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April

4 Monday

Marian Hour
Council Chambers
7:00pm

6 Wednesday

Lunch Social
12:00 Noon

9 Saturday

ProLife Mass
Lobby
8:00AM

11 Monday

*Officer's Meeting
Council Chambers
6:00pm

*Council Meeting
Council Chambers
7:00pm

13 Wednesday

Board Meeting
Council Chambers
7:00pm
*All members are
encouraged to attend
this meeting.*

18 Monday

Frat Night
Council Chambers
7:00pm Must RSVP

25 Monday

1st Degree
Exemplification
Council Chambers
7:00 pm

April 2011

Charity • Unity • Fraternity • Patriotism

Happy Easter to All Brother Knights and their Families!

...A Poem...

*Easter morn with lilies fair
Fills the church with perfumes rare,
As their clouds of incense rise,
Sweetest offerings to the skies.
Stately lilies pure and white
Flooding darkness with their light,
Bloom and sorrow drifts away,
On this holy hallow'd day.
Easter Lilies bending low
In the golden afterglow,
Bear a message from the sod
To the heavenly towers of God.*

-Louise Lewin Matthews



PROLIFE FUNDRAISER DINNER

Calling all Knights!

On May 7th ProLife WA will hold a fundraiser in the Colonial Room. This is the time when we should, not just as a Council but as an entire organization, come together to support a cause that works very hard to change the hearts of those thinking about having abortions. Matt and Georgene Ulrich along with other like-minded people, through ProLife WA, have done so much good but there is still much to be done in the name of the "little ones".

Dinner is \$50.00 p/p. Seating will be limited so please RSVP at 206 325-3410. Checks can be made out to: ProLife Washington; P.O. Box 33117; Seattle, WA 98133

If you are unable to attend, please consider the "Fund a Billboard" program. When strategically placed, it is a simple but dramatic way to reach more people. Any amount is helpful. Send checks to P.O. Box listed above.

Knights of Columbus
Seattle Council 676
722 East Union Street
Seattle, WA 98122
Monday • Friday
8am — 2pm

Ben Noma	Grand Knight	Ben Noma	Grand Knight	2009-2010
Henry Jay Rathbun	Deputy Grand Knight	Wesley Duffield PGK	At Large	2009-2012
Tom Joyce	Chancellor	Don Luby PGK	At Large	2008-2011
Bernard Blazuk	Warden	Dirk Bartram	At Large	2007-2010
Phil Philbrick	Recorder	Matt Ulrich	Trustee	2010-2013
Albert Freedman	Treasurer	Alan Bonaci PGK	Trustee	2009-2012
Mike Lombardi	Inside Guard	Joseph Kessler	Trustee	2008-2011
Drew Dungan	Outside Guard			
Israel Romero	Financial Secretary			
Jerzy Radka	Lecturer	Chaplain	Father Lyle Konen	
Sheldon Sweeney	Advocate			
Matt Ulrich	Trustee 2010-2013	Fraternal Benefits Advisor	Sheldon Sweeney	
Alan Bonaci PGK	Trustee 2009-2012			
Joseph Kessler	Trustee 2008-2011	Building Manager	Penny Kessler	

Happy Birthday to Our April Born Brother Knights!

1 Brian Higa	13 Patrick Raney	24 Dirk Bartram
2 Bradley Curry	15 Charles Huber	Chad Green
4 James Beaulieu	Javier Luraschi	26 Walter Ablang
Dr. Sukhminder Buttar	19 Norbert Bengston Jr.	Jerome Firnstahl
6 James Kopf Jr.	Patrick McGinty	27 Vic Grieco
8 James Ware	John Nardella	28 Leonard Faucher
11 Matthew Ulrich	James Schneider	Francis Moore
12 Breier Scheetz	22 Joe Stocking	

You are invited for **lunch** on Wednesday **April 6th** at noon or **dinner** on Fraternal Night **April 18** at 7 pm. Included with your Birthday Card will be a **Dinner/Lunch** ticket good for one meal. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Please confirm your reservations at 206 325 3410 so we can have an accurate headcount. Menu is yet to be determined but it *will not* be pizza.

