

WASHINGTON STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SEPTEMBER 2021

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"SECOND EDITION"

SAYLOR
SAE SNELL EDITOR

UPDATES



**Greetings Knights of Columbus brothers
who own and ride motorcycles,**

I received an email today from our worthy State Deputy Kim Washburn and share it below....as your will read Washington State KofC is leading the nation in new membership growth, and he shares instruction on how to continue and mature that success. Worthy SD's closing comment (highlighted in Red Text) spells out a road map for star council success....the first part of the listed topics is One Program. Following that thought I recently went out looking for a program that might be a fit the KofC Riders....something we could embrace statewide and embrace as a program, advance, and grow. The founder of KC Help Jerry Rhodes a council 3307 brother suggested I look at the Helping Hands program. After reviewing I think it's perfect and has asked my Grand Knight if I could take chair of the program for our council as perhaps a model for others....

In the recent "Second Edition" monthly WA KofC bulletin post published by our KofC Rider brother Steve Snell.....(Link attached) Steve shares four pages of KofC Rider Group news and updates ...<http://www.kofc-wa.org/Bulletins/nSecondLaunch.aspx?month=aug&year=2021&source=EMAIL&type=SECOND>.

Brother Steve has been posting KofC riders group information for the past seven years and offer up big Kudos.....but I am inspired and motivated by all the other councils setting the bar here in Washington. Vivat Jesus....

SD message below....

To All Members, here is an update to membership/program growth.

As of today, we have had 151 new members join since July 1st. We are number one in all Supreme Jurisdictions and number one in our

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division. This is phenomenal growth and is mostly attributed to Washington State's Long Term Care mandate tax coming soon. This growth is exceptional news on several fronts. Our State is on the way back to growth, from 6 years of reduction in membership. 74% of the new members are between the ages of 25-50. How many times have you heard the complaint our members are too old and tired? Can't complain any longer.

90% of these new members are e-members. That means they have joined the WSC Knights of Columbus, but they are in space. Renato Sacramento has been busy assigning new e-members to councils near them and sending a message to the FS. When the FS gets the message, all he has to do is pull them down and they become a member of the council. The receiving council should schedule a degree immediately and they're set.

We have over 230 e-members out in space. Can you imagine how many councils could reach the hardest requirement of Star Council just by pulling down a member from space? Yes, that e-member counts toward the council's membership goal for Star Council. You don't even need to ask them to join, they are already there.

Here's one thing I want to make clear to your council membership. Supreme has given all e-members free membership for one year. That means any member who joined this month will not owe dues to Supreme until next August IF they do not join a council. IF the new e-member joins a council, they are subject to dues the council might charge them. Example: a new member joins in August 2021, then joins a council in September 2021. Technically, the new member's free membership goes away. That isn't fair, especially if you are wanting them to become active in your respective councils.

I'm asking all councils to not charge any new member dues for 2021-2022. That means they wouldn't owe dues until January 2023.

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The Washington State Council will waive all new member State per capita until the end of December 31, 2021. That means the council would not be billed per capita on those new members until January 2023 billing.

Supreme has been waiving per capita for quite some time, so the cost to the council for a new member is almost nothing. Why not pass that along to the new member? Good will, you know. Yes, I said no State per capita for all new members that join before December 31st. That means State will not bill your council for any new member until January 2023.

Now the caution, our surge in membership is mostly because of the State's Long Term Care mandate coming January 1, 2022 for all W-2 employees. A Long-Term Care policy needs to be in place by November 1st and it takes about 6 weeks to qualify. Do the math, the drop dead for Knights of Columbus Long Term Care to opt out of the State program is September 15th. It's a ONE TIME opt out for the State Program. You know what happens to any State tax, it just gets larger over time. More money out of your pocket. KofC premiums will not go up.

September 15th is just in time for our Regional's, bringing the training to your back door. We don't want this growth to come to a screeching halt, so get your membership drives scheduled. WSC is holding Regional's every weekend from September 11th to October 31st, except October 2-3. The reason I mention this, Mike Rutland, myself, or any State Officer would be happy to attend one of your recruitment drives, but we are limited until November.

Try to express to your council membership...One Program, One New Member, per Council, per Month. That one member might already be there in space. Pull them down and get them involved right away. Have programs there for them.



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HARRY & BESS

Harry S. Truman

Harry Truman was a different kind of President. He probably made as many, or more important decisions regarding our nation's history as any of the other 32 Presidents preceding him. However, a measure of his greatness may rest on what he did after he left the White House.



The only asset he had when he died was the house he lived in, which was in Independence Missouri . His wife had inherited the house from her mother and father and other than their years in the White House, they lived their entire lives there. When he retired from office in 1952 his income was a U.S. Army pension reported to have been \$13,507.72 a year. Congress, noting that he was paying for his stamps and personally licking them, granted him an 'allowance' and, later, a retroactive pension of \$25,000 per year. After President Eisenhower was inaugurated, Harry and Bess drove home to Missouri by themselves. There was no Secret Service following them.

When offered corporate positions at large salaries, he declined, stating, "You don't want me. You want the office of the President, and that doesn't belong to me. It belongs to the American people and it's not for sale." Even later, on May 6, 1971, when Congress was preparing to award him the Medal of Honor on his 87th birthday, he refused to accept it, writing, "I don't consider that I have done anything which should be the reason for any award, Congressional or otherwise."

