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"AN ALLIANCE OF LEVITY & SERIOUSNESS"

"Join us, to bear witness to the events of our time, to reach out to the needs of the poor and the greatness within mankindour reflections are in the street and our footsteps will echo in eternity."



MERRY CHRISTMAS



HAPPY NEW YEAR!



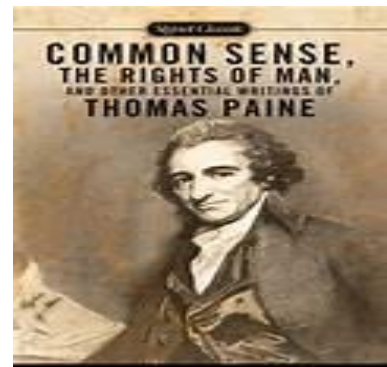


"FROM YOUR OFFICERS"

VSM's CHRISTMAS MESSAGE:

It was 237 years ago, on December 23, 1776, three days before the Battle of Trenton, when a pamphlet was read aloud to the Continental army in an attempt to bolster morale.

The famous opening lines are: **1)**These are the times that try men's souls. **2)**The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. **3)**What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed, if so celestial an article as Freedom should not be highly rated."



Sixteen pamphlets were published between 1776-1783 that together were known as "*The Crisis*." They were written by Thomas Paine who signed them with the pseudonym "*Common Sense*."

So, it is up to us, the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus, the Patriotic Degree, and indeed all Knights, to not shrink from the battle like summer soldiers and sunshine patriots, but rather stand up for our God-given, inalienable, Constitutional rights, to fight against the on-going assault on our religion, to defend traditional marriages, and to protect the unborn!

KARL A. HADLEY, PSD, FDM VICE SUPREME MASTER

ARCHBISHOP BLANCHET PROVINCE

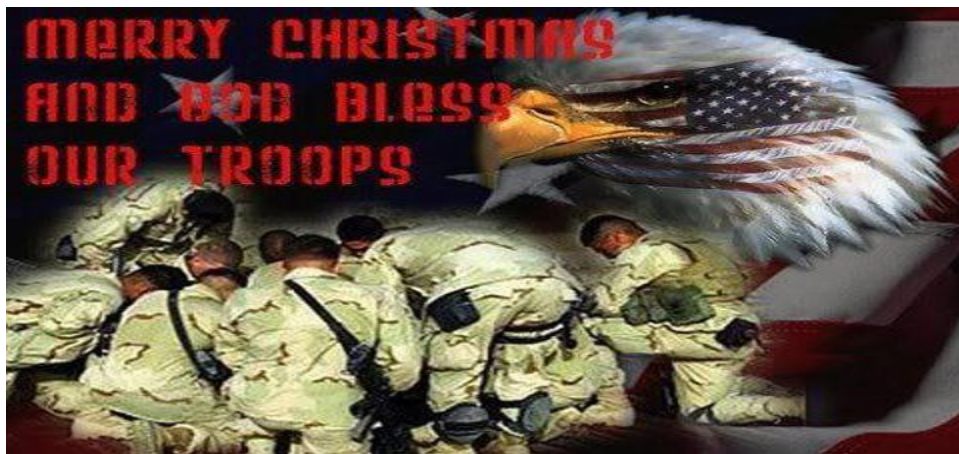


Merry Christmas!

It seems to happen earlier each year. I saw department store ads before All Saints Day this year with that jolly guy in the red suit. Then, around the middle of November, colleagues start chatting about what we might do for the office "Holiday" party. As secular Christmas takes over, it always helps me to remember the words of Saint Luke: "And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. (Lk 2:7-11 RSV-CE)

Paul Tully, Grand Knight (3611) Anacortes

Happy Holidays, especially to those serving in harm's way!



JOHN C. HAUSMANN JR. - GRAND KNIGHT, COUNCIL (11134) Spokane



"PROCLAIM IT FROM THE HOUSE TOPS KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!!!"

Manny Aguilar (8137) DD#20 - Spokane

To all my brother Knights in the Washington jurisdiction. May God bless you and your entire family. May the season and the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ bring all the blessings of our Lord and Savior. May our Heavenly Father watch over all of us and keep us safe throughout this holiday celebration. God Bless Us, Each and Everyone. Yours in Christ.

Gerry Garrison (3598) DD12, PFN, PGK, DM - Auburn

The birth of Jesus; The stars shone brighter one night so many years ago, when angels came to earth to let all men know, that Christ had come. The shepherds that were near, the wise men from the East, were among the first ones God chose to see and hear the news which still keeps our hearts glowing with love and charity. There was a Babe that in the manger lay, as promised to all mankind in Bethlehem that day. Thank you God for sending us heaven's greatest prize! My Brother Knights have a safe and Holy Christmas.



**STEVE SNELL(766) DDM, SFC,
EDITOR "THE SECOND EDITION."**

Imagine the astonishment of the angels and archangels as God the Father presented His Son to us - the most marvelous gift ever given to the world! A blessed Christmas to you all...

Duane Vincent (12899) FDD PFN PGK



Let us remember that Christmas is not about the presents. We are sharing the celebration of Jesus' coming to earth to invite us into His everlasting kingdom. God expressed his love for us by sending his son for our salvation, and He asked us to extend this love to our immediate family, our community, and the world. I pray that we may all live in God's love, and that you have a blessed and happy Christmas with your loved ones and friends.

