

WASHINGTON STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

THE SECOND EDITION

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"AN ALLIANCE OF LEVITY & SERIOUSNESS"

"Join us, to bear witness to the events of our time, to reach out to the needs of the poor and the greatness within mankindour reflections are in the street and our footsteps will echo in eternity."

SOME OF MARCH'S PLAYERS:



BROTHERS

"LETS BE GREAT"



ITS TIME FOR YOU TO NOMINATE YOUR COUNCIL'S “Family of the Year” “Family Activity of the Year”

Before the State Convention in Bellevue this May. Grand Knights are urged to nominate an outstanding **“Family of the Year.”** Nominations must be in my hands no later than **April 1st** to be considered for judging by the state officers. For **“Family Activity of the Year”**, the same provisions apply. With the exception that the due date for those nominations to Be in my hands is no later than **April 15th.**

NEED HELP, QUESTIONS?

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STATE AWARDS APPLICATION SCHEDULE

AWARD DUE DATES & WHO TO SUBMIT TO

FAMILY OF THE YEAR

April 1

Steve Snell, FAMILY
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KNIGHT OF THE YEAR

April 1

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Vancouver, WA 98662-3524

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April 1

Andrew Kopriva PRO LIFE
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Kennewick, WA 99337-4454

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

April 1

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CHURCH

April 15

Michael Anselmo, CHURCH
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COMMUNITY

April 15

Ronald Girkins, COMMUNITY
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COUNCIL

April 15

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FAMILY SERVICE ACTIVITY

April 15

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YOUTH

April 15

Kenneth DeVos, YOUTH
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Burien, WA 98166-1647

PRO-LIFE

April 15

Andrew Kopriva, PRO-LIFE
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I WISH YOU ENOUGH

I wish you enough sun to keep your
attitude bright no matter how gray
the day may appear.

I wish you enough rain to appreciate
the sun even more.

I wish you enough happiness to
keep your spirit alive and everlasting.

I wish you enough pain so that even the smallest
of joys in life may appear bigger.

I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.

I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.

I wish you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye.



OBSERVATIONS ON BEING AN INVALID

By DUANE VINCENT



Having been recently had my status changed from being relatively active to now completely dependent upon others for just about everything except eating – that I can still do – perhaps I can offer a perspective on life from someone suddenly resident in a nursing home.

Daytime television is boring. There is absolutely nothing worth watching on daytime television. Nighttime television is boring. There is absolutely nothing worth watching on daytime television. Television is boring. There is absolutely nothing worth watching on television.

Oh, hospice status is exciting – exciting to the extent of the newly acquired realization that one's own demise is imminent, and that I must make the most of each of the 1440 minutes that Almighty God has allocated to me each day. Filling the time has been easy – it is a matter of allocating those hours to take care of that which is truly important, such as getting my affairs in order.

At the onset of my rather rapid descent into being an invalid, Sylvia was crying and commented that she wasn't ready to lose me after only 36 years of marriage – and indeed they have been wonderful years; if all marriages were as happy as ours, divorce courts would cease to exist. My response was that we should look upon it as a blessing because few have the opportunity to teach their spouse how to continue life without their significant other. This gives me the opportunity to teach Sylvia how to pay the bills; how to transfer assets between the retirement funds and our checking account; to plan with me for my own funeral; and to know my wishes with regard to disposition of my possessions. Not wishing for that information to be inadvertently misplaced, that information will also be placed in the possession of my eldest son as well as with the executor of my estate.

There is a certain amount of joy in being able to give away my possessions while I am still alive – to ensure that they will go to those who will be able to use them and not be encumbered with something that has no special significance in their lives. Since Sylvia cannot drive and I no longer can either, we presented very some good

friends with our automobile in recognition of our extremely close and enduring friendship. They have gone far beyond the measures of mere friendship, doing absolutely everything to make these last days of life on earth as good for us as Almighty God might make possible.

Others have received some of my books – upon finding out that one of them enjoys classical music, that determined where my CD collection will find a good home. A ham radio operator will receive some of my equipment as a gift, and will help us dispose of the rest through consignment at a ham radio store.

Computer and audio equipment will be parceled out where it will do the most good. The list goes on and on, and indeed there is joy in being able to dispose of it in a planned fashion. I have yet to see a hearse with a U-haul trailer attached, and it certainly won't be attached to mine! New wills and power of attorney documents are in place, and everything else I can think of with regard to legal matters has been taken care of. Now, I can turn my attention to other matters.

Earlier, I wrote of friendship; for me, people whom I know are divided into three categories: acquaintances, friends and true friends. I define a true friend as someone who would do anything for me, including taking that fatal bullet. Should one be able to count the number of true friends that one has on the fingers of a single hand, one is fortunate indeed. I can count myself as at least twice blessed under that standard, a blessing I dearly am thankful for.

God blesses us each and every day – may He extend those blessings to you in every way, on every occasion, as He does to me.

Nunc dimittis....."In manus tuas, Domine, commendo spiritum meum"

Editors note: Nunc dimittis - (The Canticle of Simeon .. in St. Luke's Gospel)

"Into thy hands, O Lord I commend my Spirit."



