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Message from the State Deputy

My Dear Brothers,

I would like to announce the 2nd 100 Days Recruitment Award Incentive Winners. Darren Johnson is the Top District Deputy and Edward Hebert, Sr. is the Top Membership Recruiter. Excellent job guys!!!

Tentatively, as of this writing, we are planning a virtual Holy Hour with our State Chaplain Fr. Kenny presiding. Maybe one good thing from Covid is our willingness to go virtual, to connect with others on a regular basis that we might not have had the opportunity to do otherwise. Don't want to go so far as to call Covid a blessing, but it has made this guy (me) more accepting of change. I'm going to go one step further in saying April 9th will be the date for the virtual Holy Hour. Worthy State Treasurer/webmaster Tom Williams will be running the background logistics, while I will be enjoying the Holy Hour (at home or in person), as I have experienced two times this year with Fr. Kenny. Please stay tuned for an email confirming this event.

We are only 53 new members (90.65%) away from Washington State Jurisdiction membership goal set by Supreme this year. This is the closest we have been in several years to attaining our membership Circle of Honor goal. I am asking EVERYONE to please invite that Catholic man to join the Knights of Columbus. You are a part of something much bigger and we want that new member to have the same opportunity of membership that you/we have enjoyed.

Since November, our Territorial Growth Director, Bob Kish, has produced a monthly membership flyer. This flyer has been in many parish bulletins across the State with great recruitment success. The most successful have been parish flyers that are held in conjunction with a Delta Church Drives. Our Membership Director, at his own expense, has been traveling across the State helping those councils holding membership drives. He is very good at recruiting and educating.

In other areas of our Washington State goals, we have more than doubled our new membership in ages 25-50. This is very good news, and one more requirement for Circle of Honor that has been satisfied.

Just like the State Circle of Honor, your council strives for Star Council (or should). There are many benefits in achieving that Star Council Award; visibility, accomplishment, kudos to a brother Knight for a job well done, etc. I hear, "I don't need an award for doing good". Agreed, but that is somewhat short sighted in robbing your council of the recognition they deserve. We need a minimum of 19 councils to meet Circle of Honor, but our State would like to see 158 Star Councils. Wouldn't that be fantastic?

Another area where we need to work on is every council active in membership recruitment. Currently, we have 70 councils that are NOT new membership active. It only takes one member to satisfy this requirement. That new member may be right at your finger tip in online membership. All you need to do is pull the member down off the prospect list. Your council receives credit for every member brought in online. The same Degree and scrutiny is still required before they officially become a member of your council, nothing new here.

Message from the State Deputy Cont'd

Annual Fraternal Survey forms submitted need to be at 90%. We are doing pretty well, but still short of goal. Supreme extended the deadline for filing to February 14th, but in the past they have accepted even later. Turn it in, if you haven't already. I bet they will accept it.

Annual Fraternal Survey leads to another Circle of Honor report. We are tasked with increasing our fraternal hours and contributions by 5% this year. Usually, every council under reports this form, because members do not want/need the recognition. Kind of short sighted again.

Make sure your District Deputy knows when you hold a Degree, if he isn't already present. The District Deputy is required to submit an Exemplification form (450) every time a degree is held. This is another requirement for Circle of Honor. Our Supreme goal is 150 reports and we are only at 46. This form only takes five minutes to complete, but it is the District Deputies responsibility. However, he can not file the report if he doesn't know the degree was held. These can be back dated too.

Please, let's finish this year off strong. We haven't been this close to Circle of Honor for many years. What an honor it would be to achieve this award. Not for myself, but those that did the work. Just like Star Council.

I can't wait to see what our Worthy Historian, Anthony Farrell, comes up with this month. Last month there was a little error that the Pennies for Heaven Corporation was Chartered in 1959. The program started in 1959, but incorporated in 1991. I misspoke there.

I wish you all the best in this Lenten Season. Help us achieve Circle of Honor for our good works.



Kim Washburn, State Deputy Washington State Council

State Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

The publication of this month's bulletin coincides very nicely with our next adventure in the spiritual life: Lent 2022.

It's interesting how the mention of Lent elicits groans from some and nearly gleeful smiles from others. I'm guessing our attitude toward Lent has something to do with our focus. If our focus is on the pains that come with the various forms of fasting and self-denial, the challenge of praying more attentively and deeply, and the difficulty of parting with our time and money, then a grumpy countenance may be in order! Conversely, if we are able to look, with the eyes of faith, beyond or through the unpleasantries of the Lenten penances we undertake, we will see that the reward or fruit of those penances that awaits us on the other side is something well worth getting excited about.

Perhaps our first resolution this Lent, then, is to take the long view: instead of dreading the journey, to look with anticipation toward the amazing grace that God has in store for us through our forty days with Jesus in the desert.

Besides guarding against focusing on the means instead of the end, we ought also to take care not to go on "autopilot." Some of us may find it tempting simply to resurrect the same Lenten itinerary that we have followed for years. I suppose it's not impossible that such a plan could bear good fruit, but wouldn't it make more sense to take a fresh look into our hearts and see what would really be helpful?

If we want to improve our physical health, we have to take stock of where things stand right now, and not just assume that the same regimen of diet and exercise we needed five or ten years ago is exactly what we need today. Similarly, the spiritual medicine we need this Lent may not necessarily be the same medicine we needed last year or the year before.

A third tip for Lent: it helps to share our plan with someone we trust. This is not, of course, for the purpose of boasting about our grandiose plans or comparing our Lenten itinerary with what others are doing. Rather, the purpose is to keep us accountable to the resolutions we make.

I've made plenty of resolutions in my life that I never shared with anyone. Looking back, I can't exactly quantify it, but I'd say that I've been much more faithful to those resolutions I shared with someone than to those that I kept to myself. For example, I can think of many times I've had the good intention of going for a walk but then found some excuse not to go; but I don't know if I've ever missed a walk when I promised someone else I'd go with them.

Finally, for those who tend to be ambitious about setting goals for Lent, I offer the reminder that it's better to do a little with consistency than to do a lot sporadically. We do best to make reasonable resolutions for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and to stick with them, than to set goals that are so lofty they are unlikely to be reached.

My prayer is that all of us, entering into this journey toward the Easter Triduum, may keep the eyes of our hearts set on the prize: new and more abundant life in Christ. May we also have the fortitude to persevere in penance throughout this Lent, preparing ourselves well for the celebration of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord. Vivat Jesus!

