

WASHINGTON STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

"THE SECOND EDITION"
JULY 2018



Special
Olympics



STEVE SNELLE EDITOR

KNIGHTS DONATING TIME & EQUIPMENT

By Mike Calderon, Former State Hispanic Membership Chairman



There are many faithful in every parish, and here is something that each can do for God's greater Glory.

At St John the Evangelist, Christmas trees were planted that no one cut down, this became a problem to one parishioner. Ask a non-member friend to consider donation of time and equipment to cut trees, first cutting, 125 trees cut and chipped. Hard work, will forever be grateful to those that showed up, two were not from our parish.

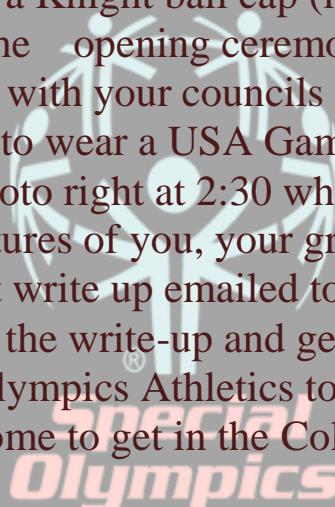
We can all evangelize in many ways, by reaching out beyond those not of our faith, get them involved in work or play, we need unity within our broken society where it's ok to slam someone, tell untruths or just ignore God commandments. No perfect person can be found, but we can do our best to be near Holy.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!!



We are now ready for the Special Olympics USA next month in Seattle and thank you to everyone that has signed up to participate in this awesome national event. Now I need your help with my write up that we will be submitting to the Columbian magazine as a hopeful feature article. So wherever part of the event your volunteering at whether it's at airport, mass or at one of the event its self please make sure your visible with a Knight ball cap (most events you're required to wear a USA games shirt) or if you're at the opening ceremony (I'll be there) you can wear a Red, White or Blue shirt hopefully with your councils name or our Knights logo on it. The 4th of July party we will have to wear a USA Game shirt so wear that ball cap to stand out and hopefully a group photo right at 2:30 when the shift change happens and all 200 of us are there. I also need pictures of you, your group or your family members helping out at the event and a short write up emailed to me shortly after the games end on the 6th of July so we can complete the write-up and get it submitted. Also, watch for that money shot (Knight and Special Olympics Athletics together) when you're taking pictures because it would be awesome to get in the Columbian and better yet make the cover as well.



God bless

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In response to the humanitarian crisis of religious cleansing of Christians in Iraq and Syria, the Knights of Columbus has raised more than \$18 million through its Christian Relief Fund. Our funds have provided for housing and medical care to aid persecuted Iraqis, Syrians and other refugees throughout the Middle East. The Knights of Columbus Insurance program plays an integral role in this venture. [#WorldRefugeeDay](#). To learn more and how you can help, visit: www.kofc.org/iraq

The last thing a 3-year-old Syrian said before he died:



"I'm gonna tell God everything"



Independence Day, July 4, 2018



By Former First Lady, Sheila Ryan Wallace

I watch the shrieks and screams, the violence and threats. And I wonder where the America I knew and loved has gone. I grew up in the mid twentieth century when people were patriotic. You knew all Americans loved their country, no matter what political party they favored. Our enemies were those people from foreign countries who declared war on America, but here we were united and proud of our country. We knew we weren't perfect, but we were in the struggle together. I know this may be a bit naïve. Sure, there were some who plotted against us right within these shores, but the majority of Americans were hard-working, family-oriented extraordinary, ordinary people who united to stand up for God and country, against oppression, and immorality.

Now we approach the anniversary of our Independence once again, and I am so disappointed in this America of the twenty-first century, in the year 2018, with all our divisions and apparent unwillingness to yield, compromise or even listen, to opposing views. Still, we are a diverse people of many cultures, views and faiths, and God works in mysterious ways. We are blessed with His gift of hope, and knowledge that He is in charge of our lives and the ultimate solutions. I pray daily for peace in our hearts and a return to God-given morality, love for ourselves and our neighbors and a return to unity. May God bless us all as we celebrate another Fourth of July with family and friends.

WIFE'S CORNER

SPACE SAFARI

At night I lie abed and dream
Of places you have never seen.
I've flown beyond the realm of earth
And joined the angels in their mirth.
Sometimes I've danced with twinkling stars
And once I journeyed to distant Mars;
Watched asteroids and comets rush by
Rode falling stars across the sky.
Gazed in wonder at light and color
Spatial fireworks—like no other.
Rocked in the cradle of the moon
My nightly play ended too soon;
And slid down the Milky Way
Into my bed at beginning of Day.

