

WASHINGTON STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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**GOD HAS BLESSINGS
WITH YOUR NAME ON IT!!
"VIVAT JESUS"**

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***The difference between a master and a beginner?
The master has failed more times
than the beginner
has ever tried.***

Be good, make a difference!





"FAMILY OF THE MONTH"

SUPREME COUNCIL "FAMILY OF THE MONTH" AWARDS

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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 into Supreme by the 15th of the month.) Each Family will receive a Holy Family Icon from the Supreme Council.

The following families from Washington are winners for January, 2016. Congratulations to:

Jose & Norma Nunez
Council 10652 - Ft. Lewis

Robert & Carol Farmer
Council 11789 - Bremerton

We are all aware of the importance of Family & our Brother Knights. Close your eyes - they come drifting back to us like dreams.....maybe it's not their words at all but simply their images that may be wordless, eloquent, tongue-tied, clumsy, joyous and the giving of decades of
"BEING THERE."

Unless we take pains we often forget to thank them.....Take pains.
Recognize them and say THANKS!

**PUT A NEW STAR IN THE SKY WITH A
FAMILY OF THE MONTH AWARD!!**



STATE AWARDS APPLICATION SCHEDULE



AWARD DUE DATES & WHO TO SUBMIT TO

(EMAIL ADDRESSES FOUND IN STATE DIRECTORY)

FAMILY OF THE YEAR

April 1

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April 1

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April 15

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April 15

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FAMILY POWER

THE POWER AND PEACE OF FAMILY MEMORIES

I can think of no word that evokes as much emotion or carries as much moral or political weight as family. It is imbedded in our lives and defines who we are as a culture and defines our genetic and moral composition. We're all born into a family of one sort or another and will spend at the very least part of our lives inside some form of family. The institution of family, whatever its form, remains the center of social life in virtually all societies.

By STEVE SNELL

The first tantalizing smells of fall that trailed past in the air were still in his nostrils. The past was in it; the pictures blew like smoke across his mind, the voices of friends and family, the outline of the hills, the harvested fields, the smell and warmth of the barn, the creak of saddle leather, the feel of a horse, sounds of geese flying south, the smell of fresh cut hay, the smell of hollyhocks, the school with the smell of new erasers, the echoes of his friends in the halls, sloppy Joes simmering in the school kitchen. The smoke is free to travel and it is in that freedom that they gain their strength.

So there he was watching the beauty of the moonlight that went clear through him, bringing back memories, heartbeats from his past. "I'm ready to go and look around some," he told her. "But who is there she asked, and what is there?"

He rubbed his hand across his forehead, and then slowly shook his head. "I dunno. It feels pleasantly quiet, though. And you get the smell and feel of the past the minute the road starts for home. Sort of a hazy lazy place to go, but then I've turned into a hazy lazy man, honey. Just sitting and thinking is about all I'm good for, or most of the time just sitting without the thinking. Why beautiful, where'd you get them tears?" "I wish – I wish –" she began "That's all right," he nodded. "Keep right on wishing things. That's what I been doing lately. And wishing things is often better than doing them. The way things are that's often the best way to be.

"I'm feeling a little cold." Then, slowly, he rubbed his hands over his knees, with the secret craving of the old for warmth "Honey don't give up on me," he reached out and held her hand, then the sound of silence, *and he was gone.....*

On my birthday I wish my first family, (mom and dad) were here, I miss them. But I know my wish won't work because someone has blown out my candles.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES

What does your family do when you run out of food at home? You probably make a trip to the grocery store. But many families in Washington have to wait. And wait. So they go hungry. Many people are facing short-term emergencies, such as devastating illness or the loss of a job. A helping hand is all they need to get out of a tight place. Others, especially the aged and those who are mentally or physically challenged, have long-term needs. The Food for Families program provides food from compassionate people in the Order all over our state. They, in turn, share it with people in need.

Among the families many have a large number of children.



