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GOD IS LOVE/PLUS

BY MANY AGUILAR

GIVE LOVE A CHANCE

If you have ever been at a Christian gathering, read the Holy Bible or attended a scriptural meeting, you will surely have heard the phrase: "God is Love".

That statement is not hard to understand, if we have ANY concept of God in our lives. But that statement tells me about who God is—so what? What does that have to do with me? What am I supposed to do with that information?

Here is where we must apply some MATH! i.e.

God is love= God loves me + he wants only the best for me+ he promised to always be at my side to guide and protect me+ he will NEVER leave me.

NOW, with God's love, I can be, not FEEL, unafraid, at peace, joyful, cheerful, full of song-in-my-heart, springy again, hopeful for still better things to come. Who does not want that?

I no longer must fear anything or anyone. I do not WANT to hate or be angry with anyone. Those feelings are automatically lifted from us when we ACCEPT that love from God.

Think about it--- Who likes being sad and alone, negative about the future?

WE HAVE A CHOICE...Accept the positive (God's love) and with it, eliminate the negative. You will be glad (and joyful) if you do.

I GUARANTEE IT!!!

PTL, Manny Aguilar



WHAT HAPPENED???

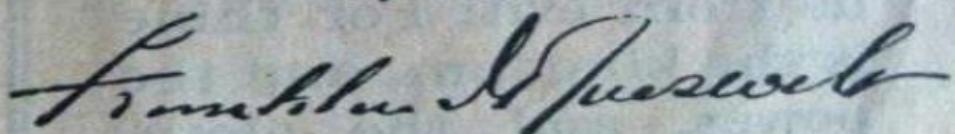
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 25, 1941

To the Armed Forces:

As Commander-in-Chief I take pleasure in commanding the reading of the Bible to all who serve in the armed forces of the United States. Throughout the centuries men of many faiths and diverse origins have found in the Sacred Book words of wisdom, counsel and inspiration. It is a fountain of strength and now, as always, an aid in attaining the highest aspirations of the human soul.

Very sincerely yours,



Franklin D. Roosevelt.

WHO BLEW OUT THE CANDLE?

DON'T IT ALWAYS SEEM TO GO
THAT YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'VE GOT
TILL IT'S GONE



TRUTH IS, YOU NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D LOSE IT.

MRS. JACOBS... YOUR SON WAS IN AN ACCIDENT... AND I'M SORRY BUT HE'S... HE'S...



...HE'S WEARING DIRTY UNDERWEAR...



I typically refrain from political posts, but this is a cause I feel strongly about

What we really need is wider and shorter plates of nachos. No more tall towers of chips and toppings.

Spread the toppings across a larger area and cover all the chips, not just the top layer.

Stand with me.

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BRAVE OLD MAN

WE LIVE IN THE LAND OF THE FREE BRAVE

Remember the guy who would not take the flagpole down on his Virginia property awhile back? You might remember the news story several months ago about a crotchety old man in Virginia who defied his local Homeowners Association and refused to take down the flag pole on his property along with the large American flag he flew on it.



BECAUSE OF BRAVE MEN LIKE VANT-BARFOOT

Now we learn who that old man was. On June 15, 1919, Van T. Barfoot was born in Edinburg, Texas. That probably did not make news back then. But twenty-five years later, on May 23, 1944, near Cyrano, Italy, that same Van T. Barfoot, who had in 1940 enlisted in the U.S. Army, set out alone to flank German machine gun positions from which gunfire was raining down on his fellow soldiers. His advance took him through a minefield but having done so, he proceeded to single-handedly take out three enemy machine gun positions, returning with 17 prisoners of war. And if that were not enough for a day's work, he later took on and destroyed three German tanks sent to retake the machine gun positions. That probably didn't make much news either, given the scope of the war, but it did earn Van T. Barfoot, who retired as a Colonel after also serving In Korea and Vietnam , a well-deserved Congressional Medal of Honor. What did make news was his Neighborhood Association's quibble with how the 90-year-old Veteran chose to fly the American flag outside his suburban Virginia home. Seems the HOA rules said it was OK to fly a flag on a house-mounted bracket, but, for decorum, items such as Barfoot's 21-foot flagpole was "unsuitable".

Van Barfoot had been denied a permit for the pole but erected it anyway and was facing Court action unless he agreed to take it down. Then the HOA story made national TV, and the Neighborhood Association rethought its position and agreed to indulge this aging hero who dwelt among them.

