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**THE SECOND EDITION IS A
"Strong Visible Program"**



Time to start thinking!

"Family of the Year"

"Family Activity of the Year"



Before the State Convention in Spokane this May.
Grand Knights are urged to nominate an outstanding **"Family of the Year"** Nominations must be in my mailbox no later than **April 1st** to be considered for judging by the state officers
For **"Family Activity of the Year"**, the same provisions apply,
With the exception that the due date for those nominations to
Be in my mailbox no later than April 15

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The Knight of the Year Award

The model Knight is difficult to describe. He may or may not be the one with the most abbreviations behind his name. He may or may not necessarily be the one with the longest list of achievements to his credit. He may be a quiet and humble man who seeks only to be the best Catholic he can be and who has dedicated himself to the Church, the Order and his family. The Knight of the Year may be old or young, a relatively new knight or one who has served for fifty or more years. He is what best exemplifies what it means to be a Knight of Columbus. He is someone you are proud to call "Brother".

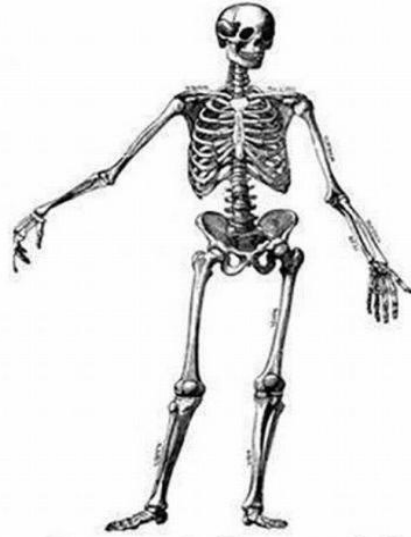
All Knight of the Year submissions are to be received by the State Council Activities Director by **April 1**. The State Council Director will perform the first level of grading. The second level of judging is performed by the State Officers with the final selection by the State Deputy.

Submit your KNIGHT OF THE YEAR nominations to:

**Joseph F. Wolleat - 7506 - 191st Ave E - Bonney Lake, WA 98391-8558
(253) 394-3147 - COUNCIL@KOFC-WA.ORG**

DID YOU KNOW?

The average human body
contains enough bones



to make an entire human skeleton.



*A wise old owl lived in an oak
The more he saw the less he spoke
The less he spoke the more he heard.
Why can't we all be like that wise old bird?*

Think of a number between 0
and 20. Add 40 to it. Multiply
by 2. Subtract 3. Now close
your eyes.... It's dark isn't it.



May the joy of the Christ Child's birth be with you this Christmas Season. May Christ's peace be with you in the New Year.

Jim Mullen FN

Karol Jozef Wojtyla Assembly 3111-Colbert

ED NOTE: *Jim was out of the country working and so his message was a little late but we so appreciate his assembly's greetings.*

God Bless Sir Knights.

I AM GRATEFUL

I am grateful...

For a wonderful, warm bed and the ability to sleep well and get up on my own if necessary;

For the sense of smell, to enjoy God's fragrances and scents;

For all my other senses, which allow me so much "freedom" of thought and goodness;

For a wonderful family and good friends;

For a home, car and other assets which protect, provide and transport us when the needs arise;

For aches and pains, which remind me that my nerves still work and that I'm getting older;

For the gift of curiosity and questioning of aspects of life before accepting them fully;

For the increased gratitude God has instilled in me to glorify Him and others;

For the pursuit of reading and learning all my life, especially historical writings;

For a college education against many odds, and the doors it opened for my career opportunities

For service to my country in the United States Navy, a shrinking fraternity of brothers;

For a country whose form of government and rule spawn innovation, technology and commerce, the greatest industrial nation in the world;

For the best health care system in the world; for Chaplains who minister to the sick and alone; to our priests who minister to our "emotional/mental "health"

For the liberties granted by our Constitution and Bill of Rights, without which we would be vassals in subjugation;

To God, for continuing to work on me to become a committed Christian, and for my willingness to accept His rule.

For all these things...and so many more...I am grateful for the Grand Mariner's mercy towards me. Amen.



By Ron Reiersen former W Recorder, F. Scribe, Editor, Council#13238
Current Chaplain, DESA/NorPac Chapter.



