# WASHINGTON STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

# THE SECOND EDITION

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"It's a naive domestic publication without any breeding, but I think you'll be amused by its presumption."

Steve Snell – Editor – 509-386-3462 –stevesnell@charter.net

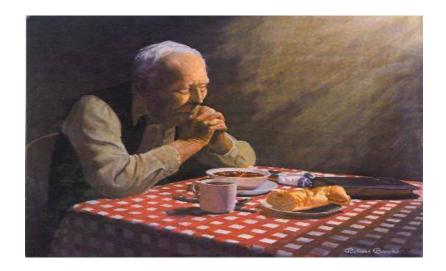
### "AN ALLIANCE OF LEVITY & SERIOUSNESS"

"Join us, to bear witness to the events of our time, to reach out to the needs of the poor and the greatness within mankind .....our reflections are in the street and our footsteps will echo in eternity."

# It's Thanksgiving. Eat at home.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



Hi Lord, it's me. We are getting older and things are getting ...bad here. Gas prices are too high, no jobs, and food and heating costs too high. I know some have taken you out of our schools, government and even Christmas, but Lord I'm asking you to come back and re-bless America. We really need you! There are more of us who want you than those who don't! Thank You Lord, I Love You.



I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived.

~ Henry David Thoreau, 1854 ~ "Walden; or, Life in the Woods

#### EXERCISE FOR PEOPLE AROUND MIDDLE-AGE

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side. With a 5lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full



minute, and then relax. Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to 10lb potato bags. Next try with 20lb potato bags then eventually try to get to where you can lift a 50lb potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (*I'm at this level*.) and

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.

Saints are people who have given themselves totally to God. Not afraid of being ridiculed, misunderstood or marginalized.



# **BEING THANKFUL**

This year, as we sit down to Thanksgiving dinner, we need to remember that we indeed have much to be thankful for.

Remembering that our pilgrim forefathers came to this country to escape religious persecution, we should be especially thankful that we live in a country whose

flag represents freedom of religion, not the tyranny of a state promoted religion.



Thankfully, also, we need to remember the framers of the Constitution, a living document that ensures that government exists as a will of the people, and honor those who over the centuries have sacrificed to preserve freedom.

Also, we need to be mindful that all that is good comes to us from a loving Father in heaven. May the blessings of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit descend upon us and remain with us forever.

Duane Vincent FDD PFN PGK

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# **BROTHER KNIGHTS**



NO QUESTION, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE. LETS GO DO IT!

# "ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL!"

### A Soldier.....

His home, his country, his kin, Just a common Soldier, Who would fight until the end.

He was just a common Soldier, And his ranks are growing thin, But his presence should remind us We may need his likes again.

For when countries are in conflict, We find the Soldier's part Is to clean up all the troubles The politicians always start.

If we cannot do him honor
While he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage
At the ending of his days.
Perhaps just a simple headline
In the paper that might say:





# "OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING, A SOLDIER DIED TODAY."



# Philippine Relief Aid

The vivid pictures we have all seen of the devastation in the Philippines can be washed clean again with our outpouring of help, love and hope for the Philippine people. I am asking all District Deputies to notify your respective councils of the dire need and to do what they can.



We don't yet even know their full measure of loss will be, but we can help within our local councils and particularly in the Greater Westside communities as the core area closest to Seattle with donations of clothing, bedding, linens and other cloth goods.

Romy Ablao will work to pickup all manner of donations and transport them to the Philippine American Association collection center for direct shipment.

Please make your parish and community plans soonest and give Romy and I your kind advice on what your plans will be so he can plan accordingly too.

Monetary donations should be made payable to Washington State Council and sent to State Secretary Eddie Parazoo for collection and submission through the Supreme Council. Please include the notation "Philippine Relief Fund" on council checks.



George H. Czerwonka, Jr.
State Deputy
Washington State
Council





# **JUST THINKING!**

#### **By STEVE SNELL**

In this the twenty first century, we don't want to step on the rights of anyone, but at the same time we don't want our own values or rights trampled by anyone! We don't intend to be shoved aside, not in political nor in

economic terms. It is time, high time, that we make it clear in our own minds what stance we have to take and how we need to prepare ourselves in the face of the processes taking place around us. These processes carry the seeds within them for the restructuring or elimination of our constitutional rights for the unforeseeable future. As Christians we can no longer stand inactively to one side, as we have done so often in the past, either from routinized humility or because we were so completely absorbed in our own internal arguments for various doctrinaire reasons. Gone is the time when we can stand dreamily to one side as bureaucrats carve up our constitutional rights, and step all over our values, we cannot and we must not do that! It's time to step off the porch and take on the big dogs.

As American Christians we must stand up for the simple reason that we owe it to our forefathers, our children and to our belief in God to protect and defend our rights as stated in the Constitution. The times of political faintness, economic and political humility must never return. We'll only be able to keep ourselves vital and effective if we realize that there is no freedom for us without votes, without unity and without a strong faith in God. *This means, in the coming years Christians must chose to either be* **''a hammer or an anvil.''** 

MY BROTHERS,

"THE BASES ARE LOADED

**AND CASEY'S UP TO BAT!"** 



# MAKING LEMONADE

By Ron Reierson - W. Recorder/ 13238; F Scribe Assembly 338

Received an e-mail from a former shipmate from my days in USS Charles E. BRANNON (DE446). He's widowed, a strong, moral man, and periodically, I hear



from him on items of ethical or moral value. His recent email to me centered on issues of seeing people who are, apparently, "gifted" in some way, only to find that they suffer from some sort of physical challenge (we used to call these "handicaps"). And, how seeing these folks, with their infirmities, operating with happy hearts. This caused the author to reflect on his blessings, and how many times he falls into that pit of self-pity for his lot in life. When I was in business, we advised our sales force to find ways to improve situations which seemed negative to them at the time, so as to achieve a positive outcome. We called this "making lemonade out of lemons".

