



# Knights of Columbus



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## Calendar of Events

**Tuesday November 4, 2008 – Election Day -Please Vote**



**Monday November 10, 2008 – Assembly Meeting 7:30 pm  
St. Madeleine Sophie – 4400 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE - Bellevue**



**Saturday November 22, 2008 – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree  
Exemplification in Bothell**



### From the Color Corps Commander

If you would like to participate in the Color Corps, please reply to this email if you are reading this online or call Terry Welsh at 425.204.5518. In the last fraternal year, our Assembly had over twenty occasions to be the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus. This year we have already been asked to participate in the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass at St. Madeleine Sophie, the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass at St. Monica and the sculpture dedication at St. Louise (pictured above) on October 5<sup>th</sup>. The above photo was provided by Beth Lanfear. Shown are Sir Knights Matthew Klump, Trevy Burgess, John Omundson (Commanding) and Emil Feczko.

## Upcoming Events

### **BOTHELL EXEMPLIFICATION**

The first of six Fourth Degree Exemplifications will be held on Saturday, November 22, 2008 at St Brendan School, 10100 NE 192nd St, Bothell. Washington's newest assembly is the host assembly, Our Lady of the Americas Assembly 3123. The Faithful Navigator is Richard Foudray and his phone number is 425-488-6148. The Faithful Comptroller is Del Treichel and his phone number is 425-488-7311. The degree team is the Western Washington Fourth Degree Team and the Team Captain is Everett 'Rob' Roberts and his phone number is 253-584-5632.

### **EXEMPLIFICATION HONOREE**

The honoree for this Fourth Degree Exemplification is Eugene J. Brown, FDD, PGK, FS, Faithful Captain. Gene is a member of the Everett Council 763 in Everett and the John F. Kennedy Assembly 1530. Gene joined the Knights of Columbus on September 17, 1997 and became a Fourth Degree Sir Knight on January 27, 2001.

### **EVENT SCHEDULE**

Registration .....	11:30am-12:45pm .....	St. Brendan School Gym
Lunch .....	11:30am-12:45pm .....	St. Brendan School
Exemplification .....	1:00pm .....	St. Brendan School Gym
Public Knighting and Picture Taking .....	3:45pm .....	St. Brendan School Gym
Mass .....	5:00pm .....	St Brendan Church
Social and Banquet.....	6:30pm .....	Bothell Council Hall

### **2ND AND 3RD DEGREES**

The degrees scheduled to support this exemplification are: Sep 21, 2008 in Everett; Oct 18, 2008 in Sedro Woolley; and Nov 9, 2008 in Shoreline.

### **EXEMPLIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

#### **FEES**

1. Exemplification fee for each candidate, except priests, is \$70.00 and is set by the Supreme Board of Directors.
2. Included in this fee is one banquet ticket for the candidate, social baldric and Fourth Degree pin.
3. There is no exemplification fee for ordained priests or religious brothers, their assembly will pay \$13.00, the cost of their social baldric and Fourth Degree pin, plus the cost of the dinner.
4. The candidate's or the assembly's check is to be payable to the **Master Knights of Columbus**.
5. Lunch is optional for a nominal fee for the Sir Knights, candidates and ladies.

#### **DRESS**

1. MEN: plain black tuxedo, white shirt, black tie, black shoes and socks.
2. Military personnel may wear their uniform.
3. Sir Knights are to wear their social baldric and jewel of office, either council or assembly.
4. LADIES: as the men are dressed formally, most ladies prefer a dressy dress. Some wear a simple dress or a cocktail dress although skirt and blouse is acceptable.

## **Other News**

### **Meeting Highlights**

The budget for the upcoming fraternal year and two budget resolutions were passed at the October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Copies of the budget and resolutions were appended to the last newsletter.

### ***From the Website (kofc.org):***

I would like to include one of the eight resolutions from the Supreme Convention at the end of each our first eight newsletters. This is a reminder of why we are Knights.

### **Resolutions**

Delegates to the annual international convention of the Knights of Columbus Aug. 7 adopted a resolution calling for “legal and constitutional protection . . . for the definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others.”

They also adopted a resolution opposing “any governmental action or policy that promotes abortion, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning, euthanasia, assisted suicide and other offenses against life.”

### **Culture of Life**

The delegates challenged “our fellow Catholics who are elected officials to be true to the faith they claim to profess by acting bravely and publicly in defense of life, affirming with Pope Benedict XVI that ‘there can be no room for purely private religion.’”

The resolution stated that the organization reaffirms its “commitment to building a culture of life by promoting policies that favor the family,” and reaffirmed the organization’s “long standing policy of not inviting to any Knights of Columbus event persons, especially public officials or candidates for public office, who do not support the legal protection of unborn children.”