Mark your calendars. On Saturday April 30th, the James Shields Assembly will be having their 100th anniversary. Mass will be at St. James Cathedral 5:00pm. Social hour is at 6:00pm and dinner is at 7:00pm in the Colonial Room of Seattle Council 676. The cost is \$25.00 per person and reservations are recommended.

State Convention will be in Vancouver, WA May 13th, 14th and 15th.

Knights and Nobles St. Patrick's Day Luncheon The annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon on March 17th was hosted this year by the Nile Shrine, celebrating a 38 year tradition that began in 1973 when GK John O'Brien and Potentate Maury Sughroue agreed to a get together of the two fraternal organizations as a yearly event. This year's menu consisted of corned beef & cabbage with bread pudding for dessert. The officers of both organizations were recognized as well as all PGK's who were present. Traditional gifts were exchanged with a green fez for GK Ben Noma and a toasting mug for Potentate Dave Ramich. The festivities concluded with an enjoyable Irish dance presentation by the Rainey Dancers. Next year the Knights will host in the Colonial Room.



Prolife Corner By: Matt Ulrich

Just recently a couple was driving by one of the ProLife billboards in Seattle. At the time the wife was scheduled to have an abortion. The husband was touched by the message on the billboard, "Grandpa says I'm a looker" and the caption "Baby's eyes begin to develop 14 days from conception". No longer was the wife in control of her decision to have an abortion, because the husband's heart was changed and the two of them decided that they wanted to keep their baby. They called the 800# on the billboard, and told their story to Georgene's cousin in Minneapolis. Great ending to a simple message on a billboard. Speaking of billboards, I want you to put May 7th on your calendar, because Council 676 is having a Dinner (a feast) at our place (676 hall) and it's a fundraiser for more billboards to tell the truth about respect for the "little ones" and their Right to Life. May 7th is the date, hope to see you there!

Usually, I use this space to talk about our safe, secure life insurance, retirement and long-term care products. This time, I want to address the growth of the Order. All of us this is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works in the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members.

We also recognize that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to increase their numbers. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights are more visible than normal, during and after Masses and at special events. We remember to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, community and Order.

During the rest of the year, we often "forget" to ask men to join our ranks and bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. Chances are that the only reason he hasn't joined already is because no one asked him.

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don't forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often an interesting "selling point" to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members come into the Knighthood simply to be able to buy coverage for their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community and they are hooked.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can.

Sheldon D. Sweeney (425) 941-1921 sheldon.sweeney@kofc.org

The Knights of Columbus and Seattle Council 676 once again hosted a table at the 17th annual Breakfast with Champions to support Special Olympics of Washington. The fundraiser was a great success and truly makes a difference in the ongoing efforts to support over 9000 Special Olympic Athletes across the State of Washington. Thanks again to everyone who attended and represented the Knights: Larry Boulanger, Steve Altman, Sheldon Sweeney, Henry Rathbun, Dan Donohue, Mike Donohue, Don Luby, Alan Bonaci & Ed Caballero.

PRAYERS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR AILING BROTHERS AND FAMILY:

Robert Blazuk; Madeleine Borda, wife of Lou; PGK Emilio Pastrana; Sue Donohue, daughter of PGK Dan & Joan; Ewa, wife of Jerzy Radka; Wilma Duffield, wife of PGK Wes; Mac Henderson; Betty Norton, wife of George; Bob Kessler; Walter Brazelton; Edgar Pitre. John H Schumacher; John M Schumacher; Dennis & Kathi Kihlstrand; PGK Ken Dobson; PGK Larry Mahoney; Leo Costello; Mike McKay.

Golfers: Nile Shrine Golf Tournament on June 18th at 1:30pm.
Contact Grand Knight at council@kofc676.org for more information.