

WASHINGTON STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**"THE SECOND EDITION"
FEBRUARY
"2016"**

WE PRAY:

For our Warriors: a tomorrow

For our Un-Born: a tomorrow

For our Families: a tomorrow

For our Planet: a tomorrow

Our tomorrows mean so much!

LET US BEGIN!!

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"FAMILY OF THE MONTH"

"ONE LOVE, ONE HEART"

SUPREME COUNCIL "FAMILY OF THE MONTH" AWARDS

The following are the winners for the months of November and December 2015 "the Family of the Month" contest, obtained through a random drawing held at the Supreme Council office from among many nominees submitted by councils throughout the Order.

November:

Family of **Filadelfo & Enedina Rangel** Council 1620 - Pasco

Family of **Thomas & Fran Mack** Council 7863 - Marysville

Family of **Mario & Bing Lapurga** Council 11408 - Kirkland

Family of **G Larry & Gen Doyle** Council 11642 - Mercer Island

Family of **Steve & Ira Amos** Council 14689 - Shoreline

December:

Family of **Robert & Margaret Estrada** Council 4322 - Lakewood

Family of **Louie & Lorna Fraire** Council 6806 - Tacoma

Family of **Lyn & Mary Murphy Johnson** Council 11780 - Covington

*Remember the faces of the Brothers in our councils, that have
stood with us, they may have become so familiar
that they may be taken for granted?*

*Unless we take pains we often forget to thank them.....
Take pains. Recognize them and say THANKS!*

USE YOUR FAMILY OF THE MONTH PROGRAM

BURN OUT AND ONE DOZEN TIPS

All you Grand Knights out there...do you ever feel "burned out"? Have you gotten to that point as the "supposed" leader of your council but are starting to feel "ticked off" because you feel you are "doing it all" yourself? Nobody else wants to step up and help or else you have to beg or threaten others to pitch in. Has your newest council member been a member now for 4 years or more? Is he still a 1st degree member? Are only 5-6 members showing up at your meetings?



By Manny Aguilar, Hispanic Membership Chairman/ East

YOU ARE NOW ON YOUR 5TH YEAR AS GRAND KNIGHT BECAUSE NOBODY ELSE WANTS IT?

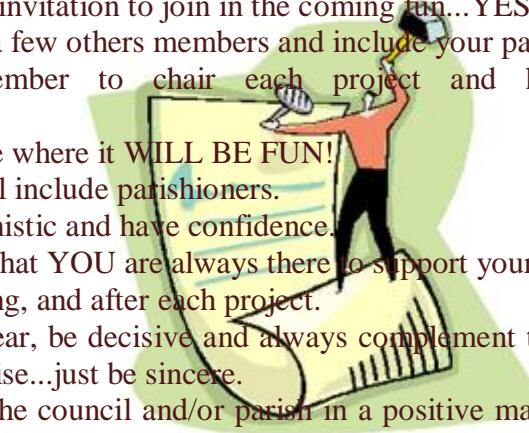
Well, guess what? You are not alone. There are many of us in that boat or have been there at one time or another, regardless of which position of leadership we have been in. The question is...what are you doing about it?

Are you expecting to go into your 6th year as Grand Knight or have you really sat down and pondered and PLANNED something to change the stagnant status of your council? Things will not change by themselves!!!

Before you begin, consider first that NOBODY will want to attend your meetings if there is nothing NEW going on. NOBODY in your parish will want to join your council if they see NO visible signs of charitable/fun activities.

NOW

- 1. Lay out a plan** for the next 3-6-12 months of new events where many members /and their wives are involved. Write it all down and mail the yearly plan to every member and include in that letter, your personal invitation to join in the coming fun...YES, FUN!!!
- 2. Seek the assistance of a few others members and include your pastor, as to where to begin.**
- 3. Assign another member to chair each project and help him with ideas and recruitment of helpers.**
- 4. Make every project one where it WILL BE FUN!**
- 5. Create projects that will include parishioners.**
- 6. Inspire action, be optimistic and have confidence.**
- 7. Let all involved know that YOU are always there to support your team.**
- 8. Follow up before, during, and after each project.**
- 9. Make all objectives clear, be decisive and always complement the work of all involved. You cannot give too much praise...just be sincere.**
- 10. Report all results to the council and/or parish in a positive manner (even though the results might not have turned out exactly as expected)**
- 11. Hold REGULAR membership drives and invite all men of the parish to join this great organization we call the Knights of Columbus.**
- 12. Start putting together the facets for the next project.**



Do not give up if this plan is "slow-starting".

stay with it, regardless,

And ask the lord's help with each event.

I guarantee you will love the results.

Lent

40 DAYS OF RENEWAL

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Give up hatred; return good for evil

Give up negativism; be positive

Give up complaining; be grateful

Give up pessimism; be an optimist

Give up harsh judgments; think kindly thoughts

Give up worry; trust Divine Providence

Give up discouragement; be full of hope

Give up anger; be more patient

Give up pettiness; be more mature

Give up gloom; be more mature

Give up jealousy; pray for trust

Give up gossiping; control your thoughts

Give up sin; turn to virtue





By Ken DeVos - State Youth Chairman

Based on the number of participating Districts, regional competitions may need to be setup. I have grouped the state into regions. The District Deputies in each region will need to get together and coordinate setting up a regional competition. Regional competitions will be for District winners, regional winners will advance to the state competition.

Regions and Districts

Southwest - Districts 4, 11, 25, 31 & 36

Northwest - Districts 9, 13, 19, 24 & 32

Seattle North - Districts 1, 2, 14, 16, 21, 23, 26 & 29

Seattle South - Districts 3, 12, 15, 22, 27, 34 & 35

Central - Districts -6, 7, 10, 17 & 30

Eastern - Districts 5, 8, 18, 20, 28 & 33



Late February - Early March - Regional Competitions

District Deputies in the same region will work together to find a location and set a time for a regional competition. This should be completed before the district competitions so the district winners have the information at the district competition.

Host District Deputy or a representative will hold all score sheets and brings the participant's score sheet representing the region to the state competition. Regional winners will advance to the state competition. If the regional winner is unavailable, ask the runner up, etc until a regional participant is available to represent the region at the state competition.

State Youth chairman will provide regional awards and winning certificates.

State Competition - Saturday March 12th 2016

Address Holy Family Church complex 5315 Tieton Dr, Yakima, WA 98908

Registration - 10:30 AM Competition - 11:00 AM

Contact:

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Burien WA 98166
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SPOKANE COUNCIL # 8201 HIGHLIGHTED IN JANUARY COLUMBIAN MAGAZINE

"DESERT SOCIAL"

St. John Vianney Council #8201 in Spokane, Washington, hosted a desert social to benefit the Sisters of Mary Mother of the Church. The event featured door prizes and treats, as well as selections from the history and music used by the religious order. The social raised more than \$900 to assist with the sister's work.

