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LENT BEGINS

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*Keeping
a Holy Lent*

Give up hatred; return good for evil

Give up negativism; be positive

Give up complaining; be grateful

Give up pessimism; be an optimist

Give up harsh judgments; think kindly thoughts

Give up worry; trust Divine Providence

Give up discouragement; be full of hope

Give up anger; be more patient

Give up pettiness; be more mature

Give up gloom; be more mature

Give up jealousy; pray for trust

Give up gossiping; control your thoughts

Give up sin; turn to virtue



“Six Seconds to Live”



What follows are excerpts from remarks by Marine Lt. General John F. Kelly to the Semper Fi Society of St. Louis. This was four days after his son Lt. Robert Kelly, USMC, was killed by an IED while on his 3rd Combat tour.

Submitted by Bob Lorenz Council 11948 in Puyallup WA

“I will leave you with a story about the kind of people they are...about the quality of the steel in their backs...about the kind of dedication they bring to our country while they serve in uniform and forever after as veterans. Two years ago when I was the Commander of all U.S. and Iraqi forces, in fact, the 22nd of April 2008, two Marine infantry battalions, 1/9 “The Walking Dead,” and 2/8 were switching out in Ramadi. One battalion in the closing days of their deployment going home very soon, the other just starting its seven-month combat tour. Two Marines, Corporal Jonathan Yale and Lance Corporal Jordan Haerter, 22 and 20 years old respectively, one from each battalion, were assuming the watch together at the entrance gate of an outpost that contained a makeshift barracks housing 50 Marines. The same broken down ramshackle building was also home to 100 Iraqi police, also my men and our allies in the fight against the terrorists in Ramadi, a city until recently the most dangerous city on earth and owned by Al Qaeda With only seconds left to live Corporal Jonathan Yale “leaned into danger” and fired as fast as he could. Yale was a dirt poor mixed-race kid from Virginia with a wife and daughter, and a mother and sister who lived with him and he supported as well. He did this on a yearly salary of less than \$23,000. Haerter, on the other hand, was a middle class white kid from Long Island. They were from two completely different worlds. Had they not joined the Marines they would never have met each other, or understood that multiple America’s exist simultaneously depending on one’s race, education level, economic status, and where you might have been born. But they were Marines, combat Marines, forged in the same crucible of Marine training, and because of this bond they were brothers as close, or closer, than if they were born of the same woman

"Let no unauthorized personnel or vehicles pass." The mission orders they received from the sergeant squad leader I am sure went something like: "Okay you two clowns, stand this post and let no unauthorized personnel or vehicles pass." "You clear?" I am also sure Yale and Haerter then rolled their eyes and said in unison something like: "Yes Sergeant," with just enough attitude that made the point without saying the words, "No kidding sweetheart, we know what we're doing." They then relieved two other Marines on watch and took up their post at the entry control point of Joint Security Station Nasser, in the Sophia section of Ramadi, Al Anbar, Iraq. A few minutes later a large blue truck turned down the alley way-perhaps 60-70 yards in length-and sped its way through the serpentine of concrete Jersey walls. The truck stopped just short of where the two were posted and detonated, killing them both catastrophically. Twenty-four brick masonry houses were damaged or destroyed. A mosque 100 yards away collapsed. The truck's engine came to rest two hundred yards away knocking most of a house down before it stopped. Our explosive experts reckoned the blast was made of 2,000 pounds of explosives. Two died, and because these two young infantrymen didn't have it in their DNA to run from danger, they saved 150 of their Iraqi and American brothers in arms...

With One Second to Live They "Leaned into the Danger" For about two seconds more, the recording shows the Marines' weapons firing non-stop...the truck's windshield exploding into shards of glass as their rounds take it apart and tore into the body of the [driver] who is trying to get past them to kill their brothers-American and Iraqi-bedded down in the barracks totally unaware of the fact that their lives at that moment depended entirely on two Marines standing their ground. If they had been aware, they would have known they were safe...because two Marines stood between them and a crazed suicide bomber. The recording shows the truck careening to a stop immediately in front of the two Marines. In all of the instantaneous violence Yale and Haerter never hesitated. By all reports and by the recording, they never stepped back. They never even started to step aside. They never even shifted their weight. With their feet spread shoulder width apart, they leaned into the danger, firing as fast as they could work their weapons. They had only one second left to live. The truck explodes. The camera goes blank. Two young men go to their God. Six seconds. Not enough time to think about their families, their country, their flag, or about their lives or their deaths, but more than enough time for two very brave young men to do their duty...into eternity. That is the kind of people who are on watch all over the world tonight-for you. **We Marines believe that God gave America the greatest gift he could bestow to man while he lived on this earth-freedom. We also believe he gave us another gift nearly as precious-our soldiers, sailors, airmen, Coast Guardsmen, and Marines-to safeguard that gift and guarantee no force on this earth can ever steal it away.**

It has been my distinct honor to have been with you here today. Rest assured our America, this experiment in democracy started over two centuries ago, will forever remain the "land of the free and home of the brave" so long as we never run out of tough young Americans who are willing to look beyond their own self-interest and comfortable lives, and go into the darkest and most dangerous places on earth to hunt down, and kill, those who would do us harm. **God Bless America, and....SEMPER FIDELIS!**



PRESENTING TWO PFH CHECKS

Dear Ed,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

There is a hard-copy letter of thanks being sent to you in the mail, but in the interest of time I felt it important to write you this email as well to thank you for the incredible generosity of the Knights of Columbus to Bishop White Seminary and the Diocese of Spokane for seminarian education.

