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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."



Never Forget

We are not going to be saved by someone holding a high office,
But by the power behind his office, greater than the office
Itself, **the membership!**

PSST.....THATS YOU



Atheism

The belief there was once absolutely nothing. And nothing happened to the nothing until the nothing magically exploded (for no reason), creating everything and everywhere. Then a bunch of the exploded everything magically rearranged itself (for no reason whatsoever), into self-replicating bits which then turned into dinosaurs.

And they mock your beliefs.

A COLLEGE PROFESSOR, AN AVOWED ATHEIST, WAS TEACHING HIS CLASS.

He shocked several of his students when he flatly stated he was going to prove there was no God. Addressing the ceiling he shouted: "God, if you are real, then I want you to knock me off this platform. I'll give you 15 minutes!"

The lecture room fell silent. You could have heard a pin fall. Ten minute went by. Again he taunted God, saying, "Here I am, God. I'm still waiting."

His countdown got down to the last couple of minutes when a Marine - just released from active duty and newly registered in the class - walked up to the professor, hit him full force in the face, and sent him tumbling from his lofty platform.

The professor was out cold!

At first, the students were shocked and babbled in confusion, the young Marine took a seat in the front row and sat silent. The class fell silent...waiting.

Eventually, the professor came to, shaken. He looked at the young Marine in the front row. When the professor regained his senses and could speak he asked: "What's the matter with you? Why did you do that?"

The Marine answered, "God was busy. He sent me!"

MEEK OR WEAK

By STEVE SNELL



Hey, when I was in the 3rd grade, a snooty dude who thought he was all "that," said I was, "*spineless, mousy, timid and cowardly,*" I think he was trying to tell me that I was meek.

That night I went over to my grandparent's house for supper and after a wonderful meal with hot apple pie and ice cream, grandpa and I went and sat by the fireplace. I told Grandpa about my "discussion" with the snooty dude. Grandpa I said, "Jesus tells us that the meek are blessed (*Matthew 5:5.*) My problem is how can anyone be meek in today's world and defend their values, like standing up for the weak, being a sentry at the gate requires a strong man not a weak man."

Grandpa leaned forward then and held his gnarled hands out to the firelight; the flames threw his shadow onto the walls of the living room. "*Want to understand the meek in our land,*" he asked? "Yes" I said. Then he began to weave a tale of the prairie and the valleys and of the proud men that rode through them and across the rivers, like princes of the plains.

*"Steve, in life the Lord often sends examples in **unexpected ways, in ways proud men or even princes can't miss.** "A great many years ago over on the Beaver Creek, a prairie fire swept over a man's home. Latter, the man's friends came out to help him. In the yard they saw a charred black object on the ground. One of the men went over and discovered that it was the body of a hen. The hen was burned to a cinder, but her wings were widely spread. He kicked the hen's body over and three little chickens ran out from under her. She had **meekly** sat still in the midst of the flames, covering her chickens and protecting them. She had **bravely** given her own life that her little ones might live. Does that sound like - **spineless, mousy, timid, or cowardly?**" "No Grandpa that was an awesome example of a meek little hen's courage and love." "**Remember Steve,** meekness is a form of love, often it takes bravery to be meek, and wisdom is knowing how to balance meekness with bravery and courage."*

I saw the snooty dude the next day at school and I told him what my Grandpa had said, he laughed. I meekly bowed my head and gave him an **unexpected message in a way even he couldn't miss,** I punched him in the mouth.

No one laughs at my Grandpa.

I'M ELATED – KC-HELP IS NOW IN OPERATION!

By Duane Vincent FDD PFN PGK



Four years ago, Sylvia needed a four-footed cane. We obtained one from KC-HELP in Kennewick. Two years ago, we received a battery operated scooter for the house, again from KC-HELP. Both items were long term loans, free of charge; however, we did write a check to cover the cost of the new batteries for the scooter. KC-HELP is a project of the Knights of Columbus, which promotes works of CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY and PATRIOTISM.

Following my near fatal illness a year and a half ago, I met with representatives of several Knights of Columbus Councils here in Vancouver, and urged them to sponsor a similar project for the local area, also to be called KC-HELP. I am elated to tell you that our KC-HELP project is now in service to the community.

We solicit donations of no longer needed durable medical equipment from the community, and provide it at absolutely no charge to individuals who need it for as long as the need exists. Medicare only covers 80% of the cost of new equipment for those enrolled in the program, but the individual has to cover the remainder. The amount and types of durable medical equipment available from time to time will vary according to the generosity of the community and the needs of those whom we serve. We have walkers, both standard types; crutches, and lift chairs.

Yesterday, we received a hospital bed, and a scooter that will require new batteries before we put it into long term service to someone in need. KC-HELP in Vancouver has become part of a 501(c)3 charity set up to serve the community here in southwest Washington state. I am proud to have been an active member for 43 years of the Knights of Columbus.



AFTER HAVING BEEN RETIRED FOR A WHILE A PERSON'S SENSE OF HUMOR UNDERGOES A SUBTLE CHANGE...



