

WASHINGTON STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THE SECOND EDITION

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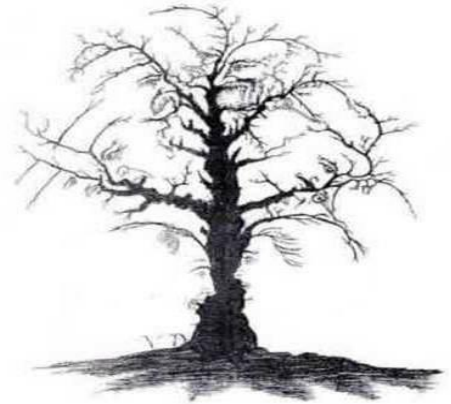
*It's your road, and yours alone, others may walk it with you,
but no one can walk it for you.*

*This is a pre-reading exercise...
To test for a sharp mind!
And to prepare you for the*

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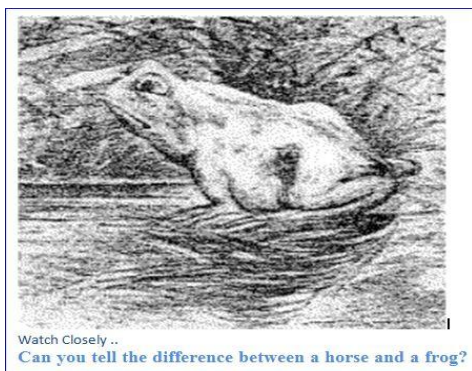


THERE'S A FACE IN HERE CAN YOU SEE IT?



CAN YOU SEE 10 FACES IN THIS TREE?

CAN YOU SEE THREE PEOPLE IN THIS PICTURE?



CAN YOU SEE A HORSE AND A FROG?



CAN YOU SEE THE BABY ?

IF YOU FOUND THEM YOU'RE GOOD TO GO !

"HEY BROTHERS!"

**IT'S ALMOST TIME
TO MEET YOU AT,
THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
WASHINGTON STATE 111th
ANNUAL CONVENTION IN BELLEVUE
MAY 16 -- 18, 2014**



**"DON'T FORGET TO
TURN IN ALL
YOUR PAPER WORK!"**



**FATHER BROUILLET
ASSEMBLY 1169
WALLA WALLA**



"100 YEARS"

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2014 - we are celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Assembly, beginning with Mass at St. Patrick's Church, 415 Alder at 5:30PM, immediately followed by a reception and dinner in Blanchet Hall in the Parish Center.

We invite all State Officers, Chairman, Grand Knights, Sir Knights and their wives to join us for this event. The price for Dinner is \$20.00 per person for Prime Rib or Salmon and there will be a no host bar as well. Please reply with a check to David Hall no later than June 1, no refunds.

While the Mass is at 5:30 PM, if you plan to be in the color guard you are requested to be present by 5 pm at Blanchet Hall.

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"100 YEARS AIN'T FOR SISSIES!"

**GO AHEAD,
GET IT OFF
YOUR CHEST!**



"Be more than a howdy and a handshake!"

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK AT:

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FOOD FOR FAMILIES



"MULTIPLY THE LOAVES"

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THE VERDICT

By STEVE SNELL



This was James. He was the fourth to be called by Jesus, he was a big strong man who had fished the Galilean waters with his brother since childhood. Impulsive and short-tempered, he more than his brother John had earned for the two of them the title “sons of thunder.” *(More than 2000 years ago, Jesus called the disciples James and John Boangerés, which was Aramaic for Sons of Thunder (Mark3:17).)* Jesus must have seen much that was admirable in this energetic extrovert, for he had been almost as much a favorite as John, who had been called “the beloved disciple.”

THE DREAM, the message: It was James who brought a single knight to the doors of the regal office of the Order’s fraternal leader he pushed them open and proceeded to lead the knight across the plush carpet to the door of the private chapel. There the lone knight cautiously entered accompanied by James the powerful warrior like disciple. As he entered and stared through the gloom of the darkened chapel, he found the fraternal leader at a table before the altar. The flickering candlelight illuminated the supreme luminary and the shadowy figures around him with a twilight glow. The man walked hesitantly forward until he stood half in the shadow before the polished wood table of the Order’s leader.