Don Hanny, Grand Knight Kennewick Council (10653)

Brother Knights,

It's that time of year again. The hustle and bustle of the Christmas season. Black Thursday and everyone offering good (?) deals if you shop early. As knights we know that isn't the reason for the season. What we as Christians are celebrating is the season called Advent. The coming of Jesus. So let us not be caught up in the hype of the shopping frenzy and slow down and think about the birth of Jesus. Remember, it is a Merry Christmas we are celebrating, not some Happy Holiday. So in behalf of Pasco council 1620, I would like to wish every brother knight in Washington State a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Vivat Jesus,

Mike Spinler Grand Knight Pasco Council (1620)

"Don't let the hustle and bustle of this Christmas season get the best of you. May it be a special time of togetherness for you and your families and friends and a time of great joy and wonder for your young ones. Have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!!!"

Marcel*(10653) & Linda Bergeron

***Membership Director**

The St. Theresa's Council #7908 of Federal Way wishes all of our Brother Knights and their families a Blessed Christmas Season and hoping and praying for Peace on Earth and Goodwill Toward All. May the New Year bring you closer to Jesus through your charitable works. Merry Christmas and Feliz Navidad.

Ray Vankat Grand Knight Federal Way Council #7908



I want to wish all our Brothers and their Families a Blessed and Joyful Merry
CHRISTmas!

There is something that happens about this time each year. It is a conditional response that we exhibit in making lists. Everyone seems to do it! There are Christmas Card lists, the gift buying lists, the party lists, and even poor Santa who “is making his list and checking it twice...” This is a good time to take a little introspective inventory – that is – let us take the time to look within ourselves to list and count our blessings. As we do this, we might count on the fact that we have shared these blessings with the many others of our family, our congregation and our community who are in need. We are a very fortunate group of people who have a lot to feel very good about. Merry CHRISTmas and Happy New Year!

Patrick M. Maloney
Membership Program Consultant
Department of Membership Growth
Supreme Council - Knights of Columbus

The real meaning of Christmas is Giving Your Love Every Day!
May the power of the Holy Spirit this Christmas Season bring you
Peace & Joy to you and your family!
Merry Christmas!

Ed Miller, DDM#1 Council (13560) Granite Falls

Brothers All, wishing you many happy and joyous Christmas memories. May you
and your families enjoy a Holy Christmas and Happy New Year.
I look forward to seeing you at your local Regional Meeting in January.
God Bless you one and all!

Your State Secretary,
Ed Parazoo Council (12273) Kettle Falls



In Sacred Scripture Jesus tells us that all things must pass away but his words will not pass away. It is the Living Word of Jesus that gives us hope and it is his word that inspires us to anticipate the coming of the Kingdom of God, Emmanuel, God with us. Let us pray that all of our Brother Knights and Family Members will be filled with the hope and anticipation of the Coming of Christ into our lives during this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year.

Pat Lyons, Grand Knight, #9941 Burlington

May the Peace of the Christ Child be with you Brother Knights and your Families during this Holy Season and remain with you throughout the New Year.

David Van Loan, District Deputy # 16 (9617) - Everett

Christmas to me means, Christmas is for love. It is for joy, for giving and sharing, for laughter, for reuniting with family and friends, for tinsel and brightly decorated trees and gifts. But mostly, Christmas is for love.

Jeff Kadinger(8179) District Deputy # 7 - Kennewick

Brother Knights, I want to wish all of our Councils and Families the most blessed Christmas with a happy, peaceful and healthy New Year. May God be with you.

Anthony L. Farrell, #GK

Archbishop Thomas Murphy Council #12251

St. Cecilia's Parish - Bainbridge Island, WA

As we leave the happy days of Thanksgiving and began the New Church Year and the coming of Christ let us also not forget those who are in service to our country. especially those who have given their lives so that we may be free. Let us also remember those that are in our local VA hospitals. Take the time this holiday season and visit our veterans and wish them well and thank them for all they have done. Take the time to visit and volunteer at the VA hospitals. Have a great Christmas.

Tom Sokol (8201) District Master - Spokane



*It is an honor to serve the men of District 1
and do God's work in these turbulent times.*

Irish Blessing

*May the Blessings of Christmas be with you,
May the Christ Child light your way,
May God's holy angels guide you,
And keep you safe each day.*

***Tom Williams District Deputy 01
Council (676) Mountlake Terrace***

"As we enter Advent let's keep Christ in Christmas. Let's remember the less fortunate with gifts that will nourish their spiritual as well as material needs, the gift of love, understanding, empathy and compassion as well as the gifts of shelter, food, clothing and other necessities." Keep all who are less fortunate in your Prayers.
Merry Christmas and Pray for a peaceful New Year!"

**Scott Hulse District Deputy 09
Council (829) Blaine**

To All My Brother Knights and their Families:

My Christmas greetings to one and all on this most joyous celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. May our Heavenly Father send His Blessings to you and yours throughout this blessed season. May you have joy and happiness with your families and loved ones now and always.

Gerry Garrison District Deputy #12 Council (3598) Auburn



As we experience the cold and darkness of the winter season let us remember the cold and darkness of the world before our Savior came to bring us to the warmth and light only Jesus can give to each of us. Celebrate His birth and recognize Him in your family and friends during your Christmas celebrations.

Rob Fischer, WGK, Deer Park Council 9721

My message to all is:

“Pray that the Holy Spirit will help us focus on the
REASON FOR THE SEASON”...JESUS.

**Manny Aguilar District Deputy #20
Council (8137) Spokane**

“Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice; let the sea and what fills it resound; let the plains be joyful and all that is in them!” May all your hearts sing with Joy of the birth of Jesus this Christmas season! And may God bless each of you and your families this year.