Vivat Jesus! Fr. Kenneth St. Hilaire State Chaplain



Fr. Kenneth St. Hilaire State Chaplain K of C WA

A Message from the Bulletin Editor



St. Patrick March Saint of the month



Saint Patrick is Ireland's patron saint, known for spreading Christianity throughout the country as a missionary during the 5th century.

Who Was Saint Patrick?

The man who would come to be known as Saint Patrick was captured by pirates as a child and brought to Ireland. During his enslavement, he was called to Christianity and escaped his captors after six years. He returned to Ireland as a missionary, and in his teachings combined Irish pagan beliefs with Christian sacrament. He is annually honored on his feast day, March 17.

Early Life

The man who would come to be known as Saint Patrick, apostle of Ireland, was born in Britain circa 386 A.D. Much of his life is unknown to historians and can't be verified, though some sources have listed his birth name as Maewyn Succat, with the name Patrick later taken on during his religious journeys or ordainment.

His father, Calphurnius, was a deacon from a Roman family of high social standing. Patrick's mother, Conchessa, was a close relative of the great patron Saint Martin of Tours. Patrick's grandfather, Pontius, was also a member of the clergy.

Surprisingly, Patrick himself was not raised with a strong emphasis on religion. Education was not particularly stressed during his childhood either. Later in life, this would become a source of embarrassment for the spiritual icon, who would write in his *Confessio*, "I blush and fear exceedingly to reveal my lack of education."

State Bulletin Editor Ken DeVos

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State Secretary's Message

My Brother Knights,

As we enter the holy season of Lent, let's challenge ourselves to live generously – a daily giving of our time and attention to those around us. As Matthew Kelly presents in his book, *The Generosity Habit*, he challenges us to live a life of staggering generosity to change our lives and to transform the world. Let's shake things up a bit this Lent and beyond and not just give up something like chocolate, but instead do something with staggering generosity. This doesn't mean we need money or material things to live a life of generosity; it means daily giving according to our gifts and means. We just need to do our part every day, large or small, with the time and place God has gifted us with.

Your councils should approach generosity in the same light with a goal this Lent of helping to transform the world in the process. Generosity is a way of life, and it is infectious. We know there is a tremendous need for change in our world and your councils have incredible means to bring about change – to bring joy and hope to many.

A few ideas: If you're engaged in the Leave No Neighbor Behind program, step it up a few notches by adding another program or executing more often with more members. Increase a council's spiritual growth through prayer and devotions every month. Invite others to go with you to your Parish Lenten Mission every night of the program. Make it a point to ask other Catholic men every Sunday to join the Order. Attend the Seattle Catholic Men's Conference (Iron Sharpens Iron) at St. Brendan Parish in Bothell, on March 25-26, 2022. It begins Friday evening and goes all day Saturday. Go as a council and invite others to join you.

You will find that a council living and breathing generously will lead also to **Star Council** – that's why Star Council is significant and should always be our objective because it speaks to who we were created to be – authentically human and living generously to bring out the best in people, which is what our world desperately needs. Strive for Star Council and you will bring out the best in your members.

Keep the following dates in mind regarding the Annual Meeting (State Convention). The Annual Meeting will be on Saturday, **May 14, 2022**. The meeting will be virtual and more specific details will be forthcoming. I mailed the Election of Delegates form to all Financial Secretaries in early February. I can't remember the exact date, but all councils should have received the form by now. Promptly return to me the Election of Delegates form with Council seal affixed soon after your council elects delegates.

Councils must submit Resolutions to me by **March 15, 2022**, for consideration at the Annual Meeting. I will not accept submissions after March 15, 2022. Submit resolutions in Word format only. I will not accept resolutions in any other document format.

Council Annual reports are due to District Deputies by **April 1, 2022**. Reports should be brief and a half page in length. Please do not exceed one page. Council reports will be rolled up in the District reports. District Deputy Annual reports and State Directors and Chairmen Annual reports are to be submitted to me by **April 10, 2022**. All reports must be in Word document format.

State Secretary's Message Cont'd

Here is an update on council billings as of February 24, 2022:

Liability Insurance (August 2021): 88.50% paid Pennies for Heaven Goal (January 2022): 47.44% paid Per Capita (January 2022): 64.49% paid

We are doing well in Per Capita payments to date. Thank you for your prompt replies to the January 2022 Billing notices. I encourage all councils to participate in the Pennies for Heaven Fund in support of vocations. We should be 100% paid up on Liability Insurance by now. Get those payments in if you're still outstanding.

Again, I encourage all councils to actively promote and participate in the **Seattle Catholic Men's Conference, March 25-26, 2022**. State Deputy Kim Washburn and State Membership Director Michael Rutland will be attending the conference and will provide a brief presentation likely on Saturday, March 26. Be generous with your time and join them that weekend. You can register for the conference here.

"I pray to God to give me perseverance and to deign that I be a faithful witness to Him to the end of my life for my God."

Saint Patrick

Catholic Men's Conference

St. Brendan Catholic Church in Bothell, WA is excited to host the upcoming Iron Sharpens Iron Men conference on Friday March 25th and Saturday March 26th. The theme this year is "Brothers Unite-Stand for the Faith". We have three dynamic speakers this year: Dr. Andrew and Sarah Swafford and Dr. Denis McNamera. The conference will also include vendors, adoration, confession and Eucharistic procession. Saturday meals will include a light breakfast and box lunch.

