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Challenge By Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to fast or abstain from meat one day a week to prepare for Christ's coming. Second, I challenge you to help prepare for Christ's coming through the Faith in Action Keep Christ in Christmas program or by simply wishing others a "Merry Christmas."

TO OUR MEMBERSHIP

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

My Christmas wish for my Second Edition Family is that each of you may experience the Humble Grandeur of the coming of the Baby Jesus this Christmas, and that you may receive and "**see perfectly"** the abundant gifts and blessings bestowed upon you by our Lord in this New Year of "**Twenty-Twenty**."

Bob Baemmert- IPSD
Washington State

All Officers and members of the **Fred Harrington Council #7863 in Marysville** wish our State Officers, and fellow Knights and their families a very **MERRY and BLESSED CHRISTMAS, PEACE** in your hearts, and **HAPPINESS** in your home in the coming **NEW YEAR**!

Fraternally, John Fails FS #7863

My Dear Brother Knights,

Wishing you all the best for this Blessed Christmas Season and May God bless you and your families for the coming New Year!!!

Marcel & Linda Bergeron

To my Brother Knights and their families,

Lady Sheila and I send our sincere wishes to you for a Happy and Holy Christmas Season, and a Healthy and Happy New Year. May the Christ Child shower His blessings upon you. Thank you for all that you do.

John M. Wallace PSD
Sheila R. Wallace FFL

Brothers All,

May God's Blessing be with you in this Holy Season and throughout the coming year. Hope you and your families are safe and warm. And the Lord shines on your household.

Vivat Jesus,
Eddie & Dawna Parazoo
PSD and FFL

Merry Christmas,
May He bless you in this New Year
Carl Ungerecht, Walla Walla Council 766

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL FROM DISTRICT DEPUTY 15

STEPHEN SCHWEYEN (16690)

Merry Christmas to you and all my Brother Knights. May your Traditions continue and don't let anyone steal them.

Pete Caldwell (3361)

I sincerely wish all your readers the Holiest of Christmases and prosperous New Year.

Feliz Navidad y Prospero Ano Nuevo a todos mis Hermanos de habla-Espanol.

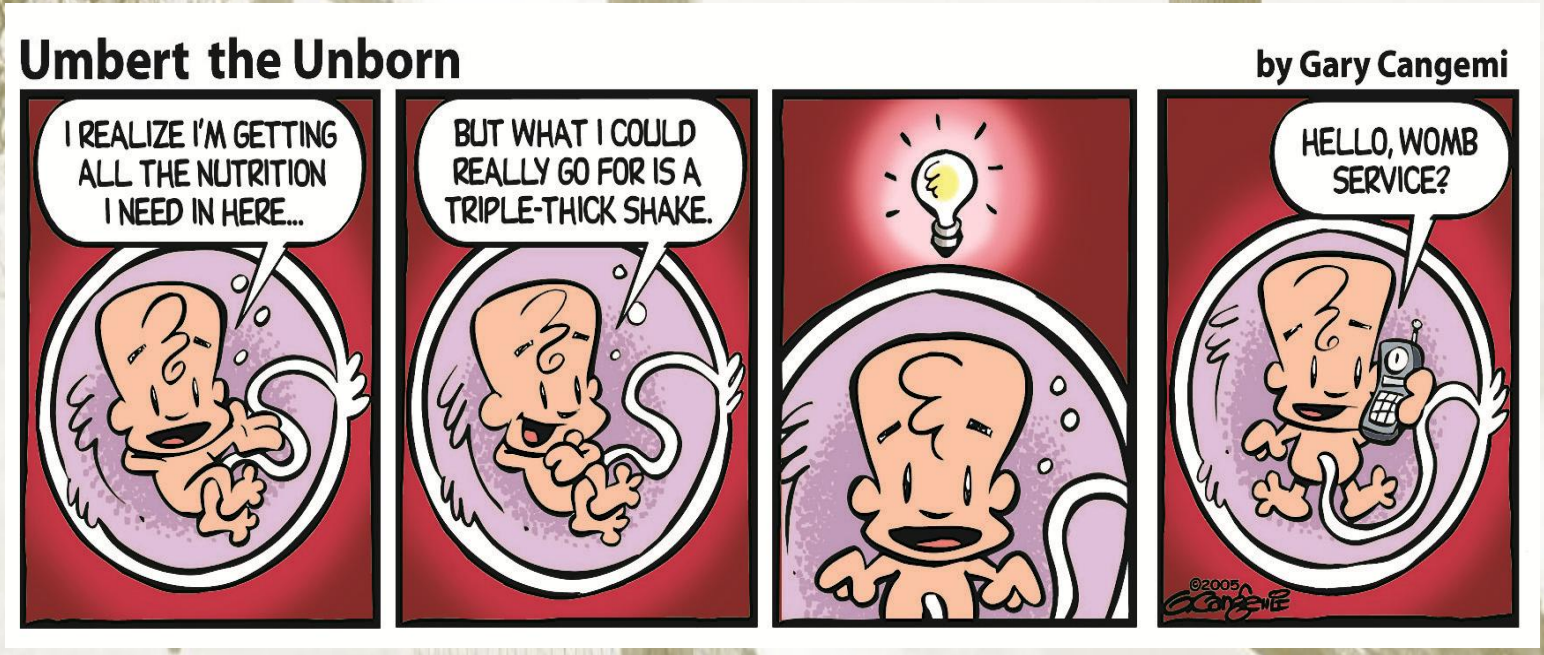
Pray for Peace.
Manny Aguilar

Merry Christmas to All of my Brother Knights”

Tis the season to be on overload but I would like to take a moment to wish all of my Brother Knights and their Families a very Blessed Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. Thank you all for your efforts to help create a spirit of a Christian culture of Life.