"In the time I have left", he said to the Associated Press, "I plan to continue to fly the American flag without interference's as well he should. And if any of his neighbors had taken a notion to contest him further, they might have done well to read his Medal of Honor citation first. Seems it Indicates Mr. Van Barfoot was not particularly good at backing down.

COL. Van T. Barfoot



"Attack the argument, not the person".

In 1980, I had an elderly English professor at WSU that, looking back, changed the trajectory of my life. It was an advanced composition class where each week, we would write a 3-5-page essay on a topic of our choosing. The following week, after she had a chance to go thru them, she'd read them one-by-one to the class, she'd pause, look at the class over her reader glasses, and the proceed to completely shred most of them in a way that was exceedingly harsh, but constructive. "The next person who spells Israel 'I-s-r-e-a-l' is out of this class!", she once bellowed.

It was like the proverbial "standing naked in front of your class" nightmare to have your work, your passions and your beliefs so thoroughly disemboweled in front of your peers and friends. The class went from 30 students, to 20, then settled at around 10, it was that brutal. And I was one of the 10 who remained.

But they were not personal attacks. She would hammer us on diction, reasoning, construction of our argument and logic. Politically, she was a hardcore feminist, who had the intellectual honesty to also share that she felt the movement was dominated by affluent white women. The poor and minority women did not have the luxury to not work, stay home and be discontented, or get degrees from prestigious schools. She was also a leftist. But she was ok with students being conservatives if we effectively articulated our position. Jumping on that opportunity, my central goal for that class became writing good papers that offended her liberal sensibilities. The ultimate prize was to get an "A", accompanied by furious arguments and markups back from her written in bright red ink. It was simply wonderful, unless of course, I did not write a good paper and could expect to receive a most severe, and deserved, beat down.

Among the most useful takeaways from her teaching was **"Attack the argument, not the person"**. I have tried to apply that principle ever since. And if that sounds familiar to you, it might be because that is one of things Ruth Bader Ginsburg said, quoted in a eulogy after she died last month. It has been 40 years since I have heard this.

RBG was good friends with Justice Antonin Scalia, an equally talented jurist, who was RBG's opposite politically and philosophically. Their famous friendship speaks to the times we are enduring now, and offers all of us a lesson in civility, comity, and good will. It seems we should all dial it down a notch. **My personal feeling is both friendship and faith happen at a level far above politics.** As William F. Buckley used to say with a smile, "Some of my best friends are liberal". Funny, but not a joke.

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LARRY DEVLIN & STEPHEN SCHWEYEN AT SAINT GEORGE PARISH

A big shout-out to the O'Dea Media Club for volunteering to film and produce a 4th Degree Exemplification yesterday for a later virtual Exemplification. their support of over 150 volunteer hours is greatly appreciated.



SUBMITTED BY HARRY DENN



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 11789

We are cooking joyfully for our brothers and sisters in need.





"I PLEAD WITH YOU!
NEVER, EVER
GIVE UP ON HOPE,
NEVER DOUBT,
NEVER TIRE,
AND NEVER
BECOME DISCOURAGED.
BE NOT AFRAID."

Karol Wojtyla: Risked his life to study for the priesthood under Nazi occupation. Was under constant surveillance in Communist-controlled Poland as a priest and bishop. He who had much to fear in life placed all his trust in Jesus and Mary.

He calls to us: Be not afraid!

Saint John Paul, pray for us.