In the silence that followed, the knight no longer saw himself as an independent agent of free will, for the tribunal before which he stood expelled all notions of debate. Instinctively he knew this conclave was meeting on the very question of his continued existence as a knight.

“We are together at the very same hour at which you were initiated into our beloved Order just ten years ago.” The words were spoken in a low and somber cadence. “I would gladly surrender this earthly office I hold to the most meager of knights in our noble Order if we could have aborted your entrance into this grand and noble organization.”

The words of the leader of one the largest fraternal organizations in the world, the organization to which he had sworn allegiance, fell upon him as though the sky had fallen. It was in a similar terrible darkness that Jesus had spoken to Judas.

The man began to shudder, the tremor that ran through him carried him forward, and he grasped the leaders table. **“What have I done?”** The man cried out; in the most agonized voice anyone had ever heard.

“From this moment forward,” continued the Order’s leader, his bearing unchanged by the disturbance before the altar, “know this, you are at the beginning of the end of your time with the Order.”

“Why?” The lone man breathed the question as though from a deathbed. “Before Jesus what have I done?” Then James looked at the man and pointed his finger directly at him, “Brother you’ve done.....

NOTHING!

James had been standing in front of the Knight and had spoken directly to him. His message seemed to shout for hearing beyond the boundaries of the chapel. Then in the most penetrating and memorable voice he delivered a message that could never be forgotten, he spoke laying his hand on the shoulder of the solitary knight standing before him and turning to those present in the chapel he said.....

"This knight saw horrible crimes and did nothing to prevent them. He saw people cheated and did not tell them the truth. He saw people in need and did not help them. He saw bigotry and did not fight it. He saw injustice and did not correct it. He saw children starving and did not feed them. He saw people attacked and did not defend them. He saw our unborn babies legally killed and never attempted to stop it."

Then “the son of thunder” said, in a voice that bounced off the walls of the private chapel and shook the souls of all who heard.....

**“I accuse you brother of the worst sin
INDIFFERENCE
This makes all the other sins possible.”**

The “son of thunder” said no more. The message was clear. *The dream was over.....*



Pope to Mafia:

"Stop the Violence or Go to Hell"



Pope Francis delivered a fire-and-brimstone message to the Mafia on Friday: "Repent."

"Blood-stained money, blood-stained power — you can't bring it with you to your next life," the pontiff said during a prayer vigil in Rome for victims of mob violence. "There's still time to not end up in Hell, which is what awaits you if you continue on this path."

The pope was speaking at an annual remembrance for innocents killed by the Mafia, which is still a powerful force in southern Italy, where a 4-year-old boy was shot dead this week in a suspected organized crime hit. Francis noted that the Mafia "has no pity — even for a child."

Tracy Connor- *The Associated Press and Reuters contributed to this report.*

A final goodbye: Dying zoo worker gets a kiss from giraffe

Mario, a zoo maintenance worker with terminal cancer, asked the Nether-Wish Foundation for help visiting Rotterdam's Diergaarde Blijdorp zoo, where he cleaned animal enclosures for nearly 25 years. The wish was granted, and what happened during the visit amazed everyone.



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Happy children are the dance of Love.



CHURCH BULLETINS

These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services:



The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.'
The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale.
It's a chance to get rid of those things
not worth keeping around the house.
Bring your husbands.

Miss Charlene Mason sang
"I will not pass this way again,"
giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir.
They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married
on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship
that began in their school days.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be
'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed
due to the addition of several new members and
to the deterioration of some older ones.

Please place your donation in the envelope along
with the deceased person you want remembered.

Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM -
prayer and medication to follow.

MY BROTHERS INDEED!

By DUANE VINCENT



The question shouldn't be "What is it like to be totally useless from the waist down?"

Rather, it should more properly be phrased "What is it like for a Brother Knight to be totally useless from the waist down?"

