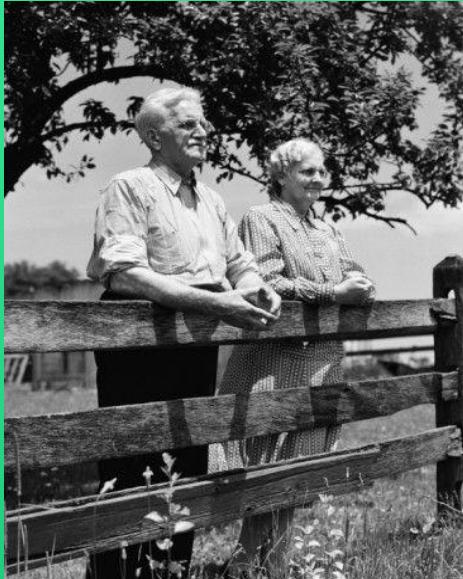


WASHINGTON STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MAY 2019



HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER!

"We live alone," she said, "just him and me;
Six children livin', but all gone away,
And all done well – so well they ain't come back,
Although we're allus hopin' that they may.

They never liked the farm and then I guess
We ain't as stylish as they've growed to be.
It's kinda lonesome, yes, but sakes alive,
There's lots we can remember, him and me."

"THE SECOND EDITION"

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BY ROBIN REGO,

I just recently received these pictures from a Brother Knight, Mike Perkins, from the Richland Council who accompanied us on this pilgrimage. This was at the end of Mass when Hank and I reverently walked up the aisle and presented the two chalices of the deceased knights (Bill and John Zilar) to the young pastor. Our pilgrimage leader was the translator and had arranged the event. Hank made a short speech about the Knights of Columbus and why we were presenting the two chalices, including the names of the deceased knights which were engraved on the base of each chalice. It was a memorable ceremony. After Mass, the pastor treated our entire group (25 pilgrims) to a tour of the old church, a museum and then local refreshments and beverages.

Since we were visitors to a local church (Citluk – 15 minutes' drive from Medjugorje), where we did not know the language (Croatian) or the customs, I believe that Mike was hesitant to move to the front of the church to get a better picture of the presentation. He took the other picture of the two of us outside the church.

On behalf of Hank and myself, we thank the Assembly for the opportunity to make this presentation. I did see Linda Zilar this morning and she will send me her email address so I can copy her on this email.



BONUS FEATURE



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House of Virgin Mary is located in Turkey on the top of "Bulbul" mountain 9 km ahead of Ephesus, the shrine of Virgin Mary enjoys a marvelous atmosphere hidden in the green. It is the place where Mary may have spent her last days.

Indeed, she may have come in the area together with Saint John, who spent several years in the area to spread Christianity. Mary preferred this remote place rather than living in crowded place.

The house of Virgin Mary is a typical Roman architectural example, entirely made of stones. In the 4th century AD, a church, combining her house and grave, has been built. The original two-stored house, which consisted of an anteroom (where today candles are proposed), bedroom and praying room (Christian church area) and a room with fireplace (chapel for Muslims). A front kitchen fell into ruins and has been restored in 1940's. Today, only the central part and a room on the right of the altar are open to visitors. From there one can understand that this building looks more like a church than a house. Another interesting place is the "Water of Mary", a source to be found at the exit of the church area and where a rather salt water, with curative properties, can be drunk by all.

Paul VI was the first pope to visit this place in the 1960's. Later, in the 1980's, during his visit, Pope John-Paul II declared the Shrine of Virgin Mary has a pilgrimage place for Christians. It is visited by Muslims who recognize Mary as the mother of one of their prophets. On August 15th there is a yearly ceremony is to commemorate Mary's Assumption.



THANK YOU BROTHER KNIGHTS

Brothers,

Here is a FB post from Brother Mario Gamboa...

He writes:

With great pleasure I made deliver of a chalice to the Father in charge of our parish Father Oscar that will be used in the same..

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Washington State Director/POS

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We had great attendance at this year's Catholic Men's Conference in Spokane in January. Pictured from L to R are Bob Kirby, Ed Zupich, Jim Hines, Ray Dirks, Greg Meyer, Tom Garrett and Ed Galbicka.



Most certainly, the lion's share of the work done on the rectory renovation was done by the group pictured above. Thanks so much to everyone for all the time and talent shared for this project.

GK, Jim Hines presents a Portrait of the finished rectory



Past Grand Knight, Stephen Sommer, receives our Council's prestigious Star Council award for council year 2017-2018 from District Deputy Art Smally. Our council was one of the 9 councils within the state of Washington to receive the Star award for that period of time. **Tremendous achievement!!**