*Shadows of love veil tall dreams
When soft wishes of mood - meet a parent's reality
Youthful dreams enter from culture's far-shrouded hills.
In the naked light, I close my eyes hearing a voice from*



STATE AWARDS APPLICATION SCHEDULE



AWARD DUE DATES & WHO TO SUBMIT TO (EMAIL ADDRESSES FOUND IN STATE DIRECTORY)

FAMILY OF THE YEAR

April 1

Steve Snell, FAMILY
907 Woodlawn St
Walla Walla, WA 99362-3468

KNIGHT OF THE YEAR

April 1

Joseph F. Wolleat, COUNCIL
7506 - 191st Ave E
Bonney Lake, WA 98391-8558

HERBERT M LEIBERT, PGK RIGHT TO LIFE MEMORIAL

April 1

Andrew Kopriva PRO LIFE
3203 S Newport St
Kennewick, WA 99337-4454

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

April 1

Joseph F. Wolleat, COUNCIL
7506 - 191st Ave E
Bonney Lake, WA 98391-8558

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

Michael D. McCloskey, COMMUNITY
18414 - 57th Ave NE
Kenmore, WA 98023-8708

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

Michael D. McCloskey, COMMUNITY
8905 N Bradbury St.
Kenmore, WA 99023-8708

CHURCH

April 15

Timothy J. Coyle, CHURCH
10114 N Fleetwood ST
Spokane, WA 99208-9469

COMMUNITY

April 15

Michael D. McCloskey, COMMUNITY
18414 - 57th Ave NE
Kenmore, WA 98023-8708

COUNCIL

April 15

Joseph F. Wolleat, COUNCIL
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FAMILY SERVICE ACTIVITY

April 15

Steve Snell, FAMILY
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YOUTH

April 15

Kenneth DeVos, YOUTH
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PRO-LIFE

April 15

Andrew Kopriva, PRO-LIFE
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The 2016 legislative session is underway! Lawmakers began their session on Jan. 11 and the session is due to end March 10.

Submitted By Phil Fortunato Legislative Liaison Knights of Columbus
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There is an urgent pro-life issue before the legislature, and your voice need to be heard.

ISSUE NO. 1: Parental notification before a minor's abortion (SB 5289)

Action requested: Call your Senator, ask them to **support SB 5289**, which will require a parent

to be notified before an abortion can be performed on a minor. Call the toll-free Legislative Hotline number at **1-800-562-6000** to send a message to your Senator. (See below for further information on SB 5289).

Important note: You do NOT need to know the name of your Senator in order to use the Legislative Hotline. Just be prepared to give your name and residence address, and your message will be forwarded to the correct office.

Talking Points: SB 5289, Parental notification before abortion

- 38 states have laws requiring parental notice or consent before an abortion can be performed on a minor. These laws not only protect the rights of parents, but also the health and welfare of teens.
- Washington parents and teenagers deserve the same protections that are taken for granted in 38 other states.
- **Parental consent or notice is already required for most other kinds of non-emergency medical treatment. A child cannot even receive an aspirin in school without parental involvement. Treating abortion differently is an outrageous double-standard.**
- Polling shows that 65 percent of Washington voters support requiring parental notice before abortion.
- The parental notice bill, SB 5289, passed out of the Senate Law and Justice Committee in Feb. 2015 and then was passed by the Senate Rules Committee for floor consideration in March 2015. The bill can be brought to the Senate floor at any time – and SHOULD be brought to the floor.

Tell your Senators you want a floor vote on SB 5289, so that parents and teenagers can benefit from the same protections that are in place in 38 other states.

THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

The Ark of the Covenant was perhaps the holiest thing the Israelites possessed. Its loss to the pagan Philistines must have been a devastating blow, for the loss could have meant for the Israelites that their God had deserted them, had abandoned them to their enemies, or even worse, that the gods of the Philistines were more powerful than the God of the Israelites.

By FATHER KENNETH KRALL

Jesuit Priest and Professor in the Modern Languages Department at Gonzaga University



The Ark itself dated back to the time not long after God had miraculously delivered the Israelites from their centuries of slavery in Egypt. In the Twenty-fifth Chapter of the Book of Exodus we read that the Ark was a small portable box or chest about four feet long and some two feet wide and high. It was portable because at that time the Israelites were a people on the move. They had made the ark out of acacia wood and had then overlaid both the insides and out with gold. And to carry the Ark, the Israelites attached four gold rings to it, two rings on the two longer outward sides. Through these rings they put two poles, also made from acacia wood and also covered with gold. And on top of the Ark they had attached a gold plate, in Hebrew the kapporet and in English the mercy seat. Also on the top of the Ark they placed two statues in the shapes of cherubim. These cherubim faced each other so that their wings overshadowed the gold plate, the kapporet, the mercy seat. The Israelites believed that it was at the mercy seat that God came and spoke to them, giving them whatever guidance, whatever commands they needed. Inside the Ark were two stone tablets which, according to tradition, dated back to the time of Moses and were, in fact, the stones on which God had written for the second time the Ten Commandments.

Whenever the Israelites moved from one spot to another on their long trek through the Sinai Peninsula toward the Promised Land, the priests and only the priests carried the Ark of the Covenant at the head of the column. The Ark went before them when they finally crossed the Jordan River and entered the Promised Land. And the priests carried the Ark around the fortified city of Jericho on seven successive days before their leader Joshua ordered them to blow their trumpets and bring down the town's walls. And whenever the Israelites wanted to seek God's advice, it was to the Ark of the Covenant that they customarily went.



Once they had more or less settled into the Promised Land, the Israelites had brought the Ark to Shiloh. And it was from there, from the shrine of Shiloh, that they so confidently, so hopefully carried the Ark out on their campaign against the Philistines, a campaign which, as we just heard, had such a disastrous ending for the Israelites. Although we don't hear about it in this series of readings from the First Book of Samuel, the Ark of the Covenant caused many troubles among the victorious Philistines. First of all, they housed Thursday1wk2/2 the Ark in the temple of their god Dagon located in the town of Ashdod. However the statue of their great god Dagon in that temple fell down before the Ark not once, but twice. The second fall broke off the statue's head and hands. Secondly, a great and deadly plague of mice swarmed over the Philistines' ships and fields. Thirdly, the Ark caused some type of sickness that killed many and among those who survived, both the old and young suffered from hemorrhoids. Yes, hemorrhoids. But wherever the Philistines moved the Ark, first to the town of Gath and then on to Akron, the outbreak of hemorrhoids followed, making life miserable for the young and the old.

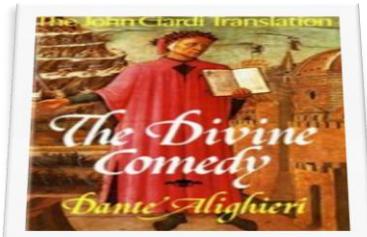
The Philistines finally decided to send the Ark back, along with good will offerings: five golden images of hemorrhoids and five of mice. They loaded the Ark and the gold offerings on a cart and hitched two milk cows to it. Unguided by any human hand, so the story goes, the cows pulled the cart and its contents back to Israelite territory, mooing as they went, turning neither to the right nor to the left. When the Ark finally came back into Israelite territory, there was great rejoicing. The wood of the cart the Israelites split up and the two milk cows they slaughtered and offered them as a holocaust to the Lord. But rather than bringing the Ark back to Shiloh, the priests brought it to the house of a man named Abinadab and there it remained somewhat ignored for some twenty years until the politically astute King David brought the Ark to Jerusalem. For David, trying hard to unite the very disunited tribes of Israel, saw the Ark not only as a strong religious symbol, a sign of God's presence, but he also saw it as a sign, a tangible reminder of the ancient unity the Twelve Tribes once had had. The Ark also lent a note of holiness to his new capital city of Jerusalem, a pagan town which he had only recently captured from the Jebusites

When King David's son and successor, Solomon, built the temple in Jerusalem, the Ark at last had a permanent home. And there it stayed for several centuries until 587 B.C. when the Assyrians captured Jerusalem and destroyed much of it. For after that the Ark is never clearly mentioned in the Old Testament. And lesson for us in all this? Perhaps this: that God's plan will win out no matter what we or others do to frustrate it. And that, I think, is a good



Dante Alighieri

Poet (1265-1321)



THE BLESSED AMONG US

Dante Alighieri is beyond doubt the greatest of Italian poets, and, many readers think, one of the greatest poets that Western civilization has produced. W B Yeats called him "the chief imagination of Christendom." T S Eliot said: "Dante and Shakespeare divide the modern world between them. There is no third."