I pray all will participate in the 2020 March for Life / Walk for Life as well as your local Mass for Life. You will find dates and locations under the LIFE tab on the State Website (kofc-wa.org)

God Bless and Merry Christmas to you and your families,
Ron DeGroot
Life Director
Washington State Council



CHRISTMAS IN POLAND

BY GEORGE H. CZERWONKA, JR.

Steve...here is the full story of Christmas in Poland...we celebrate with similar observances in my family. George

Christmas in Poland is a major annual celebration, as in most countries of the Christian world. The observance of Christmas developed gradually over the centuries, beginning in ancient times; combining old Polish pagan customs with the religious ones introduced after the Christianization of Poland by the Catholic Church. Later influences include mutual permeating of local traditions and various folk cultures. It is one of the most important religious holidays for Poles, who follow a somewhat strict traditional custom. Christmas trees are decorated and lit in family rooms on the day of Christmas Eve. Other trees are placed in most public areas and outside churches. Christmas in Poland is called "Boże Narodzenie", which translates to 'God's Birth'.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Day of Saint Nicholas on 6 December is the unofficial beginning of the festive season in Poland. Well-behaved children receive small gifts on the day, whereas naughty children receive a lump of coal or a twig, called "rózga". The highlight of the holiday is the most significant day, Christmas Eve on the 24 December. Polish Wigilia begins with the appearance of the first star, which corresponds to the Star of Bethlehem. During preparation, hay is spread beneath the tablecloth as a reminder that Jesus Christ was born in a manger. According to tradition, an empty place setting is symbolically left at the table for the Lord or, for a lost wanderer who may be in need of food or shelter. The supper begins with the breaking of the Christmas wafer known as "opłatek", a custom only observed in Poland and some parts of Lithuania. The meals must be meatless as a sign of fasting and twelve different dishes are made, thus symbolizing the Twelve Apostles. The celebration ends with the exchange of gifts and a midnight mass in churches.

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CHRISTMAS, THE KNIGHTS AND THE MAN I WANT TO BE.

BY KIRK McGAHEY GK, COUNCIL 10543 >>

One of the many wonderful aspects of the birth of Christ is the humble way in which he came into the world, in perfect contrast with the expectations of Jews of the time. They wanted a regal King that would have greater wealth than Solomon, and military leadership beyond what Israel had seen with either Joshua or King David. It was time to throw the Romans out of Israel and Judea, along with the evil and perverse house of Herod.

What they got was a carpenter's son of very modest means, a teacher and a Rabbi. But they also got a savior, even if they didn't realize the implications.

The birth of Christ is among the first of many profound paradoxes and mysteries. The King of Kings was born into poverty, a fugitive from Herod, grew up in obscurity, lived meagerly with his disciples, had no home, and suffered a criminal's execution – for us.

Another paradox is that the true power of Christ isn't so much about seeing Christ thru the lens of our expectations but seeing ourselves in terms of Christ's expectations of us, following His examples and teachings, while renewing ourselves in Him in the Eucharist.

This is not an easy endeavor. I'm finding it takes a lifetime. But then, another paradox comes to mind, from today's Missal reading: "For my yoke is easy and my burden is light". Mt 11:30

What does our King, born with no wealth or possessions, expect of us? Everything.

When I joined in 2014, my expectations for the Knights and my walk with Christ frankly weren't very ambitious. I attended Mass, was fine with going to council meetings, and enjoyed the Knights' fellowship and service opportunities.

Then after a few years, I started paying more attention to the attitudes and dispositions of some of the Knights who've been in the council for a long time and started to see how Christ like some of these men are. They never call attention to themselves; they serve happily, quietly and consistently. They were, and are, is playing the behavior of true discipleship.

The example set by these Knights has had a deep impact on me, leading me to ask myself what I am holding back from Christ? That's not a comfortable question. But since I've asked it and opened myself up to serve as I see them serving, I've been able to go to the next level within the Knights, and in my faith.

Last summer, I was at a "Defending the Faith" conference at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio, where one of the speakers said, "I'm not the man I want to be, but I'm not the man who I used to be". That sums it up nicely, and service to my Priest, parish and community through the Knights has been transformative and very rewarding. And it's just beginning.

The Knights of Columbus is truly a force multiplier in making disciples of men. The wide range of programs, especially Faith in Action, afford numerous opportunities for men to serve and grow in Christ. We support each other, and I feel we have inherited the joy and spirit first given to Christ's disciples. With these men, to borrow a K of C program name, that's how we "Keep Christ in Christmas".

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Christmas Greeting:

To all Brother Knights and families, may God Bless you abundantly this Christmas and throughout the coming Year! Be Joyful!
Fraternally, Greg Mahoney
State Treasurer and District Deputy Director

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State Secretary-Kim Washburn

Barbara and I wish each of you a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I pray this country will move to what is important and congress will take care of business representing the voters that sent them there.

Fraternally,

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FVSM HADLEY'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.

:***"A house divided against itself cannot stand." (from an address by Abraham Lincoln, on June 16, 1858, at the Illinois State Capitol, in Springfield) He took it, of course, from the Bible - "And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand." (Mark 3:24-25)***

BY KARL HADLEY PSD, FMFD, FVSM

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote his poem, "Christmas Bells," on Christmas Day 1863 at the news of his son Lieutenant Charles Appleton Longfellow having suffered severe wounds in battle during November 1862. As he sat nursing his son and giving thanks for his survival, Henry Wadsworth

Longfellow penned the poem.

