

# **WASHINGTON STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THE SECOND EDITION**

**JUNE 2014**



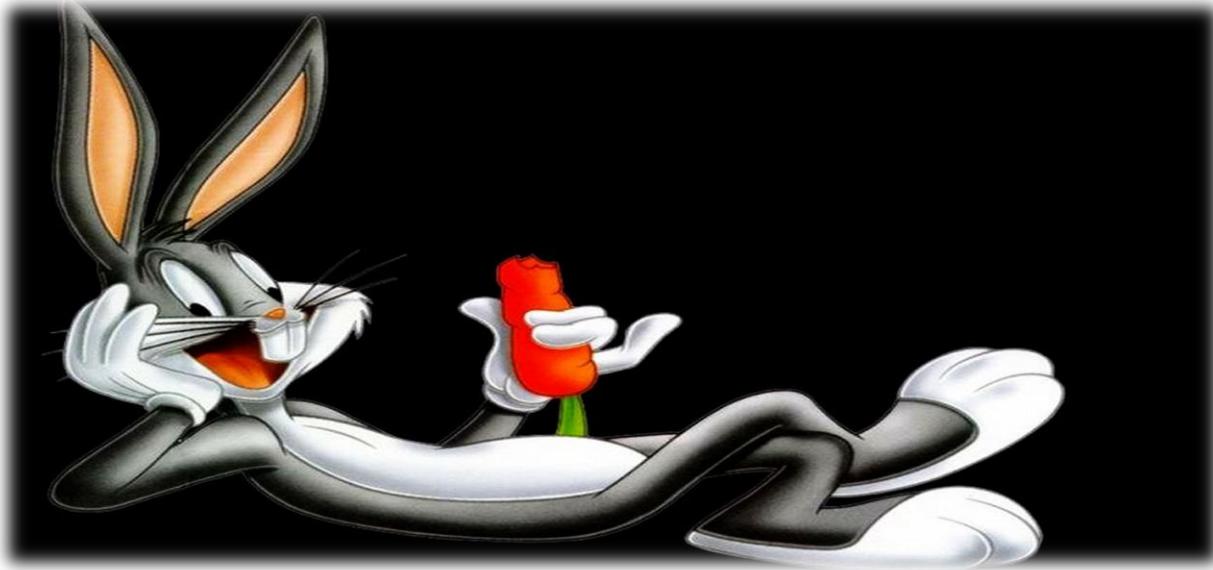
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*We want to be the messenger that makes you want to pay attention.*



**WE BELIEVE IN  
WORDS & VISION**

# "HEY DOC"



# DONE!

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
WASHINGTON STATE 111th  
ANNUAL CONVENTION IN BELLEVUE**



**MAY 16 -- 18, 2014  
GREAT MEETING  
GREAT PEOPLE  
GREAT INFORMATION  
GREAT ATMOSPHERE  
5 BISHOPS  
MORE IMPORTANTLY.....**

# YOU!!!



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**FINAL COVENTION REPORT:**

**REPORT OF THE APPRECIATION COMMITTEE**

First and foremost we wish to extend our most heartfelt thanks to District 14 for hosting the Knights of Columbus Washington State Council's 111th Annual Convention. We fully appreciate the time and effort that was put into the planning and execution of this year's State Convention held in Bellevue on May 16, 17 and 18, 2014.

We would like to thank Convention Chairman Richard Houser, District Deputy Larry Doyle and all the Grand Knights of District 14 for their fine dinner on Friday night and for all of the hard work their staff contributed to this major event. The Friday dinner, great food, cheerful hospitality and camaraderie created a pleasant and relaxing evening for all who attended. An outstanding performance from our Master of Ceremonies - Karl A. Hadley, PSD, Vice Supreme Master.

**We wish to recognize the Women's Program and work of the committees for their tireless effort. The programs were a huge success.**

We would like to thank His Excellency and State Chaplain Archbishop S.J. Bishop Blasé Cupich, Bishop of Spokane; Bishop Carlos A. Sevilla, S.J., Emeritus, Bishop of Yakima; Peter Sartain, Archbishop of Seattle; William Skylstad, Emertitus, Bishop of Spokane; Most Rev. Eusebio Elizondo; Most Rev. Joseph F. Tyson; Vice Chaplin Stephen L. Dublinski; and Pastors of all the District's Parishes.

We were privileged and honored to have our Supreme Representative Ronald J. Tracz, Assistant Supreme Secretary, in attendance and he was the keynote speaker

at the Saturday Night Awards Banquet. We thank him for his words of inspiration and encouragement. We were also privileged to have in attendance Patrick Maloney, Supreme Membership and Program Consultant and his wife, Vera; and, From the Fourth Degree; Wayne Hogan, PSD, FVSM, FMFD; and Western District Master Eugene Daly, Eastern District Master Thomas J. Sokol and his wife Marie. We appreciate the presence of State Deputy Edward J. Shawchuk and his wife Sandra from British Columbia & Yukon; SD John J. Pettinger and his wife Cheryl from Idaho; Pat Rice SD Oregon and his wife Cindy; Catholic Daughters of America State Regent Christy Hall and husband David; State Officers, Past State Deputies, District Deputies, State Directors, Insurance Agents, Convention Guests, and Brother Knights all.

To the Fourth Degree Color Corps, we thank you for the impressive job that you did representing the patriotic arm of the Knights of Columbus. We wish to extend our appreciation to the Hilton Bellevue Hotel for their hospitality, many considerations, and for the special use of this fine facility.

Lastly, we offer a special thank you to the Past State Deputies, State Officers, Brother Knights and their patient and lovely wives who participated in this the 111th Knights of Columbus Washington State Council Annual Convention and who helped to make it the great success that it was.

### **Steve Snell, State Family Chairman**



# *I LIKE THIS.....REMINDS ME OF SOMEONE!*

*A TRUE SCOTTISH STORY.*



Keep Walking Johnnie.htm

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*Having a goal, being ambitious, never giving up.  
We could learn from this!*

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## **FOOD FOR FAMILIES REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM**

What is your council doing to help feed hungry people? Did you participate in 40 Cans for Lent? Do you prepare and serve meals at a local soup kitchen? Do you contribute time, money or food to your parish food pantry or community food bank? If you do any or all of these things, you may be eligible for a refund from the Supreme Council.



