Welcome Brother Knights. We are deep into the Holiday season and quickly closing in on 2013. There has certainly been a lot of turmoil our country has faced this past year. Numerous issues have been voted on and approved which have continued to divide our nation, neighbors and friends. Prayer and devotion to our core values will bring us through the most daunting of times we face ahead.

There are quite a few events happening in the next few months which will be explained in further detail on the following pages. We are asking that each knight look over and respond quickly to the annual dues letter that will be going out shortly. The letter will also contain a form that we request you fill out on your amount of labor given to KofC functions, our parishes, and our local community. There will also be explanations of why we are asking for your continued support for our Council through donations. Look for more information in our parish bulletins. Thank you again as we close out this year and God Bless you and your families.

Gerald Giedeman
Grand Knight
Please Remember in your Prayers

Please remember in your prayers for those who have died, especially Scott Richard’s wife MariLynn Richards and Frank Locati’s wife Patricia Locati.

Remember those who are ill or in need of our prayers, especially Benito Daltoso and Gerald Ruzicka.

Continue your prayers for all of our Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, and Airmen who are serving our fine country here and abroad.

Fund Raising for Brother Gerald Ruzicka

Brother Ruzicka had a debilitating stroke a few months ago. He is currently at home undergoing rehabilitation to regain complete mobility. An account has been set up for him at a local bank. We are asking our Brother Knights and others to send their donations directly to the bank in Gerald’s name. Here is the information on where to send your donation;

Columbia Bank
C/O Gerald Ruzicka
500 West Main Street
Walla Walla, WA 99362

Birthdays for December

Kevin Baker 4th
Jeffrey Mahan 10th
Gene Curcio 13th
James Brausen 19th
Timothy Duncan 20th
Michael Spiess 24th
James Crowley 27th
Thomas Purcell 30th
Craig Chase 8th
Hugh Stone 10th
Tanner Harris 14th
John Lesko 19th
Daniel Baffney 21st
Peter Lyski 25th
John Biagi 29th
Mark Wilson 31st
Edward Cochran 8th
James Seeliger 11th
Zachary Hayunga 15th
Marvin Ruzicka 19th
Neal Cochran 23rd
Scott Magnaghi 26th
Antonio Caso 30th

Football Raffle Winners

Week 8  Jean Leconte  Debbie Vinti  Ken Kenning
Week 9  Adam Driver  Annette Tompkins  John Lesko
Week 10 Jodi Venneri  Frank Locati  Ryan Harrigan
Week 11 David Venneri  Madonna Locati  Joyce Magnaghi
Week 12 David Hall  Mark Brown  Gary Simon
Week 13 Anna Mae Gerola  Mark Brown  Mel Gammond
Week 14 John Ramsey  Mark Brown  Bob Fontenot
Knight of the Month – November

Joseph Coniglio. Joe became a Knight this past August and has since become a highly visible and dedicated Brother. He has attended and prepped the meals various meals over the last 4 months. Joe is currently recruiting new members and is on track to become a Shining Star award

Family of the Month – November

The Paul Gerola Family – Paul, Julie and their two children have continued to run a top notch volunteer program for our local Hospice Clinic. They collected and distributed over 75 dozen cookies this year. This is the 3rd year that Paul has run this program and it continues to be a huge success.

What’s happening in January 2013?

This is the busiest month for the Financial Secretary. He performs the annual audit, mails out the dues notices for 2013 and manages the finances for 3-4 fund raising events. A few important bits of info regarding annual dues. The Council is billed and must pay the State and Supreme offices their share this month. This comes out to a little over $2,500 – this is paid even before any dues are received by Tom Vinti. Your prompt payment of dues cannot be overstated and is greatly appreciated. The dues envelope will contain a form to fill out that asks Brother Knights to reconcile the amount of labor and money given to the Council, local community, and parishes. We try to make an honest number but being due by Jan 31st we have to use what is returned to us to make a ballpark figure. We will also include contact information – please return since this helps us clean up the online database of misspelled names, addresses, phone numbers, etc. If your phone number is unlisted then please note that. We do not give away, sell, or forward your number to anyone. Lastly, the dues will have the basic amount for annual dues along with several of our annual fund raising goals. Please consider this when submitting your dues payment.

January 2nd Wednesday – Council 766 monthly business meeting. Dinner starts at 6p.m., rosary at 6:50p.m., meeting begins at 7p.m. Dinner cost is by donation (typically $5 recommended) and will be a main course of Manicotti, Salad, Apple Crisp & Ice Cream for dessert.