*"I'll be all around in the dark - **I'll be everywhere.** Wherever you can look - wherever there's a fight, so hungry people can eat, **I'll be there.** Wherever there's a cop beatin' up a guy, **I'll be there.** I'll be in the way guys yell when they're mad. I'll be in the way kids laugh when they're hungry and they know supper's ready, and when the people are eatin' the stuff they raise and livin' in the houses they build - **I'LL BE THERE, TOO.**"*

(Quote from John Steinbeck's "Grapes of Wrath")

As Knights we are asking **you to be there** for those in need by using the Food for Families Program. **Please!**

QUESTIONS – Contact me, (509-386-3462) or stevesnell@charter.net

STEVE SNELL, DDM, FDD, PFN, PGK -- STATE FAMILY CHAIRMAN

DAVID'S GUARDIANS

By FATHER KENNETH KRALL

Jesuit Priest and Professor in the Modern Languages Department at Gonzaga University

King Saul's son Jonathan first appears in the Fourteenth Chapter of the First Book of Samuel. He is a young buck, running over with energy and the desire to make a mark for himself as a great warrior. One day he and his equally rambunctious armor bearer decided to take on two Philistine guards. And did so successfully. Their sudden and unexpected attack precipitated panic and confusion in the Philistine camp, which was noted by the Israelites who finally took advantage of the situation by attacking. The result? A Philistine defeat that gave victory to the Israelites and great glory to Jonathan. So much glory in fact that when through a strange turn of events Jonathan was about to be put to death by his father, King Saul, the army stopped the king and saved Jonathan. The details are all there in Chapter Fourteen and are worth a read through.

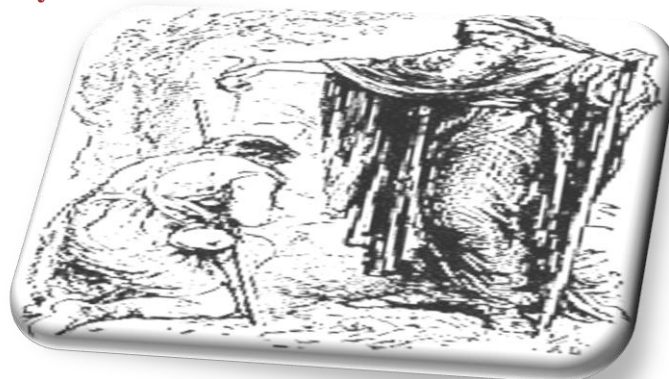
Jonathan next appears just after David so simply, yet so dramatically killed the giant Philistine warrior Goliath. In the opening verses of Chapter 18 we read that "Jonathan had become as fond of David as if his life depended on him; he loved (David) as he loved himself". And a verse or two later we learn that "Jonathan entered into a bond with David, because he loved him as himself." Jonathan then gave David his mantle, his military uniform, his sword, his bow and his belt. In fact the words we find in the Bible describing the friendship that grew up between Jonathan and David have caused many people a great deal of embarrassment. For such obvious and strong a love between two men to be so open a part of the Bible story has been something many people have wanted to cover up and ignore because it was so abnormal. Yet had his love for David not been that strong, Jonathan would most likely have gone along with his father Saul's plans to do away with David; would probably have stood by and let Saul's jealousy kill this bothersome boy/harpist turned national hero; this nobody shepherd from the pastures of Bethlehem,

who was so effectively stealing the king's royal thunder. But Jonathan did love David greatly and so saved David's life, this David from whose descendants would come one day, centuries later, the Messiah, himself born in Bethlehem..

Immediately following the birth of Saul's hatred of David, but before Jonathan came back into the picture and took David's side, an interesting string of events took place. First while in one of his black moods, when his evil spirit was upon him, Saul twice tried to nail David to the wall with the royal spear. But twice David escaped. Then in a saner moment the wily king decided to make David an army officer and so sent him off to fight wherever necessary, hoping that an enemy's arrow or spear would kill off this bothersome lad. But the Lord, we are told, was with David and David won battle after battle and so compounded his own glory and Saul's jealousy.