In my case, the answer is about the same, except for the truly marvelous support network that the Knights of Columbus have proven to be. While my physical needs are being well taken care of by the adult family home that I am resident in, the amount of support being provided to Sylvia and myself by my Brother Knights is truly phenomenal.

In order to adapt our home to accommodate the frailties of advancing age and physical disabilities suffered by both of us, we had signed a contract to upgrade our flooring; without warning, mobility was denied me due to advanced degeneration of the spine, leaving me unable to support myself whatsoever. At the same time, I lost a substantial amount of body strength above the waist – where I had been up to that point able to transition between the bed and commode thence to a wheelchair, all of a sudden that ability was also denied to me. Here came the Knights to the rescue!

A group of Knights from several councils in the area swiftly convened upon my house over two weekends to move furniture and prepare the area for carpets to be removed and laminated flooring installed. With half the job completed, all of the furniture that had been removed was restored, along with furniture from the other area. This involved packing up my rather extensive library, disconnecting the bookcases from each other, and unpinning the bookcases from the wall. When the contractors had finished, the Knights returned to put everything back in place.

Other Knights have helped us out as well by providing transportation to both of us as needed; one even stayed with me for several hours each time I needed chemotherapy lest I become nauseated and unable to drive. Whenever my wife needed transportation to go shopping or to visit me in the hospice facility, someone was always available to provide this much needed service.

One Knight and his wife have "adopted" us, offering to do whatever they can to ensure that our needs are met. Other Knights have made certain that they are just a phone call away, providing contact with the outside world as well as emotional support in what otherwise would be difficult times. I am assured the comforts of the sacraments through the ministration of one of my Broth-

er Knights who brings me Holy Communion each and every Sunday. There is a small but steady stream of visitors, who bring a bit of the outside world with them when they visit – I may be physically incapacitated, but I am not yet brain dead!

One particular Knight (Bob Rapcinski and his wife Allyn) have truly been outstanding in their support of us during this rather trying experience in our lives, being there for whatever we need, and whenever we need it. All we need do is ask, and they see to it that the need is met. They are indeed among that small group of people I describe as true friends – people who would do anything for you, up to and including taking that fatal bullet. Our lives have been truly enriched by them, by others we deem friends, and everyone else who has stepped up and done whatever they could to help us in our time of need.

Here's to the Knights of Columbus from a Brother Knight in need – to my Brother Knights, who have proven themselves to be my Brothers indeed!

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THE FOURTH DEGREE

THE BEGINING: The Fourth Degree, based on patriotism, had been under discussion since 1886 and was approved in 1899. The first exemplification of the Fourth Degree took place on Feb. 22, 1900, in New York City; 1,100 Knights receive the degree. The following May, another 750 Knights take the degree in Boston.



***THERE IS NO
TELLING HOW IT
WILL AFFECT
YOU.***



JUST KNOW THAT IT WILL!



FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP



Below you will find the final 2014 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship standings for the free throw competition. The winners were determined by taking the district score (25 additional 10 shots to come score. The number after the council number is the

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This year the Free Throw program was changed up a little to eliminate some expenses and due to previous participation numbers, the Regional and State level competitions were eliminated. Council winners advanced to the district competition where they shot the normal 25 free throws. District winner had to then shoot an additional 10 free throws. The district score combined with the extra 10 shoots formulated a state score.

Just like the Soccer Challenge, this was the first year that 9 year olds could complete. Thank you to all district deputies who took part in the free throw program. Please extend a thank you to all your councils who participated.

The winners for 2014 are (Council and combined state score)

Age	Girls	Boys
9	Alexia Mendoza(1620) 19	Owen Price(13238) 27
10	Samya Morin(763) 23	Parker Smith(8398) 29
11	Kenna Buratt(766) 25	Pierce Malebranch(11762) 30
12	Emily Radabaugh(5816) 30	Andrew Olsen(763) 28
13	Maggie Smith(809) 28	Matthew Kelly(114798) 25
14	Kylie Bond(809) 23	Josh Bergeuin(766) 31



Ken DeVos
Knights of Columbus - Council 5495
Washington State Youth/Sports Chairman



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Grand Knights

FROM: Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

DATE: March 2014

SUBJECT: First Degrees in honor of Saint John XXIII and Saint John Paul II

On April 27, two truly exemplary leaders of the Church, Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II, will be raised to the dignity of the altar by His Holiness Pope Francis. In celebration of this historic and joyful occasion, all First Degrees from April 1 - June 30, 2014, should be conducted in honor of these two new saints.