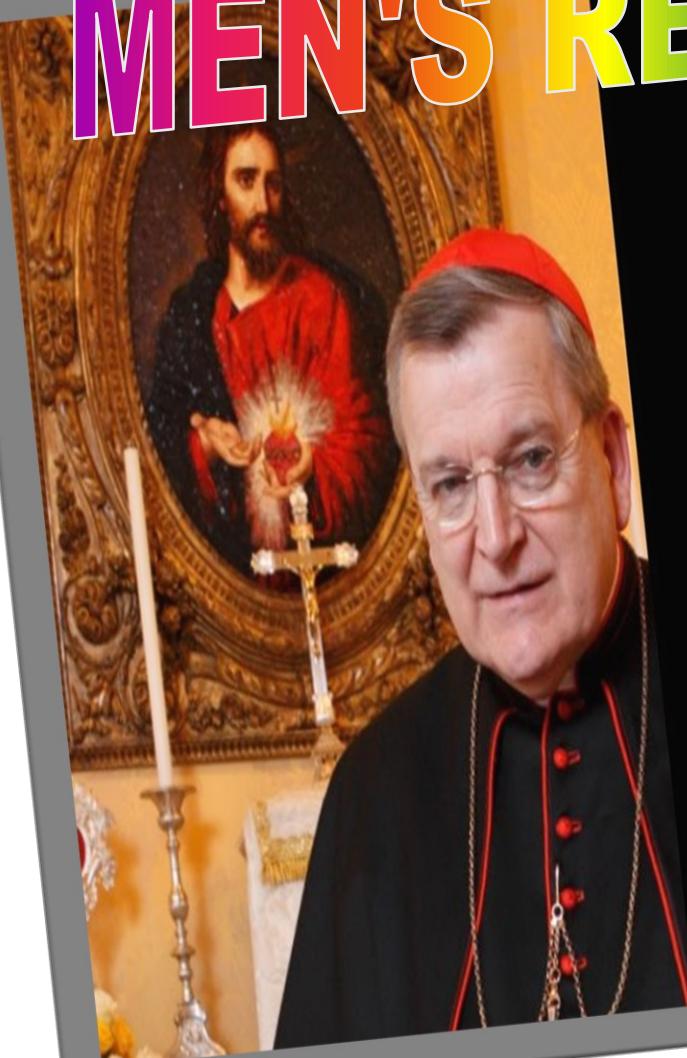
As president he paid for all his own travel expenses and food. Modern politicians have found a new level of success in cashing in on the Presidency, resulting in untold wealth. Today, too many in Congress also have found a way to become quite wealthy while enjoying the fruits of their offices.

Harry S. Truman was the 33rd president of the United States, serving from 1945 to 1953, succeeding upon the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt after serving as the 34th vice president in early 1945. [Wikipedia](#)

Born: May 8, 1884, [Lamar, MO](#) **Died:** December 26, 1972

Presidential term: April 12, 1945 – January 20, 1953

MEN'S RETREAT



2021 INW Catholic
Men's Retreat

Oct 08, 12:00 PM - Oct 10, 12:00 PM

Coeur d'Alene Inn,
506 W Appleway Ave, Coeur d'Alene, ID
83814, USA

Inland Northwest Catholic Men's Retreat- Cardinal Raymond Burke- Oct. 8 -10 Coeur d'Alene, ID....Rare NW Opportunity to hear from and participate in a retreat with one of the most senior Cardinals in the Church. Connect with God and this great cardinal and get away to spiritually recharge. Tom Curran, theologian, Catholic author and host of Sound Insight heard on Sacred Heart Radio, will also present. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus. More info at <https://www.inwmensretreat.org/F>

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

St. Vincent de Paul Bremerton Assistance Office & Shelter

Thank you everyone for your help! We distributed over 100 backpacks filled with school supplies to local kids as well as hygiene items and other supplies! We will continue to distribute while supplies last! We want to thank Dianne & Martin Stever, Holy Trinity Knights of Columbus Council 11789, Holy Trinity Catholic Church Parishioners, Star of the Sea Catholic Church, private donors, our wonderful volunteers and Staff, and the vendors who joined us; PCHS, Scarlet Road, US Navy Recruiting, KCR, & Knights of Columbus.



COUNCIL 11789



COUNCIL 11152



R. I. P.

Armand Paul Stibre

Ennis, MT - Armand Paul Stibre, 92, of Hansville, Washington passed away in Ennis Montana on July 25th, 2021, with his loving wife Janice by his side.

He was born on October 31st, 1928 to Armand and Emma Stibre in Seattle Washington.

Paul spent 48 years working in the Electrical Trade and enjoyed building homes for Habitat for Humanity.

In his spare time, he took joy in restoring his Model A's and traveling.

He was a long-time standing member of the Knights of Columbus.

Paul was a man of deep faith, integrity, and honor. Who silently sacrificed, fiercely protected, and lovingly shared his life. He taught by example, lived by truth and strong morals. He had a witty dry sense of humor and a twinkle in his eyes.

His legacy is the wonderful life he built, the many lives he touched, and the love he left written on our hearts.

Paul is survived by Janice, his devoted wife of 60 years. Survivors include four children, Richard, Patricia (Mark), Michelle (Michael), and Sheila.

Six Grandchildren, Calvin (Carlie), Colton, Sawyer, Sienna, Ava, and Bruno. Along with three great-grandchildren, Addison, Finn, and Kade. His sister Ruth Stibre and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Paul was predeceased by his two sons, Mark, Patrick, and his sister Loretta Wilson.

His family is requesting an Honor Guard for his funeral to be held at St Mark's Catholic Church in Shoreline on September 17th with a rosary to begin at 1030 and Mass at 1100. The Honor Guard is requested to show up by 1000.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Northwest Harvest food bank or Habitat for Humanity.

COUNCIL 676



A GOOD DAY

(TO SMELL THE ROSES)

Sitting in the park trying to cope with a recent loss, I was feeling kinda sorry for myself, I was feeling like I needed a good day, then I started thinking about all my gifts, gifts we all have but often take for granted. I realized that I (we) sometimes ignore the beauty and wonder of all we have been given by our Creator.

So, with a little time and a sense of wonder I began to think.....

By STEVE SNELL

Beauty and seduction are natures tools for survival because we protect what we fall in love with. When you love it gives you more imagination than you already had. Imagination makes you want more, so you can go deeper in on a path that can lead you to even more beauty.

If you think this is just another day in your life, it's not just another day, it's the one day that is given to you today. It's given to you, it is a gift, the only gift that you have right now. The only appropriate response is gratefulness, if you do nothing else to cultivate that response to the great gift that this special day is, if you can learn to respond as if it is the first day in your life and the very last day, then you will have spent this day very well.

Begin by opening your eyes and be surprised that you have eyes you can open to see that incredible array of colors that is offered to us for pure enjoyment. Look at the sky it is often so rare that we look at the sky and see how often it changes moment to moment, the weather we seem to look at it as good weather or bad weather, this day right now may be the kind that will never be the exact same again; the formation of clouds in the sky may never be the same again, open your eyes look at that.



Look at the faces of the people you meet, each one has an incredible story behind their face, a story that you could never fully fathom not only their own story but the story of their ancestors, we all go back so far. On this day, in this present moment all the people you meet all that life from generation to generation flows together and meet you like a life-giving water if only you open your heart and drink.

Open your heart to the incredible gifts that civilization gives to us, you flip a switch and there are electric lights. Turn a facet and there is warm water and cold water, and drinkable water, a gift that millions in the world will never experience. These are just a few of the enormous number of gifts to which we can open our heart too all these blessings and let them flow through you. I wish that you should open your heart to all these blessings. Let everyone that you meet today will be blessed by you, just by your eyes, by your smile, by your touch, just by your presence. Let your gratefulness flow into the blessing all around you. Then it will really be a good day, the aristocracy of days.