Next the king promised to marry his daughter Merob to David, but changed his mind close to the marriage date and gave her to someone else. However Saul's other daughter, Michal, loved David a good deal. And when Saul found that out, he said that she could be David's wife, if David brought back rather specific proof that he had killed one hundred Philistines. David took Saul up on his offer and in the end slew not one hundred Philistines, but two hundred. The victorious warrior counted out the specified proof in the presence of the king himself. David and Michal were married and Saul began to recognize that though the Lord was no longer on his side, the Lord certainly was with David. For more details about this specific proof read through the last ten verses of Chapter Eighteen.

However, Saul's realization was not real enough to end Saul's hateful jealousy and so the king went ahead with another plan, a plan that Jonathan successfully defused. But Saul would make other plans, as we will hear and he will give us yet other examples of how terrible a thing jealousy can at times be.



Vatican II appears to have been an unrelieved disaster for Roman Catholicism. Liars may figure, but figures do not lie. These statistics are a bit dated but I was unable to copy updated statistics from the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA). If you want additional statistics you can find them at the CARA website. Here are some of the grim statistics of Catholicism's decline:

By ANDREW AND JOANNE KOPRIVA

WASHINGTON STATE CULTURE OF LIFE COUPLE



Priests. While the number of priests in the United States more than doubled to 58,000, between 1930 and 1965, since then that number has fallen to 45,000. By 2020, there will be only 31,000 priests left, and more than half of these priests will be over 70.

Ordinations. In 1965, 1,575 new priests were ordained in the United States. In 2002, the number was 450. In 1965, only 1 percent of U.S. parishes were without a priest. Today, there are 3,000 priest less parishes, 15 percent of all U.S. parishes.

Seminarians. Between 1965 and 2002, the number of seminarians dropped from 49,000 to 4,700, a decline of over 90 percent. Two-thirds of the 600 seminaries that were operating in 1965 have now closed.

Sisters. In 1965, there were 180,000 Catholic nuns. By 2002, that had fallen to 75,000 and the average age of a Catholic nun is today 68. In 1965, there were 104,000 teaching nuns. Today, there are 8,200, a decline of 94 percent since the end of Vatican II.

Religious Orders. For religious orders in America, the end is in sight. In 1965, 3,559 young men were studying to become Jesuit priests. In 2000, the figure was 389. With the Christian Brothers, the situation is even more dire. Their number has shrunk by two-thirds, with the number of seminarians falling 99 percent. In 1965, there were 912 seminarians in the Christian Brothers. In 2000, there were only seven. The number of young men studying to become Franciscan and Redemptorists priests fell from 3,379 in 1965 to 84 in 2000.

Catholic schools. Almost half of all Catholic high schools in the United States have closed since 1965. The student population has fallen from 700,000 to 386,000. Parochial schools suffered an even greater decline. Some 4,000 have disappeared, and the number of pupils attending has fallen below 2 million -- from 4.5 million.

Though the number of U.S. Catholics has risen by 20 million since 1965, statistics show that the power of Catholic belief and devotion to the Faith are not nearly what they were:

Catholic Marriage. Catholic marriages have fallen in number by one-third since 1965, while the annual number of annulments has soared from 338 in 1968 to 50,000 in 2002.

Attendance at Mass. A 1958 Gallup Poll reported that three in four Catholics attended church on Sundays. A study by the University of Notre Dame found that only one in four now attend.

Only 10 percent of lay religious teachers now accept church teaching on contraception. Fifty-three percent believe a Catholic can have an abortion and remain a good Catholic. Sixty-five percent believe that Catholics may divorce and remarry. Seventy-seven percent believe one can be a good Catholic without going to mass on Sundays. By one New York Times poll, 70 percent of all Catholics in the age group 18 to 44 believe the Eucharist is merely a "symbolic reminder" of Jesus.

Through the papacy of Pius XII, the church resisted the clamor to accommodate itself to the world and remained a moral beacon to mankind. Since Vatican II, the church has sought to meet the world halfway.



“A farmer had some puppies he needed to sell. He painted a sign advertising the 4 pups and set about nailing it to a post on the edge of his yard. As he was driving the last nail into the post, he felt a tug on his overalls. He looked down into the eyes of a little boy

LOVE IS WHAT MATTERS

‘Mister,’ he said, ‘I want to buy one of your puppies.’