The Pennies for Heaven campaign, undertaken so consistently by all of our brother Knights throughout the State of Washington, has made it possible for our Diocese (as well as the Archdiocese of Seattle and the Diocese of Yakima) to fund the cost of seminarian education. What a tremendous testimony this provides both to our common faith and the bonds of fraternity which unite us as brother Knights. Thank you, most sincerely.

In a particular way, I want to express my *profound and sincere* gratitude on behalf of the Bishop White Seminary community for your persistent efforts to reduce the building debt for our seminary. I am pleased to report that after this donation, *our total building debt is now only \$21,030.98!* It is my fervent hope that we can retire this debt by the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2017.

Brother Ed, please convey my sincere gratitude to our brothers throughout the State for their partnership in the Gospel. On behalf of the 13 seminarians at Bishop White (2 for the Diocese of Boise, 7 for the Archdiocese of Seattle, and 4 for the Diocese of Spokane), I assure you that we remember you, your families, and your communities as we pray each day. Please pray also for us, that we may know & follow God's holy will.

Vivat Jesus!

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Knights of Columbus Novena for National Unity

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The novena prayer asks the intercession of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, under her title of the Immaculate Conception.

In announcing the new novena, Supreme Knight Anderson noted: “From its earliest days, the Knights of Columbus has been an organization that is dedicated to both faith and patriotism. This novena provides Knights, and all Catholics, the opportunity to serve their country in a faithful way by bringing unity in values and faith in a way that overcomes any political divisions. Our country is strongest when it is unified, and that unity is strongest when it is shaped by the timeless values of our faith.” The text of the novena reads:

Most Holy Trinity: Our Father in Heaven, who chose Mary as the fairest of your daughters; Holy Spirit, who chose Mary as your Spouse; God the Son, who chose Mary as your Mother, in union with Mary we adore your majesty and acknowledge your supreme, eternal dominion and authority.

Most Holy Trinity, we put the United States of America into the hands of Mary Immaculate in order that she may present the country to you. Through her we wish to thank you for the great resources of this land and for the freedom which has been its heritage.

Through the intercession of Mary, have mercy on the Catholic Church in America. Grant us peace. Have mercy on our president and on all the officers of our government. Grant us a fruitful economy, born of justice and charity. Have mercy on capital and industry and labor. Protect the family life of the nation. Guard the precious gift of many religious vocations. Through the intercession of our Mother, have mercy on the sick, the tempted, sinners – on all who are in need.

Mary, Immaculate Virgin, our Mother, Patroness of our land, we praise you and honor you and give ourselves to you. Protect us from every harm. Pray for us, that acting always according to your will and the will of your divine Son, we may live and die pleasing to God. Amen.



Washington State Knights on Bikes

By Bruce Hines State President Knights on Bikes

My name is Bruce Hines I am a member of council 3307 assembly 1174 and live in West Richland. I am also the Washington State Knights on Bikes President. 2017 will be the 5th anniversary of Washington State Knights on Bikes and our membership is growing with 39 current members state wide. So far this year we have four events on the 2017 calendar. These events are open to all Knights of Columbus and a great way to evangelize the faith to other riders on the road and have fun doing it. God Bless these men they call knights...

I am sending a little KonB history.

State KonB founder: Tommy Rosati (May 12 2012)
Past President of state (PPOS) Mike Rutland
President of state (POS) Bruce Hines
Seattle President of dioceses (POD) Phillip Clingan
Yakima President of dioceses (POD) Bret Fleming
Spokane President of dioceses (POD) Open

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"IN GOD WE TRUST, AND RIDE"**

***This past month KonB were instrumental
in helping assembly 1174 place three chalices,
Kudos for sure that is a great 4th degree program***



STATE AWARDS APPLICATION SCHEDULE

AWARD DUE DATES & WHERE TO SUBMIT

(EMAIL ADDRESSES AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE)

FAMILY OF THE YEAR

April 1

Thomas LaCour, FAMILY
22635 112AVE SE
KENT, WA 98031-2656

KNIGHT OF THE YEAR

April 1

Edward Miller, COUNCIL
21913 WAITE MILL RD
GRANITE FALLS, WA 98252-9769

HERBERT M LEIBERT, PGK RIGHT TO LIFE MEMORIAL

April 1

Ronald DeGroot, CULTURE OF LIFE
3420 78TH AVE SE
OLYMPIA, WA 98501-9403

HARRY J TUCKER, JR, FSW, PSD, FVSM MEMORIAL

April 1

Edward Miller, COUNCIL
21913 WAITE MILL RD
GRANITE FALLS, WA 98252-9769

GEORGE C TURK PSD,FVSM GIFT OF LIFE BLOOD DONOR HONOR ROLL - April 1

Vince Mansanarez, COMMUNITY
PO BOX 24720
FEDERAL WAY, WA 98093-1720

WADE S. WALDEN, FDD PLATELETS HEROS AWARD HONOR ROLL - April 1

Vince Mansanarez, COMMUNITY
PO BOX 24720.
FEDERAL WAY, WA 98093-1720

CHURCH

April 15

Paul Robertson,, CHURCH
9116 SE 58TH ST.
MERCER ISLAND, WA 98040-5016

COMMUNITY

April 15

Vince Mansanarez, COMMUNITY
PO BOX 24720
FEDERAL WAY, WA 98092-1720

COUNCIL

April 15

Edward Miller, COUNCIL
21913 WAITE MILL RD
GRANITE FALLS, WA 98252-9769

FAMILY SERVICE ACTIVITY

April 15

Thomas LaCour, FAMILY
22635 112AVE SE
KENT, WA 98031-2656

YOUTH

April 15

Kenneth DeVos, YOUTH
2418 SW 149th St
Burien, WA 98166-1647

PRO-LIFE

April 15

Ronald DeGroot, CULTURE OF LIFE
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OLYMPIA, WA 98501-9403

SERMON ON THE PARK BENCH

By STEVE SNELL



He's sitting on a park bench playing and singing the Beatles song "Let it be" on his accordion, in a delightful, self-contained world of his own. He is surrounded by a body guard of some very young looking teens with devotion to the artist written all over them. The only comparison available to me is a memorable bunch of lads from London, "Irregulars" who seem to have left their haunt at 221b Baker Street.

