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"THE SECOND EDITION"

2018 GOALS



START SMALL
IF YOU GIVE A LITTLE LOVE
YOU CAN GET A LITTLE LOVE
IT ALL STARTS WITH YOU!

BE HAPPY.
it drives people
CRAZY

BEST NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Have a great one.

BELIEVE IN YOUR VISION



Get Involved!



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THE KNIGHTS



"The Marine Corps of the Church"

The Knights of Columbus is an Order of religious men of passion and fire, of patriots ready and willing to stand strong for family, community and country; their history proves it! These men are usually the first called upon to help those in distress and they never back down or retreat from service to others.....they hold the line for so many in need. They make a difference, they are the difference. Leadership & Teamwork, from top to bottom, "They Deliver"

By Steve Snell

While it is true that through the long history of the Knights their success has depended on their teamwork, faithfulness, commitment to God and country. Not to be forgotten is their compassion for one of God's greatest gift to us, **the children**. Knights believe that they are the stewards of all His gifts. They always reach out with a helping hand to all in need, this is just one of the reasons why it is a great honor to be a part of this **Corps of Brothers**.

After taking my 4th Degree, I was standing with some older Knights and one of them asked me "how are you doing?" I said " I don't know, I never felt this way before", he leaned in towards me and said "**that feeling never goes away.**"

That feeling is with me **every time** we reach out to people in need, **every time** we kneel in prayer for the unborn, **every time** we come to the assistance of a priest and his parish, and **every time** we are a part of the final departing service for a Knight or member of his family. This feeling covered with tears of pride glows inside me **every time we stand for our national anthem!**

No matter your condition, no one can be untouched by the light in the eyes of the kids after they have been given a much needed winter coat, or a heartfelt "God Bless You" from their parents.

OOrah Knights!!



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THE SERRANS



My Dear Brothers and Sisters...

I would like to share a message about Serrans with you. Sharon and I are Serrans having joined many years ago at the request of friends, and we participate in Serran activities as often as we can.

As Saint John Paul II said, “Serrans accept as their responsibility the promotion of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. They possess a deep appreciation of the ministerial priesthood as being essential to the Church. Serrans have been generous in offering their support to those who hear the call to serve Christ in the priesthood.”

The Patron of Vocations is Saint Junipero Sera. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II and canonized by Pope Francis on September 23, 2015, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

Miguel Jose Serra was born on the island of Mallorca on November 24, 1713, and took the name of Junipero when in 1730, he entered the Franciscan Order. Ordained in 1737, he taught philosophy and theology at the University of Padua until 1749.

At the age of thirty-seven, he landed in Mexico City on January 1, 1750, and spent the rest of his life working for the conversion of the peoples of the New World.

In 1768, Father Serra took over the missions of the Jesuits (who had been wrongly expelled by the government) in the Mexican province of Lower California and Upper California (modern day California). An indefatigable worker, Serra was in

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large part responsible for the foundation and spread of the Church on the West Coast of the United States when it was still mission territory.

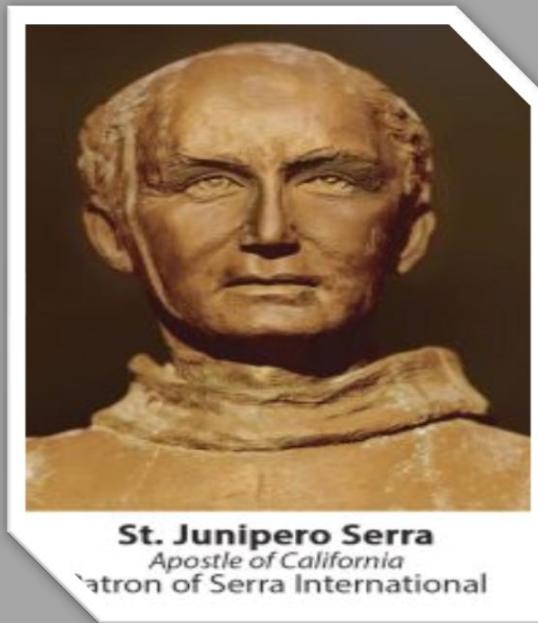
He founded twenty-one missions and converted thousands of Indians. The converts were taught sound methods of agriculture, cattle raising, and arts and crafts.

Junipero was a dedicated religious and missionary. He was imbued with a penitential spirit and practiced austerity in sleep, eating, and other activities. On August 28, 1784, worn out by his apostolic labors, Father Serra was called to his eternal rest. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II on September 25, 1988. His statue, representing the state of California, is in National Statuary Hall. His feast day is July 1.

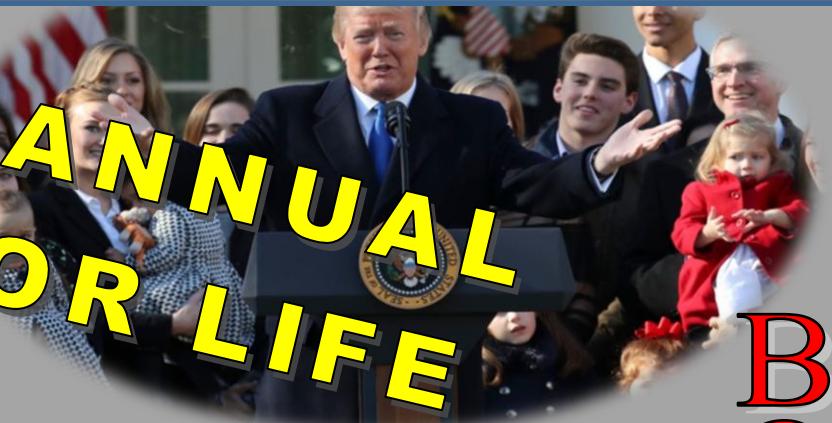
If you have an interest in supporting our Bishops with their mission to encourage, educate and support men for the priesthood and women for religious life let us know. We will happily assist you in learning more about becoming Serrans too. You can contact us at 509-370-1001 or email to wonka1882@aol.com.

