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WAR ON CATHOLICS OF FAITH

At a time when Catholics face the stark reminder of the anti-Catholic bias of Catholic's "In Name Only" and a fake news media that propels them, we must VOTE as strong pro-life ADVOCATES for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

When Catholics "In Name Only" war against the Little Sisters of the Poor, the Knights of Columbus, and faithful practicing Catholics, they claim we are too firmly seated in the dogma of our faith.

Do you remember when a Senator introduced an amendment to a bill in the Senate to require health insurance plans to offer contraceptive coverage to patients regardless of employers' beliefs, religious or otherwise?

Do you remember when another Senator said, "Congress has authority to protect, I believe, our most important species?" Was she speaking about the human species and our babies?

Do you remember, a former Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services of the Obama administration, author of the infamous HHS mandate that forced Catholics to violate their conscience and take a direct role in the killing of babies in abortions?

Do you remember that the Speaker of the House who "called the exemption for religious employers 'despicable' and an "outrageous attack on women's health'?"

Do you recall the former presidential candidate who said, "Laws have to be backed up with resources and political will, and deep-seated religious beliefs have to be changed, and according to Oregon prosecutors, the religious must be rehabilitated

If we value our Catholic way of life, freedom to worship God as He calls us to, and the ability to receive the sacraments, it is critically important that we Catholic's VOTE in this November's election.



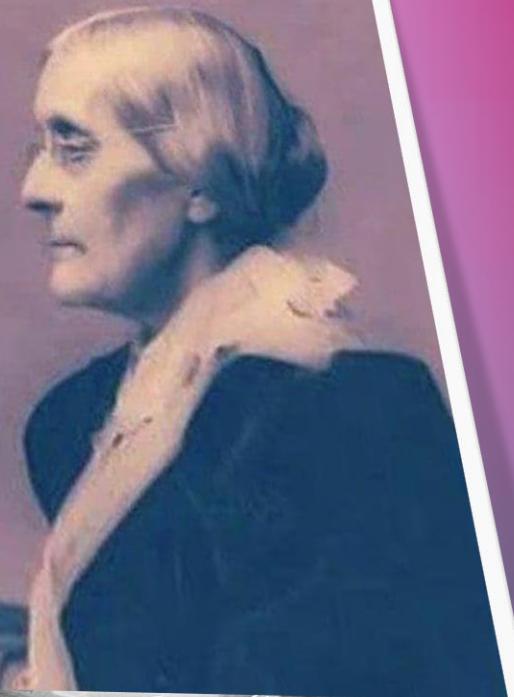
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SUSAN B. ANTHONY PARDONED BY PRESIDENT TO MARK 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF 19TH AMENDMENT