Sheila Ryan Wallace
June 22, 2018



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The annual spring clean up at the Carmelite sister's property was helped along by Knights Steve Sommer (taking pic), Ed Zupich, and Harry Tefft and Harry's family.

The sisters were grateful, as always.



These two pictures were taken at the final June 2018 meeting when outgoing GK Stephen Sommer extended his gratitude and thanks to all his officers and committee chairs. In the two pics >: Ed Zupich receives fraternal **Knight of the Year** recognition and Rowland Busskohl and his wife Kathy receive a certificate for **Family of the Year**.



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L to R: Duane Sanger, Bob Kirby, GK Stephen Sommer, Ed Zupich, Tom Garrett, Rowland Busskohl, Greg Meyer, and Steve Pearson were all recognized for their significant contributions as Chairmen of their respective committees for fraternal year 2017-2018.



Greg Meyer (Financial Secretary), Harry Tefft (Treasurer) and Tom Garrett (Recorder and Knight Talk publisher) are recognized and thanked by outgoing GH Stephen Sommer for their consistent and quality contributions for fraternal year 2017-18.



POPE PAUL VI AS PROPHET: HAVE HUMANA VITAE'S BOLD PREDICTIONS COME TRUE?

Janet Smith, University of Dallas

Humanae Vitae 25 years ago (editor's note: 50 years now has passed since this was written) "prophesied" that marriages and society would suffer if the use of contraception became widespread. Now the vast majority of spouses, as well as those who are unmarried, use some form of contraception.

To be sure, the encyclical was not written to be a prophetic document. Rather, it was written to be a clarifying document, intending to explain what the Church teaches about contraception. The encyclical does present this teaching clearly, but it has been little heeded during the last 25 years. Statistics show that few Catholics live by these teachings, and it seems safe to suppose that few Catholics have read Humanae Vitae.

Christians understand marriage as an elevated calling, whereby God enlists spouses in the all-important enterprise of bringing forth new human life. The Church teaches that to use contraception is to reject God and his life-giving blessings. The Church teaches not merely that contraception is wrong, but that because contraception is wrong, it will have bad consequences.

Four Prophecies

Pope Paul VI made four rather general "prophecies" about what would happen if the Church's teaching on contraception were ignored.

SUBMITTED BY GEORGE H. CZERWONKA JR..

Infidelity and moral decline

The Pope first noted that the widespread use of contraception would "lead to conjugal infidelity and the general lowering of morality." That there has been a widespread decline in morality, especially sexual morality, in the last 25 years, is very difficult to deny. The increase in the number of divorces, abortion, our-of-wedlock pregnancies, and venereal diseases should convince any skeptic that sexual morality is not the strong suit of our age.

There is no question that contraception is behind much of this trouble. Contraception has made sexual activity a much more popular option than it was when the fear of pregnancy deterred a great number of young men and women from engaging in premarital sexual intercourse. The availability of contraception has led them to believe that they can engage in premarital sexual activity "responsibly." But teenagers are about as responsible in their use of contraception as they are in all other phases of their lives--such as making their beds, cleaning their rooms and getting their homework done on time.

Lost Respect for Women

Paul VI also argued that "the man" will lose respect for "the woman" and "no longer (care) for her physical and psychological equilibrium" and will come to "the point of considering her as a mere instrument of selfish enjoyment and no longer as his respected and beloved companion." This concern reflects what has come to be known as a "personalist" understanding of morality. The personalist understanding of wrongdoing is based upon respect for the dignity of the human person. The Pope realized that the Church's teaching on contraception is designed to protect the good of conjugal love. When spouses violate this good, they do not act in accord with their innate dignity and thus they endanger their own happiness. Treating their bodies as mechanical instruments to be manipulated for their own purposes, they risk treating each other as objects of pleasure.

Abuse of Power

Paul VI also observed that the widespread acceptance of contraception would place a "dangerous weapon... in the hands of those public authorities who take no heed of moral exigencies." The history of the family-planning programs in the Third World is a sobering testimony to this reality. In Third World countries many people undergo sterilization unaware of what they are doing. The forced abortion program in China shows the stark extreme toward which governments will take population programs. Moreover, few people are willing to recognize the growing evidence that many parts of the world face not overpopulation, but under population. It will take years to reverse the "anti-child" mentality now entrenched in many societies.