You remember how the song begins:

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

We don't sing two later verses that speak of the history of the times:
Then from each black, accursed mouth
The cannon thundered in the South,
And with the sound
The carols drowned
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

It was as if an earthquake rent
The hearth-stones of a continent,
And made forlorn
the households born
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

You may not have heard or sung the penultimate verse to the poem which, given the recent impeachment proceedings, could just as well have been written today:

And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said:
"For hate is strong,
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

I suggest the final verse of the poem should be our prayer for our divided America to reunite:

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead; nor doth he sleep!
The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Kyle and I wish you a Merry Christmas!

DANCING IN THE STREET

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, A time for 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.

FEEL THE FIRE AND POWER OF YOUR FAITH

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

IS IT OUR TIME TO STAND UP AND SHOUT ?

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. Are we the old guys or the new guys? My brothers we are…. the necessary guys. Young and Old we move as one, living our faith dancing in the street!!

FELIZ NAVIDAD / MERRY CHRISTMAS

FOOD FOR FAMILIES

FEEDING THE HUNGRY IS

ONE OF THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY !

"HEY BROTHERS"

Love is not what you say. Love is what you do.

I want to thank my Brother Knights and their families in Richland for making lunches for the **Special Olympics** athletics of the fall games.

Councils 3307 Richland, 10653 Holy Spirit and 8179 Kennewick all participated.

BY DARREN E. JOHNSON

"KNIGHTS IN ACTION"

FAMILY OF BROTHERS

THE JOURNEY OF A KNIGHT!

By STEVE SNELL

As a young man he had the normal hope for a successful career in something, but when he was 45 the hope "was only a bad memory growing worse." He lived each day in a quiet desperation, the angry man aging in the house two blocks from the town library. One day he woke up and found himself old in the reflection of his bath room mirror, it surprised him like when the first snowfall of the year greets your morning. His future had with time assumed the forgotten character of a dream, so that through his daily routine he could not be certain he ever really had one. His failed ambitions modest though they were, consume him. His ambition fails to flame through the ashes of his routine, it does however eat inward, souring his life, twisting relations with everyone in his world. One day after Mass he was asked to join the Knights, "okay I'll give it a try." He joined the Knights because he was told that he could make a difference, at this time in his life he needed to make a difference.

He found the Knights was an opportunity to move from ambition to achievement. He learned that the simplest things often make a difference in people's lives. He learned what can happen if you took small steps each day, these steps can become "mini victories." Joining together with your family of brothers you can become the force that will change the world one step at a time. Everything we do shapes our world and together we can make it better than we found it.

This was his chance to be a warrior! To reach out to those in need, not to make despair convincing, but working daily to make hope possible. To be a warrior is to have the courage in our hearts to speak of what we love, to speak of what brings tears to our eyes, and to stand up for the unborn, for the love of our faith, home and our family.

As we step into our future know this, our Order needs the diversity of dreamers, doers and **you my brothers**. If we are to make a difference each day, as we move forward we must never forget our past. The voices of our past, the voices that are still there, the voice of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney not only telling us to grow our dreams, but to also train our minds to find knowledge, to abandon small thinking, and to embrace diverse and creative thinking, but most of all to open our hearts to the needs of all of God’s creations.

Moving forward into the future, how will we become the stepping stones for our children? How will we sustain ourselves when we see the pain and suffering of unborn babies dying by the millions? How can we be the difference needed to preserve and protect these gifts of God? **How?** We must believe that we are privileged to be here at this time, **to make that difference!** Here before us is the opportunity to rely on and realize the power of faith and family, the potential of mankind, and that our humanity is a gift of God and truly the hope of our future. We must rediscover our common humanity, the brotherhood of mankind, and open our hearts to the love Jesus talked of?

EPILOGE:

*The old warrior was standing with great effort in front of a gathering of his brothers on the night of his 86th birthday. The very same evening that he had just been awarded his council's "**Knight of the Year**." He had been asked by his Grand Knight if he would please tell everyone what he had learned after all his years of service. The old man continued standing with the aid of his cane and said:*

"What have I learned? Well Brothers I've learned the power of prayer, I've learned to ask questions, to say thanks and to never give up on my fellow man."

"I WONDER..... *Perhaps it is time to recognize that as humans we have each other. Perhaps we must not think in terms of "good people" or "bad people."*

"I WONDER..... *If its time not to see our fellow man as "enemies," because we are all connected, we are all family; we were all put here to be with each other. If we could just all come together we could make it a beautiful world.*

"I WONDER..... *When we attack those who think differently than us if they aren't responding in much the same way as we would, with a clinched fist and closed mind, instead of an open loving mind and reaching out with an open hand. If we jump outside our box, we may find that they are also, Mothers and Fathers, Grandmas and Grandpas, Uncle and Aunts, Brothers and Sisters**.....**"*

Finally, thank you, for asking me to join you in making a difference in people's lives. Thank you my friends, you've all made such a great difference in my life!