The Food for Families Reimbursement Program provides a refund — up to a maximum refund of \$500 per council per fraternal year — of \$100 for every \$500 or 500 pounds of food contributed to an organization in your community whose mission is to feed the hungry. The Food for Families Reimbursement Program Refund and Plaque Application(#10057) is located at [kofc.org/forms](http://kofc.org/forms) and due by **June 30**. Please complete and submit this form to make certain that your council receives any refund you may be entitled to.

**Please note that beginning July 1, 2014, the reimbursement guidelines will change. Effective next fraternal year, refunds will be awarded at a rate of \$100 for every \$500 or 1,000 pounds of food contributed to a local food bank, food pantry or soup kitchen.**



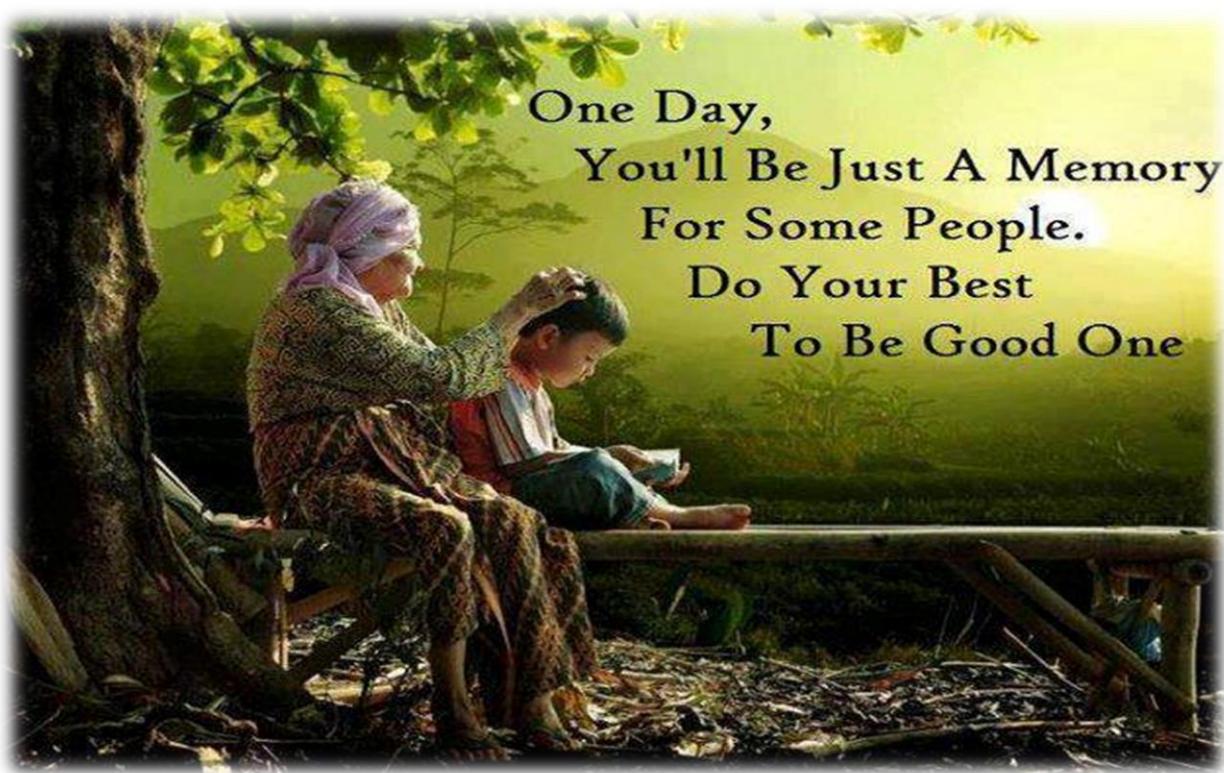
## **MORTALITY**

*"HERE TODAY  
GONE  
TOMMORROW"*

*SOMETIMES WE ARE  
WISE AND SOME-  
TIMES WE ARE  
OTHERWISE!*



**BUT WITH GOD'S HELP WE CAN BE PREPARED!**



FATHER BROUILLET  
ASSEMBLY 1169



WALLA WALLA



"100YEARS"

*AND WE ARE*  
**ALL GROWN UP NOW!**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2014** - we are celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Assembly, beginning with Mass at St. Patrick's Church, 415 Alder at 5:30PM, immediately followed by a reception and dinner in Blanchet Hall in the Parish Center.

