

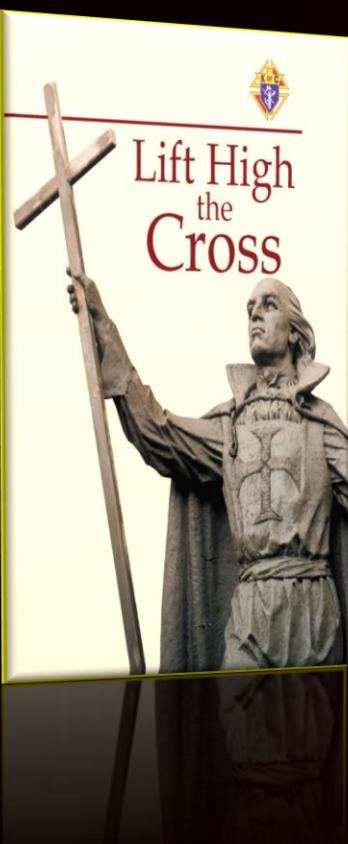
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Happy New Year

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Christmas Message...When you work hard all your life, you run into obstacles too, but you never lose your optimism. T. Boone Pickens, oil wildcatter, tells the story of the geologist who fell off a ten story building - when he flew past the fifth floor, he thought to himself, "so far so good". The eternal optimist is excited to see what the next day, month and year will bring. We too should strive to be the eternal optimist, Thankful for what the Lord has given us.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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An Irishman walks into a bar in Dublin, orders three pints of Guinness and sits at the back of the room, drinking a sip out of each one in turn. When he finishes them, he comes back to the bar and orders three more.

The bartender approaches and tells him, "You know, a pint goes flat after I draw it, and it would taste better if you bought one at a time." The Irishman replies: "Well, you see, I have two brothers. One is in America, the other is in Australia, and I'm in Dublin. When we all left home, we promised that we'd drink this way to remember the days we drank together. So I drink one for each of me brothers and one for me self."

The bartender admits that this is a nice custom, and leaves it there. The Irishman becomes a regular in the bar, and always drinks the same way: He orders three pints and drinks them in turn. One day, he comes in and orders two pints. All the other regulars take notice and fall silent. When he comes back to the bar for the second round, the bartender says, "I don't want to intrude on your grief, but I wanted to offer my condolences on your loss."

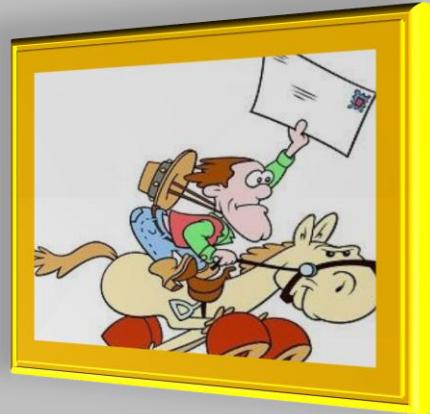
The Irishman looks quite puzzled for a moment, then a light dawns and he laughs. "Oh, no, everybody's just fine," he explains, "It's just that me wife had us join the Church and I had to quit drinking.

BUT IT HASN'T AFFECTED ME BROTHERS THOUGH."

Time to start thinking!

"Family of the Year"

"Family Activity of the Year"



Before the State Convention in Olympia this May. Grand Knights are urged to nominate an outstanding "Family of the Year" Nominations must be in the Chairman's 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 is **April 15**.

SEND YOUR NOMINATION TO THE STATE FAMILY CHAIRMAN

"The Knight of the Year Award"

In preparing the council's submission remember that some knights seek positions of responsibility while others want to serve the Order as a worker. Many knights are active in ceremonial work, others work on various state and council committees, while others dedicate themselves to the Church and parish.

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". Every brother knight, whose dues are current, is eligible to compete for this prestigious award.

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:
Edward Miller, Council, 21913 Waite Mill RD Granite Falls WA 98252-9769
(360) 691-5198 - COUNCIL@KOFCAWA.ORG

FAMILY OF THE MONTH



"NOMINATE
A FAMILY OF THE MONTH!"



"STRONG VISIBLE PROGRAM"



**LENT BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 14th, 2018**



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

Spend some quiet time with the Lord

THE ROSARY PRIEST

Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., founder of the Family Rosary Crusade, was the first man to be made an honorary Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He is shown after receiving his lapel emblem from then-Supreme Knight Luke Hart at a meeting of the board of directors in New York on Jan. 15, 1956.



On Dec. 18, Pope Francis advanced the cause of Father Patrick Peyton, founder of Holy Cross Family Ministries, naming him “venerable.”

Known as the “Rosary Priest,” Father Peyton’s life was characterized by his great devotion to the rosary, which began when he was a seminarian in Washington, D.C., in 1938. That year, when he was gravely ill with advanced tuberculosis, young Patrick was encouraged to surrender his life — and his illness — to the Blessed Mother. After he prayed the rosary, his lungs completely cleared and he was able to be ordained as a priest with the Congregation of the Holy Cross in 1941.

