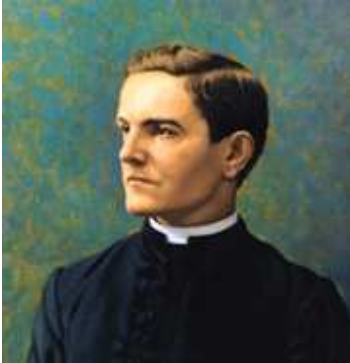


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THE 7TH DISTRICT'S
FEBRUARY, 2010 – NEWSLETTER

STARTING HERE – STARTING NOW – A BOLD NEW BEGINNING

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WE ARE ONE!



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Knights of Columbus are dedicated to Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism.

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INVITATION*

**If you are a dreamer, come in,
If you are a dreamer, a wisher, a liar,
A hope-er, a prayer-er, a magic bean buyer...
If you're a pretender, come sit by my fire
For we have some flax-golden tales to spin.**

Come in!

Come in!



**This is a
Knight's Soap Box**

The “**Knight's Soap Box**” is the District's Newsletter where you, our Brother Knights, speak your mind. You can talk about whatever you want. It's your Newsletter. Ultimately, the Newsletter is for Knights, by Knights. So if you would like to submit anything you want to share to the **Newsletter**, e-mail it to curbstone@charter.net – (note: we will not print anything from anyone who does not identify them selves).

* (Shel Silverstein)

FOOTBALL AND THE BLONDE

Football FINALLY makes sense.....

A guy took his blonde girlfriend to her first football game. They had great seats right behind their team's bench. After the game, he asked her how she liked the experience.

'Oh, I really liked it,' she replied, 'especially the tight pants and all the big muscles, but I just couldn't understand why they were killing each other over 25 cents.'

Dumbfounded, her date asked, 'What do you mean?'

'well, they flipped a coin, one team got it and then for the rest of the game, all they kept screaming was: 'get the quarterback! Get the quarterback!' I'm like.... Helloooooo? It's only 25 cents!!!!'

BLONDE

A young ventriloquist is touring the clubs and one night he's doing a show in a small town in Arkansas with his dummy on his knee, he starts going through his usual dumb blonde jokes.

Suddenly, a blonde woman in the 4th row stands on her chair and starts shouting: 'I've heard enough of your stupid blonde jokes. What makes you think you can stereotype women that way? What does the color of a person's hair have to do with her worth as a human being? It's guys like you who keep women like me from being respected at work and in the community, and from reaching our full potential as a person.

Because you and your kind continue to perpetuate discrimination against not only blondes, but women in general...and all in the name of humor!

The embarrassed ventriloquist begins to apologize but the blonde yells, 'you stay out of this, mister! I'm talking to that little jerk on your knee'

OLD KNIGHT'S WISDOM

A former StateDeputy, an old man slightly older than 94 years was sitting in the hotel by a huge fireplace. He was famous within the Knights and his parish for his ability to moralize and provide insightful wisdom to all who would listen. That evening when I was sitting by him he was noticeably frail and generally appeared not well. He did however in spite of his health make an observation that was unforgettable it will be with me as long as I live for its profound wisdom and insightful analysis.

It was around 10pm on a cold winter evening and the lobby was very comfortable and very pleasant in front of the big old fireplace and there we were each of us in the lap of a big comfortable chair that sort wrapped itself around you. He was smoking, though the doctor had told him he shouldn't be smoking and the new rule said he was breaking the law to smoke in the hotel but no one was going to say a word to this 94-year-old icon of our Order. I noticed, that as his health continued to fail he actually seemed to be smoking a bit more.

Well anyway there we were comfortable and cozy by the fireplace fit for a king when he took his pipe out of his mouth and turned toward me, and I knew something was coming, he leaned toward me ever so slightly and said "Kid"- my name wasn't kid but he called everyone kid and at his age everyone was a kid to him. "Kid" he says, and he looked real solemn, that got my attention, I remember that after he got higher up in the Order he looked more solemn than he ever had, but since his health started failing he looked even more solemn if that was possible. That was understandable if you realized that he was plagued with a pain in his chest, a recurring weakness in his legs and it had been years maybe ten, since he had a complete nights sleep. If you add to that the fact that he had experienced some women troubles which greatly affected him for sometime, as it has many other men some of them Knights. Well solemn is as solemn does!

But my lord I was getting ready to tell you what he said, I said "What" I never addressed him as worthy Sir or worthy PSD, PGK or many of the other titles he earned because even though he was certainly deserving of the honors and respect that a man of his many contributions had made to our Order he always seemed a little uncomfortable when he was addressed as such. He was a humble man not given to all the formal hoopla.