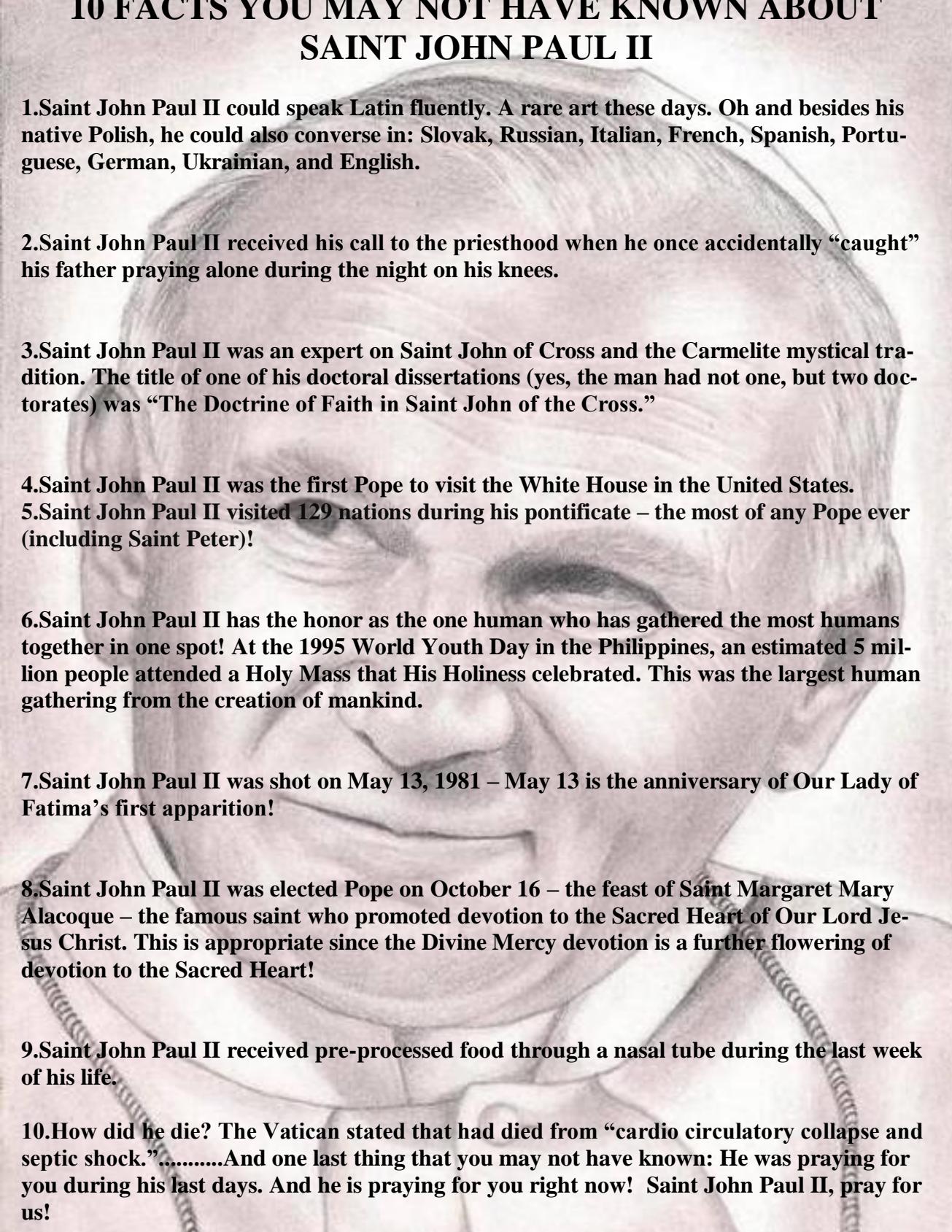
All State Officers, Chairman, Grand Knights, Sir Knights and their wives are invited to join us for this event. The price for Dinner is \$20.00 per person for Prime Rib or Salmon and there will be a no host bar as well. Please reply with a check to David Hall no later than June 1, no refunds.

While the Mass is at 5:30 PM, if you plan to be in the color guard you are requested to be present by 5 pm at Blanchet Hall.

Contact: David Hall, PFN, Father Brouillet Assembly 1169  
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515 Newell Street, Walla Walla, WA 99362-3204

*"100 YEARS," OF CHALLENGES..... NOW,*  
**ON JUNE 21, 2014 COME JOIN US IN**  
**CELEBRATING!**

## **10 FACTS YOU MAY NOT HAVE KNOWN ABOUT SAINT JOHN PAUL II**

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- 1.Saint John Paul II could speak Latin fluently. A rare art these days. Oh and besides his native Polish, he could also converse in: Slovak, Russian, Italian, French, Spanish, Portuguese, German, Ukrainian, and English.**
  - 2.Saint John Paul II received his call to the priesthood when he once accidentally “caught” his father praying alone during the night on his knees.**
  - 3.Saint John Paul II was an expert on Saint John of Cross and the Carmelite mystical tradition. The title of one of his doctoral dissertations (yes, the man had not one, but two doctorates) was “The Doctrine of Faith in Saint John of the Cross.”**
  - 4.Saint John Paul II was the first Pope to visit the White House in the United States.**
  - 5.Saint John Paul II visited 129 nations during his pontificate – the most of any Pope ever (including Saint Peter)!**
  - 6.Saint John Paul II has the honor as the one human who has gathered the most humans together in one spot! At the 1995 World Youth Day in the Philippines, an estimated 5 million people attended a Holy Mass that His Holiness celebrated. This was the largest human gathering from the creation of mankind.**
  - 7.Saint John Paul II was shot on May 13, 1981 – May 13 is the anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima’s first apparition!**
  - 8.Saint John Paul II was elected Pope on October 16 – the feast of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque – the famous saint who promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This is appropriate since the Divine Mercy devotion is a further flowering of devotion to the Sacred Heart!**
  - 9.Saint John Paul II received pre-processed food through a nasal tube during the last week of his life.**
  - 10.How did he die? The Vatican stated that had died from “cardio circulatory collapse and septic shock.”.....And one last thing that you may not have known: He was praying for you during his last days. And he is praying for you right now! Saint John Paul II, pray for us!**



## GOALS VS VISIONS

*Teamwork makes the  
Dream work!*

By STEVE SNELL

A goal was established. A fine plan on paper and perfectly feasible. But maybe what was needed was more like a **vision**. I'm thinking in terms of signs pointing in the right direction, because no one knows exactly what obstacles are just around the corner. Goals often die from narrowly focused control and evaluation, where as visions grow best in freedom and diversity. **Visions adapt to all types of terrain.**

A vision, unlike a goal, can become common property. Even the most remote citizen can carry a vision with him. In short, a vision is a much more democratic vehicle. Visions can contain unlimited hopes and ambitions that inspire men to look for the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. **Visions are the fuel of growth.**

Many goals are unpredictable in the sense that they often grow. My goal for the trees we planted in our yard is for them to get big enough to shade the house, but the trees are not going to stop growing once they shade the house. They are going to keep on growing bigger regardless of whether I want them to or not. The nature of visions are to keep on growing beyond our conception. Look at the growth of our country, the space program, or for that matter look at the Knights of Columbus. In our own back yard look at the growth of the Wheel Chair Program or the Tootsie Roll Program both of which surpassed all the preliminary goals set at their inception. There are many other examples of this throughout our state and this is good, because there ought to be growth in all areas not the least of which is membership. You die when you stop growing. Our Order grows because of the outstanding men in our Order and because of the new ones who will join us in the future !!! *My point is our vision will grow, Father McGivney's vision, his dream, will push beyond yesterday's goals. It will become bigger than ever imagined when other outstanding men join our team and carry it forward.....*

**THE DREAM;**

**"One Member..Per Council....Per Month?"**

**REMEMBER,**

**TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK!**

# A Boy Prays for His Dog

**DEAR GOD,**

They say my dog is dead;  
He had the softest little head;  
He was so good, he'd always do  
Most anything I told him to.