**Kurt Zimmerman, District Deputy, # 8
Council (7360) Pullman**

Brothers,
Find time this Holy Season to quiet your hearts and to feel the wonder of God's mercy. He sent his only son to atone for our sins so that we may be saved. It is a Blessed time! A time to thank God for all of your Blessings. Do that and have a great season filled with joy, hope, love and, of course, some great Packers football!

HO! HO! HO!
Bob Baemmert-State Treasurer - Council (3307) Richland



My Brothers All, Christmas 1776...with the continued assault on our country to-day, remember those who braved unbelievable hardship and suffering. The events that would unfold that night and the days that followed changed the course of history, this led to the wonderful country we have today. So I would ask you to raise a toast Christmas eve to those “winter soldiers” and our Lord who guided them on their journey... and never, never forget the contributions that “good” American’s make every day to sustain what they sacrificed for and believed in. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all my Brother Knights and their families.
Fraternally

Tom Pursley DD # 4, DDM 6 - Council (1643) Olympia

To all Brother Knights and their families

As we celebrate God’s loving gift to us all, best wishes to you for a Christ-filled Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. Vivat Jesus!

From our family to yours,

Doreen, Sean and Clifton

Greg S. Mahoney District Deputy #23 Council (7907) Snoqualmie

St Judes Council 8102 wishes you and yours a very Merry Christmas and happy New Years...We have a lot to appreciate and hopefully 2014 will be good for all

Best Regards

Jerry Brandmeier GK St Judes Council (8102) Redmond



Michael Flohr council 766 extends everyone a warm holiday greeting. Merry Christmas to all Brother Knights, their families, and friends. May 2014 bring you and yours health, happiness and prosperity.

Vivat Jesus,

Gerald P. Giedeman, GK, Council (766) Walla Walla



**TO ALL WHO SENT IN THEIR GREETINGS,
GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS
AND THOUGHTFULNESS!!**



Did you know? There are and have been many famous Catholic men from all over our country who have become members of the Knights of Columbus. In the United States several of the most notable include **former President John F. Kennedy, Samuel Alito, an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States** and Jeb Bush, the former Governor of Florida and brother of former President George W. Bush. **Sergeant Major Daniel Daly, a two-time Medal of Honor recipient, once described by the commandant of the Marine Corps as "the most outstanding Marine of all time" was also a Knight of Columbus.**

Did you know? In the world of sports, **Vince Lombardi, the famed former coach of the Green Bay Packers, Lou Albano Wrestler, James Connolly, the first Olympic Gold Medal champion in modern times, and baseball star Babe Ruth** were Knights. **Former 2-time Heavyweight Boxing Champion, Floyd Patterson, was also a Knight.**

Hey PSSST, (*Lean in real close*) did you know? There are men of the same caliber as those mentioned above in each and every council in the State of Washington. Like the shepherd boy David with his sling, who achieved a place in history for all time by meeting and beating the Giant Goliath. Day in and day out within our councils we have "David's" who stand up to the Giants of our secular culture in defense of our values. They display the courage never to submit or yield to any challenges to our faith, they are defending the unborn, and they stand as guardians of family values and defenders of our country. They are their brother's keepers; they are today's David's.

Being a Knight brings out the extraordinary in the ordinary man! Please recognize this and use the ***"Family of the Month Program."***

Steve Snell, State Family Chairman

Remembrance Day

“In Flanders Fields the poppies blow” from the poem by Canadian Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae.



World War One Veteran

A moving picture of World War One Veteran Joseph Ambrose attending the Vietnam Veterans Memorial dedication ceremony in 1982. He is holding the flag that covered the casket of his son who was killed in the Korean War.



**Say a prayer for peace.
Say a prayer for me.**



"FAMILY OF THE MONTH"

PARTICIPANT'S LISTINGS FOR OCTOBER

766,1379, 11488*,1620, 1629, 2999*, 6686, 6806,7863, 7908,
8476,10652,10653,11217,11408,11762, 12591*,
12899,13374, 13794, 14689

(*DENOTES SUPREME'S SELECTED WINNERS FOR THE MONTH)

Paul &Tommi Sue Ahmann
Council 1488 - Colfax

Gregory & Terese Dayton
Council 2999 - Camas

Kevin & Karen Fraley
Council 12591 - Edmonds

GRAND KNIGHTS IS YOUR COUNCIL LISTED HERE?

WHY NOT???

**THINK ABOUT PLUGGING
THIS IDEA IN!**

**"NOMINATE A
FAMILY OF THE MONTH!"**



TRY IT, YOU'LL FEEL GOOD ABOUT YOURSELF!

STEVE SNELL STATE FAMILY CHAIRMAN

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Three drunk guys entered a taxi. The taxi driver knew they were drunk so he started the engine and turned it off again. He told them: "We have reached your destination." The first guy gave him money and the second guy said "thank you." The third guy gave the driver a slap. the driver was shocked, thinking the third drunk knew what he did. But he asked "what's that for?" "The third guy replied:



"CONTROL YOUR SPEED NEXT TIME, you nearly killed us !!!"

Our teacher asked what my favorite animal was, and I said, "Fried Chicken."

She said I wasn't funny, but she couldn't have been right, because everyone else laughed. My parents told me to always tell the truth. I did. Fried chicken is my favorite animal.