PEACE

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE

BY A SON & FATHER

The other night dear, as I lay sleeping
I dreamed I held you in my arms
But when I awoke, dear, I was mistaken
Then I hung my head and I cried
You are my sunshine, my only sunshine
You make me happy when skies are gray
You'll never know dear, how much I love you
Please don't take my sunshine away
You told me once, dear, you really loved me
And nothing else could come between
But now you've left me for another
And you shattered all of my dreams
You are my sunshine, my only sunshine
You make me happy when skies are gray
You'll never know dear, how much I love you
Please don't take my sunshine away

My mom and dad were together more than 54 years and I had heard dad sing this song to mother several times. Around 20 years ago, my father was gravely ill in a hospital, and not expected to live more than a few days. On the day that he passed, the family was with him, he was lying in his bed, holding my mother's hand. In a frail voice, he began to sing this song. He only made it a short way into the song, when he became still and passed. ***My mother quietly and tearfully finished the song for him. You cannot imagine the emotions I felt when a few days later, my daughter climbed into my lap and began singing "You Are My Sunshine" a song I didn't even know she knew.***

ST COLUMBAN COUNCIL 17152 IN Yelm had their 1st Coats for Kids Distribution Celebration giving costs to kids in Thurston and Pierce county. Money was raised at their 1st annual Coats for Kids classic car show back in August. All had a great time giving back to our community!

SUBMITTED BY DARREN E. JOHNSON !

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FATHER MCGIRL COUNCIL 7907

Presented four cases of kids' Winter coats to the Eastside Baby Corner.

Many thanks to all the Knights that individually contributed donations to this presentation as well as our parishioners that assisted with our Coats for Kids Pancake Breakfast.

In a few weeks, the Knights will present more cases to the Holiday Gift Barn in order to assist the Issaquah Food Bank with their featured presentation to the kids over the Christmas Holidays.

PROSSER - SACRED HEART COUNCIL 10543

COATS FOR KIDS 2019

WE PLACED 220 COATS, SERVED PANCAKES TO OVER 200.

SUBMITTED BY KIRK McGAHEY

Council 15730 Providing Warm Winter Coats for Kids .

SUBMITTED BY MARK KOLLASCH F.S. 15730

VANCOUVER, WA — Knights of Columbus Council 15730, Vancouver, again distributed winter coats to needy children as part of the Council's annual Coats 4 Kids program.

This was the fifth straight year that Bishop A.M.A. Blanchet Council 15730 (Proto Cathedral of St. James the Greater) raised funds for Coats 4 Kids. Knights started distributing coats in October before winter weather hit the area. The Knights delivered the last coats on Nov. 25 just before the traditional start of the Christmas shopping season started on "Black Friday" (Nov. 29).

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

We delivered coats to Walnut Grove Elementary and to Minnehaha Elementary school which became the central distribution point for Vancouver School District Family Community Resource Coordinators (FCRC's). They came with their orders and then delivered the coats to their students.

"Last year, the Council purchased 14 boxes of jackets and the Supreme Council sent us an additional 14 boxes," Gordon Rodewald, Grand Knight added. "We very much appreciate the support of the Supreme Council and our Proto-Cathedral parishioners."

This September, the Council launched its fundraising effort for the Coats for Kids program by donating the proceeds from its annual Beer and Brats event at the Proto-Cathedral of St. James the Greater in downtown Vancouver, WA.

"In the previous four years, thanks to the generosity of Proto-Cathedral of St. James the Greater parishioners, Council 15730 has distributed over 1,000 winter coats to children and teenagers in need since the program started," Mark Kollasch, Financial Secretary and program chair, stated.

" In 2018, we distributed 336 winter coats and this year we have requests for more than 470 coats," Mark Kollasch stated. "Unfortunately, we never seem to have enough coats even though each year our parishioners at the Proto Cathedral of St. James the Greater and others have stepped up their financial support. Support has even come from outside our area.

BISHOP A.M.A. BLANCHET COUNCIL

This year the Council even received a generous $250 donation from Gus and Carole Wanner of Knoxville, TN. Treasurer, Bill Crowley said that after visiting with his sister, Carole and mentioning the program, she and her husband provided this donation.

"In the Vancouver School District, approximately half of the students participate in the reduced cost or no cost lunch program." Kollasch added. "In some schools the number is as much as 70 percent."

Esteban Delgadillo, a member of Council 1327 (Lady of Lourdes Parish, Vancouver.) Esteban is the Principal at Walnut Grove Elementary and helps coordinate the coats distribution with the Vancouver School District.

"Each year, we are able to provide coats for our needy students and keep a few in reserve as loaner coats for students who forget their jackets or as replacements for those who either wear them out or lose them," Delgadillo added. "This is a great program. It is much needed!"

Council 15730 was formed six years ago. More than 70 Knights are members and provide monthly breakfasts for the parish and support many other parish activities. Projects include scrap metal drives, the Beer n' Brats Festival, helping organize the parish involvement in and sponsoring three buses to the March for Life Rally in Olympia, conducting the "Tootsie Roll Drive," and assisting with projects at the parish. Currently, the Knights are assisting with stringing Christmas lights around the parish grounds and preparing for the annual Family Advent Bingo & Pizza Party for Knights and their families.

COUNCIL NEWS

PEND OREILLE COUNCIL 14268

SUBMITTED BY TOM G.

Greetings Council brothers, as we wind down our 2019 calendar year we can look back and enjoy some of the more fun events.

Community Activities

Community/Youth Activities

Knights Tom Garrett, Ed Zupich, Bob Kirby and Jim Hines pose with Youth Emergency Services director, Sarah Phillips, as our council presents a collection of 50+ coats and other winter clothing.

Ed Zupich and Jim Hines count donated socks (over 200 pairs) from P.O. County parishes. Socks will be donated to the Spokane House of Charity, men's homeless shelter

Many of our Knights are military veterans and belong to various veterans' organizations. Pictured is Tom Garrett who is playing "Taps" at the Newport K-12 School Veterans Day assembly on November 8th.

PEND OREILLE COUNCIL 14268

Church Activities

Ed and Jill Zupich celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by renewing their vows at St. Anthony's church.