GIVING WOMEN THE VOTE,

SUSAN B. ANTHONY

*Men, their rights,
and nothing
more; women,
their rights, and
nothing less.*



LIBERTY



KNIGHTS ON BIKES

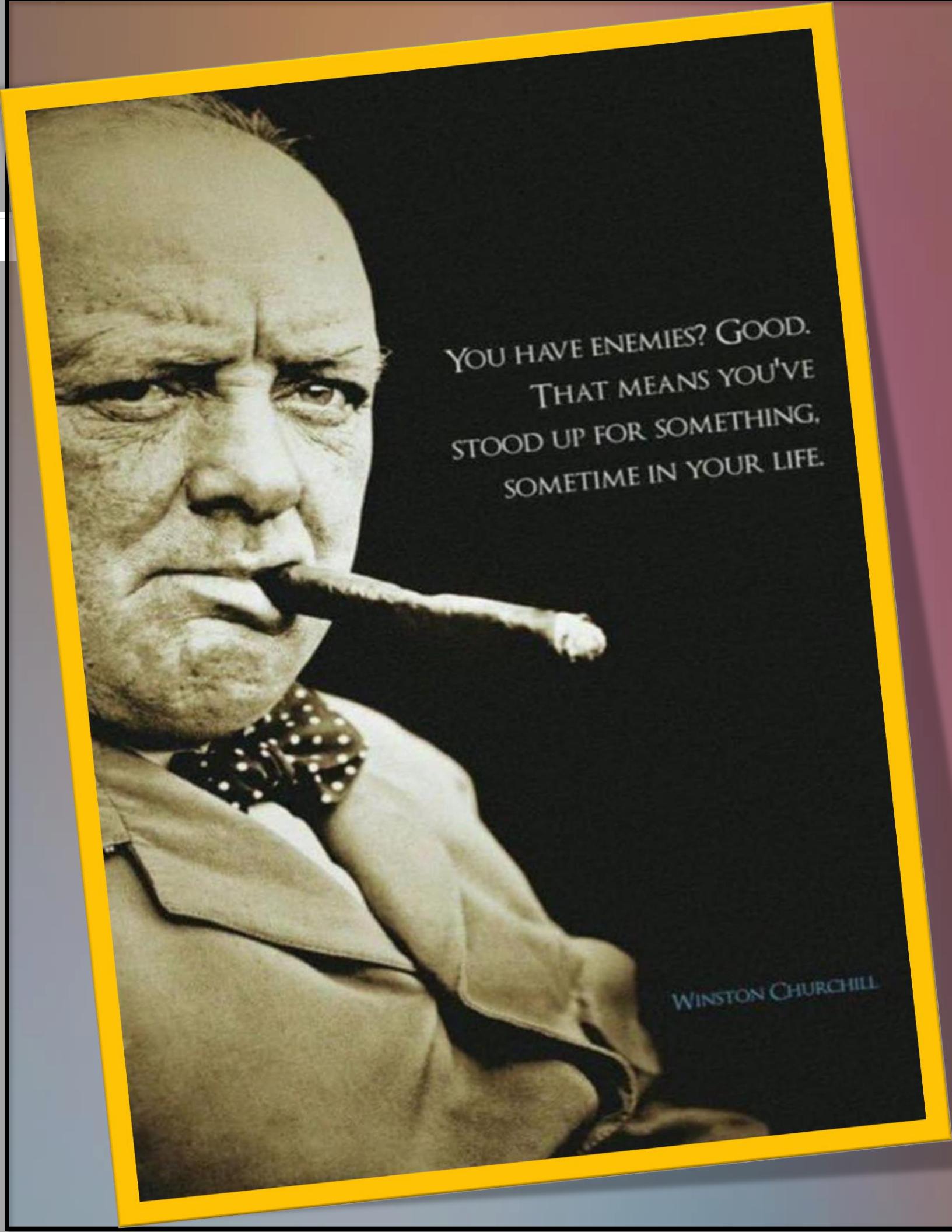
UPDATE



Today I have a penny barrel brag to share.....I received a call from the West Richland Chamber of Commerce asking me to come in and take a picture with the award WA KonB won for most club entries of the recent 2020 Cool Desert Nights virtual car/bike show we entered. Yes, KonB is not a club but we qualified being a fraternity. Last week Spokane Dioceses for Spokane/Boise Advocate brother "Santa" was honored with the best bike award...again Kudos Brother. Pictures for both brother Santa and I with awards will be poster on the Cool Desert web site and in local media circles.....How cool is that?

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YOU HAVE ENEMIES? GOOD.
THAT MEANS YOU'VE
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SOMETIME IN YOUR LIFE.

WINSTON CHURCHILL

Annual Income Limits - Health Benefits

Threshold Data for Calendar Year 2020 with 0 Dependents Residing in Spokane, WA HUD Metro FMR Area

Benefit - ----- Threshold used --- Amount

Eligible for Cost Free Meds and Beneficiary Travel - Veterans not Receiving Aid & Attendance or Housebound **Benefits Pension**
Threshold \$13,752

Eligible for Cost Free Meds and Beneficiary Travel - Veterans Receiving Housebound Benefits - **Household Benefit \$16,805**

Eligible for Cost Free Meds and Beneficiary Travel - Veterans Receiving Aid &Attendance Benefits - **Aid & Attendance Threshold \$22,939**

Eligible for Cost Free Medical Care **National Means Test Threshold \$34,171**

Eligible for reduced inpatient copays (80% reedition)
<https://www.va.gov/HEALTHBENEFITS/cost/copays.asp>
GMT Threshold \$40,150 -

Eligible for new enrollment, if agree to pay full inpatient and outpatient copy **EITHER THE NATIONAL MEANS TEST THRESHOLD OR THE GEOGRAPHIC MEANS TEST THRESHOLD + 10% (whichever is higher) \$44,165**

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A PARADOX OR TWO

(Every right begins as a privilege)

Candidates for public offices have been known to make promises they know they can't keep to people they feel are gullible enough to believe them for the sole purpose of getting elected.... Say it isn't so!!

BY STEVE SNELL

I have often wondered what I could do or say to help the most gullible in the crowd, but after some thought probably not much. I would almost bet that my "help" would be viewed as just another form of control. I have decided not to "help" as often as I am inclined to. For better or worse, for now, I will not be spreading my goodness and help over everyone. I think that some of my fellow citizens have cracks in their thinking but it's probably not all that bad because, as Leonard Cohen said, "*There are cracks in everything, and that's how the light gets in.*"

Today I am standing in the light with all who are in favor of the preservation of the basic rights of men. I stand with those who rely upon reason, upon civil debate, upon education, upon intelligence and upon patriotism. We stand for law and order, we make no appeal to ignorance and prejudice, we make no appeal to the rioting and looting in our cities. The horizon of our past is filled with the glory and sacrifice of our forefathers for flag and country, we will always kneel before God and stand up for flag and country.

Moving forward into the future, how will we become the stepping stones for our children? How will we sustain ourselves when we see the pain and suffering of unborn babies dying by the millions? How can we be the difference needed to preserve and protect these gifts of God? How? **Vote.** We must believe that we are privileged to be here to exercise our right to vote, to make that difference! Before us is the opportunity to protect our faith and family, to honor the potential of mankind, and to stand up for God and country.

VOTE!!



Hallelujah.

"UNBORN LIVES MATTER"



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ALL LIVES MATTER

DO YOU HAVE TROUBLE CONCENTRATING?
ARE YOU EASILY BORED WITH LIFE?
NEED SOME FIBER IN YOUR DIET?

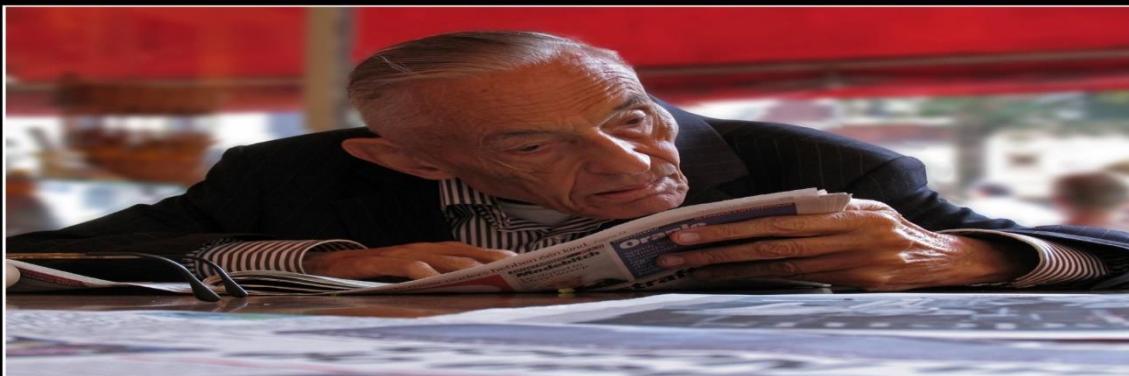
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**READ THE "SECOND EDITION"
EVERY MONTH**



WANT TO SEE WHAT
THE EDITOR WROTE ABOUT???