A *special First Degree* certificate for new members has been designed and a complimentary supply is enclosed for your council's use. Please make sure that every new member initiated during this time frame receives one of these commemorative certificates.

Additional quantities can be ordered from the Supply Department at a cost of \$0.25 per certificate, using a Form 1. Certificates are available in English (9702), French (9702-F), Spanish (9702-S), and Polish (9702-P).

To help ensure a strong finish to the fraternal year, help us meet the Order wide goal that every council (or district) host ***one First Degree, per month!***

Vivat Jesus!

cc. Board of Directors
State Deputies
State Ceremonials Chair-
men District Deputies

SPECIAL DEGREES

"food for thought"

By THOMAS SOLKO

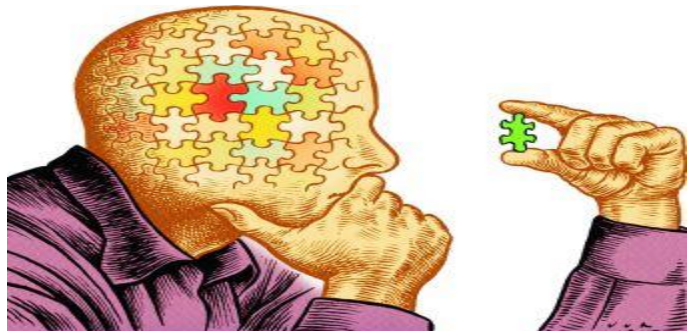
What a good feeling it is to have participated in a Special First Degree. I believe only those who have performed a special degree for one that is bed ridden can experience that feeling; however, there is another reason to perform special degrees. What about our young men serving in the military who come home for leave before heading for Iraq or Afghanistan and want to become a Knight of Columbus.



The officers of St John Vianney Council 8201 had that experience at their last officers meeting. PGK Bob Joy's son came home on leave and wanted to join the Knights. Our Council had performed a first degree two weeks earlier at our regular council meeting and none was scheduled until next month. GK Brad Smith said we would do a first degree at the officers meeting. SD Czerwonka, DM Sokol and DD Garth Warner were present for the degree.

As Knights of Columbus we should take the extra step to provide this service for future Brother Knights.. We should be going to the VA hospitals, nursing homes and within our own parishes to bring shut-ins into the Knights of Columbus. Within your parish you have Eucharist ministers that take communion to such people. Do you ever ask "Would you like to join the Knights of Columbus,"

Is this food for thought?



"FAMILY OF THE MONTH"

PARTICIPANT'S LISTINGS FOR FEBRUARY

766, 894, 1379*, 1620, 1629, 6686, 6806, 7863,
8476*, 10652, 10653, 11357, 11408*, 11762, 12583*,
13374, 13794, 14046, 14689

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

Jarrold & Amy Roth
Council 1379 - Bremerton

Arthur & Kimberly Menzer
Council 8476 - Stanwood

Darryl & Judy Zaccaria
Council 11408 - Kirkland

George & Sharon Anne Czerwonka
Council 12583 - Spokane

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!

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Obama tells Pope Francis he is a 'great admirer'

U.S. President Barack Obama is greeted by Pope Francis at the Vatican on Thursday, March 27, 2014.



Obama arrived at the Vatican amid the pomp and tradition of the Catholic Church, making his way to greet the pope after a long, slow procession through the hallways of the Apostolic Palace led by colorful Swiss Guards and accompanied by ceremonial attendants. The president bowed as he shook hands with the pontiff in the Small Throne Room, before the two sat down at a wooden table in the Papal Library.

"It is a great honor. I'm a great admirer," Obama said. "Thank you so much for receiving me."

As they meet, the six-year president, with his sinking poll numbers, would not be blamed for seeking some reflected glory from a pope who, one year into his pontificate, is viewed as an agent of change in the Roman Catholic Church.