Congratulations Jill and Ed.

Shelf built by Knight Tom Garrett for St. Jude parish vestibule

Member Recognition

Pictured is Greg Meyer, receiving the 4th Quarter Knight of the Month award from GK Jim Hines. Greg is the council Financial Secretary. He was recognized for his many visible and numerous behind-the-scenes duties that "just get done". Thanks for your dedication and commitment Greg

DEGREE INFORMATION

Worthy State Officers, District Masters, District Deputies, Conferring Officers, PFCs, Wardens, and Formation Degree Staff Coordinators.

- I am looking into rescheduling the degree scheduled in Bellingham on Jan. 25, 2020 to accommodate PFC team member availability.

The following 5 degrees are scheduled through the end of January 2020.

12/14/2019*	Yelm	Hogan	Roth	3, 12, 22 & 34
1/11/2020*	Issaquah	Kelley	Roth	13, 14, 16, 21 & 23
1/25/2020*	Bellingham	Hogan	Wilson	9, 19 & 31
1/25/2020*	Bremerton	Devine	DeVos	2, 24 & 28
1/25/2020*	Everett/Marysville	Roth	Ablao	13, 16 & 21

* denotes Saturday degrees
**denotes joint 2nd & 3rd degrees
HDDs are in Red

Worthy COs and PFC's, please let me know if I need to make changes for your proposed assignments.

All DDs, who are listed as the Host DD in red for these scheduled degrees, should already be arranging for a facility and should be posting the planned degree information as soon as possible on the state web-page per Knighthood Degree guidelines for DDs (http://www.kofc-wa.org/Ceremonials/Third/DD%20Third%20Degree%20Guidelines.pdf) . It is imperative that the degree information be posted on the state web-page and personally provided to all Co-Host DDs by the Host DD.

If another DD is your area has volunteered to be the HDD and/or you'd like to propose a new date for the degree you are hosting, please let me know as soon as possible.

Yours in Christ
Marcel P. Bergeron, PGK, FDD, PFN
Ceremonial Director Washington State Council

THE BELLINGHAM GOOD KNIGHT

New Member Vincent Paddon

BELLINGHAM COUNCIL 829

SUBMITTED BY JOE ST. HILAIRE

New knight and Bellingham Council member Vincent Paddon (seated center) is surrounded by (l-r) Brothers Tom Jessup, GK Preston Knutson, Larry Kerstiens, Don Baldwin, Dick Winchip, Tom Bernard, Seth Bobbink, Gary Metcalf, Charlie Whelan, Ben Roberts, Gordy Wilson, Matt Williams, Greg Johnson, Bob Grasher, Charlie Pilkey, Lyle Nelson and Henry Therrien (hidden behind Joe St.Hilaire).

BROTHER VINCENT PADDON: NEWEST MEMBER OF OUR COUNCIL AND ORDER

Brother Vincent Paddon was initiated into the Knights of Columbus and Bellingham Council November 12 in an Admission (first) degree ceremony.

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3 BELLINGHAM COUNCIL MEMBERS ENTER THE FOURTH DEGREE

Three members of our council were exemplified into the fourth degree November 9 at a ceremony at Church of the Assumption. The three are Brothers (now Sir Knights) **Chris DePalma, Jack King,** and **Eric Wenzel**.

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SUBMITTED BY LARRY DEVLIN

We bid farewell to Brother Knight. Sir Knight Jim Hoffman passed away after a short battle with pancreatic cancer. He was a Former Financial Secretary for Council 8297. A true gentleman and accomplished Veteran. Rest in Peace Brother Jim.

SUBMITTED BY ROGER WILLIS, STATE CHAIRMAN

Four Chaplin's Council 10652, at Joint Base Lewis-McCord, (formally Fort Lewis and McCord Air Force Base) which is South of Tacoma, Washington, does a great job supplying coats to military families who need help. Grand Knight Mike Winkler is a retired Army officer and many in the council are Army or Air Force veterans. If you're looking for a good Coats for Kids story you could give GK Mike Winkler a call at **253-459-4756.**
His e-mail below.

Roger Willis
Washington State Coats for Kids Chairman
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From: Winkler4@comcast.net <Winkler4@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2019 3:42 PM
To: Brothers,

This past weekend we closed our coats for kids drive and took down the boxes. Yesterday and today we donated coats to 3 low income elementary schools, bringing the total number of schools we donated to up to 5. It was another great year, thanks to all of you who donated.

The first two attachments are photos of our coat donation yesterday afternoon to Lakeview Elementary School in Lakewood. The third attachment is a photo of our coat donation this morning to Tillicum Elementary School in Tillicum. The counselor invited the student shown in the photo into her office with us and allowed her to pick out a new coat. It was fun to watch her search through 20 different coats to find the right one. After the photo was taken she actually switched out the coat she is wearing in the photo for a pink one. She left very happy! The fourth photo is of our donation yesterday afternoon to Tyee Park Elementary. The fifth photo is of our coat donation to Blix Elementary School (Tacoma) just before Thanksgiving of this year. The sixth photo is of the school principal and school counselor at Park Lodge Elementary (Lakewood), displaying a couple of the coats we donated in late October of this year. My wife and I volunteer at this school frequently and it is fun to see students walking around wearing the coats our council donated. Some of them keep their coats on all day.

All of the schools we donated to have a very high free and reduced lunch rate. The leadership in all of the schools was very appreciative of our donations. In fact, the principal at Lakeview shared with us that he just had a student yesterday say that he needed a new coat. Knowing that we were coming, the principal assured him that he would have one for him today.