On a trip to my local super department store yesterday I was buying a large Bag of Purina dog chow for my loyal pet, Biscuit, the Wonder Dog, and was in the checkout line when the woman behind me asked if I had a dog. What did she think I had an elephant? So since I'm retired and have Little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was Starting the Purina Diet again I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in the hospital last time, but that I'd lost 50Pounds before I awakened in an intensive care ward with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and that the way that it works is to load your pants pockets with Purina nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in line was now enthralled with my story) horrified, she asked if I ended up in Intensive care because the dog food poisoned me?

I TOLD HER NO, I STEPPED OFF A CURB TO SNIFF A BLACK LAB AND A CAR HIT US BOTH!

*I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was
Laughing so hard. The store won't let me shop there anymore. Better
Watch what you ask retired people! They have all the time in the world
To think of crazy things to say*

My boss was complaining in a staff meeting the other day that he wasn't getting any respect. Later that morning he went out and got a small sign that read, **"I'm the Boss"**. He then taped it to his office door. Later that day when he returned from lunch, he found that someone had taped a note to the sign that said.

"Your wife called, she wants her sign back!"

A driver was stuck in a traffic jam on the highway outside Washington DC. Nothing was moving. Suddenly, a man knocked on the window. The driver rolled down the window and asked, "What's going on?"

"Terrorists have kidnapped the entire Senate, and they're asking for a \$100 million dollar ransom. Otherwise, they are going to douse them all in gasoline and set them on fire. We are going from car to car, collecting donations."

"How much is everyone giving, on an average?" the driver asked.

The man replied, **"Roughly a quart."**

THE SOAP BOX



Targets



By Ron Reiersen (13238)

In the Navy, I learned, much to my chagrin, that the surface combat ships and their crews were disparagingly known as “target sailors”, since both the submariners (pronounced: Sub-mareener) and aviators could “target” us in fleet exercises.

My purpose in bringing this military vignette to your attention is simply this: Today, Christians in these United States are “targets”. We are targeted by (a) media outlets; (b) liberal (progressive?) politicians, and (c) our own government. Witness the examples, now in the dozens, of Department of Defense officials attempting to muzzle Chaplains. Look at the training manuals the Army has distributed, naming Mormons, Catholics and “conservative Christians” as terrorist organizations, along with Al Qaeda, Hamas and others of that ilk. Witness the weeklong celebration in the Pentagon last winter for the Homosexual communities among us.

As a country among lesser nations we are targets. Virtually *all* attacks on US ships, forces, embassies, bases and on 9-11, here in the good old US of A, in the last 20 years or so, are at the hands of radical Muslims. And, the “Fifth Column”...that moniker reserved for those among us who aid and abet the enemy here at home, by thought, word and deed, largely by virtue of our guaranteed freedoms and Democracy... are alive and well, seeking to divide and conquer us. History is replete with examples of mighty nations and governments which were brought to their knees by such internal divisiveness. In the comic strip of the past, POGO, he said: “We have met the enemy and he is us”. I doubt the cartoonist realized just how close to the truth that utterance was. I think it was prophetic.

“We have met the enemy and he is us”.

These divisive forces within our country are well-funded and well-organized. They spread their word via the internet, press, television, hiding behind freedom of speech to spew intolerable untruths. (I use this word advisedly: untruth can imply the originator can be either culpable in the origin of the untruth (a lie), or unwittingly spreading this moral filth by his/her actions. Still, passing on unverified information, like gossip, is a violation of the 8th Commandment: Not to bear False Witness.) Another insidious technique, authored by intelligence agencies during WWII, is called “disinformation”. This is the weaving in of patent lies within a text of truthful information. It is the falsification of data, of information hidden cunningly within other, valid information. It is the wide-spread use of innuendo and supposition and is hard to sift out.

Alas, another enemy lurks within our society: Apathy. I am convinced that our citizens are either cowed by the adversary (secularism, atheism, etc.) or just don't care, mostly the latter. Our sense of complacency was shattered on 9-11 when we experienced the FIRST SERIOUS ATTACK on US soil since 1812. Sorrowfully, that sense of patriotism has dimmed and we now are back into serious lethargy and apathy. Those who proclaim "I just don't want to be involved", or mouth that favorite slang term of the day: "Whatever!" are burying their heads in the sand. The Ostrich Syndrome.

History is replete in examples of martyrdom, not only toward Christians, but patriots everywhere, such as Patrick Henry. We stand to be singled out, mocked, shouted down at parades and other public venues. We could even be exposed to the prospect of physical retribution by elements on "the other side". Death can be there. But, as Jesus told his disciples: "Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming" (Mt24:42).

All is not lost, however. By the abuse of our enemies are we known. I smile, sometimes, when I read about the vicious things said about us...the rancor...the spewing of trash toward us.... Because I know that they know who we are. Recently our pastor said that while we may lose the battle, we never lose the war. My interpretation is that, we may be banged up, abused, ridiculed and disenfranchised, even by our own people, but our FAITH will never be extinguished. For over 2000 years, forces have tried to extinguish that Holy flame, that faith in goodness, to no avail. We are called to exhibit behavior and belief in God almighty by our thoughts, words and deeds, so that we may join Him on the last day. Same for our families. We are called to, with love and fairness, speak out for goodness and decency *no matter what*. Christ doesn't keep a score card as to whom we speak of conversion; he only wants us to keep trying...to convince others that our God's way is the ONLY way. Success is up to God and the Holy Spirit; our job is to bring folks to Him.