**TO ALL STATE, COUNCIL, 4th
DEGREE OFFICERS,
CHAIRMEN & DISTRICT DEPUTIES.
*(PAST AND PRESENT)***

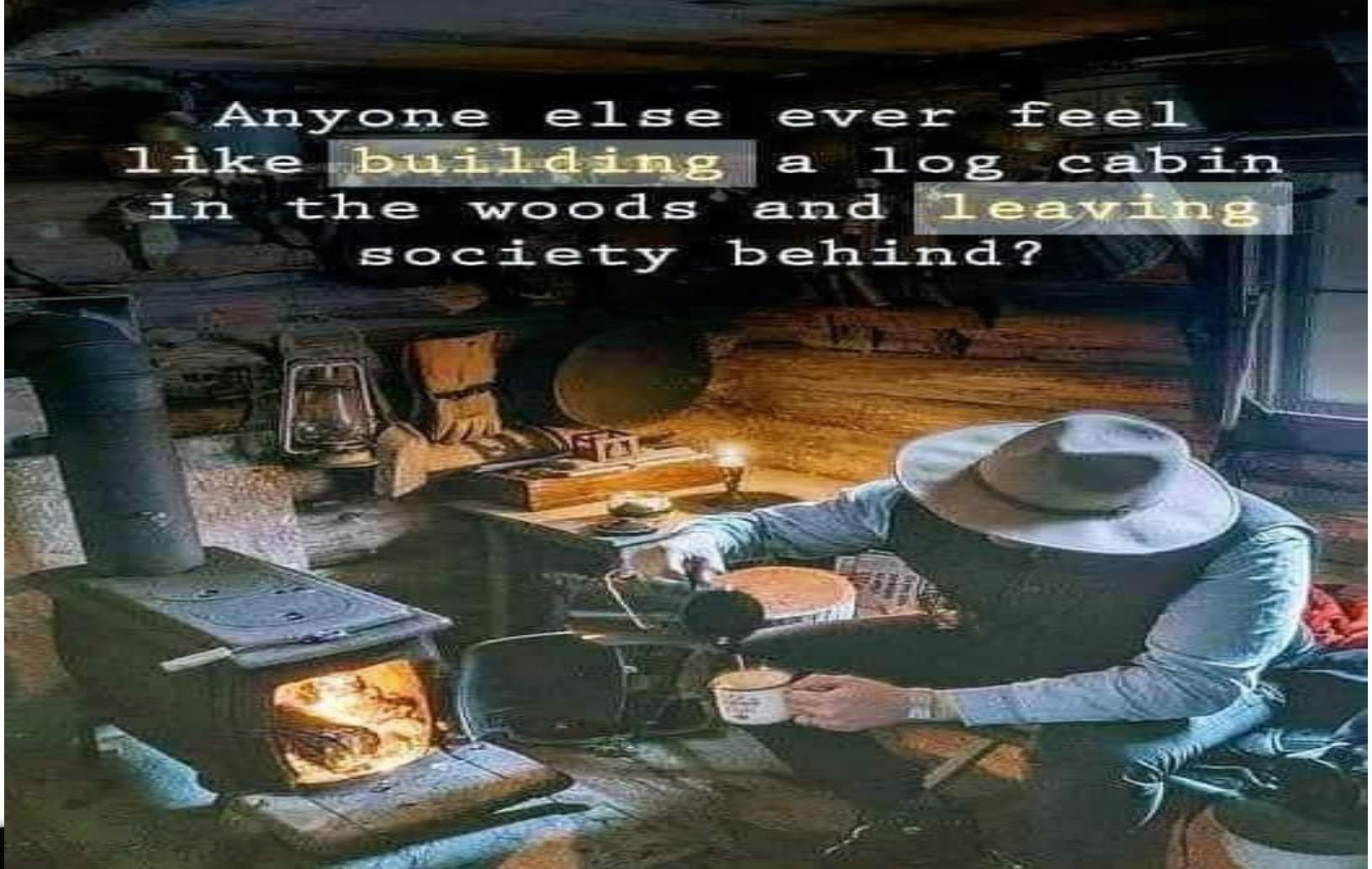
*"Merry Christmas" is a time-honored way of sharing the spirit
of peace and joy with your acquaintances, loved ones, and
your Brother Knights.*

For the past, several years the "Second Edition" has provided an Opportunity for all of the leadership in our state to wish our Membership a "Merry Christmas and a "Happy New Year" to Their Brother Knights and Families. This year we plan to Carry on the tradition. Please consider sending your greeting to the editor by **December 12th**. The greeting need only be a simple Sentence or a paragraph, it's up to you. This has been one of Our most popular issues over the past years.

Please send it in a Word document to
stevesnell@charter.net

Any questions contact me by email or phone -
509.386.3462 Steve Snell Editor "Second Edition"

Anyone else ever feel
like building a log cabin
in the woods and leaving
society behind?



I HOPE THIS DOESN'T TURN INTO A TRADITION.



A RECORD DAY!

Thank you to everyone who helped, including: Deacon John, Walter Bogaardt, Bob Ramirez, Alpha Cooper, Art Edquid, Rudy Camarce, Bill Dewey, George Harding, George Cruz, Tom Nealon, Mark Alcamo, Kevin Williams, and of course, our new Chair, Roger Balbarona!

Very few Washington State Councils were able to support the Tootsie Roll Drive this year, but we were fortunate to have the Silverdale Safeway allow us to conduct our drive there again this year, on Sat, Oct 17, and to say the least, results were beyond all expectations.