Unlimited Dominion

Pope Paul's final warning was that contraception would lead man to think that he had unlimited dominion over his own body. Sterilization is now the most widely used form of contraception in the U.S.; individuals are so convinced of their rights to control their own bodies that they do not hesitate to alter even their own physical make-up.

The desire for unlimited dominion over one's own body extends beyond contraception. The production of "test-tube babies" is another indication of the refusal to accept the body's limitations; so too are euthanasia and the use of organs transplanted from those who are "nearly" dead. We seek to adjust the body to our desires and timetables, rather than adjusting ourselves to its needs.

Positive Prophecies

In Humanae Vitae Pope Paul made some positive predictions as well. He acknowledged that spouses might have difficulty in acquiring the self-discipline necessary to practice the methods of family planning that require periodic abstinence. But he taught that self-discipline was possible, especially with the help of sacramental grace. In Section 21, he remarked:

....the discipline which is proper to the purity of married couples, far from harming conjugal love, rather confers on it a higher human value. It demands continual effort yet, thanks to its beneficent influence, husband and wife fully develop their personalities, being enriched with spiritual values. Such discipline bestows upon family life fruits of serenity and peace; and facilitates the solution of other problems; it favors attention for one's partner, helps both parties to drive out selfishness, the enemy of true love, and deepens their sense of responsibility.

While this passage of Humanae Vitae is rarely studied, Pope John Paul II is one commentator who recognizes the depth of its wisdom. It plays the central role in his reflections on Humanae Vitae; he focuses on the importance of "self-mastery" for the proper use of sexuality, and explains the meaning of the human body and the human person as these bear upon sexuality.

John Paul II has spoken of the Church's teaching on contraception as a part of the "permanent patrimony" of the Faith. Twenty-five years of neglecting Humanae Vitae have produced enough unpleasant consequences to help us recognize how foolish and dangerous it is to squander that patrimony.



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GREETINGS WA STATE KonB OFFICERS



Greetings Brothers KonB Washington State,

Tempus Fugit Memento Mori.....Vivat Jesus

I hope everyone is in good health and spirit as we continue our journey of faith in the vision of hope and charity of Father Michael McGivney.....

Old Business:

In our last newsletter the floor was opened for nominations for the following WA KonB positions...WA KonB State VP, WA POD Dioceses of Seattle, WA POD Dioceses of Spokane. As of nomination closing we have no nominations and the positions are now open for volunteers. I also share as WA KonB Director I now see and share the same membership logistics PPOS and good friend Brother Mike Rutland, as well as WA KonB founder brother Tommy Rosati had....we are one state sharing different area codes divided by a mountain range. My point is we have full support for state KofC and we need to stay coherent as a KofC program also supporting all other KofC programs... we have a tremendous opportunity as I have shared simply by showing we are the face of charity to a world in need simply by riding our bikes.
Perhaps the face of Catholic motorcycle?

1. RE: 2018 Knights on Bikes under the Knights Of Columbus By Laws and Policies Article Six (VI) -Chain of Command 3. i. ii.

“KonB Membership & Recruitment Coordinator”

As stated in my above comment we need help to continue our KofC program ... I have had several WA KonB founding members nominate Brother Wild Bill Smith as membership coordinator. As of today 6-30-2018 as acting WA KonB Director I move forward with that nomination and install Wild Bill Smith to said position retired and or removed under current standing WA KonB director and or national KonB/KofC By Laws. (Congrats Wild Bill!) We love you bro.

2. 2018 Hogs & Dogs West Richland SE Wash.

Last year we had lots of rain and cold weather and no bikes. This year was as days of old with tons of good weather and bikes. Our KofC/KonB information booth was busy all day talking faith, fraternity, and BIKES..... the Sweet Charity bike was a big hit with tons of visitors and KofC questions. Plant the seed and pray it grows that's what we do.

3. 2018 Special Olympics Washington.

Knights on Bikes founder Raymond Medina called me a couple weeks ago asking for a special VIP WA KofC/KonB welcome to the Washington State for a family held in high regard by Brother Raymond our KonB founder that was coming to visit our state. The request was granted and a floral arrangement and gift package was sent and delivered today.

