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Message from the State Deputy

My Dear Brothers,

It doesn't seem possible that the Blessed Advent is upon us yet again, but here we are. The older I get, the faster time seems to pass by. It isn't because I don't have enough to do, or keep myself busy. All good Knights should be busy.

Our new membership pace, as expected, has fallen off a bit, but we are still on track to meet our State membership intake goal for this fraternal year, with your help. As of this writing, we are at 69.89% of our goal with 428 new members in our ranks. Our State Net/Net is plus 241 members. That's the gauge I use to determine if our State is on the mend...getting us back on track.

We have around 90 councils that have not recruited a new member. That needs to change. Have, or are you scheduled to meet with your priest to see what he needs, approve a membership drive with pulpit announcement, etc.? Our team of recruiters would be happy to attend any membership drive you have. You get a small window to promote our organization at the pulpit, take advantage of that time and get brothers who are great at recruitment on board. We'll come to you, but you must do the ground work.

Take a look at these councils that are off to a real strong start. What are they doing that **WORKS**? Ask any of them to find out what is working. I'm sure online membership is a big part. Financial Secretaries, have you checked your prospect tab lately?

676 Seattle 42.9%	763 Everett 40%	1620 Pasco 57.1%	2126 Mt. Vernon 50%
3645 Renton 50%	4196 Spokane Valley 128.6%	4322 Lakewood 140%	6806 Spanaway 40%
7863 Marysville 83.3%	7907 Issaquah 40%	9434 Mill Creek 160%	9617 Everett 225%
9637 Buckley 66.7%	9910 Monroe 100%	10652 JBLM 60%	10664 Bellevue 100%
11085 Seattle 100%	11780 Covington 120%	11789 Bremerton 100%	11948 Puyallup 37.5%
12175 Seattle 166.7%	12251 Bainbridge Island 133.3%	12583 Spokane 50%	12983 Vancouver 71.4%
13374 Renton 185.7%	13560 Lake Stevens 50%	14268 Newport 66.7%	14852 Seattle 133%
14922 Spokane 120%	15136 Sumner/Orting 136 60%	15730 Vancouver 50%	15968 Spokane 150%
16361 Lacey 233.3%	17152 Yelm 66.7%	17257 Yakima 200%	·

All of these councils (as of November 15th), are either on track, or have completed the Fr. McGivney Award. As you can see, three are at 200%, or higher. All 35 will be Star Council, if the other requirements are met. Membership is the hardest to attain.

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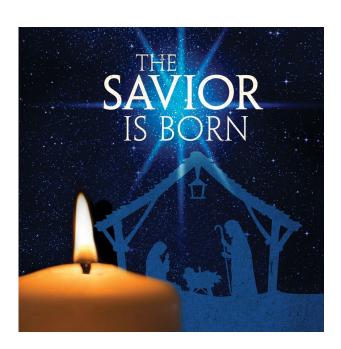
By submitting this form, you are assuring continued giving around the world by behalf of the Knights of Columbus. This report goes **UNDER ESTIMATED** or not reported at all, **each year**. This is not an audited number, so make sure all of your contributions and hours are included totaling all family members. I can't express the importance of this form enough. We all know of those that do not report their activities and donations. Please don't under estimate your council report.

It was customary where I was raised in Missouri that the Christmas season was not mentioned until after Thanksgiving. Since the due date for the December Bulletin submission was November 20th, Thanksgiving was still five days away.

My great grandfather said many times, "If there is one holiday I want all the family together, it's Thanksgiving." Thanksgiving takes a back seat these days. I am thankful for many things, and one of them is being associated with you, my brother Knights.

Currently, I'm jumping ahead five days and wishing you a Merry Christmas and New Year. We have a bright future ahead of us in our Washington State Council; let's have fun creating opportunities for success.

Fraternally, Kim Washburn Your State Deputy





Kim Washburn, State Deputy Washington State Council

State Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

The season of Advent poses to us a simple, direct question: "Jesus is coming. What are you going to do about it?"

Advent does not ultimately look toward a day on the calendar or the enjoyment of a number of seasonal traditions. The purpose of Advent is to prepare us for the coming of a person, to orient our hearts decisively and joyfully toward His coming, and to train us to look constantly for His arrival.

Zooming out to the "big picture" stratum, Advent is a reminder to faithful Christians that the Lord Jesus Christ will return in glory at the end of time and the consummation of the world. Thus, Advent bids us be very serious about detaching ourselves from sin and embracing a life of ever-increasing holiness. It makes putting up twinkly lights, composing wish lists, and drinking eggnog seem pretty trivial in the grand scheme of things!

I don't mean to bash our fun Advent/Christmas traditions, but I think we all have room to deepen—and at the same time elevate—our appreciation of the meaning of the season in which we presently find ourselves.

