



# Knight Letter



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## FEBRUARY

### Monday 1st

\*Rosary  
6:30pm-7:00pm  
\*Board Meeting  
7:00pm  
In Council Chambers

**Wednesday 3rd**  
CANCELLED/  
Lunch Social

### Monday 8th

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

**Saturday 13th**  
ProLife Mass  
8:00am  
St. James Cathedral

### Monday 15th

Fraternal Night  
7:00pm  
In Council Chambers

### Monday 22nd

1st Degree  
7:00pm  
In Council Chambers

### Monday 29th

2nd Degree  
7:00pm  
In Council Chambers

February 2016

Charity • Unity • Fraternity • Patriotism

### \*A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT\*

With the Christmas season over and the Seahawks season finished, we can now get back to taking care of council business and activities.

January 's Fraternal Night was another fun event. Big thanks go to Penny for cooking a very filling and delicious dinner and to my sister Colette for making the dessert.

One of our newer members; Dan Schweitzer's granddaughter died at birth, please keep baby Clairra in your prayers.

There will be a Third degree at the council on February 27th so if anyone has not gone through that degree, mark your calendars.

The annual Knights & Nobles event this year is at our hall and I am working with their Potentate to find a day that will allow more people to attend (hopefully Sunday March 13th). I will let you know when the plans are finalized.

### A Prayer for Ash Wednesday—February 10th

Gracious God, today begins a period of inner reflection and examination. The days stretch before me and invite me inward to that silent, holy space that holds your Spirit. This special time beckons me to see my life through Christ's eyes and the truth and reality of your love incarnate. Give me the grace to enter the space of these days with anticipation of our meeting. And, when I open my soul to your presence, let your loving kindness flow over me and seep into the pockets of my heart. I ask this for the sake of your love.

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Our special guests for the February Fraternal Night will be representatives from the SU Women's volleyball team.



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

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Joseph Kessler	Deputy Grand Knight	Thomas Joyce PGK	At Large	2013-2016
Paul Heneghan	Chancellor	Joseph Kessler	At Large	2014-2017
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Albert Freedman	Trustee 2014-2017	Fraternal Benefits Advisor	Romy Ablao	
Alan Bonaci PGK	Trustee 2015-2018	Facility Manager	Penny Kessler	

**Brother Knights born in FEBRUARY; we wish you a Happy Birthday!**

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| Romarico Ablao II   | Donald Luby       | Duke Dungan      |
| Eugene Posel        | Stephen Boulanger | Lawrence Kessler |
| Cletus Dungan       | Joseph Zimmerman  | Tito Magcalas    |
| Roy Antiquiera      | Douglas Fiechtner | John Ott         |
| Christopher McCurry | Matthew Massart   | Benjamin Willey  |
| Irving Greengo      | John Costello     |                  |

You are invited to our Fraternal Night dinner on Monday **February 15, 2016 at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers. Social hour is at 6:00PM.** Included on your Birthday Card will be a dinner ticket good for one meal. Cost is **\$10.00** per person. **RSVP for dinner by FEBRUARY 12TH** at 206 325-3410 so we can have an accurate headcount. If you haven't attended a Fraternal Night in a while (or ever), consider joining us this month.



**Annual 8th Grade Boys Basketball Tournament**

This year's event was smaller than usual. There were only 4 teams involved. The games were well attended. Again, my dad (Dan) was there at the door selling tickets along with Paul Heneghan and my brother Paul.

It was good to see the boys having so much fun and what a great way to wind down the Christmas season.

**Pope Francis has called a Year of Mercy starting December 8, 2015**

*As we can see in Sacred Scripture, mercy is a key word that indicates God's action towards us. He does not limit himself merely to affirming his love, but makes it visible and tangible. Love, after all, can never be just an abstraction. By its very nature, it indicates something concrete: intentions, attitudes, and behaviors that are shown in daily living. The mercy of God is his loving concern for each one of us. He feels responsible; that is, he desires our wellbeing and he wants to see us happy, full of joy, and peaceful. This is the path which the merciful love of Christians must also travel. As the Father loves, so do his children. Just as he is merciful, so we are called to be merciful to each other.*

**Prolife Corner**

Prayed recently at the Everett Planned Parenthood with my wife Georgene and 2 others from Arlington. A couple drove into the parking lot without taking literature we tried to get in their hands to read. They sat in their car for about 20 minutes which is unusual because normally they go right into the office for their appointment. We continued to pray for the Holy Spirit to guide them in their decision because we thought their mind was not made up and if anyone can change their heart it's the Holy Spirit. Sure enough, they pulled out of their parking space and came to the drive way and I again offered information and this time they rolled down their window and took the literature with sort of a smile, the bottom line I think is they had a conversion. We show up to pray and God shows off!

You should probably think about joining us sometime, our website is [seattlehelpers.org](http://seattlehelpers.org) for times and locations.

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**Still have just group insurance?**

Most times, the amount offered is far from what you need. Your group coverage is not based on any analysis. Instead, they apply a formula: you make X amount in salary and the group life is either a flat amount or a multiple of your salary. Either way, it has nothing to do with the number of children you have, the mortgage balance you carry, or the amount of money your wife would need if you die. It's a completely random number. When a job is lost, so is the group life insurance coverage. If the company experiences difficulty and budgets need to be cut, group life can be reduced or eliminated. And that decision could be made at the worst possible time for you. Most group life insurance coverage reduces or disappears when you retire. Many times it can be converted, but at a very expensive premium (remember, you're no kid anymore when you retire, and premiums do rise as you get older). Just because you turn 65 doesn't mean you no longer need life insurance or need less coverage. Actually, the opposite is true. It must be supplemented with a personally owned portfolio. I can tell you exactly how to blend your group benefit with your K of C life insurance so things can be in your control. Don't let the feeling of security that group life provides distract you from the real issue: taking control of your family's financial future!

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**REST IN PEACE**

**Toni Alejo; wife of Rogelio; died June 10, 2015**

**Vince Kerkof; died November 3, 2015**

**Rogelio Alejo; died November 29, 2015**

**Augustine Roberts; died December 30th**

**PRAYERS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR AILING BROTHERS AND FAMILY MEMBERS**

**Albert Freedman; Tom Joyce; Don Luby; Phil Philbrick; Jim Kessler; Paul Heneghan; Leo Costello; Mac Henderson; Edgar Pitre; Gene Posel; Vic Grieco; Pat D'Ambrosio; Tom Hoagland; Walter Brazelton; John Costello; Joe Robinson PGK PFN PDD; Bridget Dobson; Archbishop Sartain; Ann Heneghan, daughter of Paul; Archbishop Emeritus Brunett.**

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