According to CNN's Eric Lipton, at their meeting at the Vatican Pope Francis gave President Obama, among other gifts, a copy of his apostolic exhortation "Evangelium Gaudium." President Obama said, "I actually will probably read this in the Oval Office when I'm deeply frustrated. I'm sure it will give me strength and calm me down." Once the remark was interpreted for him, the Pope smiled as well and chuckled.



A SIGN OF HUMANITY



**WHEN MEN FORGED IN
THE FIRE AND PASSION OF FAITH,
DEFEND THE UNBORN!**

*"If abortion is not wrong, if killing babies
in the womb is not wrong, nothing is wrong!"*



THE END OF ABORTION

By ANDREW KOPRIVA



My wife and I watched the movie "Amazing Grace" last week. The movie chronicles the battle in the British Parliament, in the early 19th century, to abolish the slave trade. What was "amazing" to both my wife and I, was the uncanny similarities to the fight against abortion.

We came away from the movie wondering if the same strategy used to defeat slavery in Britain could be used to end abortion in our country. Then it dawned on us that "we" are using the same strategy, that of legislative action. There has recently been a flurry of Pro-Life legislation occurring in many states across the country.

The current work at the state level is tremendously important for several reasons. First, when one state comes up with a creative way to challenge or circumvent Roe, other states often follow suit and adopt the legislation as well. Secondly, if there is ever going to be a **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**, we will need three-fourths of the states, since getting a supermajority in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives is a long shot at best. The more restrictions states place on abortions, the more likely they become to support a personhood-type amendment. The fact that there is so much progress at the state level is very good news for the our cause.

Ultimately, the goal of the pro-life movement has to be a **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**. State laws are subject to the whims of states, or risk being overturned by the courts. Even when Roe is overturned, the result will likely be that some conservative states will ban abortion, while only a few restrictions will occur in moderate states, and there will not be any restrictions that occur in liberal states. Even federal legislation could be overturned by a tremendously liberal majority.

So, just as slavery was abolished in Britain by legislation, abortion in our country will also have to be defeated by legislation, by a **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**. Vivat Jesus.

**Andrew & Joanne Kopriva
Culture of Life Couple
Washington State Council**



First Degree Ceremonies

Councils Have Three Options in Conducting First Degrees

By **WAYNE C. HOGAN**

PSD, FVSM, FMFD, STATE CEREMONIAL DIRECTOR



History has shown that ceremonials are of primary importance in promoting the growth and strength of Columbianism. This is especially true today when men are searching for a “rite of passage,” as it were, to a fuller life as Catholic gentlemen, family men and community leaders. **Most often, the first exposure a new member has with our Order is his first degree exemplification.** His perception, good or bad, of the exemplification and the ceremonialists will remain with him throughout his years with the Order. This “**First Impression**” influences the new member’s participation in council activities and whether he would encourage others to join our Order. The importance of professional exemplifications and dedicated ceremonialists cannot be overemphasized.

Supreme’s first, preferred and long standing primary method is that the certified degree team members deliver their respective charges from memory and in an inspiring manner. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has approved two additional methods of conducting the first degree, the second method is the degree team members are allowed to read and/or deliver from memory, their respective charge and the third method, recently approved, is using the DVD in which the first degree ceremonial is recorded with pauses for the selected degree team members to take certain actions. With these three different options for conducting first degrees, there is no justification for a council not to conduct their own first degree every month.

FIRST OPTION-ALL TEAM MEMBERS DELIVER THEIR CHARGE FROM MEMORY

When the ceremonialists stand in front of the candidates and deliver their profound dialogue with passion and from memory looking into eyes of each candidate the effect is inspiring. The ceremonialists looking at the candidates can visualize that soon they may become one of his council’s officers and maybe his grand knight. In my twenty-eight plus years of performing the deputy grand knight’s part, at least seven candidates became grand knights, three became district deputies and all became my fraternal brothers. This could never have happened if my council sent their candidates to another council to receive their first degree.