I know how easy it is to fall into the trap of regarding Advent mainly as the time to make all the practical arrangements for Christmas that need to be made. There is, after all, much to do, and for most of us, those extra holiday tasks are piled on top of the other tasks we already had on our list. It might be difficult sometimes to see the spiritual meaning of Advent, obscured as it can be by the frenzy of activity that fills our days.

Now, back to the question: "Jesus is coming. What are you going to do about it?"

If Jesus comes to us and sees that we have been busy about many tasks but have neglected the things of the heart, He will perceive that we missed out on what really mattered. He will find us ill-prepared to welcome Him. Thus, more important than any of the material preparations we can make during Advent are the matters of the heart and the spiritual life.

If you're making your to-do list for Advent, and you find that other things are taking precedence over the preparation of your heart, I recommend you tear up that list and start over, and this time put at the top of your list the things you're going to do to strengthen your spiritual life. This doesn't mean you aren't going to get to the other things you need to do before Christmas; however, it does mean that there won't be a day in which your spiritual observances of Advent get overshadowed or edged out by the other busy tasks you want to get done.

Here's what will happen. By making sure we afford our spiritual life the attention it needs and deserves, we gradually make the coming of Jesus Christ into our lives the focal point of our existence. And, since our eternal happiness depends on our preparedness to welcome Him, it's a worthy endeavor to undertake, not only for Advent but for the rest of our lives.

We could frame the question another way: "Of all the things we will do in preparation for Christ's coming, which of them will have the longest lasting (i.e., eternal) value?" We expend a lot of effort on things that delight us now but will pass away later. There is, indeed, something to be said for enjoying the pleasures God provides for us in this life. However, the Lord also tells us to store up treasures in heaven. With our feet on the earth, we can still fix our eyes on the blessed life to come.

I wish you and yours a most blessed Advent season and Christmas. Veni, Jesus!

Vivat Jesus! Fr. Kenneth St. Hilaire State Chaplain



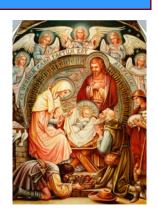
Fr. Kenneth St. Hilaire State Chaplain K of C WA



A Message from the Bulletin Editor



The Nativity of Our Lord



Just before Mary was about to deliver Jesus, there was a call for all to participate in the current census. Since it was necessary for him to travel to Bethlehem, he and Mary set out. While they were there, Mary was ready to have the baby. Mary and Joseph looked for a place to stay, however, there was no room for them in the Inn. However, someone offered their stable as a place for them.

When Jesus was born, she took some clothing and wrapped him up. Then she placed him in a manger as the new Holy Family rested.

In the fields not far away, there were shepherds taking care of their sheep. Suddenly a great angel appeared in the sky surrounded by heavenly light. The shepherds were frightened.

"Do not be afraid," the angel said to them. "For I bring you news of great joy. Today in the city of David, a savior has been born for you. He is the Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign to you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger!"

Then, many angels joined the angel. They praised God and said, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those whom his favor rests."

Instantly, they disappeared.

"Let's go to Bethlehem," one shepherd said to the others. "Let's go see what God has revealed to us."

They quickly went to Bethlehem and indeed found Mary and Joseph, with Jesus lying in a manger." We were in the fields," a shepherd said. "That's when the angel appeared and told us all about this." Everyone was amazed by this, and Mary took these events and held them close to her heart.

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State Secretary's Message

My Brother Knights,

Advent has begun and I hope we can all set time aside to prepare spiritually for a joyous Christmas celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let's make room in our hearts to welcome our Lord in so that we can emulate Him in all that we say and do.

This month is not without meetings as we get ready to host the Winter Mid-Year District Deputy meeting in Bellevue. District Deputies unable to attend in-person can attend through the virtual link. I hope the weather cooperates. Drive safely!

Here is an update on council billings as of November 21, 2021:

Liability Insurance (August 2021): 77.80% paid Pennies for Heaven Goal (January 2021): 85.58% paid Per Capita (January 2021): 98.56% paid

Per Capita and Liability Insurance billings are due upon receipt. These two billings do not require a council vote. I highly recommend to councils that have not sent in Liability Insurance payments yet, to do so soonest before the January 2022 billings go out. Any insurance payments not received will be included on the council's State Per Capita billing in January.

Good news is the State Per Capita billing in January 2022 will not include new members who have joined councils since the start of this fraternal year. And even more good news is Supreme Per Capita billing will be waived again in January 2022.

Pennies for Heaven Goals are voluntary. The goal for each council is \$3.65 per member (minus inactive members). Consider sending in a donation as a Christmas gift in support of vocations.

I ask you to be patient as we transition to Key Bank for our banking needs and to Quick Books for our accounting needs. Checks have not been deposited soon after receipt in the last few months because of the transition and the rigorous regional meeting schedule. State Treasurer Tom Williams and I hope to get back to a more consistent regimen after the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year holidays.

