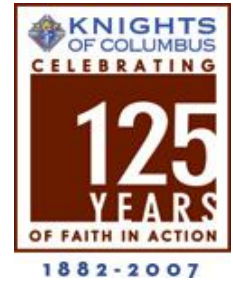


Kennewick Council 8179

# Knights of Columbus

December 2008



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## **From the Grand Knight**

### Brother Knights

As Knights we should remember the real meaning of Christmas, that God came to earth and took human form. Stop and think about it. The Creator of the Universe, the one that made the earth, the sun, the moon and the stars cared enough for us that He was born as a baby. This has profound implications for what it means to be alive human.

First, the fact of the Incarnation means that this world is a good place and that human beings are worth redeeming. This is very different from other religions such as Buddhism or Islam. The Christian message is that we are called to be children of hope and happiness.

Second, Christian truth is not a book or the Law but a person. We are called to follow the example of Jesus in all things. Even though the road through this world may be unfair and hard, we have in Jesus, a God who suffered as we do and who will carry us through to final glory

Third, we need to remember that our duty is not to judge other people but to help them carry their crosses. Christmas reminds us that Jesus was born illegitimate to a teenage mother in crushing poverty. Even though his message was the most important of all time, he suffered a unjust death for telling the truth.

Christmas does not have the power of Easter nor the mission of Pentecost but it is the most beautiful feast in the Church calendar. The carols, the greenery, the nativity scenes all remind us that this world is a good place to live. But the message of the angels is that the world to come is an even better place. As Knights, we need to lead lives worthy of the child laying in the manger.

Vivat Jesu  
Jeff Hylden, Grand Knight

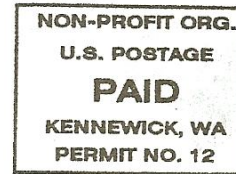
## **Be a Mensch, Uphold the World**

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## **Important Upcoming Events**

Christmas Tree sales started on Thanksgiving weekend. This is the major fundraiser for our council each year. We need help from every Knight. Please contact Larry Devlin to help out.

We will hold a blood drive on Tuesday December 16 from 10 - 3. Contact Joe Gallegos (783-7644).

Michael Wise is the K of C Insurance Field Agent. Contact him for your insurance needs. Cellular phone 308-5150

### **December**

1<sup>st</sup> Officers Meeting in Basement of Chapel 7:30 pm  
5<sup>th</sup> Spanish Round Table 7:30 pm Conference Room  
8<sup>th</sup> Holy Day of Obligation, Immaculate Conception  
8<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting at 7:30 in Basement  
14<sup>th</sup> Breakfast Dillon Hall  
14<sup>th</sup> Tom & Jerry Pasco 6:00 pm  
16<sup>h</sup> Blood Drive, Dillon Hall 10 – 3 pm  
17<sup>th</sup> Posada – Dillon Hall  
22<sup>nd</sup> English 1<sup>st</sup> Degree at 7:30 in Basement  
23<sup>rd</sup> Decorating the Church 9:00 am  
25<sup>th</sup> Christmas  
28<sup>th</sup> Knights Mass at 7:00 pm

### **January**

1<sup>st</sup> Holy Day of Obligation, Holy Family  
5<sup>th</sup> Officers Meeting in Basement of Chapel 7:30 pm  
9<sup>th</sup> Spanish Round Table 7:30 pm Conference Room  
11<sup>th</sup> Breakfast Dillon Hall  
12<sup>h</sup> Business Meeting at 7:30 in Basement  
17<sup>th</sup> Put up crosses/ribbons up – Soccer field  
20<sup>th</sup> Bus to Olympia  
25<sup>th</sup> Free-Throw Contest 12:30 – 2:00 pm  
25<sup>th</sup> Knights Mass at 7:00 pm  
26<sup>th</sup> Social Meeting  
31<sup>th</sup> Monsignor Dillon's Birthday

### **Good of the Order**

Please remember Opal Harger, Marcie Palmieri, Tom Helbling (cancer), Andy Kopriva (Cushings Syndrome), George Conatore, Jeff Kadinger (coughing fits), John Puhak (stomach problems), Tony Devlin, Mike Beaudry, Slats (Emil Zlatich), Charlie Bickenhauser, Brian Lane, Bart Sievers (leg) and the Men & Women of the Armed Forces and teachers, both public and private.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree**

Nine brothers from 8179 received the honors of the third degree on November 16 in Richland. They are Leone Castellano, HW Chenekan, Paul Fischer, Daniel Flores, Jeff Jewell, Sal Pennella, Benjamin Reyes, Remigio Solares and Jim Wilson.

The next exemplification for the second and third degree will be on March 22 in Walla-Walla.