4. 6/30/2018 KofC 3307/1174 Adoration/Lunch ride

Today local SE WA KonB brothers got together for a little time in adoration and a ride up the lower Yakima valley for some lunch and fraternal bonding....we had a great time thanks brothers and sisters in Christ ...Angie and I had a great time we love you all.....

God Bless Ride Safe.....

Washington State Director/POS

Knights on Bikes

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"IN GOD WE TRUST, AND RIDE"



SE Washington KonB Adoration/lunch ride. Beautiful day starting with some prayer and quite time in the Christ of King chapel followed with a ride up the valley to prosser for a visit to the Prosser museum for a little SE Washington history and lunch at Jeremy's than a return ride across the Horse Heaven back home.

Awesome time with the bros...



2018 Special Olympics USA Games Seattle







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U.S. Independence Day/4th of July parade in Oak Harbor, WA.



Word is the shadow of deed!!

(THROWING PEBBLES AT GIANTS)

As an observer of the political process I have long been intrigued by the correlation between public discourses, being convinced, & being convincing. Looking as far back as the fifth century B. C: Democritus said "Word is the shadow of deed."

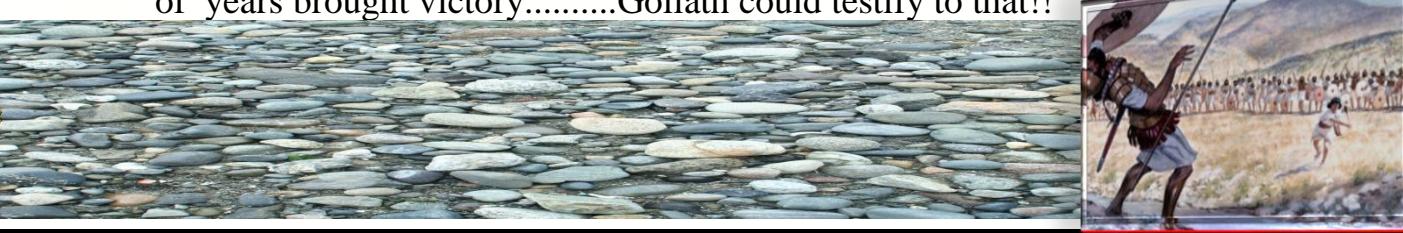
By STEVE SNELL

As an example this dynamic has taken a particularly important form in the debate over abortion. Understanding the power of words in communicating social change is absolutely necessary in helping supporters on either side of a political issue to understand how linguistics, imagery, humor and story affect the way the public will think, believe, **vote** and live. These words or rhetoric are one the most effective resources in the art of social persuasion. They are the tools that implement the tactics to control the public debate on the issue.

The Judeo-Christian themes of love, sacrifice, and protection of the weak argue that condemnation of abortion was “an almost absolute value” of Early Western Civilization. The counterargument that the idea of life beginning at conception was a contemporary invention is simply not true. (*In accuracy it should be noted that the Catholic church has in fact consistently maintained a proscription against abortion since the first century and that it is the argument to the contrary that is in point of fact a modern invention.*)

While language can reinforce the activists' own ideological commitment, it is important to note, the act of persuading the public may require activists to abandon their own narrow views of the world, and to address the audience in its own terms. Some of the more strident activists of the prolife movement have yet to understand this. Their choice of language may work against achieving their goal of restoration of the public consensus on protection of the unborn. Such ridged behavior serves the opposition's stereotyping of pro-lifers as religious zealots and extremists, a gang of fanatics led by bullying white males indifferent to the needs and concerns of women.

My point is that we must use words to enhance deeds that build alliances, words that reach out to the diversity of the culture within in which we live; we must be inclusive in words and deeds that will build support in our communities, words that will bind our values together with votes. That is what the opposition did. My Brothers that may be the only way we can save the unborn lives, with words that will harvest **VOTES!** Words and deeds that will cross the lines that separate us. We may be forced to throw pebbles at the powerful organizations that we are up against, they are well funded giants. Never give up, keep on picking up pebbles, your pebbles can and have brought down giants in the past. History has shown us that throwing pebbles at giants has for thousands of years brought victory.....Goliath could testify to that!!



CEREMONIAL MEETING

The Annual Washington State Ceremonial Meeting will be held at the Ahtanum Mission Council 6097 hall in Yakima on **Saturday, August 11, 2018**. The address of the council hall is 5502 West Chestnut St. in Yakima.

State Officers, District Deputies, COs, PFCs and Knighthood (Third) Degree Wardens are expected to attend.