Excuse me, I was going to tell you what this nobleman of our Order said to me on that cold winter evening in front of the fireplace in that grand old hotel because when a man starts a story I think he should finish sooner or later. So where were we, okay the old gentleman says to me, “Kid.” And of course I say, “What?” Now I must say that I had absolutely no idea what was on his mind, a man and brother knight with such a rich and wonderful life made up of years of good works and personal evangelization all in the name of our wonderful church and our fraternal Order there would appear to be so much for him to draw upon, I would think he had a thought for every and any occasion

So there we are in front of this great fireplace surrounded on each side by book cases filled with knowledge and wisdom beyond compare, a place of warmth and safety, a harbor of thought and wisdom that honored the strength and simplicity of the hotel and the guests. The fireplace reminded one of their Grandparents home hearth of love and experience and yet the dancing flames brought out the same depth of character and thought of the campfires that inspired Marcus Aurelius resting by the remote Danube after a wearisome day of marching or battle, as he set down his *Meditations*. The quite comfort and acceptance of circumstance and thought could live in harmony before this hearth that inspired tranquility of mind and soul.

Now as the light of the fire reflected off his worn face there he was leaning forward towards me and he said to me, “**Kid.**”

I said to him, I said, “**What?**”

He says to me, he says:

**“Pray to God, Pray simply,
Pray sincerely”**

He slowly reached out and touched my shoulder:

“With prayer we can change the world.”

Steve Snell DD 7

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



“The Chaplain’s Corner” is a monthly forum for a Pastor from one of the 6 Councils within District 7 or any religious by invitation of the Newsletter, to pass any message That they wish on to our readers.

Steve Snell DD7

A Reflection On Need

This week I had occasion to reflect on the Gospel of Mark, 3:7-12. Our Lord continues to be mobbed by throngs seeking to touch him so that their various afflictions may be cured. Although it makes his pronouncing the Good News that with repentance, sin is forgiven and eternal life is possible, nonetheless, he patiently attends to their human physical needs. Interestingly, only the demonic spirits, which possessed some of those in the crowd, recognized him as the Son of God! It must have been very difficult for Our Lord to see how clueless most were of his real purpose and message. Despite this, he did not despair of his Father’s wishes.

There is a message for us in this today, especially as we watch the daily drama of human suffering and need unfold in Haiti, from our relative safety and comfort. Our Lord understood that human need and suffering also had to be addressed – and he did, through his various healing miracles. At this time, we too are called in a spirit of Christian unity, to open our hearts, our treasure, our talents, and for many, even our homes, as we seek ways to help those in such desperate and immediate need. Let us pray:

“Come Holy Spirit. Fill the hearts of Your Faithful and grant through your compassion, faith and human consolation to those in tragic need due to natural disaster. Comfort those injured and console those whose family members have been called back to you, O Creator. Grant that we may seek to meet their needs in faith-filled response to your call, as shown us by Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.”

Submitted by Deacon Jim Barrow, Walla Walla

DISTRICT 7 FREE THROW COMPETITION

District 7 is set for Sunday February 28th, 2010 for the Free Throw Competition at Tri-Cities Prep located at 9612 St. Thomas Dr., In Pasco, WA - Registration @ 12:30pm and competition To start @ 1pm

Contact Information:

**Steve Snell - District Deputy # 7 – Phone: 509-386-3462
Dennis J. Samson – Chairman of Competition- 509-269-4230**

Tri-Cities Prep Phone: 509-546-2465 Fax: 509-546-2498

DISTRICTS 6, 7, & 17

REGIONAL FREE THROW COMPETITION

MARCH 7, 2010

LOCATION WILL BE AT TRI-CITIES PREP

LOCATED AT 9612 ST. THOMAS DR. IN PASCO, WA

REGISTRATION @ 1:00 PM

COMPETITION TO START @ 1:30 PM

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QUESTIONS, QUESTIONS, QUESTIONS!!!

At you're next meeting, ask:

Who has asked another man to join the Knights of Columbus? Who has asked more than one Catholic man to join the Knights of Columbus? Who continually asks Catholic men 18 years and over to join the Knights of Columbus. Then tell them to do it again and again. It is a simple plan that works. Each one of us needs to be bringing in new members. Success is consistency. How many people have you asked to join the order? We need to make a strong effort to make sure every Catholic man is invited to join the Knights. We need to be fishers of men as Jesus invited us to be. **Knights need to be fishermen also; by casting our nets into our parishes and asking those Catholic men to join us to help spread the word of Jesus Christ.**

COMING FIRST DEGREES

JANUARY 25TH COUNCIL # 8179

JANUARY 26TH COUNCIL # 10653

JANUARY 28TH COUNCIL # 1620

MARCH 4TH COUNCIL # 766

ELECTION OF CONVENTION DELEGATES

Credentials for the delegates and alternates to the State Convention will be mailed to the Financial Secretaries during February 2010. The Convention will held in Yakima from May 14-16, 2010. The councils should hold the election of convention delegates as soon as possible after the council receives the credentials and promptly return them to the State Secretary.

