

**WASHINGTON STATE KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**

**"THE SECOND EDITION"**

**REACH OUT, BE HAPPY, LAUGHTER IS THE  
SHORTEST DISTANCE BETWEEN PEOPLE.**

**DECEMBER**

**"2016"**

**NEVER FORGET THAT  
LOVE WEIGHS MORE THAN GOLD!**

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***MY SWEET LORD.***





# K N I G H T S OF COLUMBUS®

## WORTHY GRAND KNIGHTS:

**Great news!**

**The Order's Ultrasound Initiative is expanding to include mobile ultrasound units.**

Mobile units are large vehicles — such as RVs, vans, trucks or buses — transformed into traveling pro-life pregnancy care centers, providing service for women who otherwise would never have the opportunity to receive such care.

Now, when a state and/or local council funds the full cost of a mobile ultrasound vehicle, the Supreme Council will provide up to 100 percent of the cost of the ultrasound machine for that vehicle.

**For full information about this new aspect of the Ultrasound Initiative, go to [kofc.org/ultrasound](http://kofc.org/ultrasound). There, you can read the program's guidelines and review frequently asked questions about the initiative. If you have additional questions, please contact Bill O'Brien, manager of the Culture of Life Office, at [william.obrien@kofc.org](mailto:william.obrien@kofc.org) or 203-752-4403.**

Enable pregnant women to see the living child in their womb.

**Help them choose life!**

**Fraternally, Jose Jimenez  
Vice President Fraternal Mission**

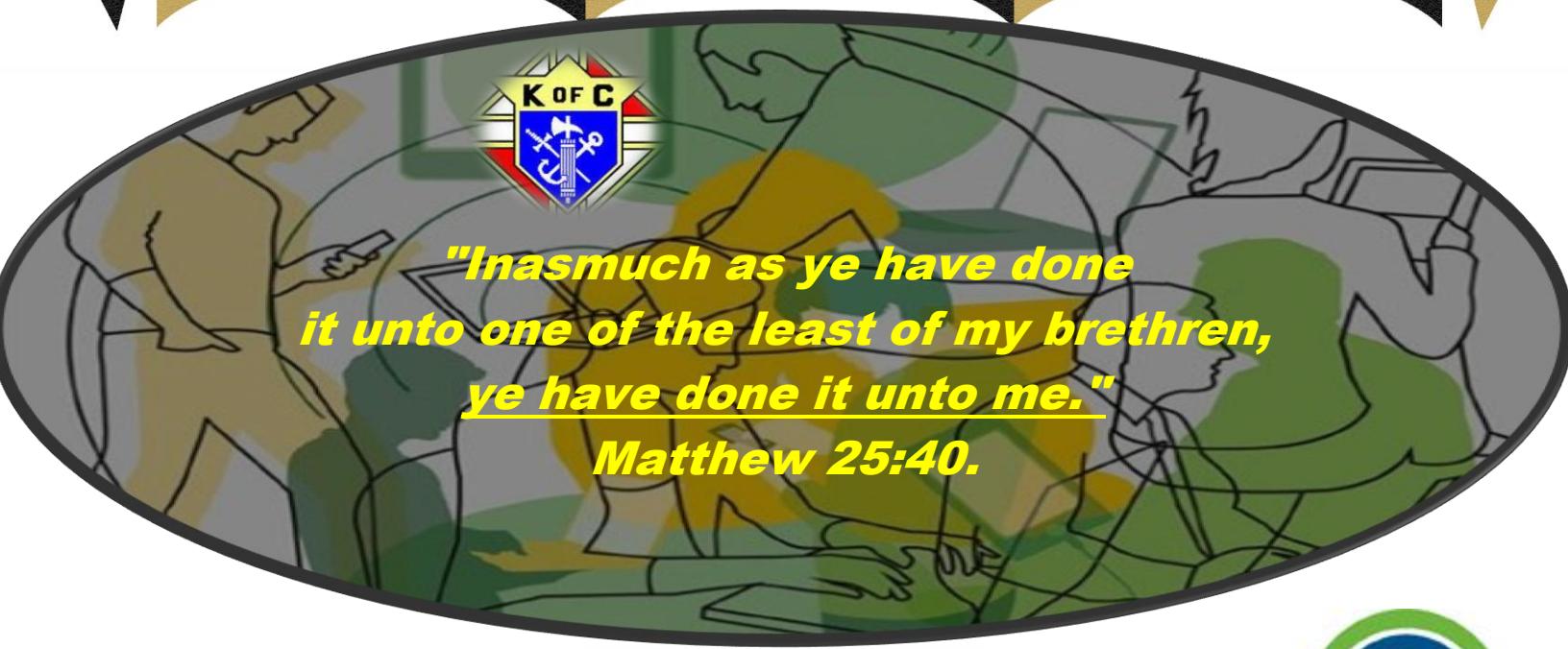
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New Haven, CT 06510-3326**

## Worthy District Deputies - All

I have seen over and over this year Form 100's that go in to Supreme **WITHOUT** the council number on them.....or **WITHOUT GK** and/or **FS** signatures.....**PLEASE** stress to your councils that they must have all parts filled out.

We have had some councils indicate they have recruited and sent forms in without Supreme giving them credit for new members.....if they don't list their council number.....How does Supreme know where to credit the recruit?????

**Ed Parazoo**  
**Washington State Deputy**



***"Inasmuch as ye have done  
it unto one of the least of my brethren,  
ye have done it unto me."***

***Matthew 25:40.***

***Use today's tools & yesterday's Apostolic  
zeal to change lives, to save lives!***





# Sacred Heart Council # 10543

PROSSER COUNCIL



Lunch of homemade beef and chicken tacos with rice and beans was provided to 250 Confirmation kids at the Diocese retreat in Yakima. The kids loved the lunch and many thanked the knights. It was a very positive experience for everyone.