I told my dad what happened, and he said my teacher was probably a member of PETA. He said they love animals very much. I do, too. Especially chicken, pork and beef. Anyway, my teacher sent me to the principal's office. I told him what happened, and he laughed, too. Then he told me not to do it again.

The next day in class my teacher asked me what my favorite live animal was. I told her it was chicken. She asked me why, so I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken. She sent me back to the principal's office. He laughed, and told me not to do it again. I don't understand. My parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn't like it when I am.

Today, my teacher asked me to tell her what famous person I admired most. *I told her, "Colonel Sanders." **Guess where I am now...***

Physical Exam!

After the eighty-three year old lady finished her annual physical examination, the doctor said, "You are in fine shape for your age, Mrs. Mallory, but tell me, do you still have intercourse?"

"Just a minute, I'll have to ask my husband," she said.

She stepped out into the crowded reception room and yelled out loud:

"Henry, do we still have intercourse?" And there was a hush!

You could hear a pin drop.

Henry answered impatiently, "If I told you once, Irma, I told you a hundred times... What we have is...

BLUE CROSS!

ANOTHER FAVORITE FROM B.J'MOLE'

Why did Jesus fold the linen burial cloth after His resurrection? I never noticed this.... The Gospel of John (20:7) tells us that the napkin, which was placed over the face of Jesus, was not just thrown aside like the grave clothes. The Bible takes an entire verse to tell us that the napkin was neatly folded and was placed at the head of that stony coffin.



Early Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, 'They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put him!' Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb to see. The other disciple outran Peter and got there first.

He stooped and looked in and saw the linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in. Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying to the side. Was that important? Absolutely! Is it really significant? Yes! In order to understand the significance of the folded napkin, you have to understand a little bit about Hebrew tradition of that day. The folded napkin had to do with the Master and Servant, and every Jewish boy knew this tradition.

When the servant set the dinner table for the master, he made sure that it was exactly the way the master wanted it. The table was furnished perfectly, and then the servant would wait, just out of sight, until the master had finished eating, and the servant would not dare touch that table, until the master was finished. Now if the master were done eating, he would rise from the table, wipe his fingers, his mouth, and clean his beard, and would wad up that napkin and toss it onto the table. The servant would then know to clear the table. In those days, the wadded napkin meant, 'I'm done'. But if the master got up from the table, folded his napkin, laid it beside his plate, the servant would not dare touch the table, because.....

The folded napkin meant, 'I'm coming back!'

He is Coming Back!! Be ready..

FROM THE STATE DEPUTY

Sent: Saturday, Dec. 14, 2013
Subject : New Supreme Officers



My Dear Brothers... Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson is reporting two newly elected Supreme Officers...Deputy Supreme Knight and Supreme Treasurer.

The new Deputy Supreme Knight is Logan T. Ludwig, former Supreme Treasurer and Past State Deputy of Illinois. The new Supreme Treasurer is Michael J. O'Connor, a Supreme Director and Past State Deputy of Pennsylvania. They were elected by the Supreme Board of Directors at a special meeting yesterday.

The Supreme Knight also expresses his gratitude to former Deputy Supreme Knight Dennis Savoie for his many years of dedicated service.

With warm fraternal wishes and the Blessings of Christmas,

George H. Czerwonka, Jr. State Deputy Washington State Council

**GOT
OPINIONS?
IDEAS?**



***LET US KNOW,
TELL US WHAT YOU THINK AT:***

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POPE FRANCIS LEADS BY EXAMPLE

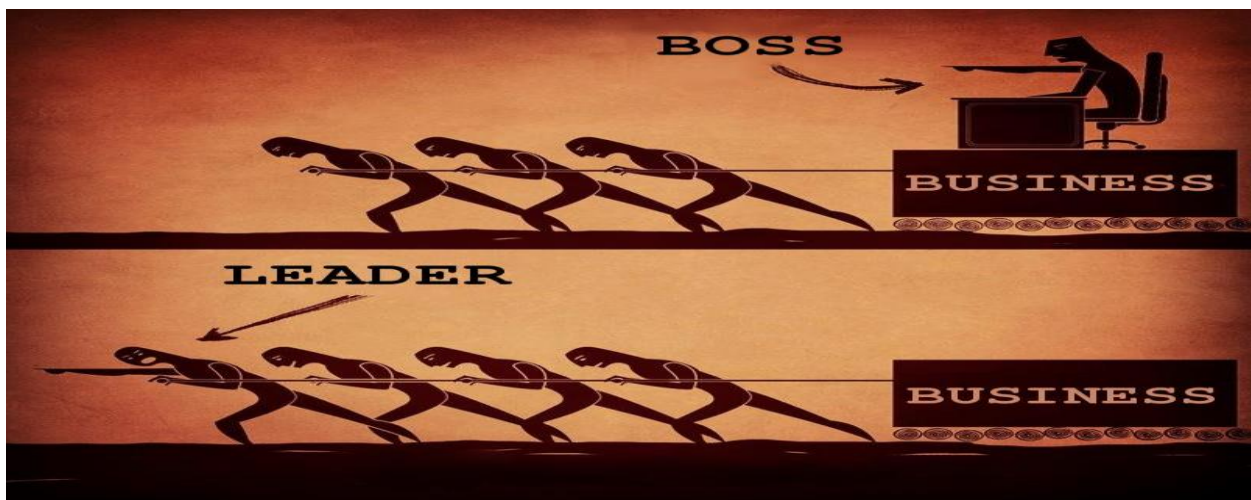
(THE FRANCIS EFFECT)

The international press, citing the Swiss Guard and testimonies of others, including the Polish Archbishop Konrad Krajewski, now brought to public knowledge that it was the best kept secret in the Vatican, although they were already many reviews that ran in the Eternal City: Pope Francisco, dressed as simple priest has left secretly at night to visit and comfort the homeless in Rome, helping teams aid of the Holy See in the distribution of food, clothing and support funds.