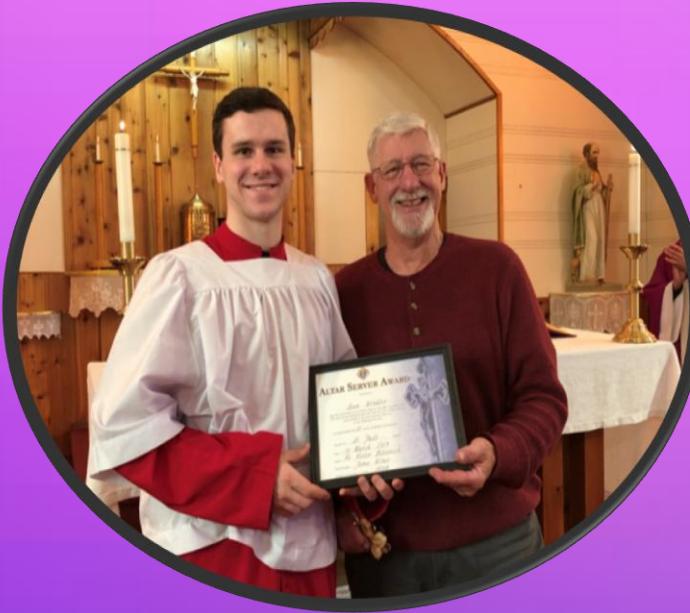
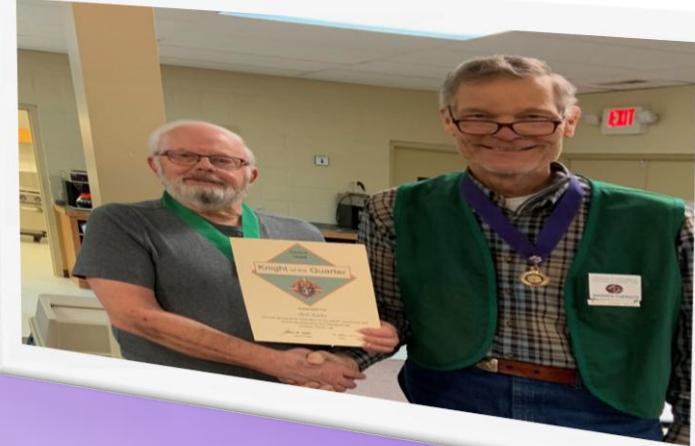


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No question about it, Bob Kirby is our Knight of the Quarter for the first quarter, 2019. Bob is willing to help in any endeavor for St. Anthony's parish or, in general, for the Knights. Bob (L) receives certificate from DGK Warren Foersch.



Annually, the Knights recognize the altar servers in all Pend Oreille county parishes. From top, we show the St. Anthony servers, 7 in all, and clockwise, St. Bernard's server, Rennie Pelkie Jr. and St. Jude's Sean Winkler are all presented with a certificate of appreciation and a wooden cross. Thanks to all the youth involved in this tremendous ministry.

UPDATED DEGREE SCHEDULE

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

I have received input on the proposed Knighthood Degree for FY 2019-2020 and will be sending an updated proposed schedule to our State Deputy before the State Convention.

All DDs who are the Host DD for the degrees scheduled over the next 60 days, are to post the degree information as soon as possible on the state web-page. 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.

The following six degrees are scheduled through the end of June, 2019. **Degrees, in bold, have not yet been posted on the State Calendar at this time:**

4/27/2019**	Bothell	HDD 16
5/4/2019	Lakewood	HDD 34
5/11/2019**	Pullman	HDD 08
6/1/2019	Arlington	HDD 31
6/1/2019	Covington	HDD 27
6/15/2019**	E. Wenatchee	HDD 10

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4/23/2019***	Kennewick	Hadley	Bergeron	6, 7 & 17
4/27/2019****	Bothell	Maloney	Roth	1, 13, 16 & 26
TBD FY 2019-20	Port Angeles	Hogan	Devine	2, 24 & 28
5/4/2019*	Lakewood	Hogan	Devine	3, 12, 22 & 34
5/11/2019****	Pullman	Bergeron	Myles	5 & 8
6/1/2019*	Covington	Hogan	Ablao	12, 15, 27 & 33
6/1/2019*	Arlington	Roth	Wilson	9, 19 & 31
6/15/2019****	E. Wenatchee	Hadley	Bergeron	10 & 29

BOLD denotes Host District

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Pin the Cross on my son's chest
He too will be KofC's best
He takes my place there is no loss
Another man of the Golden Cross

A Salute to a Fallen Brother in Christ

Frank R. Locati



July 2, 1938 — March 13, 2019



Frank R. Locati, 80, passed away in his home surrounded by family on March 13, 2019. He was born July 2, 1938, in Walla Walla to Joe C. and Angie (Vinti) Locati.

Frank grew up on the family onion farm working while he attended school in Walla Walla. He graduated from St. Pat's School in 1957. He served in the Army from 1958 to 1961, he entered the Army on a buddy plan and during his enlistment he spent time in Korea where he learned to be a diesel mechanic. When he returned to Walla Walla he worked several odd jobs before he began his career with Pacific Gas Transmission as a Jet engine mechanic, as well as serving as the companies' union shop steward. He retired after working over 35 years with the company.

IDuring his life he served as a **50+ year member of the Michael Flohr Council No. 766** of the Knights of Columbus and was very active in both the Third and Fourth degree, serving as Past Grand Knight. During his time with K of C he was instrumental along with Ed Valencsin in putting up the stone tablets of the Ten Commandments at all 3 Catholic Churches and at DeSales Jr. Sr. High school. One of his favorite K of C activities was the annual Mulligan that originated up in Kooskooskie. He was an avid hunter in his younger years and a lifelong member of the NRA.