In fact, it was incredible ~ we had BY FAR our BEST DAY EVER! We took in \$2136.24! (You read that right: \$2136.24!) This would be a good total for our usual two weekend events combined. (Bill Dewey estimated we exceeded our typical day by over 75%) In a nutshell, we observed all the COVID precautions and people were incredibly generous. It was as if they were glad to see someone out there getting' 'er done despite the challenges. Roger Balberona has taken over as program chairman now, and now he will have a real challenge trying to top his first day on the job!



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FLU VACCINE IS MORE IMPORTANT THIS YEAR



It's more important than ever to get a flu vaccine this year. We may not have a vaccine yet for COVID-19, but we DO have a vaccine for the flu that has been safely given to millions of people for more than 50 years. The flu vaccine can keep you from getting sick during the COVID-19 pandemic. That keeps you out of doctors' offices and hospitals and it also helps save important medical resources for COVID-19 patients.



Everyone over the age of 6 months should get a flu vaccine every year. It's especially important for people in high-risk groups, like young children and people who are pregnant, adults age 65 and older, or people who have certain health conditions like asthma, heart disease and diabetes. It's also important for essential workers and healthcare workers to get vaccinated because they are around more people.



When the rest of us get vaccinated for flu, it helps protect more vulnerable people in our community. Young children and babies, older adults, and people who are pregnant or have certain medical conditions are more likely to get seriously sick from the flu. They have greater risk for hospitalization and even death if they get the flu. If we all get vaccinated, it prevents flu from spreading to our family, friends, and neighbors.



You can safely get a flu vaccine, even during the COVID pandemic. You can safely get a flu shot from a doctor's office, community health center, pharmacy, or drive-thru clinic. Health care providers are taking extra steps to protect clients from COVID-19. When going to get a flu vaccine, be sure to protect yourself and others: stay at least six feet apart at all times, wear a mask, and wash your hands thoroughly when you get home. If you have any signs of illness, please wait to get your vaccine until you are feeling well.



Free flu vaccine will be available in multiple locations in King County. If you don't have insurance or can't afford vaccine, there will be many events with free flu vaccine this fall. Some require appointments. Some will be drive-through or walk-up events. Vaccine clinic times and locations will be updated throughout the flu season at: www.kingcounty.gov/findaclinic

More information about the flu:
www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/IllnessandDisease/Flu

THE POLITICS OF SPIN

A professor of genealogy in Southern California was doing some personal work on her own family tree. She discovered that a congressman's great-great uncle was hanged for horse stealing and train robbery in Montana in 1889. The professor and her Congressman it turns out shared this common ancestor.

On the back of a picture the professor obtained during her research was this inscription: horse thief, sent to Montana Territorial Prison 1885, escaped 1887, robbed the Montana Flyer six times. Caught by Pinkerton detectives, convicted and hanged in 1889.' So, the professor e-mailed the Congressman for any additional information he might have on the relative that they had in common.

Reply from the Congressman's office!

"The Congressman's great-great uncle was a famous cowboy in the Montana Territory. His business empire grew to include acquisition of valuable equestrian assets and intimate dealings with the Montana railroad. Beginning in 1883, he devoted several years of his life to government service, finally taking leave to resume his dealings with the railroad. In 1887, he was a key player in a vital investigation run by the renowned Pinkerton Detective Agency. In 1889, the great-great uncle died during an important civic function held in his honor when the platform upon which he was standing collapsed."

Now that is how it is done brothers...

That is the POLITICS of SPIN!



HOME RUN !

Council 15730 Providing Warm Winter Coats
for Kids Again This Winter



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This is the sixth straight year that Bishop A.M.A. Blanchet Council 15730 Knights conducted the program and raised the necessary funds to buy the coats. Last year, the Knights moved distributing coats to October before winter weather hits.

Despite the coronavirus pandemic, the Council purchased and delivered 144 coats to school children in Vancouver. "Our Council took advantage of a discount offer from the Supreme Council last summer," Mark Kollasch, Financial Secretary and program chair, stated. "Supreme has been super supportive and has provided matching numbers of coats complementary."

"This early bird discount really helped because our parishes have been closed and now Mass is severely restricted by the pandemic. Our Council's traditional fundraising and events have had to be postponed. So getting our coats early and enabled us to nearly match our 2019 distribution," added Phil Marceau, Grand Knight.