God save the Pope!



OR PUT ANOTHER WAY:



Pope Francis: 'I prefer a church which is bruised, hurting and dirty'

"I prefer a church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security," he wrote. "I do not want a church concerned with being at the center and then ends up by being caught up in a web of obsessions and procedures."



Pope Francis explained his most controversial remarks criticizing the church's "obsession" with transmitting a disjointed set of moral doctrines, saying that in the church's "hierarchy of truths," mercy is paramount, proportion is necessary, and that what counts is inviting the faithful in.

He went even further Tuesday, saying some of the church's historical customs can even be cast aside if they no longer serve to communicate the faith. Citing St. Augustine and St. Thomas Aquinas, Francis stressed the need for moderation in norms "so as to not burden the lives of the faithful."

At the same time, Francis restated the church's opposition to abortion, making clear that this doctrine is non-negotiable and is at the core of the church's insistence on the dignity of every human being.

The document, *Evangelii Gaudium*, (*The Joy of the Gospel*), is the second major teaching document issued by Francis but is the first actually written by him since the encyclical *The Light of Faith*, issued in July, was penned almost entirely by Pope Benedict XVI before he resigned.

In the frank and often funny style that has come to define Francis' preaching, the Argentine Jesuit chastised priests for their complacency, giving them a lesson on preparing homilies that don't put the faithful to sleep. He reminded them that confession shouldn't be "torture," and told them to get out of their sacristies, get their shoes muddy, get involved in the lives of their faithful and not be defeatist "sourpusses."

DANCING IN THE STREET

"I heard there was a secret chord that David played and it pleased the Lord....."

By STEVE SNELL



Anyone old enough to remember the 60's remembers a song called dancing in the street. The lyrics of the song lend itself to a generation bent on doing its own thing and letting it all hang out. The flower children were tuned in and turned on. It was a time of social change, personal rebellion, political revolution, of Thomas Merton and a time for Martin Luther King. According to the lyrics of the song the world was ready for a brand new beat, summers here and the time is right for dancing in the street.

When there are hard times and life appears joyless, listless, tedious and hopeless these are times when ones faith should make a difference. If I'm a religious man my faith should be that which takes my clouds away, and reinvests in me a purpose for living and provides hope for tomorrow. My faith makes me feel better from the inside out and restores my self-esteem and confirms for me that I am a child of God. My faith should give me a vision of things eternal that assures me that there is a bright side somewhere, and put a smile on my face and a song in my soul. My faith should be so powerful that on any day of my life I could be found dancing in the street.

I'm convinced that there is something fundamentally wrong when some who claim to be among the called and converted think that religion was designed to make them look like they just lost their best friend. They sit in the same pew every Sunday, and never smile. They never rock the boat and they keep their mouths shut and some go out as sad as when they came in.

On the other hand I think the good news of Jesus Christ is designed to rock your boat, to fill you, to saturate you, to cleanse you, to take the broken pieces of your life and put you back together. It is designed to open you up and set you free, to liberate you, to give you help and hope, and the will to live one more day. And as a consequence every once in a while, even with your prim and proper self, you ought to smile and try dancing in the street.

I understand why much of the natural expression of the joy of life has been taken out of some churches and some organizations. The educated and refrigerated have decided that to give into the spirit within us is not the cultured thing to do. They have decided that to break out in a joyous shout or song is not proper decorum. They have decided that those who break out in dance or song are spiritually unstable or they have flat out lost their mind. So consequently many of those who compose the “traditional”, those who are among the frozen chosen, the high bound conservative “I shall not be moved crowd” have no desire to dance, sing or live the joy of our faith and our Lord's gift of life. **What a tragedy!**

Second Samuel

(Chapter 6)

David with all the Israelites made merry before the Lord. Then David, girt with a linen apron, came dancing before the LORD with abandon, as he and all the Israelites were bringing up the ark of the LORD with shouts of joy and to the sound of the horn



When David set about the task of bringing the Ark of the Covenant back to Jerusalem he did not bring it back alone he took 30,000 men in a huge display and brought it back. When he entered Jerusalem he walked out without his kingly robe and royal crown with nothing on but linen and there in the middle of the street David danced before the Lord with all his might. Something happens when you stand in the presence of God! When you stand in the presence of the creator of the universe, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, something moves you.

*We are Knights, we dance and sing our faith every day of this life that God has given us. We shout in the defense of the unborn. As Knights we provide a “brand new beat” for those who need a helping hand. Young and old we move as one, together we sing **Happy Birthday Jesus!!!***

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

"The Chaplain's Corner" is a monthly forum for a Pastor or any religious by invitation of the Second Edition, to pass any message that they wish on to our readers.

*No one was available to send in an article so once again..... **it's me!!!***



By STEVE SNELL

A sick man turned to his doctor as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, 'Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side..' Very quietly, the doctor said, 'I don't know..' 'You don't know? You're, a Christian man, and don't know what's on the other side?'

The doctor was holding the handle of the door;
On the other side came a sound of scratching and whining,
And as he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room
And leaped on him with an eager show of gladness.
Turning to the patient, the doctor said,
'Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before.
He didn't know what was inside..