‘Well,’ said the farmer, as he rubbed the sweat off the back of his neck, ‘These puppies come from fine parents and cost a good deal of money.’

The boy dropped his head for a moment. Then reaching deep into his pocket, he pulled out a handful of change and held it up to the farmer.

‘I’ve got thirty-nine cents. Is that enough to take a look?’

‘Sure,’ said the farmer. And with that he let out a whistle. ‘Here, Dolly!’ he called.

Out from the doghouse and down the ramp ran Dolly followed by four little balls of fur. The little boy pressed his face against the chain link fence. His eyes danced with delight. As the dogs made their way to the fence, the little boy noticed something else stirring inside the doghouse.

Slowly another little ball appeared, this one noticeably smaller. Down the ramp it slid. Then in a somewhat awkward manner, the little pup began hobbling toward the others, doing its best to catch up...”

“‘I want that one,’ the little boy said, pointing to the runt.

The farmer knelt down at the boy’s side and said, ‘Son, you don’t want that puppy. He will never be able to run and play with you like these other dogs would.’

With that the little boy stepped back from the fence, reached down, and began rolling up one leg of his trousers. In doing so he revealed a steel brace running down both sides of his leg attaching itself to a specially made shoe. Looking back up at the farmer, he said, ‘You see sir, I don’t run too well myself, and he will need someone who understands.’

With tears in his eyes, the farmer reached down and picked up the little pup. Holding it carefully he handed it to the little boy

‘How much?’ asked the little boy...

‘No charge,’ answered the farmer, “There’s no charge for love.”



I WISH YOU ENOUGH

I wish you enough sun to keep your
attitude bright no matter how gray
the day may appear.

I wish you enough rain to appreciate
the sun even more.

I wish you enough happiness to
keep your spirit alive and everlasting.

I wish you enough pain so that even the smallest
of joys in life may appear bigger.

I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.

I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.

**I wish you enough hellos to get you through
the final good-bye.**



Recently I was in Washington and was impressed by the work going on and the potential for growth. I want to thank those who attended the seminars and ask for your input on what you would like to have presented. I want to thank the District Deputies, and Host councils for their welcoming and hospitality.



By Ray Lopez PSD Membership Program Consultant

As lent wraps up we hopefully have renewed our commitment to Jesus. With that said have you helped others do the same? I think most of you have. What has your council done during lent? Rosaries, Prayer services, and even hosting fish fry. All of those events bring the Catholic Community together allowing us to live our faith more fully, and offer fellowship. Being involved in the community is strengthening for those hosting and those attending.

Now as Easter approaches I challenge every council to make sure they recruit from the RCIA classes. As we welcome those new Catholics into the faith let's make sure they are involved in the Catholic Community. Hold a 1st Degree and make sure you have programs planned to get them involved.

Yours Fraternally
Ray Lopez PSD
Membership Program Consultant.

Reason to Recruit: *March: Easter and Spring is upon us. This is a time of renewal and growing. Our councils need spring all year round. Fresh men bring in fresh ideas. If we are not growing we are dying.*

Membership 365 is a mindset of any time or place can be a time for Charity, Service and Recruitment. Ask the question.....are you a Knight?

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What can I do to help you?





DON'T GIVE UP--PUT IN



Most of us good Catholics, when we were brought up, especially if you are of my vintage, were taught that during this time of Lent, we should "give up" something as an act of sacrifice--a form of Penance for our sins.

By Manny Aguilar, Hispanic Membership Chairman/ East

We would give up candy or some such MAJOR sacrifice, then, like our New Year's resolutions, sneak in a bar or two down the road- namely, break our vow after a couple of weeks, if not sooner. (We always had a legitimate excuse, of course.)

As much as I have tried, I have yet to find in the bible, any reference to the act of pleasing GOD by "giving up" something like food or going to the movies, etc.

