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DISTRICT #2 HAS A NEW WEBSITE

District Deputy **Tommy Rosati** (PGK) has launched a new website to help Council Officers and Brother Knights keep fully informed of the activities and improve coordination amongst the councils in the Kitsap Peninsula. A key asset provided by this website is a consolidated calendar of events (see example below). Tommy is putting his experience and skills to aid our district's councils, in keeping with the District 2 theme for Fraternal Year 2011-2012, *"Imagine what we can accomplish together"*. This is a significant improvement since success relies on communication and coordination. Thank you Tommy for all your hard work! The web address is <http://www.KofC-wa-District2.org/>. A link is also provided on the council's website.

The screenshot shows the website for the Washington State Council District #2. It features a navigation menu with links for Home, Grand Knights, Membership, Forms Due, District Activities, and Council Activities. The main content area includes a welcome message, information about the district, the theme for the 2011-2012 fraternal year, and the purpose of the website. A photo of District Deputy Tommy Rosati is included, along with his contact information.

The screenshot shows a calendar for September 2011 with various council events listed. The events include Family, Council, Membership, and Philanthropy activities on different days and times.

Notable Events

September

Date	Event	Location, details
11 Sep	2nd & 3rd Degree Exemplification	Shoreline POC DD #26 Paul Brown DD026@kofc-wa.org
13 Sep	1st Degree Exemplification	St. Peter's Mission House Suquamish; 700 PM SHARP
14 Sep	1st Degree Exemplification	Prince of Peace Chapel Bangor Sub Base 700 PM SHARP
16 Sep	Spaghetti Dinner Council 8297	For more info, please contact GK John Rebar: JohnVRebar@comcast.net (360) 930-8710
17-18 Sep	Membership Blitz & Ministry Fair	Jackson Park POC GK Doug Lohr GK13395@gmail.com
18 Sep	Soccer Challenge	Council 1379 & 11789; Holy Trinity Church at 2:00 PM. POC is Brother John McGannon @ jmtncc@hotmail.com
23 Sep	Movie Knight	POC GK John Rebar 8297 JohnVRebar@comcast.net (360) 930-8710
25 Sep	Membership Blitz & Ministry Fair	Jackson Park POC GK Doug Lohr GK13395@gmail.com

Tootsie Roll Campaign Planned

"Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities"

One of the most popular and successful programs conducted by Knights of Columbus state and local councils for the benefit of people with intellectual disabilities is the fund-raiser in which councils collect donations outside stores and on street corners. In appreciation, the donor is offered a candy bar, often a Tootsie Roll. The high visibility of this program has led to the campaign being referred to as the "Tootsie Roll Drive."

Council 1379 will initiate its participation in this drive this October 8, 9, & 10. Volunteers are needed to aid in this worthy fundraiser. Please contact Dave Bauld (PGK) for more information at senior613@hotmail.com

REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11TH 2001

Knights Announce Second Responders Program



ONE MONTH BEFORE the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the Supreme Council introduced a new initiative called the Knights of Columbus Second Responders Program that will provide support to the victims of natural or manmade disasters.



Announced Aug. 2 by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson at the 129th Supreme Convention in Denver, the Second Responders Program will help local councils prepare to serve as “second responders” by providing food, clothing and shelter to those affected by disasters. Retired New York Fire Department Capt.

Alfredo Fuentes, a Knight who survived the 9/11 attacks in New York City, will serve as the program’s director.

“With Capt. Fuentes’ leadership, it is my hope that every state will develop a strong disaster response team, made up of current and retired first responders and other volunteers who will be able to deliver hope when it is needed most,” said Anderson in remarks about the program’s inception.

At present, program organizers are working to establish a framework for the initiative as Fuentes and other members of the Supreme Council staff identify individuals and K of C units that would be willing to assist if and when a disaster occurs.

“It has always been my belief that we have an unbelievable untapped resource, and that untapped resource is the retired firemen, policemen, EMS people and skilled people such as nurses, doctors, etc. And I just felt that if we used this resource to assist during a disaster, it would just be invaluable to the federal government and to the citizens themselves,” said Fuentes.


Some councils, based on their geographic locations, already have some experience dealing with disasters, Fuentes added. For instance, councils in Florida are often adept at hurricane preparedness, while those in the Midwest may have experience with tornadoes.

Though still in its early stages, response to the program so far has been overwhelmingly positive, according to Fuentes. For now, organizers are limiting the initiative to the United States, though Fuentes would like to see it expanded in the future to all the countries where the Order is present. In addition, there is virtually no limit to the amount of aid that the Knights can offer, from providing food and water to rescue workers, to granting use of council halls as forward operating bases, to keeping tool depots in each state that are accessible to first responders and volunteers.

“I like to say that we’re building the bridges we walk on,” said Fuentes.

More information about the program will be made public as it becomes available. In the meantime, Fuentes is thrilled to be combining two of his great passions: disaster response and the Knights of Columbus.

“Coming on the 10th anniversary of 9/11, it’s just wonderful to know that we don’t forget,” he said. “It’s wonderful to know that we’re prepared and that we’re getting even more prepared, that we’ve learned some lessons. That’s a wonderful thing.”


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE
September 11th

God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world:
peace in the hearts of all men and women
and peace among the nations of the earth.
Turn to your way of love
those whose hearts and minds
are consumed with hatred.

God of understanding,
overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy,
we seek your light and guidance
as we confront such terrible events.
Grant that those whose lives were spared
may live so that the lives lost ...
may not have been lost in vain.
Comfort and console us,
strengthen us in hope,
and give us the wisdom and courage
to work tirelessly for a world
where true peace and love reign
among nations and in the hearts of all.

-Pope Benedict XVI
Prayer Service at Ground Zero
April 20, 2008

*At its 122nd annual meeting in 2004, the Supreme Council
resolved that September 11th be observed each year as a
World Day of Prayer for Peace.*