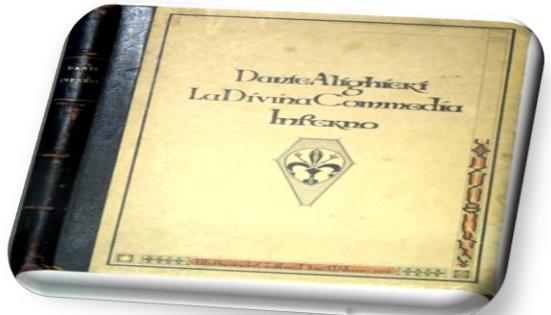
Dante Alighieri, one of the great Literary geniuses of all time, was also a man of action, committed to social justice and the affairs of his native Florence. But he was at the same time a man of deep faith, a visionary and a prophet, who judged the world and the Church by the light of the Gospel and the radiance of eternity. All these factors combined in *The Divine Comedy* to create a literary as well as spiritual masterpiece.

Florence in Dante's time was bitterly divided between rival factions, one favoring the temporal power of the pope and the other committed to the autonomy of the city. Influenced by the radical Spiritual Franciscans, Dante opposed the papal claims to temporal power-particularly the worldly statecraft of the reigning pontiff, Boniface VII-and urged a return to the evangelical ideals of poverty and simplicity. When the political tides turned against him, he was forced to flee Florence, spending his last twenty years in exile.

In these years Dante wrote his *Divine Comedy*, the record of an imaginative pilgrimage from the depths of hell, up the mount of purgatory, and finally to the ethereal rapture of paradise. The poet's journey involves his own progressive conversion, preparing him to endure the increasingly rarefied atmosphere along his spiritual path until he is drawn into the presence of "**the Love that moves the Sun and the other stars.**"

Dante died in Ravenna, far from the city he loved.

"Beauty awakens the soul to act."Dante





MEMBERSHIP STUFF



**BY KIM WASHBURN
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR**

The new Supreme incentives are out for February/March. Typically, February and March are our best months. Supreme has made this quest fun and relatively easy to accomplish. Gains of 8% for each month will earn a bonus on top of both monthly incentives, which will pay out handsomely. To attain this, we will need 8% growth in February and March, or 16% over two months. That equates to 74 new members each month.

This time of year is our parish membership drives, just as it was in October/November (see the correlation). During October we brought in 60 new members (6.5%) and November 96 (10.4%). Combined we had 16.8% growth, so this is very doable. Using October and November as an example, you earned the State 6.5% growth for October (\$350) and 10.4% for November (\$490). The new incentive for February/March would add another 5% of total.

I mention payouts, not only for our bottom line, but for the continued support and hands for programs. As stated before, our State budget relies on payouts and we are doing pretty good in that department, but lots of room left for improvement.

I have an idea for next year's incentive and it should invigorate the whole State. This is all preliminary and definitely not in concrete, but Supreme incentives would play a big part, both now and then for funding. Stay tuned...
Thanks and keep up the good work, and as always, Fraternally,

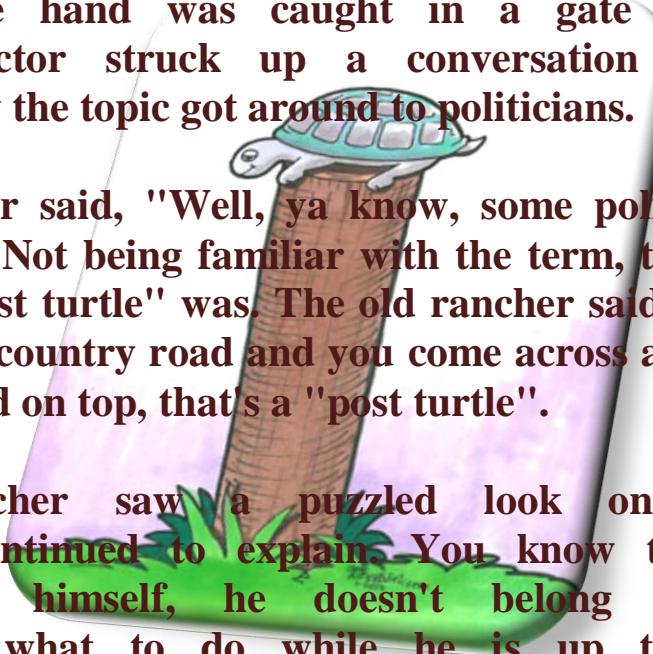
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POST TURTLE

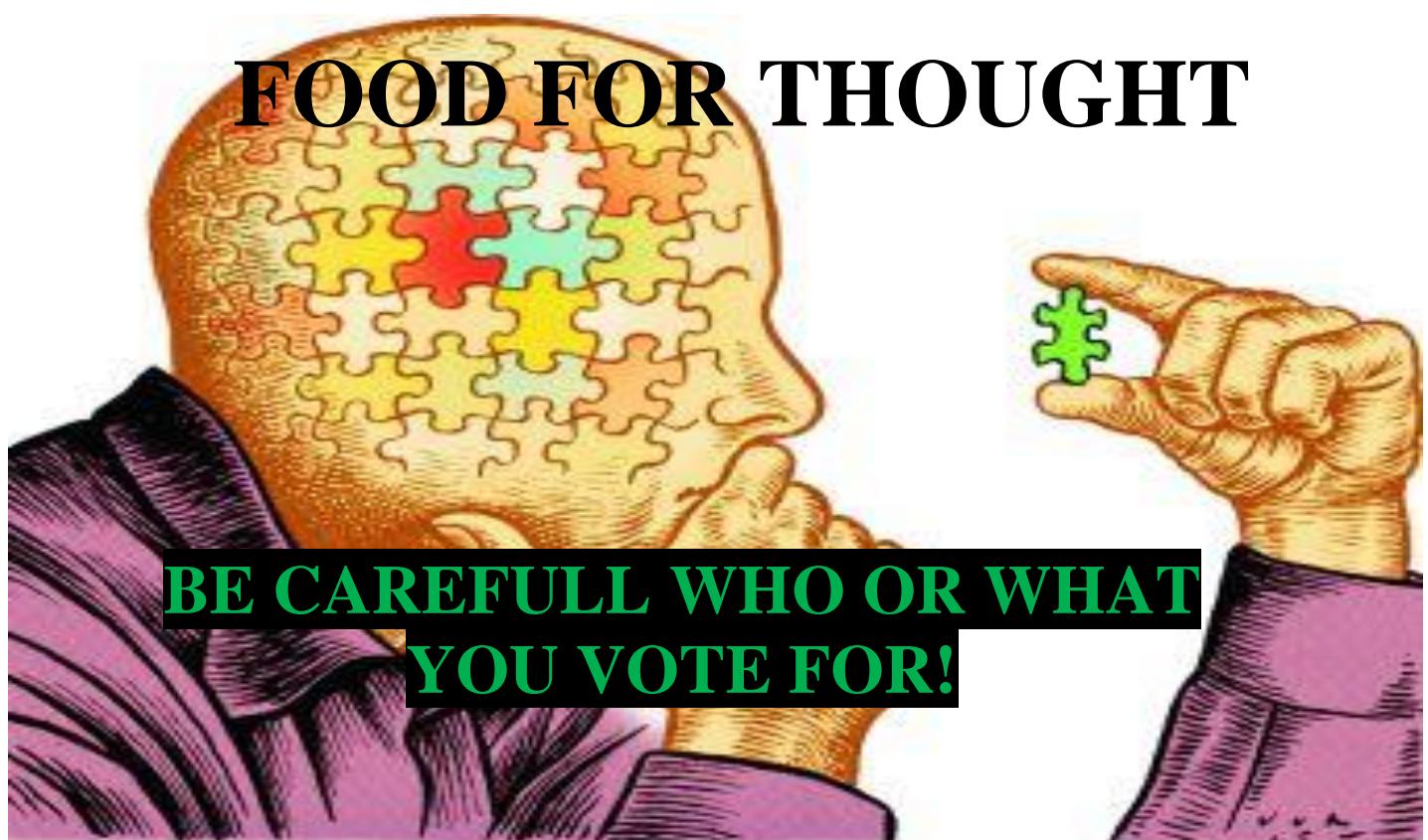
While suturing a cut on the hand of a 75 year old Texas rancher, whose hand was caught in a gate while working cattle, the doctor struck up a conversation with the old man. Eventually the topic got around to politicians.