With the help of Emily Dickinson, "a physical as well as a spiritual hermit" of the nineteenth century turned the lock with the four lines of her "Pedigree":

*The pedigree of honey
Does not concern the bee;
A clover, anytime, to him
Is aristocracy*

So, the real question for myself and for my brother Knights is will we help our goals to bloom. To realize our goals takes more than a howdy and a handshake, it demands consistent hard work and prayer.

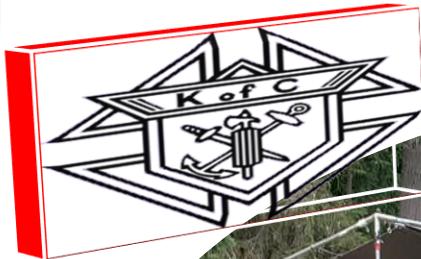


25 YEARS

John Guerrero was on hand to help cut the cake. He was our longest recurring past Grand Knight serving a total of 5 years.

COUNCIL 11789

Congratulations to 25 years as Knights at Holy Trinity Parish. Amazing council that has thought outside the box during this pandemic.



HOW TO HELP OUR AFGHAN NEIGHBORS IN WASHINGTON



The IRC (International Rescue Committee) in Seattle helps people fleeing violence and persecution make Washington their new home. We continue to work alongside refugee communities and other partners to welcome and support Afghans and other refugees in urgent need of safety. In recent weeks, we've welcomed more than 70 Afghan newcomers, with more on the way, and many families are arriving in our community on very short notice.

How you can help:

1. Contribute to the IRC's **Welcome to Washington** emergency fund to help newly arrived families meet critical needs, including safe and stable housing. Prefer to donate by check, donor-advised fund, or other means? Please contact us at **Seattle@Rescue.org**.

2. Purchase items from our [welcome kit wish list](#) and [back-to-school wish list](#).
3. Donate gift cards, so families can purchase exactly what they need. We are in high need of gift cards from: Target, Fred Meyer, Walmart, Ikea, and Visa/Mastercard. Gift cards (with dollar amount clearly indicated) may be mailed to: International Rescue Committee, 1200 S 192nd St, Suite 101, SeaTac, WA 98148.
4. **Urge President Biden** to act swiftly to protect at-risk Afghans.
5. Follow and support local Afghan community organizations, such as [Afghan Health Initiative](#) and [Afghan American Community of Washington](#).
6. Help newcomers meet their long-term goals by supporting the IRC's local programs as a [volunteer](#) or [monthly sustainer](#).
7. Offer transitional housing to new arrivals by [signing up for Airbnb Open Homes](#).
8. Apply for a short-term, paid deployment as an [interpreter](#) (Dari or Pashto) or [cohort assistant](#) to help welcome and process Afghan SIV applicants at various US government sites.
9. **Learn more** about the rapidly changing situation in Afghanistan and other ways to support people at risk.





***Statement from the Commandant of the
Marine Corps, General David H. Berger:***

"It is with extremely heavy hearts that we learned several Marines and other service members were killed and wounded in the Kabul attacks today. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families as they are notified of this devastating loss.

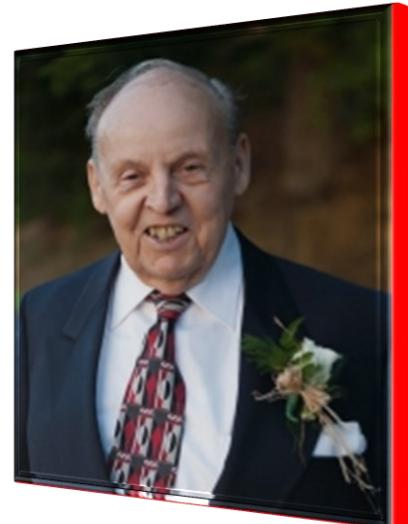
These fallen heroes answered the call to go into harm's way to do the honorable work of helping others. We are proud of their service and deeply saddened by their loss. As we mourn, we also keep those who are still over there protecting Americans and our Afghan partners at the forefront of our thoughts. Our Marines will continue the mission, carrying on our Corps' legacy of always standing ready to meet the challenges of every extraordinary task our Nation requires of her Marines.

I am continually humbled by the courage and warrior spirit exhibited every day by Marines across the globe. The sacrifices Marines make on behalf of freedom must never go unnoticed or unappreciated. I ask that you keep these Marines and service members, and especially their families, in your thoughts and prayers."

R. I. P.

COUNCIL 8297

We are saddened to have lost another brother Knight this past week. Brother Joe Kennedy was a member of Msgr Hugh O'Flaherty **Council 8297** in Poulsbo. He was also a Past Grand Knight of Bremerton **Council 1379**. Rest in Peace, Brother Joe.