With our love, prayers and warm wishes,

George H. Czerwonka, Jr., PSD, FC, FS



THE 45TH MARCH ANNUAL FOR LIFE



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WASHINGTON — Pro-life advocates have sat in the shadow of the U.S. Supreme Court's infamous 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision for 45 years. However, to the hundreds of thousands of pro-life advocates, including Knights of Columbus and their families, gathered at this year's national March for Life in Washington, D.C., the last four decades have offered an irreplaceable opportunity to demonstrate their perseverance, love and commitment to the defense of all human life.

The Friday, Jan. 19 event began with a rally sponsored by the March for Life Education and Defense Fund under the theme "Love Saves Lives."

The thousands of attendees from various political parties, creeds, ethnicities, ages and backgrounds reflect the diversity of the current pro-life movement, which was essentially born from grassroots efforts in the 1970s. Today, pro-lifers remain fully convicted that every single unborn child should be afforded the dignity and protection due all human life, from conception until natural death.

President Donald Trump addressed the rally via a live-stream video from the White House Rose Garden. Introducing the president, Vice President Mike Pence shared, "Forty-five years ago the Supreme Court turned its back on the inalienable right to life, but in that moment, our movement began. A movement that continues to win hearts and minds."

Standing with young marchers and others — including Deputy Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly; his wife, Vanessa; and their children — the president shared that he was "really proud" to be with pro-lifers on the day. "Because of you, tens of thousands of Americans have been born and reached their full God-given potential."

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson with Speaker of the House Paul Ryan at the March for Life Rally.



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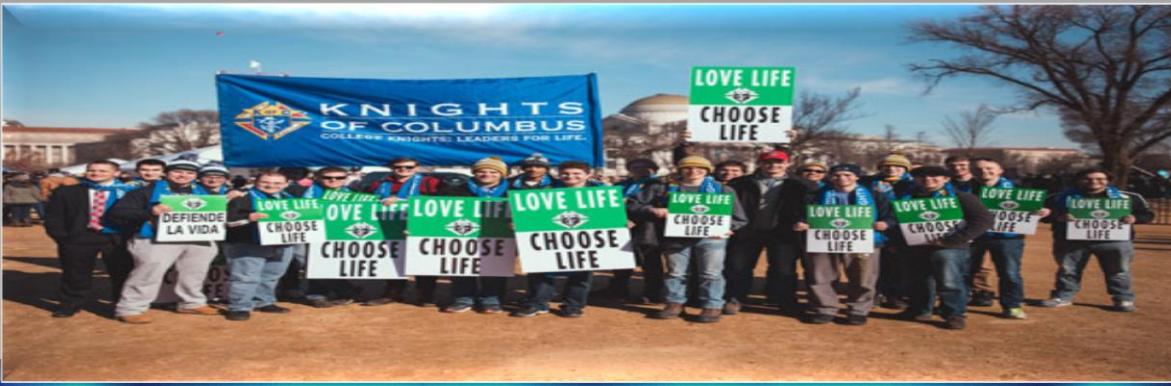


"You come from many backgrounds, many places, but you all come for one beautiful cause: to build a society where life is celebrated, protected and cherished. The March for Life is a movement born out of love. ... And you love every child — born and unborn — because you believe that every life is sacred, that every child is a precious gift from God."

Commenting on the U.S. law permitting abortions up to the ninth month of pregnancy, Trump declared, "**It is wrong. It has to change.**"

Back at the National Mall, Speaker of the House Paul Ryan (R-WI) shared, "It is so exciting to see so many young people here today. Your energy is so infectious."

Ryan, who is a member of Knights of Columbus Father Gilbert Carlton Council 9360 in Janesville, Wis., explained that the presence of the youth "tells us that this is a movement that is on the rise. You know why the pro-life movement is on the rise? Because truth is on our side. Life begins at conception. Do you know why the pro-life movement is on the rise? Because science is on our side. Most importantly, the pro-life movement is on the rise because we have love on our side



STATE AWARDS APPLICATION SCHEDULE

AWARD DUE DATES & WHERE TO SUBMIT

(EMAIL ADDRESSES AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE)