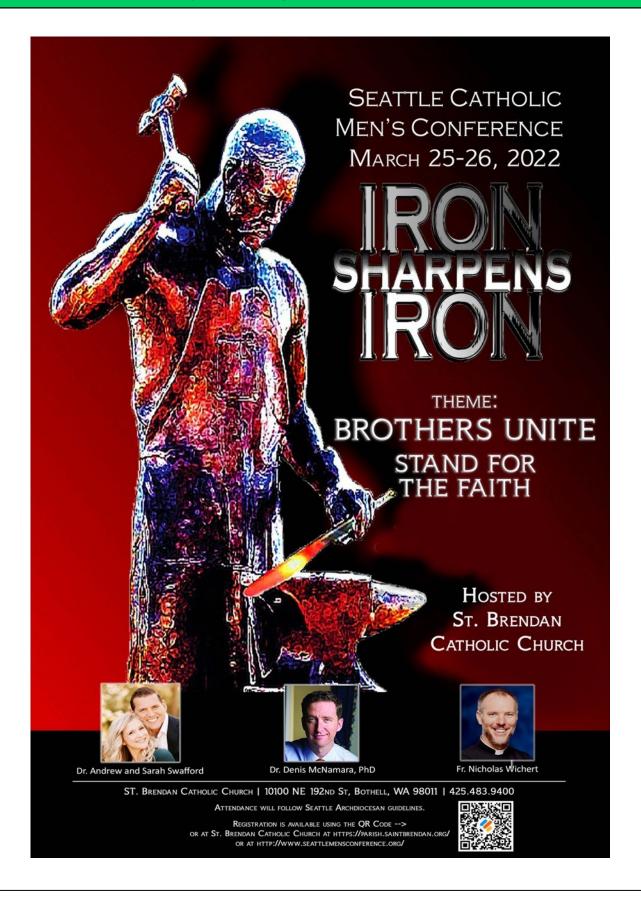
This is a great way to bring Catholic men together in fellowship. For more information, please see the posters in the church or visit St. Brendan website at https://parish.saintbrendan.org/ or the Northwest Brothers in Christ website at https://www.seattlemensconference.org/ Register today! The conference is only \$40.00 and \$30.00 if you are student.

Vivat Jesus! Fraternally, Greg



Greg S. Mahoney State Secretary Washington State Council

State Secretary's Message -Catholic Men's Conference



State Treasurer's Message

My Brother Knights,

As we prepare to start the Lenten season, I am always interested to hear what people are giving up for Lent. Many people add prayer, meditation, etc., to their daily schedule. This seems like a nice component of Lent, to give up something and add something important. What are you doing for Lent this season?

I remember in the "old days" being jealous of my siblings because only my birthday fell in Lent, so unless my birthday fell on a Sunday, I had to wait for my cake! It was also a proud moment, to give up something so important in honor of Lent. But, I was always happy when Sunday rolled around and I could have my birthday cake!

As I write this article, the state is closing in on the Circle of Honor for membership for the first time in years, we are about 50 new members away. Now is the time to reach out to that man you have been meaning to ask, now if the time for your Grand Knight to ask Father if you can have a membership drive at your Church. I would love to see us achieve this goal by the end of March!

As we approach the end of the fraternal year, please remember to submit your reports, award applications and everything else that is needed. We are falling behind in Safe Environment certifications, too. Please don't take your eyes off the important business of the Knights!

Finally, I am building out the 119th Convention website and it should be available shortly. All pertinent Convention documents will be stored there, same as we did for the virtual Convention last year. An email will go out when the site is available for use.

Thank you, my brothers, for your perseverance through the dark times of the COVID pandemic. Just as the days are getting longer, I see signs that the pandemic is finally winding down and we may be able to resume more normal operations. I would encourage you to look around and start planning for events for the time when we can get back toward normal.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Thomas C. Williams



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State Advocate's Message

My Brother Knights,

Resolutions proposed at the Washington State Council Convention are intended to: Enhance the fraternal character of the Knights of Columbus Order, Improve governance and administration, and Serve the Knights' evangelical mission.

Councils submit resolutions every fraternal year that recognize notable achievements by members and the clergy, propose changes to or new issues of State Council governance or address other matters relating to occurrences within the Washington State Council's jurisdiction. Resolutions that propose changes to longstanding policy of the Knights of Columbus are discouraged but may be proposed if deemed absolutely necessary by a proposing Council.

Article III, Section 1 of the Washington State Council Bylaws stipulates the time and place where resolutions submitted by Councils are to be considered, adopted or rejected.

"SECTION 1. The State Council shall be convened annually by the State Deputy on the first Friday following the second Sunday in May and adjourned on Sunday, for the election of officers and for the transaction of such business and the enactment of such rules and regulations as may be consistent with the Charter and Laws of the Supreme Council; but no law, rule or regulation adopted by the State Council shall become operative until approved by the Supreme Council or Board of Directors. The State Council shall fix the place of the Annual Meeting five years in advance."

Article III, Section 5 of the Washington State Council Bylaws provides for the way in which Councils shall submit resolutions for consideration by the Washington State Council.

"SECTION 5. All resolutions and committee reports shall be in writing. All resolutions submitted by subordinate councils to be considered at the State Council Meeting shall be in the hands of the State Secretary by March 15th prior to the State Council Meeting; no resolution or amendment shall be considered by said council unless so presented; and the substance of the resolution and proposed amendment shall be printed and distributed by the State Secretary to the members of the State Council 30 days before the State Council Meeting, for their consideration of the resolutions presented. The resolutions committee shall report therein to the State Council, together with any amendments or repeals of existing laws deemed expedient for the progress and welfare of the Order, or necessary to make the laws of the Order concise or consistent, and all amendments and changes in the laws proposed for adoption in the State Council shall, before final adoption, be referred to said committee for engrossment, and if there are any resolutions other than those described above, they must be presented to the [members of the] resolutions committee for their consideration. No resolution involving the expenditure of monies and which requires an increase in the State Council per capita shall be considered by the State Council unless such resolution or the substance thereof shall have been printed and distributed to the members of the State Council, as provided for herein, or it shall have been submitted on laws and resolutions and a report thereon made to the State Council by said committee.

a. The State Secretary shall certify in writing to the Resolutions Committee that all resolutions submitted by Subordinate Councils for consideration at the State Council meeting have been received by the State Secretary as provided herein. Resolutions submitted to the State Secretary shall be council identified, signed by the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary, and bear the imprint of the council seal."

State Advocate's Message Cont'd

Article VIII, Section 3 of the Washington State Council Bylaws provides for the way that Grand Knights shall report resolutions to their respective Councils.

"SECTION 3. Within sixty (60) days following the receipt of copies of the proceedings from the State Secretary, the Grand Knight of each subordinate council shall read the resolutions passed at the meeting of the State Council."

Councils are encouraged to consider resolutions that recognize the performance of members, the impact that deceased members have, Parish Pastors and other individuals, who have taken Holy Orders, as well as changes that will enhance governance, programs and other activities under the jurisdiction of the Washington State Council. Please review the format for resolutions summarized on the "Officer's Desktop" under the heading of Council and Assembly activities at KofC.org.

All proposed resolution must be submitted to the Washington State Council Secretary, Greg Mahoney, no later than 15 March 2022. State Secretary Greg Mahoney has informed me that all documents must be in Word.doc format and that he will not accept documents prepared in any other format including Adobe PDF, photos, Excel, chiseled in stone, etc.