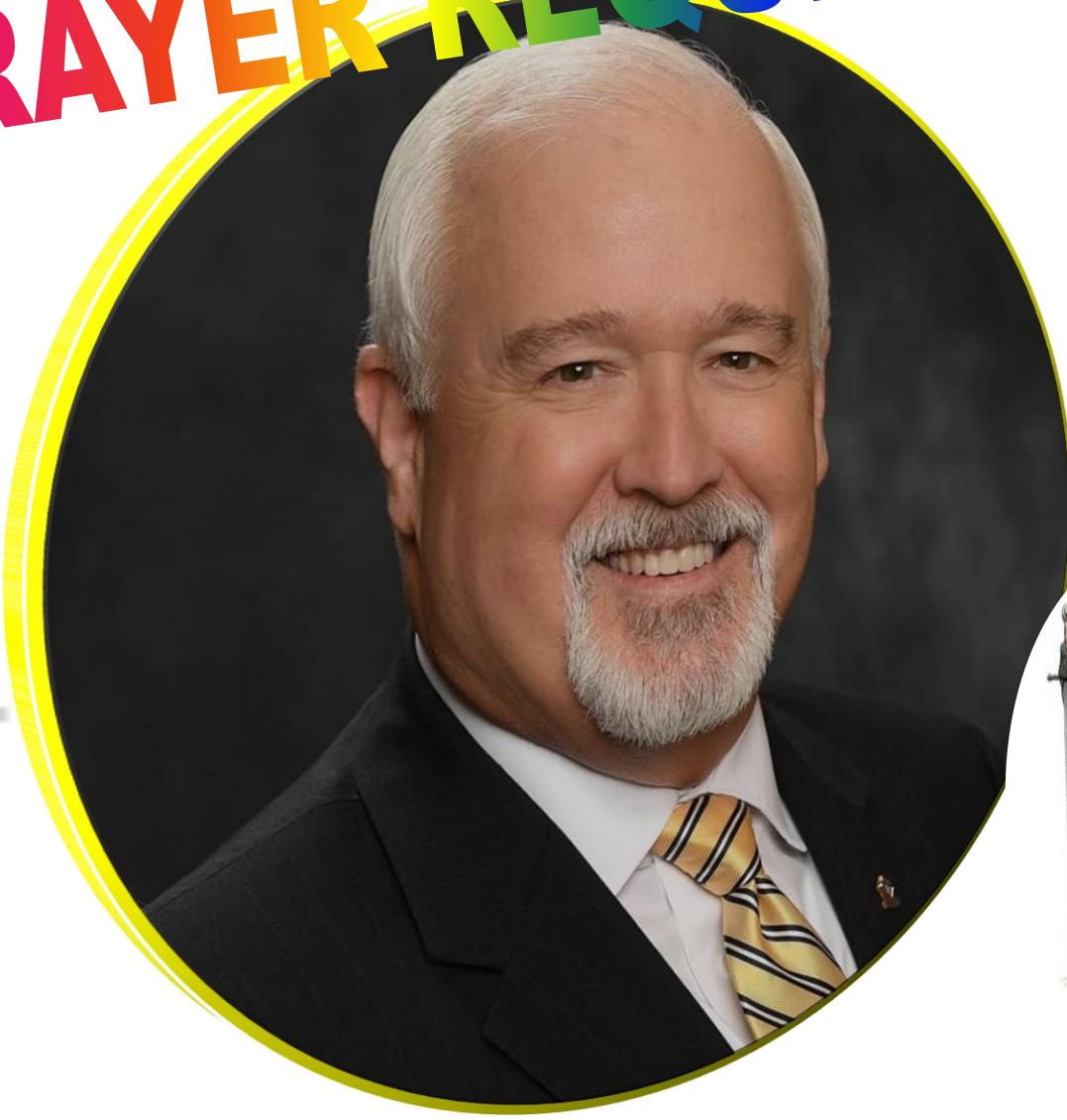
Joseph Edward Kennedy, loving husband, father, and grandfather, passed away on Saturday, August 21, 2021, at the age of 91.

Joe was born on September 7, 1929, in Blackwell, Oklahoma, to Merle and Ethel Kennedy. He moved to Colorado Springs as a child, then to Roswell, and Albuquerque, where he graduated from the University of New Mexico with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He served in the Army in the Korean Conflict, stationed in Paris, and later moved to Bremerton to work as a mechanical engineer in the shipyard until his retirement. He met Judy Hanlon at the Catholic Chancellor Club in Seattle, and they were married at St. Joseph's Church on November 20, 1965. They were married for 56 years and raised seven children together at their home in Tracyton. They later had adventures living in San Diego and Bakersfield, California, before settling in Poulsbo.

Joe became Grand Knight of the Bremerton Knights of Columbus council. He joined the Mushroom Club, where he, his wife, and friends enjoyed combing the woods for chanterelles. He even designed the original logo for the club. He loved ballroom dancing and could really "cut a rug" back in the day. He and Judy were members of the Laf-a-Lot Dance Club in California, where they made many lasting friends. He enjoyed listening to 40's records, and even learned to like country music in Bakersfield. Joe always loved watching birds, gardening, and taking photos of flowers, trees, family, and friends.

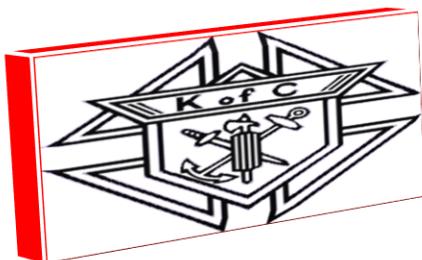
Joe is survived by his wife Judy of Poulsbo and their seven children: Kathleen (Ernie), Joe (Denise), Jennifer (Mike), Susan (Matt), James, Dan (Robin), and Tim (Lauren). He is also survived by fourteen grandchildren, whom he loved deeply. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Dan, and many friends.

PRAYER REQUEST



Asking for a special prayer request for our friend and brother Sir Knight [Mike Rutland](#). Mike and his son.....both have been diagnosed with COVID-19. I spoke with mike this morning and he is very ill but vows to kick this thing.

Prayers your way Rutland family.



SUBMITTED BY BRUCE HINES

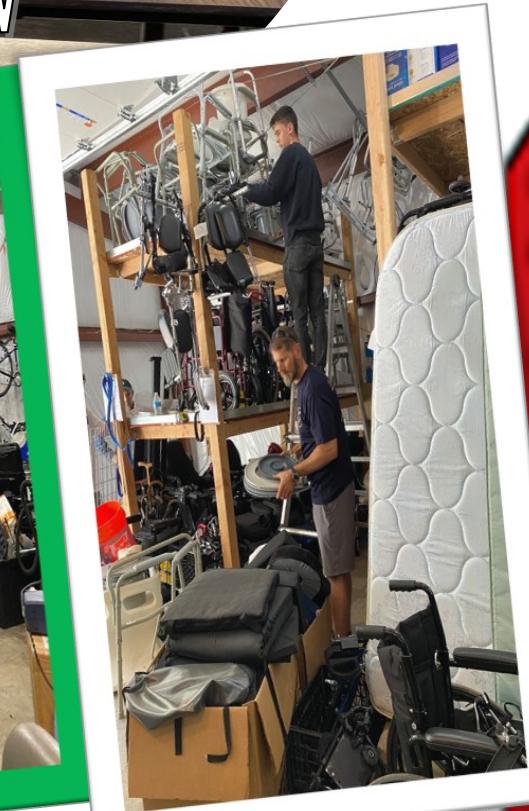
GREAT TURNOUT !

We had a great turnout of over 20 Brother Knights today from 3 Councils in District 2 for a KC HELP work party and BBQ tri-tip sandwiches. Many thanks to members of Councils 1379 (Bremerton), 8297 (Poulsbo), and 12251 (Bainbridge Island) and several wives for all your hard work, we're planning another go-round next month to focus on power chairs...

Btw, all scrap metal proceeds will go toward supporting seminarians via the RSVP program.



SUBMITTED BY LARRY DEVLIN



EXCELLENT DAY!

