



# THE LANCER

Council 1379

<http://www.kofc1379.org>

February 2019

**National Marriage Week is February 7-14, 2019**



## PRAYER FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Almighty and eternal God,

You blessed the union of married couples  
so that they might reflect the union of Christ  
with his Church:

look with kindness on them.

Renew their marriage covenant,  
increase your love in them,  
and strengthen their bond of peace  
so that, with their children,  
they may always rejoice in the gift of  
your blessing.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The observances of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 10) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. Visit [foryourmarriage.org](http://foryourmarriage.org) for more resources on improving your married life.

FOR YOUR  
MARRIAGE  
[foryourmarriage.org](http://foryourmarriage.org)

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## 1<sup>ST</sup> DEGREE

The council has scheduled a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree ceremonial on **February 15, 2019** at the council hall. Candidates are requested to arrive no later than 6:45 PM with the degree commencing at 7:00 PM. Degree team is requested to arrive around 6:30 PM. We also need member participation to help welcome our new Brothers into the order.

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Council will host a membership on the weekend of **March 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>** of March after all Masses. Worthy Grand Knight, Mike Slavin is seeking members to assist after Masses. Whichever Mass you attend could you give of yourself to speak with interested Catholic men about the Knights of Columbus. Just give Mike a call to add your name to the list (619-339-4994). Remember, we will do all Masses including the Saturday and Sunday evening Masses.

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Prayers are requested for: Esperanza Baux, Jack Schmidt, Kirk Finch, Ann Gabrielli, Earnie Ryan, Patty Tufts, John Tufts wife, Bruce Lott, Chad Twohig, Jerry Twohig's son, and Tim Conte, Brother David McIntyre, Bennett McIntyre who passed away.

## **A Letter From Our Sponsored Seminarian**

The council received a letter from our sponsored seminarian Kyle Poje in December. It has been included in this month's edition. Unfortunately, this did not make it into the January Lancer. My sincere apologies.

*Joe Kohler, editor.*

## **ALLUMINUM CAN COLLECTION**

We encourage members to bring their cans to meetings and parishioners to bring their aluminum cans to the church every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month or contact Jerry Twohig at 360-689-637

## **ASSEMBLY MEETING NOTICE**

The Assembly regular meeting night the first Wednesday. Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 7:00 PM. If you cannot attend please notify Worthy Faithful Navigator, John Devine at 360-265-0197.

## **KNIGHTHOOD DEGREE**

Council 9238 St. Nicholas, Gig Harbor is hosting a Formation and Knighthood Degree **Saturday, March 9, 2019 at St. Nicholas Parish**. District 2 Degree Team will conduct the Formation Degree. Team members need to arrive by time indicated.

A luncheon will follow the Formation Degree. Knighthood Degree commences about 1:00 PM.

The officers and District Deputies are requested to arrive no later than 9:45 AM and candidates need to arrive no later than 10:30 AM. The ceremonial will start promptly at 11:00 AM. For further information contact your District Deputy 2, 28 or 29. *More details are posted towards the end of the newsletter.*

## **FISH FRY**



As time goes on we are fast approaching Lenten Season. On March 6<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate **ASH WEDNESDAY** and following Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> we will host our first **FISH FRY**. As normal the council will need a large amount of assistance to serve this worthwhile parish event.

Our day begins about Noon on Fridays with preparation of food items and getting the hall set for the evening. Around 4:00PM those who assist with the final preparations such as food line set up and final table setting and for serving the parishioners arrive.

Following **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** dinner is served and there are those who remain behind and assist with the cleanup and storage of table and chairs. This part of the process is just as important as the startup. In all about 20 members and/or family members are needed each Friday to conduct this service. To those who have and will volunteer again our Grand Knight express his thanks.

To volunteer and add your name to the list contact Brother Jerry Twohig at 360-689-6372.

## **5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY ROSARY**

The council will host a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday rosary each month there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Our next Sunday rosary will be on March 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 PM. Please reserve this date to pray as a Knights of Columbus family and parish.

## DOMESTIC CHURCH FAMILY

“The Family Fully Alive BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH” pdf document is located at <http://www.kofc.org/en/resources/domestic-church/family-fully-alive.pdf>

The Grand Knight is seeking a family to accept the responsibility of “**Domestic Church Family**” committee. The program is quite extensive but well worth it. For a full description of what the program consist of just go to website above or/and contact the Grand Knight. 619-339-4994.

## STATUE OF BLESSED VIRGIN

Blessed Mother in your yard. Knights of Columbus now taking orders. Statue is only \$129.00 and paintable statues are also available. Please leave your name and phone number and we will contact you. For more information call Fran Sigman at 360-710-0461.