JANUARY 4, 2015 REGIONAL LEADERSHIP MEETING

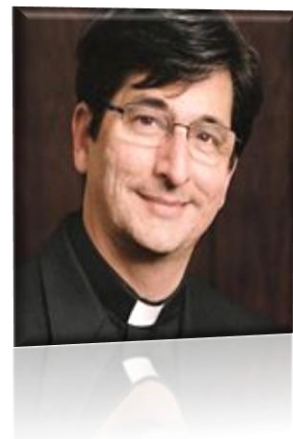


By STEVE SNELL

JANUARY 4, 2015: YAKIMA -- I've just returned from the "Regional Leadership Meeting" in Yakima. The meeting was attended by several District Deputy Mentors, GKs & FSs from Districts – 6, 7, 10,17,& 30, located in the Mid & Southeastern sections of the State. Led by our State Deputy, State Officers, State Ceremonials Director, District Master-Eastern Washington, a collection of District Deputies, two insurance agents, one FS trainer and a handful of State Program Chairmen. The State luminaries re-energized all present by throwing light on the path leading to the promise of a positive thriving future for the Knights of Columbus in our State. The 1st Degree Team from #3307 conducted a degree that brought in 4 new members, this was very well done. The meeting was hosted by Council #894 and DD#6 John P. Shumaker, they had strong assistance from members of Council 6097 and former DD Terry Wauzynski. An outstanding job by all involved!!

BISHOP TYSON WAS THE HONORED GUEST SPEAKER AT THE REGIONAL MEETING

Bishop Tyson is the Bishop of Diocese of Yakima. The Diocese of Yakima serves 41 parishes in 7 counties.



REGIONAL MEETING
FIRST DEGREE COMPETITION IN YAKIMA JAN. 4, 2015
DEGREE TEAM FROM RICHLAND COUNCIL 3307



***Back Row L to R:** Mike Jenck-HG, Jerry Rhoads-3307 GK, Tom Bander-Sound Man
Gary Soehnlein-FS, Michael Reisenauer-Chan., Don McBride -DGK, Mike Patello-W
Mike Wise-Substitute GK, Ron Gamache-HG*

***Front Row L to R: 4 New Members:** Brock Eubanks, Dustin Dibenedetto,
State Deputy-George Czerwonka, Brian Meehan, Todd Berthon*



CBS/AP January 11, 2015, 8:03 AM

Pope Francis defends himself against communism claims



VATICAN CITY - Pope Francis is insisting that his concern for the poor and critique of the global economic system isn't some novel, communist-inspired ideology but rather the original and core "touchstone" of the Christian faith.

Some U.S. conservatives have branded the first Latin American pope a Marxist for his frequent critiques of consumerism and focus on a church "that is poor and for the poor." But in an interview contained in a new book, Francis explains that his message is rooted in the Gospel and has been echoed by church fathers since Christianity's first centuries.

"The Gospel does not condemn the wealthy, but the idolatry of wealth, the idolatry that makes people indifferent to the call of the poor," Francis says in "This Economy Kills," a study of the pope's economic and social teachings, excerpts of which were provided Sunday to The Associated Press.

Specifically, Francis summarized a verse from the Gospel of Matthew which is the essential mission statement of his papacy: "I was hungry, I was thirsty, I was in prison, I was sick, I was naked and you helped me, clothed me, visited me, took care of me." "Caring for our neighbor, for those who are poor, who suffer in body and soul, for those who are in need: this is the touchstone. Is it pauperism? No. It is the Gospel."

He cites church fathers dating to St. Ambrose and St. John Chrysostom as expressing the same concerns, and noted somewhat wryly that if he had said the same "some would accuse me of giving a Marxist homily."

"As we can see, this concern for the poor is in the Gospel, it is within the tradition of the church, it is not an invention of communism and it must not be turned into some ideology, as has sometimes happened before in the course of history," an apparent reference to the Latin American-inspired liberation theology.

"This Economy Kills," by two seasoned Vatican reporters, comes out this week in Italian.