He married his high school sweetheart Patricia Doocy on September 9, 1961. They celebrated 51 years of marriage just before she passed in 2012. During their life together they enjoyed camping at their mountain property as well as traveling with the Apple Blossom Camp group.

PWhen he wasn't camping he enjoyed working outside and driving his tractors all over the neighborhood. He made daily rounds all over Walla Walla in his truck, driving the same route making sure everything was going as he thought it should. He took pride in being the Water Master for Gose irrigation making sure the water was ready for everyone's allotted time.

While his daughters were in school he followed each and every one of them with their sports and school activities, spending countless hours volunteering at DeSales. His love for sports continued on through watching his grandkids and great-grandkids in all their sports and school activities. Even though he was a jet engine mechanic he was a self proclaimed contractor and was instrumental in building several of his daughter's homes, cabin, and projects all over town.

Right up until the end, he would have breakfast at Tommy's and visit with a friend almost daily which was the highlight of his day.

A Celebration of Life Mass was held May 11, at St. Francis Catholic Church.



HOLY CROSS CHURCH DEDICATION



Dedication of our church in Lake Stevens/Granite Falls.
What an amazing experience; truly once in a lifetime!





Woodchucker Program - We retrieve fallen trees in the community and have a cadre of "woodchuckers" who split the wood for use during the cold months. In the rural areas of Kitsap County, wood is sometimes the only source of heat for some people.

While shopping in the Fishline market one Thursday afternoon, Vanessa*, a single mother of two, mentioned to a volunteer that she had no heat and could not afford to fill her oil tank until she received her paycheck the following week. And even then, she would only be able to pay for the minimum amount because oil was so expensive. She wished she could move to a house with a more efficient heating system, but could not find another rental in her price range, so was stuck with oil heat. Vanessa was concerned because her youngest child was sick. She asked if we had any warm blankets. When handing Vanessa two blankets, the volunteer asked if she had a fireplace in her home because Fishline has firewood." I didn't know that Fishline helped with firewood," exclaimed Vanessa. "Yes, I have a fireplace."

She left that afternoon with enough firewood to get by until she could fill her oil tank. She also made an appointment to meet with the Fishline Client Advocate the following week, where she received financial assistance to fill her oil tank more than the minimum amount she had planned for. She also received a referral to Kitsap Community Resources (KCR) Energy Assistance Program, at the Fishline Comprehensive Services Center, for future energy needs, with the hope of never being in this situation again.

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*(Specific identifiers in this story have been changed to protect the privacy of our clients.)

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SUBMITTED BY LARRY DEVLIN

WHEN GOD CREATED MOTHERS

By Erma Bombeck

When the Good Lord was creating mothers, He was into His sixth day of "overtime" when the angel appeared and said. "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

And God said, "Have you read the specs on this order?" She has to be completely washable, but not plastic. Have 180 moveable parts...all replaceable. Run on black coffee and leftovers. Have a lap that disappears when she stands up. Her kiss can cure anything, from a broken leg, to a disappointed love affair.

And six pairs of hands." The angel shook her head slowly and said. "Six pairs of hands.... no way." It's not the hands that are causing me problems," God remarked, "it's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have." That's on the standard model?" asked the angel. God nodded. Her eyes see through closed doors when she asks, 'what are you kids doing in there?' She already knows. Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and say. 'I understand and I love you' without so much as uttering a word."

God," said the angel touching his sleeve gently, "Get some rest tomorrow...." I can't," said God, "I'm so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick...can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger...and can get a nine year old to stand under a shower."

The angel circled the model of a mother very slowly. "It's too soft," she sighed. But tough!" said God excitedly. "You can imagine what this mother can do or endure." Can it think?" Not only can it think, but it can reason and compromise," said the Creator.

Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek. There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told You that You were trying to put too much into this model." It's not a leak," said the Lord, "It's a tear." What's it for?" It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness, and pride."

You are a genius, "said the angel. Somberly, God said, "I didn't put it there."

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4TH ANNUAL BIKE BLESSING

Pictures from this year's SE WA KonB bike blessing. Thanks Brother Mike Perkins KUDOS for the great job.

Family photo left to right....Mike Rutland past WA KonB president and wife Lina, Current WA POS Bruce Hines and wife Angie,, Larry Bast, Mike Perkins and wife Diana, and Mike Patello.

The 78 shovel head is a bike my shop **Tri City Cycle Works** and K on B brothers built for local Combat Veterans International that they are raffling this year to help support the work they do for our vets. FYI tickets can be bought on line at cooldesertnightstc.com on line tickets purchases will be mailed hard copies. Thanks Father Van for the blessing.



A R O U N D T H E S T A T E

I am grateful to have spent the morning raising awareness for motorcycle safety, introducing Combat Veterans International initiatives, and discussing the Missing in America Project.

Bruce Hines

Welcome to Walla Walla "Woody" Williams! On left is pilot Mark Small with The Honor Project who honors veterans with a flight.

