

WASHINGTON STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Beware of people
who brag about who they are;**

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**A lion will never have to
tell you he's a lion.**

PRAY

because God listens.



CHURCH HURT

IF BEING HURT
BY CHURCH CAUSES
YOU TO LOSE FAITH
IN GOD, THEN YOUR
FAITH WAS IN PEOPLE

NOT IN GOD



God gave you a
fingerprint that no
one else has, so
you can leave an
imprint that no one
else can.

Psalm 118:8

WHEN PIGS FLY



*If you believe in me,
And I believe in you,
We could stumble through the boredom and pain
Only rarely looking up through the rain.
To wonder who was the fool to blame,
for seeing a flock of pigs on the wing.*



By STEVE SNELL

A Storyteller has only one job, to sell their story, to make people believe. Believe what you say. They will believe that pigs can fly when they believe in you. You're looking for ways to bring the listener into the story. *To make this happen the storyteller must believe in it most of all, he must find the magic in it. He must find a way to use the magic of belief to weave an adventure they will want to be a part of. The magic of the moment begins when your listeners say to themselves, "Is that possible, could it be, I wonder..."*

Storytelling is one of the oldest and most powerful tools ever put to use by mankind. Thanks to words and language the storyteller can educate us and connect us to the past and lead us into the future by capturing the listener's hearts, spirits and minds. If you take the time to know your audience and give them little details common to their life you can send shivers through them as they recognize their own lives in the details, they can then grasp the story more powerfully, and they will more willingly give themselves over to the magic of the message.

Imagine the entire population of the room you're in sitting, staring, silent and enthralled – they are all half-smiling at you and your magical words. You want them there, you want them like that, you want them to say, "He held his audience in the palm of his hand"- when all your efforts, all your gestures and expressions, are directed to that end. When they are there and you finish – they believe.

Ask any Brother Knight on a Degree Team and I think they will agree they are telling a story, they are asking for a commitment and they are offering a way of life filled with good works and the opportunity to serve. Honestly, as Knights we are all telling a story by words and example. Never forget you are the best recruitment tool, the best storyteller we have ~ oh by the way, pigs can fly, **BELIEVE IT!**

The Unswerving Faith of a Child.

Five-year-old Eva, (my niece), when Nana was in the process of dying, one day said:

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“God Bless Nana. Thank you for all those poems Nana wrote for me.
I think the angels might come tonight and take Nana to heaven.”



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Nana died that very same night, and Eva said: “I knew it. I could almost see the angels coming. Now she’ll be so happy to see Grandpa meet Moses.” Five Years Old!!!

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The faith of children. So open. So close to God. So innocent. They are not blocked from hearing God speak to them, as we adults so often are. They have the faith of those who believe without any qualifications, such as, “I’ll believe only if I see what you are telling me, with my own two eyes.” Or, “That can’t be true. It is too far-fetched.” Or, “No one knows what is in the mind of God, so it would be presumptuous to ask Him for that.” They simply believe and ask.

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We can learn so much from observing our children, especially when they are speaking with God. How often on Facebook or elsewhere have we seen lists of things children ask God for when they are praying? They don’t limit Him. They know, without a doubt, that He can answer their prayers. Human logic doesn’t interfere. They somehow know that God can transcend all earthly logic and accomplish what He sets out to do. I love it when I hear their innocent prayers, and I’m sure God does, too. He delights in His little ones.

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It never ceases to amaze when I see what God accomplishes through His small people of faith. I remember a few years back when my great-granddaughter said to her mother; “I have a sister.”

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Her mother said, “No, you have a brother.”
But the child insisted. “I have a sister, and her name is Elizabeth Rose.”
A few days later, her mother discovered she was pregnant, and several weeks later when she had an ultra-sound, she learned the baby was a girl.

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I asked my nephew what they would name the child. His reply; “Are you kidding? I’m not going to argue with the Man upstairs. Her name is Elizabeth Rose.”

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The faith of a child! Thank you, God!

Lord God, we give you thanks for leading us to grow stronger in our faith, through examples from your little, innocent children. God, May we always approach your throne with a child-like faith; and believe that you can and will answer our prayers, according to your divine will. Jesus, we trust in you.

"If one doesn't have a sense of humor, it's very difficult to be happy; it's necessary not to take oneself too seriously," stresses Pope Francis in the book-interview "God Is Young," published by Robert Laffont Publishers/Presses de la Renaissance for the French.

**Don't let your worries get the best of you; Remember,
Moses started out as a basket case.**

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**Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited
Until you try to sit in their pews.**

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**Many folks want to serve God,
but only as advisers.**

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**It is easier to preach ten sermons,
than it is to live one.**

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**The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose,
But mosquitoes come close.**

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**When you get to your wit's end,
You'll find God lives there.**

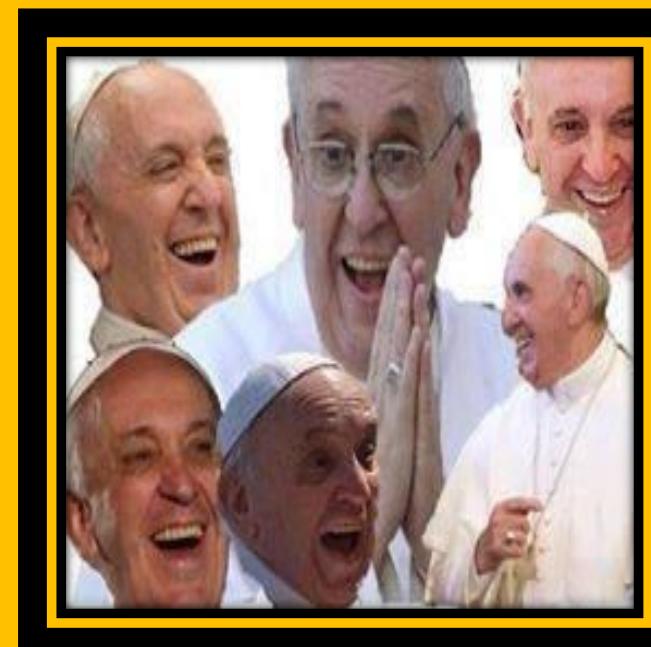
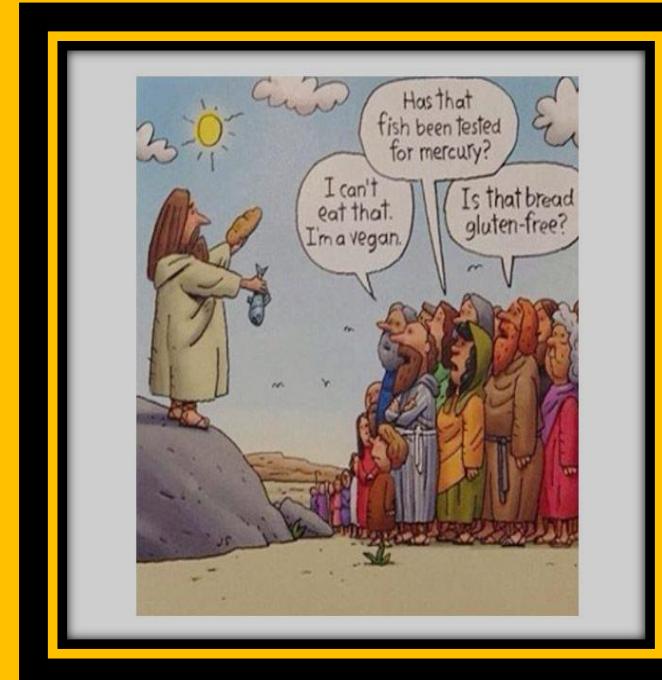
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**People are funny; they want the front of the bus,
Middle of the road,
And back of the church.**

