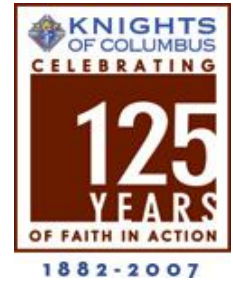


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Knights of Columbus

March 2009



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From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights

Each of us is called to be king, priest and prophet. Kingship means that we have sovereignty over ourselves and dignity as individuals. At its most basic, we have the right of conscience, which means that we have the right not to do evil.

Our right of conscience is now being threatened by our government. Legislation has been passed in Washington State forbidding pharmacists the right to avoid participating in acts they know to be evil. And a broader restriction is being threatened at the federal level. Last month, rule changes were proposed that would deny health care workers the right to refuse participating in abortion, euthanasia and other acts they felt were wrong. Cardinal George has pointed out that if the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) is passed, it will require all the Catholic hospitals to close down or violate our principles.

We are now into Lent, a time where we remind ourselves that while the world is a good place, it is not our home. We exercise kingship over ourselves by fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and abstaining from meat on Fridays to show that we are in control of our appetites, that they are not in control of us.

I urge all of you to make this Lent the best one of your life. Fast more than the minimum required and strengthen your kingship over yourself. The Catholic Church is facing persecution in this country, probably in our lifetime. We need strong, disciplined men to endure, persevere and ultimately triumph over the evil we are facing. The Church needs its Knights now, more than ever.

Vivat Jesu
Jeff Hylden, Grand Knight

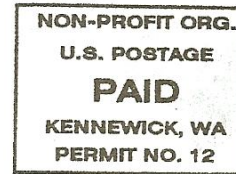
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Important Upcoming Events

An exemplification for the 2nd and 3rd degree will be held in Walla-Walla on March 22. We will organize car pools to get down there.

We will have an English 1st degree on March 23rd. If you know of any prospects, please get them signed up and help them attend the first degree.

40 Days for Life will be going on throughout Lent. Please sign up for a shift.

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

March

2nd Officers Meeting in Basement of Chapel 7:30 pm
6th Fish Fry 5-7 pm Dillon Hall
6th Spanish Round Table 7:30 pm Dillon Hall
6th Installation of Ramon Mata District Warden 7:30 pm
8th Breakfast Dillon Hall
9th Business Meeting at 7:30 in Basement
20th Fish Fry, Clergy Appreciation
22nd Second and Third Degree Walla-Walla
22nd Knights Mass at 7:00 pm
23th English 1st Degree at 7:30 in Basement

April

3rd Fish Fry, Dillon Hall
3rd Spanish Round Table 7:30 pm Conference Room
7th Officers Meeting in Basement of Chapel 7:30 pm
12th Easter Sunday
13th Business Meeting at 7:30 in Basement
18th Fourth Degree, Holy Spirit
19th Breakfast Dillon Hall
26th Knights Mass at 7:00 pm
28th Social Meeting

Good of the Order

Brother Andy Kopriva has gone through open heart surgery and will have to have his adrenal gland removed when he recovers. Please remember Andy Opal Harger, Bill Freeling, John St. Hilaire, George Conatore, Mike Beaudry, Slats (Emil Zlatich), and the Men & Women of the Armed Forces.

New Brother Knights

On January 26, three new brother Knights received the honors of the first degree. They are Leo Castelleno, Casey Bettendorf and Matthew Erickson. Please welcome them into the council and help them get involved.

Membership Blitz

The weekend of March 6-8, we will have a membership blitz at the parish. If you know of any practical Catholic gentlemen who desire the honors of the first degree, please help them sign up. We will be able to read them in on March 9.

First Degree

On Monday March 23, we will hold a English First Degree in the basement of the chapel. Please plan to come to support our new brother Knights as they join our order.

