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GRAND KNIGHT'S LETTER

Brothers:

This is the year of the volunteer. Choosing where to apply one's energies is challenging particularly when there are so many competing responsibilities. There is one contribution we, as a fraternal organization, can all make and that is to raise our voice in the legislative process. Recently we have been asked to use that voice to make our values known regarding the abortion provisions in the healthcare bill and in our own state legislature regarding - retaining KofC's fraternal tax free status. Both issues are of vital importance; please make your feelings known to your elected officials.

On the vocation front we have now been assigned a seminarian to support for the RSVP program. Mike Humphries is currently studying at the Bishop White Seminary in Spokane. Our bingo social scheduled for January 23rd is in a large part for the support of Mike and other local charities - we certainly hope you have the opportunity to join us with your families and enjoy some fun and games.

Only a growing and active membership can ensure that the Kent Council remains a vital member of the Holy Spirit Parish community - we still have a way to go to meet our modest target of 8 new members this year - upon completion of our next first degree we will have attained 50% of our goal and plenty of time to make our target. Furthermore our teams have been effective in encouraging more participation at our functions. As we grow, we will continue to make a difference in our community.

Finally, a farewell to Tony Budinich. He was a fun loving guy if there ever was one, who livened up every Oktoberfest dance. Fish Fridays are not quite the same without his steady hand keeping a steady flow of orders from kitchen to table. Tony will be truly missed.

Rob Ugarte,
Grand Knight

Family of the Month

November: Ben and Geraldine Peralta

December: Julian and Armida Coronado

Knight of the Month

November: Joe Booker

December: Vincent O Conner

HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

In an effort to come to the aid of the people of Haiti, who are suffering a humanitarian catastrophe of huge proportions in the wake of Tuesday evening's 7.0 earthquake, the Knights of Columbus has sent an immediate contribution of \$50,000 to Catholic Relief Services, and has invited Knights to make contributions through the Supreme Council so that they can maximize the impact of the funds raised, and document the amount donated in this tragedy by members of the Order. Contributions will be used to provide assistance wherever it can have the most immediate impact, and where the need is greatest.

Donations by individual Knights can be made on line, and this feature is available on the Supreme Council website (www.kofc.org). You will receive two receipts; one immediately as a tax record and the second a few minutes later via e-mail for your credit card confirmation. Checks should be made out to Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. and mailed to: 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510. Please write "Haiti Earthquake Relief" on the memo line of the check.

The Supreme Council asks all Knights and their families to also offer their prayers for the victims of this terrible disaster.

A PLEA TO ALL MEMBERS TO JOIN THE E-MAIL LIST FOR COUNCIL 8150

The computer age has made communication possible without using telephones or US Mail. In fact we haven't effectively used the phone tree for at least two years. The current team leader phone calls are pretty haphazard in spreading the notices to all members. We thank those 10 that responded to the item in the dues letter and joined our e-mail ranks during the last month. We ask that all members, who have provisions for e-mail, join their ranks. It will continue to streamline commutations for Council 8150. If you receive this newsletter in printed form, your address is not on the e-mail list.

One benefit of e-mail is cost savings that will make more money available for charity. The cost of the newsletter gets higher as postage goes up, it now amounts to \$3.84 a year for each member that receives a printed copy and no cost for those that on the e-mail list. Presently we have 48 members and 10 courtesy copies on e-mail and there are 77 members and widows have their newsletter mailed. This means out of the monies we collect for charity, more than \$295.00 still goes for printing and mailing the newsletter. Another advantage is that the photos in the e-mail newsletters are in color.

Both K of C Supreme and State have ceased printing and mailing newsletters and memos and are on the e-mail system for most communications.

It is most disappointing from a council viewpoint that all are not on e-mail because most notices are not being relayed by telephone and those that do not have the e-mail address on the list are not getting the fullness of membership in the Knights. We try to send all e-mail messages by bcc addresses (blind carbon copy) which do not expose the list of addresses to others. We also try to keep all postings limited to KofC items.

If you have e-mail and are not on currently on the e-mail list for council 8150 please me know your e-mail address, my address is lcqually@msn.com .

WHAT'S GOING ON IN COUNCIL 8150

Sad news with the recent death of Tony Budinich

Anthony (Tony) Budinich died on January 9. He had been a Knight since 1982 and a member of Council 8150 since 2001. He was attended to by family and hospice service at home prior to his death. Tony will be remembered for electrical and carpentry work at Holy Spirit Parish and his organization of our Lenten Fish dinners. He and Rosemary, his wife, were mainstays in controlling the timely and efficient serving of the dinners for many years.