The revision of the first degree was finalized in 2005 and in December 2005 a set of first degree books were automatically issued to all councils who had a certified first Degree Team or had been issued first degree books prior to December 2005. This complete set consists of five first degree books, dated June 10, 05 (burgundy cover), 1 CD and 5 songbooks. Washington had 116 councils issued a set of revised first degree books. After nine years since the new degree was instituted, Washington has only 60 certified first degree teams; this is only 37% of all councils. More than 6 out of 10 councils still do not have a certified first degree team. Why do grand knights deprive their candidates from experiencing the motivational experience of the first degree conducted by brother knights of their own council which they will be joining?

SECOND OPTION-TEAM MEMBERS READ AND/OR DELIVER CHARGE FROM MEMORY

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson told the State Deputies in 2010 that councils would soon be given some flexibility in conducting First Degree ceremonies; this was an effort to ensure that every council would be able to hold such ceremonies frequently. Later that same year, he authorized councils to read first degrees. To aid the councils, Supreme, in January 2011, issued to every grand knight one large print first degree book, dated Oct 26, 2010 (burgundy cover) and a revised CD which incorporates the reading of the parts. Due to limited supply, councils cannot order additional large print first degree books. Supreme automatically issues one set of first degree books dated June 10, 2005, CD, songbooks, and one large print first degree book, dated October 26, 2010, revised CD to all new councils

The council’s first degree team has options; those who have their parts memorized will deliver it from memory which is the Order’s preferred method and those who do not have their parts memorized are permitted to read it. If the council conducts a first degree every month, after five, six or seven times, those team members who did not have their parts memorized should have a sentence, then a section, then a page memorized and eventually have their part completely memorized. The district deputy can certify individual team members and they will receive their certification card from Supreme.



THIRD OPTION-USE THE DVD PRESENTATION WITH TEAM MEMBERS ASSISTING

To assist the councils further conducting frequent first degree ceremonials the Supreme Knight mailed a letter, on January 17, 2014, which references First Degree Exemplifications by Video, to the State Deputies, State Ceremonial Chairmen, District Deputies and Grand Knights. In his letter he wrote, "Ensuring the growth of the Order today and in the future must be a perennial priority for fraternal leaders at every level of the Order. All of the good we offer to our Church and communities depends on councils continuously welcoming more and more qualified Catholic men into our ranks. To facilitate the timely admission of new members, I am pleased to announce that, effective immediately, councils are authorized to host First Degree exemplifications using a new Supreme Council-produced video presentation of our initiation ceremonial." He further wrote, "It must be noted that many councils maintain certified First Degree teams that render an outstanding service by exemplifying the principles of the Order through the live presentation of our degrees. **Live degrees remain the preferred method by which candidates are to be admitted and advanced through the degrees, and I encourage degree teams to continue to schedule frequent live exemplifications.** The video presentation of the First Degree is meant to supplement their efforts and ensure that every prospective member can be admitted without unnecessary delay." Councils are invited to visit <https://www.kofc.org/oo> for additional instructions.

Concurrent with the Supreme Knight's letter, Gary R. Nolan, Vice President - Fraternal Training and Ceremonials sent a letter to all the State Ceremonials Chairmen. In his letter he provided the following additional guidance: This presentation is designed to aid any council lacking a degree team, or for those times when special circumstances prevent a degree team or the candidate from attending a First Degree Ceremonial. While the preferred exemplification of the First Degree is conducted by a skilled council team, the Supreme video presentation offers a quality option. The ceremonial presentation site must be dignified and solemn. It is preferable to have many members present to observe and support each candidate. Multiple options for using the presentation are available: by video with a DVD player, or via a laptop computer or other electronic device to project or display on a larger screen. Auxiliary sound is necessary for high-quality presentation. Additional instructions are included with the video. Local action required when using the video includes: Occasions to pause the presentation for local action are noted in the additional instructions and include: the Chancellor reminder, assurance of Grand Knight's statement, rosary presentation and the compass viewing. The concluding presentation of the lapel pin, membership card and the book "These Men They Call Knights" must also be completed during a pause in the ceremonial. The Grand Knight will introduce the Supreme Knight's address during the new member's segment of the production. Following the Supreme Knight's address, the local members should close with prayer. The First Degree Ceremonial video can be presented in many venues. The most preferable option would be prior to a council meeting, following when the new member is welcomed and remains for the meeting. Report the ceremonial on a Form 450 or 450C, and in the space provided for **DEGREE TEAM COUNCIL #, write VIDEO.** The grand knight is requested to include his comments. Every grand knight should show this DVD to all its members. This is an excellent teaching tool for all the non-certified first degree teams.

