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Rest in Peace

We were saddened to learn of the death of Brother Knight Ken Rodrick of Council 12002 in Belfast. Brother Ken was known far and wide as a titan Knight of Columbus, always and ever present when a Brother Knight or the family of a Brother Knight was in need for virtually anything! He was...
always there, and he was always a friend. He was passionate about looking after the less fortunate and disabled, always volunteering for Special Olympics and many other disadvantaged youth programs. He will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for his wife, Judy, who is ill.

leave no neighbor behind

We completed our 5th successful Food Drive on November 21st where we were able to provide Fishline 1 ton of food along with $1,000 in monetary donations! Thanks to Brothers Jake Steiner, Hank Roest, Matt Wurzbacher, Tom Musha, Leo Beer, and Eric Chamberlin for pulling it all together and making it happen! Our Council is focused more than ever on serving our community during this challenging pandemic.

Both Fishline and the Kingston Food Bank have asked us to help mitigate the anticipated continued demand for food into December by hosting additional food drives.

Our next food drive will be held at the Kingston Food Market on December 5th from 10 AM to 4 PM to benefit the Kingston Food Bank. And, we have also scheduled another drive on December 19th at the Poulsbo Red Apple Market to benefit Fishline. Our setup begins at about 9:30 AM in both cases. If you can, please join us and help out. If you can’t make it but would like to contribute in some way, you may bring food or contact one of the officers to come pick it up from you. Or, if that doesn’t work for you, we would gladly accept your monetary donation by check made out to the Council or via the Food Drive button on the Council’s website, www.kofc8297.org. Also, please reach out to family, friends, and neighbors with the attached flyer and let them know about the drive and the same opportunities to contribute in ways that suit their preferences.

At this trying time, many of our neighbors and fellow parishioners depend on these organizations for the food needed for their families. Keep in touch with your fellow Knights through our emails, newsletters, Facebook pages for the Council and the Parish. Reach out to your fellow parishioners (phones do still work) and participate as you can. And all any help (either by donations or some time assisting in the activity). Remember always Charity is still the first and prime principle of our order!

featured program of the month: keep christ in christmas/christmas card sales

From Financial Secretary Tom Musha: I do not think anyone will argue with the idea that this has been a year unlike any other in recent memory. To say it has been challenging would be an understatement. We have been forced by circumstances beyond our control to endure many hardships and have had to give up so much in the name of public health and safety. With no end in sight, this pandemic will continue to place obstacles in our way and cause havoc in our lives. This Christmas Season will be unlike any other and many of our “normal” family traditions will be postponed or cancelled altogether. We hear all the time of the rising levels of stress and loneliness people are enduring. I am sure all of us have friends and family that we will not be able to spend time with this Christmas. But our Council has a way that just maybe you can bring some joy and happiness to family and friends this Christmas.

We will be holding our annual Christmas Card sale again this year. It will not be easy in this time of social distancing and lock downs, but we will do our best. Once again, our faithful Financial Secretary, Tom Musha, is taking charge of this effort. We do not have all the details figured out yet, but we are looking at mailings to members and posting the information and card details on our website. We are also looking at various options for no contact card delivery in the local area and possible prearranged pick-up opportunities. Use of the US mail or UPS is also a possibility (with a small shipping and handling fee). In this time of not being able to gather. This is an ideal way for us to show our friends, neighbors, and family that we are thinking about them and praying for them at this special time of the year.

Anyone who can lend a hand to make this happen is welcome to contact Tom via e-mail (thmsmusha@comcast.net) or phone at 360-697-6439 (please leave a message and your number for contact). The more hands we have, the more options we have to help make this program a success.