Last, but not least, I will be working on the Next Six Months Letter outlining important administrative and future meeting information. The letter will be included in the January State Council Bulletin, posted on the WSC Website, and sent to all District Deputies to ensure widest dissemination of the important information. Please read it carefully as we approach the second half of the fraternal year.

Let us pause and thank God for His abundant blessings upon us and our families. Let us prepare spiritually this Advent season and let us welcome Christ in our hearts, in our minds and in our souls this Christmas.

Best wishes to you and your families for a most Blessed and very Merry Christmas.

Be Joy-filled!

These words were spoken by St. Francis Xavier immediately prior to his death, while gazing at a crucifix:

"In Thee, O Lord, have I put my hope. Let me never be confounded."
St. Francis Xavier



Greg S. Mahoney State Secretary Washington State Council

State Treasurer Message

My Brother Knights,

As we start the season of Advent, I would encourage you to take some time to prepare for the coming of the Christ child. So many times we can get caught up in the mechanics of the season, buying gifts, planning family gatherings - I know I am guilty of that as much as anyone else! This is a great time to focus on prayer, the rosary, to go to Confession. As strong Catholic men, let's try to set the proper tone and remember "The reason for the season!"

This will be a short article this month as we prepare for the District Deputy Winter meeting at the Bellevue Hilton the first weekend of December. There are lots of moving parts to coordinate and we have heightened COVID protocols in effect for King County. Please pray for all the attendees that all may travel safely, and that the Holy Spirit will guide us as we work to support the men and Councils of Washington State.

Finally, my best wishes to you and yours this Christmas season. I usually post one of my favorite Irish Blessings in the Second Edition each December, but alas, our dear brother Steve Snell can no longer manage the Second Edition. Please keep Steve in your prayers as he recovers his health, and if you are interested in being the Second Edition editor, please reach out to me.

This Christmas may you have...
"Walls for the wind
And a roof for the rain,
And drinks bedside the fire,
Laughter to cheer you,
And those you love near you,
And all that your heart may desire."

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Tom



Thomas C. Williams State Treasurer Washington State Council StateTreasurer@KofC-wa.org

State Advocate's Message

My Brother Knights,

Time flies! We are nearly one-half way through the 2021 – 2022 fraternal year. A number of deadlines are rapidly approaching. One of these is the 15 March, 2022, deadline for submittal of resolutions for review by the State Advocate before these can be presented for consideration by delegates to the 2022 Washington State Knights of Columbus State Convention. Council's may only submit resolution that are properly advertised and approved by a majority of Council members present at a properly convened Council meeting when a quorum described in the Council's Bylaws is present.

We all need to focus on our mission to work together as brothers to support and provide for our brothers and sisters in our Parishes and the surrounding communities as well as those outside of our own country, who need our assistance. While focusing on our mission, we should all be thinking about ways that we can make our activities more purposeful. The resolution process provides an opportunity to:

Thank and support those individuals or programs that make our mission more meaningful, Acknowledge those who model our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, Implement change by proposing amendments to the Constitution or Laws of our Order, Establish an official position of the Knights of Columbus on matters that relate to the mission and identity of our Order, and

Propose enhancements that will enable us to more effectively and efficiently conduct programs that are part of our mission.

The resolution process is described in a January, 2021 memorandum from the Office of the Supreme Advocate with the title, "Resolutions Presented at State and Supreme Council Meetings." This memorandum is available online in the Officer's Desk Reference at https://www.kofc.org/au/apps/oo/cm/en/odr/resources/resolutions-memo-2021.pdf. Details are also included in the section of the Officer's Desk Reference with the title, "Council and Assembly Issues."

Please contact me well before the 15 March, 2022 deadline for submittal of resolutions if you have questions regarding acceptable content of resolutions, structure and syntax for a resolution, or any other questions relating to the resolution process. I will gladly work with you so that your Council's resolution can be considered by delegates at the Washington State Knights of Columbus State Convention. You may contact me by telephone at (360) 243-0745, through email at scottehulse@gmail.com or by snail mail, attn Scott E Hulse, 6911 Holeman Avenue, Blaine, WA 98230.

Vivat Jesus Dr. Scott Hulse State Advocate



Dr Scott Hulse State Advocate Washington State Council StateAdvocate@KofC-wa.org

State Warden's Message

My Brother Knights,

December is always a special time of the year (I recall a song along those lines!). We, as Knights of Columbus, are focused on the celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ and all the peace, joy, and tradition that we experience as we honor His birth. One of those traditions is the exchange of gifts among friends and family members, which brings great joy in both receiving but most especially by the act of giving. Many of you know of my involvement with KC HELP where many of our Brother Knights work every day to provide a gift that many of us tend to take for granted, that is, the gift of the mobility. There is great joy in realizing that you truly make a difference when a person can freely move about. KC HELP is expanding



rapidly among more Councils across the state where the need is almost overwhelming. But even more overwhelming is the need for mobility outside of our country. Our Brother Knights in Texas recently completed an extensive American Wheelchair Mission distribution in Mexico where one Council raised over \$138,000 to purchase 380 wheelchairs for distribution and another 115 to distribute locally.



