

# WASHINGTON STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Never tire of forgiveness  
for this is Beauty before the Face of God.

# "THE SECOND EDITION"

*Never ruin an apology with an excuse.*



Catholic-Universal Church

# THIRD DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

Registration starts at 6:00 PM

In compliance with Host and C-Host guide for Ceremonials

The following information is provided:

1. The 3rd Degree ceremony will be held in Walla Walla at Michael Flohr Council (766) Hall, 124 S. 7th Ave., Walla Walla, WA.
2. Districts involved are 7,& 17, HOSTED by District 7, Council 766
3. Candidates should report and register at 6:00 PM at the Michael Flohr Council Hall
4. Honoree for the 3rd degree: TBD
5. The HDD is Bob Olson, 11478; Email rcolson1950@gmail.com; phone (509) 539.5585
6. The CO Marcel Bergeron FDD, 2326 Copperleaf St, Richland, WA Email: marce.bergeron@gmail.com, phone (509) 554.4924
7. The PFC is TBD
8. The Host Grand Knight is Christopher Grasso, 919 E Sumach, Walla Walla, WA, 99362; Email cgrasso@thewwcs.com; phone (509) 520.0815

## IMPORTANT REMINDER:

All members and candidates must bring & present current membership card. Each participating councils must prepare a 3rd degree card for each candidate to be turned in at registration.

Ceremony will start at 6:30 PM, dinner will be served after.

PLEASE Email your list of candidates to:  
Bob Olson at rcolson1950@gmail.com.



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# THIRD DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Registration starts at 6:30 PM

In compliance with Host and C-Host guide for Ceremonials

The following information is provided:

1. The 3rd Degree ceremony will be held in Richland at Richland Council (3307) Hall, 2500 Chester Rd., Richland, WA 99352, just off Bypass Highway
2. Districts involved are 7,& 17, HOSTED by District 7, Council 3307
3. Candidates should report and register at 6:30 PM at the Richland Council Hall
4. Honoree for the 3rd degree: TBD
5. The HDD is Bob Olson, 11478; Email rcolson1950@gmail.com; phone (509) 539.5585
6. The PFC Marcel Bergeron FDD, 2326 Copperleaf St, Richland, WA Email: marce.bergeron@gmail.com, phone (509) 554.4924
7. The CO is Karl A. Hadley PSD, VSM, 386 McNary Ridge, Burbank, WA 99323-8604, phone 531.4898; karlkyle@earthlink.net
8. The Host Grand Knight is Tom Pysto, 421 Melissa St., Richland, WA. 99352; Email brantacan@aol.com; phone (702) 339.1731

## IMPORTANT REMINDER:

All members and candidates must bring & present current membership card. Each participating councils must prepare a 3rd degree card for each candidate to be turned in at registration.

Ceremony will start at 7:00 PM, dinner will be served after.

PLEASE Email your list of candidates to:  
Bob Olson at rcolson1950@gmail.com.



# **T H E F O U R T H**



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## **Degree of Patriotism**

### *The Emblem*

The Knights of Columbus, an array of dedicated Catholic gentlemen, glory in the epithet:

*"The right arm of the Catholic Church."*

Sir Knights of the Fourth Degree deem it an honor and privilege to carry the triad emblem, which features the Dove, Cross, and Globe. Our honored Order cherishes its patron, Christopher Columbus. Christopher "Christ- bearer" Columbus. The Dove of Peace symbolizes the Paraclete. The Cross of Christ is the sign of our Christian faith; similarly, the Globe depicts the New World, the miraculous discovery of Columbus. Spiritually, the sacred symbols fashioned on our sword and lapel pin typify the union of the three divine Persons in one Godhead, the Most Holy Trinity.

*The Globe – God the Father, Creator of the Universe*

*The Cross – God the Son, Redeemer of Mankind*

*The Dove – God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of Humanity*

God willing, may we, Christian Soldiers in the Columbian Crusade, lend loyalty to our honored Order, Patriotism to our beloved America, and Devotion to Holy Mother Church, all for the greater glory of God Almighty!





# St. Mariana of Quito

*Franciscan Tertiary (1618-1645)*



Chosen From Among Us By

Mariana de Paredes, the patron saint of Ecuador, was born in Quito of aristocratic parents. As a child she dreamed of joining a convent, or even to carry the Gospel to Japan. but after her parents died she moved in with her sister and brother-in-law, and there, under the direction of a Jesuit confessor, she spent the rest of her life. Upon receiving the habit of a Franciscan tertiary she took the name Marian of Jesus.

It is painful to read of the austereities she imposed on herself: extreme fasting, long vigils, and a crown of thorns. As a reminder of death, she spent each Friday night sleeping in a coffin. In exchange for these sacrifices, she received many spiritual favors, including the gift of prophecy and the power to effect miraculous healings.

In 1645 Quito was struck by a series of earthquakes followed by a terrible epidemic, which claimed over 1,400 lives. When a preacher proclaimed that these sufferings were a result of the people's sins, Mariana publicly offered herself as a victim. Immediately the earthquakes ceased. but Maria fell mortally ill and died on May 26, 1645, at the age of twenty six. Hailed as the savior of her city, she was mourned by all of Quito. She was canonized in 1950.