READ IT ANYWAY!



PROSTATE CANCER POST SURGERY 1st VISIT & PATHOLOGY

Brothers and all,

Remarkably, the cancer had not made it into the lymph nodes. The doctor said it was very unusual not to find cancer outside the prostate with the advanced stage I was in.

The prostate had one nodule that was 3.9 cm. or about an inch and a third in diameter. That was the largest nodule. The outer lining of the prostate had cancer, of course. He removed or shaved off bodily tissue that was against the tumor and was able to get down to an area that was cancer free. He was quite shocked that the cancer had not completely made it under the surface of that material.

Bottom line, my Gleason is now 9 out of 10, which I was a 10, and we should see that go down to 3 or 4 in 8 weeks. That is my next PSA (he called it something else, but I heard PSA in the title). Then we follow up one month later and see where it is again. If it does not keep coming down (with no prostate it should be at zero), I will have to do hormone therapy.

It takes time for the PSA to come down in the body. He said at the stage of cancer I am in, radiation would not be very effective. He did say that in the past 5 years, there have been great advancements in treating prostate cancer after surgery. If I need further treatment, I will go to a specialist in the field that he knows.

I will be incontinent for at least 3 months but should get back to where I was before after that. Diapers are the direction I am headed and continued light duty for the next 12 weeks. I will take it.

Thanks to all for the prayers and Novenas. I felt your support through this all. If the PSA's go down to zero, it will be truly a miracle.

Fraternally, Kim



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LESSON LEARNED !



A story has been told about New Jersey Senator Bill Bradley. Soon after Bradley entered the Senate, he was invited to make a speech at a banquet, and he sat proudly at the head table waiting for his turn to speak. When the waiter came over at one point and put a pat of butter on his plate, Bradley stopped him. "Excuse me," he said, "can I have two pats of butter?" "Sorry," said the waiter, "one pat per person." "I don't think you know who I am," said Bradley. "I'm **BILL BRADLEY, the Rhodes Scholar, professional basketball player, world champion, United States Senator.**"

"Well maybe you don't know who I am," retorted the waiter. "Well, as a matter of fact, I don't," admitted Bradley. "Who are you?"
"I'm the guy,"
said the waiter, "who's in charge of the butter!"



Inner Peace

If you can start the day without caffeine,
If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,
If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
If you can conquer tension without medical help,
If you can relax without alcohol,
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

THEN YOU ARE PROBABLY THE FAMILY DOG!



PASCO COUNCIL 1620

Pasco council's installation of officers took place at 7:00 PM Thursday August 27th. The location of the ceremony was at the home of the Spinler brothers. For the first time in many years, every one of the council officers led by Grand Knight Steve Martinez was present. They were installed into their offices by District Deputy Mike Patello. It was great to see our brothers in person again. Even with the uncertainties of this horrible pandemic affecting us we know that this is a sign of good things to come for Pasco council 1620.



The pictures:(1) = Council Chaplain Rev. Mr. Victor Ortega blessing the jewels of office Install (2) = District Deputy Mike Patello placing the Grand Knights jewel on Steve Martinez Install (3) = The officers in the form of the cross Install (4) = Grand Knight Steve Martinez with some finale words before snack time



SUBMITTED BY JEFF SPINLER

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

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FOOD DRIVE

Council 8297 from St. Olaf's in Poulsbo held a successful food drive at the Kingston Food Market where they received over 900 pounds of food and over \$1,000 in monetary donations to benefit the Share Net Food Bank. Well Done, Brothers!

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"Leave No Neighbor Behind" Kingston Area Food Drive

Canned goods...

and other non-perishable foodstuff

Also taking Cash and Check Donations!

Saturday, August 29, 2020, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Kingston Food Market Parking Lot
10978 NE State Hwy 104, Kingston

All donations go to the Kingston ShareNet

An Easy, No Contact Drive-Through Food Drive: Drive-up & Drop-off.

Donations go to:



Service area includes
Kingston, Hansville, Port
Gamble, Indianola,
Eglon, Little Boston and
parts of Suquamish and
Poulsbo.

Point of Contact:
Jake Steiner
360-440-7926



*A 6-hour event to ensure we
"Leave no neighbor behind."*

COUNCIL 11789 & ASSEMBLY 3097

Brother Knights!

Posted online on our very own Council/Assembly website is the news for August!

Please peruse at your pleasure:

<https://kofc11789.wordpress.com>

Check it out: we had a great August, and things are continuing to look up for September.

Our Council had a banner year in Fraternal Year 2020, which ran from July 2019–June 2020. For starters, we took home three of four State Faith in Action Program Service Awards. Not only that, but Brother Jaime Rivera was one of the five State Finalists for Knight of the Year Award. (*Of course, he is first with us, but with over 160 Councils in the State, a “Top 5” finish is certainly impressive.*) And, no surprise, Brother Bill Dewey won special recognition with an Administrative Excellence Award as our Financial Secretary. All in all, an incredible year for our Council. Here is an excerpt of the kind words from our new District Deputy, Larry Devlin, to all six Councils in our District concerning our accomplishment:

Holy Trinity Council swept 3 of the 4 of Service Program Awards plus the Pro-Life Award, which is an incredible accomplishment!