Hershel Woodrow "Woody" Williams (born October 2, 1923) is a retired United States Marine Corps warrant officer and United States Department of Veterans Affairs veterans service representative who received the United States military's highest decoration for valor—the Medal of Honor—for heroism above and beyond the call ...

This is what greatness looks like. Seated is Woody Williams, WW II Medal of Honor recipient, Iwo Jima. The others are WW II and Viet Nam veterans. Walla Walla was honored to have this living hero who flew from West Virginia for the groundbreaking ceremony of the Gold Star Family Monument. It doesn't get better than this!



Trump Administration Announces Protection Care Providers' Conscientious Objections For Religious Health

MAY 2, 2019 By [Madeline Osburn](#)

The Trump administration announced a [new rule](#), protecting the right of doctors, nurses, insurers, and hospitals to opt out of providing services that conflict with their religious beliefs such as abortion or assisted suicide.

"This rule ensures that healthcare entities and professionals won't be bullied out of the health care field because they decline to participate in actions that violate their conscience, including the taking of human life," said Office for Civil Rights (OCR) Director Roger Severino in a statement. "Protecting conscience and religious freedom not only fosters greater diversity in healthcare, it's the law."

When President Trump signed an executive order in May 2017 protecting religious liberty, he promised to protect conscientious objections. In 2018, the Conscience and Religious Freedom Division of the OCR was established at HHS to investigate these types of violations previously ignored by the Obama administration.

This rule new fulfills that E.O. by allowing the existing laws protecting conscientious objections previously passed by Congress to be fully enforced as any other civil rights violation. The rule also specifies that hospitals or entities who receive federal funding from HHS must certify that they are in compliance with OCR.

Pro"No one should be forced to participate in life-ending procedures like abortion or similar activities that go against their religious beliefs or moral convictions." said Jeanne Mancini, President of March for Life, in a statement. Severino emphasized that this new rule will give patients more options and more diversity when it comes to choosing health care providers. When developing the rule, OCR received over 242,000 comments from the public. Severino said they discovered that less medical students were choosing to go into the OBGYN field over potential services they could be forced to provide.

"Bullying religious people out of health care creates less option," he said.

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Driving the roads of Washington State on any given day, we see hundreds of billboards advertising businesses in foreign languages. Walking the streets of Seattle, Bellevue, or Spokane, we see men and women of every color representing every nation. And when we travel not just across Washington but across America, we can see that all our citizens have unprecedented opportunities to succeed—That is, when they rise above the politics of exclusion and envy.



By STEVE SNELL

Are there still serious racial and ethnic tensions to overcome? Are there still bigots among us? OF COURSE. But the overwhelming success of individual rights reminds us that the majority of Americans want tolerance, peace, and understanding. We support policies that unite men and women, Christians and Jews, Democrats and Republicans, Blacks, Hispanics, Asians, and Whites. And in our daily lives we treat individuals as individuals, not as members of competing special interest groups. What is important to remember is that, despite our differences as individuals, we have something in common: We are citizens of a great land founded on the glorious principle of freedom for all. Our national identity is summed up in one immortal line from the Declaration of Independence: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness

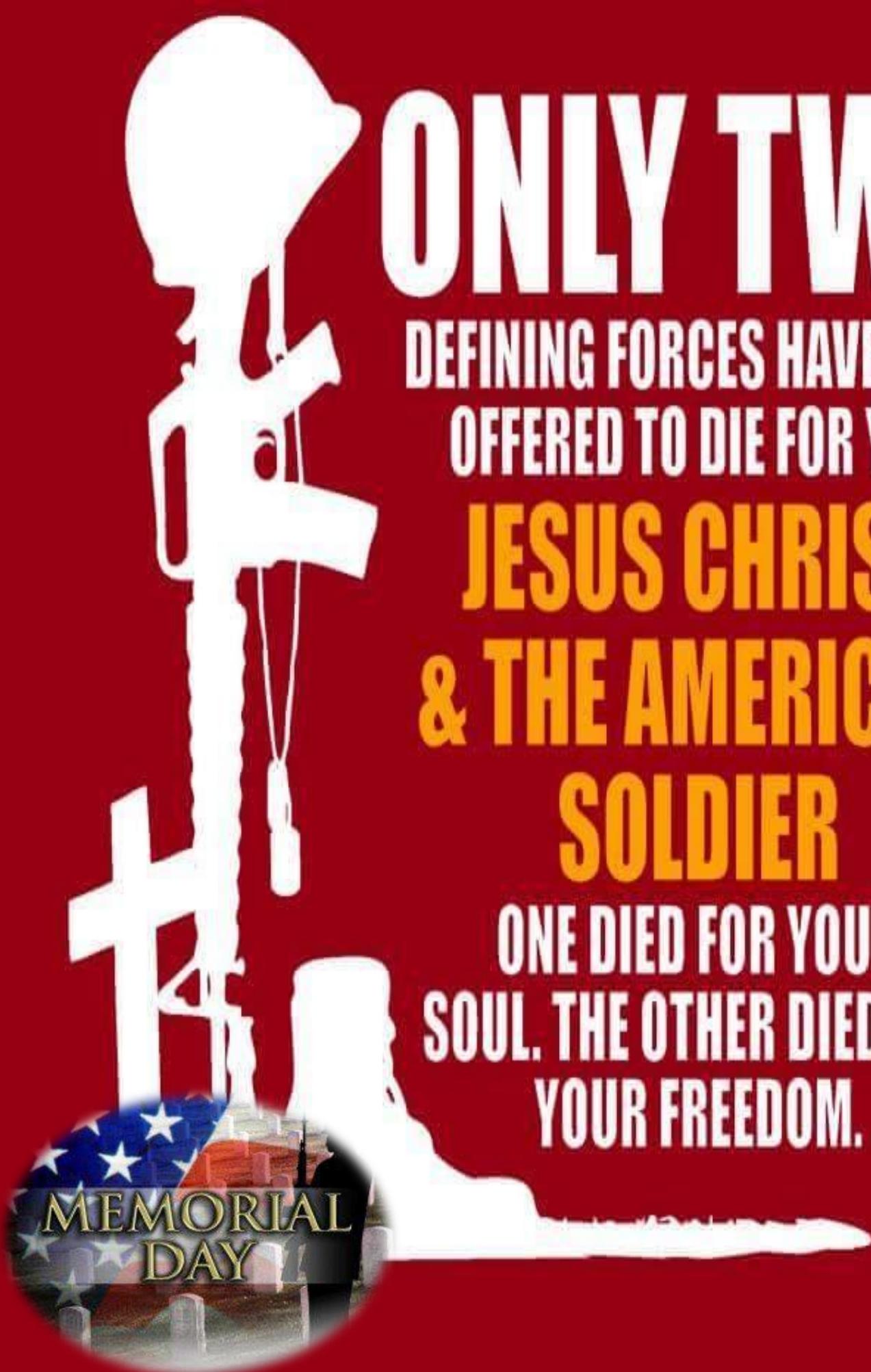
I am optimistic that someday soon we will be a nation in which our children are judged, as Reverend Martin Luther King envisioned, “*not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.*” I’ve seen many acts of kindness that were a result of colorblindness but race didn’t matter to those individuals involved. Their act of kindness was color-blind. It is high time that those who are obsessed with color develop a little colorblindness.