"FAMILY OF THE MONTH"

**WE ARE LOOKING GOOD BECAUSE OF
OUR FAMILIES!**

**HONOR THEM!
PLEASE GRAND KNIGHTS!!**



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

**"STRONG VISIBLE
PROGRAM**



**STOP
TRYING TO
FIT IN
WHEN YOU
WERE BORN TO
STAND OUT**



STATE AWARDS APPLICATION SCHEDULE

AWARD DUE DATES & WHO TO SUBMIT TO

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

Leo F. O'Dore, CHURCH
2625 N Cook St
Bothell, WA 98012-6929

COMMUNITY

April 15

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

COUNCIL

April 15

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

FAMILY SERVICE ACTIVITY

April 15

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

YOUTH

April 15

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

PRO-LIFE

April 15

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



Food for Families

While the need to feed hungry families is constant, the Holiday season is traditionally a time of increased Knights of Columbus outreach through volunteer support and food donations.

In order to encourage increased council outreach to food banks, food pantries and soup kitchens, the Knights of Columbus offers financial rebates to councils that provide donations. For every 500 pounds of food that a council contributes to a parish food pantry, community food bank or soup kitchen, the Supreme Council will refund \$100 up to a maximum refund of \$500 per council per fraternal year.

Although food donations are valuable, food bank managers often say that contributions of money are even more helpful, as they allow the food bank to procure the exact food items needed. For councils wishing to give a monetary donation, the Supreme Council will offer the same refund — \$100 up to a maximum refund of \$500 per council per fraternal year — for every \$500 that a council contributes.

The Supreme Council will count a qualifying Food for Families program as fulfilling all four of the Family Activities requirements for the Columbian Award. In order to qualify, councils must meet the minimum requirements and then complete and submit the details of their Food for Families program, including the cumulative contributions of food and/or money for the fraternal year, on the Columbian Award Application(#SP-7). Report all monies raised and hours volunteered on the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728). Both forms can be easily accessed at www.kofc.org/forms.

In order for your council to fulfill the requirements of the Family Activities category for the Columbian Award, you must collect and donate a minimum of 1,000 pounds of food. In addition, council members must contribute a minimum of 100 volunteer hours in the preparation and distribution of meals to those in need.

Questions regarding this program can be made to either Jason Porrello (203-800-4937 or jason.porrello@kofc.org) or Quianna Richardson (203-752-4402 or quianna.richardson@kofc.org)

ISSAQUAH ALTAR DEDICATION



On 12/20/2014 we had a dedication of the altar at St Joseph's in Issaquah, our archbishop came out with five of his priests. We had 13 Sir Knights in regalia from four assemblies to witness one of the most amazing things I have ever seen.....Eugene Daly - Western District Master



JOIN US



KEEP THE FLAME BURNING

Freedom is a flame we must keep burning bright

Please consider becoming a 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus. It is said, "When a man becomes a 4th Degree member he is a Knight for life".

Today when our Church and Country are under attack from all sides, we need strong Knights with knowledge of their Country's history and values. This is what a 4th Degree Knight is. It is a gift to yourself that you and your community will be forever grateful for.

Remember the 4th Degree is one of our best membership retention tools

**BROTHERS YOU WILL BE
THE ONES WHO DEFINE THE
COMING YEAR?**



*"THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT DAYS OF YOUR LIFE ARE THE DAY
YOU WERE BORN AND THE DAY YOU FIND OUT WHY."*

(Mark Twain)

**JOIN US IN THE NEW YEAR;
STANDING UP FOR,**

**OUR UNBORN,
OUR CHURCH,
OUR COUNTRY,
OUR FAMILY VALUES.**

BECAUSE OF YOUR EFFORTS:



The Big Empty

"Hanging on by a Thread"

By STEVE SNELL

I'm sitting in a harbor with no ships; no one wants to talk to me, I've lost my family. Wait! I hear something - or someone - saying something; it's the sound of air or thought or the pressure of silence reaching out from a shell of loneliness and finding an echo in the wind. It doesn't matter what is said, only that recognition brought about the sound, the effort. It's a lonely bus stop I'm sitting at, a hard wood bench the only comfort I've found, but it's mine and I will hold it for now. There's a phone booth down the street from my bench and the phone is ringing, no one will answer it. No one hears it, it rings on and on, no one cares.