Please join in congratulating that model Council
that sets the bar very high for all Councils,
not only in our District but across the State



INTERNATIONAL ROSARY

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Knights of Columbus members at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) brought together brother Knights from around the world this summer for a virtual rosary prayer event. Through a Zoom video meeting on June 13, Knights from the United States, Mexico, and France came together to pray for an end to the coronavirus pandemic and an end to civil unrest.



Amed Galo Lopez, grand knight of UCLA Catholic Center Council 17285, has been developing friendships with Knights across the globe since he joined the Order, meeting them at the Order's annual College Councils Conference and while studying abroad in Paris. And now, in response to the coronavirus, Lopez saw an opportunity to unite with his brother Knights around the world.

"I thought maybe it would be great to do a prayer, a rosary with all of these councils considering that this is an international problem," Lopez said. "I called a lot of my friends from these different countries and said 'hey, let's do a prayer for each other.'





When a man learns to live on the edge (*i.e. Thoreau, Merton*), he is not afraid of death. When he is not afraid to die, he is, curiously, free to live. With this freedom he can become a bold, courageous messenger. Free to make a difference in people's lives, he needs a faith that dedicates him to something bigger and more important than himself. We need that faith to which we commit our lives, with faith in God, we are free to proclaim that ALL LIVES MATTER.



KNIGHTS HELP ASSEMBLE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

Several knights of our council lent their hands to the replacement of the playground equipment at Assumption Catholic School in mid-August. The old equipment was disassembled and hauled away earlier, and installation specialists oversaw the excavation and precise siting of the new equipment.

School Principal and Brother Dan Anderson oversaw the selection of the equipment and of the company responsible for the installation. Besides Brother Dan, knights who participated in the project were Grand Knight Jack King and his wife Michele, and Brothers Bob Fitzsimmons, Gary Metcalf, Gordy Wilson, and Joe St.Hilaire. Other workers included parents of school children and Bruce Rupp.

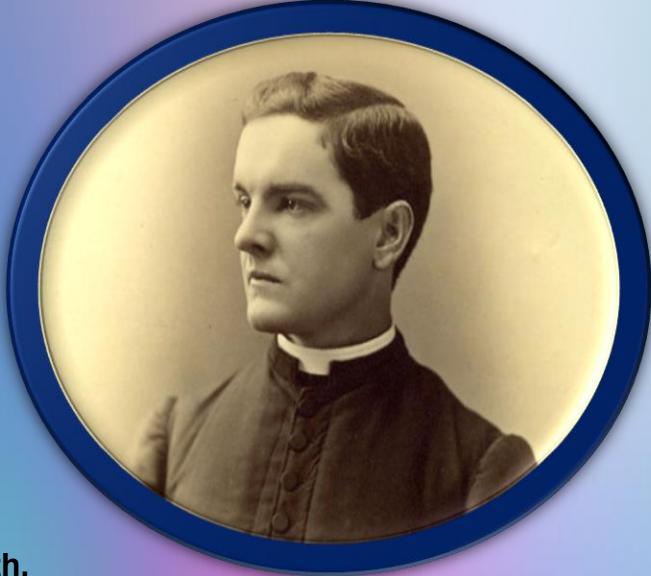
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Left: Knights and parents hold parts in place as fasteners are tightened. Visible in the photo on the left are Brother Gary Metcalf and Gordy Wilson, also friend Bruce Rupp. In the photo at right, Michele King, Gary Metcalf, and GK Jack King take a breather after the huffing and puffing of hoisting heavy playground pieces.



10 things about our founder



1. Not only Catholics, but even Protestants were inspired by Father McGivney's witness of faith.

Alida Harwood, the daughter of a prominent Episcopal minister in New Haven, frequented Mass at St. Mary's Church where Father McGivney served. When Alida contracted malaria at the age of 25 and lay on her death bed, it was Father McGivney that she asked to see.

2. He was a surprisingly good baseball player.

We know that in one game with his seminary team he scored three runs, contributing to a big victory with a score of 23-6. He paved the way for a long history of baseball players who would join the Knights, including **these MLB legends**.

3. More forward-thinking than Yale? Father McGivney pushed the boundaries as a theater director.

At a time when, according to [Parish Priest](#), nearby Yale University was limiting theater to only male actors, Father McGivney welcomed women to perform when he directed his parish's St. Patrick's Day play in 1880.

4. He helped young people take charge of their lives and create a better future.

Father McGivney saw that many young men were neglecting their religion and turning to alcohol abuse. In response, he founded St. Joseph's Total Abstinence and Literary Society, a group that helped young men stay strong in the faith and become active in their communities. No doubt, Father McGivney's experience with this group prepared him when he later founded the Knights of Columbus.

5. His vision for the role of the laity was very unusual for the time.

Seventy-seven years ahead of the Second Vatican Council, the idea that a Catholic organization could be led by laymen was quite extraordinary. Yet that was Father McGivney's vision for the Knights of Columbus.

HE MADE A DIFFERENCE



6. He ministered to inmates.

Father McGivney was responsible for ministering to inmates in the city jail. One inmate was 21-year-old Chip Smith, who — while drunk — shot and killed a police officer. Smith was convicted for first-degree murder and sentenced to be hanged.