Keep the Faith. Be willing to stand up for your beliefs.

One of my favorite "Latin" phrases is : "Illegitimi Non-Carborundum". I first heard it in the Navy, but it applies to life. It's a tongue-in-cheek play on the Latin language, and actually is not translatable by students of Latin as such, but it means: "Don't let the bastards wear you down". Keep the Faith. Be willing to stand up for your beliefs. As Paul says: "Put on the whole armor of God so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (Thes 6:13)

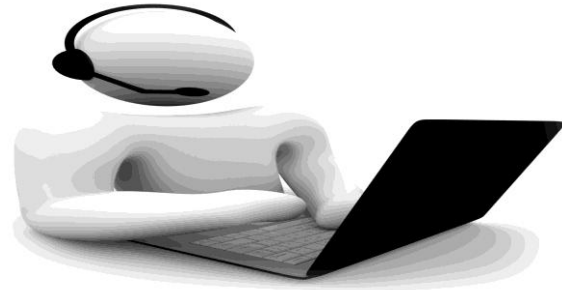
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Note: This is the "Second Edition" where you, our Brother Knights, can speak your mind. You can talk about whatever you want. If you have something you want to share, you may submit it to the [Knights Soap Box](#) in care of The Second Edition.











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This is a Knight's Soap Box

The Second Edition is “Knight's Soap Box” where you, our Brother Knights, can speak your mind. You can talk about whatever you want. It's your Newsletter. Ultimately, the Edition is for Knights, by Knights. So if you would like to submit anything you want to share in the Edition, e-mail it to

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(note: we will not print anything from anyone who does not identify themselves).



MARCEL BERGERON NEW DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP

State Deputy George H. Czerwonka, Jr. announced the appointment of New Council Development Chairman Marcel Bergeron as Director of Membership with new appointment of Tom Sokol as District Master - Eastern Washington.



Tootsie Roll Program

Brother Knights,

I am still in awe of all that happens in our local councils around this beautiful state. Men of unwavering faith continue to find new ways to make God's work happen right here in Washington. I am seeing some new councils come on board with an enthusiasm that warms my heart. I have DDs calling with questions about getting all their councils involved, even if it is in a small way. Wow!

With the start of September, it is time to double-check your work. Look over your notes. Rev up your volunteers Send a quick note to your store and thank them in advance for helping your council make a difference in changing lives.

Look ahead in the Tootsie Roll Manuel and make sure you understand the deadlines for paying you Tootsie Roll bill, sending your check to Columbus Charities, include your Council Drive Report, and your Request for Distribution. Getting these last items finished on time, means we can get the checks back to you in a timely manner, after the first of the year.

The 20% that goes to Special Olympics Washington State and similar charities, has touched / changed the lives of so many people. This program has also allowed each local council to take up to 80% and give it to a local charity of their choosing that helps people with disabilities. That's how Knights of Columbus members have been "Saving Lives and Changing Lives for 131 Years."

Please call or e-mail with any questions and remember to have a cheerful heart, be open to the possibilities, and be thankful to God.

Thank you for your participation. All forms and procedures are in the Tootsie Roll Manuel and can be found at www.columbuscharities.net.

We are not just knights. We are Knights of Columbus.

Patrick Kerley, State Chair, Tootsie Roll Program

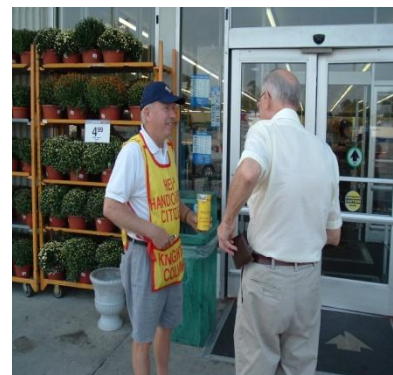
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"HOLY BOWL IV"

October 25, 2013

GAME TIME 7PM

DeSales vs. Tri-Cities Prep



The ball always takes a "Catholic Bounce!"

The 4th annual football game, in Walla Walla this year at the DeSales football field, between two Catholic high schools. Playoff hopes are on the line as well as good old fashion football pride. The Councils and Assemblies of District 7 in coordination with both schools sponsor a traveling game trophy. All funds generated from the Holy Bowl go to Catholic Education.

THE GAME IS ALWAYS PRECEDED AT 4:30PM, BY A GREAT TAIL-GATE PARTY. BEFORE THE GAME, EVERYONE GATHERS AROUND FIRE POTS AND SHARE "GLORY DAYS" WITH STORIES, LAUGHTER

AND THE BEST CHILI IN THE STATE!!!!



JUST THINKING

FLOWERS SOMETIMES NEED THORNS

By STEVE SNELL



In our world today, the politically correct school of deep feeling and sensitivity has been advocating that compassion should be shown to the criminal rather than the victim, (*how do they not feel the same way for the millions of victims (unborn babies) they allow to be disposed of,*) what is the cause of this reversal of justice? The loss of common sense, the loss of a moral sense.