# Through the years, I've learned to listen to God more, and give Him His fair place in my life.

I have a long way to go, but I'm on a journey for life with Him. I am finding that, for every negative in life, there is a positive response, somewhere along the way. if not directly, then God helps us cope with tragedy and other sad circumstances. He never abandons us. He is *always* with us. Being human as we are, we sometimes fail to *hear* His presence, but that does not mean He's not there with us.

Many among us suffer from physical and emotional damage. Those who are able to make lemonade from lemons seem to have an easier time in life. I am convinced that, with the help of Our Lord, we can also approach those daily disappointments which seem, to bog us down, so that we can work toward positive outcomes more often. Having a happy heart does not mean that we accept those elements of our society which are contrary to our moral standards, but it allows us to move forward in spite of those issues. **Think lemonade!** 

# FAMILY OF THE MONTH "THE MORNING WALK"

#### By STEVE SNELL

e was a distinctive figure, a loner, emerging from quietness every now and then when he attended mass, filled a grocery cart, or visited the



sick, he was otherwise content to mind his own personal business. Occasionally he would write short articles for newsletters or various publications. He wrote beyond the horizons' of the casual reader, he thought of writing as an art rather than sidewalk entertainment. Such writers tend not to be abundant, they work hard on their sentences. Most of his stories or articles were short exclamations of brevity, his talent seemed happiest in the concentration, the focus, of the short story. Like Henry James he was exhilarated by the challenge of restriction.

On this morning's walk, it's a foggy day, he feels the beads of his rosary, prayer holds him like a pause in time. A chill gets under his clothes, under his skin. The rows of the vineyard slope out of sight under the mist. A cow moans in the distance. All this worry about the everyday... when what he really wants is to escape the everyday, the straitjacket of loneliness and tedium. To go home, to find her there, to share a cup of coffee, to share thoughts and feelings, to hold her hand.

• The doctor had pulled him aside in the waiting room, "your wife's x-rays don't look so good." He is not the same man since he lost his wife a few months ago, they were mutual shadows, joined at the soul. He was a Knight, (they were Knights,) they gave themselves to their church and the Order, they asked for nothing more than the opportunity to serve. Her last words to him...."Don't stop living and giving, I'll be watching and know that I'll be waiting for you." The sun comes out, the mist lifts and little birds emerge from their places in the trees, hopping and tweeting. He pauses to take off the hoodie and put it in his backpack.

He is buried in thought and prayer on his daily two-hour walk along the public footpaths and farmers' roads, between ditches and razed crops littered with shredded branches and shrubs. A bare tree here and there. He startles a deer, it jumps over the stumps and disappears in the trees. He stands and watches a moment and then turns and heads for home. He has a Council meeting tonight, faces to greet and faithful hands to shake. "FAMILY OF THE MONTH"



# **OPERATORS MANUAL**

### FAMILY OF THE MONTH/YEAR

Simple, but time-sensitive program offers a chance to recognize Council families for involvement with activities that make the Order proud. Get to know members

better and report the selection of the Family of the Month to Supreme before the 15th of each month. Use the Supreme Council's Form 1993A found in the Surge Kit and on the Supreme Council's website

(https://www.kofc.org/un/en/officers/forms/council.html) to report the Council's selection either on-line or through the mail. Each month Supreme selects 100 of the Family of the Month nominations received Order-wide to receive a special gift depicting the Holy Family. Take advantage of this no-cost opportunity to share the Council's pride of those families who help make the Council programs successful.

<u>The Family of the Year</u> form can be found only in the Family of the Month booklet (Form #1993) from the Surge Kit. The booklet can also be downloaded from the Supreme Council's website

(<a href="https://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/service/family/famofthemonth.pdf">https://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/service/family/famofthemonth.pdf</a>). This form requires additional documentation, so collect photographs, newspaper or newsletter articles or media recordings. Send the completed package to the **State Council (not Supreme)** by April 1, 2013 for consideration by the State Council in the selection of the State Family of the Year. The State Family of the Year will be considered for the International Family of the Year award by the Supreme Council.

Submit the **FAMILY OF THE MONTH** report to the appropriate people.

- THE COUNCIL OFFICE AT SUPREME
- THE STATE FAMILY CHAIRMAN (509-386-3462) or stevesnell@charter.net
- THE DISTRICT DEPUTY
- KEEP A COPY FOR YOUR COUNCIL RECORDS
- OR, YOU CAN VISIT THE SUPREME WEB-SITE, kofc.org, GO TO THE OFFICERS SECTION, SELECT FORMS, SELECT COUNCIL FORMS, SELECT FAMILY OF THE MONTH FORM-1993A AND SUBMIT ELECTRONICALLY.

STEVE SNELL, DDM, FDD, PFN, PGK STATE FAMILY CHAIRMAN



# TO THE EDITOR

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

Dear Steve,

I am writing from the Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades in Federal Way. I very much enjoyed perusing the latest "Second Edition" newsletter posted on the K of C website- so many interesting and fun articles and tid-bits!