Father McGivney ministered to him daily, and, on the day of Smith's execution, the priest was filled with sorrow. Just before he died, Smith comforted him: "Father, your saintly ministrations have enabled me to meet death without a tremor. Do not fear for me, I must not break down now."

7. He was only 38 years old when he died in a 19th century pandemic.

And that's actually not surprising — life expectancy was short for priests in Connecticut during this time in history, when the Catholic population was growing in America, disease was common and the priests were overworked.

8. He's on the path to sainthood.

Father McGivney's beatification this year is the latest development in his cause for canonization. You can help promote devotion to this holy priest — [**click here to join the Father McGivney Guild.**](#)

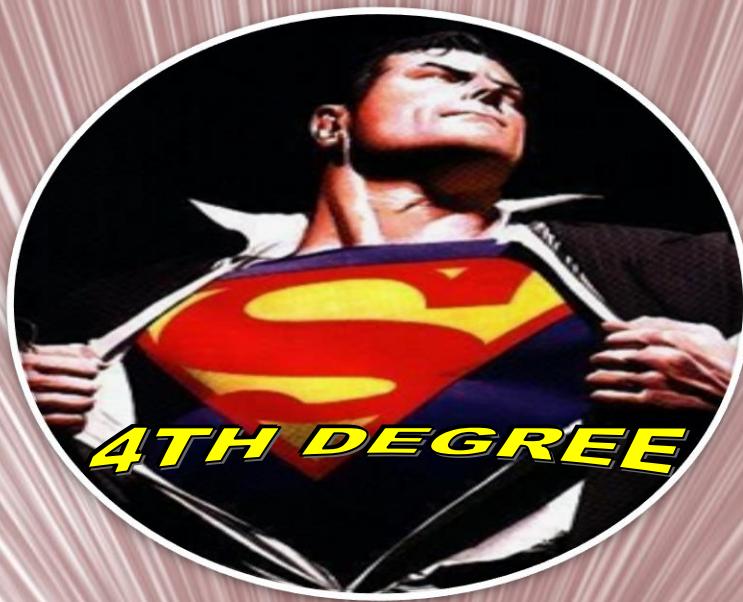
9. His belongings were burned when he died.

When Father McGivney died, his personal items were burned to prevent the spreading of disease. Only a small number of his [**writings**](#) and belongings remain.

10. He is known to intercede especially in four areas (from Columbia magazine):

- **Employment and finances.** Just as parishioners looked to Father McGivney for help when "No Irish need apply" was often included in job postings, so today many receive help when they are laid off or seeking a better job.
- **Substance abuse.** In Father McGivney's day, alcoholism afflicted the immigrant population, and many now find relief from drug or alcohol abuse after praying to him.
- **Family reconciliation.** Father McGivney helped immigrant families struggling to stay together and to make ends meet. Today, Father McGivney continues to respond to the prayers of families.
- **Return to the faith.** Father McGivney founded the Order to keep men from joining anti-Catholic societies. Today, many Catholics receive favors when calling upon him to help their fallen-away children return to Mass.

HIS WORK CONTINUES



***TAKE THE TEST AND STAND WITH BEST,
YOU'LL LIKE THE WAY YOU FEEL!!
"JOIN THE 4TH DEGREE"***

PATRIOTS IN ACTION



RETURN TRIP HOME MEETING WITH I-90 KNIGHTS

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On our return trip home from the Outstanding 2020 POCO Rosary Poker Ride Lady Angie and I stopped at a road side attraction between Spokane and Cheney on the north side of I-90.....you know the spot there is a silver alien space craft parked on a rock out cropping just west of the two cows standing on a boat. There I ran into a group of Brother Knights..... they recognized the KofC crests on my vest and started asking questions about KonB. At the end of our question and answer session one brother knight (SK S.E.Tin) asked to sign up. I showed him the WA KonB recruitment video and fast track patched him in.



My Good and Holy Brothers..... please welcome KonB brother "Squeak" E. Tin.... who will be on assignment at the WA KonB headquarters in S.E. Washington as our new outside guard. I am sure you will be seeing more of Brother "Squeak" at all our upcoming WA KonB events.

In the works, WA KonB newsletter and exit report on the 2020 POCO Rosary Poker Run.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A....



'Celebration of Life' Memorial Service for Jim Steiner

Sadly, Jim died on August 11th, surrounded by family at a place he absolutely loved – Coeur d’Alene, ID. We plan to celebrate his life with family and friends and appreciate the faith his family shares. We will be remembering his accomplishments, sharing stories of his fun personality / crazy sayings, and appreciating the

smiles he brought to all of us. We are reminded that Jim LOVED bright colors! He would complement anyone who wore them and would most certainly agree that “*black is made for backpacks, suitcases and purses*”. So please join us by wearing a bright color to this wonderful ‘Celebration of Life’ for Jim!

WHEN..... Friday, September 25. 2020

WHERE: St. Thomas Catholic Church – 919 E. Indiana,
Coeur d’ Alene, ID 83814

TIME: Catholic Mass will at 1:00 pm, a Reception immediately following. (*Light lunch, across the street on Church property*)

There are many hotels and home rentals in the Coeur d’Alene area (CDA). Discounted room rates have been secured at the following two (2) hotels, however there are numerous rentals through Air-B-n-B, VRBO, etc. Both hotels are about an 8-minute drive to the Church. Special rates can be extended for you, should you want to arrive early/stay late and enjoy the area. The family will be staying in CDA

from Thursday to Sunday, September 24th to 27th, and will spend as much time as possible with those who choose to stay...

Say "Steiner Celebration" when making your reservation to obtain the special rate. This rate will not be available after September 11th, so please plan early.