Convinced by the power of the media to influence the nation, Father Peyton knew Catholic programming was essential. With the help of funding from Bing Crosby, whose well-known character in *Going My Way* is like a fictional counterpart to Father Peyton’s real-life experience as an Irish immigrant priest, Peyton produced his first national Catholic radio hour on Mother’s Day, May 13, 1945.

Incredibly, the radio program featured not only Bing Crosby, but also Cardinal Francis Spellman of New York and President Harry Truman, who spoke together about the importance of family prayer on national airwaves.

The show was the start of Family Theater Productions in 1947. Its mission: To inspire and entertain families. Producing more than 800 radio shows and 83 TV specials, Father Peyton worked with the great Hollywood names of his day including Grace Kelly, Gregory Peck, Rosalind Russell, Jimmy Stewart, Ronald Reagan, James Dean, Bob Newhart, Jack Benny, Loretta Young and Frank Sinatra. His productions kick-started the careers of countless others, including two currently well-known household names — film producer/director George Lucas had his first film credit (as an assistant cameraman) for a 1960 Family Theater Production, *The Soldier*, starring William Shatner.

Each show would end with a message from Father Peyton: “The family that prays together, stays together.” It became a household maxim in the homes of Catholics and non-Catholics alike. In 1948, he began leading international rosary rallies. These “Rosary Crusades” saw the attendance of millions in countries throughout the world — one rally in San Francisco was attended by 500,000 people, while one in the Philippines was attended by 2 million.

On Jan. 15, 1956, then-Supreme Knight Luke Hart bestowed on Father Peyton the privilege of being the first honorary Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

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BOLD LEADERSHIP

FOR BOLD, CREATIVE PROGRESS

Never doubt that with leadership a small group of thoughtful and committed people can change the world. Do you know why?

BECAUSE IT'S THE ONLY THING THAT EVER HAS!

It has been said that the difference between a chump and a champ is dedication, and dedication demands purpose, faith and vision-a daily vision. Having vision means being able to visualize your goals. We are Knights; we are the necessary ingredient in the beginning of a fulfilled vision, God has a great plan, a vision. And that vision includes you. Yes it does my brothers, or you would not be here. You are special. You are different from anyone else. The great Creator God personally designed and made you that way.

THEREFORE, YOU HAVE A
CONTRIBUTION TO OFFER
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Go for it! Be Bold!



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THINKING AGAIN!

WHATS NEXT?

By STEVE SNELL

History doesn't really split the year into tidy 12 month packages. But somehow, the close of a year is a time to pause and take stock. Looking back on our turbulent year, events tend to blur in time; The memory of referendums and political promises fade like the foggy days of fall.

We bring in the New Year with the question, **what's going to happen this year?** Anyone who travels around the state knows there is a reoccurring political hustle aimed at social engineering; **Pssst... it's our values that are in the political cross hairs.** This is the one thing people all over the state say to you when you come calling, "**what's next?"**"They ask it whatever their class, race, religion, income, age, sex or degree of happiness or irritation at the moment. The question is vague, open-ended, all-encompassing and addressed to everything and nothing in particular. Once answered, it asks itself again.

Holding out for a hero to save us is one way to cope. The problem with this is that while you're waiting, you accept answers to trivial and cataclysmic problems by responding to the pop solutions with -- "**Oh, really? And then what will we do?"** **We always do it that way!"** The trivial and the cataclysmic have the same weight in these solutions. After seeing the referendum results, I wonder if maybe G.K. Chesterton may have nailed it when he said **"It isn't that they can't see the solution. It is that they can't see the problem."**

As Knights we must become the hero's! One line maxims delivered to the choir may not be enough to defend the values that we hold so dear. I don't know, maybe we have been so one-dimensional, so narrowly focused that we have lost some relevance in today's culture. I'm sorry, but I feel so very close to what we've lost.

When the next challenge comes our way, I hope that we will have learned from the lessons of the past before we go out in the school yard with our friends to play another rousing game;



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**"Ring around the Rosy. Pocket full of Posy, Ashes, Ashes,
We all Fall Down."**

Yakima Council Knights of Columbus 894



Marc, Mike and Robert: delivering gifts for the family adopted by the Council this last Christmas.

Lots of work goes into this program to serve people in need.



At their home, Dan and Debby join the team to deliver the gifts. Marc wrote this on his email “There are 8 of them living in a one bedroom apartment”. Again, social workers helping find for us, those in real need.



Gilbert Elementary School got the visit of Keith and Steve to deliver 11 more coats to much needed kids in our neighborhood. We are grateful to School counselors for helping us locate those kids.