I am the director of outreach at the Retreat Center, and I am hoping to connect with the Knights in Washington, to let them know about the retreats that we offer throughout the year. Our calendar includes several retreats for men, as well as couples or men and women. Retreats are an invaluable element of our Catholic faith, and I hope that the Retreat Center can play a part in helping faithful men like the Knights to grow in their spiritual formation.

I have attached a copy of our calendar for the 2013-2014 year. If you click on each retreat title, it will lead you to a webpage about each event. Also, these are the next two men's retreats that we are offering this Lent,

March 14-16, 2-14: Men's Silent Lenten Retreat (Fr. Sean Raftis) April 11-13, 2014: Into the Passion: Palm Sunday Men's Retreat (Fr. Jim Lee)

I wondered, how often do you release the "Second Edition"? If I provide you with information and graphics, would you be willing to include notices about upcoming retreats in your bulletins? It would provide new and interesting local news material for readers, and remind them that there are several opportunities to devote a weekend to prayerful reflection with our Lord and fellowship with other men of faith.

Thank you so much for your consideration, Steve. I hope that we can collaborate! May God continue to bless you and all your endeavors on behalf of the Knights,

Margaret Shelton, Marketing and Development Coordinator Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades

(Editor note: a calendar for 2013-2014, an advertisement, and an article appear in this edition)



# TO THE EDITOR (continued)

Dear Editor,

Excellent as usual. I liked your Chaplain's Corner article.

Brought back many memories.

Dale Hayden Customer Relationship Manager

Sir/Brother Steve,

Another knock-out edition. You truly have a wonderful gift in developing this instrument of communication!

I am Chaplain for the North Pacific Chapter of the Destroyer Escort Sailor's Association (DESA/NorPac), a group of about 130 former sailors who served at one time or another in Destroyer Escorts, those small ships used for convoy patrols during WWII and after. We meet for formal luncheons twice a year; we meet informally for Board Meetings twice a year also, We publish our "Ye Olde Salts" newsletter 4 times per year. I am attaching the most recent "Chaplain's Locker" article I penned last month.

# Vivat Jesus, Ron Reierson FS, Assy 3381/Tacoma

(Editor's note: Ron's article can be found on page 7 of this newsletter.)

# TO THE EDITOR (continued)

Steve, The Columbus Day edition was another fine piece of work. I can particularly relate to your "Chaplain's Corner". Yes, I, too, look back to a far earlier time when God was in our schools and stadiums and many other places. Back when morals and ethics were relied on with pride, where TV sitcoms were clean with good moral values. I remember



when people would be trusted and not manipulated, when business people would rely on their employees for producing excellent goods/services, and employees would look to their employers to treat them fairly. **WHAT HAPPENED??** 

On a personal note, my wife and I have found a Parish where the Pastor holds the old values and would be willing to be thrown into the cistern like the Prophet Jeremiah (God's mouthpiece) for telling it like it is. I've transferred to Council 7642, Holy Family Kirkland.

#### B.J. Molé

**Dear Editor,** I was looking at the Second Edition for October, and I could not help but notice the picture on the second page. There is basically an ad recruiting for the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, but in the picture, the brother knight is wearing what I believe to clearly be a Masonic templar knights sword. The angled cross with crown is a clear symbol of the temple along with the helmet on top. If it is not an eagle or a bust of Columbus, then it is not a K of C sword.

#### Grand Knight Council Jacob Pile (13395) Silverdale

Worthy GK Jacob Pile,

I'm embarrassed, you are correct, I apologize for my negligence. I will try to do better in the future. Thank you for pointing out the error in the picture, your attention to detail is awesome. Once again I want to thank you for pointing this out, but more importantly I want to personally thank you for reading the Second Edition. (Steve Snell Editor)

Worthy Brother Steve Snell, I can completely understand how that could go unnoticed. It was only after my third time through the newsletter, that I noticed the mistake. Additionally, It only REALLY stood out because I had spent some serious time researching fraternal swords in my attempt to find one of our original eagle pommel swords. EBay is notorious for trying to pawn these swords off as ours. People will alter them and even put a KOFC etched blade onto a knights templar handle. Random non members of organizations/ collectors will buy and sell them not knowing what they have. I find it frustrating to say the least. Ha-ha. Either way, thank you and God bless! Vivat Jesus - Jacob Pile GK (13395) Silverdale

# GO TELL IT ON THE MOUTAIN THAT AMERICA IS ALIVE AND AWESOME!!!

Liberal talk-show hosts and comedians have recently criticized the National Anthem as being stupid, silly, too militaristic and more insults.



This band sings an updated version that will knock your socks off, a Navy vet sings the lead. No matter what you are anticipating, give it a listen and see for yourself.

### http://www.starspangledbannerchallenge.com/

Note: if the above line does NOT appear as a link, copy and paste it into your browser's address box and GO!

# SO MANY DIFFERENT PEOPLE, SO MANY WAYS TO WAYS TO SALUTE OUR COUNTRY.

# GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!

# **WARNING!**

JOINING THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE WILL MAKE YOU,



# FEEL GOOD ABOUT YOURSELF!!

### THE FOURTH:

BROTHERS WE HAVE ANOTHER 4TH DEGREE COMING UP ON NOVEMBER 30. I am putting this out with a list of 2nd and 3rd Degree dates attached so that we can get the most new members there on the 30th.