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**Opportunity may knock once,
But temptation bangs on the front door forever.**

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OCEAN SHORES COUNCIL 15689 FAST-TRACK COATS FOR KIDS

In response to an urgent need by Ocean Shores and Grays Harbor County Community Emergency Response Teams for new winter coats for needy kids by the start of the new school year, the Fr. Stephen T. Roman Council 15689 fast-tracked an order for 96 coats, which was presented to the leadership team of Ocean Shores CERT before the council's monthly business meeting on Tuesday, August 13th, at St. Jerome Catholic Church.

(from L-to-R: Knights Dan Griffin, Daryl Remily, Dave Poitry, Bob Hakanson, Ed Durkin, George Havrilak, Michael Adamczyk, Ed Blomquist, Greg Campbell, John Balmer, Keith Dano, Rev. Steve Roman, Ocean Shores CERT Team Leader Tammy Fairley, OS CERT Logistician Chris McCaughan, Knights Jerry Knoeck and Jose Gonzales)



Since August 2018, Council 15689 has been engaged in the community in disaster preparedness and response activities through work with Ocean Shores CERT, Grays Harbor County Citizen Corps and other Community Emergency Response Teams of Grays Harbor County. The WA State Program Manager for CERT and FEMA Region 10 Director have praised Grays Harbor County as being one of the top two counties in the state prepared to respond to a natural disaster.

Upon learning earlier this year that Grays Harbor County CERT teams conduct a late summer drive to acquire school supplies and new coats for needy youth throughout the county in time for the start of the new school year and before a change in weather, Council 15689 offered to help through its Coats for Kids program. In early July, GHC CERT kicked-off its drive and the council went into action. Sitting down together in a planning meeting, the council's liaison and GHC CERT team leaders validated a need for approximately 100 coats for primarily foster children, but also homeless youth in the county, in all available sizes Kindergarten through High School teens, in boy and girl styles. The Knights fast-tracked an order for a case each of boy and girl coats, sizes small (Kindergarten-2nd grade), two cases each of boy and girl youth size (2nd-8th grade), and a case each of boy and girl teen size (8th- HS) for a total of eight cases (96 coats).

Each fall, the Knights of St. Jerome parish conducts a fund-raiser specifically for Coats for Kids. On October 20, 2019, the Knights will hold their annual spaghetti dinner fund-raiser for Coats for Kids in the St. Jerome church social hall.

St. Jerome Catholic Church

Submitted By George T. Havrilak - Recorder

We all had a great time on Saturday at our 1st annual Coats for Kids car show.

Here is a picture and Fr Dean had a great time as well.



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**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS®**

1st Annual St Columban Council 17152

Coats for Kids

Car Show August 17th

9am—2pm

St Columban Catholic Church

506 1st St S Yelm, WA.



Show is open to all years, makes and models, Everyone is welcome

Registration fee is \$20 and opens at 8:30am, awards at 1:30pm

Food and beverage will be available for purchase.

All proceeds help fund our Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids coat drive that helps give a kids in our community a new winter jacket distributed on Black Friday.

For show information or questions you may have please contact Darren Johnson at 253-709-4588 or email darrenejohnson61@gmail.com

Show is hosted by the St Columban Council 17152 Yelm WA.

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ELMA COUNCIL 16176

Photo of council members
painting a widow ladies home in McCleary.



"KNIGHTS IN ACTION"

LOOK WHAT THEY'VE DONE TO OUR COUNTRY MA!

NEW GAMESHOW FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS



"I'M SORRY, JEANETTE. WHILE YOUR ANSWER WAS CORRECT, WALTER WAS OFFENDED BY IT, SO HE GETS THE POINT."



WHATEVER
just wash your hands.

Pictured are a few glimpses of the rectory open house. Bishop Daly and Fr. Vic take care of the blessing while many county parishioners look on and enjoy the open house activities. Thanks again to all the Knights and other workers.



The Knights again helped our Sisters with some of the spring cleaning on their property. Pictured is Tom Garrett (L) the Tasha and Harry Tefft family, Bob Kirby and the sisters.

SUBMITTED BY TOM G.



Many of the Knights and family were on hand to welcome Mike Miranda (center) home from his honor flight to Washington D.C. this past spring.



SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS



The annual KC/St. Anthony's rummage sale was a great success. Above are Russ Fletcher (left pic), Bob Kirby, and Rowland Busskohl answer questions and helps customers.

As we have in the past years, our Council is harvesting and selling fire wood for community customers. Pictured here from L to R, Anita Herrick, Louise Wetzel, Paul Dirks, Ray Dirks, Patty (didn't catch last name), Bob Kirby, Dave Herrin, and Ed Zupich. Pic taken by Tom Garrett. Thanks to all the helpers who helped us with this 3.5 cord load for a customer.



Ed Zupich is presented a Knight of the 3rd Quarter certificate and a lot of appreciation by GK Jim Hines



Bob Graham is presented a plaque, cake (with wife, Nellie) and later, a KC jacket for 50 years as a Knight of Columbus.