CONVENTION BOOKLET

A summary of each council's annual activities will be printed in the Convention Booklet and distributed at the beginning of the State Convention. The writing of the summary is the responsibility of the Grand Knights, District Deputies, and State Chairmen. ***The council report is due to the District Deputy by April 1, 2010.*** Guidelines and information are found in the Grand Knight's Handbook, PART II, State Council Information. **RESOLUTIONS** – The State Secretary must receive resolutions for consideration at the 2010 State Convention by **MARCH 15, 2010.**

Food For Families Update-Fire Alarm!

Last month with your SD's 1000 points update, at the DD's Mid-Winter meeting, and now at the Regional Meetings, I have introduced the Food For Families Program. This is a Supreme program that allows us to receive our portion of \$1,000,000 that Supreme has allocated to help out Food Banks around the country. In order to qualify for our portion, we must have 25% of our Councils (about 40) do a Food Drive & Restock of their local food bank.

This week I received e-mail from the Supreme Director in charge of this program and he told me that the forms are due **MARCH 1, 2010.** I know that this is really a SHORT FUSE and I know that you are all very busy **BUT** this is a very worthy program and one that our State Deputy really wants us to succeed with. There are way too many hungry people in the State of Washington to let this opportunity pass us by. Please help the Knights feed the poor. I'm counting on you-I can't do it without your help!

P.S. If a council participates in this program they will satisfy all four of the Community requirements on the Columbian Award form.

Fraternally,
Bob-SW

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

The third of six Fourth Degree Exemplifications will be held on Saturday, March 6, 2010,
at the Richland

K of C Hall, 2500 Chester Rd. The host assembly will be Msgr. William J. Sweeney
Assembly 1174.

The Faithful Navigator is Martin Prisc and his phone number is 509-628-1333.

The Faithful Comptroller is Thomas Bander and his phone number is 509-375-0632.

EXEMPLIFICATION HONOREE

EVENT TIME SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY TIME LOCATION

Registration 11:30 am Richland Knights of Columbus Hall

Lunch Noon Richland Knights of Columbus Hall

Exemplification 1:00 pm Richland Knights of Columbus Hall

Ladies' Program 1:30 pm To Be Announced

Public Knighting and picture taking 3:30 pm Richland Knights of Columbus Hall

Mass 5:00 pm Christ the King Church

The menu is to be announced. The cost of the dinner is \$20.00. The candidate's
exemplification fee of \$70.00 includes one banquet

ticket. Lunch is optional for the sir knights, candidates and ladies.

The luncheon cost is \$5.00 and may be paid during registration.

FEES

The exemplification fee for each candidate, except priests, is \$70.00 as set by the
Supreme Board of Directors. Included in this fee is one
banquet ticket for the candidate, a social baldric and a Fourth Degree pin.

There is no exemplification fee for ordained priests or religious brothers; however, their
assembly will pay \$13.00 for their social baldric
and Fourth Degree pin and \$20.00 for the cost of the dinner.

The candidate's or the assembly's check is to be made payable to the **Master, Knights of
Columbus.**

Banquet tickets for wives or guests should be made payable to Assembly 1174.

DRESS

MEN: Plain black tuxedo, white shirt, black tie, black shoes and socks. Military
personnel may wear their uniform. Sir Knights are to
wear their social baldric and jewel of office (either council or assembly).

LADIES: As the men are dressed formally, most ladies prefer a dressy dress. Some wear
a simple dress or cocktail dress although skirt and blouse is acceptable.

INITIATION ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

The sponsor is to make certain that all information is legibly printed on the Form 4.
The applicant, his sponsor, and the financial secretary of the applicant's council promptly
sign the Form 4.

After admission committee action, the faithful navigator and faithful comptroller
promptly sign the Form 4.

*****NOTICE*** MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS HAVE
BEEN CHANGED ***NOTICE*****

The Laws and Rules Governing the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus, dated
February 2008,

have changed the time requirement. It now reads,
*“A Third Degree member in good standing in his council and who was initiated in the
Admission (First) Degree at least six months prior to his initiation in the Fourth
Degree”*

Candidates who received their **first degree on or before September 5, 2009**, are eligible
to receive their Fourth Degree exemplification
in Richland on March 6, 2010.