We, in Washington, can do this! I would like to ask each Council in the State of Washington to budget and contribute at least \$150 each year toward the purchase of a wheelchair through our own Columbus Charities. The included flyer provides more details for our near-term objectives and could form a strong tradition of giving the gift of mobility both locally in our own communities and abroad to where the need is so great. Let's do it!

I pray that you and your families have a blessed and Merry Christmas!

Vivat Jesus! Larry Devin



Larry Devlin State Warden Washington State Council StateWarden@kofc-wa.org

State Warden's Message Cont'd

You're Invited



Who We Are: Participating Councils are the Washington State Knights of Columbus Wheelchair Mission Program. We are in partnership with the National American Wheelchair Mission. We Operate through our Washington State Columbus Charities Organization and KC Help (Knights Community Hospital Equipment Lend Program).

What We Do: Participating Councils,

will raise funds to purchase K of C Wheelchairs through Columbus Charities and place them in our churches, hospitals, senior centers, and community where needed. Recipients can be a non-profit organization or a person in need. These wheelchairs have our K of C emblem and our name on them reflecting our helpful presence in our community.



Where We Do It: In our local community for our community.

Why We Do It: A number of our parishioners need a wheelchair at our parish to use when they attend mass or a special event. Many in our community at senior care centers and hospitals need wheelchairs but have no insurance. This is a wonderful way to be visible in our community. Your gift will last a long time in service and your story of charity will spread faster than you can imagine.



Who Decides Where They Go? Your Council knows the needs of your community best! Your council decides. This could be an annual event. Shifting to other parties as the need arises.

Where do you get them? KC Help has a storage container in Richland Washington where we store a container of various sizes. We will be locating more containers throughout the state for closer access.



How We Do It:

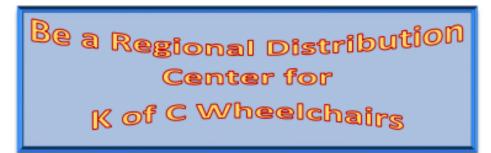
Step 1. Hold a fund raising event. Each Wheelchair is \$150. They range from small (14 inch seat width) to the extra large (24 inch seat width). A simple spaghetti dinner can raise enough to obtain several for your council to donate.

Step 2. Contact the State Wheelchair Program Chairman at Director@kchelp.org or Jerry Rhoads at (509) 528-2941 for availability of the size(s) you need.

Step 3. Send \$150 for each Wheelchair you order made out to Columbus Charities, to KC Help, 324 W. Margret ST, Pasco, WA 99301.

Step 4. Upon receipt of your funds, the KC Help will work out a way to get them to you.

State Warden's Message Cont'd



What: Become a Regional Distribution Center to receive and issue K of C Wheelchairs for your District and neighboring Districts

Where: Establish a means to store wheelchairs at one of your parishes, at your home corporation, on a member's property or place of business, anywhere a shipping container can be safely located.

How: Your Council or District holds a fundraiser to procure and place a 20 or 40 foot, one-tripper (new), shipping Container. If you hold a tootsie roll drive, a portion of your share could go to KC Help to procure one. KC Help can assist in ordering and delivery to your site. The State Columbus Charities fund will also provide a financial contribution to help this occur. If you already have a storage shed or building big enough to store 30-40 Wheelchairs that will keep them dry and dust free, you're set to go. KC Help will provide the Procedures and Wheelchairs for your use in your regional distribution center.

When: The Council or District orders wheelchair(s) from KC Help. When funds are received, KC Help notifies you to issue the Wheelchairs to the Participating Council. You maintain the inventory and distribution tracking and notify KC Help when additional wheelchairs are needed.

Full Cycle Back to Columbus Charities: KC Help collects and sends funds back to Columbus Charities and sends a notice of thanks to your council. If individual makes a donation, KC Help will send a letter of donation as required by IRS. Then, Columbus Charities orders another shipment of 110 or more wheelchairs and KC Help will resupply your inventory.



What will it look like?

Contact Director@kchelp.org

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Jerry Rhoads - 509 528-2941 State Wheelchair Program Chairman





A Message from the Ceremonials/Immediate Past State Deputy

My Brother Knights,

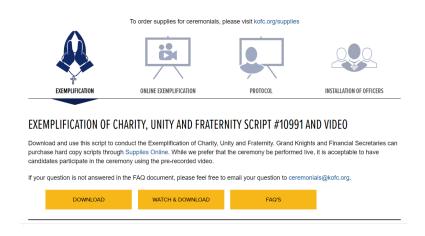
This month it has been brought to our attention that the Supreme office is not receiving Reports of Exemplifications (form 450) that match with the number of new members that have joined the Order, both online and in-person.

