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## OUR AGING MEMBERSHIP

Brother Knights:

As we all grow older and our membership ages and we find many brothers who have trouble seeing at night, and some can no longer drive.

I am asking for your help on this matter; if you can pick up a brother and bring him to a meeting, or to another event, please contact me and let me know your phone number and what part of town you live in.

Brothers - if you are not able to get around to attend meetings and events, please don't be embarrassed to let me know so that I can connect you with a Brother Knight. Please remember that we all enjoy your fellowship and company so please contact me. My information is listed below.

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## STATE CONVENTION IS MAY 19<sup>TH</sup> 20<sup>TH</sup> & 21<sup>ST</sup> IN OLYMPIA AND YOUR HELP IS REQUESTED

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My brother Knights and wives, it is hard to believe that May is just two months away and the 114<sup>th</sup> state convention is just around the corner. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> convention our council has hosted since 1976 when it was at the Tye Hotel in Tumwater and Dan Evans was our Governor.



This year, the convention is being held at the Hotel RL (formerly, the Red Lion Hotel in Olympia), with a Mass and dinner on Friday evening at Sacred Heart. If you want to help please contact me to discuss the opportunities and I can put you in contact with the proper Chairman. Or see the contact information below.

### For Next Few Weeks

- Advertisement Sales/Design for Convention Booklet. Contact person is Mike Colosi 360-870-5597 or email [w00dbutcher63@yahoo.com](mailto:w00dbutcher63@yahoo.com).
- Help with planning events for ladies. Contact person is Peggy Pursley 360-888-6794 or email [pursleyp2@comcast.net](mailto:pursleyp2@comcast.net).
- Help with planning the convention Mass. Contact person in Sam Pellegrino 360-259-7337 or email [sam@pellegrinoscatering.com](mailto:sam@pellegrinoscatering.com)

### Thursday, May 18

- All Day – Registration at Red Lion Hotel. Contact person is John Hazelrigg 360-388-5786 or email [Johnhazelrigg@gmail.com](mailto:Johnhazelrigg@gmail.com).
- 7PM - Setup for the dinner @ Sacred Heart (Hallen Hall). Contact person is Keith Underwood 360-528-9675 or email [keithu02@gmail.com](mailto:keithu02@gmail.com)

### Friday, May 19

- All Day – Registration at Red Lion Hotel. Contact person is John Hazelrigg 360-388-5786 or email [Johnhazelrigg@gmail.com](mailto:Johnhazelrigg@gmail.com).
- 5PM – Mass @ Sacred Heart followed by dinner @ Hallen Hall. Contact person is Keith Underwood 360-528-9675 or email [keithu02@gmail.com](mailto:keithu02@gmail.com)

### Saturday, May 20

- All Day – Registration at Red Lion Hotel. Contact person is John Hazelrigg 360-388-5786 or email [Johnhazelrigg@gmail.com](mailto:Johnhazelrigg@gmail.com).

God Bless

Darren E. Johnson

114<sup>th</sup> State Convention -1643 Council Convention Chairman

cell phone 253-709-4588 or email [darrenejohnson@comcast.net](mailto:darrenejohnson@comcast.net)

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

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Gentlemen,



First, let me wish all of you a Joyful and Blessed Easter. The two major events we had this month went off pretty well - Lenten Fish Fry and St. Pat's Day Celebration that is. I

was a little worried about ticket sales leading up to both, but as usual everyone came together and made both of them successful. Big thanks to our Resident Chef Sam Pellegrino and his family for the wonderful meal and to the fellow Knights who helped serve it. Next year the celebration will actually be on St. Patrick's Day as 3/17 falls on a Saturday.

The Fish Fry hosted 75 people, and also as usual the help plentiful and greatly appreciated. The next will be on Friday, 4/7. Tickets are available please contact yours truly by Wed. 4/5. Proceeds from the Fish Fry go to pay down the loan that was taken out to make improvements to Columbian Hall, so your patronage is greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Events for April.

- Mon 4/3 Council Officers meeting and 1st Degree meeting @ 6PM; 1st Degree @ 7:30PM
- Wed 4/5 40 Days for Life prayer and fast 7AM to 7PM
- Thurs 4/6 Council Bus Meeting dinner and Rosary @ Columbian Hall
- Wed 4/19 4th Degree Officers Meeting 545 PM at Columbian Hall. This is *not a typo, gentlemen; it has been moved*
- Wed 4/19 Drexel House Dinner
- Thurs 4/27 4th Degree Assembly Meeting Dinner Rosary and Meeting Columbian Hall

Respectfully,

**Michael R. Colosi, Grand Knight**  
**Father Nicholas Rausch OSB Council**  
**1643**

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## **IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR THOSE COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED THE PAPER VERSION OF THIS NEWSLETTER BY US MAIL**

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Due to mounting costs to mail our monthly newsletter we are replacing the mailed version of the newsletter with printed copies available in the narthex of the 3 local churches - Saint Michael, Sacred Heart and Saint George.