Over there in the shadows sits an old man who's given up on his dreams, he's lost his self respect and his family. Look at him, how does one slide so far, what a ride he must have had and the story he has woven in the tracks of his life are chiseled in lines of loneliness written all over his face. His face, my God his face, a man worn, a man weathered by losses he can no longer count, words he can no longer remember or take back, if only he could take some of them back, what he wouldn't give. He looks and feels tired, he had been hungry earlier but that feeling went away, now he's tired, he's ready for the escape sleep will bring, ready for the peace of the dream, the peace of the dream, thank you God for that. Another day will pass in a bit, another day in which the words just came out wrong, he meant better than he could deliver, but now he's oh so tired and sleep is here now, thank you God.

Morning comes quietly, it takes away the dream, it brings the sun, and it takes away an old man's slumber. The pain and stiffness return to his legs and back, bringing with it the memories and the reality of his present condition. Remembering hunger, he feels alone and it's familiar ground for him. He's a tough old man, but not really that tough, not that hard, and not that bad, but at the moment he needs some food. The money's gone, been gone for a long time, it left with the home and the car, it rode off with the women and his respectability. Oh yea he missed them, hell he really liked the car and the house was a source of pride and comfort, the wife he knew he'd lost long before she rode away in the car. The money was good it gave him a different kind of freedom than poverty gives. Poverty gives a kind of simplicity that frees you of expectations and

responsibilities, frees you of goals, it leaves you less than you were. For some the simplicity of poverty can be used to free you of worldly cares and allow the time to pursue your goals or your God. The money was a ticket to a freedom that allowed him to harvest many of the fruits and opportunities of this world, freedom bought security, comfort, and gave him the appearance of respectability.

Enough reminiscing, he needs food, he needs it soon, he rose up from the ground and set off in search of breakfast. I decide to follow him; he's shopped the neighborhood before. He knows I'm behind him but he says nothing, he will not stop, he limped into a bakery and five minutes latter limps out with a sack of day old doughnuts, he tosses me a doughnut, he continues on, eating a doughnut from his sack. "Hey buddy," I call out to him, "where are you going"? He continues on to the bridge, " hey **talk to me....** don't crawl up there, what are you doing, **talk to me.**" He will not stop, he continues to climb, "say something **talk to me.**" He stops and turns, I yell, "**mister say something,**" he throws me what's left of the sack of doughnuts. IT SEEMS LIKE HE IS SLEEP WALKING, HE TURNS, THE

THREAD BREAKS AND HE LEAVES US.....

HE JUMPS!

"God please catch him!!"



*Its quiet now,
the phone booth is ringing,
no one cares.*

PLEASE LORD.....

IF I SHOULD DIE BEFORE I WAKE, I PRAY THE LORD MY SOUL TO TAKE.

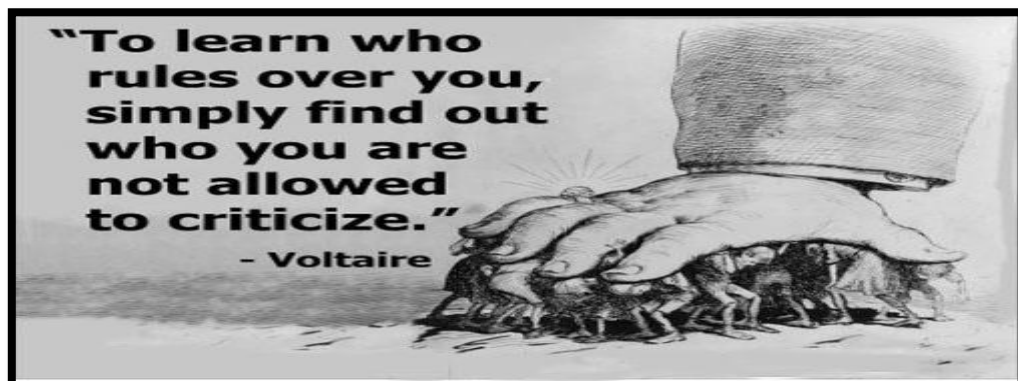


In the Garden of Eden, Almighty God was finishing the process of assigning the attributes of human life to Adam and Eve. He announced "there are but two attributes remaining." Adam eagerly asked what they were; God replied that the first was the ability to pee standing up. "I'll take that one", Adam exclaimed and proceeded to run all over Eden demonstrating his new ability. Eve asked of God what the one remaining attribute was, and the answer was "brains".