*"We are dealing with one who is, in a certain sense, like the final phase of a symphony, which gathers up all of the themes, taking from each one something characteristic, to put together the marvelous harmony of spirit."*

--Pope Pius XI

Our Lord Jesus Christ



# REGIONAL TRAINING MEETINGS

**SEPTEMBER 9 - PROSER**

**SEPTEMBER 10 - WENATCHEE**

**SEPTEMBER 16 - VANCOUVER**

**SEPTEMBER 17 - GIG HARBOR**

**SEPTEMBER 23 - BELLINGHAM**

**SEPTEMBER 24 - SAMMAMISH**

# WINTER DD MEETING !

**DD's MID-YEAR MEETING**

**DECEMBER 1 - 3**

**RED LION IN BELLEVUE, WA.**





# OUR LADY OF GOOD HELP SHRINE



By George Czerwonka, Past  
State Deputy Spokane Council 683

Sharon and I traveled to Wisconsin to visit family and friends; and, we also made a side trip to Champion, Wisconsin, to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help as the apparition of Adele Brise has been formally approved by the Church.

Pilgrims from around the world have been experiencing the Shrine for over 150 years. The Catholic Church officially confirmed the Marian apparitions in 2010. And in 2016, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) officially designated these grounds as a National Shrine.

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help is a place for all who seek help and healing through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Whether you are Catholic or not, whether you believe or are still searching for faith, all are welcome there.

The following are but a few of the miracles reported...

*In 2013, a woman was diagnosed with several artery blockages. Due to the severe damage to her heart, the only option for treatment was to insert a defibrillator. Before the scheduled surgery in June, the woman, along with her husband and sister, visited the Shrine. Two days after their visit, the final pre-surgery ECG showed that her heart had improved to the point that she no longer required any treatment.*

*A five-year-old child (the niece of Sister Marguerite and Sister Addie) who was kicked in the face by a horse also experienced healing. When the mother saw the limp, bleeding body of her little daughter, she soon made the 12-mile pilgrimage to the chapel on foot. Immediately afterward, the bleeding stopped. The child suffered no internal injuries or physical aftereffects.*

*In 1887, Father Cipin led a large pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help and later reported a miraculous healing that took place at the Shrine during the pilgrimage.*

*At the Feast of the Assumption of 1954, a man removed his hearing aid halfway through the procession. Before entering the chapel, a woman stepped back and said, "Thank you for saying the rosary with us." The man replied, "Thank you and thank God! I can now hear!"*

*A nearly blind little girl from Bay Settlement had been suffering from measles that left spots and scales on the pupils of her eyes. After her mother brought her to the chapel and prayed to the Blessed Virgin, the child's eyes were cured almost immediately.*

*A seventeen-year-old boy contracted a severe case of double pneumonia, followed by a case of pleurisy. Declared tubercular by three doctors, the young man was advised to move to the West. After making a novena at the chapel, his lungs cleared. He passed all Army tests, served 19 months in World War I, and lived in perfect health long afterward.*

Following the example of Adele Brise, who first encountered the Queen of Heaven at this site in 1859, Sharon and I journeyed there together too, seeking a deeper relationship with Christ through Mary. We previously visited Our Lady of Knock in Ireland; Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal; and, Our Lady of Lourdes in France...our trip to Champion in Wisconsin was much easier visit, and we encourage all Catholics to visit the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help!

**George Czerwonka  
Past State Deputy  
Spokane Council 683  
Bishop White Assembly 1539**





# Washington's New Distracted Driving Law



Submitted by  
George Newkappa PSD

Public Service Announcement

Dear George,

AAA Washington has long been a champion of traffic safety. That's why I am pleased to share with you the stricter Distracted Driving law, appropriately called Driving Under the Influence of Electronics, which takes effect on July 23. Quite simply, this law will save lives and reduce injuries. Here is what you need to know.

- Washington's new Distracted Driving law bans the use of any hand-held personal electronical device while driving—even if you are stopped at a signal or stuck in traffic.
- Reporting an emergency and "minimal use," such as pushing a button to activate a mapping application, are still allowed.
- Violators will be fined \$136 for a first offense and the fines doubles for subsequent offenses.
- Distracted driving violations are now reportable to insurance companies.
- The new law classifies other dangerous distractions, such as engaging with passengers or grooming, as secondary offences.

## HANDS-FREE NOT RISK-FREE

Although the new law does not apply to voice-activated in-vehicle systems or hands-free phone, research by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety shows that using voice-activated devices while driving creates significant mental distraction.

# New Distracted Driving Law Will Save Lives

Distracted driving, often caused by phone use, has become the third leading factor in fatal crashes. That's why I urge you to refrain from using any device that takes your attention away from driving. Please help keep the roads safer for all of us by following these tips to prevent distracted driving.

- Turn off or put all hand-held personal devices where you can't reach them.
- Adjust GPS, stereo and other in-vehicle systems before you hit the road.
- Finish eating and grooming at home.
- Don't call or text someone you know is driving.



We all need to stay focused with our hands on the wheel, eyes on the road and our minds on driving. Our safety and that of friends, family and other motorists and pedestrians depends on it. You can learn more about the new law and ways to drive distraction-free at [aaa.com/distracteddriving](http://aaa.com/distracteddriving).