# PEND OREILLE COUNCIL 14268



DGK Jim Hines shows some of many coats donated to the local community Youth Emergency Services program. The coats were donated by St. Anthony parishioners.



Thanksgiving Day Dinner with all the trimmings open to the public. Council members Jim Hines and Sue Cowan, along with Jim's wife, Jean (the dedicated head cook and organizer) This year approximately 100 guests were fed, not counting the volunteers who assisted in setting up, cooking, serving and cleaning



Council FS Greg Meyer (L), Sister Leslie and GK Stephen Sommer pose with some of the tools used when the Council assisted St. Anthony's youth group in cleaning up the Carmelite sisters property. Knights not pictured are Tom Garrett and Buc Buckley. Insert - the sisters & members of the Youth group.





# "MERRY CHRISTMAS"

## **"FROM YOUR OFFICERS"**

### VSM's Christmas Message

It was 240 years ago, on December 23, 1776, three days before the Battle of Trenton, when a pamphlet was read aloud to the Continental army in an attempt to bolster morale. The famous opening lines are:

These are the times that try men's souls.

The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman.

Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph.

What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed, if so celestial an article as Freedom should not be highly rated."

Sixteen pamphlets were published between 1776-1783 that together were known as "*The Crisis*." They were written by Thomas Paine who signed them with the pseudonym "*Common Sense*."

So, it is up to us, the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus, the Patriotic Degree, and indeed all Knights, to not shrink from the battle like summer soldiers and sunshine patriots, but rather stand up for our God-given, inalienable, Constitutional rights, to fight against the on-going assault on our religion, to defend traditional marriages, and to protect the unborn!

Karl A. Hadley, PSD, FDM  
Vice Supreme Master - Archbishop Blanchet Province



Brother Knights,

As we pray for the peace of Christmas promised by the angels let us bear in mind that peace is the fruit of justice. Therefore we are called to do all we can to bring justice to our lives, our families, our nation, and the world. Pat and I wish you a very holy and merry Christmas and we pray for health and blessing for you and your families throughout the coming year.

Vivat Jesus,  
Jim Carey  
District Deputy Seven

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This Holy and Wonderful Christmas is a time to reflect on all the gifts we as Knights have received this year.

May the Blessings of the God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit be with every Knight, especially my Brothers in District 31.

Dana Smith, DD 31

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Worthy Brother Knights:  
May the Joy of LOVE and PEACE fill this Christmas Season and warm your soul with God's love for all.  
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Your Brother in Christ,  
Anthony Farrell, DD2



**My Brother Knights,**

**We all have twenty-four hours in each day, no more, no less. So no matter what our economic status may be, what language we speak, what our politics may be, we all have the same amount of time each day. It is how we spend this time that defines the quality of our lives. I believe this with all my heart.**

**Imagine what might happen if each of us would spend some of our "free time" each day along with our God given talents, our energy, our courage, our empathy, our determination, to provide a helping hand to those in need? Imagine what might happen if each of us found just one man a year to join us! Take the time to imagine, to believe.**

**What do you think would happen? I believe that in a very short period of time, we could change the world!!!**

**Merry Christmas to you and your FAMILIES, with God's help we will build a Great New Year.**

**Feliz Navidad / Merry Christmas**

**Steve and Janet Snell,  
Editor "Second Edition" & DD#17**

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**Feliz Navidad y un prospero ano Nuevo a todos mis hermanos, Caballeros de Colon, y sus familias. Que Nuestro Señor los llene de bendiciones y salud.**

**Manny Aguilar, PFS, FDD, FDDM, FHC**



The Knights of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Council 6806 would like to wish all Brother Knights and their families a very blessed and merry Christmas and a healthy, prosperous, and Happy New Year. May the joy and wonder of the Christ Child remain in our hearts throughout the coming year.

**Darrell Joque  
Chancellor, Council 6806**

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**As we prepare to give gifts this Christmas take some time to think, "If this was the last gift I give, is it...".**

About five years ago one of my good friends lost his dad on Christmas. He had celebrated opening gifts with the Grandchildren in the morning and was going home to open gifts with his wife. His wife, son, daughters, and grandchildren, truly cherish the last gifts that he was able to give them here on earth.

Imagine if the gift that was wrapped for you was under the tree and yet that person was no longer there to give it to you or thank you. I thank each of you for the gifts you have shared this year in your councils, churches and families. I encourage each of you to give generously and with meaning this Christmas. Let us give as if it is the last gift.

**Merry Christmas and blessings on you and your family  
Michael Wise, Field Agent**

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**Michael Flohr Council 766 would like to wish our Brother Knights and their Families a safe, joyful, Holy and Blessed Christmas and New Year.**

**Nicolo Moramarco, GK Council (766) Walla Walla**



The “Henn House” would like to wish a Merry Christmas and warm Happy New Years to our KC family all over the State of Washington. May the New Year bring you prosperity, beneficial rewards, achievements and let us renew old and make new acquaintances this year.

**Darrell & Kathy Henn**  
**District Master Eastern Washington**

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To all our brother Knights, their wives and families,

At this most Holy and special time of the year, we remember all our friends, and want to let you know how special you are to us. Thank you all for all you do to spread the goals and mission of the Knights. From experience we know how hard you work, and want you to know, also, that we appreciate all that you do. May the Infant Jesus bless all of you this Christmas season, and may He provide for all your needs and bless you abundantly throughout the New Year.

"Be humble and patient, and the Lord your God will provide the will and the means."  
(Quote from St.. John Bosco Church Bulletin).

Merry Christmas,

**John and Sheila Wallace; PSD**



"Christmas brings family and friends together; it helps us appreciate the love in our lives we can often take for granted. May the true meaning of the special coming of the Christ child and this Holy Christmas season fill your heart and home with many blessings."