Most excellent day! Attended [St. Aloysius Parish, Spokane](#) with the fam and my Knights of Columbus Rider's Group, before an awesome bike blessing, spearheaded by GK SK. A group of us went cruising the Palouse to [The Redtail Bar & Grill](#) for lunch, then back to town via the South Hill's scenic High Drive Parkway. Great ride with great people! Milestone for Scooter too...she turned 10,000 miles on the odometer. She had less than 600 miles when I adopted her last year. It's been a good year of riding.



ESCORTING OUR FALLEN

This picture of a Catholic priest-chaplain escorting one of the recent fallen Marines really speaks to me today... I pray for those who gave their lives in Afghanistan and those who must make the decision to leave everything behind. My heart hurts.



The Bishops of Washington State invite you to the
2021 Cornerstone Catholic Conference



FORMING DISCIPLES FOR **LIFE & JUSTICE**

OCTOBER 30, 2021 | VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

WORKSHOPS

Attendees may attend two workshops. Workshops with an * are offered in both English and Spanish.



Catholic Social Teaching:
The Foundation For Living
Faithfully, Respecting Life,
And Acting Justly

Msgr. Ray East



Youth Ministry - Meeting
the Realities of this
Generation*

Katherine Angulo



COVID-19: Lessons
Learned and Future
Opportunities*

Bishop Tyson and Panel



PREPARES
(Pregnancy & Parenting
Support)*



Faith In Action:
Advocacy and Ministries*

Mario Villanueva and Panel



Doing Pro-Life Education
the EASY WAY!

Camille Pauley



Catolicismo y Colonialismo: La
Verdad y Las Enseñanzas de
La Iglesia Contra La Esclavitud
(presented in Spanish)

P. Agustino Torres



La migración como "signo
de los tiempos" (presented
in Spanish)

Brenda Noriega

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Fr. Robert Spitzer – A Case for the Inalienable Rights of the Pre-Born

Gloria Purvis – What do the Racial Justice and Pro-Life Movements Have in Common?

Fr. Agustino Torres – Maintaining Christian Joy In Times of Darkness (presenting in Spanish)

Brenda Noriega - Love your neighbor as yourself! "And who is my neighbor?" (Lk 10:29) (presenting in Spanish)

Bishops' Panel The Bishops of Washington state will present on topics related to "Forming Disciples for Life and Justice."

Featured Musicians Martín Valverde and Pedro Rubalcava



No registration fee! Please register to receive access to the conference,
and donations are welcome. wacatholics.org/cornerstone-2021

The Fourth

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4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION NOTICE WESTERN WASHINGTON DISTRICT

Live in-person Degree
HOLY FAMILY PARISH KIRKLAND

Saturday, November 6th, Start Time 2:00 P.M.

Host Assembly: Charles F McLean, Assembly # 2621, Kirkland, Washington.

Host Faithful Navigator: FN Michael Bohm; Contact: 425-881-5225
Email: <mjbohm@gamil.com>

Honoree: Will be announced.

Degree Location: Holy Family Parish Hall, at 7045 120th Ave. N.E., Kirkland, WA. 98033

Directions: **N I-405** take exit #17 to N.E. 70th Pl., go 0.3 mi., turn left on 116th Ave. N.E.,
turn right on N.E. 70th Pl., go 0.2 mi., continue on NE 70th St., turn left on 120th Ave. N.E.,
and arrive at Parish center on left. **S I-405**, take exit #17 NE 70th Pl., go 0.3 mi., turn right
on NE 72nd Pl., go 0.2 mi., continue on NE 70th St., turn left on 120th Ave. NE and arrive
at Parish center on left. **Parking:** Parking for the candidates will be in the HFP overflow lot
on the right and signage will be posted.

Lunch, banquet, ladies' program: Due to newly revised pandemic guidelines, there will be no lunch, no
banquet and there will be no ladies program period! Food not allowed!

Degree Schedule: Registration from 12:30 pm to 1:45 pm; Degree starts at 2:00 pm; Public knighting at 4:00 pm.

Mass: Participants will be welcome to attend the 5:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Family church after the Exemplification.

Come prepared to wear black masks and exercise social distancing as necessary per rules and guidelines.

Form 4 & Check: Candidates should complete and mail form 4 and \$70 check directly to the District Master.

Contact: District Master Steve Schweyen
Western Washington District
5514 - 22nd Avenue South
Seattle, WA. 98108

(C) 206-255-4177
<Remeor@aol.com> (Preferred contact)

REGISTRATION:

PAYMENT:

Candidate Name:

Home Council / Assembly:

Phone / Email:

FN / FC: Names, Phone, Email:

Form 4: Fully Completed correctly, signed and mailed or emailed to West District Master. Originals preferred.

Check: \$70 check made out to the **Knights of Columbus "Master Fund"**, attached and mailed with Form 4 to West District Master.

INSTRUCTIONS:



1. Candidate must **fully** complete the required Form 4 and **all** signatures must be completed!
2. FN and FC will review the Form 4 to insure complete and accurate and confirm.
3. FS will confirm that the candidate is a 3rd degree member in good standing and sign the Form 4.
4. FN will obtain Assembly approval of candidate for admission to Assembly noted.
5. FN and FC will sign the candidate's Form 4 after Assembly approval is obtained.
6. Candidate should meet with the FN to review and discuss upcoming exemplification with questions as needed.
7. Completed Form 4 with attached check made out to Master Fund is submitted to the District Master.
8. Once the completed Form 4 and check is received by the District Master the link for the degree will be sent out.
9. Candidate should log into the virtual video degree about 1/2 hour prior to start time and must attend full degree.
10. Virtual Video Degree will last approximately 1 hour and 25 minutes until about 2:30 p.m.
11. After the degree is completed the 4th degree kit and certificate will be mailed to the candidate.
12. Knighting will be arranged at a later date at the next live degree or through arrangements with Assembly.
13. The WEBEX app will need to be downloaded in order to log onto the WEBEX program used via link sent to you a week prior to the scheduled virtual video degree.

Attire

Article XI Official Dress

Section 39. The official dress for the Fourth Degree shall be: (a) For a candidate: black or dark (no stripes) blue or gray business suit with black shoes, white shirt and tie, and candidate identification (b) A member serving in the Armed Forces of his country, full time police and firefighters shall be considered in proper attire when dressed in a Class A dress uniform. Candidates and members of the 4th Degree may wear a tuxedo with a bow tie.