After he finishes the song, he looks at those who have stopped to listen to him. With an expression of a village philosopher on his face, he says, "I hope you all feel good about your life this morning." "If you don't feel good about your life, don't be dumb as a pound cake." "**CHANGE IT!**"

"Don't think like a victim, don't become swamped with passivity and impotence: dissolving into powerlessness like a scope of Kool-Aid in water. God made you better than that, God made you to succeed! We all have brick walls to overcome, the effort, determination and will to tear down those walls, is where the fabric of religious faith, patriotism and freedom comes from."

His listeners found the message powerful. This from a diminutive man with a straw hat covering his gray hair, a cigarette hanging from his lips and a perpetual grin on his face. And he's shrewd. Shrewd, in the way he dispenses serene strength, using words and music, as well as brotherly love to all who would listen. Most of all he pleads for the unborn, for love and life. He urges those gathered before him to observe the "Irregulars," the special young people that encircled him. (*His Irregulars* were children with Down's syndrome,) "They are gentle prophets in a turbulent world. They testify to the infinite value of every human life, they carry the message of love and family from the Holy Spirit."

As Knights, and as Americans we need to find our place on the park bench. While bringing about change can be a challenge for some, as Knights we must live lives that can make greatness happen.

**THOSE WHO BECOME GREAT, ARE THE ONES
WHO ASK THE MOST OF THEMSELVES.**

THERE IS ROOM ON THE PARK BENCH, PLEASE JOIN US.....



WE NEED CHALLENGES



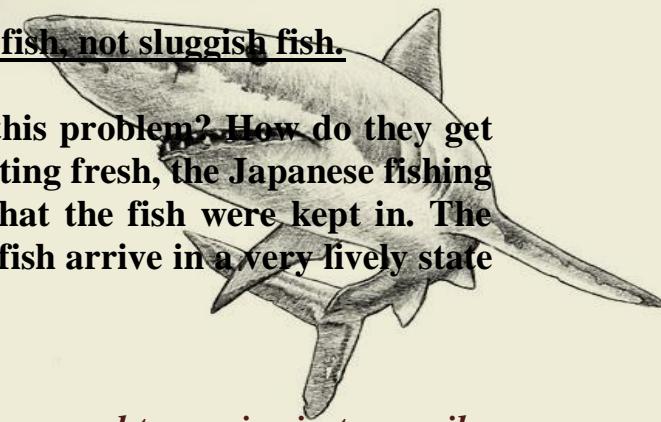
The Japanese have always loved fresh fish. But the waters close to Japan have not held many fish for decades. So the fishermen had to go further out to sea to catch their supply of fish, the fishing boats got bigger and bigger.

The farther the fishermen went, the longer it took to bring in the fish. If the return trip took more than a few days, the fish were not fresh and they lost their fresh taste.

To solve this problem, fishing companies installed freezers on their boats. They would catch the fish and freeze them at sea. Freezers allowed the boats to go farther and stay longer. However, the Japanese could taste the difference between fresh and frozen and they did not like frozen fish. Also, the frozen fish brought a lower price. So fishing companies installed fish tanks. They would catch the fish and stuff them in the tanks, fin to fin. After a little thrashing around, the fish stopped moving. They were tired and dull, but alive. Unfortunately, the Japanese could still taste the difference; because the fish did not move for days, they lost their fresh-fish taste.

The Japanese preferred the lively taste of fresh fish, not sluggish fish.

So how did Japanese fishing companies solve this problem? How do they get fresh-tasting fish to Japan? To keep the fish tasting fresh, the Japanese fishing companies added a small shark to the tanks that the fish were kept in. The shark of course eats a few fish, but most of the fish arrive in a very lively state due to the fact that the fish are challenged.



Moral of the story:

Some of us are also living like fish that have been caught, we give in too easily, and we are not challenged. Some of us could use a Shark in our life. Consider new challenges and problems in your life as a shark the challenges and problems can keep us motivated and moving forward. Without challenges we can become complacent, find life boring, and become inactive.

**CHALLENGES IN OUR LIVES AND OUR COUNCILS
CAN KEEP US GROWING AND MOVING FORWARD.**

VICE PRESIDENT SPEAKS AT MARCH FOR LIFE



Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and Deputy Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly talk with Vice President Mike Pence prior to his address to the tens of thousands attending the rally prior to the March for Life (Photo: Matthew Barrack).

WASHINGTON — On Friday, Jan. 27, just days after the presidential inauguration, Vice President Mike Pence spoke to tens of thousands, including members of the Knights of Columbus, gathered to participate in the 2017 March for Life.

The event has taken place every January since 1974, on or near the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion throughout the nation.

The event kicked off with a rally sponsored by the March for Life Education and Defense Fund, which was born out of the grassroots movement that gathered on the first anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*.