NOW IF WE CAN GET 75 NEW MEMBERS TO TAKE THEIR 4TH DEGREE, I WILL DYE MY HAIR PINK AND PURPLE. BROTHERS YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO SEE THAT. WE CAN DO IT BUT IT WILL TAKE US ALL WORKING TOGETHER

Here is a list of upcoming **SECOND DEGREES** of which I am aware in the area of Seattle and north:

Wednesday, Oct. 30, 7:30pm, Everett 763 Hall

Monday, November 4, 7pm, Bothell 6686 Hall

Saturday November 9th Des Moines

Monday, December 30, 7pm, Seattle 676 Hall

Saturday, February 1, 12:00 noon, St. Joseph Church, Ferndale

Monday, March 31, 7pm, Seattle 676 Hall

Saturday, April 12, 12 noon, Oak Harbor

Monday, June 30, 7pm, Seattle 676 Hall

Saturday, Aug. 1, 12:00 noon, Bellingham or Burlington

**THIRD DEGREES** - November 9, Bothell - November 16, Bremerton

Our district here on the west side is the best so let's get out there and show it.

# **Eugene Daly, Master 4th Degree WASHINGTON STATE KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS**





# The war goes on!

See across the plains of our nation......... Gods gifts, his treasures, like scattered leaves in autumn, lay.



#### **By STEVE SNELL**

.....between two worlds, one strong & alive, the other defenseless

waiting to be born.....

The Lord has given us these precious gifts:

A double edged sword --



Fall and spring.

Nature blooms and the sun shines.

And the slaughterers slaughter.....

We knelt and prayed for mercy.

When you harm an unborn child, you harm our God as well.

For the Knights, my Brothers.....

THE WAR GOES ON.....

#### ANOTHER FAVORITE FROM B.J. MOLE'

#### THE FORK:

There was a young woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So as she was getting her things in order, she contacted her Pastor and had him



come to her house to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes. She told him which songs she wanted sung at the service, what scriptures she would like read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in. Everything was in order and the Pastor was preparing to leave when the young woman suddenly remembered something very important to her.

"There's one more thing," she said excitedly. "What's that?" came the Pastor's reply. "This is very important," the young woman continued. "I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand. "The Pastor stood looking at the young woman, not knowing quite what to say. "That surprises you, doesn't it?" the young woman asked. "Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request," said the Pastor.

The young woman explained. "My grandmother once told me this story, and from that time on I have always tried to pass along its message to those I love and those who are in need of encouragement. In all my years of attending socials and dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, 'Keep your fork.' It was my favorite part because I knew that something better was coming...like velve-ty chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance!" So, I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder "What's with the fork?" Then I want you to tell them: *''Keep your fork ..the best is yet to come.''* 

The Pastor's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the young woman goodbye. He knew this would be one of the last times he would see her before her death. But he also knew that the young woman had a better grasp of heaven than he did. She had a better grasp of what heaven would be like than many people twice her age, with twice as much experience and knowledge. She *knew* that something better was coming.

At the funeral people were walking by the young woman's casket and they saw the cloak she was wearing and the fork placed in her right hand. Over and over, the Pastor heard the question, "What's with the fork?" And over and over he smiled. During his message, the Pastor told the people of the conversation he had with the young woman shortly before she died. He also told them about the fork and about what it symbolized to her. He told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them that they probably would not be able to stop thinking about it either.

He was right. So the next time you reach down for your fork let it remind you, ever so gently, that the best is yet to come.

From *The Guideposts* 

# "FAMILY OF THE MONTH" PARTICIPANT'S LISTINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

766\*,1379, 1620, 1629,1643, 3611\*,6686, 6806,7863, 7907\*,7908, ,8872,10652,10653,11217\*,11357,11408, 11762, 13374, 13794, 14689\*

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

Curt & Joyce Hayunga Wayne & Adrienne Murray

Council 766 - Walla Walla Council 3611 - Anacortes Council 7907 - Issaquah

Ted & Linda De Sanctis Mike & Kristina Spadafora Council 11217 - Shoreline Council 14689 - Shoreline

### 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!

HEY,ITS THANKSGIVING,
WHY NOT SAY
''THANK YOU,''
TO A FAMILY IN YOUR COUNCIL

STEVE SNELL STATE FAMILY CHAIRMAN
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# **HOLY BOWL IV**

"We stood up to them and stopped their running game." (Irish head coach Mike Spiess)

#### **By STEVE SNELL**

**OCTOBER 25, 2013: WALLA WALLA --** Tonight the Irish knocked Tri-Cities Prep from the unbeaten Southeast 2B ranks as DeSales won its fourth consecutive Holy Bowl in front of over 550 plus football faithful, with a hard fought 16-14 win.

"I thought our biggest challenge would be the physical part as they were much bigger up front than we were," Spiess said, "Physically, I was pleased with our effort, mentally (five fumbles and eight penalties) not so much," Spiess added. "We've got to get past this young team and guys-hurt thing and toughen up mentally. (But) I liked the things we can do. They (T-C Prep) came in here 5-1. We competed very well against them."

The Irish defense limited the Jaguars to 146 rushing yards, nine first downs, and 73 yards through the air. RUSHING — TCP: Cole 6-20, Rudolph 17-63, Forbes 5-29-1, D. Pedersen 7-49, Team 2-(-15); DeS: Richard 7-16, Healy 17-92-1, Galloway 3-21, Kimball 1-6-1, Scheel 1-1, Team 3-(-8).PASSING — TCP: D. Pedersen 5-13-1, 73 yards, 1 TD; DeS: Richard 15-25-0, 203 yards, 0TDs.RECEIVING — TCP: Cole 1-9, Forbes 2-29, B. Pedersen 1-26-1, Jones 1-24; DeS: Kent 3-46, Koopman 1-14, Scheel 4-76, Galloway 6-62, Elmenhurst 1-5

At the end of the day, DeSales had paid the rent for another year on the Holy Bowl Trophy's place in their trophy case!