The old rancher said, "Well, ya know, some politicians are like "post turtles". Not being familiar with the term, the doctor asked him what a "post turtle" was. The old rancher said, "When you're driving down a country road and you come across a fence post with a turtle balanced on top, that's a "post turtle".

The old rancher saw a puzzled look on the doctor's face, so he continued to explain. You know they didn't get up there by himself, he doesn't belong up there, he doesn't know what to do while he is up there, and you just wonder what kind of a clown put him up there in the first place.....

FOOD FOR THOUGHT



**BE CAREFULL WHO OR WHAT
YOU VOTE FOR!**



ANOTHER BOWL OF **BEEF STEW**

EDITOR'S NOTE -- more home cooking.....



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

PSST.....THATS YOU!

By Rev. John H. Hampsch, C.M.F. wrote an article about the Mass in which he states....**Masses offered for still-living persons (including yourself) are more beneficial than Masses for the deceased persons.** Masses for the dead will provide for them a God-assigned “indulgence” (a curtailing of the duration and/ or intensity of purgatorial suffering). **But if Mass is offered as intercession for persons while still alive and in the state of grace—i.e., no unrepented serious sin (1 John 5:16),** these living persons receive three added benefits not available to the dead, namely: **1) Increase of merit (assigned heavenly joy and glory) forever—CCC 2010).** **2) Added sanctifying grace (a deeper sharing in the life of God—2 Pet. 1:4).** **3) Actual graces (conscience-nudges to do good and avoid evil—CCC 2000),**

*The dead cannot “grow spiritually” Their level of holiness and resultant reward can be increased only before death: “Wherever the tree falls, there it will lie,” as Solomon proverbialized. The state of one’s soul at death “decides its ultimate destiny, as the Catechism (1013) reminds us, for that’s when individual judgment occurs (Heb. 9:27), to be reaffirmed publicly at the Last global Judgment (Matt. 25:46). Hence, **while a Mass offered for a deceased person can provide great relief, a Mass offered for a living person can provide great growth.** Both ways of applying the Mass are high-level acts of the virtue of charity.*

Representing our lost little ones - in Kennewick.



"DOUBLE STAR"



Members of St. Barbara Council 11736 are presented the Double Star Council award for their accomplishments in fraternal year 2014-2015 by Past Grand Knight David Foley (currently District Deputy, District 27).

Along with recruiting double the membership quota, and meeting the insurance member requirement the council was involved in Coats for Kids, the Wheelchair Program, RSVP, Food for Families, a scholarship program and many other charitable and parish social events. Zbig Kasprzyk, the current Grand Knight (pictured second from the left) was also presented the Double Star lapel pin for his work as the Council's Program Director.

Congratulations to all members of Council 11736.

FIRST CLASS!
THE MEN OF OUR "DEGREE TEAMS!"

These Brother Knights are always there when called upon, always giving their time and talent to the Degree ceremonies, they always do a great job. Gentlemen, thank you for the example you set and the great contributions you make to the Knights of Columbus and the communities in which you live. **My Brother Knights please take the time to personally thank them for their contribution to our Order!**



SIMPLE MAN'S PLEA

Family of the Month Program - Your Council's Hall of Fame

We want them all!

We want every Council to be a part of it.

It's not much we are asking; the truth is they are all around you.

One of the most unforgettable men I ever met was not some famous politician, war hero or rock star, he was a simple soul who had no wish to dominate or control, but set out to conquer circumstance – he became a helping hand, he became a Knight! He was one of those who kept midnight vigils when someone was in need, he joined his brother Knights in watching over a priest who was in his late 90's, he spent time on his knees outside of an abortion clinic praying for the unborn heart beats, all he asked for them was what had been given to all of us, life.

We want them all!

We want your Council to be a part of it.

It's not much we are asking; each council is full of exceptional men.

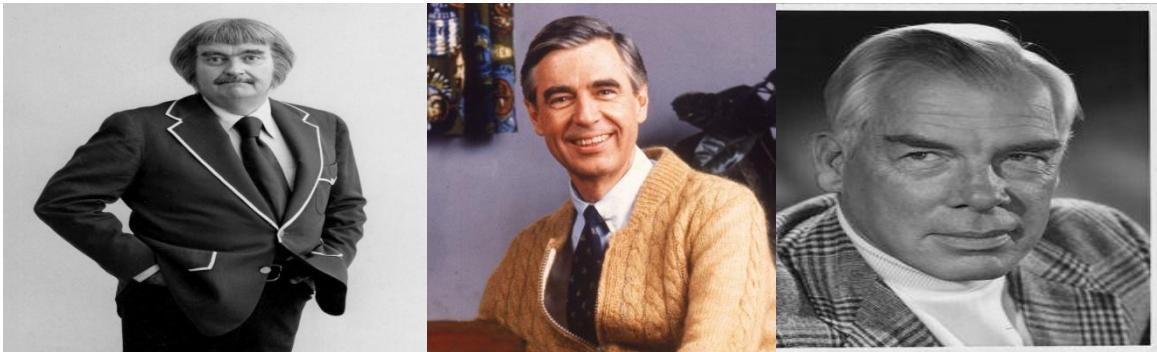
What I can say with certainty is that across the years around these men of distinction one comes away with a strong feeling of brotherhood and fraternity. These men display a candor, a quiet pride, a kindness, a sense of humor, a love of life that translates into a love for their fellow man. These men, these Knights, are a rare thing in today's culture: close up, as from afar, they are my Hero's. I ask you from the bottom of my heart to display an "Attitude of Gratitude" towards these men, your fellow Knights, by including one of them each and every month in your Hall of Fame and by recognizing them thru The Family of the Month Program.

We want them all!

We want 100% of the Councils to participate.

It's not much we are asking; they've given so much, they deserve it!

STEVE SNELL STATE FAMILY CHAIRMAN



QUIET HEROES

Why Mr. Rogers wore a sweater?