"COATS FOR KIDS"

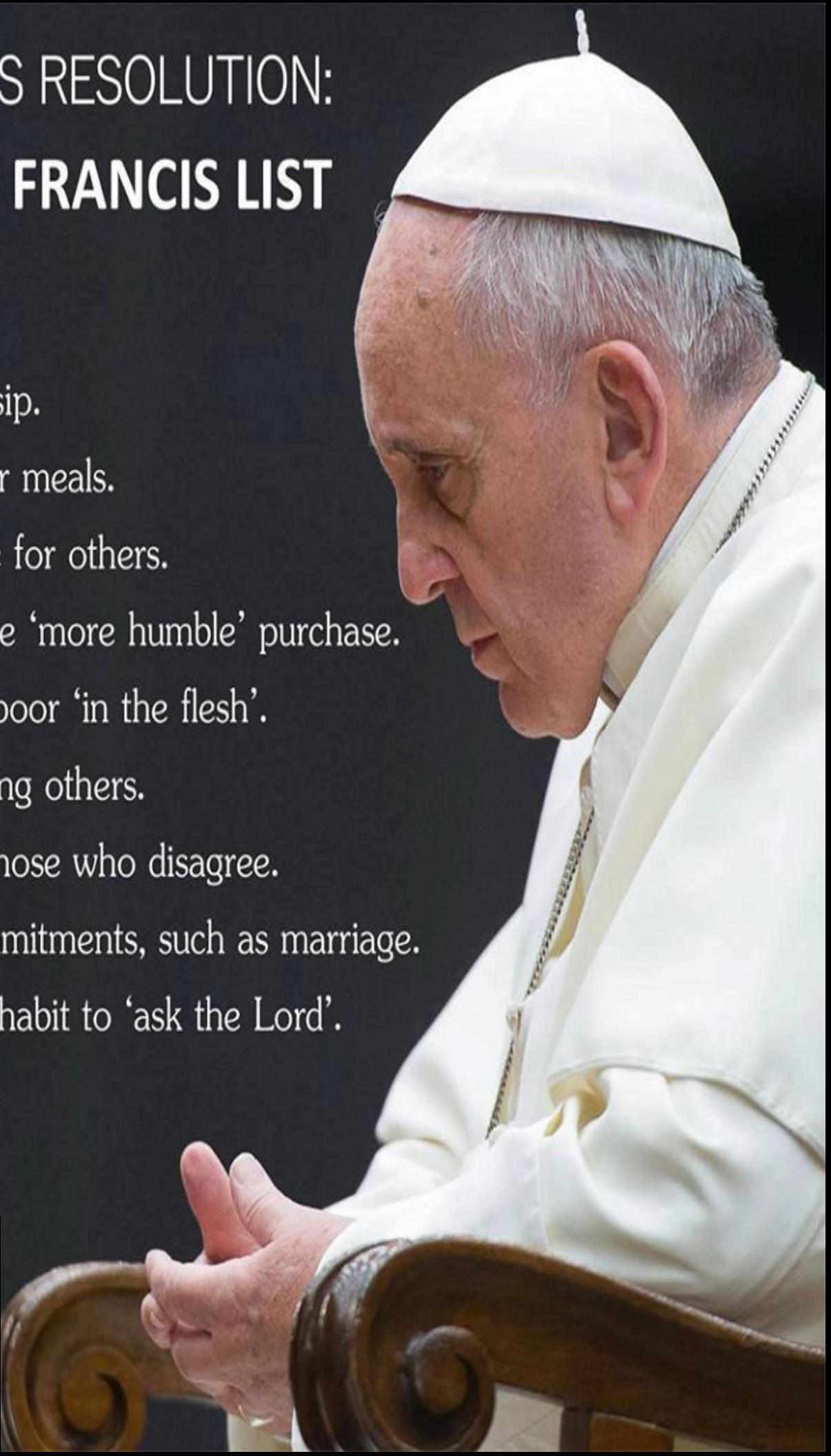
A group of volunteers helped Willy and Anjou put together their annual meal for people that are alone during the Thanksgiving celebration.



Knights make a difference

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: THE POPE FRANCIS LIST

1. Don't gossip.
2. Finish your meals.
3. Make time for others.
4. Choose the 'more humble' purchase.
5. Meet the poor 'in the flesh'.
6. Stop judging others.
7. Befriend those who disagree.
8. Make commitments, such as marriage.
9. Make it a habit to 'ask the Lord'.
10. Be happy.



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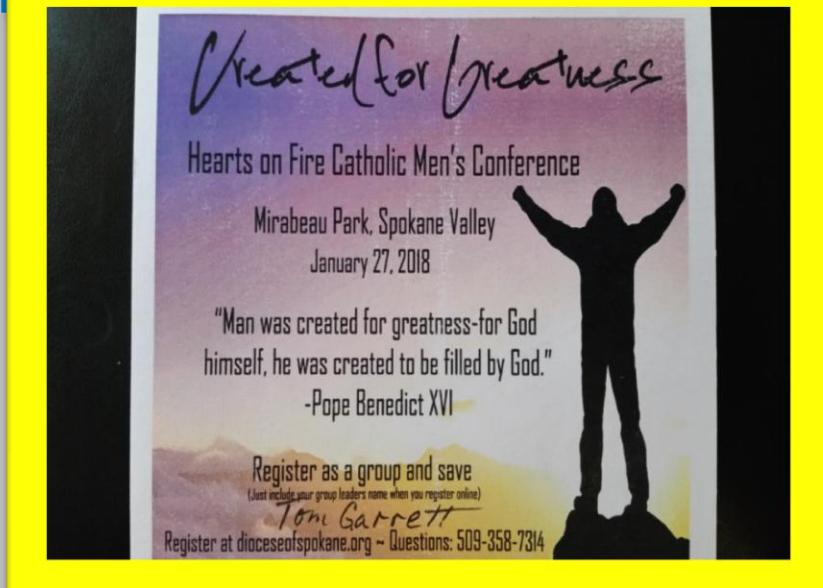
Through the commitment of time and talent of all so many of our council members, we achieved Star Council this past year. Shown is our GK Stephen Sommer receiving the award (pictured below) from DD Art Smalley. Congratulations and thanks to all for your dedication to our Knights of Columbus cause.