Tecumseh's Poem

Native American Shawnee Chief, Tecumseh. I hope that it inspires you to make this life count, to pursue noble undertakings, and live so that when it's time to be called Home, you have used all your talents and have no regrets.



So live your life that the fear of death can never enter your heart. Trouble no one about their religion; respect others in their view, and demand that they respect yours. Love your life, perfect your life, beautify all things in your life. Seek to make your life long and its purpose in the service of your people. Prepare a noble death song for the day when you go over the great divide.

Always give a word or a sign of salute when meeting or passing a friend, even a stranger, when in a lonely place. Show respect to all people and grovel to none.

When you arise in the morning give thanks for the food and for the joy of living. If you see no reason for giving thanks, the fault lies only in yourself. Abuse no one and nothing, for abuse turns the wise ones to fools and robs the spirit of its vision.

*When it comes your time to die, be not like those whose hearts are filled with the fear of death, so that when their time comes they weep and pray for a little more time to live their lives over again in a different way. **Sing your death song and die like a hero going home.***

Editor's note -- AMEN!

“Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination are omnipotent. The slogan press on has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race. No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave.” **Calvin Coolidge**

“Gentlemen, we are going to relentlessly chase perfection, knowing full well we will not catch it, because nothing is perfect. But we are going to relentlessly chase it, because in the process we will catch excellence. **I am not remotely interested in just being good.**” ~ **Vince Lombardi**

“Success and rest don’t sleep together.” ~ Russian proverb

BOLD LEADERSHIP

Never doubt that with leadership a small group of thoughtful and committed people can change the world. Do you know why?

BECAUSE IT'S THE ONLY THING THAT EVER HAS!

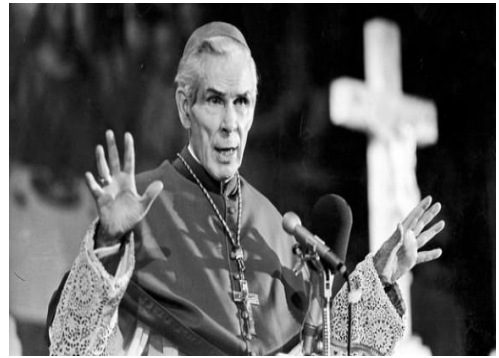
It has been said that the difference between a chump and a champ is dedication, and dedication demands purpose, faith and vision-a daily vision. Having vision means being able to visualize your goals. We are Knights; we are the necessary ingredient in the beginning of a fulfilled vision, God has a great plan, a vision. And that vision **includes you**. Yes it does my brothers, or you would not be here. You are special. You are different from anyone else. The great Creator God personally designed and made you that way.

**THEREFORE, YOU HAVE A
CONTRIBUTION TO OFFER THAT
NO ONE ELSE CAN MAKE.**

Go for it! Be Bold!



FULTON SHEEN MIRACLE APPROVED!



Peoria, IL. - Bishop Daniel Jenky just received word that the seven-member board of medical experts who advise the Congregation for the Causes of the Saints at the Vatican unanimously approved a reported miracle attributed to the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God Archbishop Fulton Sheen. This paves the way for Sheen's beatification, which would make him "Blessed Fulton Sheen" and leave him just one step away from official sainthood.

The miracle in question took place in September 2010 and involved a newborn boy named James Fulton Engstrom James emerged showing no signs of life. Medical professionals scrambled to attempt every possible life saving procedure. Bonnie, her husband, and loved ones began immediately seeking the intercession of Fulton Sheen in prayer. Then, after 61 minutes with no pulse, James was miraculously restored to life and made a full recovery. He's now three years old and continues in good health.

Receiving approval for a miracle is typically the biggest hurdle in the beatification process. From here, the case will be reviewed by a board of theologians. With their approval the case will move on to a select number of cardinals and bishops, and then finally to Pope Francis who will, hopefully, affirm that God performed a miracle through the intercession of Fulton Sheen. There is no timeline as to when these next steps will take place but the best guess is that they will happen within the year.



"Brotherhood"

SERMON ON THE 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, an unlit 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 mystery for some, as Knights we must live lives that can make that mystery happen.

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



DISTRICT 7 FREE THROW CONTEST



"80 percent of success is just showing up" — Woody Allen

WALLA WALLA "SHOWED UP!"



DISTRICT 7 WINNERS BY COUNCIL LOCATION

Boys

9 year - no entries
10 year Jacob Coram - Walla Walla
11 year Brik Nelson - Richland
12 year Hunter Stratford - Richland
13 year Matthew Kelly - Connell
14 year Josh Bergevin - Walla Walla

Girls

9 year Alexia Mendoza - Pasco
10 year Leah Chapin - Walla Walla
11 year Kenna Buratto - Walla Walla
12 year Madeline Weaver - Walla Walla
13 year Caitlin McGreely - Walla Walla
14 year Danka Jaggar - Walla Walla

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS!