FAMILY OF THE YEAR April 1

Ed Hebert, FAMILY
1510 WINFIELD AVE
BREMERTON, WA 98310-4435

KNIGHT OF THE YEAR April 1

Edward Miller, COUNCIL
21913 WAITE MILL RD
GRANITE FALLS, WA 98252-9769

HERBERT M LEIBERT, PGK RIGHT TO LIFE MEMORIAL April 1

Ronald DeGroot, CULTURE OF LIFE
3420 78TH AVE SE
OLYMPIA, WA 98501-9403

HARRY J TUCKER, JR, FSW, PSD, FVSM MEMORIAL April 1

Edward Miller, COUNCIL
21913 WAITE MILL RD
GRANITE FALLS, WA 98252-9769

GEORGE C TURK PSD,FVSM GIFT OF LIFE BLOOD DONOR HONOR ROLL - April 1

Scott Hulse, COMMUNITY
6911 HOLEMAN AVE
BLAIN, WA 98230-9005

WADE S. WALDEN, FDD PLATELETS HEROS AWARD HONOR ROLL - April 1

Scott Hulse,, COMMUNITY
6911 HOLEMAN AVE
BLAIN, WA 98230-9005

CHURCH April 15

Tom Pursley, CHURCH
507 SEAHAWK ST SE
OLYMPIA, WA 98503-1453

COMMUNITY April 15

Scott Hulse, COMMUNITY
6911 HOLEMAN AVE
BLAIN, WA 98230-9005

COUNCIL April 15

Edward Miller, COUNCIL
21913 WAITE MILL RD
GRANITE FALLS, WA 98252-9769

FAMILY SERVICE ACTIVITY

April 15
Ed Hebert, FAMILY
1510 WINFIELD AVE
BREMERTON, WA 98310-4435

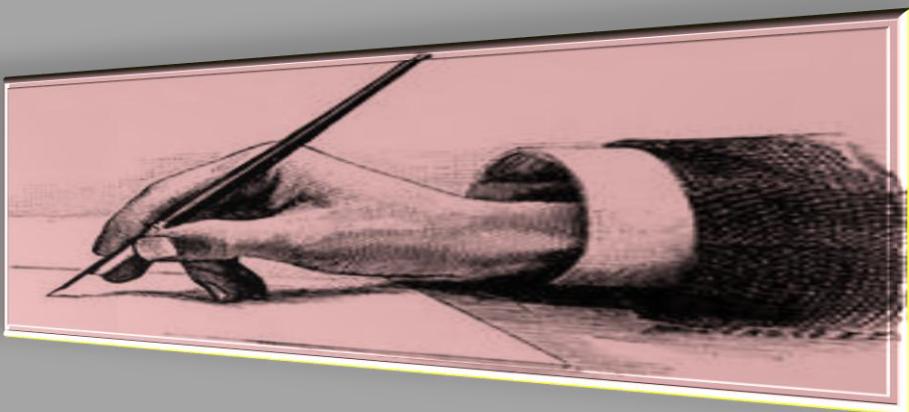
YOUTH April 15

Kenneth DeVos, YOUTH
2418 SW 149th St
Burien, WA 98166-1647

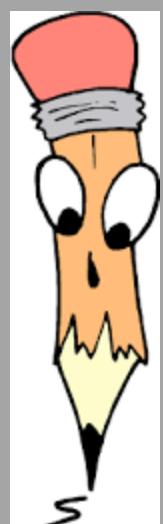
CULTURE OF LIFE April 15

Ronald DeGroot, CULTURE OF LIFE
3420 78TH AVE SE
OLYMPIA, WA 98501-9403

WRITING YOUR AWARD APPLICATIONS



- 1) Remember it is an **HONOR** to be chosen to do this write-up and you have a responsibility to do your best for the nominee you are recognizing.
- 2) Be **SPECIFIC** about the nominee's involvement. Include dates of participation. This leaves no doubt about the extent of involvement.
- 3) Tell a story around the accomplishments of this nominee. Often-times, we receive a list of accomplishments that read like a laundry list instead of reading about the nominee. As the writer, **YOU TRULY BELIEVE** that your nominee is the best, or you wouldn't be writing it. When you write a story about your nominee your words 'sell' your family, because your feelings will come out in the story. This is important! The judges just want to see it the way you do...they want to believe in your nominee the way you do. Get them on-board!
- 4) Include pictures in your write-up. Nothing warms up the reader faster than to see the human beings that you are writing about. It allows the judges to imagine the nominee working together, doing what you said they did.
- 5) Back up your write-up by seeking letters of support from the people that have influence and know that your nominee is a winner and deserves this award. Parish Priests, Bishops, fellow Knights that have held high offices, are just a few examples of people to solicit letters of support from.
- 6) Don't be afraid to draw parallels between your nominee's accomplishments and the scriptures. We are a Catholic Organization and our ideals come from the scriptures. Showing how your nominee is following those ideals will further validate what a fine Catholic family you are writing up.
- 7) Take this task personally! Write it as though your reputation as a Knight of Columbus rides on your nominee winning the award.



LONG-TERM CARE PLANS OFFER PEACE OF MIND

**OUR
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APART!** Since its addition to the Order's product portfolio in 2000, long-term care (LTC) insurance has provided the Knights of Columbus with an excellent opportunity to further serve members and their families. And, for our long-term care policy holders in the United States, there's an added bonus.

It's called "Provider Pathway," a program offering access to a network of long-term care providers at discounted rates. The network includes discounts on products, such as hearing aids, diabetic supplies, personal emergency response systems, and durable medical equipment, as well as skilled nursing facilities, assisted living, and adult day care.

Eligibility for participation in this program is open to Knights of Columbus long-term care insurance policyholders, their spouses, dependent children, parents and parents-in-law. All providers are fully credentialed and meet state licensing requirements.

If you haven't yet spoken with me about long-term care insurance, you owe it to yourself to do so. There are a few decisions to make in choosing a "plan" — a comprehensive plan that covers care whether you're at home or in a facility, or one that covers facility only; daily benefit amounts and benefit durations (how much and how long it will last); and the length of the elimination period (waiting period) before benefits kick-in.

Having a professionally trained agent — and a brother Knight you can trust — to help guide you through the process is yet another valuable benefit that comes with your membership. Take advantage of it; contact me today.

Submitted By Tommy St. Hilaire



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HEALTH WARNING!

**DO NOT SHAMPOO IN THE SHOWER
DO NOT WASH YOUR HAIR IN THE SHOWER!!**

(It's so good to finally get a health warning that is useful!!!)

**IT INVOLVES THE SHAMPOO
WHEN IT RUNS DOWN YOUR
BODY WHEN YOU SHOWER WITH
IT. WARNING TO US ALL!!!**



I don't know WHY I didn't figure this out sooner! I use shampoo in the shower! When I wash my hair, the shampoo runs down my whole body, and printed very clearly on the shampoo label this warning;

“FOR EXTRA BODY AND VOLUME.”

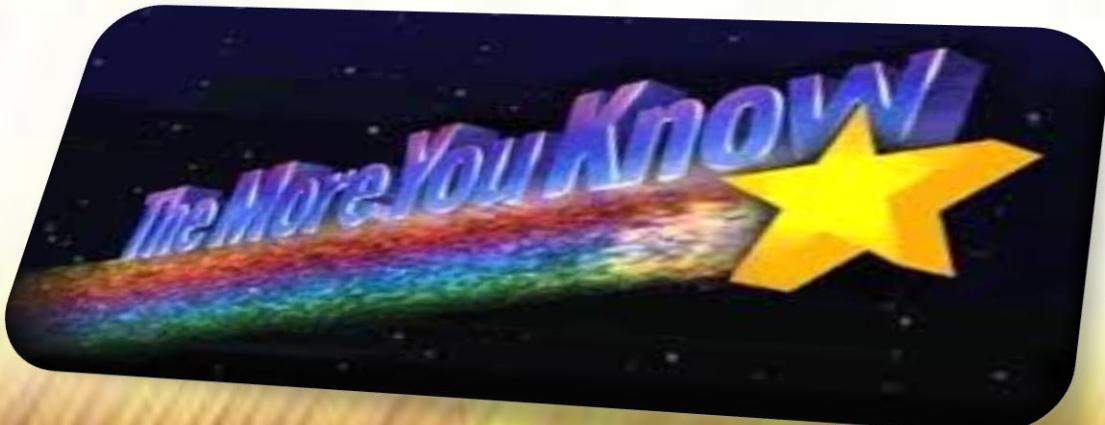
(no wonder I'm having trouble losing weight!)