He knew nothing except that his master was here,
And when the door opened, he sprang in without fear.
I know little of what is on the other side of death,
But I do know one thing...

I know my Master is there and that is enough.'

*Merry Christmas
to You and Your Families!*



Warm wishes and prayers from Your Friends at the Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades

May our Lord grant you peace, love, and joy this Christmas and all through the New Year!

2014 RETREAT SCHEDULE

CLICK ON EACH RETREAT FOR MORE INFORMATION

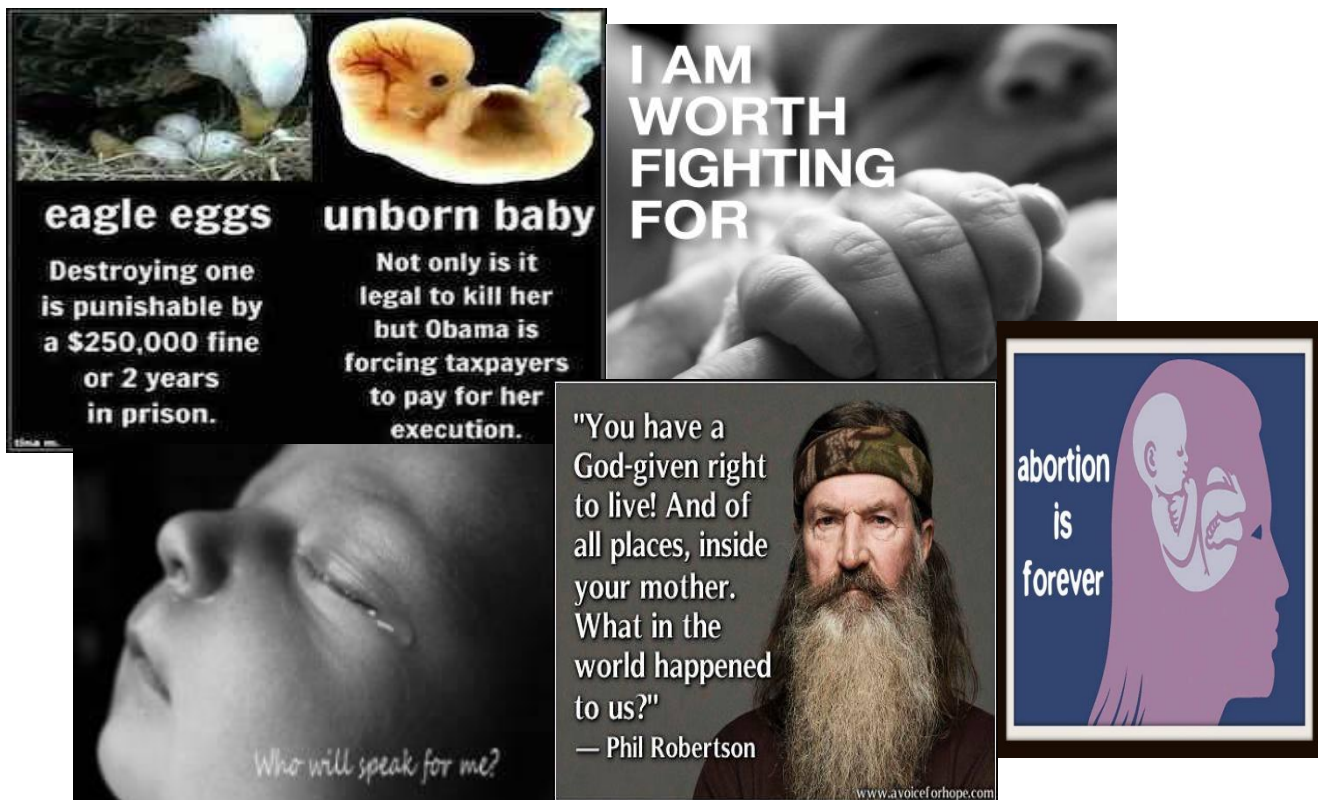
<u>JAN 3-5</u>	<u>Beginning Contemplative Prayer</u> <i>Sr. Joyce Cox, Paul Peterhans M.Div., Dr. Rebecca Cortes</i>
<u>JAN 31-FEB 2</u>	<u>Responding to the Spirit: In the Soul, the Church & the World</u> <i>Fr. Bruce Nieli</i>
<u>FEB 14-16</u>	<u>Apostles of the Interior Life</u> <i>Sisters of the Apostles of the Interior Life</i>
<u>FEB 21-23</u>	<u>8 Habits of a Successful Marriage</u> <i>Fr. Pat Freitag</i>
<u>FEB 28-MAR 2</u>	<u>The Joy of the Gospel</u> <i>Fr. Lukas Misko and Deacon Eric Paige</i>
<u>MAR 14-16</u>	<u>Men's Silent Lenten Retreat</u> <i>Fr. Sean Raftis</i>
<u>MAR 21-23</u>	<u>Meeting Jesus: Meditations on the Word, Silent Retreat</u> <i>Msgr. Brian Bransfield</i>
<u>MAR 28-30</u>	<u>Inspired Common Sense, Women's Silent Retreat</u> <i>Fr. Lewis Fiorelli</i>
<u>MAR 28-30</u>	<u>A Spiritual Look at Shakespeare: Antony and Cleopatra</u> <i>Fr. Stephen Rowan</i>
<u>APRIL 11-13</u>	<u>Into the Passion: Palm Sunday Men's Retreat</u> <i>Fr. Jim Lee</i>
<u>APRIL 23-25</u>	<u>What if Your Vocation is Love? St. Therese of Lisieux Retreat</u> <i>Fr. Andrew Small</i>
<u>APRIL 25-27</u>	<u>A Time to Thrive: Transition into High School Retreat</u> <i>Aires Patulot</i>
<u>MAY 9-11</u>	<u>Women's Silent Retreat</u> <i>Fr. Jim Northrop</i>
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The fee for a weekend retreat is \$199 per-person (single room) and \$165 per-person (shared double room). Our price includes all presentations, six meals, and two nights in a comfortable room with private bathroom and individual heat control. Access to the beach, nature trails, library, and 24-hour chapel provide quiet settings in which you can more intimately encounter our Lord.