**KIND GOD,**

Sometimes he'd chase a cat,  
(He wasn't often bad like that),  
And if I called him back, he came  
The minute that I said his name.

**PLEASE GOD,**

If he feels scared up there,  
Won't You please let him sleep some-  
where Near you?

Oh, please take care of him,  
I love him so! His name is Tim

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## **"FAMILY OF THE MONTH" PARTICIPANT'S LISTINGS FOR APRIL**

**894,1379,1620, 1629,2999\*,3598, 6686,7863,7908,  
8476,10652,10653,11357,11408,11762,12251\*,  
13374, 13794, 14046, 14689\***

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

**Richard & Cynthia Stewart  
Council 2999 - Camas**

**Larry & Sandy Lucarelli  
Council 12251 - Bainbridge Island**

**Dennis & Jo-Ellen Dietzel  
Council 14689 - Shoreline**

**GRAND KNIGHTS  
I'LL BET THERES A GOOD EXCUSE WHY  
YOUR COUNCIL'S NOT LISTED HERE!**

*Be creative, make it something  
your Council hasn't heard.*



*Please make the effort for your Council,*



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

**STEVE SNELL STATE FAMILY CHAIRMAN  
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**GOT  
OPINIONS OR  
IDEAS, SEND  
THEM IN!**



*Come on, YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE GREAT TO START, BUT  
YOU HAVE TO START TO BE GREAT.*

*Remember there are still words and music left to write!*

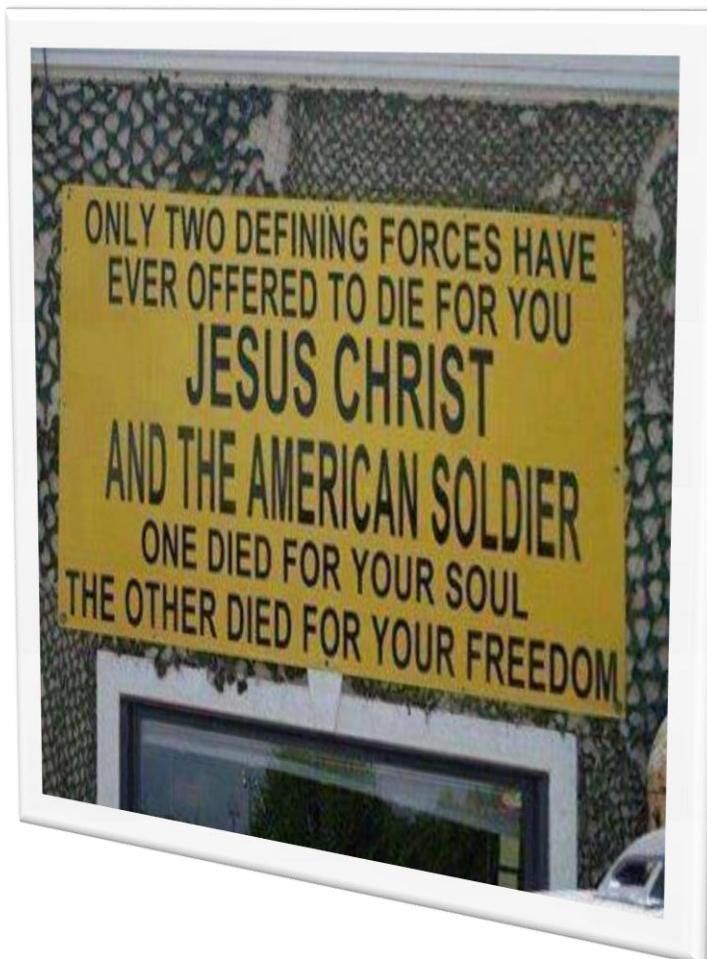
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**TO REACH PEOPLE IN TODAY'S WORLD WE MUST  
ACCEPT CHANGE - TRY SOMETHING NEW!**





# THANK YOU VETERANS



# COINS LEFT ON TOMBSTONES

While visiting some cemeteries you may notice that headstones marking certain graves have coins on them, left by previous visitors to the grave.

These coins have distinct meanings when left on the headstones of those who gave their life while serving in America's military, and these meanings vary depending on the denomination of coin.



A coin left on a headstone or at the grave site is meant as a message to the deceased soldier's family that someone else has visited the grave to pay respect. Leaving a penny at the grave means simply that you visited.

A nickel indicates that you and the deceased trained at boot camp together, while a dime means you served with him in some capacity. By leaving a quarter at the grave, you are telling the family that you were with the soldier when he was killed.

According to tradition, the money left at graves in national cemeteries and state veterans cemeteries is eventually collected, and the funds are put toward maintaining the cemetery or paying burial costs for indigent veterans.

In the US, this practice became common during the Vietnam war, due to the political divide in the country over the war; leaving a coin was seen as a more practical way to communicate that you had visited the grave than contacting the soldier's family. Some Vietnam veterans would leave coins as a "down payment" to buy their fallen comrades a beer or play a hand of cards when they would finally be reunited.

The tradition of leaving coins on the headstones of military men and women can be traced to as far back as the Roman Empire.



# **LIKE ATTRACTS LIKE:**

POSITIVE PEOPLE ARE DRAWN TO **POSITIVE ENERGY**;  
NEGATIVE PEOPLE ARE DRAWN TO **NEGATIVE ENERGY**.



**Choose a positive attitude.**

Have you noticed that positive people seem to get what they want out of life, even if things don't go their way, they still enjoy their lives... while negative people whine and moan about their misfortunes, even the good things in their lives?