We are quickly approaching the time when there will be no standard of right or wrong outside of what the individual, political party, or extremist group wants for themselves. I wonder if there is a danger in being held back by gentle naive PC pacifists. While I understand and respect human life, brothers this is not a food fight in the cafeteria, this is dangerous stuff. I do not believe as a nation or a religion that we should ignore our self defense; at this point the rest of society may become defenseless against the attacks of cruder and more violent men who push their own set of self-centered values, values and ideas that place us all in danger. If we allow this deterioration of values to take place then we may someday be faced with the hard reality that the value system that will prevail is the one that possess the skills and the cultural ruthlessness necessary for the task of disarming and destroying their enemy.

Brothers we must be willing stand up strong for our beliefs, for unborn babies, family values, our country and religious freedom. I was just thinking that.....

Flowers sometimes need thorns to protect them.

SPORTSMANSHIP

At one point during a game, the coach called one of his 9-year-old baseball players aside and asked, 'Do you understand what cooperation is?'

What a team is?' The little boy nodded in the affirmative. 'Do you understand that what matters is whether we win or lose together as a team?'

*The little boy nodded 'yes'. 'So,' the coach continued, 'I'm sure you know, when an out is called, you shouldn't argue, curse, attack the umpire, or call him a *@#\$\$%%^&*#. Do you understand all that?' The little boy nodded 'yes' again.*

He continued, 'And when I take you out of the game so another boy gets a chance to play, it's not good sportsmanship to call your coach 'a dumb ass' is it?' The little boy shook his head 'NO'.

"GOOD," said the coach. Now go over there and explain all that to your grandmother!"

SITTING BULL'S PRAYER

"Wakantanka (Great Spirit), pity me. In the name of the tribe I offer you this peace pipe. Wherever the sun, the moon, the earth, the four points of the wind, there you are always. Father, save the tribe, I beg you. Pity me. We want to live. Guard us against all misfortunes or calamities. Pity me."



Sitting Bull's prayer at a ceremony of offering on a ridge overlooking the Little Bighorn Valley the day before the 7th Cavalry attacked on June 25, 1876

**DO NOT TRUST ATOMS,
THEY MAKE UP EVERYTHING**

WHY SHOULD YOUR COUNCIL DO BLOOD DRIVES?



By STAN HICKS (10653)

I have been conducting Blood Drives for about 7 years. I find that it is not only self fulfilling, but also very spiritual. We hear our Priests talk about the blood of life at our Masses. As Knights, we can supply the blood of life to others. Not only by donating our own blood, but by putting on blood drives at our churches. Our small church (Holy Spirit of Kennewick) has collected around 700 units of blood in the last 7 years.

By putting on Blood Drives, the amount of blood that is collected will go towards your 1000 point club, and also the Star award. There are no down sides to putting on a Blood Drive. Every council should be looking for a way to help the community that we live in. If you are all ready doing Blood Drives, think about how you can improve them. One thing I do, is provide lunch. Nothing fancy, Pizza Hut will donate pizza for your Blood Drive.



The Red Cross Will supply you with all the help and advise you should need to put on a successful Blood Drive. **If you have any questions, please feel free to call me (509)783-2083.**



**WASHINGTON STATE'S
"FAMILY OF THE MONTH"
PARTICIPANT'S LISTINGS FOR JULY**

**809*, 1620, 1629, 6686, 6806, 7863, 7908, 8872*, 10652, 10653,
11357, 11762, 12273*, 12899, 13374, 13794**

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

GRAND KNIGHTS IS YOUR COUNCIL LISTED HERE?

WHY NOT ?

*IT'S EASY TO DO!
YOU ALL HAVE OUTSTANDING KNIGHTS!
THEY ALL HAVE OUTSTANDING AND SUPPORTIVE FAMILIES!*

REMEMBER!!

THE SUCCESSFUL LEADERSHIP RULES!

**RULE # 1 - NEVER FORGET TO RECOGNIZE AND SAY THANKS TO
YOUR OUTSTANDING BROTHER KNIGHTS!**

RULE # 2 - NEVER FORGET RULE # 1

THANK YOU!

