight or District Deputy interested in looking at their area.

Directory Information—As soon as elections are held please forward a copy of Form 186 to those listed and especially myself, so I can get the information to the State Secretary for publication. This will help cut down on the need for many corrections.

Rob Roberts, PSD

Master

NOTE: Vancouver Exemplification originally scheduled for June 14, has been changed to 5 June 2004 to be held at Kelso, WA. Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Kelso. More information to follow.

REGISTER TO VOTE

BECOME INFORMED

PRAY.....
THEN VOTE

Our US Bishops have said: "Faithful citizenship calls Catholics to see civic and political responsibilities *through the eyes of faith and to bring our moral convictions to public life.... In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue; participation in the political process is a moral obligation. All believers are called to faithful citizenship, to become informed, active, and responsible participants in the political process.*"

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility* (September 2003)

"We encourage all citizens, particularly Catholics, to embrace *their citizenship not merely as a duty and privilege, but as an opportunity meaningfully to participate (more fully) in building the culture of life. Every voice matters in the public forum. Every vote counts.*"

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics* (Washington, D.C.: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1998), no.34

Message from First Lady Vera Maloney

A letter to the Knights, their Wives and Families

April 22, 2004

Subject: 2004 Washington Knights of Columbus State Convention

Pat and I extend a warm welcome to all the wives and children attending this year's state convention. We know that without your support and encouragement your husbands would not be able to volunteer keeping the Order strong and growing as Knights of Columbus for the state of Washington. This convention will give us all a chance to connect, share our stories and enjoy many events provided by all our Councils.

We would like to give you a brief overview of what to expect during the convention weekend. Friday opens the convention for the men to register and check into your hotel rooms. There will be a Ladies Hospitality Room in the hotel where refreshments will be provided. It will be a good place to refresh and meet up with other women attending the convention. The Country Store will also be open in the hotel with many unique items for sale bearing the Knights of Columbus logo. A chapel will be open in the afternoon for prayer, adoration and meditation. The hotel has a good sized in-door pool and exercise room. Friday afternoon, we will all have an opportunity to hear from Archbishop Brunett as he addresses in open session all the attendees. The afternoon concludes with an opening mass at St. Charles Church. For those who have purchased tickets, St. Charles Council will be putting on a western theme dinner at their church in the early evening. The dress will be casual western or just plain casual comfortable.

Saturday, once again the Ladies Hospitality Room will be open except during the ladies luncheon. The pizza party will take place at the same time as the ladies luncheon hopefully freeing up everyone to attend the luncheon. Both of these events require tickets which must be purchased in the mail-in registration forms. The theme for the ladies luncheon will be Brooches. So dig up your oldest, largest, tiniest, whateverest brooch and wear it to the luncheon. There will be prizes!! There also will be some lively entertainment from Gonzaga University. The Country Store and chapel will be open as well during the day. Of course, the main event, the banquet will be Saturday night and everyone dresses up in their finery to applaud the accomplishments and tremendous efforts put out by Councils all over the state of Washington.

Sunday begins with our annual Memorial Mass remembering those who have gone before us this last year. Following the mass, the ladies have a treat in store as well as some breakfast. Our own State Vice Chaplain, Fr. Scott, will speak to us in an open forum. This always brings up interesting dialogue for us all to ponder as we make our way home to various parts of the state.

Pat and I look forward to seeing you all at the convention. It is truly a time to celebrate and appreciate all the hard work that we all do as members, wives and families of the Knights of Columbus.

We will see you in Spokane!

Vera Maloney

WASHINGTON STATE COUNCIL 101st Annual Convention – Agenda

Red Lion Hotel at the Park
303 W North River Drive, Spokane, WA 99201; (509) 326-8000

Thursday, May 13

1:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Attendee Registration (Conference Tower Headquarters)
1:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Turn-in Pro-Life posters (Registration Area – Pro Life Table)
1:30 pm – 6:00 pm	State Officers –Pre-Con Meeting with hotel staff (Corbin Board Room)
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Audit Committee Meeting (Riverside Board Room 2)
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Columbus Charities BOD & State Pre-Con Dinner (Finch)