## HALL REMODEL

We are still progressing on the hall remodel. At present we are reworking the kitchen. The Bar area has been removed and the kitchen redesigned. The old doorway has been move to the opposite end for easier access and the ensuing wall enclosed. Some reusable cabinets have been installed with counter top. Unfortunately a lot of work remains to be accomplished before we can call the kitchen complete.

Fran Sigman is the person who is in charge of this remodel and can use help. Upcoming projects is laying laminate on counter tops, removing and laying linoleum, installing new shelving, general cleaning and painting. Final stage; putting everything back on the shelves.

If you have some time, even one hour would help, call Fran and set up a time to get together. 360-710-0461.

Another project is the flooring in the East hall. We need to remove and replace floor tile.

## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights, I recently acquired "Manual for Men", by Bishop Thomas Olmsted, Bishop of Phoenix. The book is divided into two parts, and Part One is devoted to his apostolic exhortation, "Into the Breach". Though I had heard about it for many years, until reading Bishop Olmsted's book, never took the time to read it. There is a brief summation here, along with a "pdf file" you may download:

<http://www.kofc.org/en/resources/cis/cis340.pdf>

Consider taking a few minutes to check it out, if you have not already. You will find how appropos it is for today's Church and what our role should be as Knights.

Vivat Jesus.

## LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Again this year, Knights of Columbus Council 1379, will conduct a **FOOD DRIVE** with the aim of raising 1000 pounds of food for the St. Vincent DePaul food bank. Please bring a non-perishable food item each Friday evening and place them in the boxes provided in Camerman Hall.

Any questions please contact Brother Ed Hebert at 360-373-0592.

## **ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE**

Again this year the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus Color Corps will lead the St. Patrick's Day parade in downtown Bremerton. The parade will take place on Saturday, March 16, 2019.

Those participating in the Color Corps are requested to arrive no later than 10:00 AM with the parade commencing at 11:00 AM. To take part in the parade contact Sir Knight, William Smith at 360-876-4303 so he can know how many he will have in regalia.

## **ASSEMBLY 1540'S CENTENNIAL**

This year 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly 1540 will celebrate 100 years. Worthy Faithful Navigator, John Devine is seeking a fellow Sir Knight to step forward and volunteer to chair this centennial committee. Several Sir Knights have indicated they assist on the committee but he needs a chairman. Call John at 360-265-0197.

## **SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE**

This Month's Challenge

February 2019



Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. (Gospel for Feb. 10, Lk 5:10-11)

"They left everything and followed him." My brothers, these words shock me every time I hear or read them. If we are honest, we have to admit how hard it is to leave everything to follow Jesus. After all, we are so good at taking stuff with us as we attempt to follow him—our pride, our possessions, our desire for power, more comfort and pleasure. We attempt to drag this heavy luggage along, or sometimes try to sneak little trinkets into our bags to take with us: maybe it's our wandering eyes, our temper, a critical spirit, or our workaholicism. But Jesus and his disciples travel lightly. He invites us to leave everything and follow him. Let's experience this genuine freedom of being his disciple: a freedom which hits the open road with our Lord, free of everything that hinders us.

**Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:**

This month I challenge you to join other Catholic men who are striving to "leave everything and follow him." Join them for some time of prayer, fellowship and encouragement, possibly at a Knights meeting, for breakfast, or a drink after work. Secondly, I challenge you to be open with a brother in Christ about some area of your life where you are facing challenges. "Leaving everything" means that we also need to leave behind our pretense and appearances, and meet each other as true brothers.

Dear family and friends,

Buongiorno from Rome! Another year has come and passed and I hope to share with you as much of it as I can fit on a standard Italian size A4 sheet of paper. My first year here gave me a lot to be grateful for. I met a lot of new friends with whom I met Pope Francis, had a snowball fight in Rome, ran across the entire width of Italy, and won the "Clericus Cup" soccer championship in Rome. It was packed with unforgettable and adventurous times.



Finishing my first year of Theological studies before summer brought a great feeling of accomplishment. Getting through final exams in Italian was stressful a breeze and the opportunity for ~~mental recuperation~~ a wonderful summer was presented to me. In my continued effort of *becoming* an Italian, I moved into a parish and spent the summer with an Italian pastor at a parish in Northern Italy. It was a great 5 weeks of Italian community, kids camp, and Italian *cibo* (food). I was able to see much of beautiful Northern Italy including Milan, Verona, Mantua, Trent, and Brescia. I returned to Rome feeling like I could take on the world with my new Italian comprehension, but reality hit me with a big Roman accent which seemed foreign to me at that point. I was back to square one.