ANNOUNCING A NEW PROGRAM: BROWN BEAR CARWASH

The Council is well underway on our new fundraiser via Brown Bear Car Wash. We’ve already gone through our initial batch of tickets and will be ordering more. In case you missed it, we are selling car wash tickets at $10 per ticket for the basic car wash. Although this is the same price that you would pay at the car wash, the Council pays a lesser amount for the tickets and is able to earn the difference. So, if you and others you know are already Brown Bear Carwash customers or just need a car wash and will be paying for the car wash anyway, please avail yourselves of these tickets and help our Council at the same time! Also, these tickets will make great stocking stuffers! Reach out to any of the Officers to purchase tickets. And, if you would like to help sell the tickets, please contact Brother Matt Wurzbacher at 360-981-1991 (c) or 360-698-9591 (h), or mmatt_w_008@q.com.

seminarian support

Our Council has the privilege of supporting Jeffery “J.J” Kalsbeek at Bishop White Seminary in Spokane. We look forward to getting to know more about Jeffery as he proceeds along the journey to become a Priest.

FROM OUR FAITH AND FAMILY DIRECTORS

During these times of isolation and with many social activities cancelled, our lives have been drastically changed. We are all hopeful for a better year next year. We are concerned for how our families are going to handle the many challenges that we know are coming in the new year. We also know that the Holy Family endured many trials in the time from of our Lord’s conception to his ascension into heaven. Through all these trials, that family never lost faith in God. They knew that the grace and strength needed to overcome those trials would be there. This example should and can be the inspiration for us and our families to navigate the trials and roadblocks we will need to overcome these trials we will face. To Assist us in this effort our council will be hosting a “Consecration to the Holy Family” on Sunday, December 27th (The Feast of the Holy Family). Details will be announced as they are worked out so please watch your e-mails, the Council’s website and Facebook page, and the Parish’s Facebook page for details as to how we will accomplish this and which digital platforms we may use.

We completed our Rosary Novena to bring this Liturgical Year to a close and prayed that the next will see a return to some level of normalcy. This novena
was held virtually on our meeting platform 9 night from November 21st the 29th. Many thanks to the Brother Knights who participated and special thanks to our Faith Director Tom Musha for organizing and leading this effort. Also, special thanks to Brother Leo Beer for his passionate leadership of the Rosary. He was a joy to follow!

INSURANCE
We completed our first Fraternal Benefits Webinar on November 9th. There was nothing but positive reviews of Tom Hegna’s presentation on retirement. We are thankful to our Field Agent and General Agent for setting the webinar up and making it happen. Stay tuned for the next webinar, which is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12th.

If you have not already done so or it has been more than a year, please set up a time to meet with Brother Knight Daniel O’Keefe at your earliest opportunity to review your financial situation and to explore the many important products that will help protect you and your family members in the future. Brother Dan is available to meet with you at your convenience to discuss how you may ensure the security of your family. (Cell 360-808-2052 or email at daniel.okeefe@kofc.org).

GOOD OF THE ORDER
Please pray for all our Brother Knights who through their charity are supporting their friends and neighbors in this time of need, for our Parish that we may come through this crisis with our faith and our commitment to charity stronger than ever, and for those in our community who are battling the Corona virus, that the Great Physician will heal them and their families.

Please also pray for our Deputy Grand Knight Eric Chamberlin, Brian Cross and his son, Sam Cross, for Bob Tomas and his wife Lois, for Martin Hagenson for health issues, for Judy Kennedy, wife of Brother Joe Kennedy, for health issues, for Paul Stibre for health issues, for PGK John Wahlfors for health issues, for Pam Musha, for Brother Jerry Hemstreet’s sister and her husband, for all of our elderly Brother Knights, the repose of the souls of our faithfully departed Brother Knights, for recipients of equipment from KC HELP, our first responders in this time of unrest in our country, and all our military in harm’s way.

KNIGHT AND FAMILY OF THE MONTH
Brother David and Joanne Graves are our Family of the Month. As our current Council’s Life Director, Past Council Recorder, Former Council Website Administrator and Current Parish Webmaster, Brother David has been a dependable “behind the scenes” volunteer in support of our parish and Council. With his wife Joanne, they have led the parish’s pro-life committee for many years. In this capacity they have coordinated the Baby Jesus Baby Shower Diaper and Wipes Collection for a local pregnancy crisis center, the annual baby bottle Drive to raise funds for the center and coordinate parishioner participation in the annual March for Life in Olympia. They are also faithful attendees to the various demonstrations that occur at the Planned Parenthood Clinic in East Bremerton. Both Brother David and Joanne, in addition to their commitment to pro-life activities, are steady volunteers at Fishline. Thank you, Brother David and Joanne, for your tireless and dedicated work you do for the most vulnerable among us!