I am proud of my ancestors & relatives, they never just stood around doing nothing next to nothing, they peacefully and legally challenged and changed the law. The governments of their day denied these basic freedoms; the right to marry, the right to own property and the **right to vote**, (*led by men and women like my grandmother, tough and real tough!!*) they were determined to fulfill the promises found in the Constitution & Bill of Rights. By the way it worked, Women have the right to vote and we are better off because of it, as I was/am reminded by my Grandmother, Mother, Sister, Wife, Daughter, Daughter-in-Laws & Granddaughters and the list goes on & on.

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GATHERING MARY'S CHILDREN

Mike Calderon's devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe Calls him to serve the Hispanic Community

EDITOR'S NOTE – (*Article originally appeared in the May 2019 Issue of Northwest Catholic.*)

By Morningstar Stevenson

When an earthquake struck Mexico in February 2018, Ygnacio “Mike” Calderon wanted to help. So he organized a Community Unity dinner at his home parish, St. John the Evangelist in Vancouver. Local restaurants donated food and beverages; local musicians provided the entertainment. Parishioners pitched in with labor.

While the event raised about \$10,000 for victims of the quake, Calderon also saw it as an opportunity to bring his community together.

“So many people came with their families,” Calderon said. “We tried to get non-Catholics in and people who had left the church. I dragged them all in.” Bringing people together has been a lifelong mission for Calderon. At age 83, he still greets people every Sunday before Mass, works to involve the Hispanic community in the Knights of Columbus, and arranges transportation for the parish’s Thanksgiving meal for the homeless.

Calderon and his wife Ruth of 62 years, routinely open their home with its 10 acres of land for the parish luau, weddings and parties celebrating quinceañeras (15th birthdays).

His call to serve, Calderon said, comes from a message he received from Our Lady of Guadalupe: “Gather my children.”

“This has just been within me to do what needs to be done,” Calderon said.

The root of Hispanic ministry

Calderon grew up in Austin, Texas, one of 13 children born to parents who emigrated from Mexico. The family had to work hard to put food on the table. “I worked in the fields, picked cotton and all that stuff,” he said. “My family was big and we had to survive.”

His parents were “Guadalupanos,” instilling in him their devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe. “I saw the love they had for her,” Calderon said.

Though life was hard, the family always made time to pray the rosary together. Calderon and his brothers also were altar servers before school and on Sundays. “I remember going with the priest on Sundays to all the missions,” he said. “We wouldn’t get home until three or four o’clock in the afternoon. That was a long day.”

Still, he had fun growing up. “It was a lot of togetherness,” Calderon said. “We had something that’s missing in today’s society.” Togetherness may be lacking in much of society, but Calderon has found that spirit at St. John the Evangelist. “We’re probably the friendliest church on the planet,” he said.

After joining St. John’s in 1971, Calderon noticed an influx of Hispanic families working in the area’s dairies. With no formal outreach ministry at the parish, Calderon appealed directly to parishioners for donations of food, heating oil and building materials to help these families. “They just gave,” he said. “They actually opened up their pocketbooks and gave.”