Listed below is the final report for this year's coat drive. Thanks for all that you do. Your membership is making a difference!

2019 Knights of Columbus Council 10652 (JBLM) Coat Drive					
Coats Received	Amount	Notes	Coats Donated/Pledged	Amount	Notes
Purchased by council	36		Park Lodge Elementary	42	Delivered
Provided by Supreme	36		Tillicum Elementary	20	Delivered
Donated in Coat Drive	140		Blix Elementary	60	Delivered
Total Received	212		Tyee Park Elementary	45	Delivered
			Lakeview Elementary	45	Delivered
			Total Donated	212	
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Includes 4 coats purchased with a $100 donation specifically marked for coats.					

"KNIGHTS IN ACTION"

BAN ON PRAYER AT HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

TAMPA, Florida, November 18, 2019 (LifeSiteNews) — A U.S. Court of Appeals has reversed a lower court's decision prohibiting two Christian schools from praying over the loudspeaker at the Citrus Bowl before a state championship game.

REVERSED BY 11TH CIRCUIT COURT!

The 11th Circuit Court acknowledged that Cambridge Christian School's argument that its free speech and free exercise rights had been violated have merit. In 2015, the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) had forbidden Cambridge Christian School (CCS) from using the public address system at the Citrus Bowl to pray before the start of a football game against University Christian School.

"The FHSAA suggested that because the stadium was city-owned and the FHSAA a state agency, it would violate the Constitution to allow two private Christian schools to pray over a state-owned microphone for less than a minute," explained a statement from First Liberty Institute, which is representing CCS.

After the FHSAA issued its decision, the players, coaches and fans were reportedly devastated. "We were really excited to play in the championship game. It's been our tradition to pray ever since I've been on the team. But then they said we couldn't pray and our tradition was ruined. It was so disappointing," said team member Jacob Enns at the time.

"By banning the pregame prayer over the loudspeaker, the FHSAA sent a message to these students that prayer is wrong and something you should be ashamed of. That is dangerous and unconstitutional," asserted Hiram Sasser, general counsel for First Liberty.

In February 2017, a federal district judge sided with the FHSAA. First Liberty Institute appealed to the 11th Circuit, arguing that the First Amendment protects the rights of students and teachers at a private Christian school to pray before a football game, especially when both teams are Christian and have a tradition of prayer before games.

KNIGHTS IN SERVICE !!

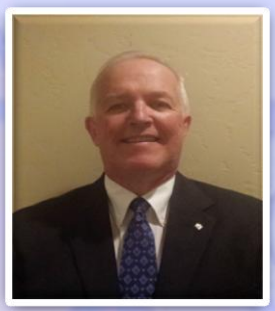
SUBMITTED BY ROGER WILLIS, STATE CHAIRMAN

Dec 4, 2019 was a special day for 86 children receiving their Knights of Columbus - Coats for Kids from Council 15462 St. Ann Parish, Tacoma, WA. The coats were the result of Council 13238 St Charles Borromeo and Council 6806 Our Lady Queen of Heaven and our District Deputy helping St. Ann Council to fund the coats to ensure all the children at St. Ann received their coats. Rev. Tuan Nguyen - Pastor and Council 15462 Chaplin of St. Ann Parish blessed the coats and all those who participated in this wonderful Corporal Work of Mercy.

Council 15462 is blessed and grateful for the wonderful support of our brother Knights of Columbus. This is what Knights of Columbus fraternal brotherhood is all about. Coming together as One to serve the Lord. We were honored to be able to offer any coats left over to fellow Knight Dan O'Brien in support of his superb efforts for the Knights of Columbus Heartbeat program to Wounded Warriors and their Families at JBLM that Serve and Sacrifice for our Freedom every day. God bless you this Advent and Christmas seasons.

Worthy State Officers, District Masters, District Deputies, Conferring Officers, PFCs, Wardens, and Formation Degree Staff Coordinators.

At the request of Worthy State Deputy Pat Kelley, I am distributing additional information about the new Exemplification to a larger distribution in this email so it can be more broadly disseminated across our Jurisdiction. Below you'll find an email from Supreme that provides links to: The transition time frame of the use of the new exemplification is uncertain at this time. Additional information on availability of scripts and DVD and other guidance is in the process of the being developed. We will keep you updated as we receive any new information and guidance of the use of this exemplification.



Marcel P. Bergeron, PGK, FDD, PFN Ceremonial Director>

NEW STUFF!

Information on New Exemplification from Supreme

Guidelines for introduction:

- Please allow at least one hour of time in your schedule for the introduction of the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity
- The Supreme Knight's keynote address should be shown first and to the largest possible audience, including wives and families.
- The Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity should be shown. Wives and families are welcome to view the video of the ceremony.
- If you can only schedule time for one video, then make it a priority to show the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity video, which begins with an abbreviated Supreme Knight introduction.

  - We are providing you with an reference. This *document is not for wider distribution and is subject to updates and changes.*
  - We would appreciate it if you would share the **link to our ceremonial survey** with your attendees (including wives) after they view the Exemplification video

If you have any questions or issues with these documents or video downloads, please email**Gary.Nolan@kofc.org** or call (203) 824-5420

Supreme Knight's Keynote Address
https://vimeo.com/spiritjuice/review/377413063/a23eae6099

Combined Ceremony – Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity with Supreme Knight Introduction
https://vimeo.com/374081431/eed24d18e9

Survey – Combined Ceremony Feedback
https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5355416/EXEMPLIFICATION-SURVEY

Fraternally,

Mark McMullen, Senior Vice President, Membership & Fraternal Mission

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 'COATS FOR KIDS' PROGRAM BRINGS WARMTH, JOY

SUBMITTED BY ROGER WILLIS, STATE CHAIRMAN

FROM NORTHWEST CATHOLIC

Knights of Columbus members from St. Monica Parish on Mercer Island deliver "Coats for Kids" to members of the Eritrean Catholic Community in Seattle. At center right is Father Negusse Keleta, the community's chaplain. Photo: Courtesy St. Monica Parish

SEDRO-WOOLLEY – Driving to work on cold mornings, Doug Hutter sees school-age kids in T-shirts walking or waiting for the bus.