Yours in Christ

Marcel & Linda Bergeron, Holy Spirit Council 10653 - Kennewick

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Brother Knights, I have the privilege of serving the Washington State Council as the bulletin editor, coordinating publication of the monthly bulletin and helping update the WSC website. I want to thank all the State Officers and State Chairmen for their hard work to not only serve our Church and Order, but for the time taken to provide me with their bulletin articles each month. Thanks to the hard work of these men, the WSC is able to do God's work efficiently and effectively.

I would like to wish all of you the very best of the Christmas season, and I hope that your days will be filled with peace and joy as we celebrate the birth of the Christ child. The Knights of Columbus represents the very best our society has to offer and I consider it an honor to call you brothers.

As is my custom, I would like to end with an old Irish Christmas blessing:

*"The light of the Christmas star to you,  
The warmth of home and hearth to you,  
The cheer and good will of friends to you,  
The hope of a childlike heart to you,  
The joy of a thousand angels to you,  
The love of the Son,  
And God's peace to you."*

Tom Williams  
State Bulletin Editor

# CHRISTMAS. A TIME TO CELEBRATE.

Christmas is a season of great joy. It is a time of God showing His unwavering love for us. It is a time of healing and renewed strength. Christmas is when we celebrate the birth of the Christ child. God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world to be born. His birth brought great joy to the world. Shepherds, wise men, and angels all shared in the excitement, as they knew this was no ordinary baby. The prophets had told of His coming hundreds of years before. The star shone over Bethlehem to mark the way for those who were looking for this special child.

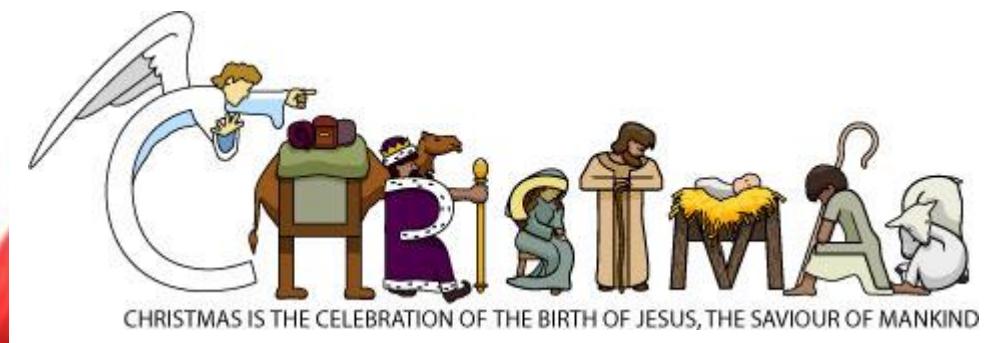
This Christmas marks fifty-nine glorious years with my wife Ruth. A lady I've always known was sent from heaven, and the love of my life. We have been blessed with children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Family is a circle of strength; founded by faith, joined by love and kept by God, together forever.

We live in a great country, where men and women have made the ultimate sacrifice to afford us our freedom. Let's never take that for granted. As Knights, we have the opportunity to lead by example, welcome people with a smile and recite a rosary daily so those in heaven can join us in prayer.

Let us pray. Holy Spirit, our Blessed Mother, bestow your grace upon our brothers and families throughout the world, give us the fortitude to spread His Holy Word, so that through our prayer and kindness towards other, peace may come into the world.

**Feliz Navidad / Merry Christmas**

**Mike & Ruth Calderon**





**Brothers and Sir Knights: On behalf of St. Mary Council 4196 in Spokane, I want to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Blessed New Year!!**

**Jim Majeskey, Sr. GK**

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**God Bless you all and Have a very Happy and Safe Christmas Season!!!! GO PACKERS!!!!**

**Fraternally, Bob Baemmert-SS**

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**May our Lord's coming bring His life, hope, and peace into your heart and home this Christmas and remain with you throughout the year. Let us offer Him our praise and celebrate His birth.**

**Gary Rizzuti, FC**

**Father Brouillet Walla Walla Assembly 1169**

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**My Brother Knights of Columbus, I want to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

The Christmas season is a time when we all celebrate the birth of our Savior. So much of society forgets what Christmas is all about. We as Knights of Columbus need to remember to keep Christ in Christmas. We can do this through our actions around those who do not share our beliefs. Something simple can go a long way, such as opening a door or simply saying "Merry Christmas".

**Vince Mansanarez  
State Community Chairman**



*Michelle and I wish everyone and their family a Merry Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year! This is the time of year to give thanks to God for all our blessings, and remember to keep Christ in Christmas.*



*Tis the reason for the Season,  
Bret & Michelle Fleming  
DD6*

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"We wish all brother Knights and their families a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year from all of us at Pasco council 1620.

God Bless

**Steve Martinez**

**Grand Knight Pasco Council 1620**

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Merry Christmas and may Gods Grace be with you and your family this holiday season. Make Merry not just on this wonderful holiday but all through the upcoming year!

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

**Tommy LaCour**  
**Washington State**  
**Family Chairman**  
206-380-0749  
[family@kofc-wa.org](mailto:family@kofc-wa.org)



Dear Brother Knights,

During these holy days of Advent and Christmas, and as the calendar year comes to an end, my mind focuses in a particular way upon gratitude, and I spend some extra time reflecting on the many blessings for which I am thankful.

I count it a tremendous gift to have been asked to serve as your State Chaplain, and I thank the Good Lord for the encouragement and inspiration I have received through you as I have witnessed your faith in action.

May God reward you for the good you do and prosper all your efforts to serve him in the coming year. Be assured of my prayers for you and your families. Merry Christmas!