Staybridge Suites – 1347 W. Riverstone Drive, CDA,
ID 83814 – 208-676-0222

Studio Suite at a discounted rate of \$159 per night.
(Breakfast is included.)

Holiday Inn Express & Suites – 2300 West Seltice Way, CDA, ID
83814 – 208-667-3100

Queen / King Rooms at a discounted rate of \$109 per night.
Suites are available for a slight upcharge. *(Breakfast is included.)*

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to any of us.
You can text or e-mail to any of the following:

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Thank you for your blessings and support during this time.

We hope to see you in Idaho!

NOTE: Masks will be "optional but not mandatory". The memorial service / reception will both be held in large facilities with social distancing for those who prefer it.



Five Myths About Columbus

Credit Columbia magazine

At a moment when even George Washington and Thomas Jefferson are under attack, it was inevitable that the current unrest would also engulf Christopher Columbus. His case is unique, though, because unlike the others, few people — least of all those who took turns stomping on his statues — know much about him.

They assume that he brought slavery and genocide to the New World. Europeans did, of course, commit many sins. But they did not introduce new evils; all of them — including slavery and genocide — already existed among Indigenous peoples, as they did throughout the world.

One person who knew Columbus personally was the Dominican missionary Bartolomé de las Casas. He earned the name defensor de los indios ("defender of the Indians") because of his passionate diatribes against exploiters of native peoples in the Americas. Las Casas did not spare Columbus from criticism, but he also defended him against those who blamed him for all the disorders and violence that followed the first contacts with Indigenous peoples.

The great explorer's missteps, he said, were the result of ignorance and misjudgments about how to proceed: "Truly, I would not dare blame the admiral's intentions for I knew him well and I knew his intentions were good."

It is good, then, to examine some of the contemporary charges against Columbus to assess him fairly.

Myth 1: He was a violent man.

Las Casas spoke of Columbus' "sweetness and benignity." Far from being a violent man, he often got into difficulties because he would be indulgent — toward natives and Spaniards — and would then take extreme measures against both when things got out of hand. He was a great navigator but a poor governor.

By his third voyage, he was cautioning Ferdinand and Isabella about who they were allowing to sail to the New World. He needed, he said, 60 missionaries to preach Christianity to arrogant and abusive Spaniards, and another 60 upstanding men to help him run the colony.

Myth 2: He committed genocide.

There was no “genocide” during these early voyages, though many natives died from unfamiliar diseases and clashes between two hugely different cultures. The Americas had been isolated from the rest of the world for millennia, which is why people here, though they had had their own plagues, were especially vulnerable to diseases from outside. Nonetheless, the Spaniards never intended to commit “genocide.” In even a cynical reading, a ready supply of native workers served Spanish interests.

Myth 3: He instituted the slave trade.

Columbus was not interested in the slave trade; his goal was to set up a trading post or, later, an agricultural colony on the island of Hispaniola, today's Dominican Republic and Haiti. He did, however, take slaves as prisoners of war, or where he found violations of natural law, such as human sacrifice or cannibalism — the only reasons Spain permitted. Slavery was never the admiral's intention, except as a — not very effective — way to maintain order in unprecedented circumstances.

Myth 4: He had only worldly interests.

People often claim that Columbus was motivated by “God, gold and glory,” but assume God was just a cover for worldly interests. In fact, his religious devotion was sincere. Among other things, we know from his writings that he felt that he had been given a role in spreading the Gospel to all nations, which had to happen before Christ could return. He often dressed as a Third Order Franciscan.

Myth 5: He did not accomplish anything extraordinary.

Many also claim that Columbus did not “discover” the New World. Those living here already knew where they were, the argument goes, and did not need to be discovered. This is a half-truth. Indigenous peoples, of course, knew their own lands. They did not know that they were part of a larger world. One reason we especially honor Columbus is that he began the process toward the one interconnected world that we now inhabit. Vasco da Gama sailed around Africa and reached “the Indies” five years after Columbus arrived in the New World. But great as that feat was, he only found a new route to long known lands. Columbus, by skill, imagination and sheer grit gave us the world.

Martyrdom of Maximilian Kolbe



Saint Maximilian Kolbe spent the last days of his life in Auschwitz. He was beaten severely, because priests were a object of hatred and abuse by the Nazis; yet he remained gentle and calm.

But in July of 1941 a prison-break occurred in one cell block, which meant that the remaining prisoners were to be punished. The Nazis chose ten victims to die as punishment, including a young father. But the father cried out, "My wife! My children! I will never see them again."

St. Maximilian Kolbe quietly stepped forward, said he was a priest (knowing that the soldiers would be eager to kill him for this) and volunteered to take the place of the young father.