Friday, May 14

8:00 am - 9:00 am	Past State Deputies & Former First Ladies' Meeting & Breakfast (Riverfront D)
8:30 am - 11:00 am	State Officers, DDs, State Chairmen & wives Meeting & Breakfast (Audubon, Manito & Riverfront A)
9:30 am - 11:30 am	Good of the Order meeting (Riverside Boardroom 1)
9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Ladies' Hospitality Room Open (Corporate Suite)
11:30 am – 12:15 pm	All Committees Briefing (Ballroom A,B,C)
12:30 pm – 3:00 pm	First Business Session (Ballrooms A, B, C)
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Business Session Open to All – Ladies Invited
5:00 pm	Opening Convention Mass @ St Charles Church
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	St Charles Council Western Theme Dinner (St Charles Hall)
9:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Hospitality rooms - open caucus

Saturday, May 15

7:30 am - 4:00 pm	Attendee Registration (Conference Tower Headquarters)
8:30 am - 11:30 am	Second Business Session reconvenes (Ballrooms A, B, C)
8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Ladies' Hospitality Suite (Corporate Suite - closed during Luncheon)
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Men's Awards Luncheon (Ballrooms A, B, C)
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Priest Lunch with State Vice Chaplain
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Ladies' Luncheon (Skyline Ballroom)
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Children's Pizza Party (Corporate Suite)
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Third Business Session reconvened (Ballrooms A, B, C)
6:30 pm	Doors to Ballroom open for pre-selected seating
7:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Awards Banquet (Riverfront Ballroom)

Sunday, May 16

7:00 am - 8:15 am	Annual Memorial Mass (Ballrooms A, B, C)
9:30 am - 11:00 am	Ladies' Program (Skyline Ballroom)
9:45 am - 11:59 am	General Session reconvened (Ballrooms A, B, C)
Noon	Adjourn
2:00 pm	Columbus Charities drawing at St Rose of Lima Church Hall - Cheney

SUPREME MEMBERSHIP REPORT DIVISION III (14,000 – 32,999) April 1, 2004

STATE	MEMBERSHIP	GAIN	PERCENTAGE
Virginia	20,968	741	3.53%
Maryland	24,961	796	3.19%
Washington	14,605	434	2.97%
Nebraska	21,650	540	2.49%
North Dakota	14,513	357	2.46%
Iowa	30,304	645	2.13%
Alberta	14,751	320	2.17%
Indiana	31,679	673	2.12%
Connecticut	26,168	444	1.70%
New Brunswick	14,368	175	1.22%

WASHINGTON STATE

Membership 7/1/03.....	14,605
Year to Date Gain	653
Year to Date Loss	(219)
Year to Date NET.....	434
Loss due to Deaths and Transfers	(199)
Membership 4/1/2004.....	14,840

MEMBERSHIP ACTION PLAN May –June, 2004

To assist in achieving the State Council's membership intake goal, and the council's attainment of Star Council status, the following action plan has been developed for the last two months of the fraternal year.

May—1 on 1 Recruiting

- ◆ Spring into recruiting action during May by asking a man to join the Knights of Columbus face to face. 1 on 1 recruiting remains the tried and true method of recruiting Order wide.
- ◆ Consider asking those local young men graduates from high school and college to join your council.

JUNE—STAR COUNCIL PUSH

- ◆ During the final month of the fraternal year, councils should make sure that they are on target for attaining both their membership and insurance quotas.
- ◆ In addition, councils should make sure that they submit their Columbian Award Application (SP-7) to the Supreme Council by June 30th.

Founders Award Insurance Leaders April 1, 2004

Twenty-six (26) councils have attained their Founders Award to date by reaching their quota for the fraternal year, compared to 15 last year at this time. Congratulations to the Councils and the Insurance agents. The leaders in the State are as follows:

Net Gain		
Place	Council	Gain
1st	Issaquah #9833 Federal Way #7528	10 (Tie)
2nd	Spanaway #6806	9
3rd	Olympia #1643 Seattle #676 Spokane #693 Auburn #3598	8 (Tie)
Net Percentage Gain		
1st	Issaquah #9833	333%

FRATERNAL YEAR 2003-2004 MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS AS OF April 1, 2004

The five Division leaders in highest Net Gain and highest percent net gain, as of April 1, 2004 are listed below. We are close to the end of the fraternal year and we have 38 councils that have achieved 100% or more of their membership quotas (Father McGivney Award). Renton Council 13374, with 340% and Seattle Council 676 with 17 new members lead the State. The numbers below reflect new members recorded at Supreme by March 31, 2004.

Congratulations to all the Councils. There are still two months left in the fraternal year, so keep on recruiting. It doesn't take much of a membership push to reach the top in your division.