Formation (Second) Degree Staff Coordinators are encouraged to attend.

If a district deputy is not continuing as a district deputy in FY 2018-2019, request you forward this email to your successor.

The meeting schedule is:

10:30am to 11:00am gathering with coffee & doughnuts
Meeting 11:00am to 12:00pm
Lunch 12:00pm to 12:30pm
Meeting 12:30pm to 2:30pm

Lunch will be provided by the state. Encourage the attendees arrive during the gathering period, 10:30am to 11:00am. Encourage attendees to car pool. Washington Expense Vouchers will be available for drivers to request mileage. Drivers will be provided a check prior to the close of the meeting.

Attendees are encouraged to bring the degree books they have been issued from Supreme.

Further, request all addressees confirm to me, by email, no later than August 7, 2018, if they will or will not be attending the meeting. I will need this information to determine the number of handouts to prepare and the number of meals to order.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Ceremonial Meeting.
If you have any questions, please let me know.



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OFFICER INSTALLATIONS

New fraternal year 2018-19 officers from L to R: Dave Herrin (inside guard), Duane Sanger (advocate), Steve Sommer (trustee), Bill Exworthy (warden), Ed Zupich (trustee), Peter Freeman (chancellor), Tom Garrett (recorder), Harry Tefft (treasurer), Bob Kirby (trustee), Greg Meyer (financial secretary), and Fr. Vic (chaplain). Not pictured are Jim Hines (Grand Knight), and Warren Foersch (Deputy Grand Knight). Thanks all for stepping up.

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INSIDE THE GOSPELS

By Manny Aguilar, Former Hispanic Membership Chairman/ East

We are all familiar with the verses in the first part of the bible, Genesis, where it tells us how God created the heavens and earth, all the creatures on the land, in the air and in the seas.

My favorite part is at the end of the narrative where it says, ‘and He saw that it was good’. ALL of it was good. WE are part of that creation and , therefore, WE are good...REJOICE!!!

Another great part of the bible, in John 15: 1-10, it gives us the analogy of HOW we are part of the creation process, by being linked to Jesus and the Father as part of a grapevine: The Father is the root or source of the power (grace) which flows up to the vine (Jesus) and through Him to the branches (us) and continues into the creation of blossoms that become delicious fruit.

As long as we remain attached to the vine, Jesus, we will continue to bear good fruit. And we give glory to the Father in the process.

It also mentions how some of the branches do not bear good fruit. It is only because those are not accepting the grace passed on by Jesus so they must be cut off completely and thrown into the fire. The Pruner must be the Holy Spirit who does the Fathers’ will.

Jesus continually offers us that grace which leads us to salvation—BUT, only if we accept it and remain attached to Him.

Where are you in your journey of life? Are you so influential or wealthy and self-sufficient that you don’t need Christ? Or, do you think you’re o.k. just because you are a “nice guy”?

Remember that NO ONE comes to the Father except through Jesus...Read the gospel of John, 15: 1-10 and then, think about it!





**THE POWER OF LOVE
A LIFE WITH LOVE MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE.
A LIFE WITHOUT LOVE MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE.**

**LIFE MAKES A DIFFERENCE!!
IN THE NAME OF LOVE WE MUST SAVE THE BABIES!
IN HIS NAME.**



2017 was a record-setting year for Knights of Columbus charitable work with an unprecedented \$185.6 million in donations and 75.6 million hours of volunteer service provided worldwide.



K of C in the Community

Disaster Relief	\$7.5M
Christian Refugee Relief	\$6.3M
Coats for Kids	\$2.5M
Food Drives	\$7.6M
Special Olympics	\$14.7M
Habitat for Humanity	\$0.6M
Global Wheelchair Mission	\$1.6M

K OF C CHARITY RISES TO RECENT CHALLENGES

RECORD-SETTING DONATIONS IN 2017 KEEP PACE WITH MAJOR NEEDS

2017 was a record-setting year for Knights of Columbus charitable work with an unprecedented \$185.6 million in donations and 75.6 million hours of service provided worldwide.

The monetary value of K of C's service hours is valued at \$1.9 billion based on an estimate by Independent Sector, a network for nonprofit foundations that values a 2017 volunteer hour at \$24.69.

The K of C's 2017 survey of charitable giving also showed that monetary donations increased \$8 million from 2016 (+4.5 percent) and service hours grew by 527,550 (+0.7 percent). Year-over-year annual growth in both categories has been consistent over the past two decades.