"I wonder if the kids I see even have a coat. I like getting coats on kids," said Hutter, a member of the Knights of Columbus North Cross Council at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Sedro-Woolley.

Hutter's council and other Knights of Columbus councils around the Archdiocese of Seattle have been giving warm coats to kids this fall as part of the Knights' national Coats for Kids initiative. They raise money, then order coats for kids of all ages at a discount through the national council (which also provides some free coats), finally distributing them to kids in need in their local communities.

"It allows families to focus their resources on housing or food, while knowing their kids are warm and dry," said Leo Zipp, grand knight of the Father John A. Walsh Council at St. Monica Parish on Mercer Island.

Earlier this fall, the St. Monica's Knights delivered coats to the Eritrean Catholic Community in Seattle and Catholic Community Services of Western Washington's Pregnancy and Parenting Support program based at St. Edward Parish in Seattle. They also donated coats to a nonprofit serving homeless children in the Puget Sound region.

"We can cut a check," Zipp said, "but it's really cool to see these kids holding up their coats and trying them on and to see the smiles on their faces."

The need is great

This year, 45 Knights councils across the state participated in Coats for Kids, some two-dozen of those in the Archdiocese of Seattle.

"The first principle of the Knights of Columbus is charity," said Roger Willis, state chairman of the program. "We take the corporal works of mercy very seriously."

School districts across the state have many low-income families struggling to provide food and shelter, Willis said. "All districts have economic poverty, some more than others," he said. The Knights' goal, he said, "is always to help needy children so they can get free coats to keep warm, dry and healthy during our lengthy, long and wet Washington winter."

Knights of Columbus members from St. Monica Parish on Mercer Island deliver "Coats for Kids" to families participating in the Catholic Community Services Pregnancy and Parenting Support program based at St. Edward Parish in Seattle. Photo: Courtesy St. Monica Parish

Esteban Delgadillo, a member of Council 1327 at Vancouver's Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, is also principal of Walnut Grove Elementary School in Vancouver and helps coordinate the coat distribution with the Vancouver School District.

"Each year, we are able to provide coats for our needy students and keep a few in reserve as loaner coats for students who forget their jackets or as replacements for those who either wear them out or lose them," Delgadillo said in a news release. "This is a great program. It is much needed!"
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Each council raises money to purchase the coats in different ways. Some rely on a big donor, but most hold fundraisers that are designed to build awareness and connect their parish communities — like family dinners at St. Monica, a car show organized by the council at St. Columban Parish in Yelm and the Beer and Brats event hosted by the council at the Proto-Cathedral of St. James the Greater in Vancouver.

The hard work of fundraising brings great rewards.

"The material item of a coat going directly to a mother, or a father, or a child, is highly satisfying," Zipp said. "Being able to physically connect our gifts to the recipients is huge for us. There's a lot of joy that comes from that."

The feeling is mutual.

For families who receive the coats, "it is great to see the community cares about them and their children," said Julisa Aguilar, a manager for the Pregnancy and Parenting Support program.

THE GHOST OF TOM JOAD

Men walking 'long the railroad tracks
Going someplace, there's no going back
Highway patrol choppers coming up over the ridge
Hot soup on a campfire under the bridge
Shelter line stretching 'round the corner
Welcome to the new world order
Families sleeping in the cars in the southwest
No home, no job, no peace, no rest

He pulls a prayer book out of his sleeping bag
Man lights up a butt and he takes a drag
Waiting for when the last shall be first and the first shall be last
In a cardboard box 'neath the underpass
You got a one-way ticket to the promised land
You got a hole in your belly and a…gun in your hand
Sleeping on a pillow of solid rock
Bathing in the city's aqueduct!

Now Tom said, "Mom, wherever someone is beating a guy
wherever a hungry newborn baby cries
Where there's a fight against the blood and hatred in the air
Look for me, Mom, I'll be there !

Wherever somebody's fighting for a place
to stand or a decent job or a helping hand
wherever somebody's struggling to be free

LOOK IN THEIR EYES, MA, AND YOU'LL SEE ME,

& MY BROTHERS ! !

QUILTED BY STEVE SNELL

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Washington State Knights on Bikes parade entry "Keep Christ in Christmas" at the Benton City Winterfest parade was a big hit. Thanks to all who came out and helped with the Mini Santa Maria boat float on its second parade voyage.