In 2019, our Council initially ordered 16 boxes (192 coats) at a cost of just under \$3,200 and received an additional 15 boxes (180 coats) from the Supreme Council in New Haven, CT. In total, we distributed 372 coats to children in need. In 2018, the Council purchased 14 boxes of jackets and the Supreme Council sent us an additional 14 boxes.

"In the program's six years, thanks to the generosity of Proto-Cathedral of St. James the Greater parishioners and friends," Marceau stated.

The way Coats for Kids works is Knights work with Vancouver School District Family Community Resource Coordinators (FCRC). They give us the orders according to sizes and actually fit the coats on the children when they are delivered, Kollasch stated. "We have enough flexibility in our ordering to adjust sizes to fit the children."

In the Vancouver School District, approximately half of the students require reduced cost or no cost lunches. In some schools the number is as much as 70 percent.

Esteban Delgadillo, a member of Council 1327 (Lady of Lourdes Parish, Vancouver) is principal at Walnut Grove Elementary and helps coordinate the coats distribution with the Vancouver School District. His school has a high number of free and reduced cost meals.

"COATS FOR KIDS"

"KNIGHTS IN ACTION"

ROGER WILLIS W.A. COATS FOR KIDS CHAIRMAN

"Each year, we are able to provide coats for our needy students and keep a few in reserve as 'loaner coats' for students who forget their jackets or lose them.

This year, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the program has been modified. "Thankfully, the school resources folks stepped forward to find the needy children and take coats to them," Kollasch said. "We can't distribute and fit the coats at the schools as we have done in the past."

School buildings in southwest Washington are closed and students are taking courses on-line. Teachers are conducting classes via computers. Contact with the children is difficult which makes hard to know when students are in need.

Over the years, Knights of Columbus in southwest Washington also provide coats to St. Vincent DePaul and Catholic elementary schools.

Council 15730 was formed seven years ago. More than 70 Knights provide monthly breakfasts for the parish and support many other parish activities. Projects include scrap metal drives, the Beer n' Brats festival, organizing the parish involvement in the March 4 Life in Olympia, conducting the "Tootsie Roll Drive," and assisting around the parish. Currently, the Knights are assisting with stringing Christmas lights around the parish grounds.

K of C 15730 Members distributing coats to Vancouver schools. K of C members (l-r) Grand Knight Phil Marceau, Financial Secretary Mark Kollasch, Treasurer Bill Crowley, Buck Gray, Deputy Grand Knight Tim Shotwell & Michael Jordan to Vancouver, WA, school resource coordinators on October 23, 2020.



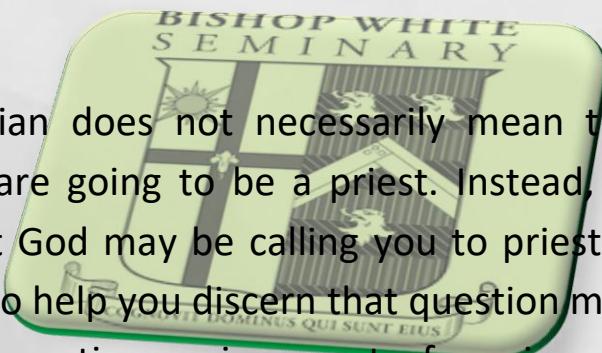
SUBMITTED BY MARK KOLLSCH F.S.

QUESTIONS CALL ~ 509 ~ 531 ~ 5770

MEET OUR SEMINARIANS !



One of the hats I wear is "Director of Vocations," and one of the great privileges of that ministry is helping young men respond to God's call to seminary and priesthood. I know that the decision to enter seminary can be fraught with worry and angst; I think of my own grappling with the choice about this time 11 years ago as a Gonzaga sophomore! I am truly edified by the faith, courage, and humility of the seminarians I get to work with.



To be a seminarian does not necessarily mean that you are 100% certain that you are going to be a priest. Instead, it means that you have a sense that God may be calling you to priesthood and that you want the Church to help you discern that question more seriously in the supportive and formative environment of seminary. the humility and courage to discern well and respond to God's call with generosity.

PRAY FOR OUR SPOKANE '20-'21 SEMINARIANS



Andrew O'Leary
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St. Patrick Seminary



Nicolas Castoldi
Theology II
St. Patrick Seminary



Andrew Kelley
Pre-Theology I
St. Patrick Seminary



Nicholas Magarelli
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STORY TELLERS



A man owned a small ranch in south eastern, North Dakota. The State Labor Department got a tip that he was not paying proper wages to his help and sent an investigator out to interview him.