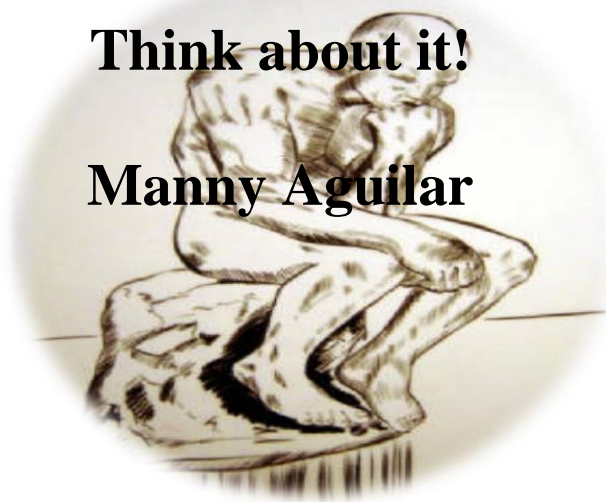
What I did find were countless references as to ways of pleasing GOD by DOING SOMETHING for someone else, especially those in great need. ISN'T THAT WHAT BEING A KNIGHT IS ALL ABOUT???

So, I will stand on record here, to go against all old traditions of "giving up" something for Lent and rather recommend you step up and "Put in" some major effort, as a Knight, and help our neighbors in need through one of our many charitable programs that are sitting there in your councils just waiting for YOU to STEP UP AND PUT IN.

After a while, it can become contagious and, I'm sure, God will be pleased so much more than if you gave up something.

Think about it!

Manny Aguilar



2nd Runner Up to International Family of the Year.

YIKES!



By Mike Reisenauer

Cindy and I met about 30 years ago through the Chancellor Club (young adult social group) at Christ the King Church in Richland. She was beautiful, always well dressed and very polite. I finally found the nerve to ask her out to dinner. We dated for about six months and became the best of friends before I asked her to marry me. We were engaged for about a year while we took part in an Engaged Encounter and marriage preparation work with Fr O'Shea, who was at Christ the King Church.

We were both surprised to hear him explain that anymore both of us being Catholic and getting married in the church was a rare thing. And that was 28 years ago. He also explained that the test we took to find areas in our relationship that needed work came back a little lower than expected. He said he would have recommended we wait on the wedding and work on our relationship more if he didn't know the two of us so well. He married us in June of 1987 and the rest is history.

Over the years we raised four beautiful children now between 18 and 26 years of age and not without challenges. Challenges that depend so much on two people becoming one together moving in unison, and at the center of it all is God. God is love and to know love is to know God.

I think it's important to understand that a family supports and encourages one another in the triumphs and low moments. It strengthens the spirit and allows each member to share, be part of and experience special moments together no matter who gets the prize. I believe it's because of family dynamics passed on over the years that respective parents and extended families help us know and understand that we are all a family unit moving as one with God.

For the last five years I've helped with the Holy Spirit Parish Confirmation class Search Retreat weekends. A lot of the questions from the kids on these weekends seem typical until an inquisitive student asks a question about divorce that prompts a response that strikes me as extremely insightful and one of life's lessons. When you are married, your primary role and your mission in life is to do everything you can to help get your spouse to heaven. Which means, divorce is not an option. When we finally put God first in our lives it can open our eyes and we see the good in everything and gets us through the heartrending times.

Marriage and the family today have lost much of the meaning it once had. It's become too easy to quit and start over. Unfortunately, when I get into conversations about divorce, like most people, I have to bring up the example of the people I work with. I'm one of sixteen in the group of which only four of us are married to our first spouse. The other twelve are either once divorced and working on their second marriage or recently divorced and working through serious life changes. This is alarming. Those of us that are married to our first spouse are the only religious families in the group. I'm the only practicing Catholic.

Cindy and I aren't religious zealots, and we sometimes pull back when asked or challenged about our faith, but we will always let our actions speak for us. Being named as second runner up to the International Family of the Year by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has been a sobering reminder that there is a lot of complexity to a marriage and the family unit that many people disregard. Without God as a guide and center-post on which to hold, the struggle to stand and move as one can quickly become too much of a load and at some point collapse.