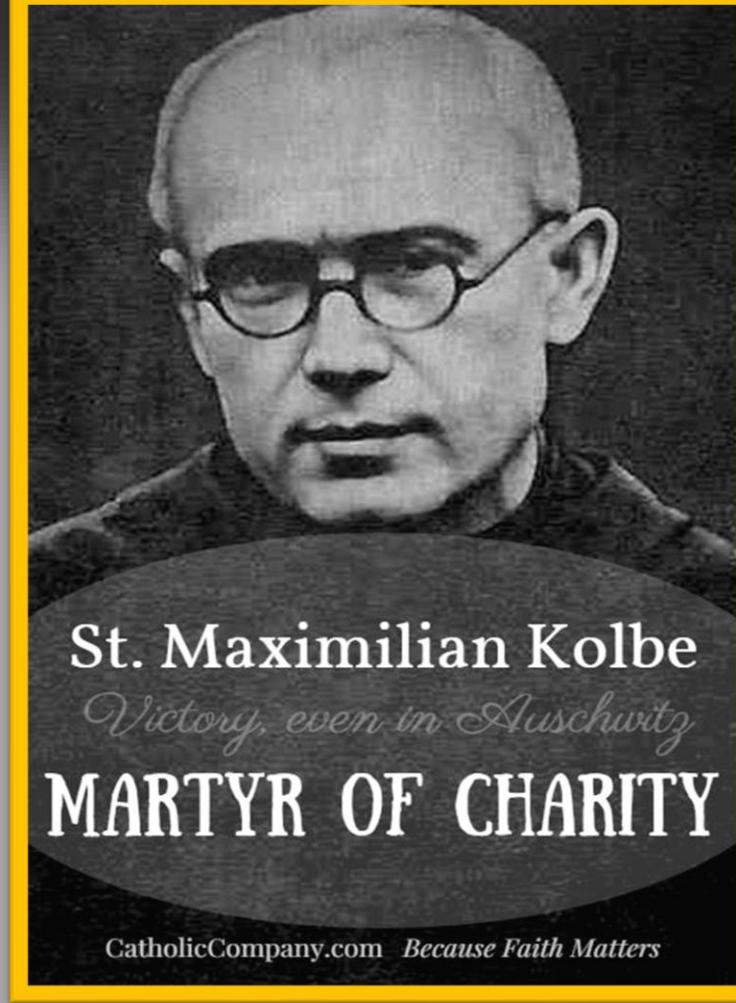
He died in slow agony in the starvation bunker. To the end, he kept the other prisoners joyful, singing hymns and praying with them.

He was the last prisoner found alive, still conscious and at peace, two weeks later; when the soldiers approached to poison him by a lethal carbonic acid injection, he peacefully raised his arm to them so that they could complete their work. It was August 14th. He would spend the Feast of the Assumption in heaven with the Blessed Mother, his Immaculata, whom he loved so much.

The story of St. Maximilian Kolbe is one of tremendous courage, service, love, and faith. It is no wonder that Pope John Paul II referred to him as the Saint of the 20th Century.

Saint Maximilian Kolbe quote:

"The deadliest poison of our times is indifference. And this happens, although the praise of God should know no limits. Let us strive, therefore, to praise Him to the greatest extent of our powers."



St. Maximilian Kolbe
Victory, even in Auschwitz
MARTYR OF CHARITY

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REFLECTIONS FROM MISSISSAQUAH

Brother Steve,

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It is Ernie from 7907, Issaquah.

We here in Issaquah Council 7907 have not been physically busy, however, we have been “Zooming” to find solutions to assisting those in need. We had our annual food drive cancelled by our sponsoring store due to Covid but we found a way around that by conducting a virtual \$\$\$\$\$\$ cash drive for the Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank. By the publication date of “Second Edition”, we have received over \$5035.00 with online donations along with over \$400.00 in checks and cash at the church. We anticipate that many of the online donations will be matched by members employer. Our goal was \$10.000.00, and we may just reach it! Stay tuned and we will have photos of the actual presentation to the Food Bank by the next issue. Council 7907 also promised to match up to \$800.00 for all cash donated in the church.

Sorry Steve, but I have no photos. What I should have done was take a photo in July when the Trustees met to do the semi-annual audit of our council on my back porch. We had the maximum allowable eight members meeting while practicing social distances. Our books balanced so we had little discussions. We had all been sent the Financial Secretary’s semi-annual reports, so all the Trustees did their homework prior to the meeting and everyone’s numbers agreed. Bingo! We had our meeting over in record time. BUT I did not think to take the photo. YOU CANNOT DELETE A PHOTO THAT YOU DIDN’T TAKE.

That is a quote from my unpublished book on photography.

Vivat Jesus, Brother Ernie (Trustee 79070)



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OUR PASTORS AND THE PRIESTHOOD

Most of us, as Catholics, do not give too much thought to the priesthood, per se, in our churches.

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We are asked by our bishops to pray for an increase in vocations, but we pretty much take our priests for granted. We also do not know any details about the shortages in our dioceses. What we do know is that they all went through the seminary and studied before being ordained, and they are assigned to our parishes and rotated every 6-7 years.

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Beyond that, most of us do not know many details about how each came to be a priest. We know very little, if anything, about where our pastor was born and raised, how long he has been a priest, if he has any family nearby, etc.?

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Though we are advised to not become TOO friendly with our priests, we must still remember that they are still MEN, none-the-less, and are subject to all the normal trappings and temptations like the rest of us. They also “go to confession” regularly.

I believe that by informing and familiarizing ourselves with them as men, as friends, we can help them become more comfortable and feel accepted in their parish assignments.

As parishioners, we know that priests come in many sorts and personalities that do not always fit our expectations. Some are quite gregarious while others are shy and introverted while, yet others are authoritarian. Knowing some of their background can help us understand them better.

As Knights, we need to develop and maintain an open relationship with our pastors, letting them know of our positions and influence in our parish communities and that we are prepared to help them wherever we can. Also, as Knights, we must not be reticent to speak openly and respectfully to him with our observations and concerns to help our parish community run smoothly.

Most importantly, we must pray for each of them, regularly, and hold them up in respect as well as accountability.



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Council 1379 in Bremerton has been busy preparing 2 houses at Our Lady Star of the Sea for painting. This is the crew that was able to come and help pressure wash the 2 houses for the parish. Thank you, thank you, thank you for your help! Could not have done it without you, and we finished by noon! Much step is scraping and caulking before painting... — at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

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On September 11, 2001,

more than 3,000 innocent people died from the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and Flight 93. Forty-four of those who lost their lives were members of the Knights of Columbus.