We were much honored to have many KC dignitaries & Knights in attendance

- Bishop of Spokane, Most Rev Blase J. Cupich (14922)
- State Deputy George H. Czerwonka, Jr. (12583) and his wife Sharon
- Fourth Degree Color Guard from the Tri-Cities presented the flag in opening ceremonies.
- Three State Chairman
- District Deputy #7, Jeff Kadinger

- Most of the GKs from District#7
- Members from every Council and Assembly within District #7
- The Pro-Life truck was on site

A special recognition must go to the outstanding efforts by the Co-Chairmen of The Holy Bowl Committee, J.P. Kent (766) and Marcel Bergeron (10653).

By the way there was a great tailgate party before the game, everyone gathered around the fire pots and stories of our past "glory days" were running wild in the parking lot. Laughter, meatball sandwiches and 1/4 lb. hot dogs were contagious. This was hosted by Council #766, well done gentlemen.

There was a 50/50 raffle drive with the proceeds going to the host school. The evening was a great collaborative effort between the Knights, the Schools, the Booster Clubs and many members of the District's Councils.

In the closing ceremonies the traveling Holy Bowl trophy was presented to the Irish football team by Bishop Blase J. Cupich. Two Sportsmanship Awards were given to one player from each team, chosen by officials from the opposing schools. For Tri-Cities Prep #63, **Collin Ireland** - Senior, for DeSales #9, **Connor Richard** - Junior.

The Holy Bowl Trophy will remain in Walla Walla for another year. Holy Bowl V will take place in the Tri-Cities next year.

#### A PRE-GAME PRAYER

God our Father,
You have created us
to strive for the best.
Grant to all athletes, coaches, and fans,
strength to pursue excellence
during this event.
We pray for the safety of these athletes;
Protect them from injury and harm.
And finally, we pray for your grace,
that you would provide us
with the endurance to pursue our heavenly prize:
eternal life in Your Son. Amen

# First Degree Team Ceremonial Competition Wayne C. Hogan, PSD, FVSM State Ceremonial Director

The first level of the First Degree Team Ceremonial Competition has been completed. The second level is the regional selection which will be held in November and December. If two or more First Degree Teams are submitted in a region, evaluators will be assigned to evaluate those teams and one team will be selected to represent the region during the Regional Meeting in January 2014.



All district deputies are to report if they will or will not be having a team representing their district. The district deputy is to provide me with the name of the council. I will have the regional evaluators contact the grand knight and schedule date, time and location for the regional evaluation. The district deputy is to inform me if there will not be a team representing his district.

Request this information as soon as possible but no later than November 20, 2013. Need time to form an evaluation team and schedule the evaluation.

The First Degree Team Ceremonial Competition handbook, revised 07/01/13, provides information on the participation, prerequisites, schedule, evaluation, reports, notification and recognition. Appendix A is an overview of the three levels, District, Regional, and State. Appendix B is the Evaluation Form that will be used to evaluate the degree teams

'The Best of the Best' First Degree Team Ceremonial Competition travel award will look great hanging in your council's hall. Where it is located next year depends on you!

If you have any questions or want additional information, contact me via email at kofchogan@comcast.net, or Ceremonials@kofc-wa.org. You can also contact me at my office phone number (253) 581-5952.

### The Hilarious Gift That Made Kathleen Sebelius Scowl

Looks like Healthcare. Gov's problems are all over! Get cracking', Kathleen! A copy of "Web Sites for Dummies"!



**In an ancient monastery**, a new monk arrived to dedicate his life to God and to join the others copying ancient records. The first thing he noticed was that they were copying by hand books that had already been copied by hand. He had to speak up. "Forgive me, Father Justinian, but copying other copies by hand allows many chances for error. How do we know we aren't copying someone else's mistakes? Are they ever checked against the originals?"

Father Justinian was startled. No one had ever suggested that before. "Well, that is a good point, my son. I will take one of these latest books down to the vault and study it against its original document." He went deep into the vault. The day passed, and it was getting late in the evening.

The monks were getting worried about Father Justinian. Finally one monk started making his way through the old vault "Father Justinian," he called. He finally found the old priest sitting at a table with the new copy and the original ancient book in front of him. It was obvious that Father Justinian had been crying.



"Oh, my Lord," sobbed Father Justinian,
"the word is'celebrate!"

# **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.



#### **By STEVE SNELL**

In today's world there is much crime, much poverty, much want, and from that there rises a cry that something must be done now. Let each human being, each Knight to the extent of his ability, help his fellow-men. Let him do what he can in the circle of his own acquaintance to rescue the fallen, to help those who are trying to help themselves, to give work to the idle. Let each of us distribute kind words, words of wisdom, of cheerfulness and hope. In other words, let every human being do all the good he can and in that effort we will help to insure the coming of a better day.

To live your life doing all the good you can, this is in my judgment, the core of our Order and truly spiritual. To relieve suffering, to place the bright star of hope in the darkness of another's despair, this is true Knighthood!

In today's culture, temptations are as thick as the leaves of the forest, and no one can be out of reach unless he is dead. The reality of my faith is that I must be smart enough and strong enough, not to keep away from temptation, but **to resist it**. We must never give in to the temptation government may offer in the form of cradle to grave "security," if this comes at the price of surrendering our religious freedom as guaranteed by our constitution, **we must resist it**. Giving up freedom for the sake of security, for the sake of culture's latest morals, or for the sake of anything is wrong. Our religious freedom is of more value than everything else.