Vivat Jesus Dr. Scott Hulse State Advocate





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State Warden's Message

My Brother Knights,

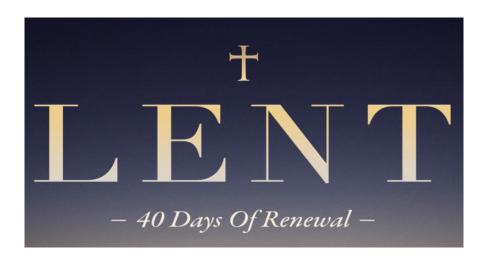
Lent is here. For most of us, it is a season of repentance and of self-mortification, giving up some of the pleasures of life in solidarity with the sufferings of Christ. We also use this season to redouble our efforts to serve the needy. Fasting, almsgiving, prayer: these are the customs of Lent.

We are fortunate that so many of the programs of our Order do serve the needy and disadvantaged. Our Faith, Community, Family, and Life programs offer our members and councils so many ways to continue the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, especially clothing the naked, feeding the hungry, instructing the ignorant, comforting the afflicted, and praying for the living and the dead. As we prepare for Lent, both as individuals and as Councils, let us redouble our commitment to the work of the Order. Very few councils can participate in all of the programs of the Order, but during Lent we can resolve perhaps to do a few more and to do them better.

Many hands make this work lighter. As part of our Lent activities, we can reach out to the Brothers who many not have been active recently and encourage them as part of their Lenten preparation to join one or more of the Council activities. And of course, new members are always welcome to share in our works of Charity.

I hope you have a blessed and meaningful Lent, as we prepare ourselves to celebrate the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord.

Vivat Jesus Dave Olwell State Warden



A Message from the Ceremonials/Immediate Past State Deputy

Worthy Grand Knights, Council Chairmen, and Gentlemen All,

I am writing to you today on behalf of our State Deputy, to the Grand Knight, Program, Family, and Community, Directors of all Councils mentioned on the most recent Supreme report.

In the not too far distant past, we as a State, did fairly well in keeping the SEP Council staff appointed, trained and where necessary covered with background checks and driving abstracts. Today as I look at this report from Supreme that is no longer true. Clearly, we have fallen from grace.

I wouldn't want to guess at what has happened or why, but one thing is for sure, we have a lot of work to do to get these councils back into compliance. We must get back into compliance as quickly as possible or at some time soon, Supreme is going to start telling us what they are going to do and I'm sure we don't want that, so let's keep the ball in our court as long as possible and get this done. To facilitate this effort, I have been asked by our State Deputy Kim to get involved and help out wherever I can to get this resolved.

As your Past State Deputy, many of you know me personally, and I am well aware of many Councils that simply may not be able to do all that Supreme is asking. While I am anticipating addressing each situation with Supreme separately, even that is not a guarantee they will capitulate. In any case, I am in hopes that all Councils will at least put their best foot forward and try.

I will be making lots of phone calls and emails and perhaps a few visits to Council meetings, (if this darned Virus dies down), in different parts of the State. I am willing to do whatever we can do get your Council off this list of non or partial compliance so please meet me half-way. OK??

I will be reaching out to each council concerned individually to see what can be done and when.

Be Safe Vivat Jesus, Patrick Kelley





Pat Kelley Immediate Past State Deputy IPSD@KofC.WA

State Membership Director's Message

My Brother Knights,

My brothers we are now into March. Soon the end of the fraternal year will be upon us. In my previous articles I have passed along to you the 10 keys to recruitment and the three phases to conducting a church drive. I am here to help you and your councils achieve recruitment goals. I am ready to travel to help you make your church drives successful. All you need do is contact me early enough for me to schedule is in my calendar.

I'd like to turn our attention to the large number of online brother knights. I know there are those that say these members only joined because of Long Term Care, and your assessment is correct. I say "So what" they took an opportunity to join our Order to take advantage of one of our top rated insurance products. Does this make them any less a knight? The answer is a resounding "NO". These men are just as much a knight as you and I. The only difference is they saw a value in joining the knights and wanted to put their money where their faith lies and not with the state. While their focus may have been initially to avoid the mandatory state payroll tax, they are no less members of our honored Order. It's not our position to judge these men but reach out and embrace them.

The field agents of Washington have done a herculean job recruiting and insuring these now brother knights. It is now our job to welcome them to join our councils. We must now reach out and sell them on the value of joining our councils. The process is simple. When representatives of your council reach out to these brothers the conversation must start with, "Welcome brother to the Knights of Columbus. You are now part of the largest Catholic Family Fraternal organization in the world. You now have over 2 million brother that share the same faith and values as you."

As your conversation continues let them Know what your council has to offer both them and their family. Don't just talk about the breakfasts, dinners and all the work the knights do around the parish. Let them know you would be <u>honored if they would consider joining the council</u>. Set up a meeting and have them fill out Form 1842 Member Experience Interest Survey. This survey will let you know their experience and where their interests lie. Remember it's about them not the council. You are setting the stage for their life experience as a knight and council member.

When they do decide to join your council, it is important to realize they are transferring their membership from the state jurisdiction to your council. This will result in a gain in your council's membership quota. There are a number of online members currently aligned with councils. They just need to be invited. Are you up to the task? Will you commit to reach out and welcome these brothers? If you need help, please reach out to me. I am committed to helping you succeed.

Vivat Jesus, Mike Rutland



Mike Rutland State Membership Director Washington State Council MEMBERSHIP@kofc-wa.org

State District Deputy Director's Message

My Brother Knights

The end of the 2021 – 2022 fraternal year is rapidly approaching so it is time to make sure that the Councils each District Deputy is supervising, among other responsibilities, have:

Completed their semiannual audits,

Submitted their form 990 to the IRS,

Submitted all reports for programs,

Completed their Surveys of Fraternal Activity,

Scheduled their elections for the upcoming fraternal year, and

Provided a written report of the Council's performance and activities during the current fraternal year for submittal to the State Secretary.

The last item in the list is required by Article VIII (Reports), Section 2 of the Washington State Bylaws, which states:

"SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of the Grand Knight of each subordinate council to furnish a report to the District Deputy at least forty (40) days prior to the coming State Meeting, of the various council activities and such other matters relative to the conduct, interest and welfare of his council; said report to be embodied in the report of the District Deputy for presentation to the officers and delegates at the State Council meeting."