*It's too bad der Fuehrer didn't pursue painting.
Another bad painter, we could have handled that.*

PLEASE HELP ME BE LIKE MY BROTHERS

It is my gift today to find at every turn of the road
The strong arm of brothers kind enough to help me forward with my load;
Since I have no money to give, it is fraternity alone that makes the payment.
My only prayer is while I live -- **Help me be worthy of my brothers.**





Pope Benedict, St. John XXIII, St. John Paul II, Pope Francis.

THE FOUR AMIGOS & *"THEIR SIMPLY EXTRAORDINARY KNIGHTS"*

By STEVE SNELL

There are those who seem simple because they are so hopelessly extraordinary that the only way that most of us can ever hope to explain them is in simple terms. They were men who were most apt to move the world out of its humdrum and commonplace existence and do so with infinitely more far-reaching results than the great conquerors who destroyed and built empires.

These men of God have all lived their lives as lovers and defenders of the poor, they reached out a hand of friendship to the oppressed. They engaged in battles, not against the weak and poor -- anybody can do this -- but against power, against injustice, against oppression. In their lives they always exhibited an antagonism toward prejudice, ignorance, hate, and bigotry. They all possessed the "seed of God in them," (*The seed is the word of God.*)

These men of God loved peace and forgiveness all their lives, they taught this in writings and personal example, they believed with heart and soul that love does more than hatred.....While mankind is not perfect, the Popes have never ceased to love their fellow-men. They believe in the law of love, they taught in the name of our Lord, that it is the greatest and most potent force in our great universe. **In a great personal example of love and forgiveness St. John Paul II.....**

ST. JOHN PAUL II

Mehmet Ali Ağca shot John Paul twice at close range on May 13, 1981 as the pope was traveling in an open car through St. Peter's Square in Vatican City, an attack that left the pope in critical condition. The gunman was quickly arrested. John Paul recovered and later met Ağca in prison, where the pontiff forgave his would-be killer.



ST. JOHN XXIII

He believed the Roman Catholic church needed to be brought up-to-date, and summoned its leaders to the Second Ecumenical Council, or Vatican II, with the aim of modernizing it and fostering unity. But he died in June 1963, before the council's aims could be seen through to their conclusion. On his death, he was hailed as the "Pope of Unity and Peace." Thousands filled St Peter's Square to mourn "Il Papa Buono" ("the good Pope").



POPE BENEDICT XVI

Pope Benedict XVI was pope of the Catholic Church, having served from 2005 until his resignation in 2013. Benedict was elected on 19 April 2005 in a papal conclave following the death of Pope John Paul II and was inaugurated on 24 April 2005.



POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis is the reigning pope of the Catholic Church, in which capacity he is both Bishop of Rome and absolute sovereign of the Vatican City State. The theories of evolution and the Big Bang are real and God is not "a magician with a magic wand", Pope Francis has declared.



The "Four Amigos" and the Knights of Columbus represent some of the highest qualities of Simplicity, Faith and Goodness. These high qualities remind me of water. They are collectively necessary for life in addition to being great examples of the strength and power of humility. Water always seeks the lowest place, it often 'dwells in regions where people are not comfortable, yet it is good and necessary to all living things: it benefits all things and does not compete with them. Furthermore, water best illustrates the principle of effective patience, it is timeless in that it is soft and yielding but can wear away hard rock. 'There is nothing softer or sweeter than water and yet given time there is nothing better for attacking **strong hard things.**'

AN EXAMPLE OF A STRONG HARD THING: In the area of life issues such as abortion and euthanasia, our country must take seriously the inherent dignity of every human life or suffer the collapse of all human rights. Becoming a Knight means living that unique calling, this is a role in today's secular culture that has been filled by these "**simply extraordinary**" men and their families!

**GOD BLESS THE KNIGHTS,
THEY HAVE THE "SEED OF GOD IN THEM!"**


Oh what to do, what to doooo?

Fraternally

Confused in Middle Washington (not to be confused with Middle Earth)

I was a bit foggy on this myself so I went to the Wizard, but left even more confused. Then I went to a web genius and asked your question. The answer was quite long, somewhat profane and I have reduced it to the following:

1. Go to your Financial Secretary and ask him to email you the link that he gets every month announcing that the bulletin (s) have been published.
2. Go to www.kofc-wa.org each month and click on '**current state bulletin**' or '**current second edition**' periodically until you see this month's version, or Send an email with your email address, name, council number and a photo of your favorite Saint to the State Web Master asking to be put on the good guy list. Remember, if the State Web Master or your FS is not forwarding the link to you monthly, you, like all the new members joining in the past two years, are not on the 'good guy list'. Remember, an informed knight is an active knight.