THE SHOEBOX

A man and woman had been married for more than 60 years. They had shared everything. They had talked about everything. They had kept no secrets from each other except that the little old woman had a shoe box in the top of her closet that she had cautioned her husband never to open or ask her about.



For all of these years, he had never thought about the box, but one day the little old woman got very sick and the doctor said she would not recover. In trying to sort out their affairs, the little old man took down the shoe box and took it to his wife's bedside. She agreed that it was time that he should know what was in the box. When he opened it, he found two crocheted dolls and a stack of money totaling \$95,000.

He asked her about the contents.

'When we were to be married,' she said, ' my grandmother told me the secret of a happy marriage was to never argue. She told me that if I ever got angry with you, I should just keep quiet and crochet a doll.'

The little old man was so moved; he had to fight back tears. Only two Precious dolls were in the box. She had only been angry with him two Times in all those years of living and loving. He almost burst with Happiness. 'Honey,' he said, 'that explains the doll, but what about all of this money? Where did it come from?'

**'OH,' SHE SAID, 'THAT'S THE MONEY I MADE
FROM SELLING THE DOLLS.'**

Pope Benedict XVI - "I believe God has a great sense of humor. Sometimes he gives you something like a nudge and says, '*Don't take yourself so seriously!*' Humor is in fact an essential element in the mirth of creation. We can see how, in many matters in our lives, God wants to prod us into taking things a bit more lightly; to see the funny side of it; to get down off our pedestal and not to forget our sense of fun."



BENEDICT JOINS FRANCIS IN HISTORIC 1st CREMONY

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI waves as he attends a consistory inside the St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican, Saturday, Feb.22, 2014.

By NICOLE WINFIELD of Associated Press



Benedict discreetly entered St. Peter's Basilica from a side entrance surrounded by a small entourage and was greeted with applause and tears from the stunned people in the pews. He smiled, waved and seemed genuinely happy to be there, taking his seat in the front row, off to the side, alongside the red-draped cardinals.

It was the first time Benedict and Francis have appeared together at a public liturgical ceremony since Benedict retired a year ago and became the first pope to step down in more than 600 years. The significance of his presence was multifold, signaling both continuity and even a sign of Benedict's approval of the 19 men Francis had chosen to join the College of Cardinals, the elite group of churchmen whose primary job is to elect a pope.

In a sign that Benedict still commands the honor and respect owed a pope, each of the 19 new cardinals — after receiving his red hat from Francis at the altar — went directly to Benedict's seat to greet him before then exchanging a sign of peace with the other cardinals. Over the summer, Francis and Benedict appeared together in the Vatican gardens to unveil a statue, but Saturday's event marked one of the most important liturgical ceremonies a pope can preside over: the formal installation of new cardinals.

Saturday's ceremony was thus the latest step in the evolving reality of having two popes living side-by-side inside the Vatican: Benedict's presence marked the a new phase of reintegrating him back into the public life of the church after a period of being hidden away that began almost exactly a year ago with his Feb. 28, 2013 resignation.

With Saturday's precedent, chances grew that Benedict would also appear at the April 27 canonization of his pope, John Paul II, and Pope John XXIII. After processing down the central aisle at the start of the service, Francis went directly to Benedict, clasped him by his shoulders and they embraced. Francis greeted him in the same way at the end of the service, and Benedict removed his white skullcap in a sign of respect as Francis approached.

The occasion for this historic making ceremony to formally church" into the College of



first was Francis' first cardinal-welcome 19 new "princes of the Cardinals.



"Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.

Life is beauty, admire it.

Life is a dream, realize it.

Life is a challenge, meet it.

Life is a duty, complete it.

Life is a game, play it.

Life is a promise, fulfill it.

Life is sorrow, overcome it.

Life is a song, sing it.

Life is a struggle, accept it.

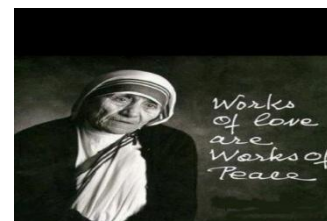
Life is a tragedy, confront it.

Life is an adventure, dare it.

Life is luck, make it.

Life is life, fight for it."

-- Mother Teresa



"We shall never know all the good that a simple  can do."
- Mother Teresa



MESSAGE FROM MIKE CALDERON

Washington State Silver Rose Chairman
Hispanic Membership Chairman



Nothing can be more important at this time than the first message given to St Juan Diego by Mother Mary of Guadalupe:

"Know, know for sure, my dearest, littlest and youngest son, that I am the perfect and ever Virgin Holy Mary, Mother of the God of truth through Whom everything lives, the Lord of all things near us, the Lord of heaven and earth. I want very much to have a little house built here for me, in which I will show Him, I will exalt Him and make Him manifest. I will give Him to the people in all my personal love, in my compassion, in my help, in my protection: Because I am truly your merciful Mother, you're and all people who live united in this land and of all the other people of different ancestries, my lovers, who love me, those who seek me, those who trust in me. Here I will hear their weeping, their complaints and heal all their sorrows, hardships and sufferings. And to bring about what my compassionate and merciful concern is trying to achieve, you must go to the residence of the Bishop of Mexico and tell him that I sent you to show him how strongly I wish him to build me a temple here.