Finally, I'd like to add one of my favorite bits of wisdom. A rule to live by learned long ago which applies as much to marriage and the family as it does to the work ethic of every member of the Knights of Columbus:

"Work as if everything depends on you..."

Hope and pray as if everything depends on God."

Author Unknown

You can learn more about the Reisenauer family by going to The Family Fully Alive section at FathersforGood.com.

http://www.fathersforgood.org/ffg/en/family_fully_alive/index.html

God Bless,

Mike Reisenauer

Grand Knight, Richland Council #3307





What, US? Family of the Year?

By Cindy Reisenauer

I was invited to the Washington State Convention of the Knights of Columbus because Mike was going to receive a “special award”. We enjoyed the dinner and the ceremony and watched the presentation of many, many, MANY awards. At the end, our family was awarded Family of the Year. I knew about the “special award”, but when it was actually announced, we were both equally surprised and felt just a little unworthy of the honor.

I am proud of our family. Mike and I have been married for 28 years—not a unique accomplishment, but somewhat unusual for recent generations. We have raised four children, now 18 to 26 years old, who are friendly, kind and hard working. Our family has been active in our parish since we were married. Mike is active in the Knights, sings for Mass every week, and assists with youth programs at two parishes. I have been Eucharistic Minister, taught religious ed, and supported the schools and sports as our children were growing up.

We are fortunate to have been brought up with supportive families. Mike comes from a family of ten children, my family had five, and the number of aunts, uncles, cousins, in-laws, etc. is mind-boggling. The families get together often for holidays and special occasions and not-so-special ones. We share food, prayers, experiences. Our family is not just the six of us, but all of the others as well.

When we heard the Family of the Year announcement, I first thought of the many families who deserve this award as much (or more) than we. There are many who volunteer more or for different things, who have faced bigger challenges, who have adopted or fostered children, or who just seem “holier” than we are. One of the Knights at the convention agreed that there are many worthy families, but they have to pick one. I then viewed the award more as showing us as an example rather than “the winner,” and I was much more comfortable with that.

On our journey of making our own family, Mike and I have taken advice, followed examples, and been mentored in various ways by our friends, family, members of the church, acquaintances, and others. This recognition of our success as a family is a tribute to all of those who God sent to help guide us throughout our lives and who continue to support us even now. The family is the cornerstone of society and can give children a foundation for a lifetime. Being chosen as Family of the Year caused me to look around and recognize the multitude of successful families and the work and grace devoted to building them.

I am humbled that our family was chosen as **Family of the Year**. It is a role that has been the most important of my life. In closing, I promise to pray that God will bless all families, and I ask that you would pray for us as well.

***Almighty God, our Father,
You who have given us life***

***"Please save my unborn
Brothers and Sisters."***



PUT THE GLASS DOWN!

A psychologist walked around a room while teaching stress management to an audience. As she raised a glass of water, everyone expected they'd be asked the "half empty or half full" question. Instead, with a smile on her face, she inquired: "How heavy is this glass of water?"

Answers called out ranged from 8 oz. to 20 oz.

She replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute, it's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my arm. If I hold it for a day, my arm will feel numb and paralyzed. In each case, the weight of the glass doesn't change, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes." She continued, "The stresses and worries in life are like that glass of water. Think about them for a while and nothing happens. Think about them a bit longer and they begin to hurt. And if you think about them all day long, you will feel paralyzed – incapable of doing anything."

Remember to put the glass down!



**Wayne C. Hogan, PSD,
FVSM, FMFD
State Ceremonial Director**



BROTHER KNIGHTS

On March 16th Father Patrick O'Hogan Second Degree Team, District 4, was certified. The Team Captain is Thomas Pursley. The team members and their positions are: District Deputy Thomas Pursley, Grand Knight Mike Colosi, Chancellor John Borrecco, Warden Tom Brignole, Financial Secretary John Hazelrigg and Inside Guard Steve Weisdepp. Also, certified were two backup members of the team, Backup Financial Secretary Fred Weisdepp and backup Inside Guard Randy Kinsey.

My sincere appreciation and congratulations to these dedicated knights and especially the Team Captain, Thomas Pursley who through his perseverance the team was certified.