Brothers some people would destroy the sun to prevent the growth of weeds. Freedom holds the same relation to all the virtues that the sun does to life. Religious freedom is an obligation and a challenge that must courageously be defended.



### A senior citizen drove his brand new

convertible out of the convertible out of the dealership. Taking off down the road, he floored it to 80 mph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little gray hair he had left. "Amazing," he thought as he flew down I-94, pushing the pedal even more. Looking in his rear view mirror, he saw a state trooper behind him, lights flashing and siren blaring. He floored

it to 100 mph, then 110, then 120. Suddenly he thought, "What am I doing? I'm too old for this," and pulled over to await the trooper's arrival. Pulling in behind him, the trooper walked up to the Corvette, looked at his watch, and said, "Sir, my shift ends in 30 minutes. Today is Friday. If you can give me a reason for speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go."

The old gentleman paused. Then he said, "Years ago, my wife ran off with a State trooper. I thought you were bringing her back."

"Have a good day, sir," replied the trooper.

# HEY, DOC, CAN I ASK YOU A QUESTION?"

A mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the engine of a Harley Davidson motorcycle when he spotted a well-known heart surgeon in his shop. The mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey, Doc, can I ask you a question?"



The surgeon a bit surprised, walked over to the mechanic working on the motorcycle. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I open its heart, take the valves out, fix 'em, put 'em back in, and when I finish, it works just like new. So how come I get such a small salary and you get the really big bucks, when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The surgeon paused, smiled and leaned over, and whispered to the mechanic.....

"Try doing it with the engine running"

# THINK ABOUT PLUG-GING THIS IDEA IN!

# "JUST ANOTHER DAY"

Since we can't pray to God, can't Trust in God and cannot post His Commandments in Government buildings, I don't believe



Government (Federal, State and Local) and its employees should participate in Easter and Christmas celebrations which honor the God that our government is eliminating from many facets of American life.

I'd like my mail delivered on Christmas, Good Friday, Thanksgiving & Easter. After all, it's just another day.

I'd like the" US Supreme Court to be in session on Christmas, Good Friday, Thanksgiving & Easter as well as Sundays." After all, it's just another day.

I'd like the Senate and the House of Representatives to not have to worry about getting home for the "Christmas Break." After all it's just another day.

I'm thinking a lot of my taxpayer dollars could be saved, if all government offices & services would work on Christmas, Good Friday & Easter. It shouldn't cost any overtime since those would be just like any other day of the week to a government trying to be "politically correct."

In fact....I think our government should work on Sundays (AFTER ALL, It was initially set aside for worshipping God....) because, AFTER ALL, our government says that it should be Just **ANOTHER DAY....!!!!** 



In 2000, Archbishop Alex Brunett remodeled the Palisades Retreat Center to provide the people of the Archdiocese a place to grow in faith. He envisioned a retreat center that people of the Archdiocese could regard as their own. Set apart from the activity of everyday life, people of faith could discover the beauty of creation, deepen their relationship with Christ, and transform their lives and the world around them.

This year, the staff of your retreat center are delighted to present a remarkable list of retreats to fulfill that vision. We invite you to come spend a weekend with us. Enjoy our inspiring view of the water. Catch the subtle scent of the evergreen trees and seawater in the air. Walk along our Stations of the Cross path interrupted only by the sounds of wildlife. Enjoy nourishing, satisfying food in the company of others who share your faith. Spend some quiet time in our Chapel with the Eucharist.

In this peaceful environment, you will encounter the Holy Spirit. Our retreat leaders will help you discover how God is moving in your life and where He can lead you. In community with others during your retreat, you will deepen your relationships; not only with Jesus, but with those you love. Best of all, as you deepen your relationship with the risen Christ, you will be ready to once again

be transformed. God is eager to transform all of us: to give us the gifts of faith, hope, and love so that we might carry them into the world.

Come join us for a retreat this year. Discover. Deepen. Transform.



# Why Attend a Spiritual Retreat?

#### Why attend a retreat?

Retreats are an integral part of our Catholic faith. In fact, the Church urges Catholics to make a retreat at least once per year. They provide a healthy opportunity to disconnect from the pressures of everyday life and reconnect with God.

Retreats are a time away from our normal activities to spend time getting reacquainted with God, to examine the priorities of life and to make concrete and practical resolutions for improvement. Retreats can be a powerful step toward personal conversion.

#### Where did the practice of retreats originate?

Jesus himself modeled the practice of stepping away with God, in order to continue executing His divine plan. Before Our Lord began His public ministry, He spent 40 days in the desert praying and fasting as a way to prepare for the important work ahead (see Lk 4:1-13). Those were days of retreat.

Jesus frequently withdrew to quiet places to pray (Mt 14:23, Mk 1:35, Lk 4:42, Lk 5:16, Lk 6:12, Lk 9:18, Luke 9:28, Lk 11:1) or invited his disciples to "come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while" (Mk 6:31).

Throughout the history of the Church, great saints such as St. Francis and St. Ignatius of Loyola demonstrated the benefits of retreats for both religious and laypeople. Preparative seasons such as Advent and Lent are excellent times to make a retreat.