Around 1976, Calderon decided to petition for a monthly Spanish Mass to be celebrated at St. John’s. By the early 1980s, Mass in Spanish was being offered weekly at the parish church.

“Mike is the root of the Hispanic ministry in Vancouver,” said Amira Sonntag, who started helping with sacramental preparation for Spanish-speaking families at St. John’s in the late 1970s. “He’s been feeding those roots through his hard work.” Calderon learned to play the guitar so they could have music at the Spanish Masses, said Sonntag, now a member of Sacred Heart Parish in nearby Battle Ground. “He is true [and] sincere,” Sonntag said. “What you see is what you get. He evangelizes with his actions.”

Bridging cultures

Calderon's Hispanic outreach hasn't been limited to his local community. In 2011, he became Hispanic membership chairman for the Washington State Council of the Knights of Columbus. His first step was acknowledging the "two beauties" of Hispanic culture:

Devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe and importance of family. Then he created an initiative, "Mesas Redondas" (Round Tables), which invited the whole family to be involved in the Knights program. Besides his outreach to Hispanic Catholics, Calderon also helped the Knights' leadership team grow in their understanding of the Hispanic community, said Don McBride, who was state deputy of the Knights of the time. "He coached us on the importance of family, and the importance of connecting with families in attracting and keeping them engaged," McBride said. "Even though the Knights are about family, he kept our focus on it."

Calderon also helped expand the Knight's Silver Rose pilgrimage/prayer services to parishes beyond Seattle, according to Scott Hulse, a parishioner at Church of the Assumption in Bellingham. The tradition started decades ago with Knights carrying a rose from Canada to Mexico, commemorating Our Lady of Guadalupe's miracle of roses through St. Juan Diego. "Mike has been the one to really emphasize the veneration of Mary as the Mother of the Americas and patroness of the unborn and underprivileged," Hulse said throughout all Calderon's endeavors, Ruth has been by his side.

The two met when both were serving at McCord Air Force Base (now JBLM) near Tacoma. Ruth was a Southern Baptist, but she surprised Calderon by taking a "crash course" in the Catholic catechism and converting before their wedding. "Before we knew it, we were getting married in the chapel on base," Calderon said.

"We sort of broke the barrier," he said. "In those days, Hispanics didn't get married to Anglos." Calderon even remembers his commander asking, "'where do you think you're going to live?' I said, 'Where do you think we're going to live? I'm going to live wherever I want.'"

Eventually, they settled in Vancouver. While Calderon traveled for his work as a salesman, Ruth was a stay-at-home mom to their four children. Ruth has been "a better Catholic than I'll ever be," Calderon said, noting that for many years she attended both Spanish and English Masses each weekend. She also plays an active role in Catholic Daughters and the parish's funeral meal ministry.

The couple tries to pray the rosary each day, either at home or before daily Mass. When they wake up, they say a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to "guide us this day," Calderon said.

"Both of them working together as a team provide the glue that holds [the Anglo and Hispanic aspects] of the parish together," said Deacon Adolfo Carbajal, St. John's pastoral assistant for adult faith formation and liturgy. "They've really brought about cultural communication in our parish."

Staying the course

Calderon has found inspiration from the clergy in his life, and says priests and bishops have an important role in uniting people in their parishes and communities.

When the St. John's Hispanic ministry was just beginning, Calderon sought the advice of Archbishop Patricio Flores of San Antonio, the first Mexican-American bishop in the United States.

During a business trip to San Antonio, Calderon found out where the archbishop lived, went there and knocked on his door. He was surprised when the archbishop, not a housekeeper, answered the door. "I got enough courage to ask him, 'We need a priest up there who can speak Spanish,'" Calderon said. "'Do you have any extra ones?'"

Although he wasn't able to send a priest, Archbishop Flores (who died in 2017) gave Calderon his blessing and some advice that he still values today. "He said, 'Stay the course. Don't let things deter you from what has to be done,'" Calderon said. When a new priest arrives at St. John's, Calderon offers the same advice: "Stay calm, and stay the course."

For Calderon, staying the course means being persistent. "He won't take no for an answer, especially when he knows this is right," Deacon Carbajal said. "It might not always be the easy thing to do, or the most convenient thing to do, but his strong sense of social justice empowers him."

So whether it's planning a community dinner or campaigning to build a covered walkway for the parish entrance, Calderon is always looking for ways to improve the lives of those around him.

"If everyone did something to unite around," Calderon said, "we would make a difference."



ST. PAUL'S MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

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BISHOP BERNARD J. TOPEL COUNCIL # 11478



WE ARE THE STEWARDS OF GOD'S GIFTS

GIFT FROM GOD

"If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to stumble! Such things must come, but woe to the person through whom they come!"
(Matthew 18:6–7, NIV)





In the photo at left, Brother Rob Murphy's face is blotted out under the witness protection program, but others pictured are (l-r) Fr. Cody Ross and Brothers Dick Winchip, Charlie Whelan, Preston Knutson, Rick Huston, and Larry Kerstiens. At right Brother Chet Zender serves up some wine for Brother Chris DePalma while Brother Charlie Whelan makes certain that Chris doesn't get more than the allotted two inches.

