

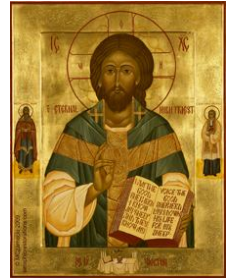


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A Catholic, Family, Fraternal, Service Organization

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From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

Happy New Year!

We are in the middle of a busy fraternal year, just finishing a successful Christmas season with our annual Christmas tree fundraising campaign and looking forward to the March for Life and the 6th annual "It's About Life" pro-life conference with Lent on the Horizon.

January 21st and 22nd is the annual March for Life demonstration in Washington DC with many activities nationwide during the week. Many parishioners and fellow knights are travelling to Olympia for demonstrations at our state capital on Wednesday January 19th. The demonstration will begin at 12:00 pm at the capital steps. Please contact Dick Gilmore (586-4585) for travel information or visit www.washingtonmarchforlife.org for more information about the demonstration.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 16th where all Knights are asked to assemble at St. Paul's Episcopal Church next to the cemetery on 10th avenue in Kennewick. A procession will march from St. Paul's to the soccer field at St. Joseph's school beginning at 9:30 am (crosses will be carried in the procession). Once at the soccer field, Knights will setup the crosses in the soccer field to represent more than 50 million innocent victims exterminated by abortion in the United States since the Roe vs. Wade decision. The billboard sign at the soccer field and at Cinco De Mayo will be changed out for new banners. You are invited for lunch at Cinco De Mayo Mexican restaurant immediately following the cross-staking to thank them for allowing us the use of their facilities for pro-life demonstrations and the land for the billboard sign.

May God Bless You and Your Families,

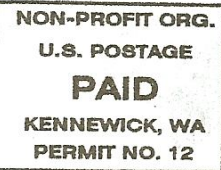
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Important Upcoming Events

Please consider signing up for insurance. Annuities are available starting at \$300 for Knights and \$100 for Knights in their first year of brotherhood. Michael Wise is the K of C Insurance Field Agent. Contact him for your insurance needs. (Cell 308-5150)

Calendar (more details at <http://calendar.kofc8179.org>)

January

- 4th Officers Meeting – 7:30 pm Chapel Basement
- 8th Spanish Round Table 7:30 pm Conference Room
- 9th Prolife fundraiser dinner – St. Patrick's Parish Activity Center 6:30 pm
- 10th Sunday Breakfast – Dillon Hall
- 10th State Council Regional Meeting - Yakima
- 11th Business Meeting – 7:30 pm Chapel Basement
- 25th 1st Degree – 7:30 pm Chapel Basement

February

- 1st Officers Meeting – 7:30 pm Chapel Basement
- 5th Spanish Round Table 7:30 pm Conference Room
- 5th Pro-Life Conference Speaker Dinner – Holy Spirit Parish Hall – Time TBA
- 6th "It's About Life" Pro-Life Conference – Church
- 8th Business Meeting – 7:30 pm Chapel Basement
- 14th Sunday Breakfast – Dillon Hall
- 22th 1st Degree – 7:30 pm Chapel Basement

Good of the Order

Please visit John St. Hilaire (PGK, FDD). Andy Kopriva (PGK) is back at work but still recovering. Also please remember: Marcie Palmieri (back); Christopher Palmieri (seizures); Judy Pauly; Pete Braun's grandson; Shira Wise (back); Denny Delafield; Opal Harger; Bart Seivers (back); Phillip Beaudry (Afghanistan); Marcie Grasl; Kyle Hadley; Gabrielle Raeder; Lolly Flaherty (back pain), Doug Duvon (ongoing kidney trouble), Jennifer Davis (cancer), Glenn Burton, Brian Varker and the Men & Women of the Armed Forces.

January Knight of the Month

Our January Knight of the Month is Brother Mike Wetzler. Brother Mike volunteered many hours at the Christmas tree lot during November and December. Volunteers like Mike are the reason our lot was successful this fraternal year.

January Family of the Month

Our January Family of the Month is the family of Brother Tom Lord. Brother Tom and his sons Sean and Trevor volunteered many hours at the Christmas tree lot during November and December. Volunteers like Sean and Trevor are the reason our lot was successful this fraternal year.

Attendance Drawing

At the business meeting on December 14th, Brett Powers was drawn and was not present so the pot will be \$80 in January. The odds are better than the lottery. It pays to attend!

Spanish Language 1st Degree Team

District 7 is trying to grow our ranks among the Spanish speaking Catholics. We have received the books for a Spanish 1st degree team. If you are interested in learning a role on the Spanish 1st degree team, please contact Ramon Mata and Bill Forsythe. Roles have been assigned, but we need backups for parts.

Blood Drive

The December Blood Drive yielded 34 units of blood. The next blood drive will be Feb 9th, 2010 in Dillon Hall from 12:00-5:00 pm. Contact Joe Gallegos (783-7644) to volunteer and help out.

Website

Brother Larry Devlin has done an excellent job on putting together a website for our council at <http://www.kofc8179.org>. It is attractive, well laid out and quite complete. Thanks Brother Larry!

Planned Parenthood Permit Appeal in Pasco

On November 16th, 2009, the Pasco City Council voted to approve a permit and allow Planned Parenthood to construct a new facility adjacent to Mark Twain Elementary School. On December 28th, 2009, Ledesma Law Offices filed an appeal to overturn the Pasco City Council decision. Mr. Mario Ledesma is working the case and will incur court costs and other legal fees. The Family Policy Institute of Washington (www.fpiw.org) will take donations to contribute to Ledesma Law Offices to cover his time in working the appeal. Court costs and fees will be handled through the Alliance Defense Fund and more information on how to contribute will be made available in future newsletters. Please pray for the success of the appeal and contribute where you can. With God's grace and your support we will continue the fight to shut down Planned Parenthood before they can open.