Summary Steve Schweyen 5514 - 22nd Ave. So.
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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



BY BRIAN R. WOOLERY

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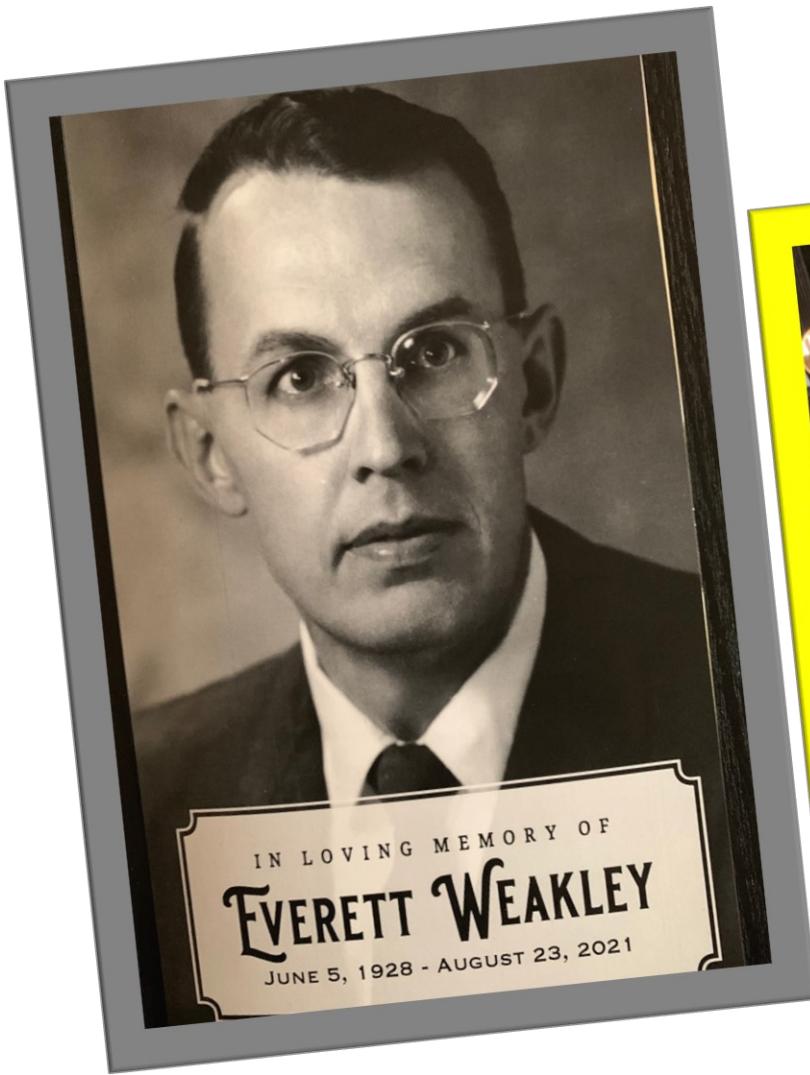


ASSEMBLY 3097

Sadly, we must report the unexpected death of one of our brothers, Rob Perez, this past month. Rob and his wife, Sheila, have been long time parishioners and active in ministries in our church in many ways. Brother and Sir Knight Raul Perez was 61 years old. Please remember Sheila and the Perez family in your prayers.

SUBMITTED BY MARK ALCAMO

R. I. P.



I want to thank you all for coming out and attending SK Everett's funeral mass... I also want to thank our worthy 1174 Color Corps Commander SK Jim McGrogan for rallying the Color Corps/Honor Guards together and doing an outstanding job showing fraternal honor and respect for our brother Everett his family and friends attending. And thanks once again SK Larry Bast for performing the reading of the Chalice presentation

*So long Sir Knight Everett Weakley you will be missed....
thanks for all your many years of service!*

FN SK BRUCE HINES....TFMM

PSAKI REBUKES EWTN'S CORRESPONDENT

By Katie Yoder



President Joe Biden, the second Catholic president in U.S. history, believes that abortion is a “woman’s right,” White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki said on Thursday. Her comments came in response to a question about Texas’ newly enacted abortion ban asked by *EWTN News Nightly* White House Correspondent Owen Jensen. “I know you’ve never faced those choices, nor have you ever been pregnant,” Psaki told Jensen, “But for women out there who have faced those choices, this is an incredibly difficult thing.” Beginning Sept. 1, the “Texas Heartbeat Act” bans abortions statewide after a fetal heartbeat can be detected, which can happen as early as six weeks into pregnancy. The law also enables citizens to enforce the ban through private lawsuits.

When the Supreme Court rejected an emergency request to block the law in a 5–4 decision, Biden declared a “whole-of-government” response to “ensure” abortion access in the state.

On Sept. 2, Jensen asked Psaki about Biden’s position at a White House press conference. “Why does the president support abortion when his own Catholic faith teaches abortion is morally wrong?” he wanted to know.

Psaki said that the president believes that abortion is a “woman’s right, it’s a woman’s body, and it’s her choice. “In a follow-up question, Jensen asked, “Who does he believe, then, should look out for the unborn child?”