Buc Buckley is shown above receiving his Knight of the Month award from GK Stephen Sommer in recognition of all his contributions to the community and the parish.



Shown is the registration card for the upcoming Hearts on Fire Catholic Men's Conference scheduled on January 27, 2018. Twelve men from Pend Oreille county attended the 2017 conference in Spokane, and we are hoping to at least double the number of attendees at the 2018 conference. All registrations will be done on line this year at dioceseofspokane.org. Register as a member of a group, and list Tom Garrett as the group leader. Cost per person is \$30.00.



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New Knights, Matt Bense and Gordon Ronstadt, seated left to right, at their Admission degree December 12. Others, left to right: Brothers Lou St.Hilaire, Dick Pylilo, Greg Johnson, Mike Vailencour, Rick Huston, Rob Murphy, Gordy Wilson, Rik Dalvit, Duffy McNall, John Shuhler, Larry Kerstiens, Tim Adams, Dick Tobias, Ben Roberts, GK Matt Williams, Bob Grasher, and Tom Jessup.



Donations will help defray cost of March for Life bus

Bellingham Council is fortunate this year to have generous donations from two separate parties in support of the chartered bus that will take 50-plus riders to the Mass and March for Life in Olympia on Monday, January 22.

For the ninth consecutive year, our council is chartering a bus to the Mass and March for Life. This event is aimed at sending a signal to legislators that abortion is an abomination and that our state and our country need to return to a greater respect for life, from fertilization/conception to natural death. Since 1970 abortion has been legal in our state; in the entire country since 1973.



This message could scare you half to death.

So....."do not read it twice"

Beware of those called experts
Who have so much to say.
If you blindly follow them,
Some day you'll have to pay.

Just cause they wear a title,
Stress learning, oh so vain,
Doesn't mean that they are wise or
Know how to use their brain

Once the world was flat;
the experts said it so.
Man could never ever fly
Said the experts in the know.

Tomatoes once were poison
Said the solemn and the wise.
Spontaneous generation is what
Caused the bugs and flies,

Once all the experts knew
That the sun went round the earth,
And witches should be burned
Said anyone of worth.

To save old George Washington
Experts said he should be bled.
When they finished with the bleeding
Poor old George was dead.

Don't misunderstand this message;
We need the experts, too,
And we wouldn't want to say
That they shouldn't get their due.

But just don't blindly swallow all
They swear they know to be.
**UNLESS, OF COURSE, THAT
EXPERT HAPPENS TO BE ME.**

Lloyd M Gerber



BEWARE...



STATE AWARDS APPLICATION SCHEDULE

AWARD DUE DATES & WHERE TO SUBMIT *(EMAIL ADDRESSES AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE)*

FAMILY OF THE YEAR April 1

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

KNIGHT OF THE YEAR April 1

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

HERBERT M LEIBERT, PGK RIGHT TO LIFE MEMORIAL April 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHURCH

April 15
Tom Pursley, CHURCH
507 SEAHAWK ST SE
OLYMPIA, WA 98503-1453

COMMUNITY April 15

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

COUNCIL April 15

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

FAMILY SERVICE ACTIVITY

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

YOUTH April 15

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

CULTURE OF LIFE April 15

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



Brothers,

I got this thought-provoking letter from one of the District Deputies after the Mid-Winter Meeting. I thought I would share it with you and my response. I'm always open for thoughts on how to improve the Order.

Brother Bob

1. I am writing this letter cause I just ran out of time at the conference and wanted to give you my thoughts. I had intended to give a speech to the assembly but we had so much to do on Saturday and I had some personal issues that took me away from even the Saturday meal. This however, gave me more time to think more deeply about the knight problem of membership on my long drive home. And here is my two cents that you can either disregard or think about. If you like it, maybe run it by Ray, if you don't I'll buy you a beer next time.
2. The question I here from under forty's is; "What can the Knights do for me?" Now my first reaction was, what a selfish comment! After thinking about it, what they are saying is I am busy, I have limited time; convince me that the Knights are a better use of time than the many requests for my time. The list of requests are long: That Man is You, Saturday men's group, church committees, school PTA, sports, ministries, public groups, etc. The number one reason the young man is signing up is insurance! Sounds selfish but actually he is just taking care of family. We need to sell this idea of what the knights can do for him not only in insurance but in service and brotherhood.

3. The Catholic Church surveyed this same problem several years ago and changed from Latin finally allowing lay people to perform most of the tasks at a mass. They found out the church attendance went up and not down. Now our church has again added groups to deepen our faith and use lay people in faith formation. Although good, it results in more conflict between traditional Knight activities and religious formation activities. Who would a pastor pick to give time or space to, faith formation or Knights?

4. The evangelical church is way ahead of us on lay participation. They have included all in a service and it is fun to attend a service. Of course there isn't much purpose in it but to the instant people of today, under 40's, they eat that stuff up.