**TO CLEAR NEGATIVE ENERGY, TRY THIS 4 -STEP PROCESS:**

1. Take ownership:
2. Cancel negative thoughts , replace with positive thoughts
3. Embrace and create Love in the world
4. Pray the Rosary

**CHOOSE POSITIVE ENERGY? MAKE SOME CHANGES WITHIN, AND  
YOU'LL QUICKLY SEE POSITIVE CHANGES IN YOUR LIFE.  
ENJOY THE GOOD FEELINGS AND ABUNDANCE!**

**COUNCILS # 7863 AND # 11730  
HIGHLIGHTED IN  
JUNE COLUMBIAN MAGAZINE**



**"KNIGHTS RESPOND TO WASHINGTON MUDSLIDE"**

**Frederick Harrington Council 7863 in Marysville, Wash.,** hosted a special fundraising breakfast to benefit victims of the March 22 mudslide in Oso. The event raised more than \$3,400 for Immaculate Conception Parish in Arlington, where disaster relief efforts for survivors have been centered.

**St. Barbara Council 11736 in Black Diamond, Wash.,** donated \$1,550 to a group of local women who traveled to Oso to provide assistance immediately following the devastating mudslide there. The funds helped support the women, who served 6,600 meals to first responders and victims for 16 days.



## **THE FRANCIS EFFECT:**

### **Manger Square Holy Mass**

**BETHLEHEM – MAY 25, 2014**  
**Manger Square Holy Mass**

### **Homily of Pope Francis**

*“This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger” (Lk 2:12).*



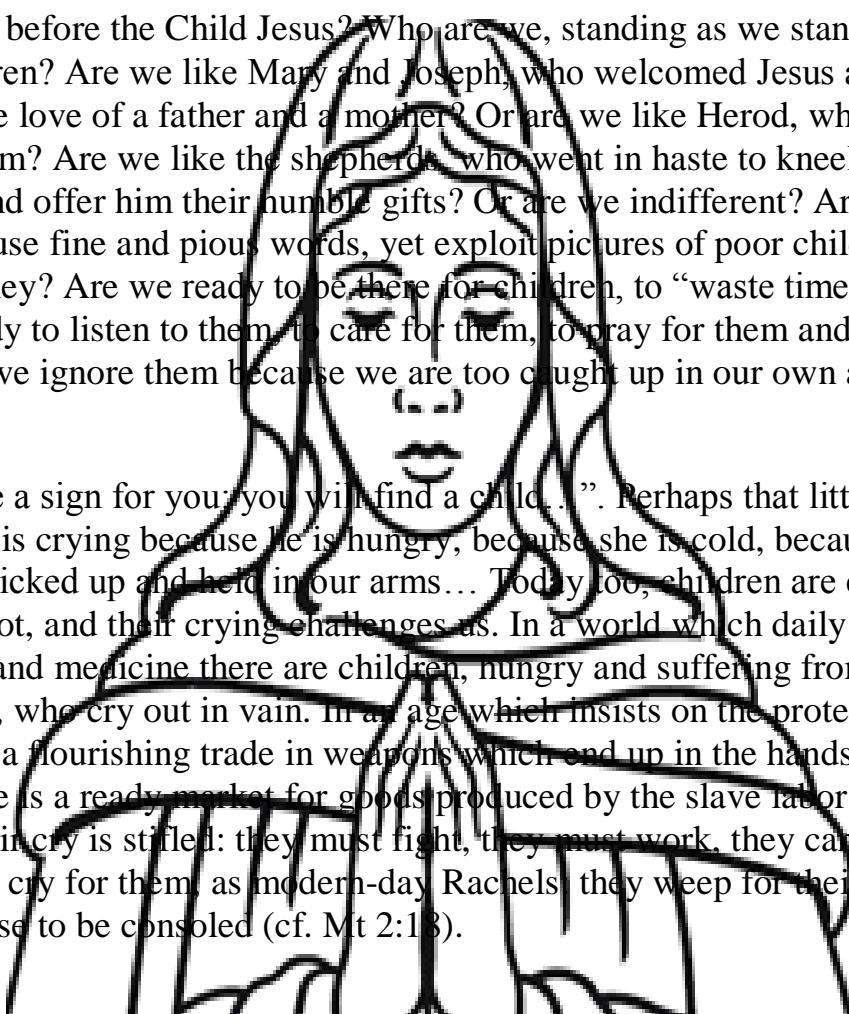
What a great grace it is to celebrate the Eucharist in the place where Jesus was born! I thank God and I thank all of you who have welcomed me on my pilgrimage: President Mahmoud Abbas and the other civil authorities; Patriarch Fouad Twal and the other bishops and ordinaries of the Holy Land, the priests, the consecrated persons and all those who labor to keep faith, hope and love alive in these lands; the faithful who have come from Gaza and Galilee, and the immigrants from Asia and Africa. Thank you for your welcome!

The Child Jesus, born in Bethlehem, is the sign given by God to those who awaited salvation, and he remains forever the sign of God's tenderness and presence in our world: “This will be a sign for you: you will find a child...”. Today too, children are a sign. They are a sign of hope, a sign of life, but also a “diagnostic” sign, a marker indicating the health of families, society and the entire world. Wherever children are accepted, loved, cared for and protected, the family is healthy, society is more healthy and the world is more human. Here we can think of the work carried out by the Ephpheta Paul VI institute for hearing and speech impaired Palestinian children: it is a very real sign of God's goodness.

To us, the men and women of the twenty-first century, God also says: “This will be a sign for you”, look to the child... The Child of Bethlehem is frail, like all newborn children. He cannot speak and yet he is the Word made flesh who came to transform the hearts and lives of all men and women. This Child, like every other child, is vulnerable; he needs to be accepted and protected. Today too, children need to be welcomed and defended, from the moment of their conception. Sadly, in this world of ours, with all its highly developed technology, great numbers of

children continue to live in inhuman situations, on the fringes of society, in the peripheries of great cities and in the countryside. All too many children continue to be exploited, maltreated, enslaved, prey to violence and illicit trafficking. Still too many children live in exile, as refugees, at times lost at sea, particularly in the waters of the Mediterranean. Today, in acknowledging this, we feel shame before God, before God who became a child. And we have to ask ourselves: Who are we, as we stand before the Child Jesus? Who are we, standing as we stand before today's children? Are we like Mary and Joseph, who welcomed Jesus and care for him with the love of a father and a mother? Or are we like Herod, who wanted to eliminate him? Are we like the shepherds, who went in haste to kneel before him in worship and offer him their humble gifts? Or are we indifferent? Are we perhaps people who use fine and pious words, yet exploit pictures of poor children in order to make money? Are we ready to be there for children, to "waste time" with them? Are we ready to listen to them, to care for them, to pray for them and with them?

