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Saving Lives and Changing Lives

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Chaplain
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Rev. David Young
Bill Smith
Bob Brainerd
Jerry Hemstreet
John Rebar
Jesse Cockerham
Tom Musha

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Trustee 2nd Year
Trustee 1st Year
Lecturer

Roger Fritz
Matt Wurzbacher
Jake Steiner
Bill Cockerham
John Sprague
Larry Devlin
John Wahlfors
Jack Bartlett

from the grand knight

Brother Knights,

Please reach out and wish the following Brother Knights a Happy Birthday this Month:

Francisco Reynaga Nunez 10th, Bruce Baumann 20th, and James Lint 27th.

We are preparing to conduct our upcoming Business Meeting remotely using Zoom. You should download and install the Zoom client application for your specific device if you plan to join us. Since we will not be able to spend much time helping everyone get up to speed at the time of the meeting, you should coordinate with Larry Devlin to set up a test session in advance to make sure that you'll be able to participate. You may contact him at 360-981-3179 or at ledevlin.kofc@gmail.com to set up your test session.

Our April Business Meeting will begin at 7 pm on the 14th. The link to use for joining the meeting is <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/621673988>.

The trustees will begin compiling a slate of officers over the coming month to be published after the May Business Meeting and voted upon at the June Business Meeting. Please let one of the trustees know if you would like to be placed into nomination for any of the positions listed above, with the exceptions of Chaplain, Financial Secretary, and Lecter, which are all appointed positions.

As always, my thanks to all of you, Brother Knights, for all the work you do to *Save Lives and Change Lives!*

Vivat Jesus!

Bill Smith, Grand Knight

program / committee directors

Bill Smith	Program Director
John Wahlfors	Faith Program Director
John Rebar	Community Director
David Graves	Life Director
Bill Smith	Family Director
Jerry Hemstreet	Vocations Director
Larry Devlin	Membership Director
Unassigned	Health Service Director
Unassigned	Public Relations
Bob Brainerd	Retention Committee
	Insurance Promotion
Bob Brainerd	Kitchen Manager
Curt Brown	Food Buyer / Inventory

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.
In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

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into the breach

If you haven't had a chance or perhaps weren't even aware of it, the Supreme Council has made the videos for "Into the Breach" available for you at your convenience. Please take advantage of this chance to view these powerful videos. They're available on the Supreme website at <https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html>

highway cleanup

Our Council performed our quarterly highway cleanup project on March 7th.



Three Brother Knights showed up and were able to complete the East side of the highway by noon and just before the rain started to fall. Many thanks to John Rebar, Tom Musha, and Larry Devlin for your work in helping to keep our special corner of the country beautiful. We hope that more of you will join in on future calls for this great service to our community. Stay tuned!

insurance

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).

technology

The Council is exploring ways to efficiently communicate to our members. We already have a Facebook page, @knightsofcolumbus8297 and a website: www.kofc8297.org. We are employing an autodialing capability to help with reminders or notifications for specific events which you may have noticed recently and are considering an electronic sign up capability to use when commitments are needed.

Of particular importance is our use of Zoom for conducting our Business Meetings while we are instructed to stay at home during the COVID 19 episode.

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 Bill Cockerham as he recovers from shoulder surgery, for Sam Cross, son of Brian Cross who is recovering from severe MRSA treatment surgeries, for Bob Tomas and his wife Lois, for Bill Smith for relief from health issues, our elderly Brother Knights, recipients of equipment from KC HELP, and all our military in harm's way.

knight and family of the month

Brother Larry and Jeanette Brixius are our Family of the Month. Larry is being recognized this fraternal year by the State Council for his 50 years of continuous service as a Knight of Columbus. Larry's deep theological knowledge is an inspiration to his Bible Study sessions each week and frequently during Mass as Fr. David interacts with parishioners during his homily. You will often see both Larry and Jeanette welcoming parishioners on Sundays before Mass.



Our Knight of the Month is our Council Chaplain and Pastor, Fr. David Young. Fr. David has taken his continued spiritual support for his Parish flock to an incredible new level in response to the COVID 19 outbreak through celebration of Mass by video and, of course, his spiritual thoughts each day via the Parish's Facebook page. Thank you, Father, for all you do! We truly appreciate you!

seminarian support

Our Council has the privilege of supporting Jeffery "JJ" 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.



attendance drawing

The Council is considering adopting an incentive to encourage more members to attend business meetings. A drawing will be held at the conclusion of each meeting. If the member is present, he will take home a cash award. The award will begin at \$20 and increase by \$5 each month if the name drawn is not present. It will pay to attend our Business Meetings!

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 haven't 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.

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. Contact me if you need help in setting it up.

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.

exemplifications

Under normal circumstances, our Council has a fixed schedule for hosting Exemplifications of Charity, Unity & Fraternity on the 4th Tuesday of each month at St. Peter's in Suquamish. The Supreme Council is working on a method to conduct Exemplifications during the shutdown period. We await their guidance so please stay tuned.

kc help

Our KC HELP efforts are effectively suspended during the shutdown period, although we continue to get calls, many of them urgent. Equipment is being

provided in those situations where we able to remain with CDC guidance on social distancing.

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.

breakfasts

Our breakfasts are also cancelled during this shutdown period.

We look forward to resuming our regular breakfast schedule once the shutdown is over. Stay tuned.



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.

important upcoming events

Calendar (more details at <http://kofc8297.org/calendar>)

april	may
5 APR, SUN Palm Sunday CANCELLED: 6am – 12pm Pancake Breakfast St Olaf's Catholic Church	3 MAY, SUN 6am – 12pm Pancake Breakfast St Olaf's Catholic Church
10 APR, FRI All day Good Friday	5 MAY, TUE All day Cinco de Mayo
12 APR, SUN All day Easter Sunday	10 MAY, SUN All day Mother's Day
14 APR, TUE 7:00 – 9pm Zoom Business Meeting	12 MAY, TUE 6:30 – 9 pm Officer's and Business Meeting St Peter Mission 7076 NE South St, Suquamish, WA 98392
21 APR, TUE 7:30 – 9pm Zoom Assembly 2433 Business Meeting	19 MAY, TUE 7:30 – 9pm Assembly 2433 Business Meeting Saint Peter Mission, 7076 NE South St, Suquamish, WA
28 APR, TUE CANCELLED: 6:30 – 9pm Social Meeting / Exemplification St. Peter Mission.	21 MAY, THU All day Ascension Day
	25 MAY, MON All day Memorial Day
	26 MAY, TUE 6:30 – 9pm Social Meeting / Exemplification St. Peter Mission, 7076 NE South St, Suquamish, WA 98392
	31 MAY, SUN All day Pentecost

newsletter topics

If anyone desires to contribute to this newsletter, please contact Larry Devlin at ldevlin.kofc@gmail.com