Mother of Guadalupe brought Jesus in the womb to this new land, the Americas, she says people of all ancestries, how many times have this been heard, "they are of a different color, speak Spanish or whatever other language", She open the door to us all, to seek her, to need her and to love her. Heavenly as she was, she could do anything, later appeared at the same moment to Juan Diego and also to his uncle, the same moment, how can that be unless she is who she says she is.

She submitted herself to the church, the one, the only church, the Catholic church by sending Juan to the bishop. The Guadalupe Silver Rose represents her, she asked Juan to pick the Roses on that cold early morning, roses at the top of the hill where only thistle, cactus, and mesquite grows, it was the dead of winter when no flowers grew, yet Juan found a garden of fresh flowers. The Silver Rose will make its journey through Washington State arriving at Bellevue's state convention, than journey through W WA from May 18 - June 8, that's 23 days for parishes to pray with Mother Mary of Guadalupe prayer for her intercession to end the culture of death, so many of God's creation that will never see the light of day, the unborn.

Are you among the chosen, a disciple that brings faithful to Her love when the Rose is present hopefully at your parish. The District Deputies of W Washington have been chosen to ask parishes for permission to host the Rose, if that DD has not contacted your pastor, call your DD, today, 22 days, we can fit only so many parishes in the schedule, so be the first to call to be place on the journey schedule.

Overview: A Pilgrim Journey

Since 1960, the Knights of Silver Rose. The Silver ca's, and expresses the to the sanctity of human strengthen the spirituality within our parishes, par-



Columbus have celebrated a devo- the form of yearly pilgrimage of a Rose honors Our Lady of the Ameri- unity of our Order and its dedication life. It provides us an occasion to of our councils and build bridges ticularly with the Hispanic commu-

In recent years the program has expanded from three to five silver roses traveling the western, central, and eastern corridors of North America, with Knights of Columbus from Canada to Mexico carrying the Silver Rose from destination to destination, and finally to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico. The goal of the Washington State Council this year is to have the Silver Rose visit key Parishes in Western Washington that will participate by hosting a parish prayer event and providing an escort for transferring the rose from one council to another.

Prayer Focused on the Gift of Life. Every stop along the route of the Silver Rose Pilgrimage is an occasion for prayer and spiritual renewal centered on the rosary. English and Spanish prayer booklets containing recommended prayers, scripture readings and a litany accompany the Silver Rose. It is a special honor for a council and parish to be chosen to receive the Silver Rose, this happens very rarely. Plan to make the most of it. The Lord marked his children, especially those that evangelize, he chose, Mother Mary of Guadalupe, to bring him as unborn to the New World, Our Lady of Guadalupe Image shows a Lady in waiting, where children were being sacrificed, just as they are being sacrificed today. One can find that God mark on us by looking in the mirror, look at the nose, below is a mouth that is the mark God gave us, preach and if necessary use words. For this Greater Glory, let it be.

Councils in Western Washington and Western Oregon will host this year's Silver Rose Pilgrimage, with inter-countries and state transfer. From Canada to Washington State is scheduled to take place on May 17, 2014 at the K of C Bellevue, State Convention. From Washington State to Oregon on June 8' 2014 transfer will take place in Vancouver, Washington. The southern transfer is scheduled to take place in Klamath Falls, Oregon, for transfer to California. A sample transfer ceremony is found below. The transfer ceremony is a collaborative effort of involve the local Parish Chairman, Grand Knights, and the State Co-Chairs.

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LENT AND OTHER THOUGHTS FROM OUR Hispanic Membership Chairman Mike Calderon

Please remind our Brother Knights the importance of preparing themselves and their families for the season of Lent. One only to take a moment with closed eyes, imagining Jesus suffering on the cross and his Mother at the foot of the cross. We all have children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren, we want to protect them, we hurt deeply when they are hurt. Christ went through this terrible ordeal because of sin, our sin, he purchase our salvation with his death. At time it's hard to imagine Jesus doing this, that is why we must take the opportunity to strengthen our faith, our thoughts, our brother who maybe of a different culture, do we treat them as brothers or someone to stay away from?

This life is not an ops, it is not a song that we can say, "let's do it again: this life is the real thing, let's make every day count for His Greater Glory."

The Washington State Governor signed in law the "Hope Act" or you may have heard it as the dream act. This will give an opportunity to those that came to this country to received higher education opportunities if they qualify. These young people get a work permit in the State of Washington then if they so chose and are qualified can apply for a grant same as any other culture. This will increase the chances of getting additional priest, nuns, for example on the Spanish 1st degree team is a member that can now enter seminary studies.

**"LET'S ALL OF US BE GOOD EXAMPLES FOR
THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR PARISH."**



GOT OPINIONS?

IDEAS?



As a newsletter we strive to do as Jefferson said:

"Question with boldness, hold to the truth, and speak without fear."

LET US KNOW, TELL US WHAT YOU THINK AT:

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FOOD FOR FAMILIES



**TO MULTIPLY THE LOAVES
GO TO COUNCIL FORMS:**

<http://www.kofc.org/en/officers/forms/council.html>

NOTE: if the above line does not appear as a link, copy and paste it to your browser's address box and GO!