Be safe,

*Kirk*

**Kirk R. Nelson**  
**President and CEO, AAA Washington**

AAA Washington  
3605 132nd Ave SE, Bellevue, WA 98006



# **Some of God's greatest Gifts**

**By STEVE SNELL**

**MY FAMILY, MY FRIENDS, MY BROTHER KNIGHTS**

**AND ALSO:**

**I like the theater.**

I like tragedy, because tragedy is the other side of the door and I like both sides. I enjoy spending an evening on the twilight boundary line between tears and smiles. There is nothing as sweet as some scene, some act, where the smile catches the tears in the eyes; where the eyes are almost surprised by the smile, the smile touched and softened by the tears. It's a powerful moment.



*I do not care for sarcasm; I do not like mean humor. There is as much difference between humor and malicious wit as there is between a bee's honey and a bee's sting.*

**I like music.**

Another thing that makes me glad is that I live in an age and am part of a generation that appreciates Quality; sense enough to appreciate music; sense enough to appreciate things that lighten the challenges of this life.

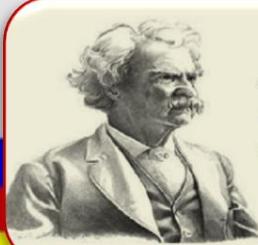
**I like laughter.**

I believe in the medicine of laughter. In our world where there is so much trouble, a world where sometimes one is almost inclined to think that God may have played a practical joke on some of us. To find in such a world something that for the moment allows laughter to rise over sorrow, is a great blessing.

**I like my church.**

I like my church because in spite of my many flaws I'm allowed to enter, they leave me alone to speak with the Lord. I need that kind of help, I screw up a lot. In spite of the many blessings I've been given, I still get lost; I'm always asking the Lord for directions. What I've learned about him is that he is awfully patient, he must have a sense of humor and he always gives me another chance. He knows I'll need his help tomorrow; **He always leaves the light on for me.**

**P.S. I ALSO LIKE SOME  
OF MARK TWAIN'S  
STUFF.....**



**Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.**

**Mark Twain**

# STATE DEPUTY'S SPEECH AT SUMMER MEETING

## (GOALS AND EXPECTATIONS)



**By Robert Baemmert, SD**

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**First and foremost,** I want you to have fun Doing God's Work this year. If you catch yourself in a negative mood when you are doing His work, I want you to stop yourself and work on your attitude. START TO PRAY. God wants you to be happy and you owe that to him and the people you are in charge of. NO WHINING! NO SOUR-PUSSES! Be kind and caring to the people you are in charge of. It is what **you** expect, so be an example of that to others!!!

**Second.** I want you to make as many friends as you can this year. You are part of an Order that values Unity aren't you? So make friends and together we can do tremendous things.

**Next** I want you to make your true Boss proud of you. We are all ordinary people with an extraordinary Boss- **Jesus Christ**. Make Him proud of your efforts and never forget you are doing this for His Greater Glory. That ought to motivate you to do your best.

**And finally** Brothers we need to continue to Grow. If you cannot fill up the lines on your Report of Officers Chosen Form 185 You need to grow your Council. If you can't come up with a Chairman for your Projects, you need to grow. If I can't come up with a bulletin editor and a District Deputy for every District, we need to grow. Too many people have stood in front of you and hemmed and hawed about this subject. "Jeees I don't want them to think that's all I care about."

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*In 1882 Fr. Michael McGivney started the first Council in New Haven Connecticut, at Saint Mary's Church. He was member #1 of the original 26 that made up the first Council, San Salvador Council. After one year, our first council of 26 members had grown to 26 members. They were frustrated and they were ready to quit and in fact applied to join the Foresters who flat rejected them. It was then that they got the message from the Holy Spirit to get off their back-sides and recruit. So now at 2 million members our challenge is still the same and the Holy Spirit is still giving us the same message- get off your back-sides and recruit. This is our mission, this is our future, just like the apostles. This is how we are judged- we are judged by how we grow. Lets grow strong this year so we can make our Order and our God proud of us!*

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To Summarize: Be Happy, Make friends, Make your Boss proud and Grow the Order.

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Have a great year and know that I and everyone on my leadership team has your back. They are some of the finest men I have ever met and I marvel at them every time I think about it.

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**Bob Baemmert-SD**



# Knights of Columbus Insurance

As the July 2017 Field Agent School comes to a close, we would like to congratulate the 19 Field Agents who attended for their commitment to increasing their knowledge and improving their skills to better service our members and their families!



Congratulations to Larry Devlin of the Roth Agency in Western Washington. Larry is in the back row far right.

"An exhausting week, but worth it!"