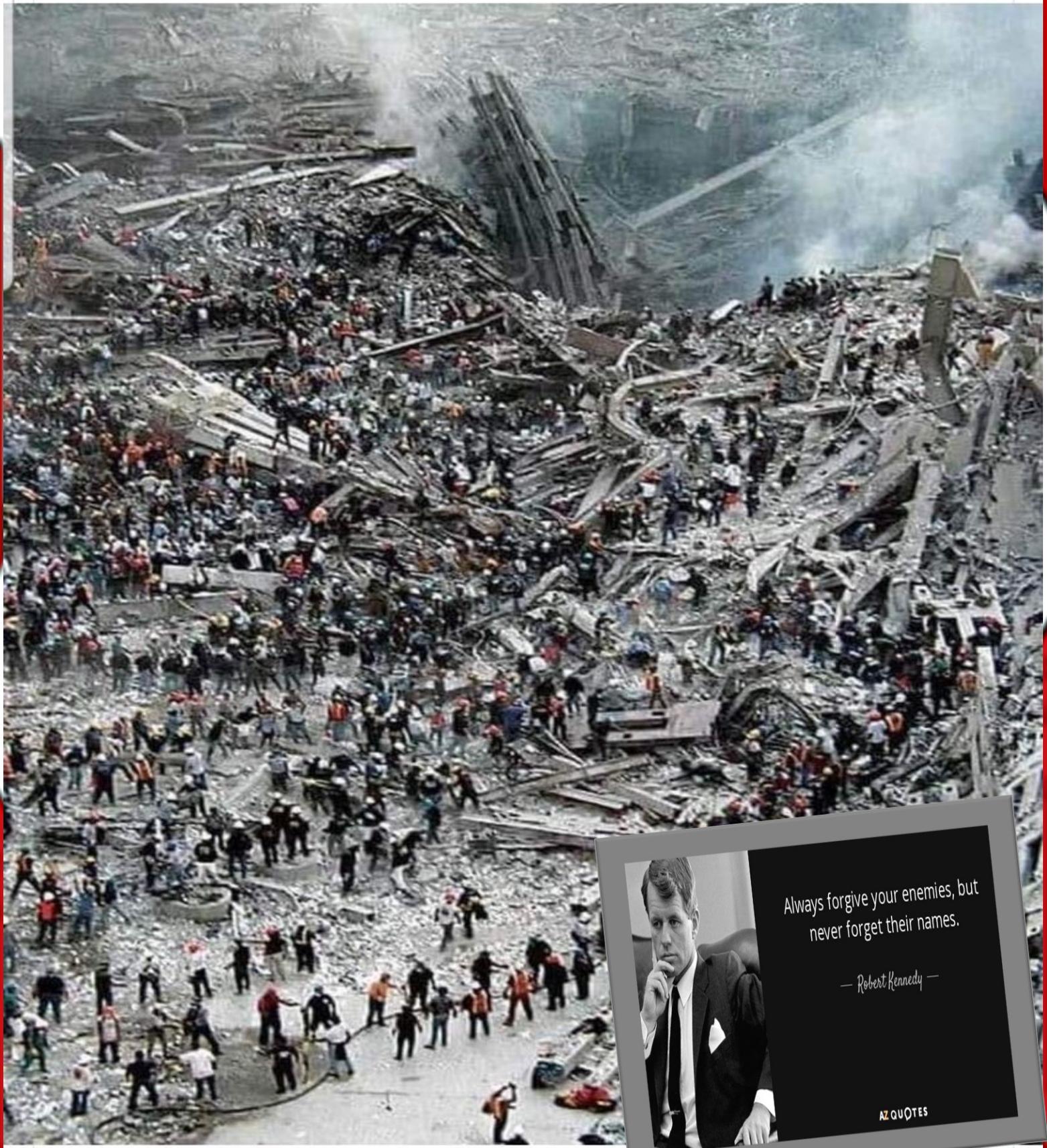
According to Psaki, Biden “believes that it’s up to a woman to make those decisions and up to a woman to make those decisions with her doctor. “She added, “The president believes their right should be respected.”

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, which summarizes Church teaching, recognizes the inherent dignity and worth of the unborn human person and considers abortion a “crime against human life.”

“Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception,” the catechism reads. “From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person – among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life.”



Just in case you forgot, this was Ground Zero on 09-11-2001 and You promised that you would never forget.



Always forgive your enemies, but
never forget their names.

— Robert Kennedy —

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COUNCIL 15689 & ASSEMBLY 3565 9.11 TRIBUTE

A **B**efore dawn, knights of Fr. Stephan T. Roman Council 15689/St. Dominic Assembly 3565 met inside St. Jerome church, Ocean Shores to pray the four mysteries of the Rosary in remembrance of the horrific terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001, that occurred between the hours of 5:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. Pacific Time. On this, the 20th anniversary, knights joined together in prayer to honor the memory of the nearly 3,000 people killed in the attacks and the nearly 6,000 injured.

T, Sir Knight George Havrilak, pictured holding up his go-to combat rosary, initiated the prayer service at 5:30 a.m. “We began by praying The Morning Offering: O Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings this day for the intentions of your Sacred Heart in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, for the salvation of souls, the reparation of sins, the reunion of all

Christians, and for the intentions of our Holy Father this month.”

E Then the knights reflected upon the timeline of events that day and the consequences on human lives lost and suffering, especially on families. **C** George recalled that morning, he was watching events unfold in NYC on a conference room monitor in his office on the top floor, D-ring, of the Pentagon when at 9:37 ET/6:37 PT American Airlines Flt 77 struck his side of the building. Several of his Pentagon acquaintances would live with severe burns and trauma.

R **C** **H** [Photo depicts the wedge of the Pentagon between 4th and 5th corridors where AA Flt 77 impacted. George's office is indicated directly below the red mark on the roof of the D-ring.]



This morning though the knights came to pray rosaries for many intentions. They prayed for the families and friends who mourn



their loved ones who died in the attack. They prayed for the survivors suffering from physical and psychological pain of the trauma. They prayed for the first responders who courageously risked and sacrificed their lives to save others. They prayed for the priests and religious who brought the light of Christ to those who were in dire need. They prayed for doctors, nurses, and medical professionals who arrived on scenes to provide medical care to the wounded. Finally, they came to pray because they understand they are Christ's warriors in spiritual warfare. Man-made efforts alone are futile to stop, prevent and protect against acts inspired by the Evil One. The spiritual battle will be won by calling upon divine power with the weapon of prayer and other weapons (e.g., worship, adoration, sacraments, fasting, etc.).

Today, the knights used as a guide to go on the offensive with prayer, the Manual for Spiritual Warfare, by Paul Thigpen. Turning to chapter 10, Rosary Meditations for Spiritual Battle, they began with the Joyful Mysteries. Partway through the first decade, they paused after a Hail Mary as a knight rang a bell at 5:46 a.m. PT the moment the first plane struck a WTC tower. Before continuing the decade, they donned their first piece of defensive spiritual armor against the Evil One – the virtue of faith, *shields* – by praying an Act of Faith. Thus, armed with shields as a barrier between them and the Enemy, they resumed the offensive completing the Joyful Mysteries.

At 6:00 a.m., Sir George led the knights in praying the Luminous Mysteries. Again, the knights paused their prayers momentarily, as the bell was rung a second time. It was now, 6:03 a.m. PT, the moment the second plane struck the south tower of the WTC. As before, the knights chose to pray another Act of Faith to strengthen their spiritual shields.

Following the completion of the Luminous Mysteries, Sir Knight Jerry Knoeck stepped up to lead them in battle by praying the Sorrowful Mysteries.

During the Sorrowful Mysteries, a bell toll a third time at 6:47 a.m. PT in remembrance when AA Flt 77 struck the Pentagon. Following the ringing of the bell, the knights chose to add to their defensive spiritual armor -- *helmets*, by reciting an Act of Hope. Then they completed the Sorrowful Mysteries.

Before starting the Glorious Mysteries, the knights solemnly waited for a bell to toll one final time – at 7:03 a.m. in remembrance of the heroic effort of passengers and crew aboard UA Flt 93 who attempted to recapture their

aircraft as the terrorists deliberately crashed it into the ground at Shanksville, PA. After the bell toll, the knights donned a final piece of spiritual armor, *breastplates*, acquired through praying an Act of Love. The breastplate protects the heart – symbol of the will.