At the rally, Vice President Pence, the highest ranking government official to attend the event during its 44-year history, said, “I am deeply humbled to be the first vice president of the United States ever to attend this event.” On behalf of President Trump, he also thanked the attendees for their stand for life and their compassion for the women and children of America.

Citing the Mexico City Policy that restricts funding for abortion services to foreign countries, Pence assured pro-lifers that the Trump administration will continue to devote its time and energy to making America a country for life, announcing that President Trump will name a pro-life Supreme Court nominee next week.

“We’ve come to a historic moment in the cause for life,” he said. “Compassion is overcoming convenience, and hope is defeating despair. ... In a word, life is winning in America because of all of you.” He added, “Be assured that along with you, we will not grow wearied, we will not rest, until we restore a culture of life in America for ourselves and for our posterity.”

The rally began with the introduction of Jeanne Mancini, president of the March for Life Education and Defense Fund, by Deputy Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, who referred to the march as “the largest annual civil rights gathering in the world.” After greeting the crowds, Mancini welcomed Kelly Anne Conway, senior counselor to President Trump.

“I am a wife, a mother, a Catholic, counselor to the president of the United States of America. And yes, I am pro-life,” Conway told the crowd. “It is such an honor to stand with the vice president of the

United States and with students from places near and far to defend the unborn. This is a new day, a new dawn for life.

"Why are we here? What does it mean to stand together?" she continued. "It means to protect and promote the most precious gift in the world, the gift of life."

The number of attendees at the pro-life march has grown throughout the years, with attendees coming not just from nearby states but from across the country to participate. This year, the marching crowd grew following the rally, reaching — according to EWTN reporters at the event — approximately half a million attendees.

Their attendance supports the Marist polling commissioned by the Knights of Columbus in 2016, which showed that the majority of Americans see abortion as both ultimately harmful to women and morally wrong.

Of those polled, 55 percent of Americans agreed that abortion ultimately does a woman more harm than good — an opinion equally shared by both the men and women polled. By contrast, only about 1 in 10 Americans believe there should be no restrictions on abortion.

"Year in and year out since we began polling on this issue, the American people have understood that the law can protect mother and child alike and have expressed a strong consensus in favor of abortion restrictions," said Supreme Knight Anderson. "It is time for a new national conversation on abortion, one that begins with this consensus in favor of restrictions — a consensus that American women and men have already reached."

This year, as in past years, the crowd at the March for Life consisted of people of all faiths and political backgrounds. Countless pro-life banners and flags were on display, including the thousands of Knights of Columbus "Defend Life" and "Choose Life" signs distributed by the D.C. State Council. Many participants attended with their families and young children. Others, such as college and high school students, traveled together on parish- or school-sponsored buses.

Armed with cell phones, many marchers shared their support of life on social media using the hashtag #Power of One, which was the hopeful theme of this year's march. The theme emphasized the power that each individual person can have in building a culture that protects life at each and every stage.

Following the rally, the nearly 2-mile march began from the National Mall and progressed past the U.S. Capitol before concluding at the Supreme Court building.

Standing together, marchers once more defended the weakest in society. It is a cause that has endured both weather and time as people continue to make a stand — or in this case, a march — for life.





POPE FRANCIS: 'REMEMBER HOLOCAUST SO NEVER REPEATED'



POPE FRANCIS MET WITH A DELEGATION FROM THE
EUROPEAN JEWISH CONGRESS ON JANUARY 27
INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY



*These scratches were made by Jews as they died
in the gas chambers of Auschwitz.*

We can only imagine their suffering.

In the panic and dread of those rooms of death

*Dying men, women, children left these marks
A message to a future they would not see
A silent scream from those who perished.*

"We were here. We lived. Remember"

*On International Holocaust Remembrance Day
We honor these victims.
And all the Six Million.*

Valentine's Day Reflections

By Sheila Ryan Wallace

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He Loves Me

He loves me

Or does He?

He tells me so

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Valentine's Day is fast approaching; a day when romance is promoted by all the merchants and hucksters who desire to sell their products; a day when friends profess their affection for one another, sometimes with gifts; a day when young lovers often become engaged, promising their undying love; a day when couples make their vows in marriage.

There are many definitions of love, many perceptions of love, many ways of expressing love, many grades of love. Let's consider married love. We Catholics have been taught for all our lives that when two people fall in love and marry, the marriage is a sacred union, or covenant, if you will, between one man and one woman; entered into freely, and sealed and strengthened by God, our Creator; a contract in which the parties promise to devote themselves, exclusively, to the other for life, and to be open to the procreation of children.

In reflecting upon my own marriage, I remember standing at the altar to make my vows, and wondering how God was going to be the third party in the marriage I was entering. Now, after sixty-plus years of marriage, I can name innumerable times when He showed himself as very present; other times when He, in subtle, unexpected, quiet and surprising ways, revealed His presence, His love, His caring and protection; and other times, when He shared His wisdom, answered emergency prayers and long term prayers.

I learned that when you commit your marriage to God, He takes it seriously and He is there, always. Even when you are caught up in the secular life of the world and don't pay Him much heed, He is there, constant and faithful; only waiting for you to come and ask His help.

I learned that His love is so great that He even sometimes helps you and your spouse to share the romantic frills of marriage, by imparting the wisdom of sharing and serving to both partners, so that, if they are both centered on having God in their life, His love and affection overshadow all their actions. Then their love grows, matures, spreads to family and friends, and life is filled with joy and contentment.