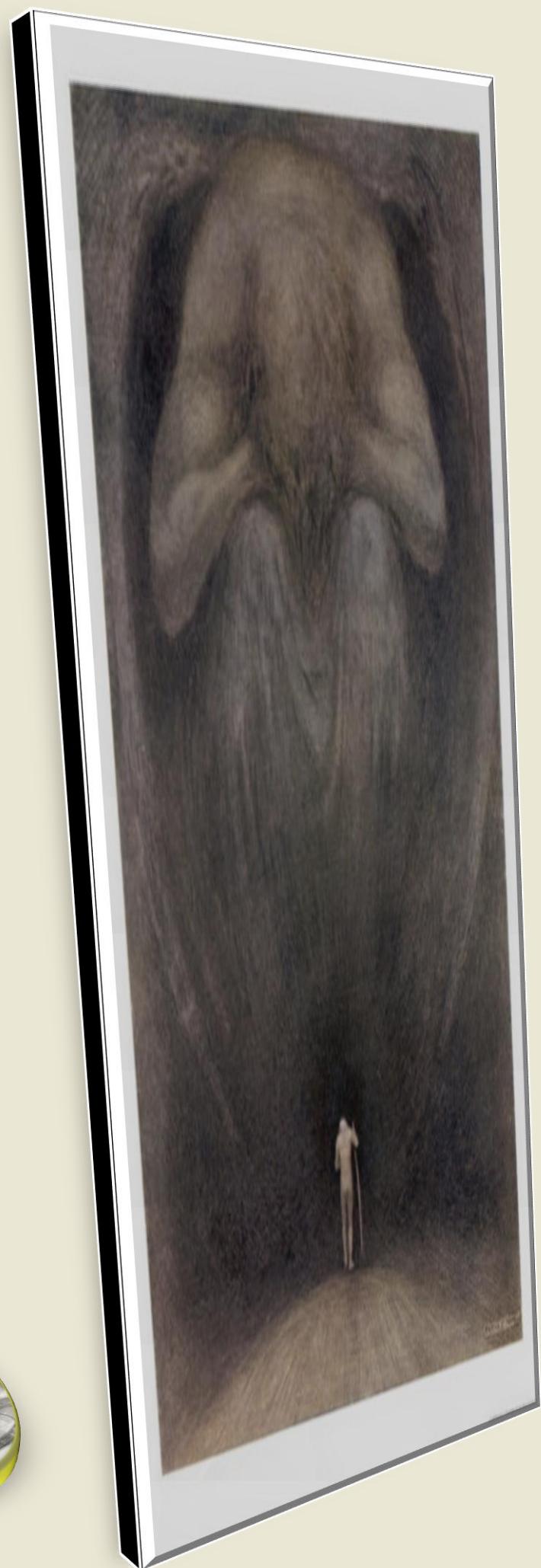
## THE LOSS

A powerful force in my chest  
Clamps over and takes  
My heart in a powerful squeeze  
And squeezes till it breaks

A loving force enters my chest  
With understanding and a  
love like glue,  
Encircles my heart until  
It's almost whole and new.

I know by now almost all  
Broken hearts will mend.  
But as I wait for the loss to end,  
I look around and...you're not there

The hurt!  
The hurt!  
Oh the hurt!





## **SUPREME COUNCIL "FAMILY OF THE MONTH" AWARDS"**

*Each month the Supreme Council will randomly select families that are nominated by their councils, by completing the Family of the Month form (forms must be turned into Supreme by the 15th of the month.) Each Family will receive a Holy Family Icon from the Supreme Council.*

**The following families are winners for  
June 2017  
Congratulations to:**



**William Perkins - Anacortes Council 3611**

**Dan Ocken - Lakewood Council 11762**



**STRONG VISIBLE PROGRAM**



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**Featured in the July Columbia Magazine**

#### **KEEPING COOL**

After holding a variety of fundraisers, Pasco Washington Council 1620 bought a three-door refrigerator, two-door reach-in freezer and commercial-grade coffee brewer ---- collectively valued at \$7,370 ---- for St. Patrick Catholic Parish's remodeled kitchen.

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#### **5 REASONS THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IS THE TRUE CHURCH**



**NO OTHER CHURCH ON EARTH CAN CLAIM THESE TRUTHS EXCEPT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH....**

1. The only Church founded by Jesus Christ.
2. The only Church that gave the world the Bible.
3. The only Church that has all the Sacraments instituted by Christ.
4. The only Church whose leadership can trace its authority to Christ and the Apostles.
5. The only true "universal" Church on earth with a solid, unified doctrine and teaching.



# WIVES CORNER

## INFORMATION DIRECTLY TO YOU

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GREETINGS EVERYONE!

By First Lady Valerie Baemmert - [firstlady@kofc.wa.org](mailto:firstlady@kofc.wa.org)

What a wonderful time I had at the Summer Leadership Meeting. I was a little scared and unsure if I'd do good. Every First Lady has different ideas on how to do things. Mine was to get more ladies interested in coming to our functions and my answer was to have fun. I believe the Scarf Exchange was just that. Thank you to those who participated. I'm looking forward to having fun at the other functions coming up and getting all of the ladies involved. But, if the ladies never get their letter saying what is happening how will they know? So I am going to do my best to make sure you ladies get your letter. I will send it myself and I will send it directly to you.