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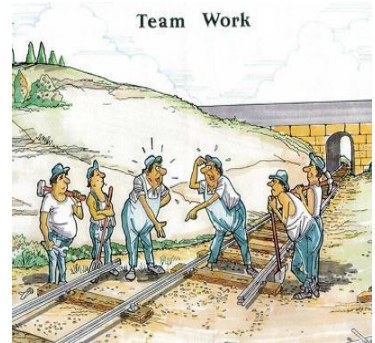
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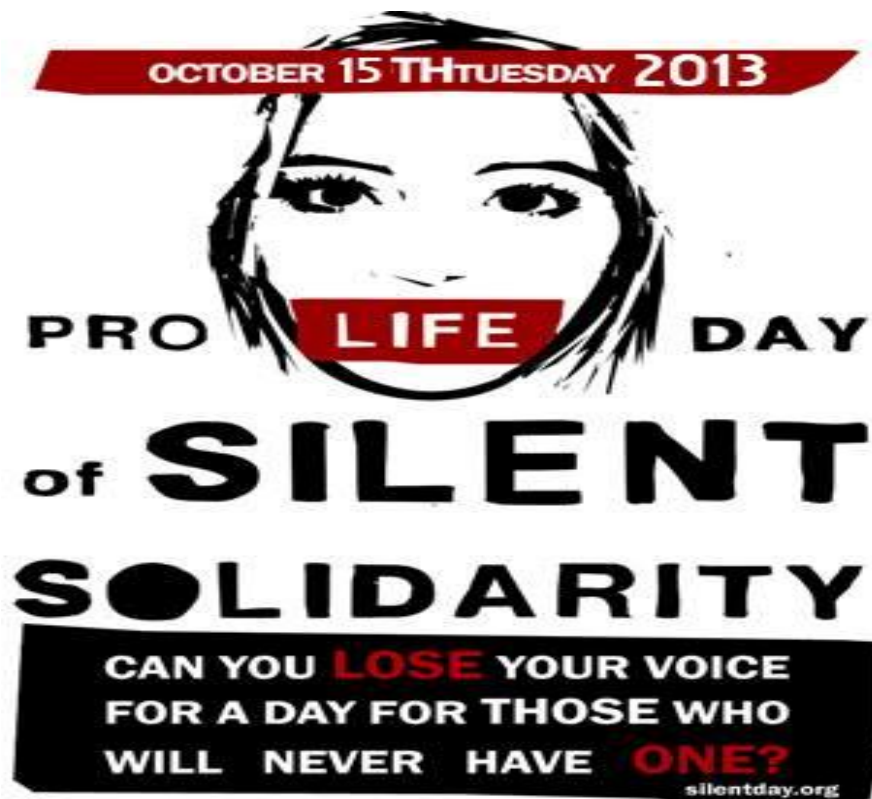


HELP WANTED:

WANTED – DISTRICT WARDEN who can drink good or not so good coffee, laugh and hangout with the District Deputy. No pay, high responsibility and a good deal of fun for anyone who can stand it. **TEAM WORK IS A MUST** and an advanced degree in a sense of humor desirable.



Oh by the way, you will meet some of the finest people on earth, and at the end of the day you'll feel good about yourself. If you're interested contact DD#7 Jeff Kadinger at 509-586-3965 or KADCO777@gmail.com



EXAMPLES OF "BEING SOMETHING, BY DOING SOMETHING!"

**CHENEY COUNCIL PROVIDES
SCHOOL SUPPLIES WITH BINGO**

On Sunday, August 25 the St. Rose Knights of Columbus, Cheney Council 9145, sponsored a free kids bingo event (second annual) to help provide needy students with school supplies for the new school year about to begin.

In cooperation with the Cheney School District, nearly 60 students played bingo and enjoyed raffles for new backpacks during bingo breaks. The only charge to play was a suggested donation of food to the local Cheney Food Bank. Grades K-5 were involved, and lists of specific school supply items were used, when possible, to fill bags for each grade level and the various schools in the Cheney School District.

Kevin Gaffney Treasurer, St. Rose of Lima Council 9145

**RENTON COUNCIL 3645 RECOGNIZED IN
COLUMBIA MAGAZINE**

Under the "Knights in Action" section of the September Columbia publication (page 27.) Council members Tom Monahan and Howard Connely are pictured dishing out "Texas Caviar" (*black-eyed peas, chili, onion, corn and cilantro*) during the Annual Taste of St. Anthony event. The annual festival, which is held to help pay down the parish mortgage, features ethnic food in celebration of the parish's diversity. With the council's help, the event raised several thousand dollars.

NOTE: If you are not receiving your Columbia Magazine, please contact your Council's Financial Secretary. The issue may be that your address is incorrect in our roster. The FS can contact the Membership Department with a correction and you will begin to receive the Columbia within 60 days



Life is Sacred

A Conference of ProLife Ministries
at SMM - Saturday, October 19, 2013



**Begins with Mass Celebrated by
Archbishop Sartain At 9:00am**

KeyNote Speaker
Dr. Tom Curran of Sound Insight
"What's at Stake in Being Pro-Life?"



Other Sessions include



Christian Spencer
St Mary Magdalen
"Let Not Your Heart be Troubled:
Witnessing to Hope in
The Secular Culture"



Carol Loya
"Combating
Human
Trafficking"



Dr. Tom Curran
"Male & Female He
Created Them: God's
Plan for Intimacy in Marriage"



Dr Sarah Bartel
BioEthics

Plus, information and representatives from local and national ProLife Groups

Check in at 8:00 am

Pre-registration includes lunch
 EarlyBird registration (before Aug 30) \$25
 Registration (between Sept 1 and Oct 15) \$35
 At the door (lunch not guaranteed): \$35
 For more information or to register
 Please go to www.SMMParish.org




Respect Life Sunday will be on Oct. 6th and, according to the USCCB, should be highlighted by liturgies and marked by special events. One "special event" would be to participate in the annual "Life Chain" (Google it). Life chain also will be on October 6th and is a peaceful, prayerful hour and a half demonstration supporting life (food and drink after it is always good). This is also GOOD EXPOSURE for the Knights.

If your council has not appointed a "Culture of Life" couple be sure to do so. And, if your parish does not have a Pro-Life committee get approval from your priest to start one. Your Culture of Life couple could serve two roles and be the initial committee chairpersons to get going (and if they're willing) . This is another area of GOOD EXPOSURE for the Knights and a good CHURCH activity. Many people greatly appreciate the Knight's strong stand for LIFE.