Captain Kangaroo passed away on January 23, 2004 at age 76 , which is odd, because he always looked to be 76. (DOB: 6/27/27) His death reminded me of the following story.

Some people have been a bit offended that the actor, **Lee Marvin**, is buried in a grave alongside 3 and 4-star generals at Arlington National Cemetery His marker gives his name, rank (PVT) and service (USMC). Nothing else. Here's a guy who was only a famous movie star who served his time, why the heck does he rate burial with these guys? Well, following is the amazing answer:

I always liked Lee Marvin, but didn't know the extent of his Corps experiences. In a time when many Hollywood stars served their country in the armed forces often in rear echelon posts where they were carefully protected, only to be trotted out to perform for the cameras in war bond promotions, Lee Marvin was a genuine hero. He won the Navy Cross at Iwo Jima There is only one higher Naval award... the Medal Of Honor! If that is a surprising comment on the true character of the man, he credits his sergeant with an even greater show of bravery.

Dialog from "The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson": His guest was Lee Marvin.... Johnny said," Lee, I'll bet a lot of people are unaware that you were a Marine in the initial landing at Iwo Jima .. and that during the course of that action you earned

"Yeah, yeah... I got shot square in the bottom and they gave me the Cross for securing a hot spot about halfway up Suribachi. Bad thing about getting shot up on a mountain is guys getting shot hauling you down. But, Johnny, at Iwo , I served under the bravest man I ever knew... We both got the Cross the same day, but what he did for his Cross made mine look cheap in comparison. That dumb guy actually stood up on Red beach and directed his troops to move forward and get the hell off the beach.. Bullets flying by, with mortar rounds landing everywhere and he stood there as the main target of gunfire so that he could get his men to safety. He did this on more than one occasion because his men's safety was more important than his own life.

That Sergeant and I have been lifelong friends. When they brought me off Suribachi we passed the Sergeant and he lit a smoke and passed it to me, lying on my belly on the litter and said, "Where'd they get you Lee?" "Well Bob.... if you make it home before me, tell Mom to sell the outhouse!"Johnny, I'm not lying, Sergeant Keeshan was the bravest man I ever knew. The Sergeant's name is Bob Keeshan. **You and the world know him as Captain Kangaroo."**

On another note, there was this wimpy little man (who passed away) on PBS, gentle and quiet.. **Mr. Rogers** is another of those you would least suspect of being anything but what he now portrays to our youth. But Mr. Rogers was a U.S. Navy Seal, combat-proven in Vietnam with over twenty-five confirmed kills to his name. He wore a long-sleeved sweater on TV, to cover the many tattoos on his forearm and biceps. He was a master in small arms and hand-to-hand combat, able to disarm or kill in a heartbeat

After the war Mr. Rogers became an ordained Presbyterian minister and therefore a pacifist. Vowing to never harm another human and also dedicating the rest of his life to trying to help lead children on the right path in life... He hid away the tattoos and his past life and won our hearts with his quiet wit and charm..

America's real heroes don't flaunt what they did; they quietly go about their day-to-day lives, doing what they do best. They earned our respect and the freedoms that we all enjoy. Look around and see if you can find one of those heroes in your midst. Often, they are the ones you'd least suspect, but would most like to have on your side if anything ever happened.



LET'S INVEST IN US IN 2016

"LETS PICK A FIGHT"

By STEVE SNELL

**SECOND PLACE
IS THE
FIRST LOSER**

Let's invest in us, we need to pick a fight, a fight with second place. I know there are some that think second place is all right but, I wonder if Robert E. Lee after meeting with Grant at Appomattox Courthouse, Al Gore or Governor Romney after their presidential runs think second place ain't such a bad place. I wonder how many of the aborted babies think coming in second was alright.

Please don't play me the PC song about how it's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game, that's....BS! I guarantee who ever said that lost the game, or the election, moral of the story, we must never give up, "fight to come in first!" In today's world no one ever remembers (the guy, the referendum, or the cause,) who came in second, or said another way;

*Knock, Knock
Who's there?
The guy that finished second!
The guy that finished second, WHO??*

*(We were strong enough to get where we are but not where we strive to be
thats why God made tomorrowmore work ahead)*

There is a lot of value in being different, being different creates attention. Find out of the box ideas, find people and their ideas, however at the same time we must be relevant. By becoming successful you will become irreplaceable. Force everyone to worry about what you're going to do next. Make them respect the real thing!!

**YOUR MAKING PROGRESS WHEN THE
PC WARRIORS START THREATNING OR
MAKING FUN OF YOU!**

WE MUST NEVER, EVER GIVE UP!





THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON



A fascinating book, “rediscovering Catholicism”, allows thoughts of what we take for granted. This book reads that being a Catholic is to transform the world in which we live. Transforming varies areas of life is a constant challenge, every environment touched should be better because we are or were there. I suspect that my challenge is to being greater awareness of Mary and her prayer to the world. **St Louis de Montfort wrote, “the rosary is the most powerful weapon to touch the Heart of Jesus, Our Redeemer, who so loves His Mother”.**