The resolution on life issues follows by several days the opening convention address by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, in which he called on Catholic voters to “stop accommodating pro-abortion politicians,” and encouraged them to “say ‘no’ to every candidate of every political party who supports abortion.”

### **Protection of Marriage**

The resolution on protecting marriage declares that “marriage is a natural institution based on ancient human values that have evolved over time into a unique and deeply rooted social, legal and religious institution,” and that it “reflects the natural biological complementarity between man and woman which predates the state and which is woven into the social and religious fabric of every major culture and society.”

Marriage between man and woman “provides the most favorable environment in which to protect the rights and the best interests of children,” the resolution stated.

Convention delegates adopted resolutions dealing with other public policy issues as well, including building a culture of life, religious liberty, the Universal Declaration on Human

Rights, decency on the Internet and in the media, Catholic education, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Resolution on Building a Culture of Life**

**Resolution on Building a Culture of Life adopted by the 126th Supreme Convention on Aug. 7, 2008.**

WHEREAS, The delegates attending the Order's annual meetings have consistently and unanimously approved resolutions that affirm the Order's commitment to building a culture of life by publicly opposing abortion, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning, euthanasia, assisted suicide and other offenses against life; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Knights of Columbus, in solidarity with our bishops and priests, have consistently sponsored programs that support and defend life from conception to natural death; and

WHEREAS, The late Pope John Paul II reminded us that the modern outcry on behalf of human rights is false and illusory "if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination"; and

WHEREAS, Pope Benedict XVI has declared that it is "everyone's duty to welcome human life as a gift to be respected, protected and promoted, even more so when it is fragile and in need of special attention and care, either before birth or when it is in its final stages"; and

WHEREAS, The Church teaches that all Catholics have a serious and lifelong obligation to form their consciences in accord with human reason and the teachings of the Church; and

WHEREAS, The Catholic tradition holds active participation in political life is a moral obligation, and that Catholics are called to promote the well-being of all, especially the weak, the vulnerable and the voiceless; and

WHEREAS, Pope Benedict XVI has stated that "Catholic politicians and legislators, conscious of the grave responsibility before them, must feel particularly bound, on the basis of a properly formed conscience, to introduce and support laws inspired by values grounded in human nature"; and

WHEREAS, During his apostolic journey to the United States in April 2008, Pope Benedict XVI reminded us that "any tendency to treat religion as a private matter must be resisted. Only when their faith permeates every aspect of our lives do Christians become truly open to the transforming power of the Gospel"; and

WHEREAS, As Knights of Columbus we seek to support women who are in crisis pregnancies as much as we seek to defend the defenseless in our society;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we renew our deep commitment to oppose any governmental action or policy that promotes abortion, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning, euthanasia, assisted suicide and other offenses against life, and that we will continue to speak out to our elected representatives about the need to enact legislation to oppose these practices and protect human life from conception to natural death; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That we will continue our efforts to charitably inform, educate and motivate our brother Knights and fellow Catholics of the serious obligation they have to form their consciences so that they make sound moral judgments which support and defend life in all its stages; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That we will challenge our fellow Catholics who are elected officials to be true to the faith they claim to profess, by acting bravely and publicly in defense of life, affirming with Pope Benedict XVI that “there can be no room for purely private religion”; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That we recognize that abortion not only results in the death of an unborn child, but also leads many post-abortive women and men into depression, anxiety and other emotional disturbances; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That we believe that “women deserve better than abortion” and will continue to support programs which provide women facing crisis pregnancies with alternatives to abortion, including adoption, and that we support projects which provide spiritual support to those women and men suffering from the traumatic emotional and psychological after-effects of abortion; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Knights of Columbus will continue to uphold the teaching of the Church on the death penalty as explained in the Catechism of the Catholic Church and by the late Pope John Paul II in *Evangelium Vitae*; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That we reaffirm our commitment to building a culture of life by promoting policies that favor the family, and by recognizing that it is within strong and healthy families that moral values are taught and that the spiritual and cultural heritage of our nation is transmitted; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That we reaffirm our long-standing policy of not inviting to any Knights of Columbus event, persons, especially public officials or candidates for public office, who do not support the legal protection of unborn children, or who advocate for the legalization of assisted suicide, euthanasia or other offenses against human life; and of prohibiting such persons from renting or otherwise using facilities over which we have control, or speaking at Knights of Columbus events, or bestowing on them honors or privileges of our Order of any kind, or inviting them to serve as honorary chairpersons of events, celebrations or committees, or hold any office in the Knights of Columbus; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That we once again commit ourselves to pray, to do penance, to fast and to seek the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to intercede on our behalf for the establishment of a culture of life.

### **Contact Information**

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If you have changes to the Assembly roster, please mail them to the address above, email them or phone me at (425) 204-5518.