There's going to be a couple of Pro-Life conferences on October 19th.
One will be at St. Mary Magdalene Parish in Everett. The other one
will be at Holy Rosary parish in Seattle.

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TO THE EDITOR

(note; the following is a sampling of the feedback from the membership.)

Dear Editor (phone call):

"I'm calling to thank you for including this image of the little girl praying, titled the **oldest form of wireless communication**. I really enjoyed your "Second Edition," what really caught my eye was this image, I loved it. Have showed it to many of my friends and they all enjoyed it very much, once again thank you and God Bless."



Tom Moons (12591) - Mother Teresa Council - Edmonds, WA

Dear Editor

Great publication brother Steve and as a regular reader of the monthly state bulletin the "Second Edition" will definitely be added to my monthly reading each and every month. Congrats on a great inaugural issue and may the good lord bless you and yours. "Vivat Jesus"

Steve Mullen, Grand Knight, Tacoma Council # 809.

Hi Steve,

Your newsletter was GREAT! I'll spread the word for people to look at it. Thanks for all the time you spend putting it together.

Grace & Peace,

Andy Kopriva, Culture of Life Chairman, WA State Council

WE WANT TO DO THE IMPOSSIBLE

Atlanta (CNN) -- Georgia Institute of Technology student Nicholas Selby is a force to be reckoned with. It's safe to say he must have a lot of energy -- and it appears to have been unleashed during his welcome speech Sunday to this year's freshman class.



It started out like many other convocations. Faculty, staff and notable guests, including Selby dressed in a traditional black robe with his mortarboard perfectly perched upon his head addressed the new recruits: *"We chose Georgia Tech because we want to do the impossible."*

But then, something unexpected started to unfold. Music from "2001: A Space Odyssey" began as Selby quoted Sir Isaac Newton: *"If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of giants."* As the trumpets from the iconic movie theme song swelled, so did Selby's passion, with the cadence a drill sergeant would envy.

"Crush the shoulders of the giants upon whom we stand. We here are all such innovative people. So I am telling you: If you want to change the world, you're at Georgia Tech! You can do that! If you want to build the Iron Man suit, you're at Georgia Tech! You can do that! And if you want to play theme music during your convocation speech like a bad ass, we're at Georgia Tech, we can do that! I am doing that!"

Selby breathlessly finished the speech with his arms raised in victory, to applause from the roughly 4,000 people in attendance -- some of whom seemed a little shell-shocked from his intensity. After a brief pause, Selby deadpanned with a smirk: *"Congratulations on your acceptance and brace yourselves for a hell of a ride on your way to becoming a hell of an engineer."*

(Editor's note; *I'm running this because I hope the passion and energy Nicholas displayed is contagious. I'm thinking about approaching the powers that be for funds to bottle his fire and brimstone, we could mix it with Ice Tea or a quality Lite Beer. I'll keep you posted.)*



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, starrng, 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!**

Knights of Columbus

Oktoberfest 2013



Saturday, September 28th
Hallen Hall, Sacred Heart Church
Social 6:30pm After 5pm Mass
Dinner served at 7:00pm



Menu

- Bratwurst (a true homemade recipe, made fresh for this event) & traditional green cabbage Sauerkraut,
- Rouladen, a traditional roll of thinly sliced beef containing a slice of dill pickle, with herbs and spices.

Sides

Eierspätzle- *German egg noodles*
Bayerischer Kartoffelsalat- *Bavarian potato salad*
Süß und Sauer Rotkohl- *sweet and sour red cabbage*
Gedünsteter Broccoli- *fresh broccoli*

Dessert Options

Apfelstrudel – a traditional apple strudel served with a hot rum sauce
Donauwellen – a cake that is layers of chocolate and vanilla cake, layers with cream and cherries (Donauwellen is translated as Danube Waves Cake)

Catered by Bleu Bear Catering
Served cafeteria style by KC Members
Coffee, Tea and water will be provided.

Authentic German beer, wine and soda pop available for purchase

***Back by Popular Demand the
Smilin Scandinavians playing Real German Polka music
\$19 per person, \$12 children 7-15, under 7 free***

Come Enjoy Thurston Counties best Oktoberfest!

RSVP to www.kofc1643@gmail.com and mail checks to P.O. Box 3511, Lacey, WA 98509 payable to the Knights of Columbus. All tickets are advanced sale, no tickets will be sold at the door. Please respond by September 25th.

THOMAS MERTON

(January 31, 1915 – December 10, 1968)

He wrote with wit, but also with wisdom. He was able to see and articulate the real deep-down issues of life which we need to deal with and struggle with. At the same time, he was a happy person and a man of hope. Joy ran deep in him. Life and faith and love were wondrous gifts never to be taken for granted.



A GREAT CATHOLIC VOICE!

By STEVE SNELL

Merton was a 20th century Trappist monk and writer, a man of today. As a young man Merton was much like the 4th century bad boy turned pillar of faith, Saint Augustine, because he went out and experienced all the pleasures that the world had to offer. His journey of faith would lead him to seek a life of solitude and contemplation. In 1941 a world weary Merton knocked on the door of Our Lady of Gethsemane outside of Louisville, Kentucky. He was accepted into the Trappist order and took the name Father Louis.