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Three men got married:

The first man married a woman from Kansas. He told her that she was to do the dishes and house cleaning. It took a couple of days, but on the third day, he came home to see a clean house and dishes washed and put away....

The second man married a woman from Idaho. He gave his wife orders that she was to do all the cleaning, dishes and the cooking. The first day he didn't see any results, but the next day he saw it was better. By the third day, he saw his house was clean, the dishes were done and there was a huge dinner on the table.

The third man married a **farm girl from North Dakota**. He ordered her to keep the house cleaned, dishes washed, lawn mowed, laundry washed, and hot meals on the table for every meal. He said the first day he didn't see anything, the second day he didn't see anything but by the third day, some of the swelling had gone down and he could see a little out of his left eye, and his arm was healed enough that he could fix himself a sandwich and load the dishwasher. He still has some difficulty when he pees.



*Hi Steve, Can you find a way to put the following e-mail I got from Steve Lawrence of Tacoma in this month's Second Edition as some tips from a council that is having great success with membership so far this year. **They are currently at 114% of their goal already.***

Marcel Bergeron, State Membership Director



"At the core of our Council are some long-serving Knights who really care. Our Council is a little over 10 years old, and the early years were a struggle just to make things go. Five years ago we had about 35 Knights, of whom 12-15 were "regulars." Our biggest hurdle was having funds to do more. So when our funds were almost exhausted, it was decided to hold a fundraiser.

I feel this decision has had significant consequences. We had a couple false starts before getting going. Our Parish Pastor gave us "a talking to" about six years ago, after a couple events were placed on, then removed from the Parish Calendar. In my opinion, this was a turning point. This led to resolution to get it right. Our first event had a "Church History" theme; the second was an Oktoberfest, which proved to have better "draw." These two events were coordinated by the late PGK and PDD Dick McEntee, one of our Council "greats." Our first event sold a little over 100 seats and raised less than \$5000; this past October we sold 340 seats and raised almost \$21,000 after costs - all going to charitable causes. Another key is that we do not use catering services (to minimize costs), but have Knights serving - over 70 at Oktoberfest this year!!

I believe what the Oktoberfest has done is given us mission focus and experience in organizing to "do more." We have expanded to conduct other events, including Lenten Fish Fries, processioning Communion during Mass as Knights, etc.. All give us "green vest visibility" within the Parish. This has a magnetic effect - when men see Knights working together and delivering tangible benefits to the Parish, they want to belong (and in some instances their wives push them to join). In five years we have grown to 116 Knights. Also, we are transforming toward a lower median age, and more diversity - reflecting regional trends.

Most member gains occur after Pulpit announcements, but we get others periodically - we have collected three Form 100s since our last Oktoberfest. I think the PR associated with repetitious green vest visibility at clearly well organized events are key in "the word getting around." It is human nature to want to belong within a social setting, and everyone wants to be on a winning team. My point is that the combined elements described above - leadership, defused organization, a collective resolution toward success, visible brotherhood in action, tangible benefits and success - have created a synergy with its own momentum.

Our Pastor (the same as above) is clearly pleased with our contributions. A few years ago he asked us to sit on the Parish Council. This gives more opportunities to "get the word out" about our activities. At the December Parish Council, our Pastor asked us to complete a survey, including listing five strengths and five weaknesses of our Parish. Of the four men present (besides myself), two listed the Knights as a strength of the Parish. Since none are Knights (yet), you can bet I will offer them Form 100s at the next Parish Council.

Steve Lawrence, GK, Council 13238, Tacoma

REMEMBER EVERY CHILD IS THE FACE OF GOD!



Prayer for the Unborn

Heavenly Father, in Your love for us, protect against the wickedness of the devil, those helpless little ones to whom You have given the gift of life. Touch with pity the hearts of those women pregnant in our world today who are not thinking of motherhood.

Help them to see that the child they carry is made in Your image - as well as theirs - made for eternal life. Dispel their fear and selfishness and give them true womanly hearts to love their babies and give them birth and all the needed care that a mother can give.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.



PROTECT GOD'S CREATIONS

OPPORTUNITIES TAKEN AND IGNORED

By DUANE VINCENT



One of those recent nights when physical pain and emotional difficulties combined within me to deny a peaceful and refreshing sleep found me grappling with the essentials of my own life – opportunities taken and those ignored, as well as opportunities never offered.

As with all of us, the list of “what if” items in my life varied from time to time – from the occasion when the father of my high school sweetheart died and my parents denied me the opportunity to offer comfort and support when it was most needed - to the time when the physician at the induction center was prepared to declare me physically unfit to serve my country with pride, honor and dignity.

“What if?” What if I had not accepted the invitation of the Holy Spirit and His bountiful gifts of faith that enabled me to embrace the Catholic faith at the age of fourteen? Surely, I would not have had the opportunity to walk the path of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity with my Brother Knights these 44 years. How would my life and the lives of others around me have been affected?