Marriage is a commitment far more than romantic love or fair-weather affection. It is loyal, faithful, mutual commitment between two people, centered on God. the rewards are enduring joy. His grace is available. All we have to do is ask.





AFTER FLIGHT 77 hit the Pentagon on 9/11, the following incident occurred: A chaplain, who happened to be assigned to the Pentagon, told of an incident that never made the news.

A daycare facility inside the Pentagon had many children, including infants who were in heavy cribs. The daycare supervisor, looking at all the children they children, mostly toddlers, as well as the infants that would need to be taken out with the cribs.

There was no time to try to bundle them into carriers and strollers. Just then a young Marine came running into the center and asked what they needed. After hearing what the center director was trying to do, he ran back out into the hallway and disappeared. The director thought, "Well, here we are, on our own."

About 2 minutes later, that Marine returned with 40 other Marines in tow. Each of them grabbed a crib with a child, and the rest started gathering up toddlers. The director and her staff then helped them take all the children out of the center and down toward the park near the Potomac.

Once they got about 3/4 of a mile outside the building, the Marines stopped in the park, and then did a fabulous thing - they formed a circle with the cribs, which were quite sturdy and heavy, like the covered wagons in the Old West. Inside this circle of cribs, they put the toddlers, to keep them from wandering off. Outside this circle were the 40 Marines, forming a perimeter around the children and waiting for instructions. There they remained until the parents could be notified and come get their children.

The chaplain then said, "I don't think any of us saw nor heard of this on any of the news stories of the day. It was an incredible story of our men there." There wasn't a dry eye in the room. The thought of those Marines and what they did and how fast they reacted; could we expect any less from them? It was one of the most touching stories from the Pentagon. It's the Military, not the politicians that ensures our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. It's the Military who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag. If you care to offer the smallest token of recognition and appreciation for the military, please pray for our men and women, who have served and are currently serving our country, and pray for those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for freedom.

MESSAGE FOR THE GRAND KNIGHTS

START PLANNING NOW!



As mentioned earlier, the State Awards Applications Write-ups are due on April 1, 2017 and others are due on April 15, 2017. These entries need to be emailed to the appropriate chairmen.

Writing these can be challenging for the first time, so here are some ideas that may help you along:

- 1) First and foremost, you need to make sure that you are using the right category. If the write-up displays accomplishments of the Knight **only**, then Knight of The Year may be more appropriate than Family of The Year. If you are writing a Family Service Program Award, you need to answer the question- who benefits from the Program? If the answer is “Families” then you have a Family Service Program write-up. If the answer is the “Community at large”, then it you have a Community Service Program.
- 2) Remember it is an **HONOR** to be chosen to do this write-up and you have a responsibility to do your best for the family or project you are recognizing.
- 3) Be **SPECIFIC** about the family’s involvement or the details of the project. Include dates of participation. This leaves no doubt about the extent of involvement.
- 4) Tell a story around the accomplishments of this family or project. Oftentimes, we receive a list of accomplishments that read like a laundry list instead of reading about the family or project. As the writer, **YOU TRULY BELIEVE** that your family, your knight, or project is the best, or you wouldn’t be writing . When you write a story about your family/project your words ‘sell’ your knight/family/project, because your feelings will come out in the story. This is important! The judges just want to see it the way you do...they want to believe in your family/project the way you do! Get them on-board!

5)Include pictures in your write-up. Nothing warms up the reader faster than to see the human beings that you are writing about. It allows the judges to imagine the family working together or Knights working on the project,

6)Back up your write-up by seeking letters of support from the people that have influence and know that your family/project is a winner and deserves this award. Parish Priests, Bishops, fellow Knights that have held high offices, are just a few examples of people to solicit letters of support from. Including these letters allows judges to see the family/project from another author's perspective, as well as **VALIDATING** what you have already said.

7)Don't be afraid to draw parallels between your family's accomplishments and the scriptures. We are a Catholic Organization and our ideals come from the scriptures. Showing how your family/project is following those ideals will further validate what a fine Catholic family or project you are writing up.

8)Take this task personally! Write it as though your reputation as a Knight of Columbus rides on your family/project winning the award. It intensity, and it will make you proud of your work when you are done. Not every write-up can win, but every write-up can be your best effort. Remember, there is a family or hard-working brother Knights on the other side of this write-up who have accomplished great things...you owe them your best!



JUST TWO OLD PEOPLE

(reprint by request)

"Who lives there in that old gray house down the middle of the block ?

"Oh, that's where the old Knights of Columbus guy and his wife live."

"Just two old people?"

By STEVE SNELL



They never talked a lot with words but they knew each other very well. They always showed much affection for each other, but certainly not in public, they were "Old School." Neither would not have thought it proper for people their age. They had a great love for each other and as the years passed the feeling grew into a oneness, a feeling of total belonging.

Lately, the only ones on earth they still seemed of use to were each other. He went for the mail and took out the garbage and went to the pharmacy to get her medicine. She cooked his food and mended his clothes and she was always there. They both felt a deep unspoken reliance on each other. Their age which set them apart from most other things was actually bringing them even closer together. No one else really knew all that they had been through. No one could possibly understand what they had shared. Neither would have ever thought of going through life without the other

They were frail now, very fragile, life was slipping away. The priest could see it when he made a visit. Father Tim met the local Grand Knight latter after his house call and told him that the council's oldest living member and his wife were getting very feeble. "I'm thinking they may not last much longer."

They knew it themselves in a very quiet way. They had given up one thing after another -- going to church, trips to town, his council meetings. Last Sunday afternoon as they were sitting in their living room, there was a knock on the front door.....