We know that there are some Knights who are not able to get to church because of disability or other reasons and we don't want them to miss the monthly newsletter. If this is your situation and you need to continue to receive a printed copy via mail, please contact: Ron DeGroot at (360) 704-8822 or e-mail [ron1105@comcast.net](mailto:ron1105@comcast.net).

If you have access to the internet, you can view all newsletters from the past several months by going to our council website at [www.kofc1643.org](http://www.kofc1643.org).

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### **Name Badges**

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If you need a name badge please contact John Zyrkowski, [jztecpan@aol.com](mailto:jztecpan@aol.com), 410-596-0650.

Name badges are available and come with a Knights emblem (1st-3rd or Formation - Knighthood degrees) or 4<sup>th</sup> Degree emblem or both.

There are over the pocket or magnetic model, you'll need to specify which one you want. You can also order a name badge for your spouse.

Your first badge when joining the Council is free; after that the cost is \$6 per badge.

Please wear your badge for parish and other functions as it's great visibility for our Council/Assembly and the Knights of Columbus overall.

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## Can You Pray for Vocations for Just One Hour?

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Brother Knights,

Father Jim Lee has requested that the Knights of Columbus pray for religious vocations at the St. Joseph Adoration Chapel at the St. Michael Downtown Church for one or more hours per week.



We have designated Saturday & Sunday AM hours of 1AM, 2AM, or 3AM on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> as our Knights of Columbus hours.

Please call Tom Hruska at 360 561-5548 or e-mail [hruska@wwdb.org](mailto:hruska@wwdb.org) to sign up for one or more of the above hours. Thank you. God bless you and your family.

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### STATE BULLETIN

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The Washington State Council of the Knights of Columbus publishes a monthly bulletin. For members interested in viewing this publication it is available at:

<http://www.kofc-wa.org/>

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### K of C “Schola Cantorum”

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We want you!! **We are in need of new members.** The only requirements are an appreciation of traditional Sacred Music as well as more contemporary and patriotic music, the ability to carry a tune, and the enjoyment of fellowship with other Schola members. We meet on Tuesday evenings, beginning 3-4 weeks prior to a scheduled event, at Pellegrino’s Event Center on Littlerock Rd. at 7pm. Light refreshments are usually provided. We



sing for such events as Memorial Day Mass at St. Michael Church, followed by ceremonies at Calvary Cemetery, our annual Memorial Day Mass for deceased members at the Hall, our annual Christmas recital for the Council and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Christmas party, and any other special events that we are invited to sing at. We have become especially well known, in past recent years, for our singing of the National Anthem at Cheney Stadium, prior to one of the Rainier’s games. If you are interested, please call Sam Pellegrino at (360) 259-7337.

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## INVITATION TO THE LADIES!

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Hi Ladies!

We are off to a good start on the creation of the 1643/1183 Wives Social Roster. It's an on-going project so please don't hesitate to contact me with your information to be included!

The March potluck was a fun evening with LOTS of laughter and yummy food. **Elaine DeGroot will be hosting our April get together on the 6th.**

We did spend a little time on convention talk and decided to create a welcome bag for the wives that will be here from all over the state. Some have never visited our beautiful area so we'll be including many ideas of places that can be visited in the hours they will have on their own. Any suggestions?

The convention will be held May 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at the Hotel RL (formerly known as

the Red Lion) on the Westside. The wives of 1643/1183 are responsible for hosting the Hospitality Room throughout the event. A schedule will be made for volunteers to sign up for an hour or two. We will be there to welcome visitors, answer questions, and keep an eye on the area. Joann Johnson and I will host a meeting (date to be determined) to put together the welcome bags and share more information.

If you have lost your nametag, need or want a new one, please contact me or John Zyrkowski [jztecpan@aol.com](mailto:jztecpan@aol.com) (or have your Knight do so). The use of the tags is much appreciated at events!

God's blessing on us all this Lenten season  
Peggy Pursley  
360-888-6794, [pursleyp2@comcast.net](mailto:pursleyp2@comcast.net)



**Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm**

Hosted by Elaine DeGroot

3420 78<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Olympia 98501

Please RSVP so I may arrange enough seating

Text or call 360-481-2122

Email – [ron1105@comcast.net](mailto:ron1105@comcast.net)

***Please share!***

Great friends, good food, good wine oh and a little bit of convention talk

For those with allergy sensitivities: we own dogs. There are just a few stairs.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Member Name	Date	Member Name	Date
Lawrence A Champagne	April 1	William F Freer PGK	April 16
Ronald E Hoene	April 2	Steven L Loberg	April 16
Joshua N Robert	April 2	John C Pelleriti	April 16
Rev Joseph Magnus Attah	April 5	David I Gedrose	April 17
Mark D Kallas	April 5	Martin R McElliot	April 17
Thomas J Brignole	April 6	Patrick J Ream	April 17
Alberto Guezada	April 8	William W Granville	April 18
Jose Antonio Mendez	April 9	Edgar J Harrison	April 19
Dennis M Copeland	April 10	Daniel A Goff	April 20
Patrick E Daly	April 10	Manuel E Velez	April 21
Nicholas W Germain	April 11	Martin D Meyer	April 22
Matthew J Zepeda	April 11	Dennis B Scott	April 25
Kieran C Nichols	April 12	Mark J Dauer	April 28
Theodore H Finney	April 13	Rev J Patrick Mc Dermott	April 28
John Frey	April 13	Vince L Mosser PGK	April 30
Wil Van Uffelen	April 13		