Christian marriage and a solid family life are part and parcel of who I am – and I have to ask “What if” Sylvia and I had not shared those same values?

My Brother Knights, Advent is upon us; perhaps now would be a good time for you to take that symbolic “one step forward” – the “What if” step that causes you to define yourself today – for all of the tomorrows in your life.



DUANE'S UPDATE!

(Palliation -pronounced (pal-lee-uh-tiv) is defined as “relieving or soothing the symptoms of a disease or disorder.” The overall goal of palliative care is to improve your and your family's quality of life while you are ill, and can be provided at a hospital, nursing home, assisted living facility or in your home.)



By DUANE VINCENT

Palliative care – not to be confused with “assisted suicide” - is a wonderful tool that is going to assist me in coping with the possibly very painful future that lies ahead. I have already had to cope with a higher level of pain than I should wish to endure, but controlling that level of pain has been demonstrated to be possible.

There is no compelling reason that I should have to take extraordinary measures to prolong my life; nor is there any compelling reason to deliberately shorten it, either. A recent hospital stay gave my professional caregivers an excellent insight on how to cope with what lies ahead. My physician is totally comfortable with my decision to not continue the present course of treatment, and allow the normal progression of my health to decline without major intervention.

An end of life directive is a very necessary part of planning the future, and I have very carefully made my physician and family aware of my desires in this matter. Basically, it boils down to “do not resuscitate”; do not feed me intravenously; and above all keep me hydrated and as lucid as possible without undue suffering. I urge others to carefully consider their options before others have to make those decisions on their behalf.

This may not be the choice desired by others, but for me it is what I want, and is in complete conformity with my Catholic faith.



TIME'S PERSON OF THE YEAR POPE FRANCIS

With compassion, the leader of the Catholic Church has become a new voice of conscience.



How do you practice humility from the most exalted throne on earth? Rarely has a new player on the world stage captured so much attention so quickly—young and old, faithful and cynical—as has Pope Francis. In his nine months in office, he has placed himself at the very center of the central conversations of our time: about wealth and poverty, fairness and justice, transparency, modernity, globalization, the role of women, the nature of marriage, the temptations of power.

At a time when the limits of leadership are being tested in so many places, along comes a man with no army or weapons, no kingdom beyond a tight fist of land in the middle of Rome but with the immense wealth and weight of history behind him, to throw down a challenge. The world is getting smaller; individual voices are getting louder; technology is turning virtue viral, so his pulpit is visible to the ends of the earth. When he kisses the face of a disfigured man or washes the feet of a Muslim woman, the image resonates far beyond the boundaries of the Catholic Church

These days it is bracing to hear a leader say anything that annoys anyone. Now liberals and conservatives alike face a choice as they listen to a new voice of conscience: Which matters more, that this charismatic leader is saying things they think need to be said or that he is also saying things they'd rather not hear?



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

I MISS MY UNCLE

By STEVE SNELL



*When I was attending the college of hard knocks, all my friends had a rich relative or two who would come to their rescue in time of financial need. Everyone but me. Judy's grandpa was a rich wheat farmer, Conrad's cousin played in the stock market, and even Walt who rested more than he worked had someone. **Not me, I had something better, an uncle who loved his homebrew and a good time.***

My uncle loved to entertain and show his old home movies. And he always roared when it came to the part where he jumps off a diving board, the projector's reverse button let him hop out of the water and back on the diving board again. Nobody else thought it was as funny as he did, but we all laughed and he went through the same thing at least a dozen times before moving on.

On a summer night my uncle would break out a jug or two of his homebrew, sit on his cement patio with a few good ole boys, turn on his bug zapper, cook a few hamburgers on his grill and listen to the ball game on his radio. His homebrew encouraged him and his colleagues to belch a lot on those nights, he broke wind with the best of them and thought it funny -- but he had the right. It was his home, he was a good man and he needed to unwind.

My uncle was a lot like most of us, he had figured out his life and was living happily within its boundaries. You see, he always laughed when he jumped off the same diving board, into the same lake, making the same splash, over and over and over and over.....

My uncle once observed, after a few jugs that; *"In this drama of human life, we are all actors, and no one can escape their part. Will this drama of life have an end? Will the curtain fall at last? Will it rise again upon another stage? Science can't prove it, philosophical reasoning says perhaps, **my faith still whispers yes.**"*

A final confession: Today there are two kinds of people left who watched my uncle's diving board antics. Those who watched and laughed with my uncle and drank his beer. Then there are those who won't admit it.

THANK YOU TO MY BROTHERS , FRIENDS AND FAMILIES.

I cannot end this year and prepare for a New Year without thanking everyone for allowing me to be a part of your great Brotherhood, The Knights of Columbus. Like I once told my Dad, I want to be just like you when I grow up. With all the wonderful support I have received, I should have done better, for your patience and understanding I thank you.

The great support and encouragement I have received for the Second Edition is truly amazing. With your help and ideas I hope that it will improve and be able to serve you through communication and thought provoking ideas. Please feel free to participate with your thoughts and ideas, they are the fuel that will propel our Order into tomorrow.

*Please join with me in embracing the vastness of possibilities that the New Year brings to our Order. We are so very fortunate to be in this place at this time, we have before us the chance to save lives and change the world.
Let us never lose sight of where we came from or where we are going!*

Merry Christmas and Feliz Navidad.

STEVE SNELL, EDITOR SECOND EDITION