### **First Degree**

On Monday December 22, we will hold a English First Degree. If you know of any practical Catholic gentlemen who desire the honors of the first degree, please help them attend.

### **Knight of the Month**

Larry Devlin is our November Knight of the month. Larry is putting together the Christmas Tree sales which is our major fundraiser of the year.

### **Family of the Month**

The Timm Bettendorf family is our November family of the month. Timm is a past GK and our worthy lecturer. Timm and his grand-daughter Michaela cleaned out the storage unit in September. In October, his wife Judy and the crew at Bettendorf Print and Design helped print fliers for the campaign against Initiative 1000 on short notice. They have been generous supporters of the Knights and the parish.

### **Attendance Drawing**

At the business meeting on December 8, Monsignor Dillon picked XXX. He was not present and our pot next month will increase to \$50! It pays to attend meetings!

### **Spanish Language Round Table**

The Spanish round table is going very well. Our new brother Knights have signed up for Christmas Tree sales already. Our next Spanish Round Table meeting will be Friday January 9 at 7:30 pm. All brother Knights are welcome to attend.

### **Posada**

The Knights will be sponsoring a posada on December 17 in Dillon Hall. This is a traditional celebration which starts with prayer and ends with a party (which makes it a very Catholic event). Please plan to bring your families.

### **Choir**

We need more voices for the Knights Choir at the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Mass every month. The Bible doesn't say you have to sing well, just that you have to make a joyous noise onto the Lord. Contact Jeff Hylden at 551-1304.

### **Shining Armor Award**

Each new Knight should aim at earning the Shining Armor award. This requires attending two meetings, working at three events, recruiting one new brother and meeting with the insurance agent. This award can only be earned during the first six months as a Knight.

### **Silver Knight Award**

All brothers who have been Knights for more than six months should aim at the Silver Knight award. You have to attend three meetings, participate in four events and recruit two new members and talk with the insurance agent.

### **Christmas Trees**

Larry Devlin will need help selling Christmas trees through Christmas. This is our major fundraiser of the year which allows us to support the charities we do. Please sign up for some shifts. It is always a good time and the lot always smells great!

### **Employment Committee**

Monsignor Dillon has requested that we set up an employment committee to help Knights find jobs and keep employed through turbulent economic times. If you would like to help with this, please

contact Jeff Hylden at 551-1304. He has received one call already from a brother Knight who is looking for a job to support his retirement.

### **Blood Drive**

Our next blood drive will be Tuesday December 16 from 10:00 am to 3 pm. Please contact Joe Gallegos (783-7644) to help out and/or donate.

### **HELP**

The Hospital Equipment Lend Program (HELP) gives people in the community access to used hospital equipment. We are in need of wheelchairs and labor to move equipment around. If you know of any wheelchairs or are available during the day to provide labor, please contact Joe Gallegos (783-7644) to help out and/or donate.

### **40 Days for Life**

The 40 Days for Life campaign ended before election day. At least one life was saved locally and 543 were saved nationally. Council 8179 received a very nice letter thanking us for our help in making it work with special praise for PGK Andy Kopriva who did the yeoman's share of the organizing and made it happen. Thanks for all you do!

### **Youth Breakfast**

The Youth Breakfast on Sunday November 23, raised \$1300 for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class at St. Josephs school. This will go to help pay for their Orcas Island trip and graduation expenses. Thanks to all of you Knights who worked to support of Catholic education. A large number of youth and parents also helped out. The Women of St. Joseph appreciated that the breakfast helped extend the arts and crafts show for an extra half-day

### **Prison Ministry**

Denny Hayden, PGK of Connell-Eltopia, is leading an effort to support a prison ministry at the new medium security prison being built in Connell. A building is being donated by the contractor but all supplies, furnishings and labor will have to be donated. They are looking for help. Right now we are looking for suggestions of what we are able to volunteer. Ideas include a crucifix, books and stained glass windows. But a strong need will be

for men to serve as teachers and prayer leaders. Since this is a medium security prison, most of these men will be back in society in a few years. We need to help them lead productive lives when they do. Remember that visiting those who are sick or in prison is one of the seven acts of corporal mercy.

### **Roe v Wade Memorial**

We will be putting ribbons and/or crosses up at the St. Josephs soccer field on Saturday January 17. Please come and help out. The death toll is nearing 50 million and counting.

### **Adoration**

Jesus is the ultimate example of responsible manhood for Catholic gentlemen. We need to imitate His example so that we can show Christ to the rest of the world. Part of his example was to withdraw in prayer to get closer to God. Every Knight should have an hour of Adoration each week. If your schedule does not permit a fixed time, stop by the Adoration Chapel and sign up as a substitute on the sheet in the back. Spending an hour a week with God is the best investment of your life. Call Carol LeCompte at 582-5011