Last fraternal year 2014-2015, we certified two second degree teams, Coastal Shores, District 31, Team Captain Patrick McGuire and Saint John Paul, District 23, Team Captain Scott Esary.

So far this fraternal year 2015-2016, we certified three second degree teams, SE King County, District 27, Team Captain Edward Rogers, Rainier, District 35, Team Captain, Edgardo Liloc and now Father Patrick O'Hogan, District 4, Team Captain Thomas Pursley.

Washington now has seventeen certified second degree teams, of which 14 are in western Washington and 3 are in eastern Washington.

Yours in Christ,

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State Ceremonial Director**

"HEY BROTHERS!"

"IT'S ALMOST TIME"

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
WASHINGTON STATE 113th
ANNUAL CONVENTION IN VANCOUVER
MAY 13 -- 15, 2016**

ARE WE THERE YET?



**CLOSE REAL CLOSE!
*ARE YOUR BAGS AND BUGGY
PACKED AND READY TO GO?***



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

*Following Secretary of State John Kerry's finding of **genocide being committed by ISIS against Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East**, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson released this statement:*

Today's announcement by Secretary of State John Kerry is correct and truly historic. For one of the few times in our history, the United States has designated an ongoing situation as genocide, and the State Department is to be commended for having the courage to say so. By joining its voice to that of the House of Representatives, the American people, and the international community, the United States today makes clear to ISIS that its attempt to stamp out religious minorities must cease. The United States and the world are united on this, and simply will not look the other way. The Knights of Columbus is pleased to have been able to work with the State Department in providing a nearly 300-page report filled with compelling evidence that genocide was occurring against Christians as well as other religious minorities. **We thank Secretary Kerry for seriously considering the evidence, and commend the State Department staff for working closely with us in this endeavor.**

Following this declaration, America must continue to focus on those being killed in this genocide, and our country, and the international community, must make sure the slaughter ends and that these innocent people are protected. There is much work still to be done, but this represents an important step forward.

For more information on the Knights of Columbus' efforts on behalf of persecuted Christians in the Middle East or to make donations to the Christian Refugee Relief Fund, please visit christiansatrisk.org. Donations can also be sent to Knights of Columbus Charities, P.O. Box 1966, New Haven, CT 06509-1966. The memo portion should indicate that the check is for "Christian Refugee Relief."

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THE MESSENGER

THE INTRODUCTION:

By STEVE SNELL



The MC begins: My friends, no one's stock to-day stands higher with the reading public than our guest speaker. His writing is simple. It is quietly spoken. It is thoughtful. It is eloquent. It celebrates something worthy. It is uplifting rather than degrading. He speaks of selflessness, virtue and family in moving terms. *In spite of the "shock and awe" of pop culture's use of vulgar humor and technical glitz they are unable to make up for their desperate poverty of values and expression.* Our guest's writings and family values stand up against those in our culture who romance evil at the expense of family, those who remain mute to the cries of the unborn.

By comparison many in today's culture often seem like crude Neanderthal's that have yet to discover their own humanity. Our speaker is here to remind you that God's love will never ask more of your love than love can give. Brothers and Sisters you are about to experience old testament power in a speaker who has the passion, devotion and commitment of an Irish street fighter.

The MC continues: The measure of a decent human being is how he or she treats the defenseless. **Unborn babies are defenseless human beings!** My friends take a moment, close your eyes and let his message reach in and take you home.....

THE MESSENGER RISES FROM HIS CHAIR AND QUIETLY SPEAKS TO THE GATHERING.

*"There is a lake where muted cries, drowned ideas, dreams and widows live.....
we are waiting.....*

*For the moment when the winds of heaven will open the tainted water....
we are waiting.....*

*For this will be the time that we will be shown the power of who we are
we are waiting.....*

*For He has often made the impossible possible for good men, even for me.....
we are waiting.....*

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit....."

