



**WASHINGTON STATE KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
**HELP US FIND NEW
RESOLUTIONS FOR TODAY!**

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***HEALING & HELPING HANDS
BEGIN WITH CARING.
SO DOES CIVILIZATION.***

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In the weeks following the devastating flooding in southern Louisiana, recovery and rebuilding efforts have moved to the forefront.

Thanks to the generosity of people like you, the Knights of Columbus has collected more than half a million dollars to support those affected by the flooding. These funds have been used to provide for immediate needs such as food and cleanup supplies, as well as rebuilding materials and other items.

Along with offering this financial support, Knights have personally reached out to the flood victims. Click [here](#) for a firsthand look at their efforts.

Although the media no longer prominently features the devastation, the people of Louisiana have a long road ahead. Much needs to be done to rebuild homes and lives.

Please do not let these victims be forgotten and consider donating what you can to help.

A VIRGIN MARY STATUE IN FRONT OF A FLOODED HOME.



IS BIG BROTHER TO BIG ?

(TRUTH TO POWER)

As election day creeps closer, an independent thought to ponder is whether the government has become its own party, a self-engrossing entity so large, controlling and intimidating that we, the people, can no longer control it.

By Steve Snell

In a letter to Thomas Jefferson James Madison wrote "Wherever the real power in a Government lies, there is the danger of oppression." Given the almost sacred power the word "democracy" has in our world, it should be remembered that the U.S. Constitution was in large part an attempt to control any abuses in the name of democracy. *(Ben Franklin gave us an image "Democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for lunch.")* The tyranny of the majority/culture can be a real problem to the rights of the individual, minority groups, and religion. The only protection for these minorities is the Constitution, one of its primary missions is protect us against a large powerful government. A government big enough to give you everything you want, is a government big enough to take away everything you have.

Truth to power bother, truth to power: the Constitution may be in danger, remember that power when you vote. You can look to the Bible and find that many prophets, including John the Baptist and the Son of God, gave up their lives because they spoke truth to power. Our chance to speak truth to power is getting closer, this November speak to power by voting, it has never been more important.

Don't let non-elected bureaucrats and appointed judges decide whether big government can force churches and religious institutions to pay for abortion, contraception, and redefine the family. Once they breakup the family and the churches they can re-create society in their own image. We are in a battle for family and country. Stand up and speak truth to power.

VOTE!



Dear Brother Knight:

The Knights of Columbus is pleased to announce that this year's Respect Life Program materials published by the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops are being sent directly to your council's Culture of Life Director and Culture of Life Chair Couple.

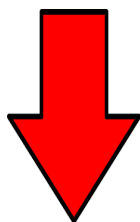
This year's theme, *Moved by Mercy*, covers the topics of adoption, post-abortion healing, faithful stewardship of creation, assisted suicide and end-of-life care. The materials include six brochures, a poster, a flyer, plus a catalog and a resource guide. All of these materials can be used throughout the fraternal year.

To view the contents of the complete package, please visit www.usccb.org/respectlife. To receive a complimentary *Moved by Mercy* packet for yourself or your council, call **866-582-0943 toll-free** and give the operator the code RLP16-KOC. Your brother Knights who are copied in this letter may also call to receive a complimentary kit by using that code.

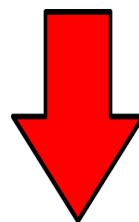
Although the annual number of abortions in the United States is shocking, pro-life effort are increasingly effective, as abortions have dropped from 1.6 to 1.1 million. A recent Marist/Knights of Columbus poll found that 45% of those who self-identify as pro-choice, and 62% overall oppose taxpayer funding of abortion. Moreover, between 2011 and July 2016, state legislatures have passed 334 laws restricting abortion. Through our Ultrasound Initiative, over 700 pregnancy care centers now have ultrasound machines funded by the Knight of Columbus. New pro-life pregnancy care centers keep opening their doors, and a record number of abortion clinics have shut down.

One of the most visible Culture of Life activities is the annual March for Life. Because of the presidential inauguration, the 2017 March for Life is scheduled for Friday, January 27. Every council should consider sending a delegation to Washington, D.C., to participate in this life-affirming march.

LOOK NEW IDEAS



FOR THE 4TH DEGREE;



"PLAN TO PROMOTE AND GROW THE FOURTH DEGREE"

By PHILLIP CLINGAN, DISTRICT MASTER WESTERN WASHINGTON

I as Master will ensure that the district continues to be fiscally responsible and adaptable to the needs of the members and community while maintaining an environment that attracts and retains the members. I have a healthy mix of knowledge and experience over the years as lead district marshal to ensure the Western Washington district provides the members and community the best possible Catholic experience.

The district's number one challenge is membership, notably in recruiting and exemplifying members from the large percentage of current 3rd-degree members. I will incorporate Marshals that will be assigned to the assemblies. As a collective team, we will maintain and facilitate new member recruitment, exemplifications, color corps / honor guard training, and motivate the district's outstanding members. Fourth Degree members must be incorporated during 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degrees in regalia, and be visible in Parish's across the district to help recruit new council members. Only through visibility and collaboration with local councils can the 4th degree and Knights of Columbus as a whole thrive.

I believe my experience over the past years of building standards, assisting in the establishment of new assemblies, and providing leadership will be invaluable to the Order. Notably, in successfully navigating this complex process that affects every district, assembly, council, and members. I will dedicate the time and experience necessary to support our State Deputy, assemblies, councils, communities, and exceptional members.