Returning to Rome actually brought a lot of joy. I was especially blessed to welcome my family in September. It was wonderful to see them for the first time in a year. A highlight for me was giving them a tour of the excavations under St. Peter's Basilica, which is my pastoral work as a seminarian. The tour explores the Ancient Vatican Necropolis which predates the first century. However, my favorite part is ending at the tomb of St. Peter and being able to see his bones resting

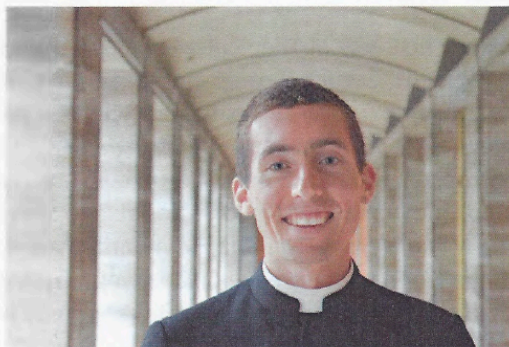
deep under the main altar of St. Peter's Basilica. Being a tour guide has been a work that I thoroughly enjoy. It often leaves me awestruck that I get to guide others to the bones of one of my personal heroes and a hero of the Christian faith. My family's presence during this time filled me with a joy that is carrying me through this final period of time away from home before returning in June 2019. I'm very fortunate that the holidays are special here as well.

Our Thanksgiving festivities of the seminary this year were a joy. The annual 5k around Vatican City on Thanksgiving morning proved to be quite the *turkey trot*. I was pleased to defend my title and finish the race in record time, while all the time dressed as my 1970's self.



I'm away from home for Christmas again, but I will be spending my time in places which have resided in my mind and heart since I was a child. Leading into the New Year, I will be on pilgrimage in the Holy Land. Our pilgrimage group from the North American College will be walking the footsteps of Jesus and the early Catholic Church. The Holy Card inserted has our itinerary. It is a dream of mine to see the places that fill the writings in the Bible; the Scriptures for which I am developing a huge passion. Studying Hebrew and Greek have been influential in this increasing love, but I owe a lot of growth to the homiletics training we are receiving at the seminary this year.

Writing homilies is awesome. In our preparation for preaching, we have homily *practica* in which we write and deliver homilies in front of our teacher and fellow students. I learn a ton about the Catholic faith and I grow in a deeper love of Jesus through this preparation, not to mention through the many theology classes I'm taking (which I can finally understand!). Now I just have to stop daydreaming about returning home during class. I can't help but look forward to what the year ahead will hold.



I am looking forward to returning home in June 2019 and reconnecting with friends and family, but I have a lot to look forward to in the meantime. On February 24th I will be installed as an Acolyte. This ministry in the Church entrusts me to attend to the service of the altar at Mass. It is a big step that precedes ordination to the Diaconate. It's an opportunity for me to thank God for his presence in my life and guiding me to this point in my journey to the priesthood. Talk about a reason for gratitude.



The year ahead also holds a couple weekend adventures around Europe, training for the "all roads lead to Rome" Marathon in April, playing in another soccer season on the seminary team, the North American Martyrs, and, of course, I'll also be studying (that one's for you, mom and dad)

I hope this letter finds you while we're still in the Christmas season, but I would like to leave you with a bit of Italian poetry I found concerning the New Year ahead.

*"The only joy in the world is to begin. It is beautiful to live because to live is to begin, always, every moment."*  
Cesare Pavese

We are presented with the newness of this 2019 year, but I pray that you find the beauty of beginning in every moment. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*Kyle Poje*



## COMBINED FORMATION & KNIGHTHOOD DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS

Hosted by District 28 & St Nicholas Council 9238

St Nicholas Parish

3610 Rosedale St NW, Gig Harbor, WA

Saturday March 9, 2019



### Location:

Combined Formation and Knighthood degrees will be held on Saturday March 9 in Gig Harbor at St Nicholas Parish Social hall located at 3610 Rosedale St NW. Formation Degree will be conducted by the District 2 team.

### Districts:

**District 28** (DD28 Alan Kempen) will host this event  
**District 2** (DD2 Anthony Farrell) will co-host this event  
**District 22** (DD22 Al Reponte) will co-host this event

### Times:

**10:30** – Candidates for the Formation Degree check in  
**11:00** - Begin Formation Degree – Will take about 45 minutes – Current 2<sup>nd</sup> degree members are encouraged to attend and observe this degree and partake in the lunch before registering for their Knighthood degree. No additional admittance will be allowed during the conduct of this degree.  
**12:00** – Light lunch and refreshments - Provided by Council 9238  
**12:30** – Candidates for Knighthood Degree check in  
**1:00** – Begin Knighthood Degree – Will take about 1.5 hours  
**5:00** – Regular Saturday mass at St Nicholas for those wishing to attend

### Honorees

- Formation degree - John Oldham (Council 9238), FDD, PGK, PFN
- Knighthood degree - Larry Roemmich (Council 9238), PGK

### Points of Contact:

**HDD:** Alan Kempen, [akempen@q.com](mailto:akempen@q.com) , (360)876-0646 (H), (360)710-0502 (C). Except for day of event, please use home number first.