Well! I got rid of that shampoo and I am going to start showering with Dawn Dishwashing Soap.

(It's label reads:)

**“DISSOLVES FAT THAT IS OTHERWISE
DIFFICULT TO REMOVE.”**

(Problem solved! If I don't answer the phone, I'll be in the shower!)



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOPPENISH COUNCIL NO. 1699

Also Serving Wapato, White Swan, Zillah

Chartered in 1913

307 So. Toppenish Avenue,
Toppenish, WA 98948



Submitted By Grand Knight Eddie Perez

"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink. " Mark 25:31

Knights of Columbus Toppenish Council #1699 will be holding a spaghetti dinner and silent auction on **Sunday FEB. 18th, 2018, from 1:00 – 5:00 pm.** Cost is **\$8.00 per person, \$35.00 per family, 6 & under free.** The net proceeds will benefit the needs of Noah's Ark in Wapato, Wa. Noah's Ark is a homeless shelter for those in need.

The dinner will be held at the Filipino-American Community Hall, 211 West 2nd St. in Wapato, WA

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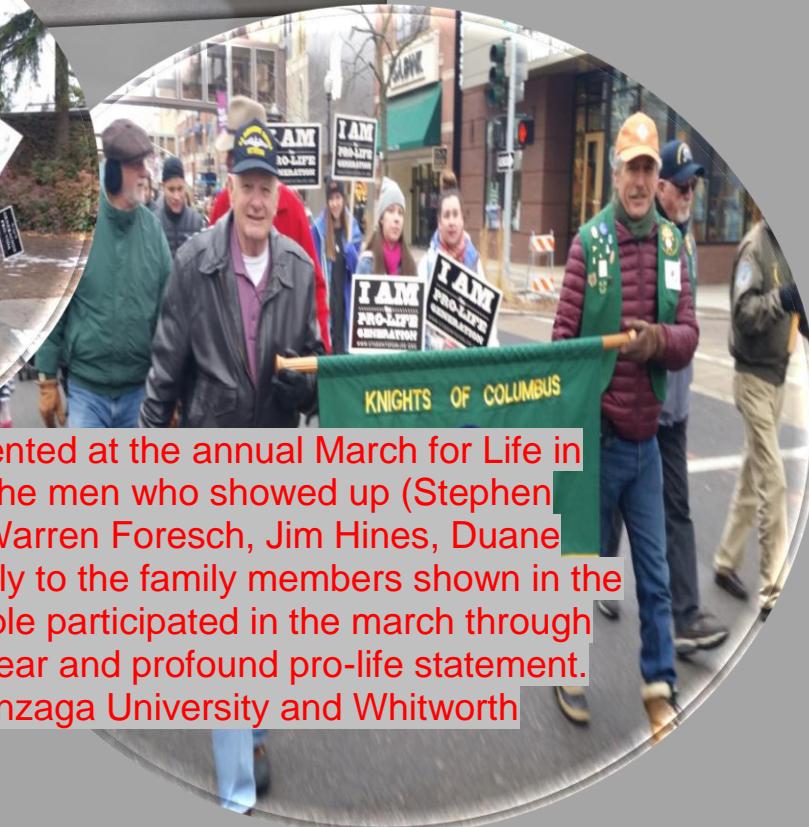


(Left below) Our Council presented The Priest River, ID Special Olympics club check for \$800.

(Right below) Our First Degree Team stands with our newest member, Ed Galbicka.



Bill Cushman receives his life membership card



The Pend Oreille Council was represented at the annual March for Life in Spokane on January 20th. Thanks to the men who showed up (Stephen Sommer, Tom Garrett, Greg Meyer, Warren Foresch, Jim Hines, Duane Sanger, and Harry Tefft) and especially to the family members shown in the above pictures. Several hundred people participated in the march through the streets of Spokane and made a clear and profound pro-life statement. The march was led by students of Gonzaga University and Whitworth College.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH



"NOMINATE A FAMILY OF THE MONTH!"



STRONG VISIBLE PROGRAM



FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

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Saturday, March 3rd, 2018,

at St. Charles Parish and School gym 4515 N Alberta, Spokane WA. 99205

The host assembly is **Fr. Vincent Capodanno Assembly 3487**

District Master Darrell R Henn 509-528-4157 or email drhenn1@frontier.com

The host **Faithful Navigator** is Sir Knight Ronald Girkins 509-919-1865

The **Faithful Comptroller** is Sir Knight Charles Voelker 509-325-8309

The degree team is the Eastern Washington Fourth Degree Team

EXEMPLIFICATION HONOREE

The Honoree for this Fourth Degree Exemplification is Edward Lapinski

EVENT TIME SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
Color Corps Rehearsal	Saturday	11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Registration	Saturday	11:30 am - 12:45 pm
Lunch	Saturday	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
Exemplification Set-up/ Rehearsal	Saturday	10:00 pm - 12:30 pm
4 th Degree Exemplification	Saturday	1:00 pm- 2:30 pm
Public Knighting/picture taking	Saturday	3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Mass	Saturday	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Social/Banquet	Saturday	5:15 pm - 7:00 pm
		St. Charles School gym
		St. Charles Parish
		St. Charles Parish Hall

BANQUET MENU

Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn, Tossed Salad with Dressing, Apple Pie, Coffee and Iced Tea . A small selection of Beers and Wine (by glass and/or bottle) will be available (No Host; pay as you go.)