For the first degree, the councils should refer to the first degree books that were issued to the councils. Supreme has stated that, until such time that a council can obtain robes, business suits are permissible provided designated officers' jewels and ceremonial degree baldrics are worn. That means that there will not be a mix of robes and ceremonial degree baldrics. The attire of all degree officers will be the same, a dark business suit and tie. The Supreme Supply Department no longer sells the ceremonial baldric and it has been removed from the Supply Catalog. There are two approved suppliers in the United States, Lynch and Kelly's web-page is www.lynchkelly.com and the phone number is 1-888-548-3890 and The English Company's web-page is www.kofcsupplies.com and the phone number is 1-800-444-5632. It is the duty of the district deputy to see that the ceremonials are exemplified in accordance with the degree ceremonial books. The first degree procedures must be strictly followed. **Additions, omission, changes, or innovation of any kind are absolutely prohibited; any such should be reported at once to the State Deputy and State Ceremonial Director by the Grand Knight or District Deputy.** With these three options for the councils to conduct their own first degrees, why then do candidates still travel to another council to receive their first degree? With the authorization to read the first degree, councils should form their own first degree team and have the parts read. With the capability to use the first degree video why not use it? With a first degree team certified and delivery of the parts from memory or team members reading their parts will provide the council with greater control and flexibility of scheduling.

EVERY GRAND KNIGHT SHOULD CONDUCT A FIRST DEGREE EVERY MONTH USING THESE OPTIONS, IT IS JUST GOOD MANAGEMENT.

“With Burning Hearts”

A Retreat on the Mind and Heart of Pope Francis

June 13-15, 2014

Led by: Fr. Thomas Rosica, C.S.B.



(Pope Francis with Fr. Thomas Rosica)

Fr. Thomas Rosica, C.S.B. is an official Vatican correspondent and the founder and CEO of Canada's first Catholic TV station, Salt & Light Television. Fr. Rosica has received significant awards from the Government of Italy for his promotion of Italian culture and heritage; from the State of Israel, for his promotion of interfaith relations and Catholic pilgrimage; and the Jubilee Medal from Queen Elizabeth for his work with young people. In 2003, he received the Papal Award "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" from Pope John Paul II for his leadership of World Youth Day 2002.

The retreat fee is just \$199 per person for a private room. Price includes all presentations, six meals, and two nights in a comfortable room with private bath.

The Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades
4700 SW Dash Point Road, Federal Way, WA 98023

To reserve your space, contact us at (206) 748-7991,
email palisades@seattlearch.org, or visit
www.seattlearchdiocese.org/palisades

RELIC OF JESUS' CROWN ON VIEW



A crown of thorns which was believed to have been worn by Jesus Christ and which was bought by King Louis IX of France in 1239 is presented at the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris.

The crown — a circular band of branches encased in a gilded, golden tube — is being displayed for three days to mark the 800th anniversary of the birthday and christening of King Louis IX of France, who acquired it in 1239. The relic was first mentioned by Jerusalem pilgrims in the 5th century and was transferred to Constantinople in the 10th century. The artifact has appeared in special ceremonies a handful of times in the last hundred years: in 1997, and in 1939 on the eve of World War II, to celebrate seven centuries since it came to France.

"LEST WE FORGET!"



This display hangs in The National Veterans Art Museum in Chicago.

It contains the dog tags of every U.S. Serviceman and woman killed in Vietnam. I never knew this existed.