"I need a list of your employees and how much you pay them," demanded the investigator.

"Well," replied the rancher, "there's my ranch hand who's been with me for 3 years. I pay him \$1200 a week plus free room and board."

"The cook has been here for 18 months, and I pay her \$1000 per week plus free room and board."

"Then there's the half-wit. He works about 18 hours every day, with no days off, and does about 90% of all the work around here. He makes about \$10 per week and pays his own room and board."

"But I buy him a bottle of bourbon every Saturday night, and he also sleeps with my wife occasionally."

"That's the guy I want to talk to... the half-wit," says the investigator,

"you're talking to him," replied the rancher.

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Please find three photos taken Thurs 11/5/20 at the new Issaquah Clothing Bank, which is now located behind the Fire District Headquarters building on Newport. Worthy Grand Knight Joel Edwards is on the left with the permanent staff of the Clothing bank.

Our council 7907 purchased 11 cases of these coats and 5 were donated tonight to the clothing bank. Five more cases are to be delivered to the Eastside Baby Corner within the next few weeks. One case is held in reserve for the Jessie Tree at the church.

Our state deputy put in an order for 5 more cases free, but we have no assurances that we will ever receive our allocation of free cases.

Vivat Jesus, E. Linnemann, Trustee



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Proud to experience life with these guys! Today, 4 of us completed our journey to 4th Degree (the Patriotic degree) with the Knights of Columbus; to join our brother who had already made the journey.

SK Seamus, SK Santa, SK Big Chief, and SK Conda...
I appreciate you, brothers.

JIM "RHINO" REINCKE, Diocese of Spokane VP KofC
/ Knights on Bikes, WA/ St. Mary Council 4196



KNIGHT'S ON BIKES

PROSSER COUNCIL 10543

By Kirk McGahey GK



Coats f 2020: Special thanks to all the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Confirmation Kids and Father Francisco for enduring the cold to make the event safe and successfull!



COATS FOR KIDS



AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Congrats again to Holy Trinity Council 11789 in Bremerton on their haul of State awards for fraternal year 2019-2020. WSW Scott Hulse presented their awards this morning. Life, Church, Family, and Herbert Liebert for Pro-Life. — at



[Holy Trinity Parish](#)

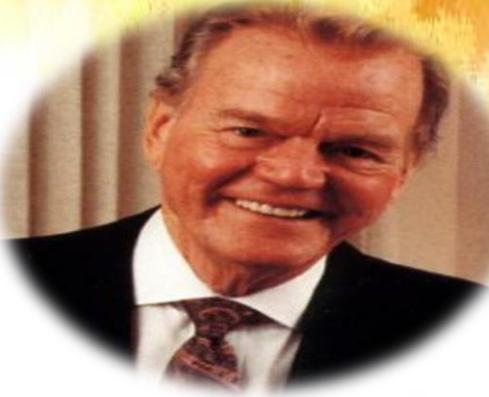


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Paul Harvey's amazing prediction about America 47 years ago

By Mark Ellis Paul Harvey



"If I were the devil, if I were the Prince of Darkness, I would want to engulf the whole world in darkness," Harvey began, "and I would have a third of its real estate and three-fourths of its population, but I wouldn't be happy until I had seized the ripest apple on the tree, thee, so I would set about however necessary to take over the United States."

Harvey predicted the devil would begin by undermining religious institutions. "I'd subvert the churches first. I'd begin with a campaign of whispers. With the wisdom of a serpent, I'd whisper to you as I whispered to Eve, 'Do as you please.'"

"To the young I would whisper that the Bible is a myth. I would convince them that man created God, instead of the other way around. I would confide that what is bad is good and what is good is 'square.'"

He would cause seniors to believe that solutions to their problems lie with the federal government. "And the old I would teach to pray after me, 'Our Father, which art in Washington.'"

After this, the devil's media campaign would begin. "Then I would get organized. I would educate authors in how to make lurid literature exciting so that anything else would appear dull and uninteresting. I'd threaten TV with dirtier movies and vice versa."

"I'd peddle narcotics to whom I could. I would sell alcohol to ladies and gentlemen of distinction. I'd tranquilize the rest with pills."

If I were the devil, I'd soon have families at war with themselves, churches at war with themselves, and nations at war with themselves until each in its turn was consumed. And with promises of higher ratings I'd have mesmerizing media fanning the flames."