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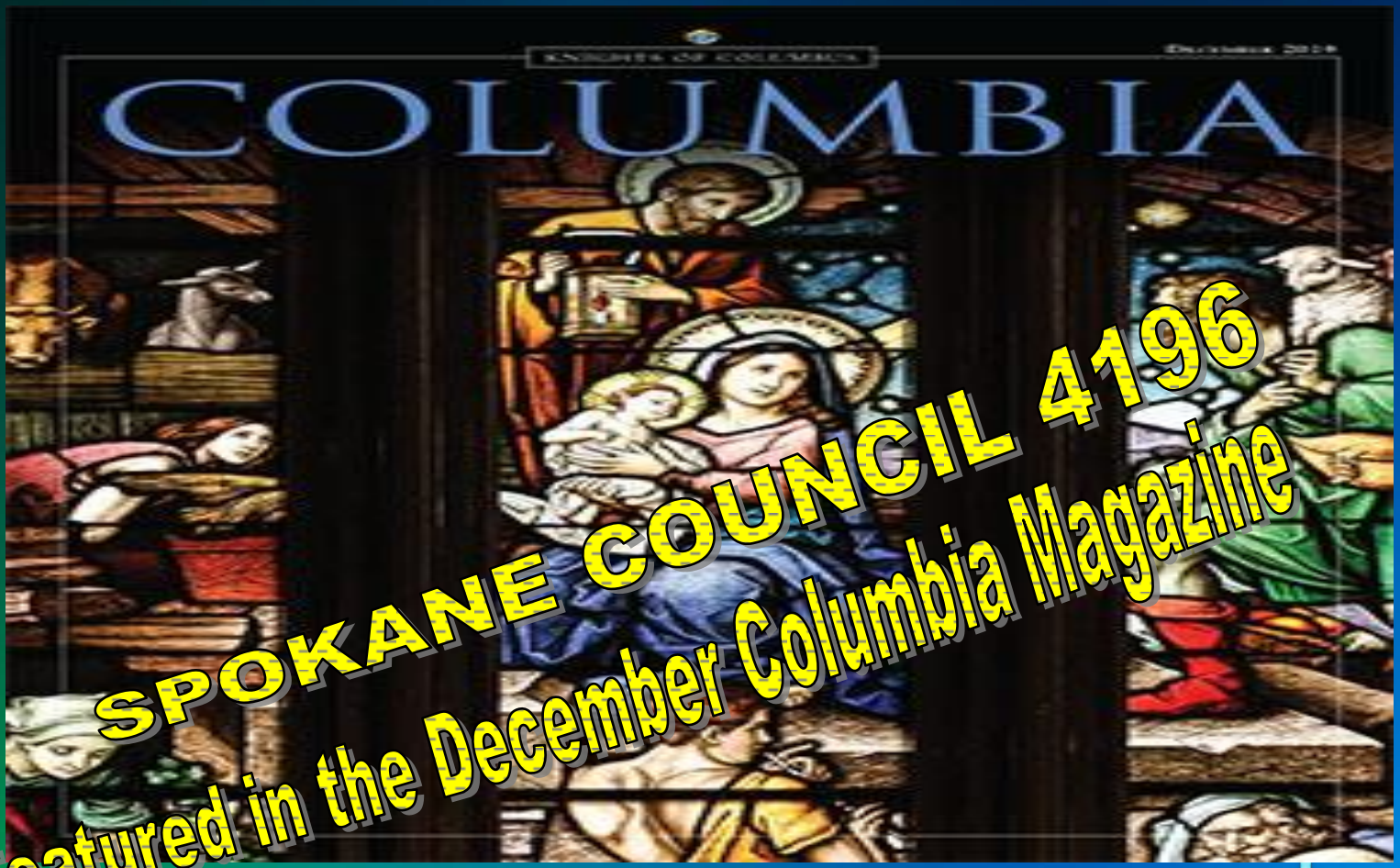
SUBMITTED BY BRUCE HINES, STATE CHAIRMAN

CONGRATULATIONS!



SPOKANE COUNCIL 4196
Featured in the December Columbia Magazine

PATRIOTISM

COUPON BONANZA

MEMBERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNCIL 4196 IN SPOKANE VALLEY, WASH.,REGULARLY SORT COUPONS FOR MILITARY FAMILIES AT ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH AND THE YMCA. IN ONE MONTH, THEY MAILED ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS COUPONS WORTHNEARLY $150,000.

Boletín informativo de los Caballeros de Colón,
Consejo 17257, Monseñor Romero. Diciembre, 2019.
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Gran Caballero: Francisco Campos (509) 901-2792
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<u>Mas Chamarras en la Escuela Hoover:</u> Ms. González arreglo la entrega de las chamarras en dos horas. Las personas de la administración y los consejeros conocen bien su Escuela. José Sánchez (Director) dio su instrucciones para asegurar que los beneficios llegan a los niños que mas lo necesitan. Un verdadero placer trabajar con

Granger también se beneficio de las cha-chamarras que nos dono nuestro Consejo hermano de la Sagrada Familia 6097. Gracias a esta generosidad los niños han podido sonreír. Blanca Vargas (consejera) en sus visitas domiciliarias experimenta la alegría de los padres al ver que sus hijos han sido becados con protección para el invierno Crystal Pacheco (asistente de enfermería) atestiguo a lo mismo.

<u>Chamarras para los niños:</u>
Hicimos lo que era posible con los recursos que scontamos, la buena noticia es que las chamarras fueron bien recibidas por los niños que fueron leccionados por los consejeros y la ayuda las personas a cargo de la recepción en estas Escuelas donde esta la necesidad. Francisco y Manuel encontraron regocijo al ver esto niños recibir una chamarra cuando mas seecesita en Ridgeview Elementary School.

TO ALL WHO SENT IN
THEIR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS
AND THOUGHTFULNESS

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH

2020
IN THE NEW YEAR IN ORDER TO BE WISE, WE SHOULD LISTEN TO EVERYONE, FROM THE YOUNGEST TO THE OLDEST. THE LORD SENDS MESSAGES THROUGH MANY SOURCES.....WE MUST LISTEN.
2019
ENTERING THE NEW YEAR