FEES

The exemplification fee for each candidate, except priests, is \$70.00. The fee includes a Social Baldric and Fourth Degree lapel pins, and one banquet ticket. There is no exemplification fee for priests or religious brothers; however, their assembly will pay \$20.00 to cover the cost of the Social Baldric and Fourth Degree pin, plus the cost of the dinner (if they attend). The candidate's or the assembly's check is to be made payable to the Masters, Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree. Lunch is optional for Sir Knights, candidates, and ladies/guests and the cost is \$7.50. Banquet tickets are \$14.50 for candidate's wives, Sir Knights, and guests or significant others are encouraged to attend. Need number of attendees and spouses NO Later Than Monday, Feb 26th, 2018. **Advance reservation and payment is required.** Make checks for luncheon and banquet tickets payable to Fr Vincent Capodanno Assembly 348



Knights of Columbus

FOURTH DEGREE

Patriotic degree of the Order.



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FEES Continued

Important Note: The exemplification fee does not change if the candidate does not attend dinner. Nor does the exemplification fee pay for the candidate's name tag or annual assembly dues or fees relating to the assembly in accordance with Article XIII, Section 24(k). The exemplification is set forth by the Board of Directors under Article IX, Membership, Section 26.

ATTIRE

ARTICLE XI OFFICIAL DRESS

Section 39. Official Dress. The official dress for the Fourth Degree shall be: (a) For a candidate: black or dark (blue or gray business suit with black shoes, white shirt and tie, and candidate identification. (b) A member serving in the armed forces of his country, fulltime police and firefighters shall be considered in proper attire when dressed in a Class A dress uniform. Candidates and members of the 4th Degree may wear a tuxedo with a bow tie. **LADIES:** As men are dressed formally, most ladies prefer dressy attire.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

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The sponsor will ensure that all information is legibly printed on the Form 4. The applicant, his sponsor, and the applicant's Council FS will sign the Form 4. Ensure the candidates 3rd degree is updated with Supreme, so the Form 4 does not get kicked back. After the assembly's Admission Committee's action, the FN and FC will sign the Form 4. The FC will forward the signed Form 4 (all copies) and the applicant's check to the District Master. After the degree, the District Master will sign and send the Form 4 to Supreme with copies to councils and assemblies.

*** MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS***

ARTICLE IX MEMBERSHIP

Section 25. Eligibility for Membership. (a) Applications for membership in the Fourth Degree may be made to any Assembly provided the applicant is: (i) Over eighteen years of age. (ii) A citizen of the country in which he resides, or with permission of the Master of the District over the area where he claims citizenship, with the understanding that if permission is granted the pledge of allegiance will be to the country of citizenship. (iii) A Third Degree member in good standing in his council. (iv) A former member whose membership was terminated for failure to pay dues or by a withdrawal card if he has been readmitted to good standing in his council. (v) A practical Catholic in union with the Holy See.



SUPPORTING LOCAL DEGREES

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February 10th, 2018
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East Wenatchee
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Districts 10 & 30 (2nd & 3rd)
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Related Web Sites

- KofC Uniform: <http://www.knightgear.com>

Seven Reasons Why Knights Should Join the Fourth Degree

1. The Fourth Degree is a group of outstanding Knights of Columbus dedicated to promoting patriotism enlightened by the Catholic Faith.
2. We work for the application of Christian principles in all levels of democratic government.
3. We call upon our members to distinguish themselves with heroic deeds for God, Country, and Order.
4. We support religious, civic, and charitable causes that are consistent with our Order's high ideals.
5. We oppose the institution and development of forces averse to good Christian government.
6. We educate our members and the world-at-large to be defenders of our democratic institutions.
7. The Fourth Degree, the highest degree in the Knights of Columbus, provides members with a greater knowledge and appreciation of our Catholic heritage.

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FINAL RESTING PLACE OF THE APOSTLES & OTHER SAINTS

The best titles in the Knights of Columbus are “Past” and “Former”! Now that I am a Former Vice Supreme Master, Kyle and I have had the privilege of traveling on religious pilgrimages with groups from Sacred Heart Parish of Lacey and St. Michael Parish of Olympia in November. Fortunately, over the two millennia the Roman Catholic Church has preserved its history with a variety of shrines.

By Karl A. Hadley, PSD, FVSM

Have you ever wondered what happened to the apostles and other important saints?

Italy is the final resting place of many of the **Apostles** and the **Evangelists**: some were martyred in **Rome**, while others were brought to Italy centuries after their deaths. Several of these **holy bodies** found their way to Italy by less-than-holy means, usually by theft. The city of Rome claims to be the final resting place of at least **seven Apostles**, although portions of these relics have been divided up among other churches worldwide.

St. Peter’s bones, of course, are under the main altar or St. Peter’s in Rome. Besides Peter, at least a portion of the relics of **Saint Jude** (Thaddeus) and **Simon the Zealot** are at the Vatican as well.

St. Paul is entombed at the “St. Paul Outside the Walls” church in Rome. The Emperor Constantine erected the first **Basilica of Saint Paul outside-the-walls** on the site of his tomb.

Apocryphal Christian tradition has the **Apostle Phillip** being martyred in Hierapolis (now in modern Turkey) where his bones lay until they were translated to the **Basilica of the Holy Apostles**. Along with Saint Phillip are the relics of the **Apostle James the Just**, (also known as James the Less).

On the Tiber Island stands the church of **San Bartolomeo all’Isola** to house what is believed to be the relics of **Bartholomew the Apostle**. Legend states that in the 9th century the body of the Saint arrived in **Italy** from Armenia, where Bartholomew is a Patron Saint.

The relics of **Saint Matthias**, the **Apostle** chosen to replace Judas Iscariot, are said to be split between Trier, Germany and the **Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome**. Besides Saint Matthias, the Basilica is also the final resting place of **Saint Jerome**, a prominent Doctor of the Church.

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Saint Andrew was martyred in the Greek city of Patras. Once Christianity was legalized, Saint Andrew was relocated to Constantinople and interred in the Church of the **Holy Apostles**. During the Fourth Crusade of 1204, Constantinople was sacked and Saint Andrew was looted from his tomb and taken to **Amalfi, Italy** and interred in an elaborate crypt that was prepared for him.

Saint Matthew, both an Apostle and an Evangelist, lies in the crypt of the Salerno Cathedral. St Mathew's bones managed to journey around the Mediterranean before being entombed in the cathedral in **Salerno, Italy**.