QUESTIONS – Contact me, (509-386-3462) or stevesnell@charter.net

"FAMILY OF THE MONTH"

PARTICIPANT'S LISTINGS FOR JANUARY

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7908*, 8476,10652,10653,11357*,11408,11762*,
12899,13374, 13794, 14046

(*DENOTES SUPREME'S SELECTED WINNERS FOR THE MONTH)

Willie & Connie Chichenoff
Council 894 - Yakima

Alfredo & Joselin Ortega
Council 3598 - Auburn

Edward & Julia Camacho
Council 6806 - Tacoma

Jorge & Rosa Soledad
Council 7908 - Federal Way

Ralph & Lois Gorg
Council 11357 - Langley

Charles & Pat McCollough
Council 11762 - Tacoma

GRAND KNIGHTS IS YOUR COUNCIL LISTED HERE?

WHY NOT???

**THINK ABOUT PLUGGING
THIS IDEA IN!**

**"NOMINATE A
FAMILY OF THE MONTH!"**



TRY IT, YOU'LL FEEL GOOD ABOUT YOURSELF!

STEVE SNELL STATE FAMILY CHAIRMAN

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Wishing you a RAINBOW
FOR SUNLIGHT AFTER SHOWERS
MILES AND MILES OF IRISH SMILES
AND GOLDEN HAPPY HOURS

SHAMROCKS AT YOUR DOORWAY
MUCH LOVE AND LAUGHTER TOO

AND A HOST OF FRIENDS THAT NEVER ENDS
EACH DAY, YOUR WHOLE LIFE THROUGH

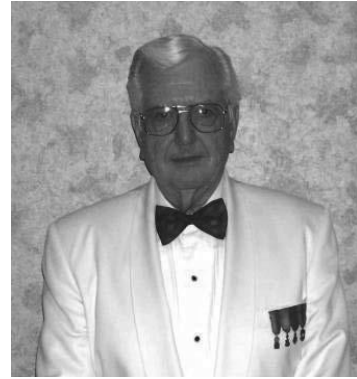


Happy St. Patrick's Day

Irish Blessing
(JC)

A MESSAGE FROM

Wayne C. Hogan, PSD, FVSM, FMFD
State Ceremonial Director



At the six Regional Meetings, held throughout the state in January 2014, the status of ceremonials in Washington was briefed. Part of the briefing was information on what has occurred in the Order and Washington since the revised first degree and the new degree books were issued in 2005. Every council that had a certified first degree team or had previously been issued books were automatically issued a set of the revised first degree. A complete set is five first degree books, dated June 10, 2005 (burgundy cover), one CD and five songbooks. Washington had 116 councils issued a set of revised first degree books.

After nine years since the new degree was instituted, Washington has only 60 certified first degree teams; this is only 38% of all councils. More than 6 out of 10 councils still do not have a certified first degree team. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson told the State Deputies in 2010 that councils would soon be given some flexibility in conducting First Degree ceremonies; this was an effort to ensure that every council would be able to hold such ceremonies frequently. Later that same year, he authorized councils to read first degree. To aid the councils, Supreme issued to every grand knight one large print first degree book, dated Oct 26, 2010 (burgundy cover) and a revised CD which incorporates the reading of the parts. Due to limited supply, councils can not order additional large print first degree books. Supreme automatically issues one set of first degree books dated June 10, 2005, CD, songbooks, and one large print first degree book, dated October 26, 2010, revised CD to all new councils.

With this approved ability why then do candidates still travel to another council to receive their first degree? With the authorization to read the first degree, councils should form their own first degree team and have them read the parts. With a first degree team, certified or reading their parts will provide the council with greater control and flexibility of scheduling. For every grand knight this is just good management to have this flexibility.

To assist the councils further conducting frequent first degree ceremonials the Supreme Knight mailed a letter on January 17, 2014, reference First Degree Exemplifications by Video, to the State Deputies, State Ceremonial Chairmen, District Deputies and Grand Knights. In his letter he wrote, "Ensuring the growth of the Order today and in the future must be a perennial priority for fraternal leaders at every level of the Order. All of the good we offer to our Church and communities depends on councils continuously welcoming more and more qualified Catholic men into our ranks. To facilitate the timely admission of new members, I am pleased to announce that, effective immediately, councils are authorized to host First Degree exemplifications using a new Supreme Council-produced video presentation of our initiation ceremonial."

He further wrote, "It must be noted that many councils maintain certified First Degree teams that render an outstanding service by exemplifying the principles of the Order through the live presentation of our degrees. Live degrees remain the preferred method by which candidates are to be admitted and advanced through the degrees, and I encourage degree teams to continue to schedule frequent live exemplifications. The video presentation of the First Degree is meant to supplement their efforts and ensure that every prospective member can be admitted without unnecessary delay."

"Please visit <https://www.kofc.org/oo> for additional instructions and to access the First Degree video online. A DVD copy will follow by regular mail in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Ceremonials section of the Department of Fraternal Services at ceremonials@kofc.org or 203-752-4346."