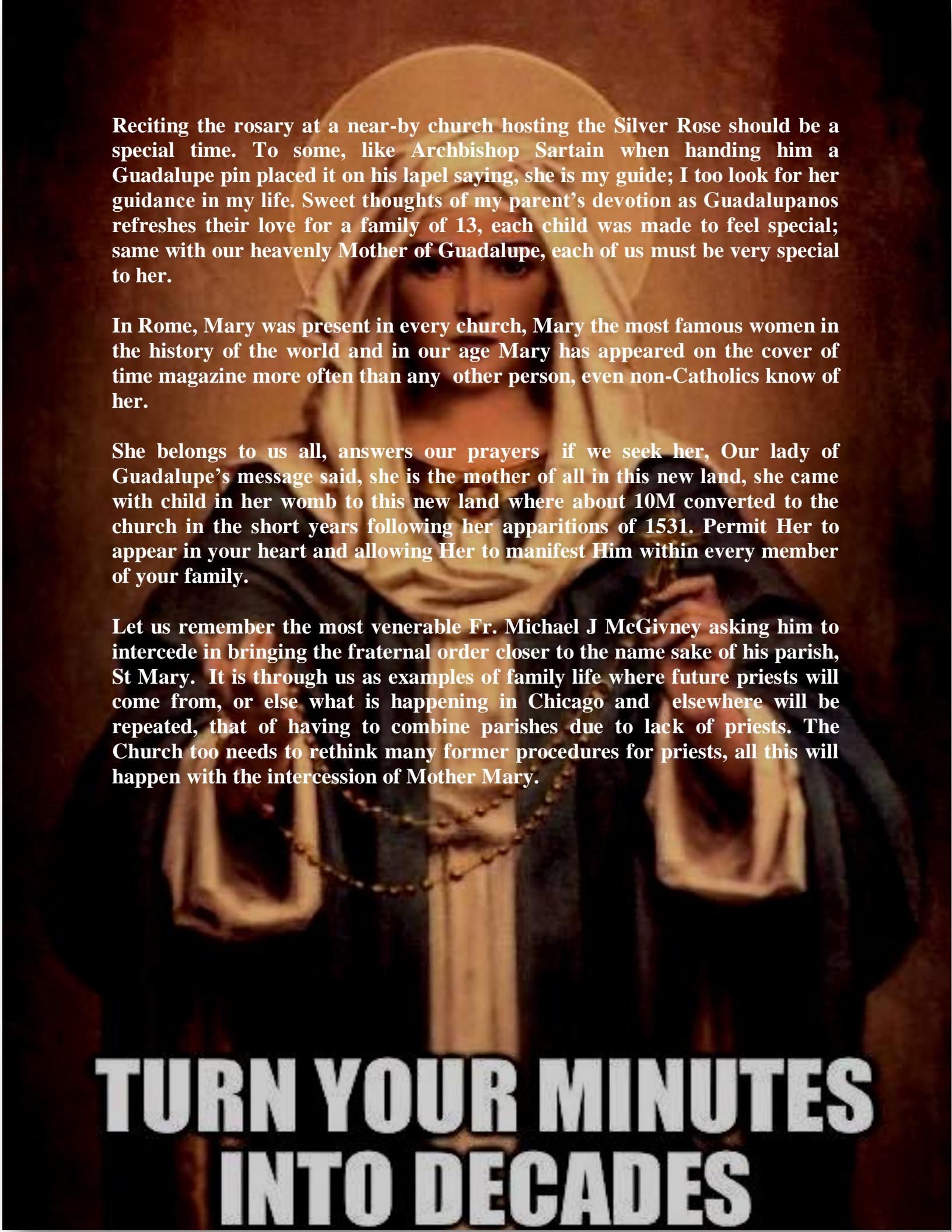
By Mike Calderon

Could it be modern Catholics don't have a more passionate relationship with the rosary because we are not comfortable with the role Mary plays in our spirituality. Let us think of the special love a Mother has for her child, a love like no other, than pray the rosary pondering on the life of Jesus through the eyes of his mother. For hundreds of years our non-Catholic brothers and sisters have been accusing us of worshipping Mary and the saints, I don't think we have done a good job of settling this question.

Do we believe stories of saints? Example St Juan Diego? Her message to St Juan was, she brought Him who is, was and will always be, Lord of everything near and far. God the Father entrusted her to be the vessel for his son to come into the world, how can we not trust her in our spiritual life?

In the Glorious mysteries of the rosary, one recites the Assumption, which goes like this, “at the close of her life on earth Mary was taken body and soul into Heaven, there to intercede for us”. Thoughts of her life went through my mind when visiting what is said to be her last home on earth. This place is near Ephesus, the city where Paul wanted to bring the gospel; I witnessed that a wild fire had burned vegetation surrounding hills where it's said she lived, the fire stopped only feet from where the small house was rebuilt and well that must have supplied her with water

On this same trip my wife and I visited the blue mosque in Turkey. When the Moors took that land one image was left on the walls of the blue mosque, the image of Mary, this can be seen high on the upper part of walls of what was once a church for early Christians.



Reciting the rosary at a near-by church hosting the Silver Rose should be a special time. To some, like Archbishop Sartain when handing him a Guadalupe pin placed it on his lapel saying, she is my guide; I too look for her guidance in my life. Sweet thoughts of my parent's devotion as Guadalupanos refreshes their love for a family of 13, each child was made to feel special; same with our heavenly Mother of Guadalupe, each of us must be very special to her.

In Rome, Mary was present in every church, Mary the most famous women in the history of the world and in our age Mary has appeared on the cover of time magazine more often than any other person, even non-Catholics know of her.

She belongs to us all, answers our prayers if we seek her, Our lady of Guadalupe's message said, she is the mother of all in this new land, she came with child in her womb to this new land where about 10M converted to the church in the short years following her apparitions of 1531. Permit Her to appear in your heart and allowing Her to manifest Him within every member of your family.

Let us remember the most venerable Fr. Michael J McGivney asking him to intercede in bringing the fraternal order closer to the name sake of his parish, St Mary. It is through us as examples of family life where future priests will come from, or else what is happening in Chicago and elsewhere will be repeated, that of having to combine parishes due to lack of priests. The Church too needs to rethink many former procedures for priests, all this will happen with the intercession of Mother Mary.

**TURN YOUR MINUTES
INTO DECADES**



Well, you'd think March would announce the arrival of spring. After all, she's sandwiched between February ice and April showers. But no, like a spoiled child she delights in throwing tantrums. Up to her boots in slush one minute, the next producing a whiteout, she prolongs hoary frosts and mountainous ice caves. Robins return to announce warmer weather approaching, and early crocuses already have painted February's gray slate with splashes of color; but like a bully, March blusters and blows, cracking limbs off trees and shingles off houses in her nasty temper.

By Sheila Ryan Wallace - (Sheila is the wife of PSD John M. Wallace)

Beware the Ides of March they say, and historians wonder why; but I can tell you. Come the 15th of the month and the first day of spring waits in the wings. March, just like a bipolar female, first smiles warm sunshine and balmy breezes upon the landscape to disarm. Everyone then sheds their warm winter clothing. Suddenly, like a woman with PMS, she darkens the landscape with billowing gray clouds and sends chilling raindrops slanted against the housetops by gusty winds, to sting newly uncovered arms and legs. As if that weren't enough, she blusters on into April to cheat springtime.

Sap begins to flow in March, and hibernating animals stretch and leave their winter nests, only to become confused by a sudden drop in temperature or a blizzard without mercy. Wild geese and ducks ignore the temperamental shenanigans as the last throes of a dying woman, and begin their long journeys northward.

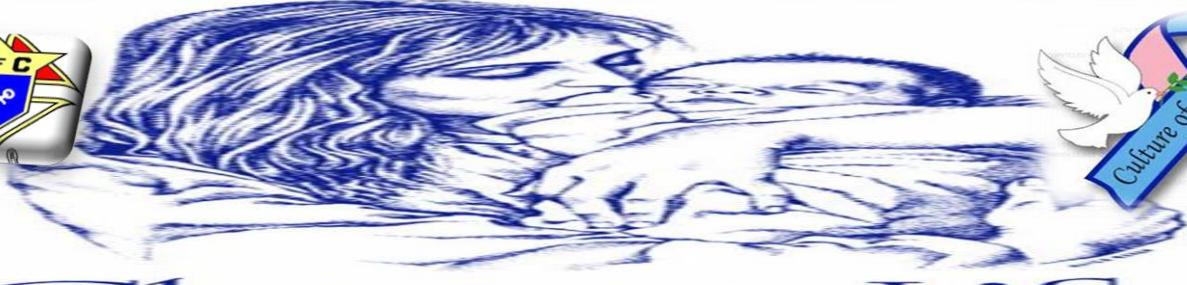
March smells like burnt wool against a coal fire, tastes like popcorn and hot chocolate, sounds like a ringing "Play ball!" It celebrates like too much green beer, at first warm and sweet, later knocking one for a loop with a punch to the head.

March sports no National Holidays, as who would want to depend on such a moody female to provide a stable environment for celebration? Only the Irish, who, as a people, have overcome nastiness and hardship and know how to celebrate even the birth of a pig's ear, would deign to choose March for their annual St. Patrick's celebration. Perhaps it's because they have long been accustomed to ignoring the moody little woman and celebrated with or without her consent and company. Their mid-month celebration is accompanied by loud music, bright color and barrels of beer with volume enough to compete with any thunderous floods March can conjure up.

March is prolonged school days in summer because of wintry closings. Her calendar page is dull, brightened only by the green of St. Patrick's Day. Although the flower for March is the violet, who can spy the shy plant as it hides under virile sheltering trees and bushes.