In writing, Merton found his own passions meshed most perfectly with service to God. His autobiography, the *Seven Storey Mountain*, has sold millions of copies and been translated into over 30 languages. I think the reason I enjoy Merton's writing so much is because compared to other theologians Merton is very accessible. He was Human, he spoke to the ordinary people of today in their terms. Walk with me now out on Merton's porch where we will become overwhelmed with heaven's stars. Merton, with brevity reaches his audience quietly and simply, teaching the "The Gate of Heaven is Everywhere." He has become my essential guide!

Merton was human in his strengths, but also in his weaknesses. His clay feet are there for us to see.

Merton would write to those who believed in the enlightened state of humankind, "We stumble and fall constantly even when we are the most enlightened." To those who seek a rigid system of thinking that would eliminate all contradictions, Merton would say, "The very contradictions in my life are in some ways signs of God's mercy to me."

Merton doubted, but was faithful to God in the best way he knew how. What Merton understood, what we must understand, is that in today's world our hold on things is so tenuous. Who among us knows what life changing experience God may have around the corner for us tomorrow? Who knows what events the future holds that could totally change our worldview. Who knows what new way God may be revealed to us. Who knows what radical way we may be asked to follow Christ? Let us hold on to our beliefs and practice those beliefs faithfully, however we must always be ready for the new thing God may have in store for us.

The human soul is a house of many fantastic rooms. There are almighty things behind those doors that are powerful, original and true. Behind one of those many doors I found Merton sitting at his desk, I sat down with him, now we are both waiting. We both grew up living in the shadow of a mushroom cloud. Now here we sit watching the game, just paying our rent every day, waiting for them to call our name.

Jesus is the son, our words and thoughts are his soldiers!
St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle...





Tyler Flowers, catcher, Chicago White Sox.

In a recent interview with the *Catholic New World*, the newspaper of the Archdiocese of Chicago, the major league baseball player spoke about his devotion to the Blessed Mother.

I love to pray rosaries, which are very Christ-centered. In fact, Jesus' name is literally at the center of the Hail Mary. It's been said that praying the rosary is learning about Jesus at the school of Mary. When you consider what Jesus said about becoming like a little child in order to enter the kingdom of heaven, it's easy to see the importance of placing ourselves at the feet of our spiritual mother, Mary.

Everyone knows it's perfectly normal to see a child with his mother in the natural order, but the same is also true in the spiritual order: Children of God the Father need a mother, and they have one in Mary. When you become more devoted to Mary, you will inevitably become more devoted to Jesus in the Eucharist.

Wow. When's the last time you heard a professional athlete talk like that?

THOMAS J. SOKOL

NEW DISTRICT MASTER EASTERN WASHINGTON



As newly appointed Fourth Degree Master of the re-established Eastern Washington District. Tom Sokol has hit the ground running with the appointment of Sir Knights Darrell Henn, Ron Lawrence and Bob Watkins to the positions of Marshalls and Patrick Kerley as Secretary the Eastern Washington District.

In Brother Sokol's words; "We in the Eastern Washington District have sixteen Assemblies composed of 1112 Sir Knights. In the next ten months with your help we need to establish new Assemblies and increase membership. We need JUST ten new Sir Knights per assembly. As leaders of the Knights of Columbus we must work with the Washington State Council in promoting the Order."

You may contact Tom at cell number (509) 993-2903 or e-mail at [thomas @tjsappraisals.com](mailto:thomas@tjsappraisals.com)

THOMAS L. WEBER, PSD

1995-1997

(OCTOBER 3, 1947 - SEPTEMBER 2, 2013)

Former State Deputy, Thomas Lee "Tom" Weber, 65, of Pullman, passed away Sept. 2, 2013, at his Pullman home surrounded by his family.



Tom was born Oct. 3, 1947, in Colfax, Wash., to LeRoy and Trudy (Druffel) Weber. He graduated from Colton High School in 1965 and attended Yakima Valley College, earning an associate degree. He then attended Washington State University, graduating in 1973 with a B.S. in electrical engineering. He met Diane Leonore Clow in 1974. They were married in Colton in 1976 and made Pullman their home.

Tom was elected State Warden in 1987, and went through the State Officers chairs, including State Advocate, State Treasurer, State Secretary and State Deputy.

Tom is survived by his loving wife, Diane, at the family home in Pullman; his mother, Trudy, and father, LeRoy; sister, Joan (Greg) Moser; brothers, Bernie (Marie) Weber, Jerry (Sheyanna) Weber, Marty (Judy) Weber and Pat (Mimi) Weber; six nieces and eight nephews; and eight great-nieces and three great-nephews.

Almighty God, through the death of your Son on the cross, you have overcome death for us. Through his burial and resurrection from the dead you have made the grave a holy place and restored us to eternal life. We pray for those who died believing in Jesus and are buried with him in the hope of rising again. God of the living and the dead may,

Brother Tom Weber PSD,

*who faithfully believed in you on earth
praise you forever in the joy of heaven.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,
rest in peace. Amen*



POPE FRANCIS OFFERS COMFORT WITH UNEXPECTED PHONE CALLS



Pope Francis already has distinguished himself from his predecessor with a more down-to-earth style. Now he is both unnerving the Vatican and delighting the faithful by picking up the telephone and spontaneously calling people, earning the nickname “the Cold Call Pope.”