5. By now you are saying, "get on with it" as I have limited time as well. So, gulp, here I go. I would eliminate the ceremonials changing to an educational one-time knight course that answers the question why being a knight is better than others volunteer activities. This one time training makes you a knight period, you understand what we do, you know exactly how you can help, and you know why it is advantageous to be a knight. There is no 1,2,3 degree but one time knighthood.

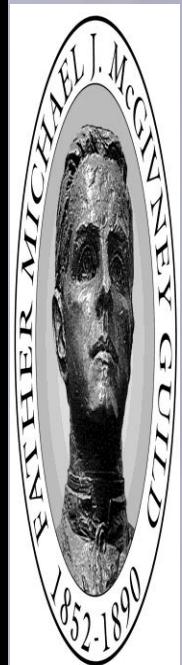
6. So many will say no-way as the ceremonials are so cemented in our history. I say, so was Latin in our church. For example, I watched closely my list of 3rd degree candidates and a second degree bunch as well. The eyes and attention of these groups, while the ceremony was going on, was easily read as bored. The only reason some didn't nod off was a fear they would have to give an answer or two. I could just see them thinking that if



the speech was much longer; this old guy will die of old age before the speech is over! Maybe that is a bit harsh but the sentiment is correct. This is not the way to attract the under forty people. The ceremonials do nothing to answer the question of what we can do for them. It asks for secrecy of a ceremony that no one really wants to know about. It also takes too long to get to 3rd degree and demonstrates too simply the founding principles of the order. Do you know I have only one 2nd degree team and that the youngest is 65 years old! That's one heart attack away from no 2nd degrees. No one wants to memorize the speech as it is viewed as a waste of time. The degree team has to be certified by state and I can tell you now, no one will volunteer for that. So how am I to get anyone past 1st degree? There is a radical solution.

7. Replace the ceremonials with one teaching event that explains what we want from a knight and what are the opportunities to serve. In this way, a man knows exactly what we can do for them in insurance and brotherhood, what we can do for a parish, and how we can serve our community. The fourth degree can be similar.

8. Yes, I know the gray hairs do not want change, they value the ceremonials, see value in our current way of doing things. They love showing up with feathers, swords, and capes. That's nice but it will not attract the younger man who wants to choose his volunteer time to things he sees as most useful. He doesn't really care that somebody wears a cape yet he wants to know what good comes of his volunteer time. How many ways have we attempted to reward people for recruiting. How many plaques, jackets, pins are required when the young man just wants to be



convinced he is spending his volunteer dollars as the best bang for his buck. Put another way, this possible solution answers the question, what can the knights do for me.

My answer:

WDD,

I have to say that I have often thought about the very things you describe in your letter. Certainly a guy needs a lot of patience with our Order to actually get to do something for somebody. I have a great grand-nephew that I just brought into the Order. He is really 'gung-ho' for the Knights. It took him a month to get thru the first three Degrees and he helped me with Tootsie Rolls and he has his first friend's signed Form 100, so he will make the Shining Armor Award. He is a college senior and is a computer whiz who will likely be very successful...a busy young man who is able to find time for doing the Knights too. I brought his dad in 3 or 4 years ago and has been a "Silent Knight" for most of that time but he pays his dues and he takes his daughter to the Father Daughter dance every year. I joined less than 20 years ago and have made State Deputy relatively fast, if you ask other people in the Order.

What's the point? Young or Old we all want to save our souls by doing the things God told us to do...you know The Corporal Works of Mercy. The Order, with all of its frailty, oldness, outdated traditions and all of the things that do not attract the young guys still presents us a way to do those things that will help us save our souls and so there is an inherent value that our



MESSAGE FROM THE STATE DEPUTY

NEW IDEAS !

Order has that can help "SELL" it to any Catholic regardless of age. I would like to think that we are "HAPPENING" and that the "YOUNG FOLKS CAN REALLY GET DOWN ON OUR MESSAGE" CUZ WE ARE SO COOL, but really? I don't think that we will ever get there.

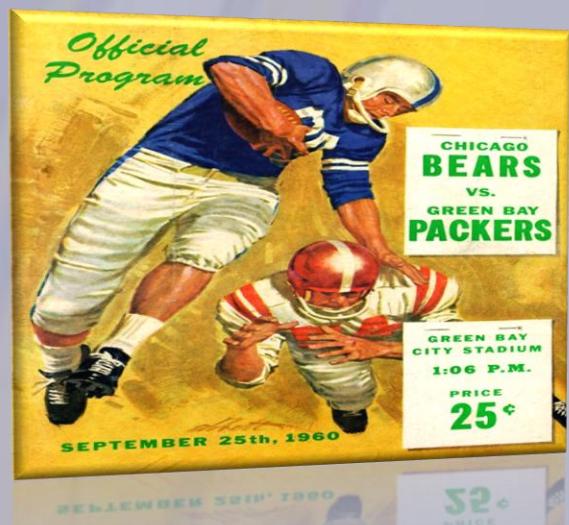
Putting together Programs that allows guys to do those Corporal Works of Mercy gives us old guys a chance to **Lead by Example**. That isn't as cool as being young and popular again, but it allows us to be who we are, and that can be attractive too.