Every time someone takes their (combined) Degrees, also referred to as Exemplifications, a form 450 must accompany that action. Normally this is done by the District Deputy of that District. However, The District Deputy may not always be informed of an individual taking an online virtual form of the Degree Ceremony at a Council chamber or at home unless the someone in the Council notifies him. It then becomes the responsibility of the Grand Knight of that Council to file the report with Supreme and further provide a copy to the District Deputy.

According to the Supreme office this is simply not getting done in a timely manner. At this time only 36 have been submitted so far and our requirement for this fraternal year is 146.

If you have held or been notified of a ceremonial being held in your District/Council...REPORT IT. If you are unsure if a report has been sent, just call your DD to be sure that this important duty is fulfilled on time.

The expectation of the Supreme Council is One Degree, Per District, Per month. For us that is about 1760 if every Council held a Degree every month or at least 385 if every District held one for eleven months out of the year. As you can see, this goal is much less than what is possible so ask yourself: "how can we only have 36 reported so far?"



Vivat Jesus, Patrick Kelley



Pat Kelley Immediate Past State Deputy IPSD@KofC.WA



State Membership Director's Message

My Brother Knights,

As we come to the end of the second quarter, Washington unfortunately has slipped to #2 in in the Order and North America for recruitment, Nevada has passed us. Regardless of our standing, you my brothers, are doing an AWESOME job bring in new members to our order and fulfilling fit vision of Father Michael McGivney.

Last month I wrote about Online Membership, the orders way to modernize recruitment. This month I want to start the discussion of successful membership recruiting. Just as Father McGivney asked men to assist him in establishing his mission, so too members of you council continue that mission and ask every eligible Catholic man in your parish and community to join your council. So how do you do that? Here are 5 keys.

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

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

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

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

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

I put out this challenge to you my brothers. Let's resolve that we will regain our position and show the rest of the order that Washington refuses to settle for second place. Let's regain the lead and claim the title "Best in the West"

Please don't forget about FREE online membership (MCGIVNEY2020). This promotion ends December 31, 2021. Always remember if you have any questions regarding Online Membership or Recruiting please feel free to give me a call. I'm here to help you be successful.

Vivat Jesus.

Mike Rutland



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

State Program Director's Message

My Brother Knights,

As we move into the season of Advent, we tend to "wind down" for the year and consume ourselves with the preparations for Christmas. Let's keep our sights on finishing 2021 strong. Coats for Kids, Food For Families, Keep Christ in Christmas. These are just a very short list of programs for the season. Don't forget that membership drives need to keep going. By recruiting a new member, use the online promo code, <u>MCGIVNEY2020</u>, your new members will pay no dues and your council is charged no Supreme and State per capita charges. This promo code expires December 31, so keep up the recruiting!

As with all programs that you complete throughout the year, don't forget to also report activities on <u>form 10784</u> to the Supreme Council **and** submit your <u>Monthly Service Report</u> to me. The chairman for each of your events should submit the Form 10784 and MSR's should be submitted by your general programs chairman.

Form 10784 submit after completion of each event Monthly Service Reports due by the 10th of each month (Aug 10 through April 10 only) You can access the MSR form here: http://kofc-wa.org/Forms/MSR/nnMSRNo.aspx

Most importantly, **BE SAFE** and create your COVID recovery plan. If your council already has one, review and revise it, as needed.

Vivat Jesus!

Dang H. Nguyen State Program Director

Whatcom county support for flood victims:

If you, your council or Assembly would like to give support to Whatcom county flood victims, the Whatcom County Community Foundation (whatcomcf.org) is coordinating the distribution of charitable donations using their "Resilience Fund." The Community Foundation, the Red Cross and Catholic Community Services are the safest way to assure that donations get to the intended recipients.



State District Deputy Director's Message

My Brother Knights

Please assist your Councils by reminding them that a number of reports are coming due. The annual survey of fraternal activity (form 1728) should be submitted to the Supreme Council by 31 January 2022. Councils should provide each member with the annual survey of fraternal activity worksheet (form 1728A) with each billing notice along with instructions including the deadline for receipt by the Council's Financial Secretary.

Please also remind your Councils that their semi-annual audit form (1295) should be completed and submitted online. The deadline for submission is 15 February 2022. The semi-annual audit should be signed by the Council Trustees; however, if necessary, the District Deputy can participate in and sign the audit form.

All District Deputies should complete and submit a report (944A) summarizing activities for each of their Councils by 31 December 2021. It has been my privilege to listen to your descriptions of Council activities in your District during the past month. Please summarize the information you provided me in your semi-annual Council reports and submit the report to the Supreme Council.

District Deputies should all be submitting a degree exemplification report (form 450) following each exemplification. Please be certain that this report is submitted as soon as possible after each exemplification.

Please review the monthly Safe Environment Program reports that you receive from Kevin Fraley. District Deputies should remind those whose certification renewal dates will occur within the next few months that they should be watching for a message with instructions for renewal. It is unfortunate that the message will usually come when renewal is actually required rather than in advance; however, please anticipate.