2nd and 3rd Degree

The next exemplifications for the second and third degree will be on March 22 in Walla-Walla. All brother Knights who have not received the honors of the third degree should try to attend. We will meet at St. Josephs at 10:30 and car-pool down to Walla-Walla Please contact GK Jeff Hylden (551-1304) if you want to attend that degree.

Fourth Degree

On April 18, we will hold an exemplification for the Fourth Degree at Holy Spirit in Kennewick. This is the best opportunity to become a Sir Knight as next year's exemplification will be held in Spokane. If you have been a member of the Knights of Columbus for at least six months by that date (which includes those who went through the Spanish First degree on October 11), you are eligible to receive the honors of the 4th Degree.

January Knight of the Month

Our January Knight of the Month is Ramon Mata. He leads the Spanish Round Table at our council and has agreed to serve as the District Warden. He and his wife Viola have been long time active members of St. Josephs but this year, Ramon is instrumental in building the council by sponsoring nearly 20 new members. Great job Ramon!

February Knight of the Month

Our February Knight of the Month is Jeff Kadinger. He is a past Grand Knight and current District Warden. In February, Jeff helped put the sign up outside Planned Parenthood and stepped up and procured the chicken and cake in support of the Catholic Daughters Mardis Gras appreciation dinner for Sister Robert Joseph. He is a mensch who can always be counted on to make things happen.

January Family of the Month

Our January family of the month is the Jeff Jewell family. Since August, Jeff has received his 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degrees and earned both the shining armor and the silver knight awards. He often helps the council cook breakfast, has helped establish the Spanish Round Table and is instrumental in recruitment. Jeff's wife, Imelda, edifies the parish with her service in the Women of St. Joseph Group, and the Mother's Group. They have a good start on a fine Christian family with their four children, Marina, Alden, Mark, and Christina. Council 8179 honors the Jeff Jewell family as the January Family of The Month.

February Family of the Month

Our February family of the month is the Tom St. Hilaire family. Tom is a past Grand Knight, he sings in the choir and at the Knights Masses. Tom and his wife Pat are long time parishioners who have been mainstays of the parish. Their six children, Ben, Rachel, Stephanie, Tommy, Maria and Katie are all active in the parish which now faces an onslaught of their grandchildren. Six of their children and children-in-law teach in the religious education program. Council 8179 is proud to honor a family that continues the faith through the generations

Attendance Drawing

At the business meeting on February 8, in the absence of Monsignor Dillon, the state deputy picked John Walker. He was present and won \$60! It pays to attend meetings!

Spanish Language Round Table

The Spanish round table is going very well. Our next Spanish Round Table meeting will be Friday March 6 at 7:30 pm after the fish fry. Brother Ramon Mata will be installed as a District Warder at that time. All brother Knights are encouraged to attend.

Free Throw Contest

The regional free throw contest will be held on Sunday March 22 at Tri-City Prep at 12:30. This will be for the district winners.

Shining Armor Award

Leon Castelleno has qualified for the Shining Armor award. It 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

Jeff Jewell and Remigio Solares have qualified for the Silver Knight award. You have to attend three meetings, participate in four events, recruit two new members and talk with the insurance agent.

Blood Drive

Our last blood drive on February 24 brought in 33 units. Our next blood drive will be May 5, time to be determined. 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.

Pictures Needed

We are writing up the Program awards for the state convention. We need to have pictures of events the Knights have run including Joe Gallegos's birthday, Monsignor Dillon's birthday, the posada, the sign outside Planned Parenthood and other activities. Please get JPEG files to Jeff Hylden.

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. Visiting those who are sick or in prison is one of the seven acts of corporal mercy.

40 Days for Life

During Lent, we will be maintaining a vigil outside Planned Parenthood from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm. The day for our council of the Knights of Columbus is on Tuesdays. Please sign up for a shift. If you cannot make Tuesdays, please come some other day of the week and pray to end abortion.

Adoration

Jesus is the ultimate example of responsible manhood for Catholic gentlemen. We need to imitate His example to 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