Or do we ignore them because we are too caught up in our own affairs?



"This will be a sign for you: you will find a child...". Perhaps that little boy or girl is crying. He is crying because he is hungry, because she is cold, because he or she wants to be picked up and held in our arms... Today too, children are crying, they are crying a lot, and their crying challenges us. In a world which daily discards tons of food and medicine there are children, hungry and suffering from easily curable diseases, who cry out in vain. In an age which insists on the protection of minors, there is a flourishing trade in weapons which end up in the hands of child-soldiers, there is a ready market for goods produced by the slave labor of small children. Their cry is stifled: they must fight, they must work, they cannot cry! But their mothers cry for them as modern-day Rachels, they weep for their children, and they refuse to be consoled (cf. Mt 2:18).

"This will be a sign for you". The Child Jesus, born in Bethlehem, every child who is born and grows up in every part of our world, is a diagnostic sign indicating the state of health of our families, our communities, our nation. Such a frank and honest diagnosis can lead us to a new kind of lifestyle where our relationships are no longer marked by conflict, oppression and consumerism, but fraternity, forgiveness and reconciliation, solidarity and love.

*Mary, Mother of Jesus,  
you who accepted, teach us how to accept; you who adored, teach us how to  
adore; you who followed, teach us how to follow. Amen.*

# **LOVE WINS!**



Pete Seeger's Banjo "This machine surrounds hate and forces it to surrender."

"BY THE RELIEF OFFICE I SAW MY PEOPLE."



## ***PUT THE GLASS DOWN!***

A psychologist walked around a room while teaching stress management to an audience. As she raised a glass of water, everyone expected they'd be asked the "half empty or half full" question. Instead, with a smile on her face, she inquired: "How heavy is this glass of water?"

Answers called out ranged from 8 oz. to 20 oz.

She replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute, it's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my arm. If I hold it for a day, my arm will feel numb and paralyzed. In each case, the weight of the glass doesn't change, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes." She continued, "The stresses and worries in life are like that glass of water. Think about them for a while and nothing happens. Think about them a bit longer and they begin to hurt. And if you think about them all day long, you will feel paralyzed – incapable of doing anything."

**Remember to put the glass down!**

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**THE ADVENTURE OF THE VIEW!**



***IT'S HARD TO FORGET  
SOMEONE WHO GAVE YOU SO  
MUCH TO REMEMBER!***



*A father is a guy who has snapshots in his wallet where his money used to be, and he wouldn't have it any other way.*

# BREAKING NEWS.....ALERT!

## *COLUMBIAN AWARD APPLICATION DUE JUNE 30!!!!*

By ROBERT BAEMMERT-ST



Worthy Brothers,

As you might know, the Columbian Award Application Form SP-7 submitted to Supreme on time is a star Council requirement and it is **due JUNE 30, 2014!!! You probably also know that every year we have councils that make membership and fail to get their star council award because they failed to submit this important form.**

Brothers, this is my attempt to prevent that from happening this year. Below you find a list of those councils that are in the hunt for STAR Council. Please use this list to inform those that are in the hunt to submit their forms on time. Of course every council should submit by the due date and please encourage that, but especially encourage those that are in the hunt for star.

Fraternally, Bob Baemmert-ST





## THE LIST OF COUNCILS IN THE STAR HUNT.

13834	8297	11789	13395	6806	1629	15136	1758	12583
15153	1565	1823	7360	829	7356	12420	3044	4782
12899	12983	7908	8079	11736	14162	8015	9910	13560
8136	10664	11642	13794	10653	15538	6686	7642	9617
14046	2103	14926	11611	8137	8398	9434	9605	13238
15462	7907	15721	8455	10532	7117	12786	15730	14689
3645	11780	8872	14394	12002	15684	1606	1674	15689
8672	2155	12273	8437	10652	15143	894	1620	8179
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I urgently needed a few days off work, but I knew the Boss would not allow me to take a leave. I thought that maybe if I acted "CRAZY" then he would tell me to take a few days off. So I hung upside down on the ceiling and made funny noises. My co-worker(who's blonde) asked me what I was doing? I told her that I was pretending to be a light bulb so that the Boss would think I was "CRAZY" and give me a few days off. A few minutes later the Boss came into the office and asked "What are you doing?" I told him I was a light bulb. He said "You are clearly stressed out. Go home and recuperate for a couple of days". I jumped down and walked out of the office. When my co-worker (the blonde) followed me, the Boss asked her "And where do you think you're going?" (*You're gonna love this.....*)

She said, "**I'm going home too, I can't work in the dark!"**

**A LADY WAS WALKING DOWN THE STREET TO WORK** and she saw a parrot on a perch in front of a pet store. The parrot said to her, "Hey lady, you are really ugly." Well, the lady is furious! She stormed past the store to her work. On the way home she saw the same parrot and it said to her, "Hey lady, you are really ugly." She was incredibly ticked now. The next day the same parrot again said to her, "Hey lady, you are really ugly." The lady was so ticked that she went into the store and said that she would sue the store and kill the bird. The store manager replied, "That's not good," and promised he wouldn't say it again. When the lady walked past the store that day after work the parrot called to her, "Hey lady." She paused and said, "Yes?" **The bird said, "You know."**