**Fr. Kenny St. Hilaire  
State Chaplain**

# A MAN'S WORD!

Do you ever wonder what a man's word is? Is it a responsibility or is it just small talk to get through a conversation? When you and your wife took each other's hand, and agreed to get through it no matter what this was a mutual understanding between the two of you, with hard work we get through it. Or when you baptized your children or when you have just sat down with the Almighty and promised the world. These are the serious conversations or events that we all hope we do a great job at keeping. Maybe we should categorize our word into, got to or will not hurt or just glad that conversation is over. Do you take a man for his word? Should you be able to walk away and know it is all good?

I know we often do not think about this but every time we do not do as we say someone is impacted. Oh yes we know if we walk away from our family, or we do not fulfill our mission at work somebody else has to pick up the ball. Yes, think about it when we make that decision, because we do, to not fulfill a responsibility somebody besides you will pay!

Actually, it is the "small stuff" that I want to ask your help on. I know it is small stuff for you and I know you told me "I don't have a lot of time," and I get that. Conditions have not changed and whatever level of activity in the Knights was and still remains the same. You all have heard these words before and that is "it is every Catholic man has the responsibility to be a Knight". It is all about numbers in many cases and it all adds up to strength and what our voice stands for in this most difficult environment that we live in. It is evangelize by example! Just keep this in mind, your GK also has a family, work and all those other things you have. He has determined that he can take on this leadership role and administrate your council to the next level. Yes, he is a leader, an administrator and he needs you to do what you said you would do. If that is the basics, then pay your dues and fill out your survey and when you have time step up. This mission is to big. If you raised your hand to help the GK then do it! Do not make people beg you to do what you have already promised to do.

If it is time for you to take the next step and take on a greater role, then come on down. No doubt we need as many leaders, dishwashers, cooks, administrators as can raise their hand. We will never run out of work! It is almost shameful that we do not do more. The more brothers, the more we can give, so please always think about the guy next to you that needs to become a Knight. There is strength in numbers! Most importantly as you go through this very special season love your Family and enjoy that true renewal in the birth of Christ. Merry Christmas!

**John P Forrest DD35  
253-282-1827**

# **DON'T OVERLOOK "THE FORGOTTEN MAN" AND HIS FAMILY VALUES**



By STEVE SNELL

**S**o many people have passed down life's road alone; these folks breath, move, live, then pass from this world and are heard of no more. Why? They did not do one ounce of good or charity in the world; no one was blessed by them, no one could point to them as the source of their inspiration or their salvation; not a line did they write, not a word did they speak that was inspirational or could be recalled, and then the day came when their heart stopped beating -- their lamp went out, and they were not remembered any more than last month's hiccups.

Will this be you, me or anyone, let's choose to reach out to people, remember the reasons why you and **your FAMILY** joined the Knights, as faith-filled people to gather with other good Catholics to **make a difference in so many ways!**

There is more to us than membership contests, there are other reasons for joining our Order. The forgotten man has values that may have been overlooked, the jewels that shine in the Order need to be highlighted, (*call it a membership strategy, OR, "jewels hiding in plain sight,"*) **they will contribute to growth.**

**We all joined for real values. We must battle for unborn life, for FAMILY values, to instill a blaze of love and compassion in the lives of our fellowmen, to leave memories that time will not destroy!**

**Brothers what began as a whisper in a church in New Haven has grown into a rumble heard loud and clear in the hearts and minds of almost 2 million FAMILIES. We did not join to be a witness to Father McGivney's dream, we joined to be a working part of that dream, TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

# **Christmas Truce of 1914**

## **OVER 100 YEARS AGO:**

*During World War I, on and around Christmas Day 1914, the sounds of rifles firing and shells exploding faded in a number of places along the Western Front in favor of holiday celebrations in the trenches and gestures of goodwill between enemies.*



*On Christmas Eve, many German and British troops sang Christmas carols to each other across the lines, and at certain points the Allied soldiers even heard brass bands joining the Germans in their joyous singing.*

*At the first light of dawn on Christmas Day, some German soldiers emerged from their trenches and approached the Allied lines across no-man's-land, calling out "Merry Christmas" in their enemies' native tongues. At first, the Allied soldiers feared it was a trick, but seeing the Germans unarmed they climbed out of their trenches and shook hands with the enemy soldiers. The men exchanged presents of cigarettes and plum puddings and sang carols and songs. There was even a documented case of soldiers from opposing sides playing a good-natured game of soccer.*

***CREATE  
PEACE BY  
BEING PEACE***



# Pope Francis Permanently Grants All Priests Power To Forgive Abortion



By UCATHOLIC

*In his Apostolic Letter “Misericordia et Misera“, marking the end of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis permanently granted the power to forgive abortions to all Priests. Previously and traditionally, only the Pope himself could forgive the sin of procuring an abortion. Francis, as part of the Year of Mercy, had temporarily granted the faculty to all priests but has decided to make the change permanent.*

**In his letter, he wrote “Given this need, lest any obstacle arise between the request for reconciliation and God’s forgiveness, I henceforth grant to all priests, in virtue of their ministry, the faculty to absolve those who have committed the sin of procured abortion. The provision I had made in this regard, limited to the duration of the Extraordinary Holy Year, is hereby extended, notwithstanding anything to the contrary.”**

The Pontiff was careful to leave no ambiguity that the sin of abortion remained a very grave matter and that no change in its gravity was being signaled.

**“I wish to restate as firmly as I can that abortion is a grave sin, since it puts an end to an innocent life. In the same way, however, I can and must state that there is no sin that God’s mercy cannot reach and wipe away when it finds a repentant heart seeking to be reconciled with the Father. May every priest, therefore, be a guide, support and comfort to penitents on this journey of special reconciliation.”** the letter read.

Pope Francis also extended the decree that made Confession and Absolution granted by SSPX priests validly and licit “until further provisions are made.”