Brother Hendrikus (Hank) Roest is our Knight of the Month. Brother Hank’s tireless support and participation supporting the Council’s efforts at Community outreach and our efforts to help out the less fortunate in our Community. Between organizing our food drives supporting our county’s food banks, participation in the KC HELP, and his hours volunteering with other local charities, Brother Hank is a top-notch example what we all aspire to as a Knight of Columbus. Thank you, Brother Hank for all you do!

LOGO CLOTHING
You may have noticed the sharp looking green shirts that fellow members of our Council have sported at our events. Contact Larry Devlin if you have not yet had a chance to get your shirt. $30 each for button-down collar shirts and $20 for polos. We also have khaki aprons but you’ll need to see Financial Secretary Tom Musha for those. They are $15 each. New 4th Degree polo shirts are now available at $20 each.

WEBSITE
Our website www.kofc8297.org has a regularly updated calendar and activity information, which are key to the success of the Council. If anyone is interested, the Council calendar is now available real-time for your iPhone or Android phone.

Please refer to the website regularly for up to date information pertaining to our Council. If you have suggestions or would like to contribute content to any portion of the site, please let Larry Devlin know.

KC HELP
The demands on our KC HELP work continuing to be high as Covid effects impact our community. Our calls remain high. Through September, we have saved our clients $156,380 in equipment costs, have driven 7,974 @ 57.5 per mile = $4,585, and have expended 470 service hours @ $50/Hour = $23,500!

We are especially thankful for the hard work of Brothers John Rebar and Anthony Farrell for all you’ve done to help us keep up with the high demands on the services we provide.

As always, if you would like to join the dedicated and passionate Brother Knights of our Council in this important work, please contact Larry Devlin for further information.

You can get more information on the program on our website: www.kofc8297.org/kc-help and on Facebook by searching @kchelpwestwa.

MEMBERSHIP
With the help of the Supreme Council, our Council has established a “landing page” for you to use if you identify someone who might want to join the Knights of Columbus. This will enable the Membership Director or the Grand Knight to reach out to that individual to help answer any questions he might have. Save the url to your phone’s home page so you will be able to access it when you need it: www.Bit.ly/8297landing.

The Supreme Council has provided a means for a man to become a member at large and be eligible to for all the fraternal benefits that a degreed member enjoys, e.g., life insurance, annuities, long term care plans, etc. This is also easily accessible to you via your smart phone at www.knights.net. An at large member is not yet a 1st Degree Knight nor is he a member of a Council. He is a member of the State Council until he elects to join a Council and is exemplified. He may attend meetings but is not a voting member.

While we are under the Covid-19 distancing guidelines, the Supreme Council has initiated an “on demand” option for attaining your 3rd Degree. You can now get your 3rd Degree any time, day or night, at your convenience. No Excuses! Hit this link: On Demand Degree in English or in Spanish. It’s even
available to any 3rd or 4th Degree member for observation if you have not yet experienced the new exemplification.

**Important Upcoming Events**

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Kingston Area Food Drive

Donations go to:
Service area includes Kingston, Hansville, Port Gamble, Indianola, Eglon, Little Boston and parts of Suquamish and Poulsbo.

Point of Contact:
Jake Steiner
360-440-7926

A 6-hour event to ensure we “Leave no neighbor behind.”
“Leave No Neighbor Behind”

Poulsbo Area Holiday Food Drive

Donations go to:
Fishline
Service area includes Poulsbo, Suquamish, Scandia, Keyport

Also taking Cash and Check Donations!

Saturday, Dec 19th, 2020, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Poulsbo Red Apple Market Parking Lot
20441 Viking Ave NW, Poulsbo, WA

All donations go to the Fishline

An Easy, No Contact Drive-Through Food Drive: Drive-up & Drop-off.

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Canned goods... and other non-perishable foodstuff