Whenever I feel like the Order is failing the young guys I remember the young guys that got through all of the Order's frailties and are making a difference. In the end, it might be nice if we could control the whole thing, but a guy who joins, young or old, has got to want to do what we do. Some of the motivation has to come from the new guy too.

Keep on innovating to make the Order more attractive and I will too.

Great dialog! Thank you!

By Robert Baemmert, State Deputy



We Stand Strong On Ethical Ground

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side that they see so often in the news and in movies. At the Knights of Columbus, we know this isn't true. A business can be both ethical and successful. We are.

**OUR
VALUES
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APART!** As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards.

More than 96 percent of Knights who buy our life insurance keep it, year in and year out. The Order takes this commitment to our members very seriously. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it.

"We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for us, but which are not in our portfolio because they engage in research and development or programming in ways that violate the sanctity or dignity of human life."

In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality, not money. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order financially sound for generations to come.

But don't just take our word for it. In 2016 the Knights of Columbus was named a "World's Most Ethical Company" by the Ethisphere Institute for the third year in a row. We were one of only two life insurance companies to earn the honor.

"Faithful Catholics have choices when buying life insurance," said the Supreme Knight. "But they know that at the Knights of Columbus their policy is supplied by an insurer that shares their moral and ethical values and is guided in all of its investment and sales practices by those values."

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FAITH IN ACTION



The Holy Scriptures teach us that "it is more blessed to give than to receive". This Christmas season has, I'm sure, busied many of our brother Knights in acting out our faith by giving of our time, talents, and treasures to those in need and who are less fortunate than we are.

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Submitted By Manny Aguilar, PFS, FDD, FDDM, FHC

A perfect example of this is the act of over 25 members of council 683 in Spokane who, this year, supplied boxes of food and presents to 34 families who were struggling during this Christmas season. This council has conducted this program for over 30 years and annually spends an average of 4-5 thousand dollars each year.

A combined effort from many Knights, wives, and mothers coordinated in acquiring, storing, sorting and overseeing the distribution of all the presents and food to children and single mothers in the area. Turkeys and hams plus regular non-perishable food items were delivered to individual homes in need of assistance throughout the city.

What was so evident and noteworthy at that early morning gathering of all the volunteers was the JOY and CHEERFULNESS, the EXCITEMENT anticipated on that exceedingly cold winter morning, to go out and help the needy as commanded by our Lord Jesus Christ.

May our Lord bless you all for your personal and collective works of charity.



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2018 POSTER AND ESSAY CONTEST

Brothers The following are the rules for the 2018 Poster and Essay Contest For the Culture of Life for 2018. If you have any questions please contact me at CULTUREOFLIFE@kofc-wa.org

"Culture of Life Poster and Essay Contest Rules For 2017/2018"

Washington State Knights Of Columbus 2017 - 2018 POSTER CONTEST

THEME: "UNBORN LIVES ARE CHILDREN OF GOD"

As the student creates their poster, they should demonstrate how much they appreciate the importance of all of the aspects of human life. Below are some suggestions to consider when making their poster. They should be creative and try to expand on the suggestions or develop their own ideas relative to "Unborn Lives Are Children of God".

It's all up to them.

- Some ideas can be oriented around babies in the womb.
- Some ideas can be oriented around small babies
 - **REMEMBER TO FOCUS ON**
 - "UNBORN LIVES ARE CHILDREN OF GOD"**

Poster Contest Divisions

Division 1 - Elementary Students Including Home Schooled
Grades 1 & 2 Combined

Division 2 - Elementary Students Including Home Schooled
Grades 3 & 4 Combined

Division 3 - Elementary Students Including Home Schooled
Grades 5 & 6 Combined

Poster Contest Rules

- Minimum Poster Size is 11 inches by 14 inches
- Maximum Poster Size is 20 inches by 24 inches
- Councils should encourage ALL students within their Parish,
in each division, to participate
 - Councils should supply posters to ensure children meet size requirements
- Acceptable media: crayons, colored pencils, ink, collage (pictures from photos,
media or internet to demonstrate the contest theme), and paint
 - Media NOT acceptable: Charcoal, chalk, glitter, pastels, and black pencils
- Posters MUST be clearly identified with five items on the BACK of the poster.

Name MUST NOT appear on the front of poster

- Student Full Name
- **Phone Number**

- Grade Level and School - Note Home School if appropriate

- Council Number
- Grand Knight

When and Where to Submit Posters

- Your councils winning entry for each Division must be handed in at the Poster and Essay Contest Table at the State Convention near the registration table.

- The judges selected for the State Convention Committee will judge the final posters.

- Please contact Ron DeGroot, State Culture Of Life Chairman, at the State Convention for instruction on judging the posters.

- We will judge the posters after the final session on Saturday afternoon and before Mass. The judging committee will meet outside of the conference meeting room.

Prizes at State Competition

First place in each division will receive \$100, second place will receive \$50, and third place will receive \$25.