Alexander Graham Bell's birthday is celebrated in March, very apropos, as he probably invented the telephone to provide entertainment for housewives confined for weeks by the unsettled weather. Women's history day is celebrated in March. Women had to find something to do to carry them into spring.

Why not celebrate pins and needles day in March? It would suit better than November when it is truly celebrated. After all aren't we all on pins and needles each day to discover what mood March will display? Or perhaps we could celebrate hail and ice day. March crowds February, promises spring; but shouts in glee when she overwhelms April and clings to winter. Why do we put up with her tantrums? Perhaps because we know she is all bluster.



**SUBMITTED BY ANDREW AND JOANNE KOPRIVA
WASHINGTON STATE CULTURE OF LIFE COUPLE**

Most of you have probably had an encounter with a Mormon missionary, Jehovah's witness, or Seventh Day Adventist at some point. I know I usually have a couple of visits annually. You would think I'd have a plan of attack all worked out but each time they come to the door I find myself at a loss for words, especially when the Mormons call. When the JWs call I launch into our belief in the true presence and quote Jn 6 and the last supper accounts from the synoptic gospels. Unfortunately I've had Mormons tell me they believe that too. So while searching for a different tactic to approach the Mormons with I found this piece written by Patrick Madrid. The most important thing I came away with after reading Patrick's encounter is that I need to be prepared - Just like Patrick. I need to have some talking points written down and within quick reach by the front door. The second thing I need to remember is that I'm not going to win a debate and witness an instantaneous conversion of two young Mormons. What can be achieved is to plant seeds. Seeds of doubt about their Mormon faith and seeds of truth from the Holy Spirit about the one true Church that will grow in their hearts.

Here's the highlights of Patrick's account:

MORMON MISSIONARIES: MY FIRST ENCOUNTER

Patrick Madrid

Let me tell you about the first time I got cornered by a pair of Mormon missionaries. I learned some valuable lessons about how and how not to engage them in debate. I heard it—that inevitable knock on the door. Outside stood two sharply dressed guys with name badges "Elder." One of them, probably the more senior missionary, shook my hand and informed me that they were representatives of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and that my neighbor had suggested they visit me and answer any questions I might have about the Book of Mormon. I was on the spot. I wasn't sure how to handle a discussion of Mormonism with one missionary, let alone with two.

As a Catholic, I'd been raised believing the Catholic Church was the true Church. I still am convinced of that fact, but at the time of this encounter I didn't know what they believed about the Mormon Church.

My Mistakes.... First of all, I let them lead the discussion. Looking back on it, it's easy to see that they had a prepared delivery, and they tried to keep to it. They knew what they were there to accomplish. I didn't. The second failing, was that I tried to

refute every argument they had against Catholicism with a Bible verse. Although I didn't know the history or doctrines of the Mormon Church, I knew something about Catholic history. The missionaries and I started to look at what the Bible had to say about Christ's Church. My thesis was that Christ either was lying, miscalculating, or telling the truth in Matthew 16:18.

An Unbroken Chain....They had no satisfactory answer for that one. When I brought up the fact that history and tradition point to an unbroken line of continuance from the apostolic Church to the present-day Church, they couldn't refute that.

"What If.. "I asked them to consider for a moment that the Catholic Church was the true Church and that Catholic doctrines were correct. If so, then their prayers were being heard by my God. Then, I said, we could assume the reverse, that the Mormons were right and my prayers were heard by their God. Either way, only one God could be the recipient of the prayers. By now the missionaries were uncomfortable. They couldn't give any answer to the question about Christ's promise to his Church in Matthew 16:18. They couldn't offer any logical or historical evidence to show there ever had been an apostasy. They were cornered, and they knew it.

"You're In Bondage To Satan"..... Our conversation ended on a strained note. I demanded more explanations from them on these subjects, but they couldn't produce them. They offered to check with their state president and get answers for me. Their final remark was this: "It's obvious that Satan has clouded your heart and mind so that you're unable to see the truth of the Gospel." That's where they left it. We said our good-byes, and they mounted their ten-speeds and rode off.

I hadn't won the debate, at least not in the way I would have liked. But that's okay. I did learn important lessons on how not to debate Mormons. No more scriptural badminton for me. I knew I'd have to stick with a subject until it had been exhausted, and I had to keep myself from being intimidated through double-teaming. I knew I had to do two things in preparation for the next knock at the door.

First, I had to become more familiar with the facts about the Catholic Church's history.. **Second**, I had to study up on Mormonism. Just the basics, please. I knew I wouldn't have to do extensive research, and I got what I needed out of a few pamphlets the Mormons put out. I studied them and thought about how to answer the pamphlets' arguments. The encounter with the missionaries whet my appetite. I realized I didn't have to be afraid or nervous, just persistent. The same goes for you.

Every time there's a knock on the door, it could be another opportunity for you to say, with a big smile, "Hi, elders! I'm glad you're here! I've been waiting for you!"

MY BROTHER KNIGHTS.

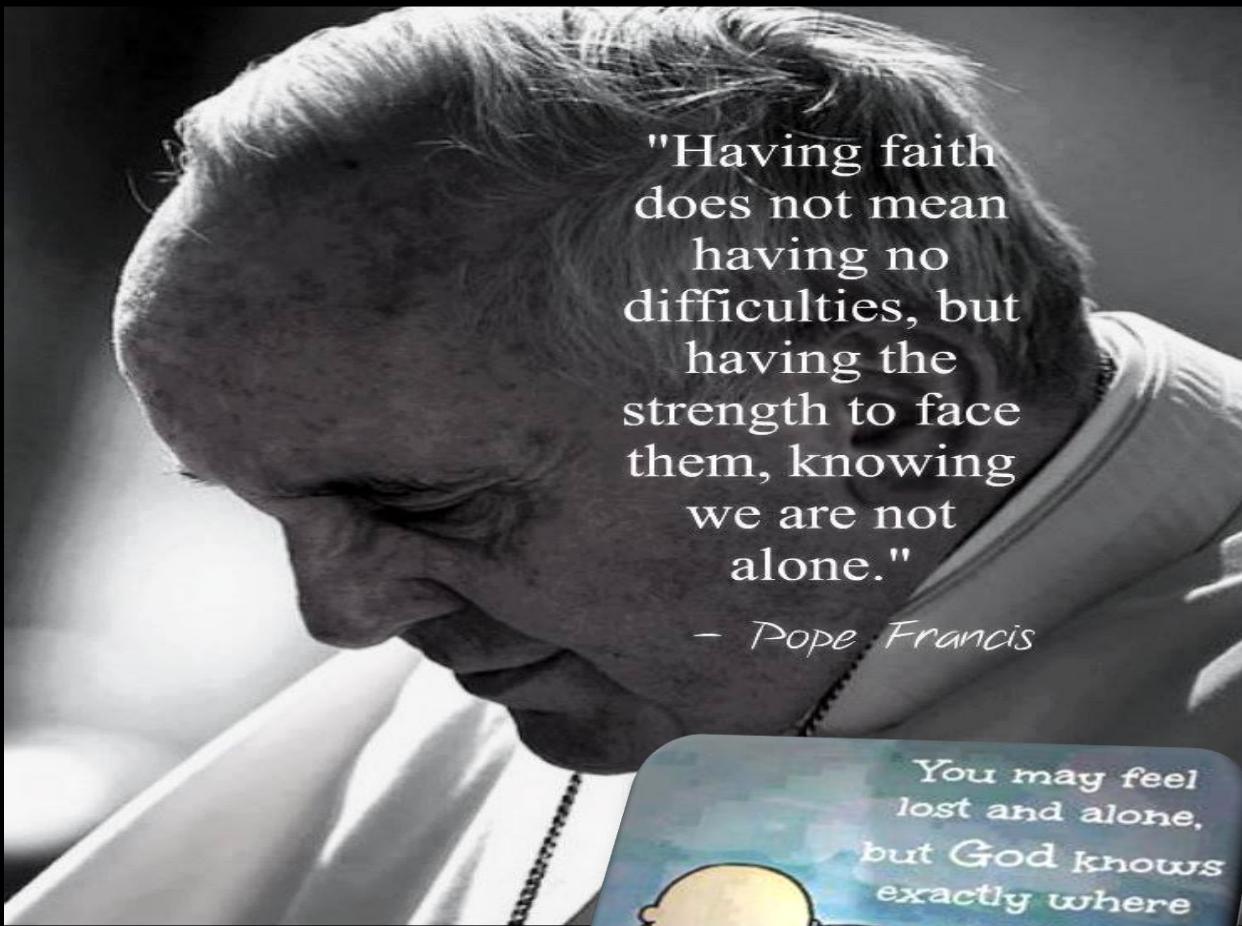
People saw David as a shepherd but God saw him as a king. People saw Easter as a servant but God saw her as a Queen. You may be ordinary but in the eyes of God you are Extraordinary.