At the Summer Leadership Meeting I asked for your contact information. Whatever you wanted to give me. A few of you gave me your e-mail address and I thank you but I'm not a computer person so I'll do regular old snail mail. I will work on getting you your own lunch and breakfast tickets, too. I love my husband but he is such a "zone-head" when it comes to giving me my stuff. **That's it! He is gonna have to take me out for supper if he wants me to forgive him.**

Looking forward to the Mid-Winter Meeting, I have some ideas about that one, so look for your letter! **It will be bright yellow!!!**

(ED. NOTE: Valerie's email = [FIRSTLADY@KOFC.WA.ORG](mailto:FIRSTLADY@KOFC.WA.ORG))

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**EIGHTH ANNUAL  
“HOLY BOWL”**

**OCTOBER 13, 2017**

**DESALES VS TRI-CITIES PREP**



All funds generated from the Holy Bowl  
go to Catholic Education

**PLEASE BE IN WALLA WALLA  
TO SUPPORT OUR YOUTH!!**





# THE COURAGE OF IMAGINATION FUELED GROWTH

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*It is said that pride is the child of ignorance, humility the offspring of knowledge. A proud man thinks himself better than he is, and when criticized always believes his neighbor is jealous or has a grudge against him. The humble man makes room for progress; the proud man believes he is already there. The humble man is always dissatisfied with his writings, his works and accomplishments, but is easily satisfied with the efforts of others, and never fails to give them encouragement.*

By STEVE SNELL

Many times in life we misinterpret our talent and humility. If you listen to quality professional athletes they most often give a quite evaluation of their own talents. Listen to the quality athlete who wins on a Sunday or is on a winning team – he neither berates himself nor runs around slapping himself on the back. He simply admits he had a good day and will often thank the Lord for his performance. As Knights we could do worse than developing this type of objective humility.

One of the best definitions of humility I've heard is this: "Humility is not denying the talent you have but admitting that the talent comes through you and not from you." If you deny the talent you've been given, you lie. If you have a great singing voice, to depreciate it is to show a lack of appreciation for it. If you've been given a talent for making money (and I believe it is a talent), then use it and be the trustee of it. If your talent is administration, then help things to happen. I don't believe that God is giving anyone credit for irresponsibility, and that is what we are showing when we fail to recognize, appreciate, and use the talent that we have been given.

*We as Knights need to recognize and use the talents God gave us for the betterment of our fellow man. Talent unused is wasteful and sinful, I think the Lord may one day ask us why we never used the tools he gave us. Daniel Webster was once asked what was the greatest thought that ever entered his mind; his answer was, "Personal accountability to God for his gifts." Brother Knights use the talents and imagination that God gave you so we don't lose them.*



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PEOPLE ARE LOOKING FOR LEADERSHIP. THEY NEED MORE THAN OLD "BOILER PLATE" ECHOS!

*It's easy enough to make progress  
When life flows along like a song,  
But the leader worth knowing  
Is the one who keeps going  
When everything goes dead wrong.*

### **COUNCILS NEED A VISION - A PLAN FOR FUTURE GROWTH**

Many goals are unpredictable in the sense that they often grow. My goal for the trees we planted in our yard is for them to get big enough to shade the house, but the trees are not going to stop growing once they shade the house. They are going to keep on growing bigger regardless of whether I want them to or not. The nature of visions are to keep on growing beyond our conception. Look at the growth of our country, the space program, or for that matter look at the Knights of Columbus.

In our own back yard look at the growth of the Wheel Chair Program or the Tootsie Roll Program both of which surpassed all the preliminary goals set at their inception. There are many other examples of this throughout our state (*keep an eye on "Knights on Bikes"*) and this is good, because there ought to be growth in all areas not the least of which is membership. You die when you stop growing. Our Order grows because of the diversity of the outstanding men in our Order and because of the new ones who will join us in the future !!!

***My point is our vision will grow, Father McGivney's vision, his dream, will push beyond yesterday's goals. It will become bigger than ever imagined when other outstanding men join our team and carry it forward.....***





To cultivate life as a domestic church, a family must deliberately welcome God into its home. This program has been created to help each family do this. The [Family Fully Alive](#) program provides [monthly themes, reflections, meditations](#), family projects and Scripture verses designed to help each family place God and the Catholic faith at the center of its life. Through prayer and reflection each family has the opportunity to grow in holiness together.

### Launching Your Parish Program

Councils should speak with their pastors about the program and remind them that families can participate at no cost to the parish. The Family Fully Alive program can be used as a devotional for all families throughout the liturgical year and all of the programs [resources](#) are available here on our Building the Domestic Church WebPages.

Councils should order the full printed program book for families to use at home. You can place your order online through Knights Gear or by calling or emailing our Supply Department at 203-752-4214 or [supply@kofc.org](mailto:supply@kofc.org).

### Suggested Weekly Format

Designate a space in your home where your family can gather together for prayer. The space should be free from distractions and, if possible, decorated with religious images and sacramental to help direct the family's thoughts toward God. Open each week with the Our Father, Hail Mary or one of the other prayers included in the "[Prayers for Every Family](#)" section. Next, ask a family member to read the theme. Then, proceed with the month's prayer and activities. Then, offer some petitions with each family member, adding personal intentions to the prayer. Conclude together by reciting the [Consecration to the Holy Family](#). Feel free to add to this basic structure other devotions, songs and whatever your family finds spiritually enriching for prayer.