**Washington State Knights Of Columbus
2017 - 2018 ESSAY CONTEST**

THEME: "UNBORN LIVES ARE CHILDREN OF GOD"

As the student writes their essay, they should demonstrate how much they appreciate the aspects of human life. Below are some suggestions to consider when writing their essay. They should be creative and try to expand on the suggestions or develop their own ideas relative to the beauty of life and why it is so precious.

It's all up to them.

- Some ideas can be oriented around families, Church and/or neighbors
- Some ideas can be oriented around small babies or a fetus in the womb.
 - Some ideas can be oriented "If Unborn Lives Are Children of God" how should we treat them?
- **REMEMBER TO FOCUS ON THE THEME "UNBORN LIVES ARE CHILDREN OF GOD"**

Essay Contest Rules

- One division of 7th & 8th Grade Combined
- Councils should encourage ALL 7th and 8th Grade students within their Parish to participate
- Legibly hand printed on college ruled paper, two sheets maximum.
- Typewritten (computer or typewriter) with at least one-inch margins all around
 - Smallest font is 10 point. No fancy fonts
 - Single or double spaced, one page only
- Essay Entries must be clearly identified with the following five items on a separate sheet of paper stapled to the essay.
Name **MUST NOT** appear anywhere on the Essay sheets.
 - Student Full Name
 - Phone Number
- Grade Level and School - Note Home School if appropriate
 - Council Number
 - Grand Knight

When and Where to Submit Your Winning Essay

- Please arrange to have essays submitted to the local council so you can judge them
- You must mail the winning entry (7th & 8th grade combined) to us by April 1, 2018.
- Scanning the winning essay and emailing it to the Pro Life Couple is acceptable, but we must receive it by April 1, 2018.

Ron DeGroot

3420 78th Ave. S.E.

Olympia, WA 98501

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First place in each division will receive \$100,
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TEACHING REVERENCE



Teaching Reverence: The God-less and the God-full.

Question: How do I raise my son so that he respects women when he grows up?

Answer: Teach him to be reverent at mass.

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

That was one of the most remarkable bits of advice I ever received as a young parent. But it took some work in order to understand the tremendous insight. Can we ever revere something that is not sacred? In our “California casual” culture where nothing is considered sacred, how do we teach reverence?

Reverence is a deep respect for the things of God.

The operative word here might be “deep”. Although some form of respect can be grasped without an understanding of the Sacred, can we truly foster reverence without bringing God into the mix?

When we attempt to reverence something apart from God, we will most likely become disillusioned. Nature's beauty beckons us to the point it that some even worship it. But it is not worthy of worship. God seems to be fundamental to true reverence. As the majesty, splendor and extraordinary love of God are realized, how can we do anything but reverence Him. It is truly right and just always and everywhere to give Him thanks and praise.

In realizing the sacredness of God, we finally understand the sacredness of His creation. And truly, the pinnacle of His creation - is mankind. We recognize the extraordinary dignity that each person has due to the Creator and the fact that we are made in His image.

Public schools are thankfully NOT God-less due to the extraordinary teachers and administrators that staff them. However, Catholic schools are “God-full”. And being “God-full”, they inherently probe the beauty and mystery of God, which inherently teaches reverence, which fosters respect in the deepest fashion.

We lead a shallow life, when we do not develop a deep understanding of God and who He is. There is a direct correspondence between the meaning we find in life and the depth of our reverence toward God. **Please support your local Catholic school – so that a God-filled perspective on life can continue to be fostered.**

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Submitted By Grand Knight Eddie Perez



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

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

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

THE FRATERNAL SURVEY IS DUE!



CONVENTION BOOKLET - A summary of each Council's annual activities will be submitted electronically in WORD.DOC format only. The writing of the summary is the responsibility of the Grand Knights, District Deputies, and State Chairmen. Grand Knights should begin drafting an outline of what their Council has done since the last State Convention. The Council report is due to the District Deputy by April 1, in WORD.DOC format only. Each Council's report should be no longer than a 1/2 page in WORD.DOC format only. Guidelines and information are found on the 2016 Resource DVD under Grand Knight's Handbook, then GK Reference Guide (Part II Section 3, pp II-15 to II-16). The District Deputies will finalize and consolidate their district's report and convert any handwritten Council reports to WORD.DOC format only prior to submitting it to the State Secretary. The District Deputy should include a short report about district activities, in WORD.DOC format only. The deadline for submittal of reports by District Deputies and State Chairmen to the State Secretary is April 10. State Chairmen and other appointees are responsible for their own report and getting it to the State Secretary by April 10, in WORD.DOC format only.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – Councils must submit their Report of Officers Chosen (Form #185) immediately after the election of Council officers during the month of May. The report form is found in the Council Report Forms Booklet and Member Management system and is due at Supreme by July 1st, with copies provided to the State Deputy, District Deputy and the Council's file. (Submit directory input forms to the WSC Webmaster immediately after the elections of new officers). You don't need to wait until July....submit your completed form when elections occur so you are not rushing at the last minute.

ELECTION OF CONVENTION DELEGATES – Certificates of Election for the delegates and alternates to the State Convention will be sent to the Financial Secretaries during February. The State Convention will be held in Pasco from May 18-20, 2018. The Councils should hold the election of convention delegates as soon as possible after the Council receives the certificates and promptly return them to the State Secretary. NOTE that credentials forms are no longer required by the bylaws and will not be sent to the Councils, but Certificates of Election are required!