# **DISTRICT DEPUTY MEETING**

LEFT SIDE

RIGHT SIDE

# **CONNECTION MADE!**

**DECEMBER 4, 2016: YAKIMA  
GREAT MEETING!**

**GREAT PEOPLE!**

# **GREAT IDEAS!**

#### **EDITOR'S NOTE:**

*This was one of the best meetings I've ever attended in the Knights.  
At the end of the day I think we all rediscovered our core element.*

*It has always been with us, "standing in plain sight."*

*Like Groucho Marx's challenge to his guests.....*

*"say the secret word and win a prize"*

*The "secret word" was said.....*



# **FAMILIES!**



# BEST LOOKING DDS

## IN THE STATE!





# FAMILY OF THE MONTH

*The following Washington families are the winners  
for the month of October 2016 "the Family of the Month" contest, obtained  
through a random drawing held at the Supreme Council office from among  
many nominees submitted by councils throughout the Order.*

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

David Rudd  
Council 3611

Paul Robertson  
Council 11642

Paul Mernaugh  
Council 11762

**Remember the faces of the Brothers in our councils, that have  
stood with us, they may have become so familiar  
that they may be taken for granted?**

**Unless we take pains we often forget to thank them.....  
Take pains. Recognize them and say THANKS!**

**NOMINATE YOUR FAMILY  
OF THE MONTH!**

**STRONG VISIBLE PROGRAM**



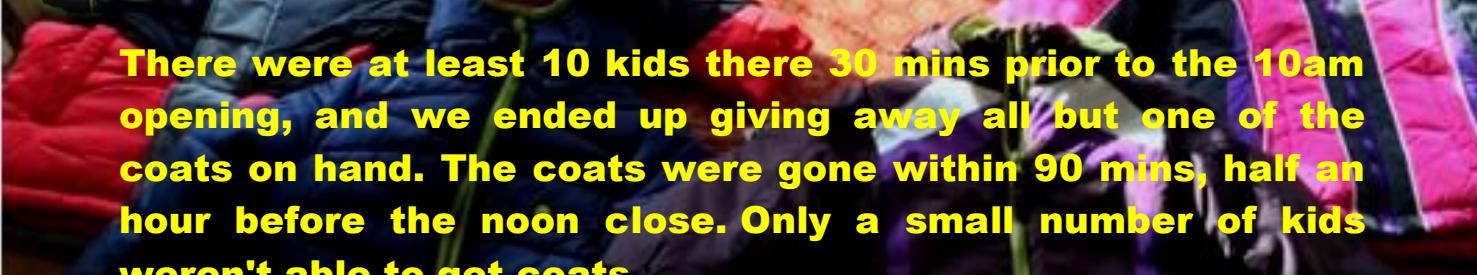
*...for families in need*

# Free Winter Coats for Kids

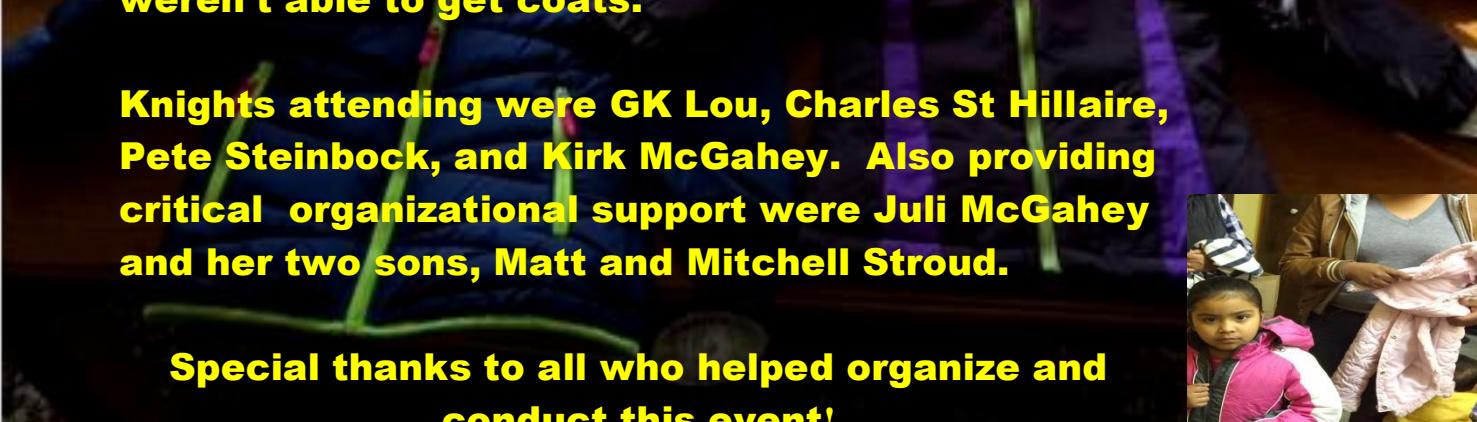
## BIG SUCCESS!



The Coats for Kids distribution event went very well on Friday at Jubilee Ministries. We received 100 coats from State on Tuesday, leaving us only a few days to promote the event. Coats and promotional materials were put on display at Safeway in Grandview, Food Depot in Prosser, and two day care facilities in Prosser.



There were at least 10 kids there 30 mins prior to the 10am opening, and we ended up giving away all but one of the coats on hand. The coats were gone within 90 mins, half an hour before the noon close. Only a small number of kids weren't able to get coats.



Knights attending were GK Lou, Charles St Hillaire, Pete Steinbock, and Kirk McGahey. Also providing critical organizational support were Juli McGahey and her two sons, Matt and Mitchell Stroud.

Special thanks to all who helped organize and conduct this event!