Then he would set his sights on the school system. **If I were the devil,** I would encourage schools to refine young intellects, but neglect to discipline emotions — just let those run wild, until before you knew it you'd have to have drug-sniffing dogs and metal detectors at every schoolhouse door." "Within a decade I'd have prisons overflowing. I'd have judges promoting pornography. Soon I could evict God from the courthouse, and then from the schoolhouse, and then from the houses of Congress."

"And in His own churches I would substitute psychology for religion and deify science. I would lure priests and pastors into misusing boys and girls and church money." Even Christian holidays would lose their meaning. **If I were the devil,** I would make the symbol of Easter an egg and the symbol of Christmas a bottle." **If I were the devil** I would take from those who have and give to those who wanted, until I had killed the incentive of the ambitious. And what do you bet I couldn't get whole states to promote gambling to get rich."

"I would caution against extremes in hard work, in patriotism, in moral conduct. "Fewer young people would decide to get married. "I would convince the young that marriage is old fashioned, that swinging is more fun, that what you see on TV is the way to be, and thus I could undress you in public, and I could lure you into bed with diseases for which there is no cure."

"IN OTHER WORDS, IF I WERE THE DEVIL, I'D JUST KEEP RIGHT ON DOING WHAT HE'S BEEN DOING.... PAUL HARVEY, GOOD DAY."

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Remembrance Day symbolism of the poppy started with a poem written by a World War I brigade surgeon who was struck by the sight of the red flowers growing on a ravaged battlefield.

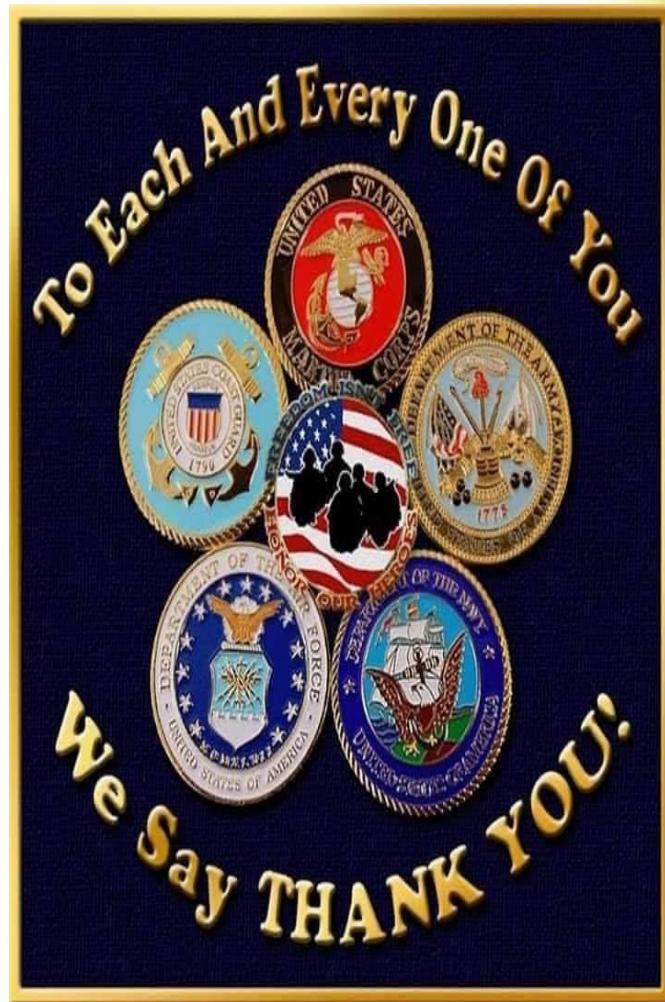
Struck by the sight of bright red blooms on broken ground, McCrae wrote a poem, "In Flanders Field," in which he channeled the voice of the fallen soldiers buried under those hardy poppies. Published in Punch magazine in late 1915, the poem would be used at countless memorial ceremonies, and became one of the most famous works of art to emerge from the Great War.

"In Flanders Fields" by John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago,
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow In Flanders fields.



FR. WILLIAM A. SCHMITZ ASSEMBLY 2258

Members of the Fr. William A. Schmitz assembly 2258 Color Corps paying tribute to our veterans at the **Regional Veterans Memorial** located in Columbia Park.

The assembly has been purchasing and raising the new American flag at the memorial in Kennewick WA since its dedication in 2004

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POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI.

His Excellency Archbishop George Ganswein Prefect of the Papal House and personal secretary of Pope Benedict XVI asks the world to pray for Benedict XVI.