THE BLESSED

Adrienne von Speyr
Mystic (1902 -1967)



Adrienne von Speyr was raised in a solidly Protestant family in Switzerland. After marrying, she embarked on a career in medicine. The great turning point in her life occurred in 1940, after husband's death, when she was introduced to Hans Urs von Balthasar, a Jesuit priest and university chaplain. What did it mean, she asked him, to submit to the will of god? In answering her, according to von Balthasar, " I inadvertently touched a switch that at one flick turned on all the lights in the hall." Freed from a lifetime of restraint, Adrienne "was carried away on a flood of prayer as though a dam had burst." A few weeks latter she was baptized as a Catholic.

Her influence on her confessor, von Balthasar, was enormous. Though he became one of the most influential Catholic theologians on the century, he credited Adrienne with completely reordering his theological sensibility. He alone knew the extent of her mystical experiences. In the midst of her thriving medical practice, she spent much of the night in prayer, regularly enjoyed visions of Mary and the saints, and showed a remarkable gift for interpreting Scripture. In 1942 she received the stigmata - the marks of Christ's wounds - on her hands.

Long after illness left her too weak to write, she dictated thousands of pages on commentary on Scripture to von Balthasar, continuing her spiritual labors until the end. She died on September 17, 1967.

"All freedom develops through surrender and through renunciation of liberty. And from this freedom within commitment there arises every sort of fruitfulness."

----- *Adrienne von Speyr*

COUNCIL NEWS

Council 14268 welcomed 3 fellow Knights to the ranks of 2nd and 3rd degree.



DD Stephen Sommer, Jim Hines, Rick Obrien, Steve Wilson, GK Ed Zupich

MORE FROM COUNCIL 14268

The (pictured) icon is a portrait from the original “Holy Family” etching (mid 1660’s) done by Biovanni Balestra that presently is housed in Rome. The icon we have been circulating throughout Pend Oreille County parishes was blessed by Pope Francis in June 2015. Copies of the icon are being circulated throughout the three Washington State dioceses (Spokane, Yakima, and Seattle).



(L to R) are brother knights Ed Zupich (GK), Steve Pearson, Jim Hines, Harry Tefft, Duane Sanger, Bob Kirby and Buc Buckley standing behind the Holy Family icon after it's presentation at St. Anthony's Parish on Sunday, March 13th.

THE FINAL PAGE

From the Editor's Desk

In today's world there is much crime, much poverty, much want, and from that there rises a cry that something must be done now. Let each human being, each Knight to the extent of his ability help his fellow-men. Let him do what he can in the circle of his own acquaintance to rescue the fallen, to help those who are trying to help themselves, to give work to the idle. Let each of us distribute kind words, words of wisdom, of cheerfulness and hope. In other words, let every human being do all the good he can and in that effort we will help to insure the coming of a better day.

To live your life doing all the good you can, this is in my judgment, the core of our Order and truly spiritual. To relieve suffering, to place the bright star of hope in the darkness of another's despair, this is true Knighthood!

In today's culture, temptations are as thick as the leaves of the forest, and no one can be out of reach unless he is dead. The reality of my faith is that I must be smart enough and strong enough, not to keep away from temptation, but **to resist it**. We must never give in to the temptation government may offer in the form of cradle to grave "security," if this comes at the price of surrendering our religious freedom as guaranteed by our constitution, **we must resist it**. Giving up freedom for the sake of security, for the sake of culture's latest morals, or for the sake of anything is wrong. Our religious freedom is of more value than everything else.

Brothers some people would destroy the sun to prevent the growth of weeds.

Freedom holds the same relation to all the virtues that the sun does to life.

Religious freedom is worth preserving, we must become leaders in that effort.



ASK EVERYONE TO STAND UP AND VOTE!!

Almighty God, through the death of your Son on the cross, you have overcome death for us. Through his burial and resurrection from the dead you have made the grave a holy place and restored us to eternal life. I pray for those who died believing in Jesus and are buried with him in the hope of rising again. God of the living and the dead may,

MY BROTHER JOHN SNELL

*who believed in you on earth
join you forever in the joy of heaven.
I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*May his soul
and the souls of
all the faithful
departed,
rest in peace.
Amen*



NEXT MONTH



VIVAT JESUS