Concurrent with the Supreme Knight's letter, Gary R. Nolan, Vice President - Fraternal Training and Ceremonials sent a letter to all the State Ceremonials Chairmen. In his letter he provided the following additional guidance, writing that Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has announced that a video presentation of the First Degree Ceremonial is available for councils to utilize when bringing in new members. This presentation is designed to aid any council lacking a degree team, or for those times when special circumstances prevent a degree team or the candidate from attending a First Degree Ceremonial. **While the preferred exemplification of the First Degree is conducted by a skilled council team, the Supreme video presentation offers a quality second option.**

Please take note of the following:

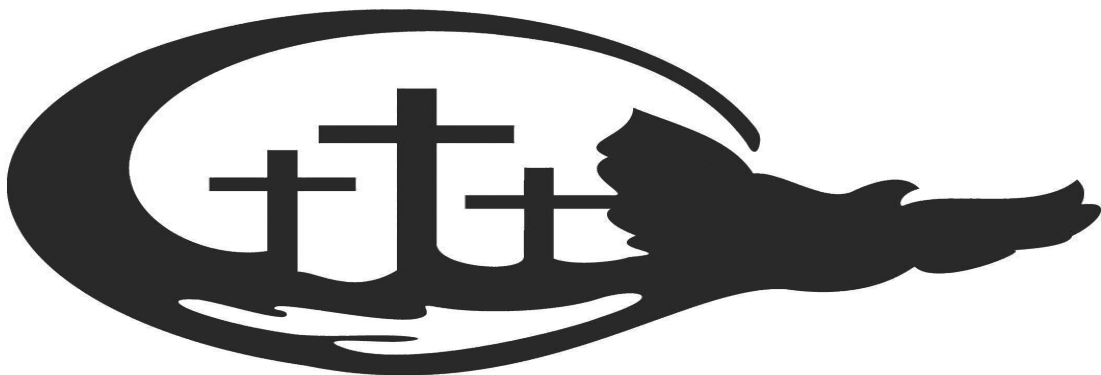
1. Safeguard all First Degree Ceremonial material, **written or digital, and do not copy, distribute or post it online.**
2. The ceremonial presentation site must be dignified and solemn.
3. It is preferable to have many members present to observe and support each candidate.
4. All laws and procedures as to the proper admittance of new members remain in effect.
5. All obligations taken in the First Degree apply, regardless of presentation method.
6. Candidates from other councils cannot be initiated without evidence of their acceptance in the council, duly signed by the Grand Knight and attested to by the Financial Secretary.
7. Business suites should be worn with the designated officers' jewels and when available, ceremonial degree baldrics.
8. Any infraction of these rules shall be reported at once to the State Deputy and the State Ceremonial Chairman by the Grand Knight or District Deputy. Multiple options for using the presen-

tation are available: by video with a DVD player, or via a laptop or other electronic device to project or display on a larger screen. Auxiliary sound is necessary for high-quality presentation, in all cases. Officers with access to “Officers Online” may download the video and additional instructions for computer use at <https://www.kofc.org/oo>. Additional instructions are included with the video. Local action required when using the video includes:

1. Candidate balloting, registration, signing the Constitutional Roll and an explanation on keeping dues current will need to be completed prior to beginning the ceremonial.
 2. Occasions to pause the presentation for local action are noted in the additional instructions and include: the Chancellor reminder, assurance of Grand Knight statements, rosary presentation and the compass viewing.
 3. The concluding presentation of the lapel pin, membership card and the book *These Men They Call Knights* must also be completed during a pause in the ceremonial.
 4. The Grand Knight will introduce the Supreme Knight’s address during the new members segment of the production.
 5. Following the Supreme Knight’s address, the local members should close with prayer.
- The First Degree Ceremonial video can be presented in many venues. The most preferable option for a time would be prior to a council meeting, following when the new member is welcomed and remains for the meeting.

The councils are instructed to Process Form 100s as quickly as possible. Report the ceremonial on a Form 450 or 450C, and in the space provided for DEGREE TEAM COUNCIL #, write VIDEO. The grand knight is requested to include his comments.

I will be updating the Washington State Council First and Second Degree Book Inventory form to incorporate this new CD and emailing it to all the district deputies to conduct the inventory of all ceremonial books and CDs.



COUNCILS # 11253 AND # 1620 HIGHLIGHTED IN MARCH COLUMBIAN MAGAZINE

KIDNEY DONATION:

Jerry T. Wheeler donated a kidney to Kim R. Simpson in November of 2008 in Seattle. They are members of St Thomas Council #11253 in Tukwila, Washington. Very impressive write up on these two outstanding Brother Knights.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOAN:

Pasco Council #1620 arranged for a Red Cross shelter to receive five hospital beds and walkers on loan after an apartment fire displaced 150 people. The shelter was scheduled to be open for three days but had to remain in operation for three weeks due to the number of residents that needed to be relocated. Knights arranged for the medical equipment to be provided for infirm residents while they waited to be placed in new housing.