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Y** His Excellency declares that Benedict XVI is like a candle that fades slowly and serenely. He is at peace with God, with himself and with the world, he is unable to walk without help and can no longer celebrate Mass.

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E** I will (and ask you to as well), offer prayers for the Holy Father as he continues on life's journey with Christ, whom he loves and has served with so much love and dedication, and with whom he wishes to meet face to face to continue serving.

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T** I had the good fortune to meet Cardinal Ratzinger on several occasions prior to his being elected the Holy Father and I always found him, kind, unassuming and very gracious. In other words, a true model of the priesthood lived with grace and charity. Please join me in praying for Pope Emeritus Benedict.



JUST TWO OLD PEOPLE

"Who lives there in that old gray house down the middle of the block

"Oh, that is where the old Knights of Columbus guy and his wife live.

"Just two old people?"

They never talked a lot with words, but they knew each other very well. They always showed much affection for each other, but certainly not in public, they had a great love for each other and as the years passed the feeling grew into a oneness, a feeling of total belonging.

Lately, the only ones on earth they still seemed of use to were each other. He went for the mail and took out the garbage and went to the pharmacy to get her medicine. She cooked his food and mended his clothes, and she was always there. They both felt a deep unspoken reliance on each other. Their age which set them apart from most other things was bringing them even closer together. No one else really knew all that they had been through. No one could possibly understand what they had shared. Neither would have ever thought of going through life without the other.



They were frail now, very fragile, life was slipping away. The priest could see it when he made a visit. Father Tim met the local Grand Knight latter after his house call and told him that the council's oldest living member and his wife were getting very feeble. "I'm thinking they may not last much longer."

They knew it themselves in a quiet way. They had given up one thing after another -- going to church, trips to town, his council meetings. Last Sunday afternoon as they were sitting in their living room, there was a knock on the front door.....

Epilogue: When they buried the old man, his wife and daughter had both insisted that the "Family Award" his council's grand knight presented to them in their living room on the old knight's last Sunday, be buried with him, his tears were still on it. The old man and his wife died within five days of one another, "I can't keep him waiting for me," were the last words she said to her daughter.

**Brothers do not keep your honored Knights waiting, they are more than
JUST OLD PEOPLE!**

**Do not let time run out, the clock is ticking....ticking....
They belong in your Council's Hall of Fame.**



Honored Recognition of Senior Members

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COATS FOR KIDS



What an amazing donation!

(FROM THE KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT)

Roger Willis and Andrew McCabe from the Holy Spirit Council No. 10653 Knights of Columbus dropped off 72 warm winter coats for students in need in our district. They are pictured with Nesreen Al Muzayen and Annabell Gonzalez from our Federal Programs department.

Thank you, Knights of Columbus!

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November 14, 2020

I was a bit premature in my last update. I thought a PSA of .35 was excellent, but after I met with the surgeon three days later, I found that those numbers are not good. I need to be below .014. My last PSA was November 6th and came in at .39, so it's going the wrong direction.

Back to my bee analogy, it is apparent some of the bees (cancer cells) were out of the hive before the prostate was removed. Where did they go? We do not know yet, but they are somewhere in my body either settled or waiting to settle into a spot. If you have been following along, you know the PET scan did show four spots that were undefined (too small to tell, less than 1mm). Two were in my right hip and two in the right lung. It is possible that is where they are, but we will not know until they get big enough to treat. The surgeon said we would wait until the PSA is around .70 before another PET scan is ordered. He said it is just a matter of time before they are large enough to treat. The aggressive type of prostate cancer I have, it is most likely it will be aggressive when it finds a place to grow.

Not the news we were looking for. Good news...I feel good and am back to normal lifting and activities. The incontinence is getting better too. The surgeon said the incontinence should be gone in three to eight months from now.

Keep the prayers coming, I am not done yet.

Kim Washburn

WSC State Secretary





WHY CHURCH ?

By Steve Snell



Church is more than a habit or a memory, it's a must; I remember going to church when I was very young, don't remember the first time, but I was there every Sunday, Dad said God wanted me there and just as important was the fact that Dad wanted me there. Today it is just as important, maybe more important, I can "feel" Dad and God watching me. I do not want to mess with God, and there is no way in h..... I am messing with the old man! (*Then there was Mom, she would be really unhappy if Dad or I missed church, when Mom was unhappy the sun would hide behind the clouds*).....

SEE YOU IN CHURCH!

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH

**That "Love Thy Neighbor" thing...
I meant that.**

-God