Furthermore, Article VI (Duties of Elective Officers), Section 1 (State Deputy), paragraph d, states that one of the State Deputy's responsibilities is to:

"d. Appoint District Deputies for such districts as may be authorized, and require of such District Deputies written reports on the condition of the Councils and the Order within their Districts, which reports shall be embodied in a written report to the State Council at the Annual Meeting. He shall have the direction of all District Deputies so appointed."

In short, every Grand Knight is required to prepare a report about his Council that summarizes the condition of the Council, Council activities and programs, and any other information that will provide a concise review of the Council's performance during the current fraternal year. The Grand Knight is then instructed to provide this report to the District Deputy, who is responsible for the Council. The District Deputy is then required to prepare a report summarizing the condition of each Council in his District.

District Deputies should instruct the Grand Knights of Councils for whom they are responsible to provide the Council reports in a timely manner because the District Deputy is required to submit his report by 10 April 2022 so that the State Secretary has time to compile and include all reports in the Washington State Council's report that will be approved during the Washington State Council's Annual Convention that is required by the Supreme Council. State Secretary Greg Mahoney has informed me that all documents must be in Word.doc format and that he will not accept documents prepared in any other format including Adobe PDF, photos, Excel, chiseled in stone, etc. Individual reports should be less than one page in length.

Thank you all for your diligence and timely completion of the reports. Your Worthy State Secretary, Greg Mahoney, will greatly appreciate your efforts.

Vivat Jesus Scott E. Hulse State District Deputy Director

State Program Director's Message

My Brother Knights,

We are quickly approaching the annual State Council meeting (aka, State Convention). That means all submissions for state awards for programs must be turned in soon. If your council has not turned in your monthly service reports, you need to do that before April 10. No MSR's will be accepted after that date. This is your opportunity to catch up on any past MSR's that have not been turned in yet. Also, don't forget that your council should have also been turning in the Form 10784 to the Supreme Council for all of your programs throughout the year, as well.

Other notable reports that your council members may have participated in throughout the year should also be reported. This includes blood drives and members that have donated units of blood toward the state awards, such as the George C. Turk Gift of Life Blood Donor Honor roll and the Wade S. Walden Platelets Heroes Award.

Don't forget about getting your council onto the calendar for the Silver Rose program in May. Available slots are getting assignments quickly, so be sure to contact Gary Cloninger asap.

Finally, don't forget to review your council's COVID Recovery Plan and see what changes can be made; especially considering the changes announced by the CDC and the state's governor regarding COVID mask protocols for indoor events that are coming into effect this month.

As always, I am available to help your council in any way that I can. Feel free to reach out to me via phone or email.

Vivat Jesus!

Dang H. Nguyen State Program Director





State Faith Director's Report

My Brother Knights,

Faith In Action Our New Watch Word

Knights of Columbus
Programs

Action

March 2022 Faith Programs (links) continued Building the Domestic Church Kiosk Holy Hour

Into the Breach Marian Prayer

Refund Support Vocations (RSVP)

Faith Rosary

Sacramental Gifts

Spiritual Reflection

<u>Pilgrim Icon (Supporting Program)</u> **Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer Hour (Supporting Program)**



Hello Brothers! Well we are off to a good start with Saint Joseph Icon pilgrimage. District Deputy 34 Russ Cantonwine and District Deputy 6 Frederico Lopez report successful use of Saint Joseph Icon within their respective areas, eastern and western Washington regions. Keep up the good work and document your efforts.

Easter will soon be upon us. This is a wonderful time to reflect on our Catholic heritage and our Faith Programs. With Ash Wednesday and Lent upon us this month, try to create opportunities for prayer and reflection together as Knight's and especially as a Parish family. Well organized Parish spiritual events often leave a lasting impact. Review the Spiritual Reflection resources and discussion points under Faith programs. With support and guidance of your chaplain, plan and or participate in a day of reflection together.

FRATERNAL PROGRAMS REPORT FORM (#10784)

As previously mentioned last month, this <u>new form</u> has been created that will allow reporting for most of the Supreme-recommended programs. This new form will replace 24 individual report forms. Go to the following link for more details. This form would be used for activities such as the Spiritual Reflection program. <u>New Faith In Action Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784) | Knights of Columbus (kofc.org)</u>

Brothers it's time again to dust off what programs you have done this fraternal year. Have heard that the State Program Director will be looking for your input soon. You will be asked to develop your input for Faith Award category. If you haven't consolidated your good works for submission or haven't a plan to do so, now is the time to give it some serious consideration. Think of the narrative and supporting material to support your District/Council efforts...you might search for someone in your Council that has a skill-set for compiling information on your events. The submission of a good chronicle of accomplishments and supporting write-up will strengthen support for your entry. Although this is new, remember your Form 10784 input. Council Program Directors and or Faith Chairman are especially central to making this a rewarding experience. Do your best and plan ahead.

Brother District Deputies, This is a good time to ascertain the well-being of your district. An exchange of ideas and objectives for the remaining fraternal year is prudent. Your District Council Program Directors and or Faith Chairman need to capture selected Faith Programs details. This is most important.

State Faith Director's Report — Cont'd

MARCH 2022 Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge Archbishop William E. Lori:

As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. ... Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." (Gospel for March 13, Lk 9:33, 35) Having witnessed the Transfiguration, the three apostles did not want to leave the mountaintop. But as the vision ends, God's voice directs them back to Jesus, who takes them back down the mountain. We might wish in our own lives for extraordinary experiences or "spiritual highs," but even if we are granted such experiences, we are not meant to cling to them. Brothers, may we be grateful for these enriching moments, if and when they come, but remember that we fulfill our God-given mission primarily within the daily duties of our ordinary lives.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain: This month, I challenge you to withdraw from your normal routine each day to spend some time alone with God's word by reading and reflecting on the Gospels. Second, I challenge you to assist your council in planning for the Faith in Action Spiritual Reflection program.

Questions for Reflection: Do you tend to seek one emotional religious experience after another, yet feel less motivated to live your faith in between these experiences? Do you recognize the Christian witness you must fulfill in your daily duties as a man, a husband, a father, and in your ordinary work and social interactions? Do you set aside time to participate in a spiritual retreat every now and then to reinvigorate your spiritual life?