Knights of Columbus

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Keep Christ in Christmas


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

George Czerwonka, State Deputy 2014 - 2015
"Making a Difference for Life"

My Dear Brothers All:

First, we extend warm wishes, fraternal love and Christmas Blessings to all Knights families from the Czerwonka family. Merry Christmas!

This "Keep Christ in Christmas" photo of the Holy Family is actually a billboard panel the college Knights of St. Aloysius Gonzaga Council 12583 ordered to be placed on lighted billboards in five (5) locations on arterial roadways of the Greater Spokane area. They went up after Thanksgiving and will remain up through Christmas until Epiphany. [Read more...](#)



Upcoming Events

Date	Event
01/01/2015	<u>a Due</u>
01/01/2015	<u>3 Day - Feast of Mary Mother of God</u>
01/10/2015	<u>Meeting (Spokane 8201)</u>
	<u>Meeting Yakima</u>
	<u>Meeting Olympia</u>

Of Interest


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Hobo News was an early 20th-century newspaper for homeless migrant workers (hobos.) It was published in St. Louis, Missouri, and Cincinnati, Ohio, by the International Brotherhood Welfare Association (IBWA) and its founder James Eads How. **Hobo News** was important for legitimatizing the hobo identity and has been credited as a predecessor to the modern street newspaper movement.



Hoboglyphs are a set of symbols used by Hobo's traveling through the United States during the great depression. These symbols are meant to inform other travelers of dangers that lie ahead.

FAMOUS HOBOS:

WOODY GUTHRIE, JACK LONDON, JAMES MICHENER, JACK DEMPSEY
WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS, CLARK GABEL, BURL IVES, CARL SANDBURG

Hobo Culture

'Hark' 'I hear her whistling,
I must catch her on the fly:
One more scoop of beer I'd like,
Once more before I die.'
The hobo stopped, his head fell back,
he'd sung his last refrain.
His partner took his hat and shoes,
and caught the east-bound train.
(A common hobo poem)

Patton's Prayer for Fair Weather and the Turn of World War II

By KARL HADLEY - VSM FOURTH DEGREE



We need 800 priests to serve the military, yet have only 280. The Knights of Columbus Military Chaplain Scholarship Fund is nearing its \$1,000,000 goal, but unfortunately many councils and assemblies have not yet contributed to the cause. Thus, Washington State has not yet met its \$16,000 goal and is only at \$12,572.11. You might be thinking that chaplains aren't important. Well here's a story that might convince you to donate to the Fund.....

James Hugh O'Neill was born on Jan 14, 1892. After receiving his Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees from Loyola University, he entered Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity in St. Paul, Minnesota, and was ordained on May 20, 1915. In 1926, Father O'Neill entered the Chaplain Service of the US Army.

There were about 486 chaplains in the Third Army in WWII, representing 32 denominations. As the Chief Chaplain of the Third Army, Father O'Neill received a telephone call on the morning of December 8, 1944: "This is General Patton; do you have a good prayer for weather? We must do something about those rains if we are to win the war." This rain had plagued Patton's Army throughout the Moselle and Saar Campaigns since September.

Father O'Neill typed the following on a 3" x 5" filing card:

"Almighty and most merciful Father, we humbly beseech Thee, of Thy great goodness, to restrain these immoderate rains with which we have had to contend. Grant us fair weather for Battle. Graciously hearken to us as soldiers who call upon Thee that, armed with Thy power, we may advance from victory to victory, and crush the oppression and wickedness of our enemies and establish Thy justice among men and nations."

He then typed the Army Commander's Christmas Greetings on the reverse side. "To each officer and soldier in the Third United States Army, I Wish a Merry Christmas. I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty, and skill in battle. We march in our might to complete victory. May God's blessings rest upon each of you on this Christmas Day. G.S. Patton, Jr, Lieutenant General, Commanding, Third United States Army."