"Once again, the Knights of Columbus showed the enormous difference we can make in the lives of others by putting our faith in action," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "The needs of many of our communities were particularly great in 2017, especially in the wake of historic hurricanes in Houston, South Florida, Puerto Rico and much of the Caribbean. The Knights did not hesitate to provide assistance after these humanitarian crises and in Mexico where two cities were badly damaged by earthquakes."

In addition to disaster relief, K of C also continued to support local communities through programs.

Since 2014, the Knights' Christian Refugee Relief Fund has donated more than \$17 million for humanitarian assistance to Christians and other religious minorities primarily in Iraq, Syria and the surrounding region.

"Along with what we do in our own communities, the reach of the Knights is global," Supreme Knight Anderson said. "We were able to pledge \$2 million to save Karamles, a predominantly Christian town on Iraq's Nineveh Plain liberated from ISIS in 2017. Christian churches and graves were desecrated, and many homes were looted, damaged or destroyed."

**THE SUBMITTED ARTICLES DO NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT THE OPINION OF THE
"SECOND EDITION", BUT, THEN AGAIN THEY MIGHT.**

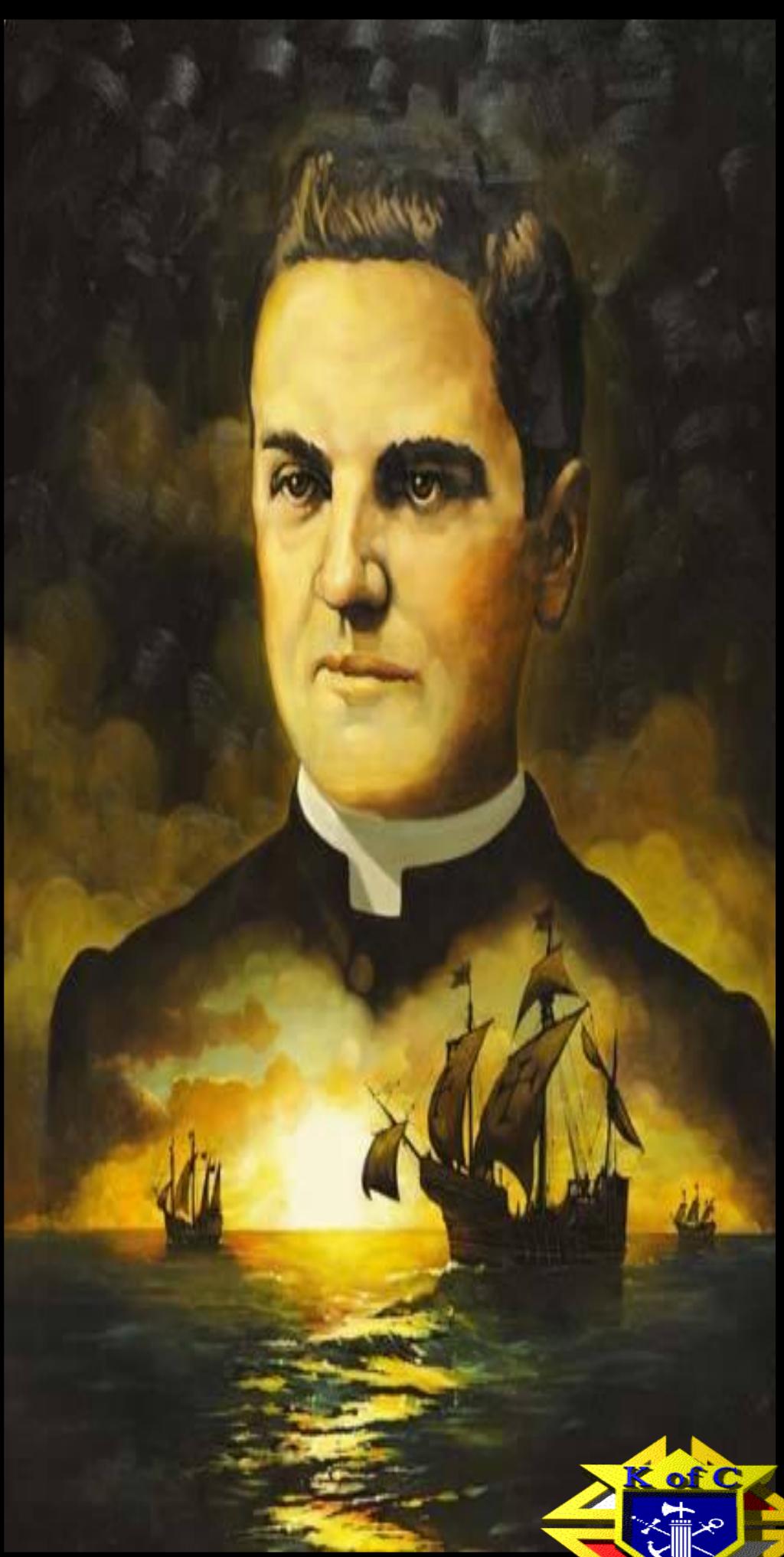
*Like a roller coaster ride we are preparing to begin
a new fraternal year with many ups and downs
ahead of us, but God willing we will end up back
here next year where we started, ready to begin His
work again! So brothers grab your rosary and
hang on the ride has begun.*