From Ashes to Ashes: Christians Mark Start of Lent

Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of the Lenten season, a time when Christians commit to acts of penitence and prayer in preparation for Easter Sunday.



A woman receives ashes from a priest during an Ash Wednesday Mass.

"Just Checking In Today"

Submitted to the Second Edition by
DD 17 Louis Garcia (10543)



A Priest passing through his church In the middle of the day,
Decided to pause by the altar to see who came to pray.
Just then the back door opened, And a man came down the aisle,
The Priest frowned as he saw the man hadn't shaved in a while.
His shirt was torn and shabby, And his coat was worn and frayed,
The man knelt down and bowed his head, Then rose and walked away.
In the days that followed at precisely noon, The Priest saw this chap,
Each time he knelt just for a moment, A lunch pail in his lap.
Well, the Priest's suspicions grew, With robbery a main fear.
He decided to stop and ask the man, 'What are you doing here?'
The old man said he was a factory worker, And lunch was half an hour
Lunchtime was his prayer time, For finding strength and power.
I stay only a moment, Because the factory's far away;
As I kneel here talking to the Lord,
This is kinda what I say:
'I Just Came By To Tell You, Lord, How Happy I Have Been,
Since We Found Each Other's Friendship, And You Took Away My Sin.
Don't Know Much Of How To Pray, But I Think About You Every day.
So, Jesus, This Is Ben, Just Checking In Today.'

The Priest feeling foolish, Told Ben that it was fine.
He told the man that he was welcome, To pray there anytime.
'It's time to go, and thanks,' Ben said as he hurried to the door.
Then the Priest knelt there at the altar,
His cold heart melted, warmed with love, As he met with Jesus there.
As the tears flowed down his cheeks, He repeated old Ben's prayer:
'I Just Came By To Tell You, Lord, How Happy I've Been,
Since We Found Each Other's Friendship, And You Took Away My Sin.
I Don't Know Much Of How To Pray, But I Think About You Every day.
So, Jesus, This Is Me, Just Checking In Today.'

Past noon one day, the Priest noticed, That old Ben hadn't come.
As more days passed and still no Ben, He began to worry some.

At the factory, he asked about him, Learning he was ill.

The hospital staff was worried, But he'd given them a thrill.
The week that Ben was with them, Brought changes in the ward.
His smiles and joy contagious. Changed people were his reward.

The head nurse couldn't understand, Why Ben could be so glad,
When no flowers, calls or cards came, Not a visitor he had.

The Priest stayed by his bed, He voiced the nurse's concern:
No friends had come to show they cared. He had nowhere to turn.

Looking surprised, old Ben spoke up, And with a winsome smile;
'The nurse is wrong, she couldn't know, He's been here all the while.'
Every day at noon He comes here, A dear friend of mine, you see,
He sits right down and takes my hand, Leans over and says to me:

***'I Just Came By To Tell You, Ben, How Happy I Have Been,
Since We Found This Friendship, And I Took Away Your Sin.
I Think About You Always, And I Love To Hear You Pray,
And So Ben, This Is Jesus, Just Checking In Today.'***

Many people will walk in and out of your life,
but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart.

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.
And Angels watch over you..



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME!



To All Veterans



Whether At Home Or Abroad
Active Duty ~ Reserves ~ Retired

All Americans Say:

THANK YOU!

WORLD WAR II FAMOUS "KISSING SAILOR," DIES



Glenn McDuffie holds a portrait of himself as a young man, left, and a copy of Alfred Eisenstaedt's iconic Life magazine shot of a sailor embracing a nurse in a white uniform, right, at his Houston home Tuesday, July 31, 2007. McDuffie says he is the sailor in the famous photograph and that claim is now backed up by the Houston Police Department's forensic artist.

Bill Guarneri, Member of World War II “Band of Brothers,” Dies

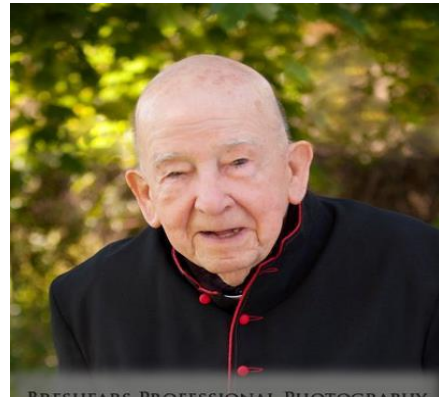
William “Wild Bill” Guarneri, a member of the famed **“Easy Company” of the 101st Airborne Division**, died on March 8 at the age of 90. Guarneri, who lost a leg while aiding a fellow wounded soldier at the Battle of the Bulge, was awarded the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts for his military service and remained active in veterans’ organizations for more than six decades



GOOD IDEA GONE BAD

BY MONSIGNOR DESMOND DILLON

Corruptio optimi pessima: Corruption of the best is the worst.



Health care for all was the best idea but forcing demands especially in opposition to religious freedom and freedom of conscience makes it one of the worst.

We already have mandatory emergency hospital care of poor along with hundreds of charitable services. Medicaid expansion alone could help many more without infringing on conscience protections and religious freedom.