**Conferring Officer:** Marcel Bergeron, [marce.bergeron@gmail.com](mailto:marce.bergeron@gmail.com) , (509) 554-4924

**Host Grand Knight:** Jim Patterson, [jjames211@centurytel.net](mailto:jjames211@centurytel.net) , (253) 857-5209

### Remarks:

- Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, and/or sponsors should bring their candidates.
- All Knights, including candidates, are required to have their membership cards. The sponsor will present the candidate's **new membership card** at registration. For candidates expected to receive both degrees only a new 3<sup>rd</sup> degree card is needed.

### Directions:

- From either Northbound or Southbound Highway 16 take the Second Gig Harbor Exit (Wollochet Drive /City Center)
  - From the North, cross over the highway and turn left at the first light (Stinson Ave)
  - From the South, continue straight after the light (Stinson Ave)
- Continue on Stinson Ave to the second stop sign (Rosedale St)
- Turn right on Rosedale St. Go just past the LDS Church on your left. There will be a sign on a post on your right pointing to the driveway for St Nicholas Church and a sandwich board on the sidewalk pointing to their school.

Please direct all questions, comments, concerns, or recommendations to the **Host District Deputy**. Council officers please provide expected number of candidates (and others attending) to **HDD** at least 2 weeks before the degree. Please update as necessary when you expect a change of 2 or more. Numbers are needed to plan the lunch.



# Knights of Columbus

## Council 1379 and Assembly 1540

### Calendar of Events



#### FEBRUARY 2019

5. Council Meeting 7:00 PM rosary 6:30 PM
6. 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Meeting 7:00 PM
10. Monthly Breakfast after all morning Masses
15. 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Council Hall 7:00 PM
16. 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification in Lacey
19. Council Pot Luck 6:30 PM (bring your favorite dish)

#### MARCH 2019

3. CONFIRMATION 11:00 AM MASS (Color Corps)
5. Council Meeting 7:00 PM rosary 6:30 PM
6. 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Meeting 7:00 PM  
ASH WEDNESDAY
8. Stations of the Cross 5:00 PM  
1<sup>ST</sup> FISH FRY FOLLOWING (see article)  
FOOD FOR FAMILIES COLLECTION (see article)
9. Knighthood Degree in Gig Harbor (see article)
10. Monthly Breakfast after all morning Masses  
Membership Drive (see article)
15. Stations of the Cross 5:00 PM  
FISH FRY FOLLOWING  
FOOD FOR FAMILIES COLLECTION
16. St. Patrick's Day Parade 11:00AM
19. Council Pot Luck 6:30 PM (bring your favorite dish)
22. Stations of the Cross 5:00 PM  
FISH FRY FOLLOWING  
FOOD FOR FAMILIES COLLECTION
29. Stations of the Cross 5:00 PM  
FISH FRY FOLLOWING  
FOOD FOR FAMILIES COLLECTION
31. 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Family Rosary 2:00PM in church

#### APRIL 2019

2. Council Meeting 7:00 PM rosary 6:30 PM
3. 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Meeting 7:00 PM
5. Stations of the Cross 5:00 PM  
FISH FRY FOLLOWING  
FOOD FOR FAMILIES COLLECTION
12. Stations of the Cross 5:00 PM  
FISH FRY FOLLOWING  
FOOD FOR FAMILIES COLLECTION
14. PALM SUNDAY  
Monthly Breakfast after all morning Masses
16. Council Pot Luck 6:30 PM (bring your favorite dish)
18. HOLY THURSDAY
19. GOOD FRIDAY
20. HOLY SATURDAY
21. EASTER SUNDAY



## February 2019

### Pope's Prayer Intention

#### Human Trafficking

*For a generous welcome of the victims  
of human trafficking, of enforced  
prostitution, and of violence.*

#### MAY 2019

1. 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Meeting 7:00 PM  
Nomination of assembly officers
5. MAY CROWNING (Color Corps)
7. Council Meeting 7:00 PM rosary 6:30 PM  
Nomination of council officers
12. MOTHER'S DAY  
Monthly Breakfast after all morning Masses
- 17-19 State Convention, Bellevue Hilton (more info to come)
21. Council Pot Luck 6:30 PM (bring your favorite dish)
30. MEMORIAL DAY