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Brother Preston Knutson was the brains behind the operation. Some questioned his ability when the salmon ran out, but who knew so many folks would show up? Also served were rolls, salads, desserts, and wine.

Besides GK Preston and his wife Bridget, the fish workers included Brothers Larry Kerstiens and his wife Rita, **Dick Winchip, Charlie Whelan, Rick Huston, and Chet Zender.**

KNIGHTS SERVE UP FISH FOR LENT





FEEL THE FIRE AND POWER OF YOUR FAITH
IT'S TIME TO STAND UP AND
SHOUT!



Who is going to save Our Church?

Not our bishops,
not our priests and Religious.
It's up to you, the people.
You have the minds,
the eyes, the ears
to save the Church.
Your mission is
to see that
your priests acts like priests,
your bishops act like bishops,
and your Religious action like Religious.

ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN



NATIONAL RECOGNITION

KNIGHTS RAISE OVER \$100,000 TO HELP BUILD A
NEW CONVENT IN THE DOCESE OF SPOKANE

SPOKANE COUNCIL 683



The sisters of Mary, Mother of the Church have only been around for a dozen years, but they are already making a mark in the Diocese of Spokane, Washington. Working at parishes, Catholic schools, retreats and the Sacred Heart Medical Center, they are becoming well known to many, including the Knights of Columbus.

When the community was founded in 2007, Catholics in the area – especially the Knights from Spokane Council 683 – helped the sisters get off their feet.

Now, after 12 years, with support from the Knights, they are thriving. One of their long-term goals is to build a new convent.

“They’ve been growing,” said George Czerwonka, a member of Council 683 and a past state deputy of Washington. “One of the sisters came all the way from Australia to join them.”

Council 683 hosts an annual fundraiser dinner for the convent.

College Knights from nearby St. Aloysius Gonzaga Council 12583 also help at the dinner, volunteering as servers for the annual event which has raised more than \$110,000. Last year, the Washington State Council contributed an additional \$10,000.

The sisters also host an annual golf tournament fundraiser, at which the Knights sponsor a hole.

“A lot of us play golf so we’re playing,” said Czerwonka. “Just to see them (the sisters) wearing golf shoes and hitting a ball, it’s just a wonderful thing.”

Sister Maria Conseula Berube expressed her thanks for the Knights’ support.

“The Knights of Columbus Council 683 have been a wonderful blessing for the Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Church,” said Sister Maria Conseula. “The Knights have opened an opportunity for a greater public awareness of the vocation to religious life, and our mission and charism.”

As their **mission statement** indicates, “the Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Church, are consecrated to Christ and His Church to bring the hope and encouragement of the Risen Christ to all.” They aim to “bring new life to the world through our apostolates of faith formation, including religious education, retreat ministry, and comforting the infirm and dying, as modeled by Mary, Mother of the Church.”

Czerwonka said that it is important for Knights to support Catholic sisters in general, that they are teachers of the faith. And as for the Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Church in particular, he sang their praises. “They’re pretty much everywhere. They’re becoming a staple in our diocese.”

BE THANKFUL FOR OUR GOD GIVEN RIGHTS ! BE THANKFUL FOR OUR GOD GIVEN RIGHTS !

“The press was to serve the governed, not the governors.”

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black in New York Times Co. v. United States (1971)

The freedom of the press, protected by the First Amendment, is critical to a democracy in which the government is accountable to the people. A free media functions as a watchdog that can investigate and report on government wrongdoing. It is also a vibrant marketplace of ideas, a vehicle for ordinary citizens to express themselves and gain exposure to a wide range of information and opinions.

(Below from a statement by our Supreme Knight 1/1/2019)

In his first message to our international convention, Pope Francis asked “each Knight, and every Council, to bear witness to the authentic nature of marriage and the family, the sanctity and inviolable dignity of human life, and the beauty and truth of human sexuality.”

And our positions on life are not new. My two predecessors as supreme knight spoke out forcefully to defend the rights of the unborn. In 1973, Supreme Knight John McDevitt wrote that *Roe v. Wade* was “a mortal blow to all who consider human life sacred.” He urged the Order “to initiate or increase efforts to offset the harmful effects of this lamentable decision.”

My immediate predecessor, Virgil Dechant, said in 1977: “With some 1.2 million unborn babies being killed by abortion each year in the United States alone, we are confronted with an outrage against human life paralleled only by the ravages of a bloody war.”

Simply put, our positions are now, and have always been, Catholic positions.

We must remember that Article VI of the U. S. Constitution forbids a religious test for public office, and the First Amendment guarantees our free exercise of religion, freedom of association and freedom of speech. Any suggestion that the Order’s adherence to the beliefs of the Catholic Church makes a Brother Knight unfit for public office blatantly violates those constitutional guarantees.

*Fraternally,
Carl A. Anderson*

My Brothers, as we stand together in the presence of God and Country at our convention we can be proud the we belong to an organization that upholds the rights of all of us to the many rights and freedoms that so many have given their lives for. When we say the Pledge of Allegiance we can hold our heads high in honor of their sacrifice in reverence to God and Country.