Epilogue: When they buried the old man, his wife and daughter had both insisted that the "Family Award" his council's grand knight presented to them in their living room on the old knight's last Sunday, be buried with him, his tears were still on it. The old man and his wife died within five days of one another, "I can't keep him waiting for me," were the last words she said to her daughter.

Brothers don't keep your honored Knights waiting, they are more than

JUST TWO OLD PEOPLE!

TOP SEVEN THINGS THAT DEFINE A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS CHAPLAIN

(Please pass this information on to your chaplain)

1. He is the "Father McGivney" of his council, supporting Knights in their spiritual journey.
2. He encourages Knights to attend Mass faithfully and to receive the sacraments regularly.
3. **He offers a spiritual message at every council meeting . When he cannot attend, he should prepare a message that can be shared by a council officer.**
4. He promotes devotion to Father McGivney.
5. **He invites all eligible Catholic men of his parish to join the Knights of Columbus, letting them know that membership in the Order can help a Catholic man develop his faith, be a better father and husband, and contribute to the Church and the world.**
6. He does his best to make his council known for the faith of its members rather than just its social activities.
7. **He helps other priests understand what the Knights can offer their parishes and dioceses.**

*For information and materials that can help you live up to these goals,
visit kofc.org/chaplain*

P E N D O R E I L E C O U N C I L 1 4 2 6 8

Several members of the Knights of Columbus attended the recent "Hearts on Fire" conference at St. Thomas More parish in Spokane. Pictured are Kirk Neuman, Ed Zupich, Richard Pelkie, Tom Garrett, Stephen Sommer, Jim Hines, and Steve Pearson. Also in attendance from our county/council, but not pictured were: Rennie Pelkie, James Pelkie, and Darrell Wehr.

We had 3 members of our Pend Oreille Council participate in the Pro-Life march in the downtown Spokane area on January 28th. Duane Sanger, Stephen Sommer and Jim Hines were joined by Fr. Joseph Sullivan, one of our past Pend Oreille county priests. Thanks guys for braving the cold and representing our Council.

Duane Sanger receives the January 2017 Knight of the Month award. Duane is always willing to step up and help out in the governance of the St. Anthony parish, pro-life activities, KC functions of all kinds, and certainly not least, plying his electrician's skills in many areas of our parish facilities.

One of the many projects our Knights tackled this winter was to totally gut and rebuild the old "Knights Room" and remodel it into an upgraded and attractive new lobby for entering the lower level of St. Anthony's church. Greg Meyer is pictured refinishing the laminated beam that had been previously hidden above ceiling tiles. What a beautiful center piece for our new room!!

Ed Zupich is about to remove the heat ducting from the old storage room in preparation for installation of new walls and sheet rock.

Tom Garrett adds to the "silver" in his hair already by sanding sheet rock seams overhead in the new lobby at St. Anthony's.



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Knights of Council 1643 & Assembly 1183 prepared over 360 lunches for the **Special Olympic athletes participating in the Basketball championship on 29 January, 2017 in Olympia, WA.**



Keith Underwood far right coordinated the use of the kitchen at SMP and procured all the resources and supplies for preparing, and assembling the sack lunches.



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Left Dan Miller and Chef Sam Pellegrino prepare the beef barley soup. Right Ralph Marriott, Denny Perez, Phil Descouteaux, and Corbett Thornton serve soup and hot dogs to the hungry



Knights from l-r, Bill Bowman, GN Mike Colosi, Sam Contino, Tom Cofield and Ed Harrison.

Knights from Council 1643 & Assembly 1183, Lacey, WA prepare lunch of hot dogs, beef barley soup, lemonade, and coffee for the participants of the Washington State March for Life conducted at the Washington State Capitol on 23rd January, 2017. The Knights served approximately 200 people.



After the March for Life, participants enjoyed a refreshing lunch which was provided by the Knights of Columbus at Sacred Heart's Hallen Hall

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In an age old military tradition of recognizing those who go above and beyond in service to others the Faithful Navigator presented 4th Degree coins to a few Worthy Sir Knights. The 4th Degree coins are engraved with the Assembly's number 1183 and a serial number making each one unique.



To Sam Pellegrino for coordinating and supervising the meals served at the Veteran's Appreciation Dinner and the March for Life lunch at Sacred Heart, and for his involvement in the Memorial Mass and Council Christmas Party.



To Corbett Thornton, Faithful Scribe, for his timely and accurate submission of Assembly meeting minutes, proofing of articles and story boards, and helping out with donuts and serving monthly at The Community Kitchen.



To Phil Kelley, Faithful Comptroller, for hand writing and mailing out membership cards, preparing and submitting all reports in a timely fashion and serving donuts at SMP every month.





The White House

Office of the Press Secretary
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President Donald J. Trump Recognizes National Catholic Schools Week

Today, the President issued a letter recognizing National Catholic Schools Week.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 3, 2017

In recognition of National Catholic Schools Week, I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to all of the dedicated Catholic school administrators, teachers, priests, and support organizations who work tirelessly to build and sustain quality Catholic schools across the Nation.

The theme of this year's National Catholic Schools Week is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service." I appreciate the many ways in which Catholic schools nurture devotion, impart wisdom, and minister to the 2 million students who enter their halls every day. and to the diverse communities they serve.

Congratulations for the tremendous work you have done to educate our Nation's youth each and every day. Your continued and sustained efforts are vital to our success and prosperity as a country.