**A MAN IS IN BED WITH HIS WIFE WHEN THERE IS A KNOCK ON THE DOOR.** He rolls over and looks at his clock - it's half-past three in the morning. "I'm not getting out of bed at this time", he thinks, and rolls over. Then, a louder knock follows. "Aren't you going to answer that?" says his wife. So, he drags himself out of bed and goes downstairs. He opens the door and there is man standing at the door. It didn't take the homeowner long to realize the man was drunk. "Hi there," slurs the stranger, "Can you give me a push?""No. Get lost, it's half past three. I was in bed," says the man and slams the door. He goes back up to bed and tells his wife what happened and she says "Dave, that wasn't very nice of you. Remember that night we broke down in the pouring rain on the way to pick the kids up from the baby-sitter and you had to knock on that man's door to get us started again? What would have happened if he'd told us to get lost?""But the guy was drunk," says the husband."It doesn't matter," says the wife. "He needs our help and it would be the Christian thing to help him."So the husband gets out of bed again, gets dressed and goes downstairs. He opens the door and, not being able to see the stranger anywhere he shouts: "Hey, do you still want a push?" and he hears a voice cry out "Yeah please."So, still being unable to see the stranger, he shouts: "Where are you?"And the stranger replies: "**I'm over here, on your swing set.**"



# 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.*



## UNITY IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Howdy to all my friends in Washington State from way down in South East Texas. The Catholic faith is thriving well down here in the Bible Belt as we have many converts coming over to the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Galveston/Houston. We are now 1.5 million strong. The past several years we have been averaging 2500 to 2800 going through the sacraments of initiation each year at Easter. As a convert to Catholicism myself from the Baptist faith (my grandmother almost had a heart attack), and through my involvement as the director of RCIA for our parish, one thing we talk to new candidates and catechumens about each year is the unity in the Catholic Church. I travel a lot in my secular job, so I always talk about how I can go anywhere in our great country on business and find a church to go to. And no matter where I go, it is always the same Mass; the same worship. It is like I am at home. And even when we go on vacation, it is relatively easy to locate a church and never have to miss a Sunday Mass.

Although our Catholic Churches have subtle differences in their building styles, and some may be even more beautiful than others, the liturgy is always the same, the teachings about our faith are always the same, and most of all it is the same body and blood of Jesus I appreciatively receive in Walla Walla, WA that I get back home in Alvin, TX. Heck, I usually even find the songs are the same. We were in Medjugorje (where the blessed mother has appeared) and the songs we sang in the English Mass were pretty much the same ones we sing back home in Alvin and even sung the last time I went to Mass in Walla Walla!!

One thing that has really struck me as a convert, is how everyone is accepted into the Catholic Church. Our worldwide Church really does fit what it would seem that Jesus expected His Church to be. One that accepts everyone no matter what color, no matter what language, no matter what nationality. I truly experienced this the first year as a deacon as I was allowed to help carry the holy oils in the Chrism Mass. There were probably 250 priests there and 150 deacons. As we processed into the cathedral, I thought about how many different kinds of people we had as deacons. White, black, brown, yellow, many languages spoken, but when I watched the priests proceed in behind us it really struck me. This was like it will be in heaven. All of us united together in unity with Christ - no differences, no fighting, no prejudices, no wars, and no hatred.

So as I wrap this up, yawl remember what St. Paul said in Ephesians 4 – “strive to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace .... and build up the body of Christ until we all attain the unity of faith. This unity is what binds us all together as brothers and sisters through love of our God and His love for us. And especially don’t forget to thank God you were born a Catholic or like me was lucky enough to get chosen to be one.

**Deacon Dale Hayden – St. John the Baptist  
Diocese of Galveston/Houston Texas**

# **WE ARE EXPECTING!**

***JULY 1, 2014***



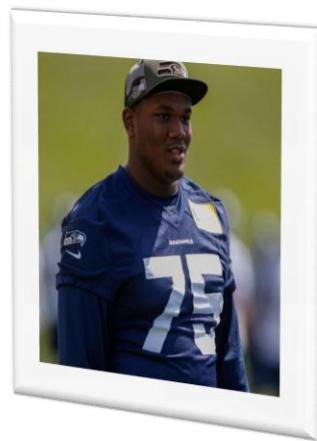
## ***A NEW FRATERNAL YEAR!***

**JOIN US IN SHAKING HANDS WITH THE FUTURE!**



# CLASS ACT

The Seattle Seahawks cut offensive tackle Garrett Scott immediately after signing him due to a non-football related illness. During a physical with the team, Scott was found to have a rare heart condition that will keep him from playing professional football.



"After undergoing an extensive physical with our medical staff last week, Garrett's examination revealed a rare heart condition that will prevent him from any on-field participation in the near future," Seahawks general manager John Schneider said in a statement. "We think highly of Garrett as a person and as a football player. The team is committed to supporting Garrett in the months to come and will continue to help him determine his next steps." Scott went from the life highlight of being drafted into the NFL to the low of having it taken away in less than a month. **But there's a silver lining.**

The Seahawks found out about Scott's condition before signing him but the team signed him to his contract anyway, then waived him. Why would they do that? Scott will receive his signing bonus AND his first-year salary totaling about \$555,000.

## THAT'S A CLASS ACT!



## ANOTHER "CLASS ACT!"

*"Dad comes home drunk and mad, he pulls out a gun and shoots his wife and turns the gun on himself and pulls the trigger. The little girl sits behind the couch crying. The police came and took the little girl to a new family, where she went to her first Mass. She walks past a picture of Jesus on the cross. The little girl then asks "how did that man.....get off the cross?"*



*The Priest replied "He never did," then the little girl argued..... "Yes he did. Because the night that my mommy and daddy died he sat next to me behind the couch, telling me everything was going to be alright."*

## WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

BY STEVE SNELL



Don't expect this article to explain away why the shooting happened, it is an old fashion head-scratcher wrapped in one of today's all too common reoccurring mysteries. What you can expect is to witness the strange power this drama has to expose some gloomy truths and hopelessness of the values our culture has been saddled with in today's world, why would Daddy shoot Mommy and destroy the world of their little girl? **What was he thinking?..... HE WAS NOT!!**

The event really offers no simple meaning to account for the man's actions, we can only speculate; his point of view seems to suggests he felt his life was a waste--bleak, dark and disgusting. The style and vision of their daughter suggests an event that was both traumatizing and life changing. Put the two together and you have perplexity in motion; a moment in time that will forever leave a footprint on all who witnessed or heard of the results, a moment upon which a person might endlessly meditate.