Where: Jubilee Ministries Food Bank



1429 Stacy Ave in Prosser

When: Friday Nov 25 10am to No



***Knights of Columbus – Sacred Heart Council***

# COATS FOR KIDS!



YAKIMA COUNCIL 894

# RIP CARL

Carl Buchholz

By Mike Calderon (12983)

Brother Steve, yesterday felt blessed being near, as an usher, for Sue Buchholtz and her family and over 300 friends in wheel chairs of every styles, crutches many other difficulties of life. Some participated in special Olympics, or Boys Scouts, are other organizations that Carl participated in or perhaps just a neighbor that cried throughout the service. or maybe the three young ladies that also cried holding each other. So many touching stories seen during the service.

We are told go out and make other Christs, through example, Carl was one of those Christs, a Rainbow shined outside the window, of St John the Evangelist, as the choir sang his favorite hymn, Emmanuel.



## Father Tom Belleque's thoughts at Carl's service.

*You know what it is like to be in your body. Clap your hands! Hear that wonderful sound? Pinch your arm and you can feel it. Nibble at your finger and you can taste it. You sure can see it! That is your body and God made it just for you and you are wonderfully and beautifully made!*

*But guess what? That is not all of you. Think a happy thought – remember a happy time. Think about someone who loves you so very much. Feel a good feeling inside you. You can't see or touch or taste or smell or hold that thought, but it is real and it is you. So we are more than our bodies. We are also soul and spirit too. And the most wonderful thing in the whole world is that, though our bodies can't live forever, our soul and spirit, that best part of us, never, never die.*

Today we gather to celebrate our friend and brother Carl. We know that Carl died. But we remember that the best part of him, is still very much alive, in our hearts and in our memories and with Jesus forever.

At the beginning of our service we remembered Carl's baptism right here at St. John. Right after his baptism, Sue told me that Carl's eyes were real big and he had a big smile on his face and he announced to everyone: "I got baptized"! It was at his baptism that Carl first entered into his relationship with Jesus. Carl took his baptism very seriously, and immediately began to serve others. Carl sang in the children's choir, and we are singing many of his favorite songs today. He served at the altar as an altar server. **As he got older he joined the Knights of Columbus. He was so very proud to be a member of the Knights helping out wherever he could. Thank you to all the Knights who are here for Carl today.** Carl was a member of our scout troop too.

More recently, Carl was a Eucharistic Minister. 2 years ago, Carl and Sue gave the Stewardship talk here in church. Carl was so happy to share whatever he could with his community in gratitude for the blessings in his life. He was such a good model of what it means to be a good steward. But most of all Carl was so proud to be Zane's Godfather. Carl wasn't just baptized, he was a true disciple serving others joyfully and generously.

Outside the church Carl was so very involved with the special Olympics, Power UP and the Children's Healing Art Project. In fact you are invited to make a donation to the Children's Healing Art Project in Carl's memory. You will find the information on a table in the vestibule about Carl's coins for CHAPS. Then of course Carl found his dream job as a greeter at Wal-Mart. Is there anyone who was created more perfectly than Carl for that job? These past 2 months were so happy for Carl as he threw himself 100 %, as Carl was want to do, into his new role. Just before Carl died, a customer told Carl's supervisor, "you have the greatest greeter in the world." That would be Carl.

We chose the Gospel that Deacon Adolfo read this afternoon because Emmanuel was Carl's favorite name. Carl loved that the name means, "God is with Us". As we think of that name for Jesus, it reminds us that not only did Jesus come into the world 2000 years ago as Emmanuel, God with us, but he is still coming into the world through God's special children, like Carl. Throughout his lifetime, and now in our best memories of him, Carl revealed in a very special way that God is with us. Thank you God for Carl. Thank you for always being with us. Thank you Carl for being our Emmanuel, for being our constant reminder through your love and joy and service, that God is with us. As we mourn your death and celebrate your life, may you now rest in peace. May your soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

# REGIONAL MEETINGS

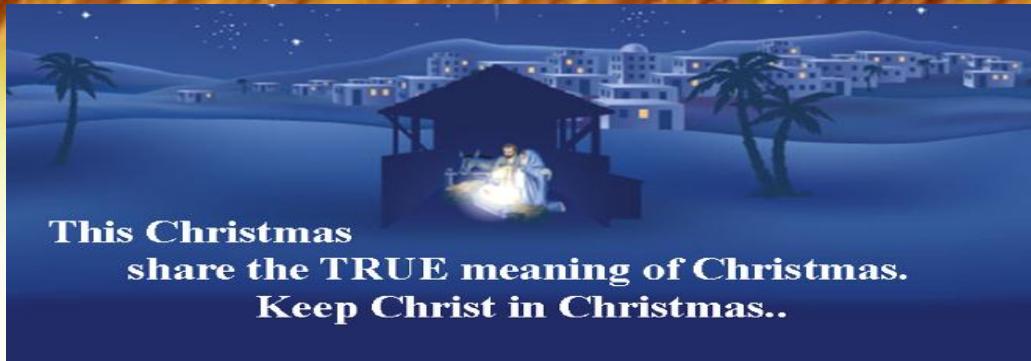
~~2016 REGIONAL SPOKANE MEETING~~  
~~2016 REGIONAL YAKIMA MEETING~~

## Agenda

***“Be Men of Action”***

*Presentation/Facilitator*

- 07:30 AM – 08:30 AM      Registration, Coffee and Donuts
- 08:30 AM – 08:45 AM      Opening, Introductions & Overview - SD Ed Parazoo  
  
*(Financial Secretaries breakout after)*
- 08:45 AM – 10:00 AM      First Degree Competition – SD Ed Parazoo
- 10:15 AM – 10:30 AM      Next Six Months - SS Bob Baemmert
- 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM      Forms, Exemplification Fund – ST Pat Kelley
- 10:45 AM – 11:00 AM      Bylaws/Resolutions/ePostcard990 – SA Kim Washburn
- 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM      General Programs – GPD Greg Mahoney
- 11:30 AM – 11:45 AM      Ceremonials Update – ST Pat Kelley
- 11:45 PM – 12:00 PM      4th Degree Update – Eastern DM Darrell Henn
- 12:00 PM – 01:15 PM      Lunch/Awards (Insurance Speakers FA's)
- 01:15 PM – 02:15 PM      Membership Expectations – Dir. Kim Washburn
- 02:15 PM – 03:00 PM      Membership/Programs Q & A Panel
- 3:00 PM – 3:30 PM      Closing Comments



**Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from Lady Linda and I.** Most importantly, I want to offer my heartfelt thanks to the many members whose work is driving dedication, commitment, and improving the lives of our Catholic community and patriotism in Western Washington District. From the strong degree team members and color corps officers and the district-wide honor guards collaborating throughout the district; to the assemblies and councils who play such an important role in bringing new members and volunteer hours serving local communities; to the advocates, government representatives and clergy who pave the way for expanding our knowledge and preserving our rights of Catholicism: Thank you for your unwavering dedication. Your compassion and skills bring hope to Western Washington District and families, and I am truly grateful for your enduring commitment to our Catholic way of life and to the Patriotic Order. It is amazing to see the great works that takes place within our District thanks to the strong efforts of this State-wide community. Your willingness to take every challenge is admirable to me. Please continue with the great works toward strengthening a better organization of Patriotic members, families, & community.

District-wide honor guard supporting Confirmation. Presider Bishop Eusebio Elizondo and hosted by St. Barbara Church, Black Diamond, WA.  
5 December, 2016.  
Awesome jobs gentlemen

**Thank you brothers for all your great works to the Western District and continued support.**

*Phillip Clinger*

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# Caramels-A family tradition

*We were farmers and every Christmas season included the making of caramels. This tradition goes back at least 8 generations. My grandmother Washburn (Grandma Wash) called them Aunt Hazel's caramels.*



**By KIM WASHBURN SA**

It wasn't customary to write down recipes in past generations. The act of baking is what was passed down. All recipes carried someone else's name which, generally, is who passed it on to them. My grandmother was no exception. All of her recipes were in her head and fabulous recipes they were.

In my former life, I received custody of my three year old daughter that is 34 now. I raised her on my own. When I received custody, I had no idea how to cook. My grandmother gave me a month long crash course in cooking, baking and the art of going outside the box for that special touch she knew so well.

The following Christmas, she asked what I wanted for Christmas. I knew exactly what I wanted, her favorite recipes down on paper. She said, "What else do you want"? Shocked that she would ask I responded, "That will be plenty" since for me it was priceless, or so I thought.

That Christmas I received a priceless gift, one volume of recipes and not one carried her name. All were titled from past relatives, some over 150 years. Some measurements and ingredients are not what we use today; she had improvised.



All were written from memory, NOT in the act of making. That proved to be a problem, since she would miss a step or ingredient, leaving me with a disaster when I attempted to make on my own. One particular recipe (ginger snaps) set off the fire alarm because of a missing ingredient.

Most recipes were corrected by going through the act of making over several weekends with her. We both thoroughly enjoyed this one on one time together. I would constantly make mistakes. She would laugh and kiss me on the forehead and lovingly show me how to do it right. I wrote it all down.

As far back as I can remember, homemade caramels were a Christmas tradition. (Fresh Oyster soup on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve too, but that's another story). A simple recipe, however the art of making is what sets it apart.

***1 stick of butter (real butter, homemade from real cream if possible)***

***1 pt. (2 C) of heavy cream or real unpasteurized cream (the way I was raised)***

***2 C of white sugar***

***¾ C of white Karo syrup (dark is ok too)***

***Use a candy thermometer.***

Divide the cream in half and set aside. Mix sugar, half of the cream, butter and Karo together while on medium heat (I use the 5 setting whether electric or gas). Stir continuously until it begins to boil. Add a little bit of the cream you set aside until the boil eases up. Continue to do this several times until the remaining cream is completely in the mix.

Continue heating for about an hour at that 5 setting. The mixture will go from yellow to a rich brown color. The temperature will increase fairly rapidly until around 200 degrees. Then the process is slow. Heat the mixture to EXACTLY 241 degrees (248 degrees real unpasteurized cream). I can't emphasize "exactly" enough. Anything less will leave the caramels gooey and hard to wrap. Anything more will make them hard.

When the mixture is at 241 degrees, turn off heat and add one 1 teaspoon of vanilla. Stir it in rapidly because the mixture will cool quickly.

Immediately place mixture into well greased glass pan and let stand for at least two hours. Cut into 1" squares and wrap in wax paper. When you cut the first line, you will know how good of a job you did by its texture. If the texture is good, they are easy to cut and wrap. You can leave them out, refrigerate or freeze. I try to freeze some of mine, but they usually do not last that long.

Making caramels is something the whole family can enjoy together, especially the stirring. Wrapping is tedious too. I make three batches at a time, but make sure your pot is big enough. The mixture will double in size while boiling. As moisture boils out, it will significantly reduce.

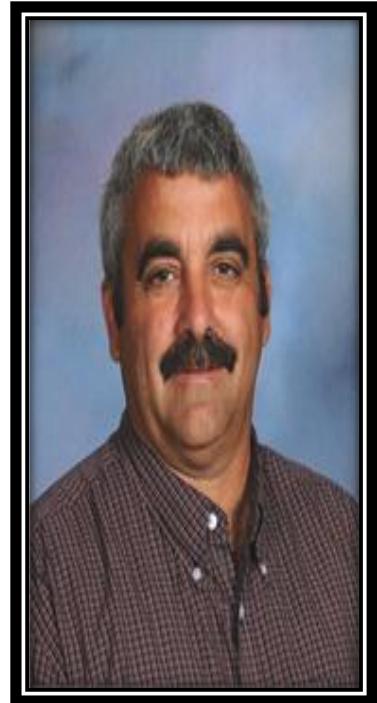
***They are buttery and fattening, the best. We give to family and Christmas parties as gifts. Barbara even ships to family members in Germany.***

***Thank you Grandma Wash!!!***

# Does the Catholic Church want Catholic schools?

*Since the 1960s and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vatican Council, it seems that the attitude toward Catholic Schools by the Church might have changed. Has it?*

**By Greg Fazzari, Athletic Director & Educator Walla Walla Catholic Schools**



Many schools have closed. Support for Catholic schools has waned - evidenced by the fact that schools that were once funded by parishes are now primarily funded by tuition. There are still tuition-free Catholic schools funded completely by parish giving, but these are very few and far between.