January 19th Saturday – Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition. Doug Venneri is heading this competition up. It will be held at Desales High School gymnasium from 9a.m. till 1p.m. The competition is open for boys and girls ages 10 to 14. The regional’s and state competition will take place in February.

January 21st – District 7 monthly meeting. This is a gathering of the Grand Knights from the Tri-City Councils, 766 and the District Deputy. Meeting runs from 7p.m. until 9p.m.
January 30th – Council 766 1st Degree Exemplification. This is our third 1st degree of the fraternal year. The candidates are to at the hall by 6p.m. The ceremony begins at 6:30p.m. with a dinner usually starting at 7:30p.m. Sponsors need to remind the new candidates of the time and place. We have 3 candidates scheduled so far with more in the wings. Degree team members are requested to bone up on their materials for the degree. We have plenty of Form 100’s down at the hall. Please contact one of the officers if you need one or a few.

Reports due to the Supreme Office by 31JAN13 – Free throw championship report, Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest form, and the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity report.

What’s happening in February 2013?

February 6th Wednesday – Monthly Council Business meeting. Dinner starts at 6p.m., Rosary at 6:50p.m., meeting begins at 7p.m. Dinner cost is by donation (typically $5 recommended) and to be determined later

February 10th Sunday – The Annual Clergy & Religious Appreciation Dinner. The dinner will be held at Assumption Parish meeting hall. 4:30p.m. Social, 5:30p.m. dinner. The meal will be Spaghetti & Meatballs. The cost is $10.00 per ticket. Please contact Gerald Giedeman 509-525-0461 or Paul Gerola 509-520-8304 for tickets. We have 200 tickets available.

Mid February – Annual Blood Drive with Desales High School. We have asked for your money (you’ve given), your labor (thank you), and now we quite literally want your blood. This is one of the best gifts that you can give someone or yourself. Please consider donating your time and blood to the American Red Cross. Typically they start around 8a.m. and run through lunch. Snacks and drinks are available. Kathy Ruthven is the chair for this event. She has stated in the past that to achieve 48 pints we typically need 74 donors to show up. The extra donors are needed because sometimes your blood doesn’t cooperate or you were in a taxi, in a foreign country between several years and moons. I for one am glad that the Red Cross screens everyone since that should be the absolute last thing on your mind if you need blood. Please stay tuned for a definitive date and times.

February 23rd Saturday – 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplifications. The District is trying to allow us the privilege of having a 2nd and 3rd degree on the same day. As you might know, the all day affair of 3 degrees has been halted. Supreme has stated that they want new candidates to focus on each separate degree’s teachings. Since this is the first year and teams are still scarce around the state they will try to get this run back to back.

Fish Fry’s – February date is Friday the 22nd. The location has yet to be determined but stay close. We’ll have this out shortly.

Reports due – February 15th – Semi-Annual Council Audit report due
What’s happening in March 2013?

March 6th Wednesday – Monthly Council Business meeting. Dinner starts at 6p.m., Rosary at 6:50p.m., meeting begins at 7p.m. Dinner cost is by donation (typically $5 recommended) and to be determined later.

Fish Fry’s in March – Dates are March 1st, 8th, and the 22nd. Locations to be determined shortly.

March 23rd Saturday - Parish & Council 766 Hall clean up. 8a.m till Noon.

What did we accomplish in Nov/Dec 2012?

Quite a few things were accomplished. We held the annual Memorial Mass and Steak Dinner. We had well over 40% of our Brothers show for the Mass. Thank you for coming to support our departed Brothers. The steak feed was well received. We tried a different cut of beef this year and the comments were very positive. Watch for 2013 Steak Feed to be hosted the 1st weekend in November. December brought our way the Annual Cattlemen’s business meeting. Our relationship with this organization has always been strong and will continue to do so. We also supported the Catholic Daughters annual St. Nick breakfast at Blancet Hall, St. Pat’s.

Lastly, there is a small cadre of volunteers that continue to help out at the majority of our events. Please thank these Brother Knights the next opportunity you see them;

Tom Vinti, Mike Vinti, Jim Vinti, Frank Locati, Mark Brown, Joe Coniglio, Paul Gerola, David Hall, Gary Rizzuti, JP Kent, Tim Lyons, Curt Hayunga, Chris Hyland, Chris Huether, Paul Didelius, August Caryl, Rick Magnaghi, Dave Opbroeck, Doug Venneri, Gordy Venneri, and David Venneri.

A special thanks to Brother Mike Brown for his quirky remarks and attention to detail during our monthly meetings.
Michael Flohr Council #766
P.O. Box 28
Walla Walla, WA 99362

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