Christmas Trees a Success!

The Christmas Tree Lot was a major success and a large thank you goes out to all the Knights and their families for helping and volunteering. Larry Devlin did an excellent job running the operation and deserves an honorable mention. Without his guidance, the lot would not have been as successful. Larry was able to overcome a down economy and meet our annual budget goals by renegotiating the contract with the tree farm and reducing sales prices to the public. Because of his efforts we sold fewer trees at a lower price and made our \$7,000 net fundraising goal. Good Job!

January Breakfast

The Knights Breakfast will be held on January 10th in Dillon Hall. This activity is special because it will be the second youth breakfast for our fraternal year and proceeds raised by this breakfast will be donated to St. Joseph's school for updating the baseball field. Principal Ralph LeCompte has established an advisory committee for fundraising and planning. The school baseball team will be at the breakfast to help out. Please stop by and help out, we will likely have a larger crowd and will need more manpower.

Knights Newsletter is Going Paperless!

We plan to gradually phase out hard-copy newsletters and go to an electronic format both online and by email distribution. Our council already maintains its own website (www.kofc8179.org) which includes electronic copies of the most recent newsletter as well as several back issues. Please help us reduce our postage costs by receiving the newsletter via email, please send an email to dgk@kofc8179.org and you will be removed from the hard-copy mailing list.

January 1st Degree

The next 1st degree will be January 25th, 2010. If you know of any candidates who wish to join the order, please invite them to attend and bring a membership form to our business meeting on January 11th.

Notice of Council Election

An election will be held at the January 11th business meeting to elect a new council Chancellor. Our outgoing Chancellor John Callan recently began a new career with the federal government and will relocate near Washington DC doing embassy work. Although we are sad to see John leave, we are happy that he is able to live an exciting and rewarding career. Please pray for him and his family in their time of transition.

Knights that are interested in serving as officers for the council are reminded that they must be 3rd degree members of the order to qualify. Motions and voting for the Chancellor position will take place at the January 11th business meeting. The Chancellor plays an important role with the council and the order. In addition to being the 3rd in line for council leadership behind the Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight, the Chancellor is in charge of membership recruitment and takes an important role in member retention and availability of insurance to members. The order's founder Father Michael J. McGivney's vision to render financial aid to members and their families continues because of our order's coordination between chancellors and insurance field agents. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families through insurance and annuities sold to members and their families.

Pro-Life Dinner

The Pasco Knights of Columbus Council 1620 will be holding a pro-life dinner fundraiser at St. Patrick's Parish Activity Center on Saturday January 9th at 6:30 pm. A presentation on the appeal to deny the special permit of Planned Parenthood to operate on Court Street next to Mark Twain Elementary School will be made for all who attend with information on how you can help. Funds will also go toward the 6th annual "It's About Life" pro-life conference in February.

Contact Peter (545-1502) or Dick Krcma (547-8538) with the approximate number in your party so we know how many to prepare dinner for. Thanks for your support!

6th Annual "It's About Life" Conference

Six years ago brother Doug Duvon founded the "It's About Life" pro-life conference. Since inception the conference has hosted many speakers including Father Frank Pavone (national director of Priests for Life), Suzanne Vitadamo (Terri Shiavo's sister), Barbara McGuigen (EWTN radio host), Norma McCorvey (Jane Roe of Roe vs. Wade decision). The conference now alternates locations one year on the east and the next year on the west side of Washington State. It is again our turn to sponsor the conference. This year's conference theme ties the "Culture of Life" to Natural Family Planning (NFP) through four speakers. This year we will host Professor Janet Smith (EWTN radio personality and professor at Sacred Heart Major Seminary), Abby Johnson (former director of Planned Parenthood in Texas and featured on Fox News for converting to pro-life and quitting her job), Father Mathew Habiger (Natural Family Planning Ministries Outreach), and Dr. Elma DeLeon (Lourdes Medical Center).

This year Lourdes Medical Center will pay all advertising and printed media/promotional materials thanks to Shira Wise. All area Knights of Columbus Councils are providing monetary assistance or are providing funds through a benefit feed held at St. Patrick's Parish in Pasco on Saturday, January 9th; and a formal speaker dinner at Holy Spirit Parish on Friday, February 5th.

Knights are asked to support the benefit activities beginning Friday February 5th and concluding with the conference on Saturday February 6th from 9 am to 4 pm. The conference will be held in the main church to accommodate the large audience. Lunch will be catered by Cinco De Mayo Mexican restaurant in the PAC at intermission. This event is truly growing in recognition and importance and we appreciate the growing support received by our brother councils and Lourdes Medical Center. Please pray for the safe travels of the speakers and those volunteers working hard for a successful conference.

Good Shepherd Radio Hour

Tune in to 100.7 FM KHSS on Tuesday January 19th at 5:30 pm for the Good Shepherd Radio Hour. Listen as St. Joseph's Parish's very own Ed McLaughlin interviews officials from Tri-Cities Prep about the importance of Catholic Schools. Pray for Monsignor Dillon and thank him for creating the radio program. If there are topics you wish to hear, please email gk@kofc8179.org.