Our condolences are with Rosemary and their family. The Knights said a Rosary for Tony at the January 12 council meeting. A memorial Mass for Tony is scheduled at Holy Spirit on Friday, February 12 at 11:00am.

Sunday Breakfast

Santa Claus visited our December Sunday breakfast. Pictures were taken of 80 youngsters and young at heart. The pictures are available in the gathering space for you to pick up. If you have not picked your picture please do so before the end of January.

The KofC Washington State Bulletin

We have received a message that the State Bulletin will no longer appear in print format. If you want to see what's going on at the state level the computer version is still available. To view the bulletin click on the following:
<http://www.kof-wa.org/Bulletins/Jan.pdf>

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Jan 18-Blood Drive

1:00pm to 7:00pm – Parish Activity Hall

Future blood drives will be 4-19-10, 7-19-10, 9-20-10

Jan 19-March for Life

8:28am-Bus for Olympia leaves from Holy Spirit.

Program is Mass in Olympia followed by speakers at Noon

Jan 23-Free Throw Championship

9:00am to 11:00am – St Anthony Parish Gym in Renton at 314 South 4th St

This youth event is open to all girls and boys age 10 to 14 years old.

For more information contact Phillip Rudolph 253-856-3271

Jan 23-Bingo Night

6:00pm-Parish Activity Center

By popular demand Saturday evening bingo will be held in the Parish Activity Center after mass at 6:00PM. Suggested price will be \$1.00 Per Card for each game. Refreshment will be available including pop, coffee and other. The food menu includes one hotdog and a bowl of chili (\$ 5.00), refills: hotdog (\$1.50), and chili (\$1.50). ALL proceeds support local Charities.

Jan 26-Council Meeting

7:30pm-Meeting- Parish Activity Center

Feb 9 -Council Meeting

7:00pm-Rosary-Parish Activity Center

7:30pm-Meeting

Feb 17-Ash Wednesday

Feb 19-Fish Fry Dinner

5:00pm until 6:30pm-Parish Activity Center

Feb 21-Sunday Breakfast

9:00am to 12:00noon-Parish Activity Center

Feb 23-Council Meeting

7:30pm-Parish Activity Center

Feb 23-K of C's Night to Feed the Homeless Men of Kent

8:30pm-Parish Activity Center

**Feb 26-Fish Fry Dinner
5:00pm to 6:30pm-Parish Activity Center**

Future dates to set aside:

Mar 20-St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance

Jun 5- Luau Dinner and Entertainment

CELEBRATION OF BIRTHDAY "MILESTONES"

January Birthdays

Jan 1 Joseph Wilder
Jan 2 James McSherry
Jan 17 Henry Turowski
Jan 23 Dirk Powell
Jan 26 John Klemmerud

Jan 2 Rev Patrick Bascio
Jan 3 Ron Bernards
Jan 22 Julian Coronado
Jan 24 Eugene Pawlowski

February Birthdays

Feb 1 John Meredith
Feb 5 Patrick Daly
Feb 16 Robert Byrnes
Feb 28 Mark Miller

Feb 5 Mark Bazala
Feb 14 Glen Feuerborn
Feb 26 Leon Gutierrez
Feb 28 Robert Spurrell

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Tempus fugit. Time flies. The older we get, the more that statement seems to ring true. Especially as we prepare to ring in another new year. I hope that 2009 was a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family.

If you're like most people, you've made some resolutions for the New Year. If I may, I'd like to add to your list of resolutions by two. First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal to writing, it's nothing more than a wish. So write your resolutions down. Whether they be to lose weight, contribute more time and money to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to stick to them if you write them down.

Second, schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The "insurance check-up" that I'll provide (free of charge, by the way!) will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later, because unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change.

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can guarantee. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that peace of mind, and that's – as they say in the credit card commercial – priceless.

I'm at (206) 356-2098 or michael.stergios @kofc.org. Call me – let's talk.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Mike Stergios, FIC -- Field Agent, Knights of Columbus

DECEMBER BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



These are the Knights that served the December Breakfast

Notice from the Editor

Please submit your name, address, telephone number and e-mail so I can update the membership list. My e-mail is lcqually@msn.com and telephone is 253-631-8247.

Contributions to this newsletter

Your comments and articles ready for publication are welcome.

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