Back on the spiritual offensive once again, the knights prayed the Glorious Mysteries achieving the Holy Spirit-inspired objective for them today. To solidify the spiritual victory, though, the Holy Spirit further inspired them to pray triumphantly, Hail, Holy Queen, St. Michael the Archangel, Guardian Angel prayer, the World Day of Prayer for Peace, and finally the Prayer for The United States of America, as composed by His Excellency Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano.

To wrap up a glorious Patriot Day Weekend, Sunday, September 12th, Assembly 3565 knights led early arriving parishioners praying the Patriotic Rosary before Mass.



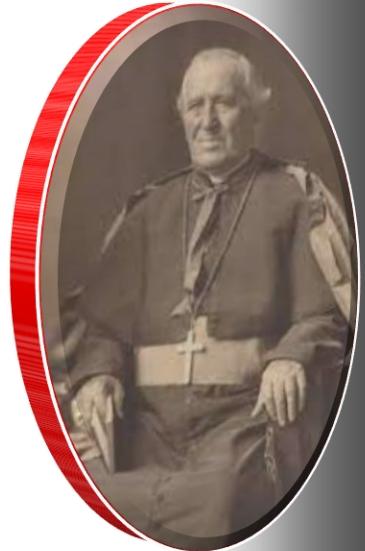
STAUNCH, FEARLESS, PATRIOTIC PRELATES



Who were the “Staunch, Fearless, patriotic prelates of our Church: Carroll, Hughes, Ireland, Gibbons, Spellman, O’Conner”?

Archbishop John Ireland of St. Paul (1838 – 1918)

John Ireland was born in Burnchurch County Kilkenny, on September 11, 1838, to Richard Ireland and Judith Naughton, the eldest of four children. Following the great famine years of 1845-1848, in which nearly one-third of the population perished, Richard moved his family to Vermont, then Illinois, and, finally, along with fellow Irishman Thomas O’Gorman, Sr. and his family, to St. Paul, arriving in spring 1852, six years before Minnesota became a state.



The first bishop of St. Paul, Joseph Cretin, sent John Ireland and Thomas O’Gorman to seminaries in France in 1853. John was ordained in December 1861 and then served as chaplain to the Union troops from Minnesota in the Civil War. Fr. Ireland was elected the first vice president of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America in 1871 and worked for the temperance movement the remainder of his life

In 1875, Pope Pius IX named Fr. Ireland the first coadjutor bishop of St. Paul and he became bishop when Bishop Grace retired in 1884. From 1876 to 1881, Bishop Ireland co-founded the Irish Catholic Colonization Association which bought more than 400,000 acres of farmland in rural Minnesota and resettled more than 4,000 Catholic families from the slums of eastern urban areas.

Bishop Ireland often urged Catholic settlers in America to give patriotic allegiance to their adopted land and to accept the ways and the language of their new country. At the Third Plenary Council held in Baltimore, Maryland, in

1884, Archbishop Ireland gave a famous address on "The Catholic Church and Civil Society," to encourage mutual understanding and respect between the Catholic Church and the pluralistic democratic society of the U.S.

Archbishop Ireland went to Rome in 1887 and obtained pontifical approval from Pope Leo XIII for the founding of the Catholic University of America. The first cornerstone was laid in Washington, D.C., one year later.

In 1885, Archbishop Ireland founded the College of St. Thomas. In 1894 he opened the St. Paul Diocesan Seminary. His sister, Ellen Ireland, Mother Seraphim of the Josephite order, founded the College of St. Catherine, a school for women.

In 1891, Archbishop Ireland refused to accept the clerical credentials of Ruthenian Catholic priest Alexis Toth and was also involved in efforts to expel all non-Latin Church Catholic clergy from the U. S. Fr. Toth then led thousands of Ruthenian Catholics out of the Roman Communion and into what became the Orthodox Church in America. Thus, Archbishop Ireland is ironically referred to as "The Father of the Orthodox Church in America."

The Cathedral of St. Paul was started in 1906, and construction on the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis began a year later. Main construction for both churches was finished in 1915.

Archbishop Ireland died on September 25, 1918. A funeral Mass was celebrated by Bishop O'Gorman, his childhood friend and fellow seminarian, on October 2, 1918, at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Condolences and tributes poured in from all over the globe, including from his friend President Theodore Roosevelt. Cardinal Gibbons said this:

The last Prelate who has descended below the horizon of the tomb was the Venerable Patriarch of the West, the great Apostle of temperance, the sturdy Patriot who had endeared himself to the American people without distinction of race or religion, the man who contributed perhaps more than any other to demonstrate the harmony that exists between the Constitution of the Church and the Constitution of the United States. Needless to say, I am speaking of John Ireland, the Lion of the fold of Judah.

Karl A. Hadley, FVSM, PSD



POCO RUN

Greetings KofC brothers and friends,

Once again Pend Oreille council 14268 brothers did an outstanding job of putting on the second successful POCO RUN event. Event chair SK Bob "Santa" Smith-Anderson current Idaho K on B Pres. and his lovely wife and family opened up their home and table Greetings K of C brothers and friends, (Thanks again "Santa") Saturday AM we meet at St Anthony parish in Newport WA for opening instructions and bike blessing performed by Father Vic Blazovich...who by the way is being reassigned closer to the bishop and this was his last POCO event. (God Bless Father you will be missed). Traveling north alongside the river our 3rd stop was in Metaline Falls at St Joseph parish where 14268 brother Tom Garrett lead in praying the 3rd joyful mystery just a few miles from the Canadian border....Tom was raised in this town and parish in fact as he was sharing some hometown history, he was standing on the same steps 54 years ago preparing for his first Holy Communion. Kick stands up (KSU) and off to beautiful Sullivan Lake for a gourmet style cold sandwich lunch lake side. At the end of the day 14268 brother Edward won the poker hand winning a St. Joseph Holy Metal blessed by Pope Francis....St Joseph is also Edwards's patron Saint....that was cool! Again KUDO'S 14268 brothers for hosting this spectacular get together and ride....God Bless you all!

KofC attendee brothers and wife's representing came from: Boise ID - Blanchard ID - Oldtown ID - Richland WA - Selah WA - Spokane WA - Newport WA - Metaline Fall WA - Lone WA. Looking forward to next year.....Big Smile

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"WELL, DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT"

Today, Father Mien is reaping his eternal reward with our Lord. Over 50 years in service, including being a chaplain in the Vietnam war. Please pray for Francis Xavier Nguyen Son Mien.



SEE YOU HERE NEXT MONTH