In the 9th century, Saint Mark was stolen from Alexandria in a barrel of pork and now lies in his namesake basilica in **Venice**.

St. Luke's skull is in a reliquary at St. Peter's. (The headless body of Saint Luke lies in the Padua (Italy) Cathedral, yet another relic captured during the Crusades.)

St. James (also called "James the Greater") is said to have been buried in **Santiago de Compostela** after his remains were carried there after he was beheaded in Jerusalem. The pilgrimage site originated in the 9th century.

Other sites that we haven't traveled to yet:

St. John is at the Basilica of St. John in Ephesus, Turkey.

St. Thomas is at the Cathedral of St. Thomas in Mylapore, India.



Karl A. Hadley, PSD, FVSM

WASHINGTON KNIGHTS ON BIKES UPDATES

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1. KonB/KofC Bike build:

As we were in the final stages of mockup and rear fender fitment we discovered the rear frame and axle brackets were bent pretty bad and needed some major surgery and repair. Happy to share those repairs are now complete and moving forward once again.... back to fitting the rear fender. Once complete the gas tank and fender will be sent off to the painter...Fast Eddie from Prosser. We have made a few other changes including the front end and its starting to look pretty good.....

2. State convention in Pasco:

To revisit.... the vision/purpose of this bike build project is to evangelize our faith and fraternity and share the message of Father McGivney to all. We plan to display the bike at the KonB information booth at the KofC state convention May 18-20 2018 here in Pasco God Willing.... Hope to see you all there for the WA KonB family picture shoot.

3. Blessing of the Bikes Richland April 28th:

Monsignor Champoux (Christ The King Richland) has graciously offered us parking lot space and provide a blessing priest to put on our 3rd local KonB Blessing of the Bikes. Promoted this year to be South Eastern Washington's largest Blessing of the Bikes.

Note:

Please forward any upcoming events or rides in your local area, parish or council and we will get the information out there. Also looking for new pictures and shares to post on the WA KonB link page on our state **Knights of Columbus** web site.. check it out. (Thanks Brother Mike R. KonB PPOS and KofC SD Brother Bob B. for all your support).

God's Blessings to all...Vivat Jesus keep the faith....

Ride Safe weather is coming....

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"IN GOD WE TRUST, AND RIDE"



3 PLAYS - 25 CENTS

By Robert Baemmert, State Deputy



I was at Gio's Pizzeria after the basketball game with some of my friends when, to our surprise, the best looking cheerleaders we had; Linda Kasharick, Karen Kaminski, and Debby Holzbauer, walked in and sat down. Two were blond, but I liked Karen who had beautiful brown eyes and brown hair and all the other stuff was nice too. I had on the only pair of bell-bottoms I was allowed to buy and a pin-striped long-sleeve shirt that I picked out at Modern Men and Boys Wear (the cool place to buy clothes back then). I felt pretty cool cuz I remembered to put on my half -bottle of English Leather after my shower- a very popular scent for us seventh -graders. I remember the jukebox running out of music and this was my big chance. For 25 cents I could play three songs that would define who I was and sweep Karen's heart away. I went for the Motown sound to fit my "wrong side of the tracks", "kid of a blue-collar worker", "soulful" kind of guy. The Songs: "Baby, Baby Don't Cry" by Smokey Robinson, "When a Man Loves a Woman" by Piercy Sledge, and "What Does It Take" by Jr. Walker and the All-Stars. That did it without saying a word. I sang a little to the words and before long I got a note from Karen asking me to walk her home. We went together for the rest of grade-school and we were voted the couple of the year by the seventh grade class. **AMAZING HOW POWERFUL MUSIC WAS AT UNIFYING YOUNG PEOPLE BACK THEN.** I understand radio stations are not doing very well now, since the internet happened.

Fast-forward to Sophomore year in high school when "AWKWARD" set in. I remember asking my parents "What should I talk to a girl about?" to get to know her. They told me to read the paper, so I did. I was up on current events and knew the box-scores from the sports page and even though that didn't work as well as a quick wit, a great personality, or a lot of money, it broke the ice. **THE PAPER UNIFIED PEOPLE BECAUSE EVERONE READ IT.** I understand newspapers haven't done very well since the internet either.

Now fast-forward to yesterday. I received a very well thought-out letter from Richard Johnson who was a Grand Knight twice (both times Star Council), District Deputy (3Star District Awards & 8 out of 9 Councils made Star), and Faithful Navigator (received the To Be a Patriot Award). He is a member of St. Hubert Council 11357 in Langley and he told me of a problem he and his council are having. Two years ago they decided to go to an e-mail bulletin and get rid of the paper kind, leaving him and 15 other non-emailing members cut off from any communication from the Council. He wanted me to solve this and I didn't know what to do. I picked up the phone and talked to him and he shared stories with me about a Knight he met, Harry Tucker, that I heard a lot about but never got to meet. I think we might have a Fraternalism Award around some place in honor of him. Anyway, he felt bad because he didn't e-mail...you know the type...he just didn't embrace the new technology. Remember 8-Track tapes? I do. They were the latest and the greatest until you left one on your car seat in the sun. Then you had to use half of a match book cover to wedge it either on top or bottom to get it to play. Now I know as well as you that e-mail is here to stay and I'm sure that some day it will have a unifying effect, but I just wonder if we could Recruit in Reverse and fix this problem for Richard and his non-emailing friends. They will likely catch up, but they sure could use a hand right now. Maybe it would be nice to have fifteen members that you haven't seen for two year show up for a function. Might happen if they knew about it- just sayin'.



Help

Talking to Richard was a great experience. What a nice man. It reminded me of all the technology changes we have lived through. You know, Richard seemed pretty passionate about getting this problem handled. I wonder if he would be willing to be the bulletin editor some day?

Richard, I don't know if this article, which will be published on the internet, will help at all, but it's all I've got right now buddy! I'll send you a hard copy in the mail. By the way, I heard that vinyl records are coming back...I hope jukeboxes are coming back too!