Remember the incredible gift of our Lord Jesus Christ. I believe our prayers are truly being answered. Likewise, devotion to Our Lady is the principal by which we contemplate and serve her Son as Knights of Columbus. Pray the rosary often. Our faith and deeds will be strengthened through Her intersession. There is nothing that cannot be achieved with the strength of the rosary.

How's are your Rosary Program's doing?

Fraternally and Vivat Jesus

Tom Pursley, State Faith Director In God We Trust and God Bless America St. Michael Protect Us pursleyt1@comcsat.net 360-888-6833



State Family Director's Report

My Brother Knights,

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Congratulation to the Richard Burkey family of Bremerton Council 1379. They were selected the **Family of the Month** for January.

Ten (10) councils submitted January reports. I congratulate these councils on their submissions and encourage all other councils to join them.

Good Friday Family Promotion



Overview

Despite Good Friday's central role in the heart of Christianity, attendance at services remains low. In an effort to change this, councils will encourage participation in Good Friday services through a promotional campaign. Setting an example for their community, Knights will attend Good Friday services with their families and work with their pastors to encourage increased parishioner involvement at these liturgies. In conjunction with these efforts, councils will also work to educate their parishes about the plight of Christians in the Holy Land.

For Good Friday Family Promotion resources, visit www.kofc.org/goodfriday.

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State Family Director's Report Cont'd

Action Steps

- 1. Identify a program chairman to oversee all action steps and delegate tasks as needed. Confirm pastor approval with grand knight, and then set up subsequent parish ministry collaboration meetings.
- 2. Plan a thoughtful promotional campaign to encourage parishioners and the greater community to attend church services at your parish on Good Friday. Incorporate a call to action to support Christians struggling in the Middle East today.

Promote Good Friday in your parish and larger community through a variety of efforts:

- Beginning on Ash Wednesday, promote Good Friday services at Friday Fish Fries and other parish and council meetings and events throughout the Lenten season. Be sure to give plenty of reminders in the weeks leading up to Good Friday.
- Ask council members to take direct action and encourage their family and friends to attend.
- Provide council members and the parish community a copy of Christ: Lord and Savior (#358) to help them contemplate who Jesus is and the sacrifices he made.
- Have the Christian Refugee Relief Prayer Cards (#10340) available in the parish and council hall to raise visibility of the issues affecting the Middle East. Request the contact information for elderly, sick or non-driving parishioners from your pastor and assist them in attending Good Friday services.
- Prior to Good Friday, use the sample News Release (#10639) as a model to create and distribute a tailored release to local media.
- Prominently display the promotional Horizontal Poster (#10573) or Vertical Poster (#10638) in your parish and council hall. Contact your grand knight, financial secretary, or program director to order these resources through Supplies Online via Officers Online.
- Develop bulletin announcements explaining the central nature of Good Friday.
- Make pulpit announcements on the central nature of Good Friday. Post on your council and parish website / social media pages. 3. Set the example in your parish! Organize council members and their families to celebrate the Good Friday services together.
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- 4. To gain credit for your program, complete the associated reporting forms.
- Immediately after your program is finished, complete the Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784)
- At the end of the fraternal year, complete the Columbian Award Application (#SP-7)

Please note: Conducting Good Friday Family Promotion Program does not satisfy the programming requirements for the Christian Refugee Relief Program. The two activities are separate and cannot be double-counted.

Resources

- 1. #10638- Vertical Poster
- 2. #10573- Horizontal Poster
- 3. #10639- News Release
- 4. #358- Christ: Lord and Savior Booklet
- 5. #10340- Christian Refugee Relief Prayer Card

Program resources can be ordered by your grand knight, financial secretary and/or program director on Supplies Online via Officers Online.

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State Community Director's Report

My Brother Knights,

Lent helps you grow stronger as a follower of Christ, the church gives you 40 days of Lent and during this time, you prepare your hearts for the joy of Easter by the practices of Fasting, Prayer, and Almsgiving. To make yourself a better Catholic or brother you might decide to give up certain treats, favorite activities or decide to give up some of your time, talent and/or treasurer to help your community during Lent.

Lent (this year) reminds me of St. Paul, one of the greatest Saints of the early church. His mission was to preach and spread the good news of Jesus outside of the Holy Land. The communities he left behind missed his guidance and would ask for help even though he was far away. Saint Paul wrote many letters to these communities he started. He would use letters to answer questions and teach them more about Jesus. Saint Paul's greatest mission was to spread the good news and our mission is the same. Encourage or invite Catholics back to church or Sunday Mass.

Almsgiving may include Time and Talent. Your time and talent are worth more than putting a dollar in a donation box. KofC Coats for Kids, helping hands, collecting "food for families," donating blood and "preparing for" or helping during disaster is a way you and your council share your time and talent to your community. Please let us know what you are doing by submitting the form # 10784.

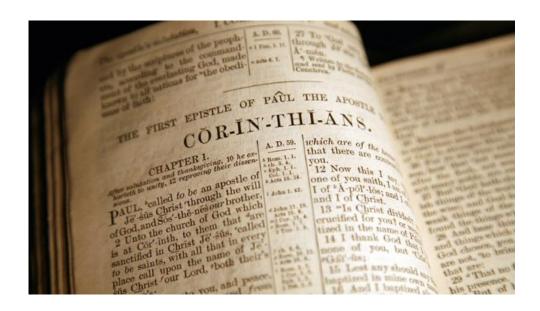
New Supreme updates as of tonight's webinar (Feb 16, 2022).

- ► Free throw: State submitting Deadline May 6th
- ► Challenge to Councils (Global Wheelchair Program): purchase 5 Wheelchairs this fraternal year. Cost is \$150 USD.

Please submit 'completed' #10784 for your programs. Some forms are incomplete.

Please stay healthy, be positive and pray often this Lent.

Vivat Jesus! Al, Abundeo Reponte Community Director



State Life Director's Report

My Brother Knights,

Ultrasound

Stanwood, Council 8476 is having a big band jazz fest at the Evergreen Fairgrounds in Monroe, WA February 2023. It will be in the Event Center. Our mission is to support our veterans in need: shelter, food, clothing, transportation for medical help, and much more. We are inviting the council Grand Knights of the local Northwest region to help us accomplish our goal of raising funds for the Disabled Veterans of America. As Knights, we will work together as a team.

Our faith is strong. Our duties as Knights of Columbus are charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism, which we stand for. We have a calling to help our fellow man, our veterans for help.