There was a time when every Catholic felt obligated to help fund Catholic schools – since they are a Church ministry. Why do we no longer feel that obligation? Does the Catholic Church still want Catholic schools?

The mind of the Church is best understood by reading the Church documents. The following is a survey of direct quotes from Church documents about Catholic schools – beginning with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vatican Council's documents. Has the Church asked for this change in attitude toward Catholic schools?



## ***Gravissimum Educationis — Vatican II on Catholic Schools***

*Since, therefore, the Catholic school can be such an aid to the fulfillment of the mission of the People of God and to the fostering of the dialogue between the Church and mankind, to the benefit of both, it retains even in our present circumstances the utmost importance.*

*The Council also reminds Catholic parents of the duty of entrusting their children to Catholic schools wherever and whenever it is possible and of supporting these schools to the best of their ability and of cooperating with them for the education of their children.[28] This Sacred Council of the Church earnestly entreats pastors and all the faithful to **spare no sacrifice in helping Catholic schools fulfill their function** in a continually more perfect way, and especially in caring for the needs of those who are poor in the goods of this world or who are deprived of the assistance and affection of a family or who are strangers to the gift of Faith.*

### **The Catholic School – 1977 Church Document**

*The Second Vatican Council has encouraged a more open-minded approach which has sometimes been misrepresented in theory and practice. There are difficulties in the provision of adequate staff and finance. In such a situation should the Church perhaps give up her apostolic mission in Catholic schools, as some people would like her to do, and direct her energy to a more direct work of evangelization in sectors considered to be of higher priority or more suited to her spiritual mission, or should she make State schools the sole object of her pastoral activity? Such a solution would not only be contrary to the directives of the Vatican Council, but would also be opposed to the Church's mission and to what is expected of her by Christian people.*



# ENOUGH ALREADY!

Submitted By Manny Aguilar, PFS, FDD, FDDM, FHC



We've all, recently, been through the National Elections and surprisingly enough, we managed to survive.

Many a body are disappointed in the results and most are happy with them because, ultimately, the voice of the people has spoken.

There are, however, a number of these same bodies who are not satisfied and continue to spew venomous charges of fraud and other methods of expression of their discontent that is really quite sad, when you think of it...they find it hard to accept when things don't go their way.

Why do some people continue to harbor malicious attitudes even though the people have spoken? I think their shouts ring of anger and fear for the future.

Wouldn't it be better to just accept the outcome and now look for opportunities to contribute toward the betterment of our country and step forward in a positive way, each one of us, and involve ourselves, directly, if you will, in the process of improving our lots with and for our fellow man? As Knights, we are called to do just that and the Lord expects it from us.

**Ultimately, it takes a lot less effort to smile than to frown and the Lord will bless us for it.**



# Family At Christmas



Christmas is a magical time. It tends to bring back happy memories of **family gatherings** and charming traditions that have been passed down through the generations. Christmas carols, gift exchanges and **family feasts** are just some of the enduring traditions that make the season one of the world's favorite holidays. Christmas means something different to every person and family, but everyone appreciates a simple **card** or a **message**. Many families take a family picture to send with a card, but even if you don't do that, text messages or even emails wishing families a Merry Christmas will make them feel special. For your extended family that live far away, this might be the only time of year that they get to see your family so they do appreciate receiving something from you. Sending an actual **card** through the mail for the holidays can be a refreshing change for the recipient that can increase their happiness if they might be feeling stressed out.  
Brothers,

During this time of the year there is a huge focus on giving or helping our Brother or neighbor. With that said.....As a Knight of Columbus we have a commitment to do for those in our community that don't have a Family or are less fortunate than most! What have you or your council done to feed the hungry....Care for the homeless.....or just assist a family in need. We, as Knights, have the resources and programs to make a difference in someone's life....Have you?? Please take this opportunity to utilize the many programs offered by the Knights of Columbus to make your community just a little bit better.....Food For Families...Coats for Kids....Giving Tree....Local Food Banks.... Soup Kitchens.....St. Vincent de Paul.....H.O.M.E .....Men's and Women's Shelters and Many... Many.... More.

*God Bless each and every one of you and Thank You for all you do To make our Order grow!!*

**One More thing...As a Member of the 4th Degree(Our Patriotic Order) I ask you to Please take the time to Thank a Military Veteran or Active Service Member for Keeping us all Safe!!!**

*Merry Christmas*

*Tommy LaCour*

*Washington State Family Chairman*

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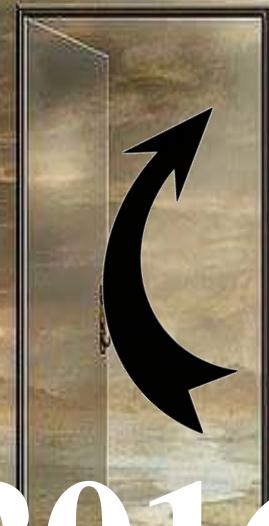
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MAY YOU SHINE  
THE LIGHT OF  
CHRIST IN THE  
NEW YEAR!



# 2016

# ENTERING THE NEW YEAR



TO ALL WHO SENT IN  
THEIR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

*Thank you*

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS  
AND THOUGHTFULNESS!!

From My House  
to Yours



Have a  
Merry Christmas!

Blessings