Sincerely,

DONALD J. TRUMP



MY DEAR FRIENDS:



I attended the Spokane Diocese Men's Conference the past weekend at St. Thomas More Parish in Spokane with two of our sons, Michael and Stephen. We spent the day listening intently to exhortations on our Catholic faith and the meaning of “A Call to Battle”! I do not have the space here to recap the entire day’s events, but I will provide an over-view to encourage you to become “Battle Ready” too!

In this Exhortation there were three primary questions to be answered:

- 1) What does it mean to be a Catholic man?
- 2) How does a Catholic man love?
- 3) Why is fatherhood, fully understood, so crucial for every man?

With Doug Barry and Jesse Romero as presenters, we addressed these questions within the “New Evangelization”; “A Field Hospital and a Battle Cry”; and, “Man and Woman are complementary, not competitors”.

Doug Barry, a devoted husband and father of five, is the founder and director of the Catholic ministry RADIX. Since 1992, he has traveled both nationally and internationally to help spread and defend the Catholic faith. Speaking to us in his powerful one-man performance on EWTN’s brand new television program “Battle Ready”, he encouraged us to be soldiers of Christ to be Aware of, Prepared for and engaged in the spiritual fight that we are in. His powerful exhortation rallies us as troops of Christ and our faith.

Jesse Romero is a retired Los Angeles Deputy Sheriff and resident of Arizona, is a husband and father of three and a grandfather. Jesse is a bilingual author and recipient of many awards including the Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Award, The Fullness of Truth “Defender of Faith” Award and the “Sports Faith International Award”. A full-time bilingual Catholic Lay Evangelist, he preaches on Immaculate Heart Radio, El Sembrador Radio and En Familia Radio. He preached on the importance of defending Holy Mother Church and becoming an apostolate of our call by Christ to evangelization.

In our work to answer what it means to be a Catholic man, we studied the Saints, our heroes of faith; the Catholic man’s Identity; beloved and free sons, called to the battle within; and the practices of a committed Catholic man. And, while there are many habits and devotions we can form, we were charged with keeping seven basic practices on a daily, weekly and monthly basis. If these practices are not (yet) part of your life, we were encouraged to start now!

B Y G E O R G E C N E R W O N K A

- 1) Pray every day;
- 2) Examine your conscience before going to sleep (and making an act of contrition);
- 3) Go to Mass;
- 4) Read the Bible;
- 5) Keep the Sabbath;
- 6) Go to Confession; and,
- 7) Build fraternity with other Catholic men.



On answering how a Catholic man loves, we studied men as a band of brothers and a friend in Christ; man as a husband with a purpose of masculine love; fatherhood being essential; the great importance of grandfathers; and, the hope for lost fatherhood. We recited the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary and a Prayer for Women:

Lord, we pray for the women of our Diocese to be spiritually nourished and encouraged to live their vocations - that the Lord would heal, restore and lift up all who are hurting and suffering - may God inspire them to grow through the Holy Spirit - Mary, Mother of God, be a role model to all women, young and old!

In concluding, we were charged with the question: “Where is the Faith of our Fathers now?” The Catholic martyrs of England inspired Frederick W. Faber to write the hymn “Faith of Our Fathers” in 1849. As Faber paid tribute to the men who refused to deny Christ “in spite of dungeon, fire and sword,” he also issued a call to arms for the men of succeeding generations. Join him in praying that we, men of the 21st century, will make the words of this verse our own:

*“Our Fathers, chained in prisons dark, were still in heart and conscience free:
How sweet world be their children’s fate, If they, like them, could die for Thee!
Faith of our Fathers! Holy Faith! We will be true to Thee till death.”*

Promulgated on the feast of the Archangels, September 29, 2015
+Thomas J. Olmsted Bishop of Phoenix

Finally, let me say that my sons and I came away with a better understanding and knowledge on how to grow stronger in our Catholic faith and to become better husbands, fathers and grandfather...we are preparing to become “Battle Ready”.

Knights of Columbus, Spokane Council 683

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NEW KNIGHT

The Admission degree of Brother Matt Gregory. Also pictured are Brothers Joe St.Hilaire, Tom Jessup, Grand Knight Ben Roberts, Gordy Wilson, Gary Metcalf, Dick Tobias, Bob Grasher, Harvey Unruh, Lou St.Hilaire, and Jim Eastwood



January's Admission degree exemplification brought in another new knight for our council: Brother **Matthew Gregory**. We also welcome a new transfer to Bellingham Council: Brother **Oscar Alcon-Cristobal**,



Chaplain Fr. Scott Connolly was a concelebrant at the Mass. Brothers **Dick Pylilo, Rik Dalvit, Oscar Alcon-Cristobal, Gary Metcalf** of our council and John Lee of Sedro Woolley Council 8472 rode our council's bus to the events. Also seen at the Mass and March were Brothers Matt Dykstra and Darrel Cronk of Lynden Council 12420.

The Mass, held again at St. Martin's University, was celebrated by Bishop Eusebio Elizondo and concelebrated by Bishop Thomas Daly of Spokane, Abbot Neal Roth, OSB, of St .Martin's, an archpriest of an Eastern Rite Catholic Church, and 20 priests of the archdiocese, including Fr. Connolly. Approximately 1,500 attended the Mass.

Those who attended the Mass then joined 4,000 others at the capitol



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By STEVE SNELL

I was sitting around a camp fire in the mountains with a group of loud and proud young college men who had already solved most of the world's problems. Also there stretched out by the fire reading his bible was the camp cook. It wasn't long before one of mama's basement warriors started making fun of the older man and asked him why he was reading fairy tales? The old guy took the guff for a while before he stood up, adjusted his hat, grabbed a long iron poker, stirred the fire a while and then slowly turned around leaning on the red hot iron poker while standing in front of the now silent lads and quietly said;

I want to say something about your "fairy tale comment."