It is clear that we have a big but manageable task ahead of us as we progress through the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of the issues that our Councils are experiencing are based on best practices. However, a large number of issues are politically motivated based on unsubstantiated information, ignorance and fear in some cases. Please remind all of your Council's that we promised not to let politics influence our decisions and activities when we became Knights. Be innovative! We must move forward and remind all Knights of Columbus that our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternalism and Patriotism govern our actions. I add one request. Please exercise common sense in all that you do .

Vivat Jesus Scott E. Hulse State District Deputy Director



State Faith Director's Report

My Brother Knights,

Faith In Action Our New Watch Word



December 2021 Faith Programs (links) continued
Building the Domestic Church Kiosk
Holy Hour
Into the Breach

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Holy Hour
Into the Breach
Marian Prayer
Refund Support Vocations (RSVP)
Rosary
Sacramental Gifts
Spiritual Reflection





Merry Christmas to you and your families. Yet again we have much to be thankful for this season. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has asked "to perpetuate the entrustment of the whole Church to the powerful patronage of the Guardian of Jesus [Saint Joseph]". So that "the faithful may daily strengthen their life of faith through the example of Saint Joseph".

So good news my Brothers! I am in possession of the three St. Joseph Icons provided to our jurisdiction. While all of the associated paraphernalia has not arrived yet, this material is forthcoming. Rather than waiting for these items, I have begun the process of delivery. Along with this good news, I encourage all of you to watch Knightcast Episode 5. I came away with a profound respect and admiration for our Spiritual Father. Saint Joseph had been an enigma for me for years. Knightcast Episode 5 did much to dispel the mystery and importance of Saint Joseph. This entrustment to Saint Joseph lends itself to our strong adherence to our Faith and future endeavors as Knights. Keep up the spirit and ask Saint Joseph and Saint Michael to safeguard us all!!

A revisit of a previous Christmas prayer.

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

State Faith Director's Report — Cont'd

Brother District Deputies, as we approach the close 2021 I would ask that each of you to reach out to your Grand Knights and their Councils. If possible, strive to have district-wide mid-year meetings this month. This is a good time to ascertain the well-being of your district and its Faith Program execution. A good exchange of ideas and attainable objectives for the remaining fraternal year.

Supreme Chaplain's December Monthly Challenge

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.'" (Gospel for Dec. 5, Lk 3:3-4) The preaching of John the Baptist reminds us what Advent is all about: turning away from sin and preparing for the coming of the Lord. It's all too easy to get sidetracked or distracted by Christmas shopping and parties and fail to prepare spiritually for Christ's coming. My brothers, let us truly prepare our hearts this Advent — and help our families do the same — so that we might fully and fruitfully celebrate Christ's birth.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: This month, I challenge you to prayerfully incorporate both an Advent calendar and Advent wreath into your Christmas preparations. Second, I challenge you to undertake the Keep Christ in Christmas Faith in Action program.

Questions for Reflection: How can you avoid getting excessively distracted by your work obligations or holiday stress during the weeks of Advent? What can you do to set aside time for prayer, confession and other spiritual preparations for Christmas? How can you lead your family in staying focused on the true spirit of the coming Christmas feast?

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

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

Any Brother Knight interested in taking on stewardship of the St. Joseph Icon Program, under the "Faith" category, please contact me to discuss this mission.

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,

A Higher Purpose

Promote and support the development of strong and vibrant families. Each council establishes a committee to recognize a deserving Family of the Month and Family of the Year with potential for recognition on the international level.

Overview

Each month, the council Family of the Month committee selects one parish family that models Christian family values and visibly lives them every day. Once a year, participating council also selects one of the previous twelve Family of the Month winners to represent the council/parish as the potential international Family of the Year. The Knights of Columbus Family of the Year is chosen by the Supreme Council and recognized each year at the annual Supreme Convention.

Chairman Role and Responsibilities

Working with your pastor, assemble a committee of council and parish leaders to serve as that year's Family of the Month committee.

Each month, ensure that the winning family is selected and formally recognized in the parish and local media. At the end of the fraternal year, prior to your state convention, select one of the previous twelve monthly winning families to represent your council and parish as Family of the Year.

Complete and submit all associated reporting forms to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission.

Action steps

- 1. Working with your pastor, put together a committee of council and parish leaders to serve as that year's Family of the Month Committee.
- 2. Order the Family of the Month Kit through Supplies Online, the supply ordering portal on Officers Online.
- 3. Each month, hold a committee meeting to select the Family of the Month. To be selected a Family of the Month, each family should stand out as an exemplary model to others in the parish. They should meet the following criteria:
 - Is the family tight-knit? Does the family spend quality time together?
 - Does the family attend weekly Mass together? Does the family pray together outside Mass?
 - Has the family made significant contributions to the parish and church community?
 - Does the family serve as a model of Catholic family values?
- 4. Once the Family of the Month has been selected, formally present the *Family of the Month Certificate* (#1843) to them. Make sure that they are duly recognized! This could be after Mass, at a Knights of Columbus event, or at another parish event. Enlist a fellow Knight or community member to photograph the event.
- 5. Use the Family of the Month sample press release as a model to create and distribute a tailored release to local media.
- 6. Recognize the Family of the Month in your parish and larger community through a variety of efforts:
 - Bulletin announcements
 - Pulpit announcements
 - Posting on your council and parish website/social media pages
- 7. At the end of the fraternal year, prior to your state convention, select one of the previous twelve monthly winning families to represent your council and parish as Family of the Year. Make sure to contact your state family chairman to stay informed of deadlines and where to send entries.
- 8. To gain credit for your program, complete the associated reporting forms (10784) and submit them to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission. Remember to retain copies for your council records. This program is a vital part of recognizing your council families for the hard work they do on the Order's behalf. I encourage all Grand Knights to take the time to select and honor a family each month. Kindly remember to email me a copy of your submission.

State Family Director's Report Cont'd

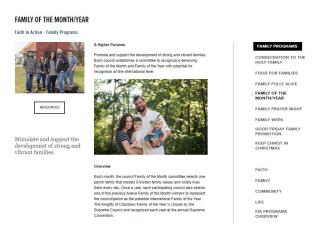
FAMILY OF THE MONTH/YEAR

Faith in Action - Family Programs

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Congratulation to the Mark Clemen Jr. family of Council 1379 Bremerton. They were selected the **Family of the Month** for October.

October saw twelve (12) councils submitting reports. This is great but we need more councils to submit their selected family.









State Community Director's Report

My Brother Knights,

The first half the years is nearly over and many councils are doing great things this year, thank you. Last month I visited council 6806 because a young man set fire to our parish office therefore, I had attend mass at another parish. The fire gave me to opportunity to speaking with some of the knights from council 6806 Spanaway. This council is continuing their programs and community activities, I also was able to participated their OLQOH parish "trunk or treat" on Halloween eve. At the trunk or treat, many knights and their families were handing out candy, helping with parking, providing security for the haunted forest and helping with games. Great job.

As your councils will complete "Faith In Action" programs, please complete and submit form a #10784 to supreme and CC the state program director.

This month I would like to recognize Mike Winkler from JBLM council for his hard work as the coats for kids program director. Despite many hurdles and changes to the program Mike was still able obtain free coats (50/50 match) from supreme. Thank you for your hard work.

Just a heads-up: In the new year, I would like to host a community discussion with council community directors or council program directors on a virtual platform. Will provide the links and agenda when virtual meeting is scheduled. Hope to hear from you and see you soon.

I like to wish you many Blessing this Advent season and a Merry Christmas.





State Community Director Abundeo Reponte Community@kofc-wa.org

State Vocation Chairman's Report

My Brother Knights,

Does your council support a seminarian under the RSVP program? If not, December is the best time to get started. We have 33 seminarians in Washington and your support is greatly appreciated by them and their families. Any financial relief is gratefully appreciated, even though they may not send a thank you card. In order to build that relationship, you should not just be sending a check. You should send a letter telling the seminarian about some of the projects your council is working on, or how your local pastor uses the Knights to build community in the parish. And let them know how you are praying for their vocation discernment and preparation.

Send a Christmas card to your seminarian. Send a birthday card if you know their birthday. Many of them are on Facebook or other social media. But their time is limited and sometimes they don't get your emails or Facebook posts for quite a while. Be generous with your encouragement, and steadfast in your prayers for your council's seminarian(s).

Every council can support vocations, whether through RSVP, Pennies for Heaven or other programs within your diocese. Every Knight should also be supporting vocations by contributing to the Annual Catholic Appeal or contributing to Quo Vadis Days. Know your diocese programs, and invite your diocese Director of Vocations to speak to your council when he is in your neighborhood. Invite seminarians to visit your council if they are from your parish or serving at your parish during their summer program.

During Advent, look closer at what you are doing as a council and as an individual to promote vocations, and to encourage our seminarians in their preparation for the priesthood. If your family uses an Advent wreath, say a prayer for vocations before you blow out the candles. May the celebration of the birth of Christ the High Priest inspire more vocations in our state!

Vivat Jesus

State Vocation Chairman Tim Coyle

REFUND SUPPORT VOCATIONS PROGRAM (RSVP) (FEATURED)

Faith in Action - Faith Programs



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Knights of Columbus stand in solidarity with our priests and religious.



Keep the faith alive by supporting our seminarians and postulants. As the strong right arm of the church, Knights of Columbus are committed to providing moral, financial and spiritual support to our future priests and religious at all stages of their formation. A featured program. RSVP counts for two credits toward the Columbian Award.



https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/faith/rsvp.html

State Youth Director's Report

My Brother Knights,

As the new fraternal year is upon us, it is time to start planning the youth activities for next fraternal year. Having the youth participating in programs is a way of getting families familiar with the Knights and a way of enticing dads to think about the Knights. Many councils have wonderful programs and are attracting a healthy participation from the youth. What can your council do to promote the youth programs?

Supreme Supported programs:

Catholic Citizenship Essay

Thank you to the Kennewick council 10653 for participating in the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. The council winners will be representing Washington state in the Supreme competition:

Winners

9th grade - Clara Demarest 10th grade - Avery Ly 11th grade - Bradley Gorham 12th grade - Logan Howard

Soccer Challenge

Thank you to councils 4196 district 18 and councils 4322 & 10652 from district 34 for participating in the Soccer Challenge. The coemption was very close especially girls and boys 12 yr olds where the tie breakers were required.

Winners

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9yr old 10yr old 11yr old 12yr old 13yr old 14yr old

Girls Stella Chvez - S Paisley Ray - S Alison Avery - S Amy Solo Mendoza - F Mary Cornwell - S Gabby Tamayo - S

Boys Macro Velaquez - S Bradon Mariano - F Rowan Henry - S Jaden Bennett - F Paul Davidson - S Xavier Bayabos - F

S - Council 4196 Spokane F - Council 4322 St Francis Cabrini
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KCIC Poster Contest

Conducting a Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest is a fun and easy way to put your faith into action and get youth in your community involved in their faith. It is fun to conduct because of the opportunity to witness the creativity and optimism of the youth in your community. It is easy because you can tap into existing structures like schools and do a lot of preliminary work. It can also provide excellent local, and potentially international, publicity for your council.

Free Throw Contest

Since 1972, councils have sponsored the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for boys and girls from the ages of 9 to 14 to provide an athletic outlet and encourage the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition. Kids compete within their own gender and age and progress from local level to district, regional and state/province competitions. This program is a great way to introduce the Order to your community and recruit faithful family men of service.

Vivat Jesus

Ken DeVos Youth Chairman

Members and Family in need of Prayer

CouncilSeattle 676

Gerry Joyce, wife of Tom; Albert & Regina Freedman; Jan Stibre, widow of Paul; Gail Altenhofen, wife of Kirk; Phil Philbrick; Sylvia Kessler; wife of Joe; PGK Wes Duffield; Bill Joyce; brother of PGK Tom Joyce; Larry & Arlene Boulanger; Jonathan Mylius; John Costello; Joe Salle; Dan Schweitzer; Paul Heneghan, Gerard Vreeburg; Carol Costello; Walter Brazelton; Ann Heneghan, daughter of Paul; Edgar Pitre; Roman Miller; Father Robert Eagan

Karen Smith, Gabriel Scheel, Robert Delarm, Corky Hutfles

Council......Olympia 1643

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

Members and Family in need of Prayer

Council.....Burlington, 9941

Pat Lyons, Bob Zimmerman, Dave Lustik

Council.....Bellevue, 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

Council.....Lakewood 11762

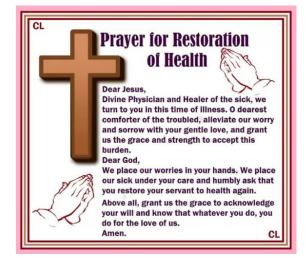
Everett and Mira Roberts, Maria Havens, John Mcinnes, Franklyn Hyke, Dorian Diaz, John Silbaugh, Janet Wachter, James Daly, John Wallace, William Wells, Linda Hansen, Brent Carney, Robert Nuccio, James Self, Maria Suazo

CouncilSeattle 13794

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.



> 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.

Robert Lambe Council 11642 (Mercer Island)
Duncan Huey Council 12483 (Tacoma)
Alfred Rillos Council 11642 (Mercer Island)
Joel Becker Council 11134 (Spokane)
Daniel Dunn Council 7907 (Issaquah)
John Opheim Council 3361 (Oak Harbor)

Zigmond Staszak Council 8150 (Kent)
Allen Cole Council 6806 (Spanaway)
Todd Elliott Council 6806 (Spanaway)
Michael Guffey Sr Council 6806 (Spanaway)
Fred Gagliardi Council 12483 (Tacoma)
Nepoleon Williams Council 4322 (Lakewood)
Leroy Weber Council 1565 (Colton)
Thomas Baumgart Council 766 (Walla Walla)
Gerald DeleFontaine Council 7528 (Federal Way)
Deacon Marshall Denby Council 13374 (Renton)

Family Members' Deaths

Joseph G Garza--Father of PGK Juan Manuel, Juan Enrique, PGK Jesse and George Garza. Pasco Council 1620 Judith "Judy" Druffel Colton Council 1565 Mary Ann Niehenke Colton Council 1565 Peter Fredeen - Grandson of Jainie & Phil Philbrick Seattle Council 676 Mary Hikel Mill CreekCouncil 9434



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.

General Insurance Information

K of C Insurance Members:

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