General Patton read and signed the prayer and returned it to Father O'Neill with a very casual directive: "Have 250,000 copies printed and see to it that every man in the Third Army gets one." The General said, "Chaplain, I am a strong believer in Prayer. There are three ways that men get what they want; by planning, by working, and by Praying." "I wish you would put out a Training Letter on this subject of Prayer to all the chaplains; write about nothing else, just the importance of prayer. We've got to get not only the chaplains but every man in the Third Army to pray. We must ask God to stop these rains. These rains are that margin that hold defeat or victory. If we all pray... it will be like plugging in on a current whose source is in Heaven. I believe that prayer completes that circuit. It is power."

Father O'Neill returned to his field desk, typed Training Letter No. 5 and presented it to General Patton on the next day. The General read it and without change directed that it be circulated to every organization commander down to and including the regimental level. Three thousand two hundred copies were distributed to every unit in the Third Army. Distribution was completed by December 14.

And then, seventy years ago, the last and most devastating battle of World War II in Europe occurred when Nazi forces staged a surprising, massive attack. Within two days, in the Bulge and Breakthrough, the Germans had advanced 60 miles west and 30 miles north to south, eventually instigating the surrender of 7,500 Americans, their worst defeat in the war.

On Tuesday morning, December 19, 1944, a shaken Eisenhower convened key generals in Verdun. Eisenhower instructed Patton, "I want you to command this move making a strong counterattack When can you start?" "As soon as you're through with me," Patton claimed. "I can attack the day after tomorrow morning."

Yet the town was 125 difficult, wintry miles from the bulk of the Third Army. In two days and nights about a hundred thousand troops, with thousands of supply trucks, tanks, self-propelled guns, and other vehicles, had to slog over roads that barely existed beneath the mud, ice, and snow. In Luxembourg City the next morning, Patton set out alone for the ancient Roman Catholic chapel in the Foundation Pescatore, a massive, steepled, castle like structure. Under the crucifix above the altar, Patton, although an Episcopalian, removed his helmet with its three stars, sank to his knees, and prayed earnestly.

As General Patton rushed his divisions north from the Saar Valley to the relief of the beleaguered Bastogne, the prayers were answered. On December 20, to the consternation of the Germans and the delight of the American forecasters who were equally surprised at the turn-about - the rains and the fogs ceased.

For the better part of a week came bright clear skies and perfect flying weather. Our planes came over by tens, hundreds, and thousands. They knocked out hundreds of tanks, killed thousands of enemy troops in the Bastogne salient, and harried the enemy as he valiantly tried to bring up reinforcements. The 101st Airborne, with the 4th, 9th, and 10th Armored Divisions, saved Bastogne.

Father O'Neill, 486 chaplains, General Patton, and the entire Third Army prayed for fair weather for Battle and they got it.

So, yes, chaplains are important!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Father O'Neill was awarded the Bronze Star by General Patton.



ONCE IN A WHILE



TRY SAYING THE SAME OLD THING DIFFERENTLY!

*NOT THE SAME OLD SONG
WITH THE MELANCHOLY SOUND.*



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***YEAR AFTER YEAR, MOMENT AFTER MOMENT
INTO OUR TREASURE OF EXPERIENCES
GOD DEPOSITS NEW IMAGES***



TIMES SQUARE, AS SEEN FROM ABOVE

***LENT BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 18th, 2015***



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

THE FRANCIS EFFECT

Sistine Chapel: Pope Francis Says Mothers Can Breastfeed During Vatican Baptism Ceremony



Think Progress reported that.....Pope Francis has opened the doors and made some news, he has given mothers the go-ahead to breastfeed in the Sistine Chapel during Vatican baptism ceremonies if they so choose to do it. Pope Francis was presiding over the baptism of 33 babies in the Sistine Chapel, and he paused for a second during mass. It was then that he made the announcement to all of those in attendance. **“You mothers give your children milk and even now, if they cry because they are hungry, breastfeed them, don’t worry.”**

He also went on to speak about impoverished mothers around the world. Pope Francis spoke on how they often aren’t able to feed their children or themselves, and that this is a reality that everyone needs to be aware of. This isn’t the first time that Pope Francis has allowed breastfeeding in the Sistine Chapel. During the baptism of 32 babies last year, he made a similar statement to all of those in attendance at mass.

“If they are hungry, mothers, feed them, without thinking twice. Because they are the most important people here.”

As known by so many, breastfeeding in public is a big debate, as some find it to be inappropriate while others find it a necessity. The fact that Pope Francis has vocally supported it at the Vatican, one of the most religious sites in the world, is something that may make the debate a bit more one-sided.