Bob Baemmert-State Deputy



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In the Holy Bible, St. Paul refers to saints as all who believe in our Lord Jesus Christ—all those who follow him.

By Manny Aguilar

As Roman Catholics, the church has a different definition as to who the saints are: those who are already in the presence of God.

I would rather like to consider the former idea rather than the latter. My justification is based on the fact that I have a choice NOW and can do something about it, to choose Jesus, before I die (and it is too late).

Doing something about it is simpler than most people think: We can't accumulate "points" in order to "earn" our way into heaven. We just need to believe in Jesus which means we must believe in God the Father and in his Holy Spirit AND TRUST HIM. If we trust Him, we have nothing to lose and everything to gain. Throughout the Bible we are told to 'have no fear'. As former president Roosevelt said in 1934, 'we have nothing to fear but fear itself'. Now, as believers, as saints, we are required to only one thing- to obey his commands. That's all. Sure sounds simple doesn't it? It is simple, but NOT EASY what with the Devil distorting everything that is good and by confusing us, causing us to doubt what God has already done for us and what He promises to continue to do out of that great abundance of His love.

So, how do we begin the process, if we aren't there already?

- a. Constant prayer and study of His holy word. Knowing about God leads to knowing God himself.
- b. Invite his Holy Spirit to come into your heart and maintain an awareness of his presence. Allow him to lead you. He will not restrict your freedom. True freedom can only be found in doing what we ought, not in doing what we want/when we want.
- c. Be prepared to deny yourself, to take up your personal cross and follow Him. He only wants our total happiness.

We cannot love partially—it must be ALL THE WAY!

Jesus did it—at the cross.



You? Proud? About What?

St. Josemaria Escriva
Fostering Gratitude in our Youth.



By Greg Fazzari, Athletic Director & Educator Walla Walla Catholic Schools

We all feel a sense of satisfaction when we have achieved a goal. We say that we are “proud” of our achievement. Thus, pride is an important component in developing self-esteem. Self-esteem is built through setting goals and achieving those goals, which leads to pride and building up of the self.

The education establishment has promoted the goal setting→ achievement→ pride→ self-esteem loop for many years. Is there any reason to disagree?

You? Proud? About what? These words by St. Josemaria Escriva, forces us rethink the self-esteem loop.

Satisfaction felt after goals are achieved might better be expressed as feelings of gratitude, not feelings of pride.

Pride or Gratitude?

Our talents are not our own, but are gifts from God. How can we possibly be proud of a gift – especially when that gift is pure grace – given out of pure love?

In scripture we find many examples of pride taking precedence over gratitude. Consider the apostles (hand-picked by Christ), arguing amongst themselves about who was greatest - only to be corrected by the example of a child.

Our children need hearts filled with gratitude, not hearts filled with pride.

Thankfully, although Catholic educators listen to the wisdom of the world, they supplement that knowledge with the greater wisdom of the saints. The saints have unique perspectives on life and what makes for greatness.

Catholic schools realize that a *good* self-image is best understood as a *real* self-image. And the reality is, we are not the source of our talents we are the beneficiaries of them.

We need Catholic Schools! Please support your local Catholic school.

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IF YOU ARE TO COUNT, YOU MUST BE TOLD

As your apt reporter, thru thick and thin,
I send out the message, not knowing you within.
Like the pigeon carrier of years long ago,
Isolation is still there with many miles to go.

If you passive with in-action, no longer in pews?
Saying He will save me anyway if I choose!
Is just the precursor to paying your dues?

Read-on this my message, you Knight of old,
If you are to count, you must be told;
That your vote counts too, if the tally be right;
Your sin is no-action when right was in sight!

Log-on to the web, move your cursor on screen,
View the message too; it is there to be seen.
To be informed by my counsel is your mantra too,
The Lord only knows that you have a clue!

Listen up today and act with conviction,
Or it will surely take your act of contrition.
What will you say, "I did not give my all?
Nor see this last day and His final call!"

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A beautiful gesture of acceptance and love....

A girl with Down syndrome, got up during a papal talk, and went toward the Pope. The security men quickly moved in to take her back to her mother. The Pope stopped everyone and said to the girl, "come sit next to me." The girl then sat down near him and the Holy Father continued to preach while holding hands with the little girl.

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Members of Father Thomas Lane Council 3645 in Renton, prepare pancakes during the council's annual free breakfast for seniors at the Renton Senior Center. Members of Boy Scout Troop 448 served as wait staff, while Knights cooked a hearty breakfast of pancakes, sausage, eggs, applesauce, coffee and juice. Some 120 senior citizens attended the event, which has been ongoing for more than 20 years.

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JUST THINKING, WHAT IF.....



By STEVE SNELL



These are perilous times. The fight for the minds and hearts of young Christians is going on now. Today's culture and their advocates have become in a very basic way religion and Christian morality's enemies, they are trying to pull our children away from our church's values....their parents values....decent family living... into their anything goes society. Well what if.....

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I think most of us would agree that we are who we are because of a couple of things: our Family and our Church. God made the Family at creation and made the church at the re-creation through Christ. One we inherit at birth, one we inherit at our baptism.

Okay so what if we all agree that, without faith, Families often begin to loosen at the seams (come apart). I have noticed that Families seem to suffer when their faith suffers. Translation....*The health of the Family and the health of one's faith seem to me to be inseparable. In other words their strength, longevity and momentum depend on one another.*

BY
EXAMPLE

Family life itself predisposes us and even prepares us for a life of faith. As St. John Paul famously said, the family is the “school of love”. Loving fathers reveal the face of the Father; tender mothers teach us the value of mercy; siblings teach us fraternal love; and all of the pains and trials teach us of sin and redemption. As a Knight who has been involved in the Family Program I must mention this; one of the most important factors for our Family's faith is **you the father**. The stronger your faith the stronger the chance that the rest of the Family will last a lifetime. As a Knight and as a father we lead by example, (*often saying the most with the least, is a great example and the most powerful.*) Always remember that little eyes are watching.

Father McGivney founded the Knights for **families**. **What if** we all try harder to double down & emphasize **families** in our councils. My Brothers,

"YOU SHOULD DANCE WITH THEM THAT BRUNG YA."