ConservativeInfidel.com

**“The way Jesus
shows you is not
easy. Rather, it is
like a path
winding up a
mountain. Do
not lose heart!
The steeper the
road, the faster it
rises toward ever
wider horizons!”
- John Paul II,
1996**



**WHEN HE COMES BACK,
WILL YOU RECOGNIZE HIM?**



GOOD OF THE ORDER:

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Please keep the wife of our Brother Knight, **Tony Escamilla**, and his entire family in your prayers. The father of Tony's wife recently died suddenly in Mexico following a traumatic traffic accident. It has been a terrible shock for the whole family, and your prayers are appreciated.

Also please prayer for the Jewell family after another tragic accident in Mexico this week. The **cousin of Brother Knight Jeff Jewell's wife, Imelda**, was walking home near the train tracks and was killed this week. Then within the same week of losing his son, the father had to take his wife to the hospital on the night after their son's funeral, only to learn that his wife's recent bout of illness is due to a terminal condition.

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Pope Poses For 'Selfies' After Off-The-Cuff Palm Sunday Homily

The Associated Press

Pope Francis, marking Palm Sunday in a packed St. Peter's Square, ignored his prepared homily and spoke entirely off-the-cuff in a remarkable departure from practice. Later, he hopped off his pope mobile to pose for "selfies" with young people in the crowd.



In his homily, Francis called on people, himself included, to look into their own hearts to see how they are living their lives. "Has my life fallen asleep?" Francis asked after listening to a Gospel account of how Jesus' disciples fell asleep shortly before he was betrayed by Judas before his crucifixion. "Am I like Pontius Pilate, who, when he sees the situation is difficult, washes my hands?"

He sounded tired, frequently pausing to catch his breath, as he spoke for about 15 minutes in his homily during Palm Sunday Mass, which solemnly opens Holy Week for the Roman Catholic Church. "Where is my heart?" the pope asked, pinpointing that as the "question which accompanies us" throughout Holy Week.

Francis seemed to regain his wind after the 2 ½ hour ceremony. He shed his red vestments atop his plain white cassock, chatted amiably with cardinals dressed more formally than he at that point. Then he posed for "selfies" with young people from Rio de Janeiro who had carried a large cross in the square. He had barely climbed aboard his open-topped pope mobile when he spotted Polish youths, they, too, clamoring for a "selfie" with a pope, and he hopped off, to oblige them.

In a crowd of around 100,000 Romans, tourists and pilgrims, people clutched olive tree branches, tall palm fronds or tiny braided palm leaves shaped like crosses that were blessed by Francis at the start of the ceremony.



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

THE FRANCIS EFFECT

"ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY"

By STEVE SNELL



I get the feeling we "ain't seen nothing yet!" Pope Francis seems a very old-school Jesuit, with the kind of classic Ignatius of Loyola religious formation that inspired 17th century European missionaries to paddle canoes up the Great Lakes, and walk the forests thousands of miles from civilization, in search of converts among the native tribes. They were "catgut tough," driven by the passion and fire of their faith and founder in doing the will of God.

POPE'S MILEPOSTS:

- 40% Revenue increase at Vatican broadcaster in 2013
- 44% Rise in Web page views at the National Catholic Reporter since Pope Francis election.
- 12.2 million people follow the pope on Twitter, including Latin tweets.
- Pope Francis named Time magazine's person of the year.
- Pope Francis named the world's greatest leader by Fortune magazine,

We have a new voice of conscience, at a time when the limits of leadership are tested on a daily basis, this "people's Pope," with no army or weapons, no kingdom beyond a handful of earth in the middle of Rome, but he has the weight of history behind him to throw up a challenge from the most visible pulpit on earth. When he kisses the face of a disfigured man or washes the feet of a Muslim woman, the image (message) goes well beyond the boundaries of the Catholic Church, he touches the face of God's Universe.

Some see him as a superman of today.

***I see him as a man of today who will do
super things in the years ahead!
Vivat Jesus!***



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IT IS A PRIVILEGE DENIED TO MANY.***

**THE MOST ROMANTIC LOVE STORY ISN'T
ROMEO AND JULIET WHO DIED TOGETHER...**



**BUT GRANDPA AND GRANDMA
WHO GREW OLD TOGETHER.**