**AMERICANS,
REMEMBER WHO WE ARE,
NEVER FORGET!**



MONTHLY QUIZ



BY KARL HADLEY PSD, FMFD, FVSM

Kyle and I went on a pilgrimage in 2015 and saw something very interesting – can you guess what it is/where it is located/why it is there?

The tour bus stopped in the middle of a field. We walked a short distance to a hill that was covered with carvings, statues, effigies, rosaries, crucifixes, and crosses. Over the generations, the place has come to signify the peaceful endurance of the local people, despite the threats they faced throughout history. Today, it is a major site of Catholic pilgrimages.

WHAT/WHERE/WHY IS IT?

The “Hill of Crosses” is north of the city of Siauliai in northern Lithuania.

In 1795, Lithuania became part of the Russian Empire. Poles and Lithuanians unsuccessfully rebelled against Russian authorities in 1831 and 1863. As families could not locate bodies of perished rebels, they started putting up symbolic crosses in place of a former hill fort.



In 1918, Lithuania once again declared its independence. Throughout this time, the Hill of Crosses was used as a place for Lithuanians to pray for peace, for their country, and for the loved ones they had lost during the Wars of Independence.

When Lithuania was occupied by the Soviet Union during the years 1944–1990, Lithuanians used the hill to demonstrate their allegiance to their original identity, religion, and heritage. The Soviets would periodically remove new crosses and bulldozed the site at least three times, but the Lithuanians continued to place their crosses.

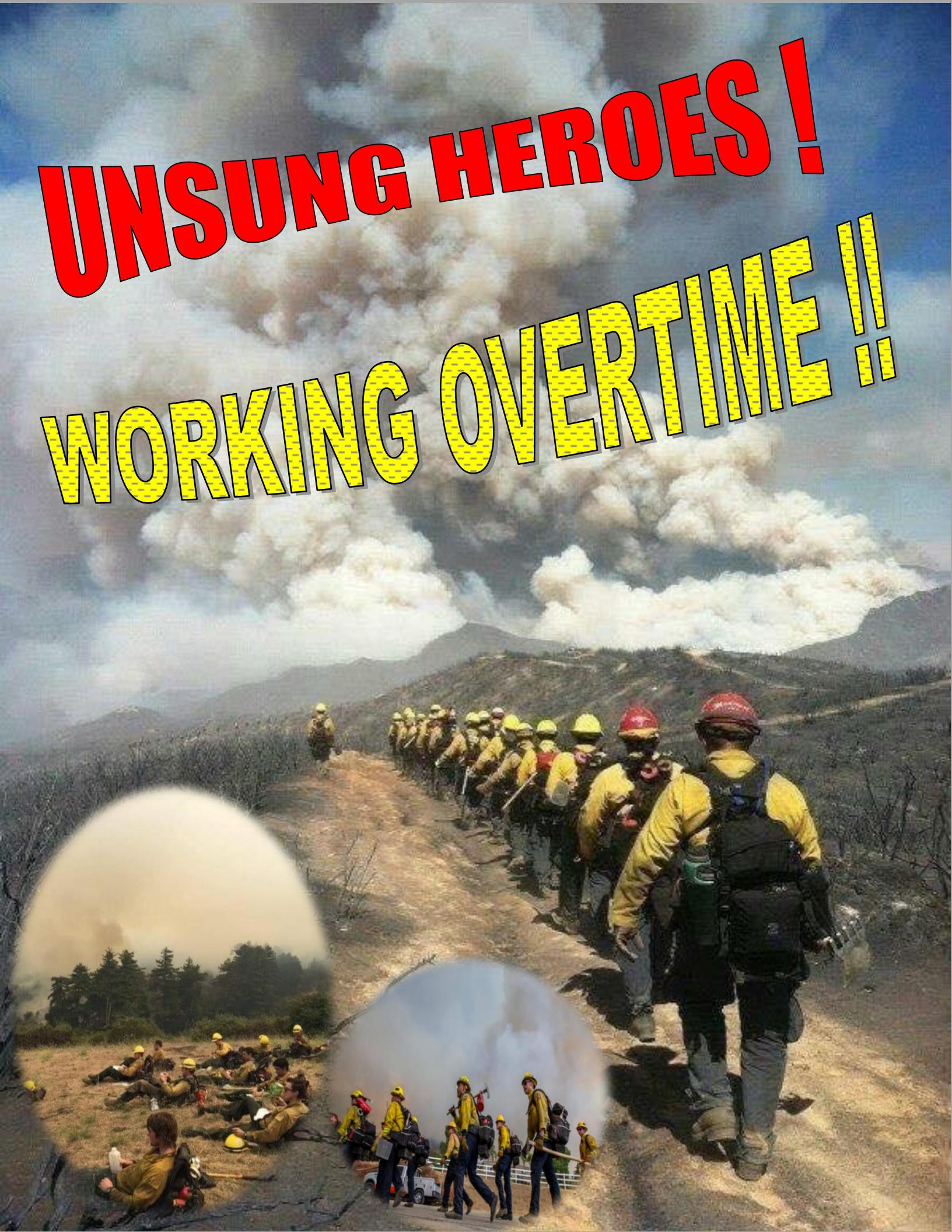
On September 7, 1993, Pope John Paul II visited the Hill of Crosses, declaring it a place for hope, peace, love and sacrifice. In 2000 a Franciscan hermitage was opened nearby.

Today, pilgrims from all over the world visit the site and place their own crosses on the hill. There are over 100,000 crosses there now.

Thanks

Karl

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