### Adapting This Program to Your Family

The family fully alive program is designed to be flexible to meet the continuously changing needs of your family. This program can be started during any month of the year, completing projects and saying prayers at the times and places most suitable for your family. Some suitable times would be after family dinner or shortly before bedtime, making it easier to deal with the challenge of bringing the entire family together.

However you decide to incorporate the family fully alive program into your family's busy schedule, one thing is certain — it will change your life. The monthly cycle of themes, prayers, reflections, meditations and family projects will help your family focus on the important things in the world. They will help build your domestic church as a place of faith, hope and charity, where member will grow with grace toward his or her full potential in God.



# B E L L Honoray Chaplain, Fr. Francis Inspires Knights

Fr. Francis Kikomeko of Uganda, who has filled in at Assumption for the pastor and council chaplain, **Fr. Scott Connolly** while Fr. Scott is on pilgrimage in France, was invited to attend our July council meeting. Fr. Francis is pastor of a parish in Kampala.

At the meeting Fr. Francis described the rather primitive conditions of the parish school and that since the people are very poor it is difficult to make proper improvements—painting, needed repairs to classrooms and bathrooms, and other needs. A motion was made and passed to donate \$499 to Fr. Francis's school

Fr. Francis was asked to give the chaplain's summation at the end of the meeting. He spoke of the men of Uganda and of his parish, that they need encouragement to be strong in the faith and participate more. (Perhaps we ought to ask Supreme to introduce the Order in Uganda.)

Following the meeting, Fr. Francis joined several knights at the monthly "Knight cap" at Coconut Kenny's. Fr. Connolly is guiding a pilgrimage of parishioners in France.



*Fr. Francis Kikomeko joined knights for a beer and pizza at Coconut Kenny's after the council meeting.  
Left to right: Mike Vailencour, GK Matt Williams, Gordy Wilson, Dave Rasbach, DGK Preston Knutson, Tom Jessup, Fr. Francis, PGK Ben Roberts.*



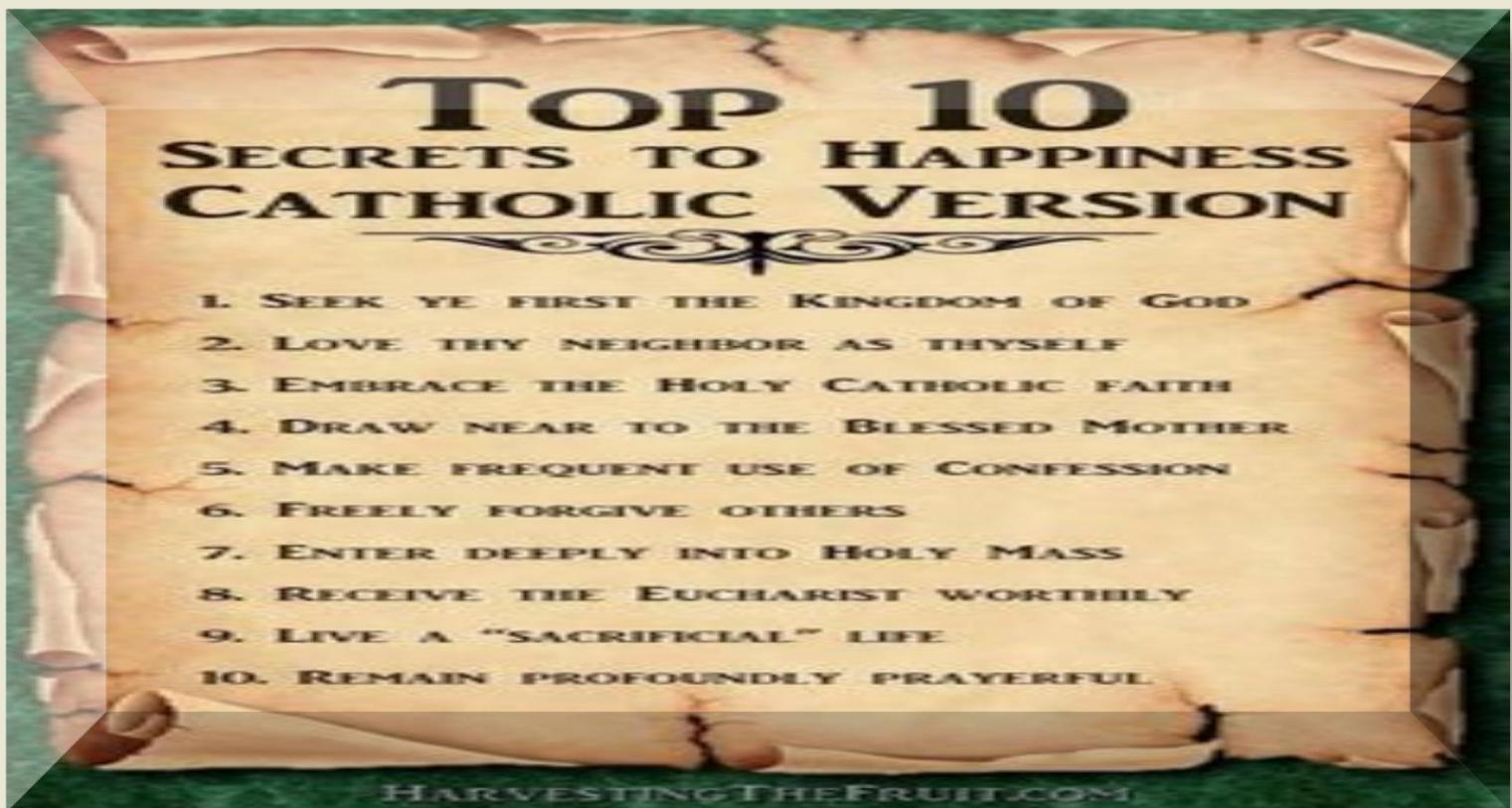
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Supreme Knight Carl Anderson threw the first pitch at the  
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As we approach mid-summer there is a lot going on...Vacations, Kids on Summer Break and Enjoying some so well needed R & R....I want you to take a moment and think about this. Do you know that Hunger NEVER takes a vacation or a day-off or goes on summer break. This is a non-stopping situation in our world today and it gets worse every day....