LITTLE EYES ARE WATCHING.

By Former First Lady, Sheila Ryan Wallace



FEBRUARY REFLECTIONS

February is a month which contains Valentines' Day and Presidents" Day, a time when we think of Love and Patriotism. As I reminisce about past experiences: of Patriotic parades; the exchange of Valentines in grade school, romances in high school and my lifelong romance with the love of my life, my husband; I think of other kinds of love; e.g. God's love and his teachings to us about love; parents' love for their children; a child's love for his parents; and the love of a child expressed for animals. In this current culture where there is often so much negativity and hate, I would rather dwell on these many kinds of love, rather than the negatives; and so I'd like to share with you some examples. In my mother's memoirs, she included a poem which she liked very much and copied in her childhood diary on Feb. 22, 1921. This poem beautifully expresses many different kinds of love; love of God, love of a mother and son, the love of a man for his country and a love so strong he gives his life willingly for others. It was written by a dying Irish officer who was very young.

MOTHER

Oh, Mother, I am calling from the silence and the darkness,
And I wonder if you'll hear me in your home across the sea.
Oh, Mother, darling Mother, how I wish that you were near me,
With your arm around my shoulders and my head upon your knee.

For I'm dying Mother darling, and it's hard to die without you,
So I'd like to hold your hand, and hear your voice and see your eyes,
And feel myself a child again, and nestle close beside you,
And say the prayers you taught me to the One above the skies.

There'd be many things to whisper -- it's so long since I have seen you,
And you'd gently draw me closer while I told you about the fight.
Then,, although your heart was breaking, you'd smile and say, "My Hero,"
And, when you thought me near the end, you'd kiss your boy good night.



Am I selfish, Mother darling, to be wanting you so badly/
But there is no one like you, Mother, your just all the world to me.
And I'm not afraid of dying, but I'd face the valley gladly,
If I knew that you could hear me in your home across the sea.

I must leave you, now, my darling though I know that you'll be weeping,
But your boy has died for, and the parting's for a day.
Till we meet again, then, mother, I leave you in His keeping,
And may His love enfold you, and His presence guide your way.

An Irish Officer

On a lighter note, let me tell you about a little girl who demonstrated God's love for animals. Stacie was my next door neighbor. She discovered that the robins had built a nest under her deck. Every day she checked for babies.

One day, she rang my doorbell in tears. "Come and see. A baby bird fell out of its nest." She wasn't tall enough to put it back in, so she asked for my help.

We hurried next door through the gate to her back yard. On the patio under the deck, the fledgling lay, tiny heart beating rapidly. I picked it up, setting it in its nest and warning the child that it probably wouldn't live. Sadly, my prediction was fulfilled, but Stacie's grief evolved into a magnificent funeral for the deceased.

As I watched from my deck, she gathered together an assortment of neighbor children for an impromptu wake. Stacie assumed the role of funeral director, pall bearer, and preacher. Procuring a box, she nestled the stiffened body on a bed of leaves and grass. She then directed each child where to position themselves in the funeral march, and with Stacie leading the parade, the funeral commenced.

The children marched around her back yard, singing hymns as they went. One by one, their faces somber, they stamped their feet in mournful rhythm, through the gate and over to my yard. here they marched up and down the

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pathways through the garden, singing all the way, before returning to Stacie's yard. They climbed the hillock beside the fence, where Stacie gave the eulogy, preached a sermon and finally laid the tiny bird to its eternal rest. The grave diggers shoveled the soil over the coffin and cheerfully went homes to supper. Compassionate Stacie buried that bird with all the love a child could express.

Finally, I'd like to share a poem written by mother, which reflects so well Love as it is meant to be:

Alone in a Crowd

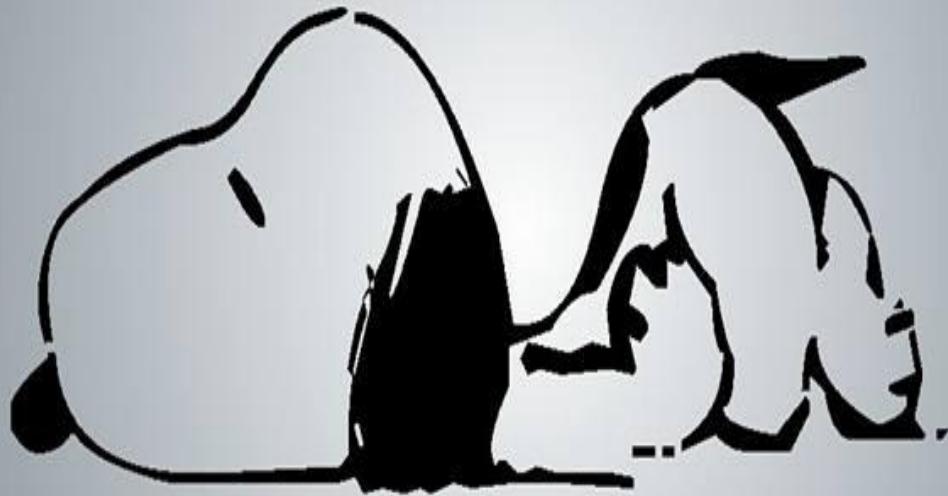
I stand at the edge of the big city square
And search in the faces surrounding me there.
I know not a soul and no one knows me
And perhaps no one cares what it is that they see.
There may be sorrow or joy in each passing face
But we don't stop to know in the speed of Life's race.
We just rush along in our own frantic way
Intent on the thoughts of our own busy day.
But Christ sees within the hearts of us men
And is eager for all to be brothers again.
To share with each other in peace and good cheer
The bountiful world which he made for us here.
If we could see Christ in each face that we meet
And reach out in friendship to smile and to greet
Our brothers and sisters along Life's busy road.
Perhaps 'twould be easier for them, too, to know
That we need not be strangers, and friends we might be
If they only can see that Christ lives too in me.

-Vivian S. Ryan

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SEE YOU NEXT MONTH



YOU WORE ME OUT TILL NEXT MONTH!