(July 1, 2018)

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"EVERY BATTLE IS WON BEFORE ITS FOUGHT"

Prepare with basic training, that's where success begins.

JULY 15, 2018: SPOKANE -- The weekend was a basic training event for the new and returning District Deputies, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Council Program Chairmen, Council Membership Directors, and State Chairmen. The weekend would not have been as successful as it was without the efforts of the State Officers and their Leadership Team. They put in many hours organizing this event and guiding everyone through many varied presentations, providing the attendees with examples of hands on leadership.

Reports are that many present were inspired by listening to the information given to them by the membership & program presenters and their message of leading by example. The weekend was an opportunity that provided the District Deputies and Council Officers with the tools and the confidence to effectively exercise the leadership that will allow the Washington jurisdiction to grow and continue in its leadership role within our Order.



SUMMER MEETING "SNAP SHOTS"



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Steve and Lori Sybouts (6097 GK) and Steve and Royce (894 DGK) having a great time and learning at the 2018 KofC State Convention. According to Steve they had a very productive time.



Volunteering at Saint Vincent de Paul Center: No better way to volunteer than having fun.
Marc Desgroseillier FS, Greg Vavricka and Jack Daley serving at the Food Bank.



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**WE ARE TOLD THAT
JULY 1, 2018 IS THE BEGINNING
OF OUR NEW YEAR!**

"HOLD ON BROTHERS!"

**OUR YEAR STARTS WHEN ALL OF US
BELIEVE IN AND WORK FOR OUR GOALS!**

**WHEN WE ALL COMMIT TO BATTLE
FOR THE UNBORN!**

**WHEN WE WELCOME AND RECRUIT ALL
RACES AND NATIONALITIES TO JOIN US
AS FELLOW KNIGHTS IN DEFENCE
OF FAITH, FAMILY, COUNTRY,
AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM!**

ARE YOU IN?



WHERE'S WALDO?

By STEVE SNELL



DEBATES AND DISCUSSIONS about creativity or the lack of it can and will rage throughout our time. Creativity often is not valued. In point of fact in some organizations it is killed. It may be unintentional or outright in other cases. These times challenge the results of routinized methods and approaches. This is many times manifested in doing too little for fear of rocking the boat. This is not anything new. It's just more pronounced these days in some organizations.

Great leaders don't back down or walk on egg shells around challenges; they stand tall and never quit! They come in all sizes and shapes, all colors and all creeds. They have many different names, some sound pretty tame, some names sound real strong and some will surprise. It's not the appearances of these men or the sound of their names; it's the courage of their convictions! Successful leaders think creatively, outside the normal rut, they adapt to the changing times, often this adaption or change in procedures causes trepidation, reluctance, even resistance within an organization. These men will have the courage to "rock the boat" of traditional thinking, to change the outcome of the unprecedeted challenges against our values. Their names will become mileposts in the efforts to preserve our right to believe and worship as we see fit. Today they are like Waldo; *Waldo is a character that blends in very well with his surroundings*, they can be hard to find, but we must. It's time to call them out, to help prepare them for the future, call out to our future creative leaders,

WHERE IS WALDO?

*Brothers, there are leadership capabilities deep within each of us. Within our councils lies the power and strength of our tomorrows, we must tap this great resource. We must stand tall and ask in every council across our state
Where are tomorrow's leaders?*



WHERE'S WALDO? -----AGAIN WE ASK,



“WHERE'S WALDO?”



SEE EVERYONE NEXT MONTH