I am asking your council for help and support for our Veterans'

A special request from the Life Committee is for the District Deputies to ask the Councils in their districts to help identify a Pregnancy Center in need of an Ultrasound machine that meets the requirements listed on the Diocesan Evaluation (form #10715). Please contact Gary Cloninger with any question. Refer to the State website for the complete documents and requirements you may need.

<u>"Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take."</u>

Proverbs 3:5-6

Silver Rose

Silver Roses begin their journeys across North America in less than a month! Find your jurisdiction's route at **kofc.org/rose**.

A note to all councils, please get with your Priests and get a schedule. Please let with Mike Taylor Know what your date is, and he will advise if acceptable.

Coats for kids,

We are in the process of reviewing the distribution sites for the coats coming in from Supreme. Last year we had three, this year we are studying having six. The planning still is in work, (more later)

God Bless Gary Cloninger, Life Director

Special Olympics Director's Report

My Brother Knights,

Special Olympics

As restrictions start to loosen up SOW is starting in person events. Our focus will be in the kitchen preparing lunches at this point. We will have new guidelines to follow to keep everyone healthy while we are preparing these meals (more details to follow). Please see the schedule below and remember some events are not finalized yet so please watch your emails, the state website and messages from my Brother DD"s. If you have any questions please reach out to me and lets enjoy the brotherhood of being a Knight once again. Remember these are family friendly events so lets get our wives and kids involved.

Here are the dates of the events we have in the works, yes, we are planning on hosting Spring Games at PLU and the dates are June 17-19 (Father's Day weekend).

Saturday, April 23 NW Regional Swimming Competition King County Aquatic Center, Federal Way Sunday, April 24 SW Regional Swimming Competition King County Aquatic Center- Federal Way Saturday, April 30 NW Regional Athletics Competition TBD, probably in the Everett area Sunday, May 1 SW Regional Athletics & Soccer Competition TBD, probably in the Tacoma area Saturday, May 7 East Regional Athletics, Swimming & Powerlifting Competitions Eastern Washington University

Saturday, May 7 NW Regional Soccer Competition TBD Saturday, May 14 NW Regional Powerlifting Competition TBD Saturday, May 14 East Regional Soccer Competition TBD June 17 – 19 State Spring Games PLU, JBLM, KCAC

God bless Darren E. Johnson Special Olympics State Chairman



State Vocation Director's Report

My Brother Knights,

Vocation is defined in the Catholic Dictionary as: A call from God to a distinctive state of life, in which the person can reach holiness. The Second Vatican Council made it plain that there is a "Universal call [vocatio] to holiness in the Church" (*Lumen Gentium*, 39). (Etym. Latin vocatio, a calling, summoning; from vocare, to call.)

So vocation can mean any state in life that brings you closer to holiness such as priest, religious, married or single. Many people just assume that when you are talking about vocation you are referring to the first two – priest or religious. There is a true vocation in married life which focuses on love and raising children in the Catholic faith. One example is that of Saints Louis Martin and Marie-Azélie Guérin Martin. They were the parents of St. Therese of the Child Jesus. All of their five daughters joined the religious life, one is a Saint, and another is being considered for sainthood. Their family should be a great example to all married couples.

There is also a true vocation in single life by focusing that love on charitable and benevolent acts and devoting your life to prayer. There are two examples of saints that lived their life as a single person, St. John the Baptist and St. Rose of Lima. They both lived to adulthood, but never married. Instead spent their time praying and/or preaching. St. Rose slept only two hours a night so that she had more time for prayer. St. John the Baptist was perhaps the first evangelist proclaiming that the Son of God was here.

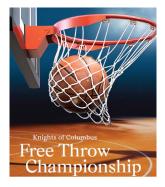
Vocation is not being ordained or taking religious vows or getting married or choosing to remain single. Vocation is what you do after you chose that station in life. Live the life of a saint and you will fulfill your vocation.

God bless Tim Coyle Vocations Chairman



State Youth Director's Report

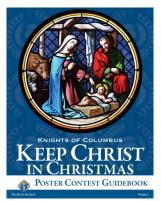
My Brother Knights,



Free Throw Contest

State Competition is slated for Saturday March 26th for Fr Queen gym Yakima has been canceled for 2022.

District Deputies are to spend score sheets to me. Scoresheets will have both Council and District scores. Please make the council and district numbers are on the scoresheets and participants names are legible.



KCIC Poster Contest

Winners for 2021 / 2022 are:

Ages 5-7 Elizabeth Chamberlin Council 1379

Ages 8-10 Caleb Moore Council 11217 Ages 11-14 Patrick Mack Council 3611

Thank to councils 763, 1379, 3611, 8137 and 11217 for supporting and sponsoring the KCIC poster contest

Vivat Jesus

Ken DeVos Youth Chairman

Members and Family in need of Prayer

Council Bellingham 829
Kim Washburn, Nora Pylilo. Charlie Dunn, Henry Therrien, Sam Raines, Louise
Murphy, and for the repose of the souls of Patrick St. Hilaire and Leonard Roy
Council Yakima 894

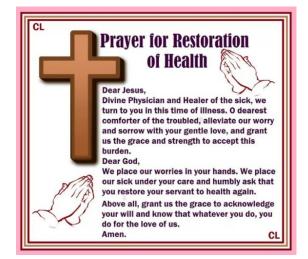
Msgr. Ecker, Patti & John Soden, Laurie Browning, Sandy Lamm, Mike Cunningham, Harry Cambeis, Darrel Jones & Family, Jeff Penuel, Ann Hill, Carey Hill, Kody Weldon, Josh Jones Family, Thomas McCormick, Gary Mitchell, Tony Lesich, Jackie Gamache, Tina Wanamaker, Rod Allen, Derick Pemberton's Fiancé, Mike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