HEY BROTHER, YOU GOT A DOLLAR ?

Take it out. Look at the back. The seal, the pyramid, it's unfinished, with the eye of God looking over it, and the words annuit coeptis - he, God, favors our undertaking. The seal is meant to be unfinished, because this country's meant to be unfinished. We're meant to keep doing better. We're meant to keep discussing and debating. And, we're meant to read books by great historical scholars and then talk about them...



"We are to guard against ourselves; not against ourselves as we are, but as we may be; for who can imagine what we may become under circumstances not now imaginable?" -- Thomas Jefferson to Jedidiah Morse, 1822.

"I do believe we shall continue to [grow], to multiply and prosper until we exhibit an association powerful, wise and happy beyond what has yet been seen by men." -- Thomas Jefferson to John Adams, 1812.



2019 AHTANUM MISSION RIDE IN REVIEW

Greetings Brothers KonB,

We had an outstanding ride/mini pilgrimage north from Christ the King in Richland Washington to the Dioceses of Yakima St Joseph mission. As earlier shared in the mid 1800's the Yakima Nation invited the Black Robes (Priests from Canada) to bring and teach Christianity to the central Washington Yakima Native Americans. This is the third time I have made the trek and each time I learn something new about the Holy Apostolic Church our Lord gave us.

As always we spent a little pre ride time of pray and personal reflection in the Christ The King Chapel. Attendees picture attached left to right.....Worthy Oregon State KonB President/Director Peter Neal from Pendleton Ore. KonB Mike Perkins and his lovely wife Lady Diana of council 3307 Richland, KonB Roger Vargas Holy Spirit council 10653 Kennewick, and yes everyone knows who rides the Guadalupe Bike is....."Blanco"

Weather was perfect 81 degrees and sunny skies, Worthy KonB Dioceses of Yakima president Bret Fleming meet us in Union Gap and rode out with the group. Again in true fraternal tradition brother Bret gave us the grand tour and history lesson. Thanks brother "Shooter" you rock bro.

This is a beautiful place....a must see. Next time we ride up we plan to attend the once a month first Sunday Mass.

Vivat Christo Rey

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Knights on Bikes

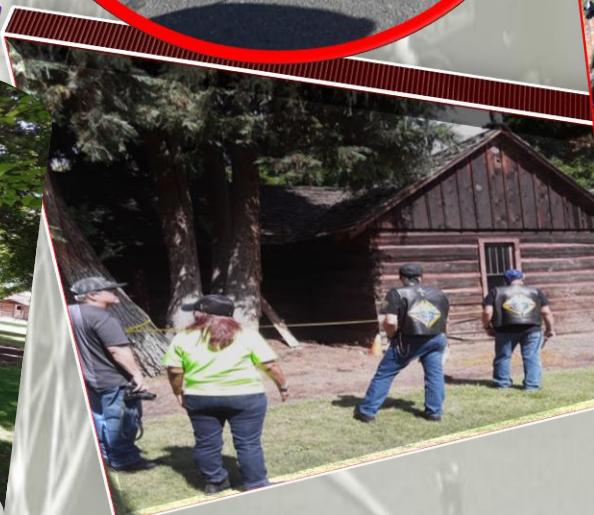
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"IN GOD WE TRUST AND RIDE"



UPDATED DEGREE SCHEDULE

Worthy State Officers, District Masters, District Deputies, Conferring Officers, PFCs, Wardens, and Formation Degree Staff Coordinators.

Please find attached a version of the current Knighthood degree schedule, dated Aug. 26, 2019.

All information on the schedule remains the same since the last update on Aug. 2, 2019 except for the following:

- The degree scheduled in Federal Way/Auburn Area on Sept. 28 will be held in Tacoma
- I will be filling in as CO for Pat Kelley for that Tacoma degree

The following degrees are scheduled through the end of October 2019.

DATE	LOCATION	CO	PFC	DISTRICTS
9/14/2019****	Bothell	Maloney	Roth	13, 14, 16, 21 & 23
9/21/2019****	Port Angeles/Sequim	Devine	Ablao	2, 24 & 28
9/21/2019****	Yakima	Hadley	McDonnell	6, 7, 10, 17 & 29
9/28/2019	Oak Harbor	Roth	Ablao	9, 19 & 31
9/28/2019****	Tacoma	Bergeron	Devine	3, 12, 22 & 34
10/19/2019	Vancouver	Hogan	Ablao	11, 25 & 35
10/23/2019	Richland	McBride	Bergeron	6, 7 & 17
10/26/2019	Seattle	Kelley	Ablao	1, 15, 26 & 33
10/26/2019	Bremerton	Devine	DeVos	2, 24 & 28

***** Combined Formation/Knighthood degrees

Worthy COs and PFC's, please let me know if I need to make changes for your proposed assignments.

MORE UPDATED DEGREE INFORMATION

All DDs, who are listed as the **Host DD in red** for these scheduled degrees, should already be arranging for a facility and should be posting the planned degree information as soon as possible on the state web-page per Knighthood Degree guidelines for DDs

(<http://www.kofewa.org/Ceremonials/Third/DD%20Third%20Degree%20Guidelines.pdf>). It is imperative that the degree information be posted on the state web-page and personally provided to all Co-Host DDs by the Host DD.

If another DD is your area has volunteered to be the HDD and/or you'd like to propose a new date for the degree you are hosting, please let me know as soon as possible.

Yours in Christ

Marcel

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THE POWER OF MUSIC AS PRAYER

'Raise a Hallelujah'

Jonathan David Helser and Melissa Helser

Jonathan Helser and Melissa Helser's Music tells the powerful story behind 'Raise a Hallelujah' along with a live performance.

The words to the song came to couple after their friends' two-year-old son was airlifted to intensive care. The bad news continued to spread as Jonathan and Melissa received word that young Jaxon wasn't expected to live through the night.

When hopes of a miracle started to disappear, Jonathan was hit with words straight from the heart.

**"I raise a hallelujah, in the presence of my enemies
I raise a hallelujah, louder than the unbelief
I raise a hallelujah, my weapon is a melody
I raise a hallelujah, heaven comes to fight for me"**



Jonathan continued the incredible story saying, "We sent a text message of this song to Jaxon's dad and He played it over Jaxon while he was laying in the hospital. Within the next few weeks we saw a miracle and Jaxon fully recovered and he is alive and well now. This song has now become an anthem of victory for the way God fights for us when we raise our hearts and our song to Him."