Keep up the great work!!

John Walker

Membership Chairman

Highest Percent Net Gain

Highest Net Gain

Division I (Over 250)

Seattle #676 - 100%
GK Michael G. Donohue

Everett # 763 with 12
GK Eugene J. Brown

Division II (150-249)

Bothel #6686 -175%
GK Charlie Beck

Federal Way #7528 with 12
GK David B. Meyers

Division III (100-149)

Lakewood #11762 -183.3%
GK Robert J Nuccio

Spanaway #6806 with 10(Tie)
GK Patrick E. Burke
Issaquah #9833 with 10 (Tie)
GK Ronald Long

Division IV (50-99)

Bellingham #829 -300%
GK Robert Grasher

Anacortes #3611 with 10
GK Cecil Braeden

Division V (Under 50)

Renton #13374 -340%
GK Kenneth C. Robinson

Burien #13462 with 15 (Tie)
GK Kiha Kinney
Silverdale #13395 with 15(Tie)
GK David B Mortimore

WHERE ARE YOU?? 15,000TH MEMBER

Help! Please!

We didn't reach the 15,000th member milestone this past month like we expected. We have initiated 653 new Knights and suspended 219 which is a net increase in new members of 434. We started the year (July 1, 2003) with 14,605. If we add the 434 net new members we should be at 15,039. However, we failed to note that we had an additional 199 deaths and transfers in the State. This means that our actual membership count as of April 1, 2004 is 14,840. We are still short 160 members to reach 15,000. We can't control the number of deceased or transfers but we can control the number of suspension. Retention committees and District Deputies please continue to work those non-payments of dues lists. We won't know the number of new members for April until the end of this month and we still have May and June to recruit. Be aggressive these last two months and help to insure that we reach 15,000 and also meet the Worthy State Deputies goal of 600 new members.

Important Dates to Remember

Degrees, Reports and Miscellaneous

* From National Right to Life “Choose Life...” Pamphlet

Knights of Columbus Washington State Directory Changes, May, 2004

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138 Inglewood Dr, Longview, WA 98632-5705

Council Mtg: 1st Saturday, 9:00 AM St Mary Parish Center, Castle Rock
3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Kelso

OTIS ORCHARDS - ST. JOSEPH COUNCIL 11611 (18)

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FS – Jay Faraca (Barbara)(509) 226-5178
24519 E. Moffat, Newman Lake WA. 99025-9488

Council Mtg: 3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm (509) 993-0144 St Joseph's Parish Hall,
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Council Mtg: 2nd Tuesday, 7:30pm; St Olaf's Gallagher Center,
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Council Mtg: 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 7:30pm (509) 943-1492 K of C Hall,
2500 Chester Rd, Richland

VANCOUVER – HOLY REDEEMER 12899 (11)

GK – Steve Beachner () (360) TBD
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Council Mtg: 1st (Bus) & 3rd (Social) Tuesday; 7:30 pm, Rosary at 7:00 pm,
Holy Redeemer Church, 705 SE Parkcrest Ave Suite A-100, Vancouver

> 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.

BrotherCouncil

Gordon Herr Sedro Woolley 8672

Eugene P. Charvet, Jr. Grandview 2103

David Dunham Walla Walla 766

Richard H. Hainsworth Puyallup 1629

Gary L. Augustyn, PFN Bremerton 1379

Francis P. Lackaff Vancouver 1327

Francis Forster Issaquah 9833

Lowell D. Wourms Camas-Washougal 2999

David M. Allen Camas-Washougal 2999

Family Members' Deaths

Arceli Holder (sister of Edward Barbon) Gig Harbor 9238

Mary Jane Krisman (widow of PGK Emil Krisman)..... Tacoma 809

Larry J. Weathers (son of H. J. Weathers, FS).....Raymond 1606

Jennie Ferrilli (wife of Joe Ferrelli)..... Redmond 8102

Rodora Carrillo (mother of Romeo Pattuinan).....Kent 8150

Mae Marcotte (mother of GK Walter Marcotte Port Orchard 6706

Robert F. Fetch (father of Robert J. Fetch, FS).....Buckley 9673

Sick Notices

Jeanne Dorow (sister of DD#7 Robert Baemmert)Richland 3307

Roseann Tyson (wife of Frank Tyson)..... Issaquah 9833

Richard C. Tucker (brother of PSD Harry J. Tucker)Kent 8150

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

“You shall not kill: and whoever kills
shall be liable to judgment.”