You don't believe in God?

Fine.

Why is it so important for many of you to mock those of us that do?

If we're wrong, what have we lost when we die?

Nothing!

How does our believing in God bring you any harm?

You think it makes me stupid or gullible?

Fine.

How does that affect you?

If you're wrong, your consequence is far worse.

I would rather live my life believing in God and serving Him, and find out I was right, than not believe in Him, and find out I was wrong and it be too late.

It's your choice.....boys.

AS FOR ME, I'LL HANG OUT WITH GOD!!!

OKAY LITTLE SNOWFLAKES IT'S LATE - HIT THE SACK....**NOW!**

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NOTE;

(One should not always so exhaust a subject that one leaves the reader with nothing to do. The point is not to make men read, but to make them think.)

Montesquieu, The Spirit of the Law

God and Family

Brothers

As we continue our quest to Make our family life better through our relationship with God, we must ask ourselves how are we doing on this task????. Think back to how it was then and relate to how it is Now.....When was the last time you sat down as a family for dinner quietly reflecting on the good of the day - Week or Month!! Saying the blessing then Giving your " I was thankful For" before digging in to dinner??? In today's fast paced virtual world it is almost impossible to get through a meal without someone's cell phone ringing...a Text that Just had to be answered....Or I have to answer this e-mail....We need to take the time to get better aquatinted with Our Lord and Savior. Ask ourselves what have we done to show our God we haven't forgotten who he is. He does so much for us it is only fitting that we try and live a better life closer to God.

Please take the time to get you and your Family closer to God!!

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ROOTS

BY MANZY

Each one of us who have read any literature originating from our Supreme Headquarters will have read about our founding in 1882 by Fr. McGivney and how, beginning with just a handful of men, he started the movement that is now the largest Catholic men's lay organization in the world. In less than 150 years our Order has grown to almost 2 million Catholic men who have pledged to serve God with their time, talent and treasure through the channels of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.

AGILE RAPPER'S FDFM, FHC

It is really astounding, when you read of the accomplishments, by our fellow members in Christ throughout the world, in such a short period of time. However, what can happen sometimes is that we can get so involved in the doing that we forget the WHY of it all.

Yes, it began with the initial intent of protecting our families from economic and social pressures and prejudices.

But, I'm sure that our successes would not have been accomplished without the full blessing and inspiration of the Holy Spirit. He is still that motivating force that moves us to assist those in need because of the direct command of our Lord Jesus Christ to do just that-to feed, clothe and nurture the needy- to be the hands and feet of Jesus himself and to praise Him for that opportunity to serve Him.

Are your hearts in line with His? Is that why you became a Knight?

Are you doing all YOU can to continue the process and contribute to helping it grow or are you "just along for the ride"?

Are you prepared to take risks, to be willing to "rock the boat" to further our faith and protect our rights to believe and worship as our Catholic faith directs?

Stand tall then, if you are truly a Knight of Columbus, and be proud to be a Catholic and a servant of God.



Catholic Schools: The Parent-School Partnership

“Parents are the primary and principle educators” of their children (Gravissimum Educationis). This statement by the Church is worth meditating on.

The Church understands that the family is the foundation of society - as the family goes, so goes society. We are thus naturally wary when we see other institutions trying to supplant the family in any way. Too often in my own education classes, the school was portrayed as the institution designed to save children from their parents.

Schools cannot replace families. Teachers cannot replace parents. The school is a valuable institution within any culture. The Church has always realized the importance of education - as evidenced by the Catholic School system and the many Church documents devoted to the topic. Catholic schools and public schools have served individuals and society as a whole in extraordinary ways. The very existence of the “middle class” is often ascribed to the presence of a strong education system. Education is transformative – for both individuals and society.

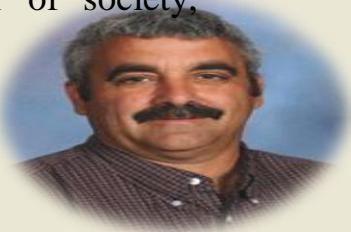
Although schools are important, they are secondary institutions when it comes to the education of children - the family is the primary institution. If either of these institutions fails its responsibility, the child and society at large suffers.

In the current milieu, schools are too often viewed as the primary educators. Families that buy into this shirk their responsibility to their own children. Schools that buy into this undermine the work of the parents or enable the negligence of parents. A Catholic school understands its place in the education of children - as secondary to the family. The school supplements and reinforces the education provided by parents, while upholding its own unique contribution to the child's growth. A Catholic school is vital in today's society – but it can never replace what only families can offer.

Schools are filled with teachers that are trained to not only be experts in their subjects, but experts in the various methods of teaching and understanding their subjects. To expect parents to do this for all of the various important topics covered in a school is not realistic.

At the same time, a Catholic school must be intentional about empowering parents – reminding them that they are primary! Truly - all families are home-schoolers. As important as schools are, they cannot make up for parental neglect.

Parents and Catholic schools form a partnership of love and truth, seeking to empower each child to become everything that God wants of them. The parents take the primary roll instilling faith, a strong work-ethic, compassion and other virtues that make for saints. The school reinforces each of these while passing on culture and ideals that make each child a productive member of society, and ultimately, a citizen of heaven.





TO BE CONTINUED

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH !

