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JANUARY

2 Monday

Rosary
7:00pm
Council Chambers

4 Wednesday

Lunch Social
12:00 noon

9 Monday

**Officer's Meeting
Council Chambers
6:00pm
**Council Meeting
Council Chambers
7:00pm

11 Wednesday

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

14 Saturday

ProLife Mass
Lobby
8:00AM

16 Monday

Frat Night
7:00pm
Council Chambers

23 Monday

1st Degree
Exemplification
Council Chambers
7:00 pm

January 2012

Charity • Unity • Fraternity • Patriotism

My Brother Knights,

Welcome to the year 2012, leap year. This year the council will work to expand our recognition programs; extend the hand of friendship to the parishes that are without their own councils; and seek to enlist more new members from those very parishes to strengthen our numbers. Without increasing the membership and getting more of our established knights involved the council cannot carry on assigned tasks: charitable work, feeding the poor, providing support for those in need; assisting the unborn; and giving service for our departed members and their families. All the programs we cherish as a Catholic Fraternal Order will be diminished if the membership does not flourish and sustain itself.

Council 676 will participate in "Father wants you to become a Knight" campaign; the food for families activities, the ProLife work of the church, and Special Olympics. My thanks go out to Dan Donahue, Mike Donohue, Bernard Blazuk and all the Knights that worked on the CYO Basketball Tournament, sponsored by 676 during the final week of December. Without their unfailing support we would not have made it through for those that desperately depend on our functionality.

I ask you this year to participate, ask 'can I help?', be a mentor to a new knight or come to one of our fraternal nights or other functions. We need you.

Respectfully hopeful for 2012,

Grand Knight Henry Jay Rathbun

Remember: You have to be active yourself to promote activity amongst others.

Council 676 is still in need of a Financial Secretary. Israel Romero has returned to his home in Peru for a couple of months and from there he will join in his family in New Jersey.

If you have the time, are handy with a computer and have some accounting experience please consider helping. The position will only take a few hours a month and you will be compensated.

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

Council #676 Officers

K of C Club Officers

Henry Jay Rathbun	Grand Knight	Henry Jay Rathbun	Grand Knight	2011-2012
Bernard Blazuk	Deputy Grand Knight	Wesley Duffield PGK	At Large	2009-2012
Albert Freedman	Chancellor	Larry Kessler	At Large	2011-2014
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Alan Bonaci PGK	Trustee 2009-2012			
Matt Ulrich	Trustee 2010-2013	Fraternal Benefits Advisor	Romy Ablao	
Ben Noma PGK	Trustee 2011-2014	Building Manager	Penny Kessler	

Happy Birthday to Our January Born Brother Knights!

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| 1 Donald Del Dotto | 13 Harold Mettlach Jr. | 20 Lawrence Sackett |
| 4 Augustine Roberts | 17 MRV Alexander Brunett | 21 George Arkoosh |
| 4 Leo Wolfe | 17 Alejandro Miguel | 25 Alan Bonaci |
| 5 Wayne Gunderson | 17 John Skomorowski | 25 Steve Fuller |
| 6 Ralph Dobson | 18 Very Rev. Anthony Bawyn | 25 Jerome Mathews |
| 6 Jerzy Nawrot | 18 Timothy Harn Jr. | 25 Ben Noma |
| 7 Rev. Joe Altenhofen | 18 John Harper II | 26 Ronald Boyle |
| 8 Raymond Scheetz | 18 Mark Morrison | 28 Norbert Gastonguay |
| 10 John Logan | 19 Lawrence Boulanger | 28 Matthew Loar |
| 10 Carl Peterson | 19 Joseph Schober | 29 Edward Welch |
| 10 William Scalzo | | |

You are invited to **lunch** on Wednesday **JANUARY 4, 2012** at noon or **dinner** on Fraternal Night **JANUARY 16, 2012** at 7pm. Included with your Birthday Card will be a **Dinner/Lunch** ticket good for one meal. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Please **RSVP for dinner BY JANUARY 12TH** at 206 325-3410 so we can have an accurate headcount.

Council 676 1st Degree Team will participate in the Degree competition to be held during the Regional meeting in Everett Council 763 on January 14, 2012. The competition starts at 8:00am. Please contact Mike Donohue or our District Deputy Don Luby for details.

2012 parking passes can only be obtained from the Building Manager. There has been an increase in abuse regarding the parking passes so U-Park has requested we keep tighter control on them. Please call, e-mail or send a note that you want a pass. All passes must be accounted for and after hours checks of the lots will be made by U-Park.

HELP WANTED

THE GRAND KNIGHT IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THIS YEARS ST. PATRICK'S DAY KNIGHTS AND NOBLES LUNCHEON. TO BE HELD IN MARCH. IT IS OUR PLEASURE TO HOST THE POTENTATE AND MEMBERS OF HIS ORDER THIS YEAR.

Prolife Corner by Matt Ulrich

This month we offer a prayer to Matt who is recovering from emergency surgery.

Dear Lord of Mercy and Father of Comfort,

You are the One I turn to for help in moments of weakness and times of need. I ask you to be with your servant in this illness. Psalm 107:20 says that you send out your Word and heal. So then, please send your healing Word to your servant. In the name of Jesus, drive out all infirmity and sickness from his body. Dear Lord, I ask you to turn this weakness into strength, suffering into compassion, sorrow into joy, and pain into comfort for others. May your servant trust in your goodness and hope in your faithfulness, even in the middle of this suffering. Let him be filled with patience and joy in your presence as he waits for your healing touch.

Please restore your servant to full health, dear Father. Remove all fear and doubt from his heart by the power of your Holy Spirit, and may you, Lord, be glorified through his life.

As you heal and renew your servant, Lord, may he bless and praise you.

All of this I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Insurance agent Sheldon Sweeney has been transferred to another district.

"Thank you all for your generosity towards me during my time as your Field Agent. My assigned business for 2012 has been changed to include primarily the eastside including Bellevue, Sammamish, Renton, and South Seattle. God Bless all of you at Council 676 and I know we will still see each other at the Knights functions."

Romy Ablao, PGK PFN FDD FIC will be the new insurance agent for Council 676.
His contact info: 206 399-3515 & Fax 206 546-2009 & e-mail romarico.ablao@kofc.org

Retirement income you can't outlive

People are living longer today than in any other time in history. While this is certainly a good problem to have, it creates a new worry for those facing retirement: what if I outlive my savings? How does a retirement income that you cannot outlive sound to you?

This sounds pretty good to most members and this can be true if you open a Knights of Columbus annuity, which is designed to provide guaranteed long-term security. As a knight, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into this annuity over time can guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. Couple that guarantee with the fact that no one has ever lost money put in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember, absolute safety of principal) and you will have peace of mind.

Don't forget contributing money an annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And our annuities offer a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. These benefits are similar to those of an IRA or similar product, but ours is backed by the strength and financial stability of the Knights of Columbus.

At your convenience, I will happily to meet with you to explain in detail the benefits of selecting our annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance and long term care insurance plans.

As you consider options as you proceed toward retirement, think about one thing guaranteed to help you and open a Knights of Columbus annuity.

JOIN US IN REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY:

Brother Knight **Bob Kessler** died on December 8th.

PRAYERS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR AILING BROTHERS AND FAMILY MEMBERS:

Matt Ulrich; PGK Larry Mahoney; Mike McKay; Wilma Duffield, wife of PGK Wes; Sue Donohue, daughter of PGK Dan & Joan; Ewa Radka, wife of Jerzy; Jim Kessler; PGK Emilio Pastrana; Walter Brazelton; Mac Henderson; Leo Costello; Edgar Pitre; PGK Ken Dobson; John H Schumacher; John M Schumacher.

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