## Please Keep in Your Prayers

- Walt Dale
- Ron DeGroot
- Ray DeTerra Family
- Whitney Johnson
- John Kramer
- Sam Pellegrino
- Meg Pivec
- Dennis Perez
- Ed Sauley
- Jose Ybarra
- Nancy Zyrkowski



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## FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE

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**Dear Brothers and Sir Knights:**

I pray your Lenten journey has been all you've



hoped for and full of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, as we await Easter and He Is Risen! What a great season to be Catholic, participating in all our traditions and customs and renewing our relationship with our Lord and Savior!

I'm currently out of town as my Mom passed away and I'm back home taking care of her affairs. I want to thank everyone for all the prayers. No one likes to talk about estate planning and wills and such but it really is important. I know there are some adjustments and holes in my plans that will need taken care of once I return home. So make sure you have a plan.

I want to thank Keith Underwood for filling in for Vicki and me in preparing and serving the



evening meal at The Community Kitchen on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in our absence. I also want to thank Michael Revoir, Fred Weisdepp, Corb & Elaine Thornton, and Ron DeGroot for volunteering and

making this meal possible, you're awesome!

In Peace to Serve,

**Randy Kinsey**

Faithful Navigator

St. Francis of Assisi, Assembly 1183

[Tofty49@yahoo.com](mailto:Tofty49@yahoo.com)

253-301-7445



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# Corporate Communion and Brunch

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**Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 10:30AM**



**St. George Byzantine Catholic Church,  
9730 Yelm Highway SE, Olympia 98513**



**Brunch to follow at Red Wind Casino**

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**All 4<sup>th</sup> Degree members and family member are welcome**

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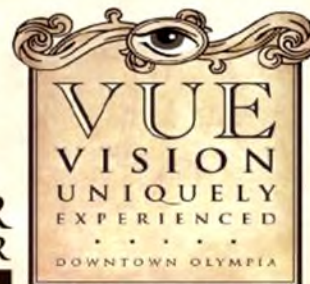
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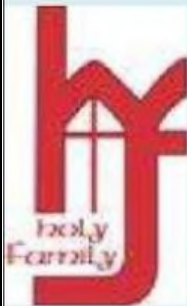
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## Plan for this Tax Day and into the Future

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April 15 (tax day) is right around the corner. It's become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax-savings vehicle. Or perhaps someone has tried to convince you to open an account, touting the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.

Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And, our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security? How does retirement income that you cannot outlive — guaranteed — sound to you?

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### Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi



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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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We need volunteer adults to help the kids fish on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Bob Leingang at [rleingang@comcast.net](mailto:rleingang@comcast.net) or 360-754-8262 if you can help.



# Columbus Park

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**April 2017**

Mon 3 Council Officers Meeting @ Columbian Hall 6 PM  
 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification Ceremony 7:30 PM

Wed 5 40 Days for Life prayer & fast 7 AM to 7 PM

Thu 6 Council Business Meeting @ Columbian Hall 5 PM  
 social & rosary. Business meeting @ 7:30 PM

Mon 17 State Convention Meeting @ Hallen Hall 7PM

Wed 19 Drexel House

Wed 19 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Officers Mtg 5:45 PM @ Columbian  
 Hall

Thu 27 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Social, Rosary & Meeting  
 6:30 PM @ Columbian Hall

Sun 30 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Corporate Communion & Brunch  
 10:30AM Mass @ St. George followed by  
 Brunch @ Red Wind Casino

**May 2017**

Mon 1 Council Officers Meeting @ Columbian Hall 6 PM 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Degree Exemplification Ceremony 7:30 PM

Tues 2 7PM Schola Practice @ Pellegrino's Event Center

Thu 4 Council Business Meeting @ Columbian Hall 5 PM social &  
 rosary. Business meeting, vote for officers @ 7:30 PM

Tues 9 7PM Schola Practice @ Pellegrino's Event Center

Thu 11 Annual Clergy Appreciation Banquet  
 6:30PM @ Columbian Hall

Sat 13 Community Fun Fair 9AM – 3PM @ Columbus Park

Tues 16 7PM Schola Practice @ Pellegrino's Event Center

**Fri 19 – Sun 21 114<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention**  
**RL Olympia Hotel**

Fri 19 WA State Convention Mass Opening Mass  
 5PM @ Sacred Heart

Sun 21 WA State Convention Closing Mass @ RL Olympia  
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Tues 22 7PM Schola Practice @ Pellegrino's Event Center

Thu 25 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Social, Rosary & Meeting 6:30 PM @  
 Columbian Hall

Mon 29 **Memorial Day**  
**9AM Mass @ St. Michal Downtown followed by Blessing**  
**Ceremony @ Cemetery**  
 Council Officers Meeting @ Columbian Hall 6 PM  
 followed by 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification Ceremony 7:30 PM