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DELIVERANCE

SUBMITTED BY MANNY AGUILAR

Every time we pray the Lord's prayer, we are asking God to deliver us from evil. What evil are we talking about? The most common and most apparent evil surrounding us is TEMPTATION: temptation from all things that separate us from God.

Temptation creeps into the lives of us all—the student, the businessman, the minister and the criminal, the poor as well as the rich. No one is so well-guarded that he is not exposed to the lure of temptation.

We remember that Jesus himself was led into the wilderness by the devil that he might be tempted and that “in all points” he was tempted like we are, though in his case, there was no sin and he had the power of God to sustain him. He did everything he could to replicate our own life experiences and gave us solutions to those precarious situations by his guiding words and by his example

Let's remember that when we pray the ‘Our Father’, we are talking to God himself—the one who made us and who knows what and how much we can stand. He wants us to stay connected to him so he can protect us. He says ‘I am always with you even in the dark valley and am able to be a present help in time of trouble’

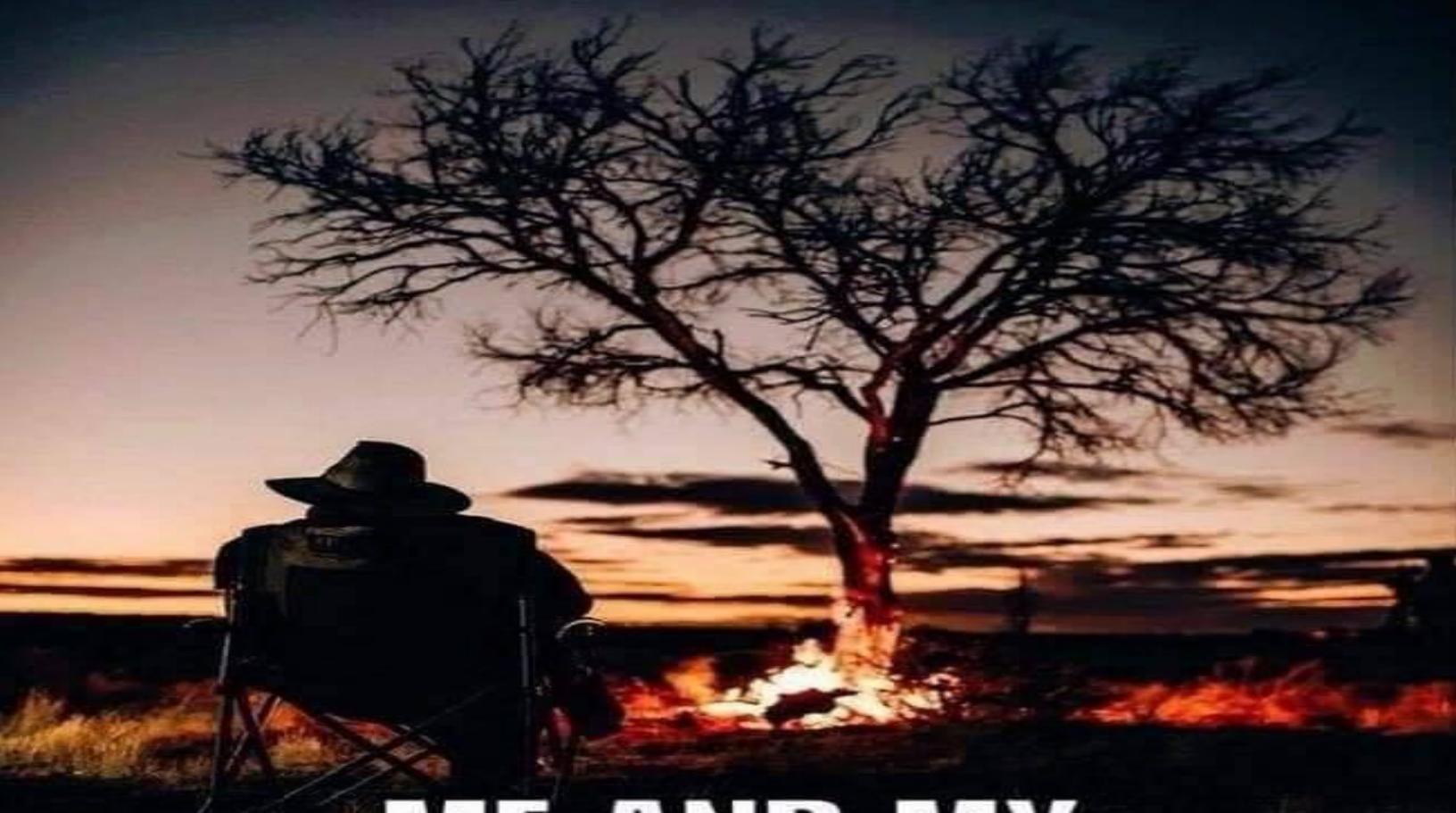
He is willing and able to deliver us. All we need to do is call on him.

Try it out!

YOUR ROAD MAY BE DARK BUT, HE WILL WALK IT WITH YOU ANYTIME!

**SEE YOU NEXT MONTH,
UNLESS
MY THERAPIST SAYS
NOPE - NO WAY!**

HERE'S A PHOTO OF,



**ME AND MY
THERAPIST.**