**"I'm gonna sing, in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes, hope will arise
Death is defeated, the King is alive!"**



When we open our hearts to God, we see His miraculous power and strength rise up. Little Jaxon experienced God's healing hand and, now, his story has turned into an inspirational song for the entire world to lift their voices too.

FR. THOMAS LANE COUNCIL 3645



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A new concept, the "Delta Drive" builds on the updated methods of hosting a church drive or a parish campaign to make the process easier to conduct and to increase the positive results.

The purpose of the Delta Drive is to have technology work for you and your councils in a new approach to attract younger members. Using the Delta approach, we are relying in part on an effective pulpit speech and brochures in the church pews to share our message with the addition of a web page and e-mail contact.

Please join this online webinar from your computer, tablet, or Smartphone to find out how to conduct the Delta Church Drive:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/734028765>

FEAR – USE IT AND LOSE IT

He overcame his fears yesterday and today.

By STEVE SNELL



I First knew him as a boy, small, insignificant and poor. If he was in any way remarkable, it was through his defects and his fears. As a child he harbored no desire to be some famous, statesman, soldier or tycoon, (there was a brief period in which he thought having some of superman's powers would be desirable, but, that passed), he was a simple soul who had no wish to dominate an empire, but set out instead to conquer circumstance and himself.

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Man lives by his ideas and fears; He understands the world through his beliefs and fears. I am a man; the ability to think rationally and abstractly makes me uniquely different from the rest of the animal kingdom. And unlike other animals, we humans are the only animals on earth who have died for our beliefs and fears. Fearful emotions include everything from low levels of concern and apprehension to intense worry, anxiety, fright, and even terror.

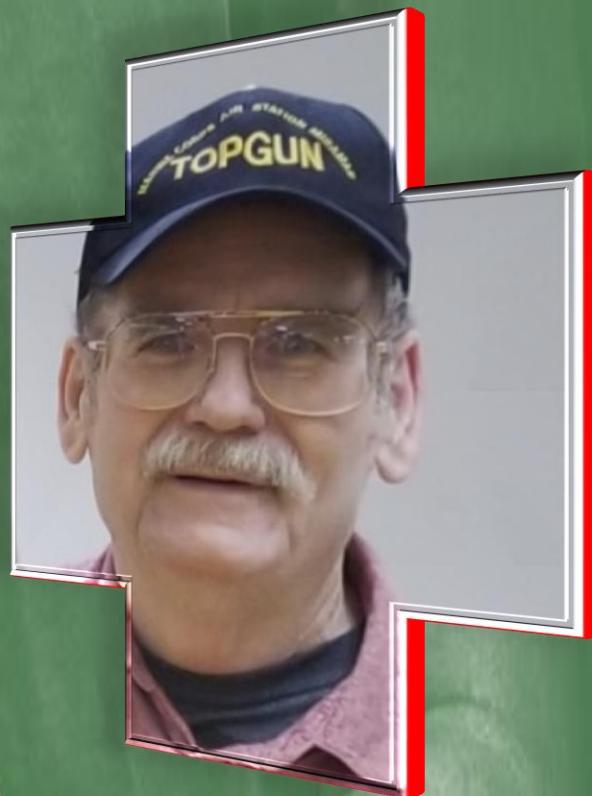
For me fear serves a purpose, and its message is simple. **The message:** Fear is the anticipation that something is going to happen soon that we need to be prepared for. I will need either to prepare to cope with the coming situation, or do something to change it. The tragedy is that most people either try to deny their fear, or they wallow in it. He will not do this, he will respect the message that fear is trying to deliver, and if he does not, then it will continue to pursue him as it tries to get its message across.

In other words; we must not surrender to fear and amplify it by starting to think of the worst that could happen, nor do we want to pretend it's not there.

The Solution: He reviewed what he was feeling fearful about and evaluated what must be done to prepare him mentally. He prepared for what actions He needed to take to deal with the situation in the best possible way. It was in this way in small daily resolutions and internal journeys of self-analysis that allowed him to pull back the curtains, the sun peaked in and that is how.....

he looked her in the eye and said to the priest **"I Do."**





RBrother SK David Blankenship of Council 12175 passed away at the VA Hospital in Seattle. Brother David fought an incredibly tough battle with cancer, baffling doctors' dire predictions at every turn.

IHe was an inspiration and, indeed a blessing, to the many Brother Knights in the Seattle area who visited with him so many times over the past year. In his final hours, various Brother Knights who have volunteered under the VA Chaplain's "Never Let a Vet Die Alone" initiative with the Knights of Columbus, spent time during the night time hours to ensure that he would not die alone. Rest in Peace, Brother.

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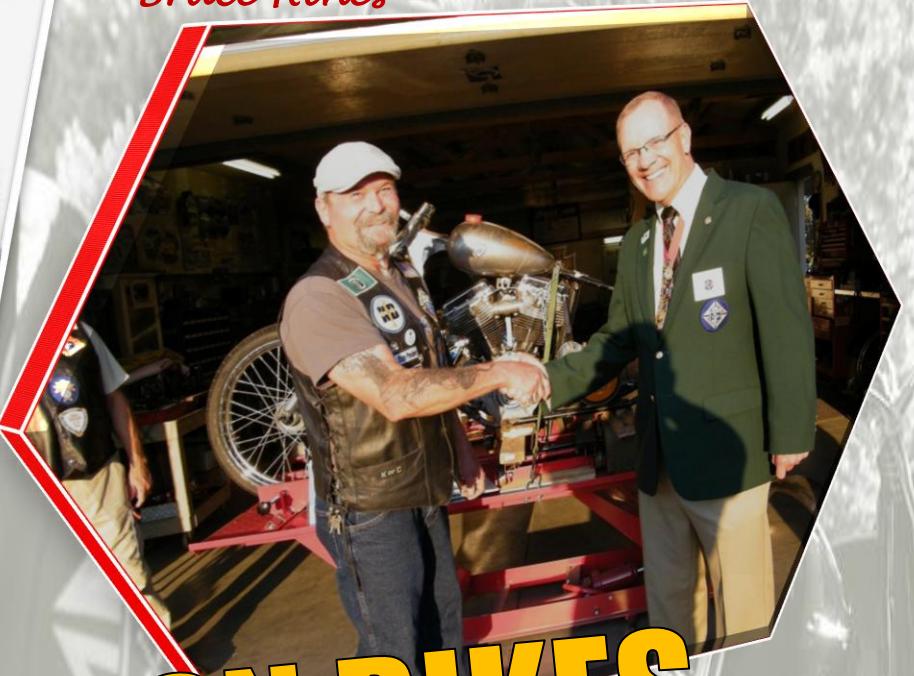
"THE GOD OF LOVE AND PEACE WILL BE WITH YOU"