This month, he called to comfort a pregnant Italian woman whose married boyfriend had unsuccessfully pressured her to have an abortion. The woman, who is divorced and will be a single mother, wrote to the pope, fearing she had fallen afoul of the church. Not knowing the correct address, she marked the envelope “Holy Father Pope Francis, Vatican City, Rome.” The pope offered to personally baptize the baby when it is born next year, according to an account in *La Stampa*, a newspaper in Turin.

In August, Francis phoned a woman in Argentina who had been raped by a police officer. The pope told her that she was not alone and that she should have faith in the justice system, according to an Argentine television news report rebroadcast in Italy.

On Aug. 7, Michele Ferri of Pesaro, Italy, answered his phone and was startled to hear, “Hello, Michele, it’s Pope Francis.” Mr. Ferri said in a telephone interview he had thought it was a joke. “But then he spoke about the letter that I’d written, a letter I hadn’t told anyone about, not even my mother or my wife, and I knew that it was him,” he said.

Mr. Ferri had written the pope, he said, after a “series of tragedies in the family,” most recently the killing of his brother in a gas station robbery in early June. “The pope said that the letter had made him cry,” he said.

The 10-minute phone call “offered comfort and hope, to better face life without my brother,” he said. “Of course the pain remains, but it was a great emotion to hear his voice.” Later in August, Mr. Ferri said, the pope also called his mother to offer words of support

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

"The Chaplain's Corner" is a monthly forum for a Pastor or any religious by invitation of the Second Edition, to pass any message that they wish on to our readers.

WHY DO WE STRUGGLE TO ACCEPT GOD'S LOVE?



The apostle John tells us friends that God is love (1John 4:8), and we as God's creation made in His image are meant to share in this love for eternity. His love fills all things and comes to us as a gift that we can freely choose to dwell within. We demonstrate our desire to share in God's love when we follow his commandments, the teachings of His Church, and when we do our best to live out His will in our lives. This choice for God brings us immense freedom, peace and joy, but also gives us courage to face the struggles of everyday life.

So friends, it would seem to me that this would be something easy to choose – right? Why wouldn't I want to be free, at peace and joyful? Well, it's not usually that easy. It's like saying "no" to that bowl of ice cream every night. I know if I just don't eat it, I can lose the 30 pounds I put on over the last 20 years. We actually know we shouldn't eat it but the temptation can be very hard to say no to. It's like the immediate enjoyment and gratification we get from eating the ice cream seems to be much more productive for our mental being than being slim and healthy some future time down the road.

So why are we this way? Well, our faith teaches us that all human beings have this tendency towards sin or as we know it "concupiscence". We are constantly tempted to act disobedient like our original parents did. And this disobedience always hurts us and often others we love; not God. So although through our baptism we were forgiven for all our sins up to that point, we still, as St. Paul puts it, were given "a thorn in the flesh" (2Cor. 12:7). For each one of us, this thorn, this temptation can be very strong and can cause us to reject God's love rather than dwell within it.

So what do we do? Christ knows our weaknesses friends so he left us with many ways to help us overcome these temptations - like the grace we receive through the sacraments. Daily prayer too is very important as a source of spiritual food to strengthen our resolve. Friends if we will but just try and live a life of love each day, love of God and neighbor, this especially will help us develop the discipline to say "no" to temptation and "yes" to God's love, and maybe too the strength to say "no" to that bowl of ice cream every night

Submitted to the Second Edition by
Deacon Dale Hayden – St. John the Baptist
Diocese of Galveston/Houston Texas

THE FINAL PAGE

From the Editor's Desk

Write a letter, speak your mind!



Where I live, public debate or arguments about things, school bonds, street lights, pot holes, store signs and why my wine is snootier than yours are talked about on the editorial page of our local newspaper. The paper's editorials are usually self-serving persuasive essays supporting the status quo, embracing the town's good old boys or the prevailing opinions of the paper's largest advertisers. The self anointed experts gift us their opinion in 250 to 500 words, the gospel according to our social elite. But the real "throw downs" take place in the letters to the editor. Reading and writing letters to the editor is almost a form of recreation here and deservedly so. Some very brilliant folks stand up and can be heard in this important opinion forum.

There's been many a time when a passionate writer with a well reasoned issue has moved people to think and act. In our paper the letters are a genre that has on occasion attracted some of the best writers in the area or even the State. The letters contain the most important message in the paper, the living proof that in this country you can voice your opinion on any subject under the sun and you don't always need to know what you're talking about to take a stand!!!

Hats off to the local newspapers and the founders and protectors of our great nation for the special freedom we have. I can't imagine what it would be like to lose this great freedom. Being children of our current culture, a culture in which everything is often about the here and now, a culture in which things are reflected in a personal "need" for immediate self gratification. *I wonder if we lost our right to speak out, I wonder if when all was said and done, you might find yourself feeling, as Elvis's producer Felton Jarvis said upon learning of Presley's death.....*

"It's like someone just came up and told me there aren't going to be anymore cheeseburgers in the world."

(Moral; write a letter to the Second Edition and go get a double cheeseburger!)