Karen Smith, Gabriel Scheel, Robert Delarm, Corky Hutfles

Members and Family in need of Prayer

Pat Lyons, Bob Zimmerman, Dave Lustik
CouncilBellevue, 10664
Alan Newhouse, Ken Yarab, Phil Morrisey, Paul Herrick, friend of Steve Duncan
CouncilBelfair 12002
Carlos Craff, Bob Giesert, Harry and Dotty Tachell, Richard Helriegel, Fr. Dennis
Sevilla, Howard Riggleman family, Nevinger family, Lanny and Diane Zwan, J.J.
MacPherson, Keith Taylor
CouncilLakewood 11762
Everett and Mira Roberts, Maria Havens, John Mcinnes, Franklyn Hyke, Dorian
Diaz, John Silbaugh, Janet Wachter, James Daly, John Wallace, William Wells,
Linda Hansen, Brent Carney, Robert Nuccio, James Self, Maria Suazo
Council
Rene Sacramento, son of Renato Sacramento
CouncilPend D'Oreille 14268
Family of Warren Foersch, Family of Jim Hines, Ray Springsteen, Gary Brooks,
Rowland Busskohl, Bob and Nellie Graham, Buc Buckley, Jerry Tefft, Judy Herrin,
Dave and Barbara Floyd, Gladys Bishop, Nancy Sanger, Bill Burrell, Sister Nancy,
Bishop Skyylstad, Diana Tefft, Katherine, Liliana, and Victoria Freeman
(grandchildren of Peter and Kathy Freeman), Jack Lopresti, Jim Flanagan, Kathleen
Pasquale, Robin Baylow, Phillis Kardos.

Council.....Burlington, 9941



> 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.

John Sutter Council 7908 (Federal Way)
Jean Dukurikizeyezu Council 10653 (Kennewick)
Wade Harrington Council 3307 (Richland)
Michael Strong Council 16667 (Tacoma)
Ramon La Madrid Council 676 (Seattle)
George Polyak Council 3307 (Richland)
Arnold Beardemphl Council 809 (Tacoma)
Jerry Scheer Council 12483 (Tacoma)
Pat Kenny Council 8179 (Kennewick)
Bob Zimmerman Council 9941 (Burlington)
Francisco Guerrero Council 6806 (Spanaway)
Raymond Begger Council 676 (Seattle)
Richard "Dick" Perry Council 676 (Seattle)

Timothy Maynes Council 3307 (Richland)
William Lawr Council 8179 (Kennewick)
Richard Perry Council 676 (Seattle)
Boleslaw Skadorwa Council 8179 Kennewick)
Robert Delarm Council 1620 (Pasco)
Leo O'Dore Council 6686 (Bothell)
John Garcia Council 12483 (Tacoma)
Alan Melton Council 8768 (Selah)
John H Meyer Council 1565 (Colton)
Kenneth L Lopez Council 4322 (Lakewood)
Mark A Cosgrove Council 8137 (Spokane)

Family Members' Deaths

Rita Wilson Kirkland Obadiah Council 7642
Glinger Lansing, spouse of Brother Patrick
Lansing Council 8476
Rose Boutillier, wife of Ben Boutillier(deceased)
Council 894
John Fillenwarth, nephew Peter Cangany
Council 7642



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

A Look Back on Washington State

My Brother Knights,







Fr. Armstrong, April 20, 1914 / St. Paul's Church

In history, we all know that one picture is worth a thousand words. So, when I discovered a photograph of Bishop Robert Armstrong of Sacramento, California, with no reference to the Washington State Council, I know there had to be a story behind it. So, I had to investigate. What did this picture have to do with our order, and why?

Bishop Robert John Armstrong was an American-born Bishop. He was born in 1884 in San Francisco, California. Later his family moved to Washington State. Robert attended Gonzaga University. He was Ordain as a priest in 1910 in Montreal Canada, for the Diocese of Seattle. In those days many young men went to Canada for their training. Seminarian costs were expensive, and some families could not afford to support their sons in the States (Fr. Michael J. McGivney took the same route). Five months later in April 1911, Fr. Armstrong became a member of the Spokane Knights of Columbus Council #683. Fr. Armstrong's connection with the Knights started while Robert was a student at Gonzaga University. In 1914 Archbishop O'Dea formed a new parish in Yakima, Washington. Fr. Robert Armstrong an assistance at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Spokane was appointed pastor to St. Paul Catholic church. Upon his transfer Fr. Armstrong began to organize his parish by developing a new Church, school, and residence. Later, October 24, 1914, he became a member of the Yakima Knights of Columbus Council (894). Fr. Armstrong was Chaplin for both councils. He also was appointed State Chaplin for the Washington State Jurisdiction, on May 11th, 1915 (one year), at the twelfth Annual Knights of Columbus Convention, held at Walla-Walla, Washington.

Pope Pius XI elevated Fr. Armstrong to Bishop of the Bishopric of Sacramento, California, January 9, 1929. He succeeded the late Bishop Patrick J. Keana, who died September 1, 1928. The Parishioners of St. Paul were astounded to learn that their beloved pastor Father Armstrong had been appointed Bishop of Sacramento. On February 15, 1929, Rev. J. Conway was appointed pastor of St. Paul. Before Bishop Armstrong took over his new post in Sacramento, excavation for the new Parish church (St. Paul) began in February 1926 but took 25 years to be fully completed.

On July 1951, Pope XII created the new diocese of Yakima. The parish was previously part of the Diocese of Seattle. Bishop Joseph Patrick Dougherty was named the first Bishop of Yakima. And St. Paul was the Cathedral church.

A Look Back on Washington State Cont'd

Bishop Robert J. Armstrong served from 1929 to 1957 and was admired for his casual and approachable style, in Sacramento, Cal. As our country moved through the Great Depression and facing another World War. Bishop Armstrong activates involved him in government matters and legislative issues, affecting the Catholic people. At the end of the War Bishop Armstrong witnessed unprecedented growth in Sacramento. The population doubled in just 20 years. By 1957 there were 209,281 Catholics which was a 255 percent increase from 1940, addressing the need for parochial schools, and faith formations. Apparently, he established over 20 parishes in Sacramento in his tenure as bishop. These new priorities took its toll on Bishop Armstrong's health. It started to deteriorate in 1954 and by January 1957 he passed away. Bishop Armstrong's legacy of building up the Church is more significant in California than Washington, but no more noteworthy. The photo I found in our archives reflect his notoriety with both States.

With the photograph I also found an original California DD#2 Certificate for Warren Tuft (1937), who eventually moved to Bremerton Washington (1941) and became a member of the Bremerton Knights of Columbus Council (#1379). Brother Tuft was also the former State of Washington Columbus Charity, Raffle chairman. Warren Tuft was good friends with Bishop Armstrong and went hunting with him in California. Warren Tuft is the original link to the photograph of Bishop Armstrong. That the one Picture of Bishop Armstrong is worth a thousand words.



Vivat Jesus

State Historian Anthony Farrell

General Insurance Information

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