SUBMITTED BY LARRY DEVLIN

Brother Knights, we could use a lot more volunteers for "Never Let a Vet Die Alone." Please let me know and I'll send you the application forms all it requires is a little of your time if you are available when a need arises.....Larry Devlin



Washington State Director/POS
Knights on Bikes
Bruce Hines



KNIGHTS ON BIKES

Time Fly's....Memento Mori. Can't believe it's been two years since our now past KofC State Deputy Bob Baemmert gave us his blessing on the Father McGivney bike build and his fraternal support for WA Knights of Columbus who own and ride motorcycles AKA "Knights on Bikes" and the work we do as evangelists o



love them all event



DISCOVER WHY THE PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT IS
MORE THAN JUST BEING ANTI-ABORTION.
THE TRI-CITIES UNITING TO SHOW LOVE TO
MOTHERS, FATHERS AND BABIES.

Featuring speakers from:

- 40 Days for Life • Hope Medical • You Medical • Embrace Life

Bethel Church

600 Shockley Dr
Richalnd, WA

Saturday

September 21st
2PM-3:30PM



This event will be different than our traditional kick-off events but I think it will get you just as excited to be a part of the pro-life movement! Come hear speakers from 40 Days for Life, Hope Medical, You Medical and Embrace Life all share how they are loving and helping women, men and babies in our community. Invite your friends and family.



Holy Cross Catholic Church of Lake Stevens, WA

Archbishop Sartain's final words to his priests:

"If ever we find ourselves bemoaning the secularity of our world or its often-impersonal character, it is time to remember that we are where we are precisely because the Lord Jesus has sent us here. The Lord Jesus will use us here. The Lord Jesus will work through us here."

What have we to offer Western Washington? The Lord Jesus Son of God and Savior of the World, his redeeming word his living presence in the Church and her sacraments. Everything — everything — we do flows from him and him alone.



Equipped to Help

Washington Knights lend free medical equipment to thousands in need

by Jean Parietti

It's a sunny spring day, the kind that draws Seattle residents outdoors to walk, bike and kayak. For 27-year-old Tiana, though, getting outside her small apartment to enjoy life in the city — or even go grocery shopping — isn't easy.

Born with a foot disability, Tiana had multiple surgeries as a child, with mixed success. Despite braces prescribed more recently by her podiatrist, pain in her feet and knees has sometimes kept her homebound for days.

Last year, Tiana finally told her doctor, "I just can't stand being inside anymore."

He suggested a nonprofit might be able to help her obtain a wheelchair. But after her insurance company had denied her twice, Tiana did not have much hope.

"I was super depressed. I was crying," she recalled. "I called them, not expecting anything."

Larry Devlin, a member of Seattle Council 676 and program director for KC HELP in Poulsbo, responded to the call. KC HELP — the Knights Community Hospital Equipment Lend Program — lends durable medical equipment at no cost

to anyone in need. Councils in Idaho, Arkansas, Nebraska and elsewhere have organized similar programs, but KC HELP is notable for its longevity and scale: Several large distribution centers are run by Knights of Columbus across Washington state.

To Tiana's amazement, Devlin brought her a motorized wheelchair, in time for her to attend a popular community festival. He also provided a hospital bed, special mattress and shower chair not covered by her insurance.

"Larry's been a real lifesaver," Tiana said. "I still have my struggles, but he's definitely made certain aspects so much easier."

For Jerry Rhoads, who founded the first KC HELP program in the Tri-Cities area of Central Washington, helping people like Tiana is what has sustained him through nearly 23 years of hard work leading Knights in serving more than 52,000 people.

"That's the heart of our ministry," Rhoads said. "It's not how many pieces of equipment we put out. It's the souls we touch as we do it."



Knights repair medical equipment and assist clients at the KC HELP warehouse in Pasco, Wash. KC HELP, a program to lend free wheelchairs, walkers, hospital beds and other equipment to anyone in need, was founded by Jerry Rhoads (far left and far right), a member of Richland Council 3307.

A STRONG FOUNDATION

Rhoads conceived the idea for KC HELP in 1996, when he and other members of Richland (Wash.) Council 3307 were volunteering with a hospice organization. As they set up medical equipment for patients, they discovered people who didn't qualify for hospice and had unmet needs. The council members got permission from their grand knight to begin a pilot program, and Rhoads, then an engineering manager working on a master's degree, made the program his thesis project.

Initial research revealed that the need was so great that all the councils in the Tri-Cities area should be involved. Kennewick Council 8179, Holy Spirit Council 10653 and Pasco Council 1620 quickly joined the team. A brochure explaining KC HELP was created and distributed to home care organizations, health care professionals and senior centers. As word spread, requests for assistance came in, as did donated equipment. Altogether, about 150 people were served during the pilot year. State officers recognized it as the community service program of the year in 1997 and recommended it be spread to other councils.

As it expanded, the program outgrew the mini-storage units where it first stored donated equipment. Now, Rhoads runs a 5,300-square-foot warehouse in Pasco with about 40 volunteers and just one paid position. The well-organized facility includes work stations where Knights clean, sterilize, repair and distribute the equipment.

"It reminds me of Santa Claus with his elves working," said Pat Kenny, a past grand knight of Kennewick (Wash.) Council 8179. "You've got all these guys in there with their tools. They're just busy."

Every Tuesday and Thursday, the Pasco warehouse opens its doors to anyone who needs help.

"It is something to experience — just talking to the people when they come in and hearing their stories," Rhoads said.

According to Rhoads, it's not uncommon for people to say, "We've been everywhere trying to find a wheelchair, and I need one desperately."

When they realize they will be helped by the Knights, he said, "They're pretty much in tears."