#### What happens during a retreat?

A typical retreat is led by a Retreat Leader on a particular topic or spirituality. The retreats at the Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center run from Friday evening through Sunday morning and typically include presentations from the Retreat Leader, Mass, opportunities for confession, free time for rest, prayer, and reflection. Some retreats are silent, although the degree of silence may vary. Some retreats play quiet music during meals, so that retreatants may eat in communal reflection, while other retreats only have periods of silence and conversation during meals. Some retreats are solely for men or women, and others are mixed.

#### Is a retreat a "feely-mealy," emotional experience?

A retreat can be a very powerful, very real transformative experience. But achieving an emotional or spiritual "high" is not the object of a retreat. Rather, the purpose is to remove all distractions and obstacles in order to make room for God to move within you.

#### How will a retreat help me in daily life? What do I do when I return home?

A retreat is not an end in itself. A retreat should serve as a stepping-stone to help you refocus on the Lord when you return home. It is a good idea to make concrete goals (no more than three) at the end of your retreat. Finally, beware of "Post-Retreat Syndrome." This is the tendency to fail in one or more of your resolutions soon after your return. Shake it off and begin again.

\*Summarization of: "Why Go on a Spiritual Retreat?" by Fr. Francis Hoffman, J.C.D. Click here for the full article: http://www.osv.com/tabid/7631/itemid/4699/Why-go-on-a-Spiritual-Retreat.aspx

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## **RETREAT SCHEDULE 2013 - 2014**

#### 2013

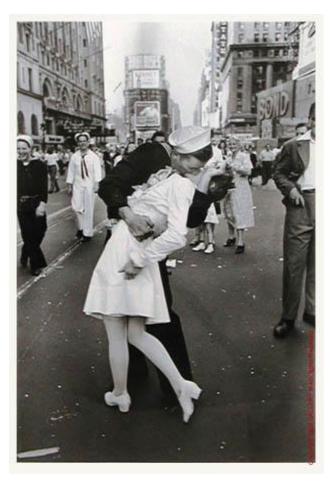
Nov 15-17	Caminar con Jesus Bishop Carlos A. Sevilla, S.J.
DEC 6-8	Men's & Women's Silent Advent Retreat Fr. Jim Northrop
DEC 13-15	Young Adult Retreat Fr. Bryan Dolejsi
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Jan 3-5	Beginning Contemplative Prayer Sr. Joyce Cox B.V.M., Paul Peterhans M.Div.,
	Dr. Rebecca Cortes
JAN 31-FEB 2	Responding to the Spirit: In the Soul, the Church & the World Fr. Bruce Nieli
FEB 14-16	Apostles of the Interior Life Sisters of the Apostles of the Interior Life
FEB 21-23	8 Habits of a Successful Marriage Fr. Pat Freitag
Feb 28-Mar 2	Men's and Women's Retreat Rev. Thomas Rosica, C.S.B.
Mar 14-16	Men's Silent Lenten Retreat Fr. Sean Raftis
Mar 21-23	Meeting Jesus: Meditations on the Word, Silent Retreat Msgr. Brian Bransfield
Mar 28-30	Inspired Common Sense, Women's Silent Retreat Fr. Lewis Fiorelli
Mar 28-30	A Spiritual Look at Shakespeare: Antony and Cleopatra Fr. Stephen Rowan,
APRIL 11-13	Into the Passion: Palm Sunday Men's Retreat Fr. Jim Lee
<b>APRIL 23-25</b>	What if Your Vocation is Love? St. Therese of Lisieux Retreat Fr. Andrew
APRIL 25-27	A Time to Thrive: Transition into High School Retreat Aires Patulot
May 9-11	Women's Silent Retreat Fr. Jim Northrop
May 16-18	Sacred Story Whole-Life Confession Retreat Fr. Bill Watson, S.J.
May 30-Jun 1	The Church of Today Massimo Faggioli, PhD
June 7	Young Adult Day of Reflection TBA

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# 68 YEARS AGO V-J DAY!

# THE KISS THAT CELEBRATED THE END OF WW II WAS SEEN AROUND THE WORLD.

For millions of Americans, Alfred Eisenstaed's 1945 LIFE photograph of a nameless sailor slapping a kiss on a nurse, symbolized the joy of V-J Day.

### WHO WAS THE NURSE?

Edith Shain had just begun her nursing career when she went to see the V-J Day melee -- and was promptly kissed.

Peace was the subject Alfred Eisen-

staedt set off to cover on **August 15, 1945**. The Japanese had just surrendered and New York City was exploding with happiness and relief. Eisenstaedt headed for Times Square, where the celebration was most volatile. A sailor caught a nurse by the waist, bent her back with his kiss. The picture Eisenstaedt took for LIFE seemed to capture perfectly the state of exultation America felt, the national abandon, a sexy, joyous exchange between strangers that celebrated the end of the darkness. It became one of the classic news pictures.





#### A ROOM FOR THOUGHT

These two country boys, brothers, were knocking around one lazy summer day and thought it would be a good prank to push over the outhouse. They crept up from an advantageous direction like a couple of commandos, pushed the outhouse over on one side and headed for the woods. They circled round and returned home an hour later from a completely different direction thus, trying to divert suspicion from themselves. Upon returning, their father approached them with switch in hand and bellowed, "Did you two push the outhouse



# BUT, George's DAD, wasn't in the cherry tree when he chopped it down!!!"

# ARROGANT CHILD

A SELF-IMPORTANT COLLEGE FRESHMAN walking along the beach took it upon himself to explain to a senior citizen resting on the steps why it was impossible for the older generation to understand his generation.

"You grew up in a different world, actually an almost primitive one", the student said loud enough for others to hear.