Contact the Master for special consideration for a waiver.

**I wish... you the ability to see that beauty lies in the shadows
As well as in the sun.**

**I wish... you the sense to laugh at the world and its absurdities, and the
wisdom to laugh at yourself before others do.**

I wish... that you always have one wish left.

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Yakima Meeting January 10, 2010
Antanum Mission Council #6097 hosted the
Regional Meeting.

Four Districts from Washington were invited:
Districts 6, 7, 10, and 17.

All Four District Deputies were in attendance.
There were 52 members total in attendance.

The following Councils were represented and had members present:

- District 6:** -- 894, 1401, 6097, 8768
- District 7:** -- 766, 1620, 3307, 8179, 10653
- District 10:** -- 1545, 13186
- District 17:** -- 1699, 2103, 7149, 10543, 14926

FOUNDER'S DAY

Founder's Day, March 29, is the **128th anniversary** of the Order receiving its charter from the State of Connecticut. To all the councils please plan your celebrations to mark this special occasion.

DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD

On Thursday, March 25, the Order will observe the Knights of Columbus **Day of the Unborn Child**. In honor of this day, Knights and their families should pray, fast and work to restore respect and protection for unborn children. I hope all councils use the Day of the Unborn Child prayer card (#4665), available in English, French and Spanish from the Supply Department. For more, visit the "For Officers" section of the web site, click Service Program and go to the Church section.

RSVP APPLICATIONS

The **Refund Support Vocations Program Refund/Plaque Application** (#2863), on pages 27-28 of the *Council Report Forms Booklet* (#1436) and on the Order's Web site, must be completed and Submitted to the Supreme Council office before June 30. The cancelled check for each donation – or equivalent documentation – must be attached to the application. Application without copies of the cancelled(s)/documentation will not be honored. Councils must submit the application to qualify for the refund and plaque award.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS REPORT

Our Order has always had a close relationship with Special Olympics. To further track local council's involvement, make sure that your council completes the **Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics (#4584)**, located in the *Council Report Forms Booklet* and on the Order's Web Site, and submit it to the Supreme Council Office before Jan. 31, 2010, with copies to the state deputy, the DD, and the council's files.

Haiti Earthquake Relief

To All Knights of Columbus:

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 today sent an immediate contribution of \$50,000 to Catholic Relief Services, and we invite Knights to make contributions through the Supreme Council so that we can maximize the impact of the funds raised, and document the amount donated in this tragedy by members of the Order.

Donations by individual Knights can be made on line, and this feature should be available on the Supreme Council website (www.kofc.org) by later this evening. 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.

Contributions will be used to provide assistance wherever it can have the most immediate impact, and where the need is greatest.

We ask all Knights and their families to also offer their prayers for the victims of this terrible disaster.

AS DISTRICT DEPUTY: I'm doing the best that my moment provides me, but I accept the hard fact that I've left room for improvement. Brothers, I make the same appeal that was posted on a sign hanging on a wall at one of the first dances I played at when I was part of a rock band:

“Don't shoot the band. They're doing their best.”

STEVE SNELL DD 7

Harry Truman

**what happened to Harry Truman after the presidency--
very interesting!**

**A measure of his greatness may rest on what he did after he left the
White House.**

**Historians have written that the only asset he had when he died was the
house he lived in, which was in Independence, Missouri. On top of that,
his wife inherited the house from her Mother.**

**When he retired from office in 1952, his income was a U.S. Army
pension reported to have been \$13,507.72 a year. Congress, noting that
he was paying for his stamps and personally licking them, granted him
an 'allowance' and, later, a retroactive pension of \$25,000 per year.**

**When offered corporate positions at large salaries, he declined, stating,
'you don't want me. You want the office of the President, and that
doesn't belong to me. It belongs to the American people it's not for
sale.'**

**Even later, on May 6, 1971, when Congress was preparing to award him
the Medal of Honor on his 87th birthday, he refused to accept it,
writing, 'I don't consider that I have done anything which should be
the reason for any award, Congressional or otherwise.' He never owned
his own home and as president he paid for his own travel expense
and food.**

**Modern politicians have found a new level of success in cashing in on
the Presidency, resulting in untold wealth. Today, many in Congress
also have found a way to become quite wealthy while enjoying the fruits
of their offices. Political offices are now for sale.**

**Good old Harry Truman was correct when he observed, 'my choices
early in life were either to be a piano player in a _____ house or a
politician. And to tell the truth,**

There's hardly any difference.'