42 million people face hunger in America today — including nearly 13 million children and more than 5.7 million seniors. Hunger knows no boundaries — it touches every community in the U.S., including your own parish. The economy may be improving since the Great Recession, but the recovery is still leaving many of Americans who were hit the hardest behind. Millions of people are still struggling to get by because of unemployment, stagnant wages and rising costs of living. In fact, more than 46 million people still turn to Organizations like the Knights and their **Food for Families** Program each year for extra support. In a country that wastes billions of pounds of food each year, it's almost shocking that anyone in America goes hungry. Yet every day, there are millions of children and adults who do not get the meals they need to thrive.

The Bible talks about feeding people a lot. Jesus' first miracle is turning water into wine at a wedding feast. He turns five loaves of bread and two fish into a meal for 5,000 people. He repeatedly shares meals with "tax collectors and sinners"—the people that the rest of society ignores or despises.

So with all this focus on food in the Bible, it's no surprise that **Pope Francis** came down hard on those who are not working toward feeding the hungry around the world. "The planet has enough food for all, but it seems that there is a lack of willingness to share it with everyone," he said during a homily for the general assembly of Caritas Internationalis. He continued on to say that the powerful will face God's judgment; they will have to answer for their care of the poor and the environment (or lack thereof). There's not much that's ambiguous in the Pope's words. Feed the hungry. Care for those who have nothing. Do not forget those around the world who are suffering from lack of food and drinking water. They might live in your own Parish or Community or on the Other side of the world, but you are responsible for helping them. We have some of the best programs for caring for the Hungry out there....Food For Families...40 Cans for lent....Parish Canned Food Drives and so much More. SO what are **You** doing to **make a difference** in this **Never Ending** situation. I ask each of you to do something to help Those in Hunger Crisis.



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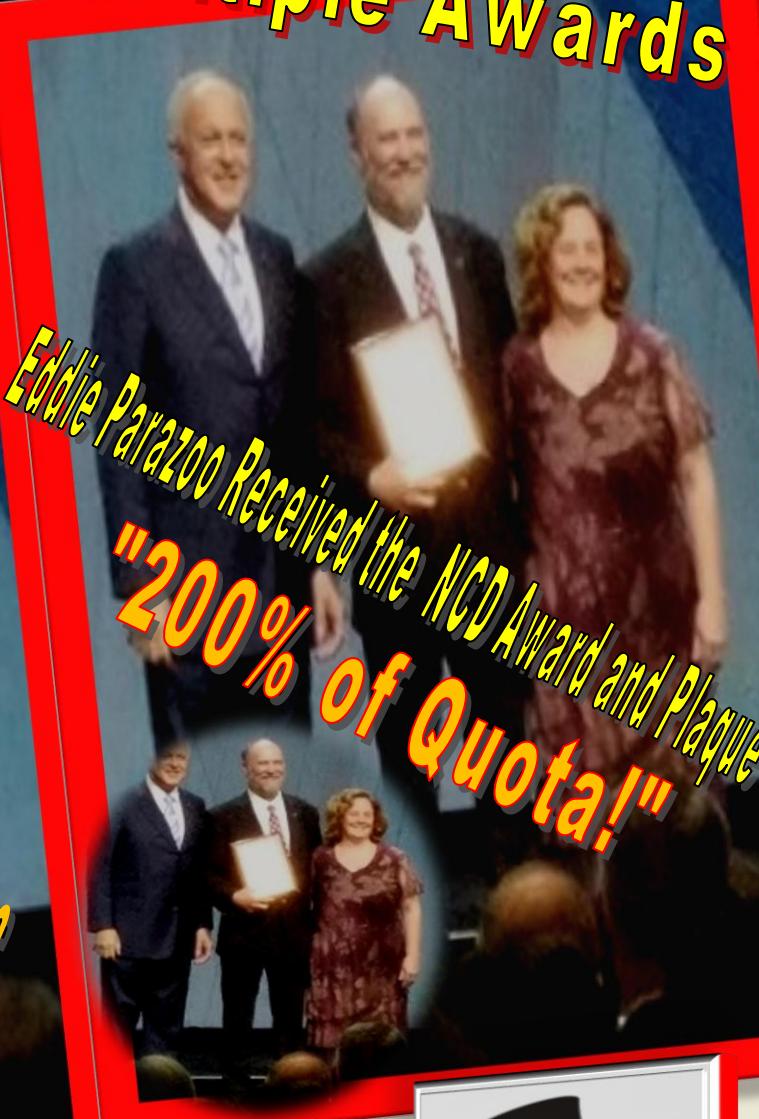
# PAST STATE DEPUTY



**PSD Parazoo Wins Multiple Awards**



Eddie Parazoo Received the NCD Award and Plaque  
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**St. Joseph Council 8872  
Colbert, Washington  
Helping a Parish Family Through  
the Impact of Cancer**

When 12-year-old Gregory Morrow, an altar server at Council 8872's home parish, was diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor, Gregory's mother left her job in order to care for her son.