Do not be afraid to be saints.
Follow Jesus Christ who is the source
of freedom and light.
Be open to the Lord
so that He may lighten
all your ways.

Pope John Paul II

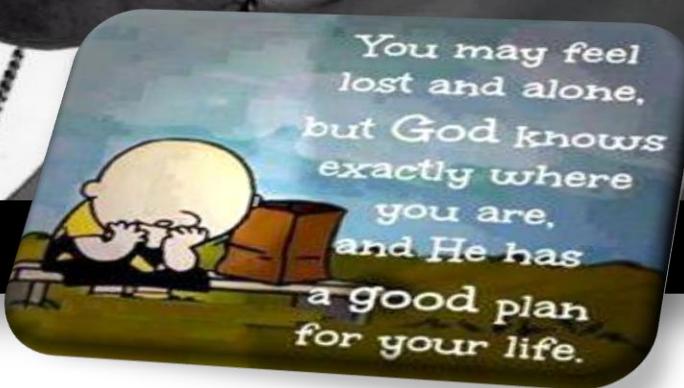
Two human beings, considered to be the epitomes of Divinity meet each other. A history is created. So it happened when Pope John Paul II and Mother Teresa came in contact with each other. Their meeting was an event to be recorded in world history. While the mission of the former was to take care of the affairs of the Roman Catholic Church and spreading the word of Christ throughout the world, the Mother dedicated every breath of her life to attend to the poor and the unfortunate lot of mankind. Therefore, both of these great souls were instrumental in reviving faith of people in Christ and his miracles.





"Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone."

— Pope Francis



From our Lord;

Huge stores of faith and a peaceful strength sent from heaven above make for us a message, a message of power and grace, one more link uniting God and man. We feel these ties, this power when we come to pray, we feel the peace of His power. With His message of love, each hour, each day, brings us enduring faith and a peace that will last and grow.

Peaceful because we know we are never alone, in the naked light of hardship we feel his warmth and we know we are not alone.....

(Inspired by Brother Ken Wise)

“LORD,
THE PLIGHT OF OUR
COUNTRY IS DEEP AND
THE SUFFERING OF
CHRISTIANS
IS SEVERE AND
FRIGHTENING.

PEACE IS THE
FOUNDATION OF LIFE;
GRANT US THE PEACE
AND STABILITY THAT
WILL ENABLE US
TO LIVE WITH EACH
OTHER...WITH
DIGNITY AND JOY.

PRAY FOR CHRISTIANS IN IRAQ

SPARE OUR LIVES,
AND GRANT US
PATIENCE AND
COURAGE TO
CONTINUE OUR
WITNESS OF
CHRISTIAN VALUES
WITH TRUST AND
HOPE.

GLORY BE
TO YOU
FOREVER.”

HIS BEATITUDE
LOUIS RAFael SAKO,
CHALDEAN CATHOLIC
Patriarch of Iraq

EDITOR'S NOTE;

My brothers I'm sorry for the "second edition" being several days behind schedule. I've been engaged in helping my brother cope with several major health issues.

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH, FOR NOW....



APPENDIX #1:

*Note from FN - Michael L. Patello, Msgr. William J. Sweeney Assembly 1174;
The cost for the Event for Candidates who want to join us after Mass for dinner will be
\$70.00. The cost for just the Exemplification and no dinner afterwards is \$50.00.*

The Cost for lunch will be \$5.00 (sand which, chips and drinks).

*Cost for dinner will be \$25.00 for those other than the candidates (Castle Catering Tri-Tip).
Please just email me so I can make sure there is no confusion or misunderstanding.*

**The ladies program will be hosted by my wife and will
include a trip to the Reach Museum after lunch.**

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

A Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held on Saturday, February 27, 2016, at
Knights of Columbus Hall, 2500 Chester Rd., Richland WA 99354-4905

The Host Assembly is Msgr. William J. Sweeney Assembly 1174

District Master Thomas J. Sokol 509-993-2903 or email thomas@tjsappraisals.com

The **Faithful Navigator** is Mike Patello (509-392- 2194)

The **Faithful Comptroller** is Thomas J. Bander (509-375 -0632)

The degree team is the Eastern Washington Fourth Degree Team

EXEMPLIFICATION HONOREE

The honoree for this Fourth Degree Exemplification is **Darrell Henn**

EVENT TIME SCHEDULE - ACTIVITY TIME LOCATION

Registration 11:30 am - 12:30 pm KofC Hall, 2500 Chester Rd

Exemplification 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm KofC Hall)

Public Knighting/picture taking 3:00pm KofC Hall

Mass 4:00 pm Christ the King Parish

Reception 6:00 – 9:00 pm KofC Hall

FEES - Exemplification fee for each candidate, except priests, is **\$70.00** as set by the District Master.

Included in this fee reception, social baldric and Fourth Degree pins.

There is no exemplification fee for **ordained priests or religious brothers**; however, their assembly will pay **\$15.00** for their social baldric and Fourth Degree pin.

The candidate's or the assembly's check is to be made payable to the **MASTER FUND**.

All Form 4's plus \$70 candidate fee to:

Master Thomas J. Sokol, District Master

PO box 141376 Spokane Valley, WA 99214

Advance reservation and payment required.

DRESS - MEN: Plain black tuxedo, white shirt, black tie, black shoes and socks. Military personnel may wear their uniform. Sir Knights are to wear their social baldric and jewel of office (either council or assembly).
LADIES: As the men are dressed formally, most ladies prefer a dressy dress. Some wear a simple dress or a cocktail dress although skirt and blouse is acceptable.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

The sponsor is to make certain that all information is legibly printed on the Form 4.

The applicant, his sponsor, and the financial secretary of the applicant's council promptly sign the Form 4. After admission committee action, the faithful navigator and faithful comptroller promptly sign the Form 4. The faithful comptroller will promptly forward the signed Form 4 and the applicant's check to the Master. After the degree, the Master will sign and send the Form 4 to Supreme with copies to councils and assemblies.

SUPPORTING DATES OF 3RD DEGREES

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