If you have any questions about this information,
please give Pat Kelley a call at (206) 375-8285 or
send him an e-mail at StateSecretary@kofc-wa.org.



The 2018 Special Olympics USA Games

**Time to get excited! July 1 - 6, 2018 - Seattle
#Rise With Us**

Wednesday July 4th - The Knights of Columbus will be manpower behind the USA Games Family Fourth of July Party at UW Husky Stadium! 200 General Volunteers are needed for 2 shifts to join the Knights of Columbus as they will setup, distribute the food, tear down after the party! 2 shifts available - July 4th, 2018 from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM and/or July 4th, 2018 from 2:30 PM to 10:30 PM. Call Special Olympics Chairman Darren Johnson with questions at 253-709-4588 or email SPECIALOLYMPICS@KOFC-WA.ORG

Other Opportunities to Volunteer with the Archdiocese of Seattle

Friday, June 29: SEATAC INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT! It's AIRPORT WELCOME DAY and we have shifts for Greeters, Baggage Claim Helpers, and Guides to Light Rail! Please help us welcome the Special Olympics athletes, their families, and SO delegates!!!

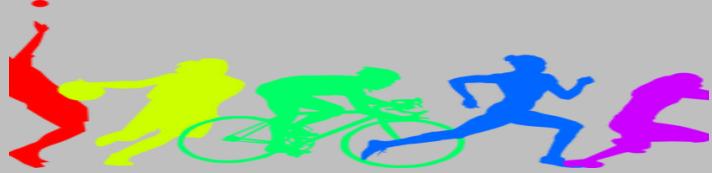
Saturday, June 30: 7:00 PM. MASS FOR THE ATHLETES, their families and SO delegates and friends with Archbishop J. Peter Sartain. University of Washington Campus. Facilitated by the Inclusion Ministry Committee and Knights of Columbus.

Sunday, July 1: 12:30 PM – 3:00 PM Opening Ceremonies! University of Washington's HUSKY Stadium: The Parade of Athletes, entertainment, and the Lighting of the Special Olympics Cauldron to open the Games! 9 AM to 12:30 PM – Join as Archdiocesan schools for the mile long CHEER LINE to honor all SO Athletes as they gather for the Parade of Athletes! Families who volunteer will have access into Opening Ceremonies. Stay and be FANS IN THE STANDS!

**It's our time to get ready! Can you join us?
Sign up to volunteer!**

Go to : <https://www.specialolympicsusagames.org/catholic-schools-volunteers> **Use Access code: SPIRIT2018 to unlock your volunteer choices!**





Everyone who selects a shift will be prompted to ALSO select a training of their choice. If they choose the "cheer line" then they can choose the first training which is an "opt out". Once you register, you can always readjust your volunteer commitment. All volunteers need to sign up by April 15, 2018!

Please contact me with any questions regarding any part of the games.

Darren E. Johnson
Special Olympics State Chairman -Knights of Columbus
Cell 253-709-4588
specialolympics@kofc-wa.org



PARTNERSHIP PROFILE REPORT WITH SPECIAL OLYMPICS DUE JAN 31ST

Form 4584 is due January 31ST so please get it in now to report your councils Tootsie Roll drive funds or volunteering for Special Olympics! Didn't volunteer or do the Tootsie roll drive you still need to turn in the report and simply put 0 and sign it.

**Questions call Special Olympics Chairman
Darren Johnson at 253-709-4588**





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.

No Chaplain was available to write something this month, so.....you're stuck with me (my apologies.)

By STEVE SNELL

One of the great stories I've heard from the past concerns a writer who, through no fault of his own, lost two fine jobs in the space of a year. First, the magazine on which he served as managing editor folded, and the newspaper to which he transferred was bought by a syndicate, the casualty list included the entire staff.

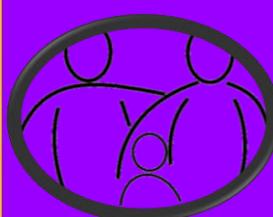
He came home to his wife and three small sons and told them that, "I'm out of a job again. The paper stopped publishing with this evening's edition." The wife comforted him as best she could. The three boys stared at him with big eyes of concern. Next morning the writer got out of bed after the boys had left for school wandered in to his den. In the wastebasket were the remains of three china piggy banks. On the dining room table was a pile of nickels, dimes and quarters. There was a crudely lettered sign under the coins. **It read, "We believe in you, Dad."**

WHAT IS A DADDY?

- 1) *He makes himself responsible for his child's behavior.*
- 2) *He shares in his child's activities.*
- 3) *He makes his child feel secure.*
- 4) *He has his child's complete confidence.*
- 5) *He is always available to help solve youthful problems.*
- 6) *He doesn't demand devotion.....he wins it.*
- 7) *He recognizes and accepts as largely his responsibility for his child's mental and spiritual development.*
- 8) *He contributes to making the home a safe environment for his child.*
- 9) *He strives to be the man his child thinks he is.*



So what is a Daddy.....He is the luckiest man in the world!!!!



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"**Don't Cry
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Smile Because It
Happened.**" DR. SEUSS