Gregory's mother faced his extensive medical expenses on her own, the boy's father having committed suicide several years prior. Since she no longer had a job, she realized the only way to manage this was to sell their family home. However, before this could be done, she desperately needed assistance making home repairs, as Gregory's older brother, who struggles with drug addiction, had damaged the property.

Council 8872 came to the rescue. Knights evaluated the home, solicited donations and discount supplies from local retailers, and personally made the repairs. They replaced floors and windows, painted rooms and siding, landscaped the yard stained the outdoor deck and graveled the driveway. Thanks to the Knight's repairs, the house's final sale price exceeded its original market value by more than \$75,000.

The council didn't stop there. The Knights organized a pig roast, which brought in \$20,000. The council used these funds to cover the final costs of the home repairs and give the remaining \$16,000 to Gregory's family. Finally, members of the council helped the family move into a new home.



The convention was also the occasion for a historic announcement: the introduction of the new uniform of the Fourth Degree. After careful consideration, the Board of Directors took this action motivated by the best interests of the Order as whole and of the Fourth Degree in particular. The new uniform is part of a comprehensive and necessary effort to keep our Order relevant and attractive to men, particularly younger men.

In light of this significant change, I thought it would be helpful to address some of the questions that have been asked about the new uniform.

1. The cape and chapeau, while popular among some Fourth Degree members, have become dated and are increasingly cited as a reason that eligible Catholic men, especially young men, do not join the Knights of Columbus.
2. Today there are nearly 2 million members of the Order, but only 358,000 of them are Fourth Degree Knights — less than 20 percent. The old regalia was one reason often given by brother Knights for why they did not want to advance to the Fourth Degree.
3. We understand that some Fourth Degree members are fond of the old regalia. The cape and chapeau regalia will still be allowed, for a time, in those assemblies and districts that wish to use it, though the preference is for the new uniform.
4. Ceremonial swords will continue to be part of the Fourth Degree.
5. The new uniform is designed to be much more versatile than the older regalia and can be worn at a much wider range of functions.
6. Our choice of uniform, while important, has always been ancillary to the work we do carrying out the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, and this should always be the case.



# WA KonB Dioceses of Yakima Wine Tour Run

Had a minute and wanted to share a trip a few of the Dioceses of Yakima members made this past Sunday. We decided to go on a little day trip and do some wine tasting in the upper Yakima Valley wine district. We started off the trip at the St. Joseph Mission at Ahtanum for 9:30 mass with Father Michael, that was unbelievable receiving our lord in a church over 150 years old kneeling in the same place that had served the Yakima Nation people as the first mission church in the Yakima Valley. After mass we went into town for lunch then headed back south visiting four wineries. It was a great day and the Lady Knights seemed to have a good time.



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# TRAVELLERS

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

**In one sense, we are always travelling, and travelling as if we didn't know where we were going.**

**In another sense, we believe we have already arrived.**

**But where are we really going to or where are we coming from?**

**Are we travelling in the light, with the grace of God, with God himself, or are we walking in darkness, looking, searching for the light?**

**Are we walking alone or accompanied by His Holy Spirit? Are we lost or do we walk with confidence, knowing the presence of God is with us?**

**Our journey in life is short but so eventful that we can easily think we, ourselves, are in control of our destiny: that we are the "Masters of our own fate". Material successes can bolster that thinking and simultaneously lead us farther and farther away from the One who called us to "leave all things and follow Me".**

**As Knights, we are asked to "do" and to "do more" and even in the doing, we can get lost there, thinking we are on the right track but forget, if not minimize, for Whom we are doing. If not for His praise and glory, FORGET IT!!**

**If we truly want peace and harmony, we must develop our PERSONAL relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ: talk to Him, walk with Him, make Him constantly present as with your own shadow on a sunny day.**

**We need not walk through dark tunnels looking for the light at the far end.**

**His light is HERE, it is ours, for the keeping.**

**Accept it totally, let it lead us, and praise Him for it.**



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By Kirk McGahey

# **FINAL PAGE !**

## **RANDOM THOUGHTS:**

*As for me, except for an occasional heart attack, I feel as young as I ever did.*  
--Robert Benchley (1889-1945)

If you think education is expensive, try ignorance. -- Derek Bok

Tradition is what you resort to when you don't have the time or money to do it right.  
--Kurt Herbert Adler

*Yesterday a little pigeon in the sky  
Dropped some white wash in my eye  
I didn't complain and I didn't cry  
I'm just glad that bulls can't fly.*

## **So Till Next Month**