Rhoads deflects credit for creating the program. "I think God founded this program," he said. "He asked me to drive the bus, and he stacked it with all-stars."

'SMALL THINGS WITH GREAT LOVE'

Kenny, 75, has been on both sides of KC HELP. As a volunteer, he helped deliver bulky hospital beds and other equipment. "I can remember rainy nights and trying to squeeze through apartment complexes," he said.

A retired Marine pilot, Kenny was exposed to Agent Orange during the Vietnam War, and he later needed open-heart surgery in 2011. When he came home from the hospital, he learned that his friend Jerry Rhoads was one step ahead of him.

"He had already set up the hospital bed and everything for me in my house," Kenny said.

Today, Kenny is able to walk short distances, getting around with a special upright walker that his insurance wouldn't cover but the program provided.

"I became a recipient of all that KC HELP does," he said.

One client who particularly touched Rhoads was a girl named Allison, who was 9 when she first visited KC HELP. She had a cancerous blood disorder that affected her limbs, and she could barely stand. Allison spotted a wheelchair with yellow arms and got to take it home. Over the next several



Members of San Raphael Archangel Council 13165 in Houston deliver wheelchairs and a walker to members of their parish. Council 13165 began its equipment loan program through a connection with the Washington state councils. • Tiana, left, was homebound until the KC HELP program in Poulsbo, Wash., provided her with a motorized wheelchair. Larry Devlin, right, directs the Poulsbo program.

years, she returned whenever she outgrew her wheelchair and needed a larger one.

The last time the volunteers saw Allison, her left leg had been amputated and it looked like she was going to lose her other leg. When Rhoads recently called her parents to check in, he learned that she had died.

"She was such a wonderful little gal," he said. "She was just as sweet as you could imagine. Though a poignant experience, we were blessed to able to walk with her in some small way that bought her joy."

Citing KC HELP's patron, St. Teresa of Calcutta, Rhoads added that we are not called to do great things, but "small things with great love."

RESTORING FAITH IN HUMANITY

The life-changing work of KC HELP has spread far beyond the Tri-Cities.

Mike McGlone led the Knights in Wenatchee Council 1545, about 125 miles northwest, in starting a KC HELP site in 1998; they now operate out of a 2,000-square-foot facility.

Larry Devlin, who was once a volunteer in the Tri-Cities program, relocated to Houston for work.

As a district deputy, he helped reactivate San Raphael Archangel Council 13165 and encouraged council members to launch an independent medical equipment program in 2015.

The Houston program is small, but every Sunday afternoon, Knights are available to accept donations and distribute equipment, mostly walkers and wheelchairs.

"It just goes back to faith in action," Grand Knight Francisco

Carpenteyro said. "I really get excited to help anyone in need."

When Devlin moved back to Washington in 2016, he started the KC HELP branch in Poulsbo, across the Puget Sound from Seattle, with a trailer of equipment from the Tri-Cities. Devlin, now a K of C field agent for the Seattle area, has also solicited help from several local councils to purchase electric wheelchair batteries, which can be costly.

A new outreach to San Felipe, a small city on the Baja California peninsula of Mexico, has also been launched with a Knight from Mexico, Mario Gamboa. KC HELP first sent medical equipment and supplies there last fall and a second trailer arrived May 7. Most recently, Colville Council 12273, northwest of Spokane, decided to begin a pilot program of KC HELP this summer, Rhoads said.

"This program changes the heart," Rhoads said, "and it also changes the community's awareness of the Knights of Columbus."

Devlin agreed. "This is a way to showcase the Knights and the work that we do," he said. "You can really feel like you're making a difference in somebody's life. You can't imagine the kind of hardships they go through."

For people like Tiana in Seattle, KC HELP has been a godsend.

"I've never been in contact with people who were so genuinely caring," she said. "It's just restored my faith in humanity. This is proof to me how God works."♦

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KofC IN ACTION AT ST.JOHN THE EVANGELIST , VANCOUVER



By Mike Calderon, Former State Hispanic Membership Chairman

Each year, 35th anniversary, St John the Evangelist adult activities group holds a yard sale benefiting St Vincent de Paul that helps many needy families in Clark County. One of our good pastors some years ago purchased an old house adjacent to parish property which also has an old garage used as a place to receive canned or packaged food. The house is used as dispensary for food, and other assistance.

Treasures for yard sale accepted soon after July 1, sale starts second week of August generating a surprising amount of revenue. What is cherished, team work by gentlemen and ladies of the parish, What a delight it is to work with so many good people, it's work, hard work, marking, setting up than clean up, takes dedication, patience and determination to do a good job.

Thank you Lord for giving us the blessings that allows us to work together as one body in Christ.

Then there is the WHO Concert, choirs from throughout the county come together for a gala night of beautiful music. Caballeros de Colon has charge of ushering and parking lot security. This concert held second week in November is free, but donations are accepted. Where donations go, support homeless that are housed over night at a nearby Protestant church, families are fed, bathing available, all is provided for a good night's sleep. We have one month to take care of business, other churches pitch in doing same.