There are 46 states in the nation that permit breastfeeding in public, but still, many women often feel forced to cover up or step out of view. Pope Francis allowing breastfeeding in the Sistine Chapel is a huge announcement and one that could change the view of things to come.

WINNING THE FIGHT FOR LIFE!



By Andrew & Joanne Kopriva

We are winning, abortions rates are decreasing. At first I was skeptical of the numbers being reported thinking that the number of surgical abortions were dropping, but that chemical abortions were not being reported, thus skewing the numbers. That turns out to not be the case. ALL abortions, surgical and chemical, are reported annually.

The reasons for the decrease in abortions are many, including legislation, economics, ultrasounds, and science, but perhaps the biggest reason for the drop in abortions is public exposure to truth. Pro-Lifers are no longer viewed as radical Christian zealots toting concealed weapons. And on the other side, the pro-abortionists have revealed their true nature by their recent actions at the pro-life legislation hearings in Texas and the Gosnell trial in Philadelphia.

And that is also why pro-abortionists so desperately fear the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. What if most people grasped that by 20 weeks, the preborn experience pain? What would their attitude be toward the little ones whose life is snuffed out when the abortionist cuts them to pieces or poisons them or induces premature delivery and then slits their spinal cords?

Republicans in the House of Representatives will hold a vote on the anniversary of Roe v. Wade on the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act to ban abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy. It's estimated that the passage of this bill would save roughly 18,000 lives annually. Call, write, or email, your senators and representatives and urge them to support this bill.

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God (Heb. 13:16).

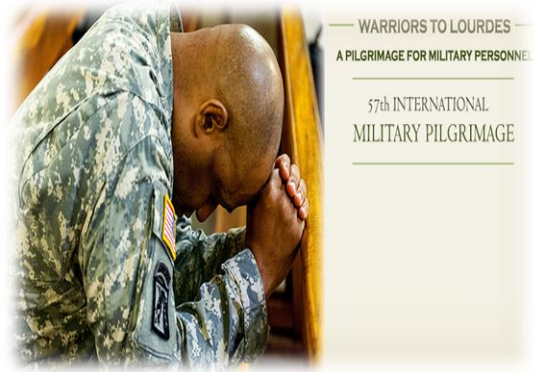
Vivat Jesus,

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Warriors to Lourdes A Pilgrimage Like No Other

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For fifty-six years wounded warriors from the US Armed forces and join wounded military members from countries all over the world at Our Lady's Shrine in Lourdes France. This year the fifty seventh pilgrimage is May 12 to 18. This past December the PBS Program; Sacred Journeys with Bruce Feiler documented last year's trip. I caught the last few minutes from what I saw the wounded troops were having the time of their lives. The Archdiocese for the Military Service, USA (AMS) and the Supreme Council have joined in the undertaking of sending our service men and women on a pilgrimage like no other.

All Councils, Assemblies, individuals, and other groups can donate money to help defray the expense though K of C Columbus Charities Inc. You can donate on-line at: warriorstolourdes.com, go to the donate page. Mail Checks to Knight of Columbus Charities, One Columbus Plaza P.O. #Box 1966, New Haven Ct. 06509-1966. In Memo put: Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund. Money can be sent any warrior candidates is due the Supreme, in 2013 the due days. The application form is Lourdes web site as well as year and testimonials. Here at Madigan Army on JBLM Army Ret. Lourdes Volunteer 253-753-6301. Also, working with Dorothy Perkins is Fr. Tim McKenna Catholic Chaplin at JBLM. He assisted in sending Sgt. Daniel Woodley on his Pilgrimage last year.



A recent Email from Dorothy Perkins read they have Interviewed 2 Warrior Candidates for this year. She also is requesting from the Washington State Knights of Columbus to assist as group leader's and companions on the trip, here locally assist in their travel needs to SEATAC and from there they go through Huston TX or Washington D.C. with Wounded Warriors from Brook Army and Walter Reed Medical Centers to their Pilgrimage like no other. For more Information check out the Warriors to Lourdes web site it can be accessed from Supremes' web site.

TO BE CONTINUED

*In the words of the immortal Man of La Mancha,
"Thou hast seen nothing yet."*

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH !



Don Quixote