“Human Life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains for ever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one under any circumstance claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being.” Catechism of the Catholic Church—page 602

We call on U.S. Catholics, especially those in positions of leadership...to recover their identity as followers of Jesus Christ and to be leaders in the renewal of American respect for the sanctity of life.

Quote from Living The Gospel of Life

Respect Life Issues

These five issues concern actions that are morally wrong and must never be promoted by the law. It is morally wrong to endorse or promote any of these actions. On most issues that come before voters or legislators, a Catholic can take one side or the other and not act contrary to his faith. Most matters do not have a "Catholic position."

But some issues are so key, so elemental, that only one position accords with the teaching of the Christian gospel. No one endorsing the wrong side of these subjects can be said to act in accord with the Church's moral norms.

Refer to 1979-2004, Catholic Answers, <http://www.catholic.com>

1. Abortion

The Church teaches that, regarding a law permitting abortions, it is "never licit to obey it, or to take part in a propaganda campaign in favor of such a law, or to vote for it" (cf. *Evangelium Vitae*, "**The Gospel of Life**" by Pope John Paul II, 73).

Abortion is the intentional and direct killing of an innocent human being, and therefore it is a form of homicide.

The child is always an innocent party, and no law may permit the taking of his life. Even when a child is conceived through rape or incest, the fault is not the child's, who should not suffer death for others' sins.

2. Euthanasia

Often disguised by the name "mercy killing," euthanasia also is a form of homicide. No one has a right to take his own life (suicide), and no one has the right to take the life of any innocent person.

In euthanasia, the ill or elderly are killed out of a misplaced sense of compassion, but true compassion cannot include doing something intrinsically evil to another person

(cf. *Evangelium Vitae*, "**The Gospel of Life**" by Pope John Paul II, 73).

3. Fetal Stem Cell Research

Human embryos are human beings. "Respect for the dignity of the human being excludes all experimental manipulation or exploitation of the human embryo" (CRF, **Pontifical Council for the Family, Charter of the Rights of the Family, 4b**).

Recent scientific advances show that any medical cure that might arise from experimentation on fetal stem cells can be developed by using adult stem cells instead. Adult stem cells can be obtained without doing harm to the adults from whom they come. Thus there no longer is a medical argument in favor of using fetal stem cells.

4. Human Cloning

"Attempts . . . for obtaining a human being without any connection with sexuality through 'twin fission,' cloning, or parthenogenesis are to be considered contrary to the moral law, since they are in opposition to the dignity both of human procreation and of the conjugal union" (RHL **Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Instruction on Respect for Human Life in Its Origin and on the Dignity of Procreation I:6**).

Human cloning also ends up being a form of homicide because the "rejected" or "unsuccessful" clones are destroyed, yet each clone is a human being.

5. Homosexual "Marriage"

True marriage is the union of one man and one woman. Legal recognition of any other form of "marriage" undermines true marriage, and legal recognition of homosexual unions actually does homosexual persons a disfavor by encouraging them to persist in what is an objectively immoral arrangement.

"When legislation in favor of the recognition of homosexual unions is proposed for the first time in a legislative assembly, the Catholic lawmaker has a moral duty to express his opposition clearly and publicly and to vote against it. To vote in favor of a law so harmful to the common good is gravely immoral" (UHP **Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Considerations regarding Proposals to Give Legal Recognition to Unions between Homosexual Persons**10).

Many Catholics may ask why the death penalty was not included.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church notes: The traditional teaching of the Church does not exclude, presupposing full ascertainment of the identity and responsibility of the offender, recourse to the death penalty, when this is the only practicable way to defend the lives of human beings effectively against the aggressor (CCC 2267).

Since the Church "does not exclude . . . recourse to the death penalty" in some situations, it is not intrinsically evil. It is something that can be morally permitted in some situations. Though in the prudential judgment of Pope John Paul II, such instances are rare (*Evangelium Vitae* 56), it is not a non-negotiable issue but one requiring prudential judgment as to the situations in which it is warranted.



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In reality, everything you own may be included in the total value of your estate — your home, vacation property, business property, automobiles, etc. Consider what would happen to your heirs if they owe taxes on your estate. If no cash is available, they might be forced to liquidate assets to pay estate taxes — possibly at a fraction of their true value.

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