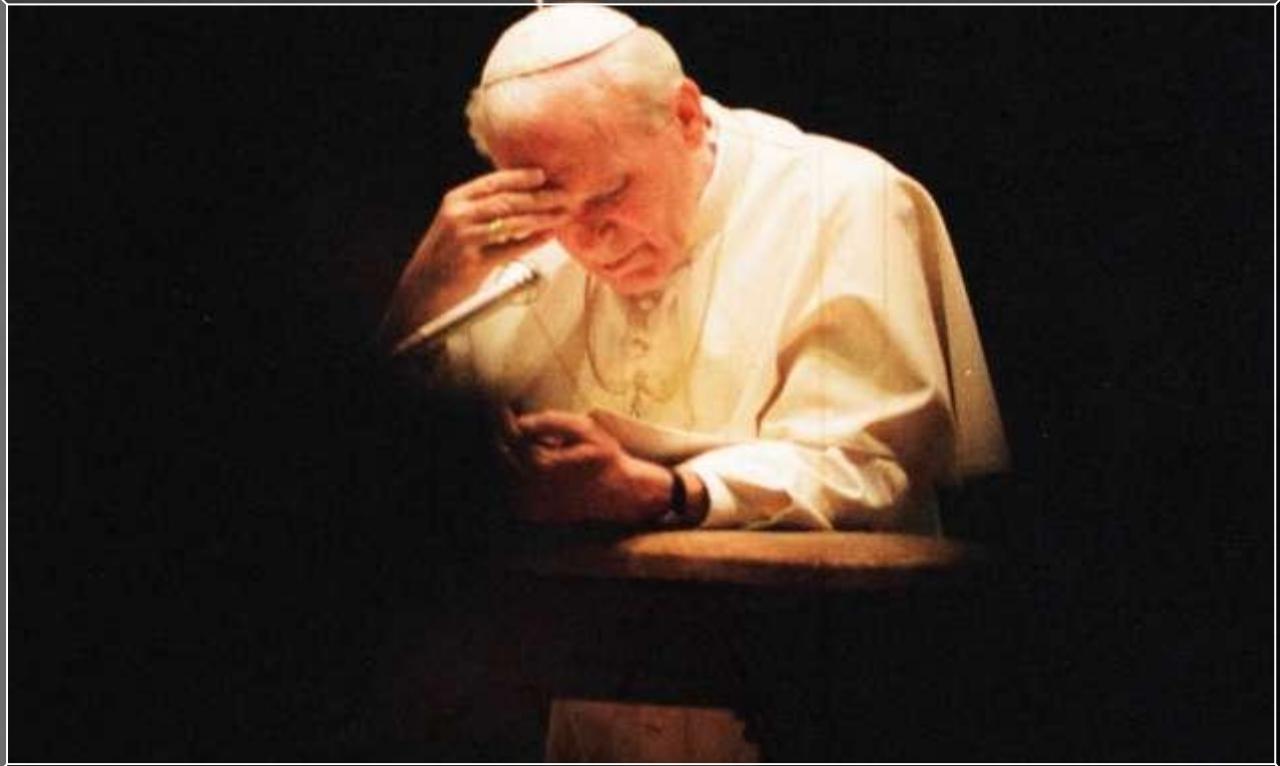
The important issued is ecumenism, different religions working together for a just cause for God Greater Glory, a good feelingWe are can pray till the cows come home but with works of charity involvement the Lord will smile upon these good people.

Every parish, community holds many events where one can become involved whether belonging to a ministry or not yet found one to join. There are many fraternal members that could make a difference around their world by not being silent Knights but by being active members of the order.

Viva Cristo Rey, Viva Neustria Madre de Guadalupe!!!

Mike Calderon/Servidor Del Señor





PRAYER TO ST. JOHN PAUL II

Oh, St. John Paul II, from the window of heaven, grant us your blessing! Bless the Church that you loved and served and guided, courageously leading her along the paths of the world in order to bring Jesus to everyone and everyone to Jesus. Bless the young, who were your great passion. Help them dream again, help them look up to the heavens again to find the light that illuminates the paths of life here on earth.

May you bless each and every family! You warned of Satan's assault against this precious and indispensable divine spark that God lit on earth. St. John Paul, with your prayer, may you protect the family and every life that blossoms from the family.

Pray for the whole world, which is still marked by tensions, wars and injustice. You opposed war by invoking dialogue and planting the seeds of love: pray for us so that we may be tireless sowers of peace.

Oh St. John Paul, from heaven's window, where we see you beside Mary, send God's blessing down upon us all. Amen.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: (Feast Day...October 4) Founder of the Franciscan Order, born at Assisi in Umbria, in 1181. Francis enjoyed a very rich easy life growing up because of his father's wealth and the permissiveness of the times. From the beginning everyone -- and I mean everyone -- loved Francis. He was constantly happy, charming, and a born leader. As he grew up, Francis became the leader of a crowd of young people who spent their nights in wild parties.

Francis was good at his father's merchant business, and he wanted more than wealth, but not holiness. Francis wanted to be a noble, a knight. Battle was the best place to win the glory and prestige he longed for. Finally a call for knights for the Fourth Crusade gave him a chance for his dream. But Francis never got farther than one day's ride from Assisi. There he had a dream in which God told him he had it all wrong and told him to return home.

Francis' conversion did not happen overnight. God had waited for him for twenty-five years and now it was Francis' turn to wait. He spent more time in prayer and went off to a cave to weep for his sins. God's grace overwhelmed him with joy. But life couldn't just stop for God. There was a business to run, customers to wait on.

His search for conversion led him to the ancient church at San Damiano. While he was praying there, he heard Christ on the crucifix speak to him, "Francis, repair my church." Francis assumed this meant church with a small c -- the crumbling building he was in. Acting again in his impetuous way, he took fabric from his father's shop and sold it to get money to repair the church. His father saw this as an act of theft -- and put together with Francis' cowardice, waste of money, and his growing disinterest in money made Francis seem more like a madman than his son.

His father dragged Francis before the bishop, and in front of the whole town, he demanded that Francis return the money and renounce all rights as his heir. The bishop was very kind to Francis; he told him to return the money and said God would provide. That was all Francis needed to hear. He not only gave back the money but stripped off all his clothes -- the clothes his father had given him -- until he was wearing only a hair shirt. In front of the crowd that had gathered he said, "Pietro Bernardone is no longer my father. From now on I can say with complete freedom, 'Our Father who art in heaven.'" Wearing nothing but castoff rags, he went off into the freezing woods -- singing. And when robbers beat him later and took his clothes, he climbed out of the ditch and went off singing again. From then on Francis had nothing...and everything.



With companions, Francis knew he now had to have some kind of direction to this life so he opened the Bible in three places, read the command to the rich young man to sell all his goods and give to the poor, the order to the apostles to take nothing on their journey, and the demand to take up the cross daily. "Here is our rule," Francis said -- as simple, and as seemingly impossible, as that. He was going to do what no one thought possible any more -- live by the Gospel.

Francis never wanted to found a religious order -- this former knight thought that sounded too military. He thought of what he was doing as expressing God's brotherhood. His companions came from all walks of life, from fields and towns, nobility and common people, universities, the Church, and the merchant class. Francis practiced true equality by showing honor, respect, and love to every person whether they were beggar or pope. Following the Gospel literally, Francis and his companions went out to preach two by two. He was a man of action. His simplicity of life extended to ideas and deeds.

When Francis wanted approval for his brotherhood, he went straight to Rome to see Pope Innocent III. You can imagine what the pope thought when this beggar approached him! As a matter of fact he threw Francis out. But when he had a dream that this tiny man in rags held up the tilting Lateran basilica, he quickly called Francis back and gave him permission to preach.