The rest of the symbolism is more elusive. But it is not a pose. The drama seems to give a vague warning of something to come--rather than expresses--an attitude toward man's experience on earth; the pathos, cruelty, comradeship, hope, corruption and wonder of human existence. For some faith in God has almost vanished. It is as though society sees very little reason for clutching at faith, but then along comes the little girl's story and they are unable to relinquish it entirely.

*Brothers, in the chaos of life, we have managed to find a real fairy tale.*

*"This little story is all feeling." Perhaps that is why it is both puzzling and convincing at the same time. Society may be disturbed by it, but they cannot ignore it.*



## CLEVER BUSINESS SIGNS



IN A PODIATRIST'S OFFICE: "Time wounds all heels."

ON A SEPTIC TANK TRUCK: **Yesterday's Meals on Wheels**

AT AN OPTOMETRIST'S OFFICE:

"If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."

ON A PLUMBER'S TRUCK: **"We repair what your husband fixed."**

ON ANOTHER PLUMBER'S TRUCK:

**"Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber."**

ON A MATERNITY ROOM DOOR: **"Push. Push. Push."**

IN A VETERINARIAN'S WAITING ROOM:

**"Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"**

IN THE FRONT YARD OF A FUNERAL HOME:

**"Drive carefully. We'll wait."**

CHICAGO RADIATOR SHOP: "

**Best place in town to take a leak."**

SIGN ON THE BACK OF ANOTHER  
SEPTIC TANK TRUCK:

**"Caution - This Truck is full of Political Promises"**

**R.I.P.**

**The last of the original 29 Navajo code talkers of World War II has died.**

*Chester Nez, died of kidney failure at the age of 93. We wish to honor his extraordinary service and legacy. Rest In Eternity Marine, The Navajo Nation Honors what you & your battle brothers have done and Will work to keep what you all have done for this Country in Remembrance generation after the next, to not forget what Brave Marines you all are, Thank you Code Talkers!*



**VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL IN WASHINGTON D.C. SUNRISE.**

**NEVER FORGET THOSE WHO HAVE MADE THE**

**ULTIMATE SACRIFICE**

## D-Day Rations: How Chocolate Helped Win the War

By Stephanie Butler

**S**eventy years ago, more than 160,000 Allied troops stormed the beaches of Normandy during the D-Day invasion. And while we all know that day served as a huge turning point for the Allied cause, you probably haven't thought much about what those soldiers carried with them to eat during and after the invasion. Food had to be light-weight, nutritious and very high in energy: after all, these men were about to invade Nazi-occupied land. As it so happens, the one substance that could fulfill all those requirements was a very unlikely item— a Hershey's chocolate bar.



The Hershey Chocolate company was approached back in 1937 about creating a specially designed bar just for U.S. Army emergency rations. According to Hershey's chief chemist Sam Hinkle, the U.S. government had just four requests about their new chocolate bars: they had to weigh 4 ounces, be high in energy, withstand high temperatures and "taste a little better than a boiled potato." The final product was called the "D ration bar", a blend of chocolate, sugar, cocoa butter, skim milk powder and oat flour. The viscous mixture proved too thick to move through the normal chocolate bar manufacturing set up at the Hershey plant, so initially each bar had to be packed into its 4-ounce mold by hand.

As for taste, well – most who tried it said they would rather have eaten the boiled potato. The combination of fat and oat flour made the chocolate bar a dense brick, and the sugar did little to mask the overwhelmingly bitter taste to the dark chocolate. Since it was designed to withstand high temperatures, the bar was nearly impossible to bite into. Most men who ate it had to shave slices off with a knife before they could chew it. And despite the U.S. Army's best efforts to stop the men from doing so, some of the D ration bars ended up in the trash. Later in the war, Hershey introduced a new version, known as the Tropical bar, specifically designed for extreme temperatures of the Pacific Theater. By the end of the war, the company had produced more than 3 billion ration bars.

But "Hitler's Secret Weapon," as many infantrymen referred to the chocolate bar, was hardly the only candy in the D-Day rations. Candy was an easy way to pep up the troops, and the quick burst of energy provided by sugar was a welcome addition to kit bags. Along with the D rations, troops received three days worth of K ration packs. These were devised more as meal replacements and not sustenance snacks like the D rations, and came complete with coffee, canned meats, processed cheese and tons of sugar. At various points during the war, men could find powdered orange or lemon drink, caramels, chewing gum and—of course —more chocolate. Along with packs of cigarettes and sugar cubes for coffee, K ration packs provided valuable energy for fighting men.

## **FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK**

### **WHERE'S WALDO?**

By STEVE SNELL



*DEBATES AND DISCUSSIONS about creativity or the lack of it can and will rage throughout our time. Creativity often is not valued. In point of fact in some organizations it is killed. It may be unintentional or outright in other cases. These times challenge the results of routinized methods and approaches. This is many times manifested in doing too little for fear of rocking the boat. This is not anything new. It's just more pronounced these days in some organizations.*

Great leaders don't back down or walk on egg shells around challenges; they stand tall and never quit! They come in all sizes and shapes, all colors and all creeds. They have many different names, some sound pretty tame, some names sound real strong and some will surprise. It's not the appearances of these men or the sound of their names; it's the courage of their convictions! Successful leaders think creatively, outside the normal rut, they adapt to the changing times, often this adaption or change in procedures causes trepidation, reluctance, even resistance within an organization. These men will have the courage to "rock the boat" of traditional thinking, to change the outcome of the unprecedented challenges against our values. Their names will become mileposts in the efforts to preserve our right to believe and worship as we see fit. Today they are like Waldo; *Waldo is a character that blends in very well with his surroundings*, they can be hard to find, but we must. It's time to call them out, to help prepare them for the future, call out to our future creative leaders, **WHERE IS WALDO?**

*Brothers, there are leadership capabilities deep within each of us. Within our councils lies the power and strength of our tomorrows, we must tap this great resource. We must stand tall and ask in every council across our state.....*

*Where are tomorrow's leaders?*

***WHERE'S WALDO? AGAIN WE ASK,***



**“WHERE'S WALDO?”**



**NEVER JUDGE A BOOK BY  
IT'S....."CURB APPEAL!"**

***BROTHERS BE CAREFUL.....TAKE A SECOND LOOK.***

*What if Jesus came back like.....*