The young people of today grew up with television, jet planes, space travel, man walking on the moon. We have nuclear energy, ships and cell phones, computers with light speed and so much more."

After a brief silence, the senior citizen responded as follows:

"You're right son. We didn't have those things when we were young, so we invented them. Now, you arrogant child what are you doing for the next generation?"

# "COOL GUY"



# This little boy wandered onstage with the pope, and it was adorable.

Pope Francis had an unexpected companion onstage at the Vatican last weekend. Catholics from all over the world gathered to celebrate the Year of Faith, but one little boy wanted to be closer to the Holy Father. So he climbed onstage and stood by the pope. Pope Francis clearly didn't mind, and he was even amused when the boy refused to leave his side. When it was time for the pope to make his speech, an aide tried make the boy return to his seat. Instead, the boy ran to the pope and gave him a big hug. What did Pope Francis do? He sat the kid on his own chair and continued with his speech. **This pope seems like a pretty cool guy.** 

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# FRANK BEAUDRY(8179) FORMER STATE OFFICER Nov. 6, 1945 - Nov. 10, 2013



My Brother Knight, our world is better because of your life!

# **WHISKEY**

In 1952, **Armon M. Sweat, Jr.,** a member of the Texas House of Representatives, was asked about his position on whiskey. What follows is his exact answer (taken from the Political Archives of Texas):

"If you mean whiskey, the devil's brew, the poison scourge, the bloody monster that defiles innocence, dethrones reason, destroys the home, creates misery and poverty, yea, literally takes the bread from the mouths of little children; if you mean that evil drink that topples Christian men and women from the pinnacles of righteous and gracious living into the bottomless pit of degradation, shame, despair, helplessness, and hopelessness, then, my friend,

### I am opposed to it with every fiber of my being.

However, if by whiskey you mean the lubricant of conversation, the philosophic juice, the elixir of life, the liquid that is consumed when good fellows get together, that puts a song in their hearts and the warm glow of contentment in their eyes; if you mean Christmas cheer, the stimulating sip that puts a little spring in the step of an elderly gentleman on a frosty morning; if you mean that drink that enables man to magnify his joy, and to forget life's great tragedies and heartbreaks and sorrow; if you mean that drink the sale of which pours into Texas treasuries untold millions of dollars each year, that provides tender care for our little crippled children, our blind, our deaf, our dumb, our pitifully aged and infirm, to build the finest highways, hospitals, universities, and community colleges in this nation, then my friend,

I am absolutely, unequivocally in favor of it.

This is my position, and I refuse to compromise on matters of principle."



# **Membership Retention**

#### **By STEVE SNELL**



Worthy Grand Knights we to need to help stop the brain drain in our Councils, I think a top priority should be to hang on to the members we have, when someone leaves we lose their talents and their contacts and worst of all we lose their families which is the real power of the Knights; it is easier to patch the hole in the fence than it is to start all over and round up new members. Recruiting is good but we must shut the barn door before they leave.

Lets tell it like it is, retention is something we often do not spend enough time or energy talking about. The preference is by far, to devote attention to recruitment, growth and council development. Retention must involve each and every one of us, each member of our council. We need to strive to be aware of any Brother Knight that may have a problem, which might cause him to consider leaving the Order. We must be proactive, proactive retention is good membership management, good fraternity, good prevention, and above all good sense. Recruitment and retention are in effect one and the same and should be viewed as such. It is easier to persuade a member not to quit than it is convince him to reverse his decision and be reinstated.

#### **Proactive tools that can influence retention:**

An active, enthusiastic and instructive Officer corps whose function it is to keep the new members and for that matter all the old members, committed to the council and the council's activities and programs for them and their families. Also, what the Council does to support the parish and the community as a whole. One of the most important elements in the retention process is involvement. It is important to get the new member involved as soon as possible, as much as possible and include the family. Keep your new members and your old members informed. Knowledge begets interest, interest generates involvement, involvement produces achievement, and achievement develops pride in being a member, a committed member.

So Brothers what makes a member feel welcome? Feel comfortable? Feel accepted? The answer is being informed, being involved, be-

ing invited, being accepted and sharing these qualities

with his family. Moral of the story;

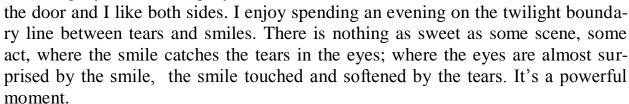


# From the Editor's Desk SOME OF GOD'S GREATEST GIFTS:

#### By STEVE SNELL

#### I like the theater.

I like tragedy, because tragedy is the other side of



I do not care for sarcasm; I do not like mean humor. There is as much difference between humor and malicious wit as there is between a bee's honey and a bee's sting.

#### I like music.

Another thing that makes me glad is that I live in an age and am part of a generation that appreciates Quality; sense enough to appreciate music; sense enough to appreciate things that lighten the challenges of this life.

### I like laughter.

I believe in the medicine of laughter. In our world where there is so much trouble, a world where sometimes one is almost inclined to think that God may have played a practical joke on some of us. To find in such a world something that for the moment allows laughter to rise over sorrow, is a great blessing.

# I like my church.

I like my church because in spite of my many flaws I'm allowed to enter, they leave me alone to speak with the Lord. I need that kind of help, I screw up a lot. In spite of the many blessings I've been given, I still get lost; I'm always asking the



Lord for directions. What I've learned about him is that he is awfully patient, he must have a sense of humor and he always gives me another chance. He knows I'll need his help tomorrow;

He always leaves the light on for me!