Francis' brotherhood had grown to 5000 in ten years and pressure from outside to control this great movement did not upset him; he gave up authority in his order and was just another brother, like he'd always wanted. His final years were filled with suffering as well as humiliation. Praying to share in Christ's passion he had a vision and received the stigmata, the marks of the nails and the lance wound that Christ suffered, in his own body.

Years of poverty and wandering had made Francis ill. When he began to go blind, the pope ordered that his eyes be operated on by cauterizing his face with a hot iron. Francis reported that he felt nothing at all. He wrote his beautiful Canticle of the Sun when blind that expresses his brotherhood with creation in praising God. Francis never recovered from his illness and died on October 4, 1226 at the age of 45. Francis is considered the founder of all Franciscan orders and the patron saint of ecologists and merchants.

This man is considered the most known and revered of all the Saints.

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CONTAGIOUS FEELINGS



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We have all, at one time or other, met a person whom we would call a ‘grumpy old man’. Someone who always looks at the negative side of any situation: ‘Yes, it’s a nice day, BUT’... then the negatives come gushing out and you can’t wait for the litany of negatives to stop so you can make a quick exit. No one likes to be around such a person. The negatives bring us down too. It is CONTAGIOUS!!! Why is that?

I have actually had a person I know ask that I stop being nice to this other person with whom they were angry. Can you believe someone actually asking me to share their anger? Such a person is literally BOUND forever until such time as they can reach a level of forgiveness.

On the contrary, everyone loves to be around other people who are always cheerful and happy. They contribute to the laughter and joy at any gathering. That feeling is also contagious and we all revel in the pleasant atmosphere of joy.

Jesus tells us that He came ‘that we might have JOY, and have it more abundantly’ and the best way to have that joy is to get out of ourselves and into serving others. Yes, our joy as Knights comes in our service.

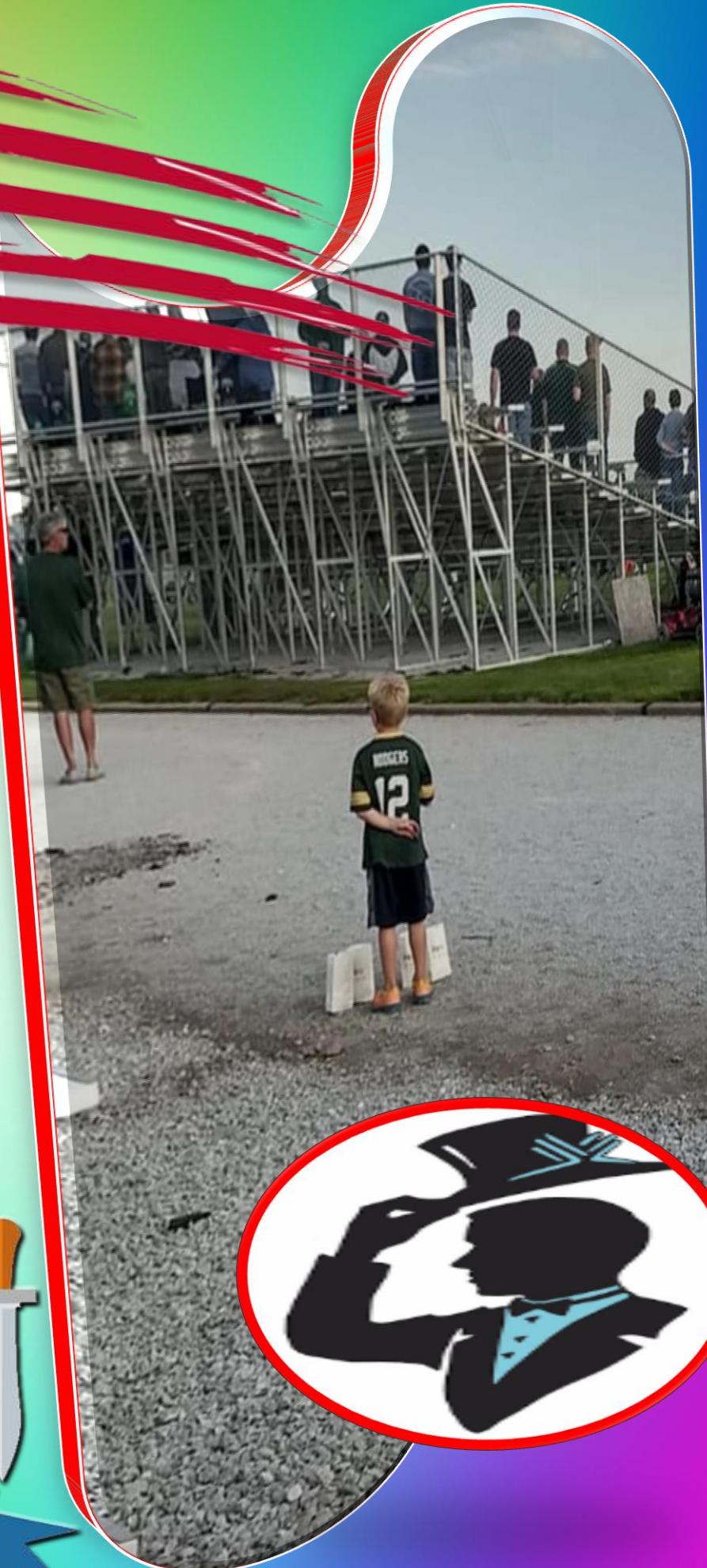
Let’s remember our mission as Knights and spread that joy among all we meet and serve.

THE JOY OF THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH!

**PTL,
Manny Aguilar**



**This little boy
set down his 4
bags of
popcorn while
the National
Anthem was
being sung at
Loomis, NE.
Somebody's
doing
something
right!!**





SUCCESS

it all STARTS
with **YOU!**



SEE YOU NEXT MONTH,

BUT BEFORE WE LEAVE
ONE LAST THOUGHT ON

SUCCESS

STEVE MARTIN SAYS:

“When people ask me, ‘how do you make it in show business,’ **or whatever**, what I always tell them — and nobody ever takes note of it ‘cuz it’s not the answer they wanted to hear...
but I always say,

‘Be so good they can’t ignore you.’





NEVER STOP TRYING ~ ~ NEVER GIVE UP !!