Government-mandated coverage of sterilization, contraception and abortion-causing drugs adds weight to the cost of health care as well as adding weight to the free exercise of conscience and religion for those who have well-founded objections to such drugs and procedures.

Instead of reaching out and helping agencies for the poor, the Affordable Care Act institutes costly programs and inflationary taxes, transforming affordable health care into unaffordable confusion.

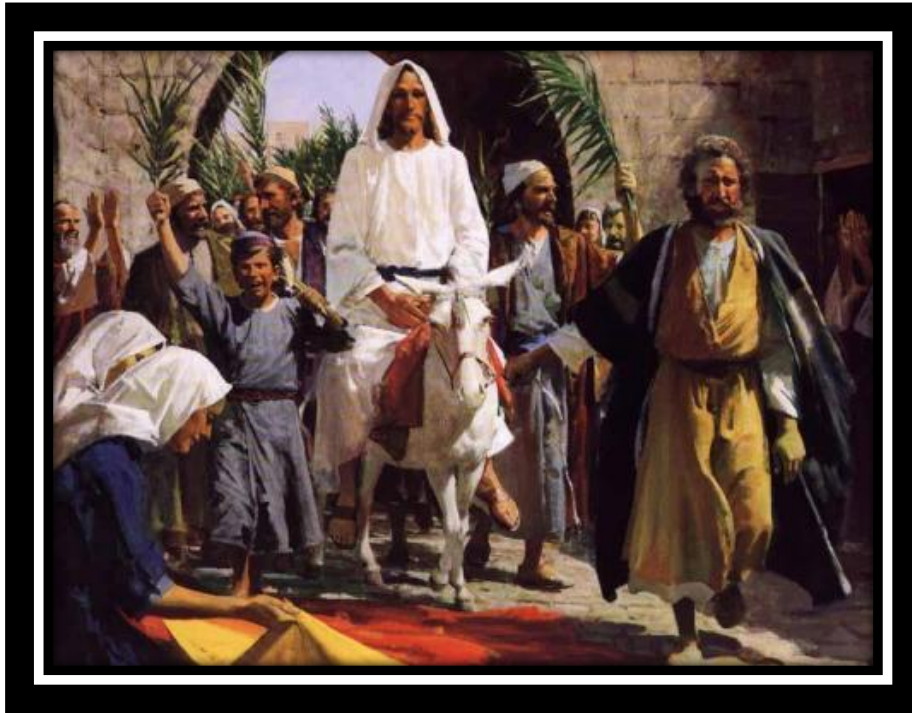
Adding the weight of this costly new "affordable" care adds billions of dollars annually to our increasingly unsurmountable national debt. The collapse of our economy will aid no one but more likely will end the high standard of health care in our country.

Obamacare has brought the good idea of affordable health care for all to the heights of unaffordable care and confusion. It's a weight which our country cannot afford.



“Into the Passion”

Palm Sunday Weekend Men’s Retreat



+April 11-13, 2014

Led by: Fr. Jim Lee

The retreat fee is just \$149 per person for a private room. Price includes all presentations, five meals, and two nights in a comfortable room with private bath. Scholarships are available. No one will be turned away from the Retreat Center due to cost.

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FROM THE EDITORS DESK

SECOND TIME AROUND

BY STEVE SNELL



An ancient Persian proverb says that there are three things that never return: the spent arrow, the spoken word, and the lost opportunity. Though time is too precious to waste, it must however never be thought that all that was lost is irretrievable. God is the God of the second chance. Peter denied, but he had a second chance in which to become as solid as a rock. Jonah, who refused to accept a mission, was given a second chance and saved Babylon. Being born again means that all that went before need not be held against us. The thief on the right side of the Lord on Calvary wasted his life, but in accepting pardon won a ticket to heaven. Christ in ransoming his life procured endless mercy. You need only to wish to be saved, need only surrender you're soul to God in a last gasp of contrition, and you will be saved. As a Catholic you may have to suffer a long sentence in Purgatory, but once there, you're place is reserved in Heaven and in time you will be there. So it is with the grace and mercy that comes from the power of our God when we but ask for it. As Knights we are "our brothers keepers" and we are more than that to those we serve, we are the second chance for those who need a hand to get back on track. No wasted life need be final. Man may close the door on opportunity, but God is still on the other side waiting for us, we have only to ask and the door will open for us. As Knights we never give up on our brothers, we focus on the person in need that they may rebuild their world:

A Father gave his little son a cut-up puzzle of the world and asked him to put it together. The boy finished the picture in an amazingly short time. When the astonished father asked him how he did it, the boy answered, "There was a picture of a man on the other side; when I put the man together, the world came out all right."

Our mission as Knights is to help **"put the man together"** through creative use of charity, preserving our values, and by helping people get back on the road to a second chance. Remember our time here is not forever, but with God, time forever starts here and now!

**SEE YOU NEXT MONTH,
BUT FOR THE MOMENT:**



If, then, you are looking for the way by which you should go, take Christ, because He Himself is the way.

(Thomas Aquinas)