Criteria for Star Assembly in Western Washington

Assemblies must be installed (sent to and confirmed by MFD).

- 1. Form 186 Completed (1 July sent to and confirmed by MFD).*
- 2. Complete and submit fraternal audit (August 1, sent to and confirmed by MFD).*
- 3. Conduct 4 Civic Duties for the Civic Award (sent to and confirmed by MFD).*
- 4. Complete and turn in Application to be a Patriot Award (confirmed by MFD).*
- 5. Meet membership quota (confirmed by MFD).*
- 6. Six monthly newsletters in a fraternal year (sent to and confirmed by MFD).*
- 7. Marshals over Assemblies for training, exchange of information, instillation, health & readiness.*

MFD Clingan
Tommy LaCour
Mike Colosi
Dale Boudreau
David Foley
Ed Rogers

All assemblies
1170, 1844, 1955, 2376, 2621, 2960, 3398, 3565, 3644
3144, 3006, 2926, 2259, 1802, 1178,
3223, 3183, 3123, 3095, 1707, 1530, 1176
Ceremonial Marshal; District Color Corps Commander; over 3106
Anti-Chamber Marshal

Fourth Degree Medallion

Created by the District Master as of September 1, 2016 as part of district wide sustainability program effective immediately. The front of the coin: a knights shield with a cross background and small cross at the top with the fourth degree emblem centered. The back of the coin: a knights shield with a cross background, the American Flag, the fourth degree emblem, and shield with the Knights of Columbus motto, and open space to record the new Sir Knights exemplification date.



The medallion will be presented to each new Sir Knight during an exemplification.

- Current members must attend an exemplification and pay \$5 and in turn, receive one medallion. One limit per member.
- The Fourth Degree Medallion will be used in the recognition of Sir Knights whose contribution of service to patriotism, community, and church are recognized by the Faithful Navigator as exceptional and clarifies as above and beyond Sir Knight (FN's contact MFD directly).



John F. Kennedy Assembly Award for Excellence

The award is designed to recognize one assembly that stands out above all other assemblies in Western Washington. The assembly must complete all seven-star assembly requirements before submitting for the John F. Kennedy Assembly Award for Excellence as numerically outlined in page two of the District Masters fraternal plan.

- Time frame begins July 1 through April 30th annually. Award application requires photos of the assembly project, a written description of each event (community, church, or patriotism) and purpose of each event (education for the citizenry, community sustainability program, or other purposes), and answer why the assembly deserves the award to support the purpose statement.
- Assembly minutes illustrating the assemblies vote of said project must accompany the award packet.
- The award is not to exceed 20 total photos of 1 voted project and no more than 10 pages of written data to support the event. Any amount less than described is acceptable.
- All data must be presented as a packet chronologically.
- Assemblies can only submit one project for the J.F.K assembly award.
- Project can be the same as the Patriot Award.
- All submissions are mailed to the MFD using certified mail.
- The award panel consist of
 - District Master
 - 3 Marshals
 - 1 Priest or Deacon

The award panel convenes the first week of May to review assembly submissions for the J.F.K. assembly award and make final decisions in identifying the assembly award recipient for the fraternal year.

**The Patriot Award need only be submitted but not completed in accordance with Supreme directives, thus a simple submittal of the Patriot Award qualifies any assembly to submit for the J.F.K. assembly award upon voting on such a project.

**Reminder: all-star assembly (seven) steps must be completed by April 30th and confirmed by the MFD.

** Assembly applicants will receive written acceptance of completed packets by MFD to FN.

23" Reproduction of Leo Cherne's original sculpture, on display at the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C., will hold 34 assemblies name plates, thus sustaining the award for the next 34 years. One assembly will receive the award during the Washington State Convention held every May during the award presentation and dinner.



Faithful Navigator of the Year

The Faithful Navigator (FN) of the Year award is a sword Spanish design etched sword with scabbard. White handle. Beautiful blade gold etched with the words " Faithful Navigator of the Year" on one side and "Western Washington" on the other side. The award is presented to the Faithful Navigator whose actions exemplify leadership by providing motivation, purpose, and spirituality along with the assembly officers working as one team to secure the successful operation of the Assembly to achieve Star Assembly.

- Assembly must meet star assembly requirements to apply.
- Assemblies are to submit 1 photo of the Faithful Navigator; a two page, double spaced description of why the Faithful Navigator should receive the award.
- Submitted no later than April 30th.
- All submissions are mailed to the MFD using certified mail.
- The award panel consist of
 - District Master 3 Marshals 1 Priest or Deacon

The award panel convenes the first week of May to review assembly submissions for the Faithful Navigator of the Year award and make final decisions in identifying the FN award recipient for the fraternal year. Award is presented during the Annual convention.



Sir Knight of the Year

The Sir Knight of the Year award is Clear Crystal Eagle Head Award on Black Pedestal Base...Size- 5-3/4". Beautiful gift box for presentation included and etched with the words of the Sir Knight's name and " Sir Knight of the Year Western Washington." The award is presented to the Sir Knight whose actions exemplify devotion to family, assembly members, active involvement in his assembly, serves on projects, and actively involved in his church.

- Any Fourth Degree member in good standing can apply.
- Assemblies are to submit 1 photo of the Sir Knight; a two page, double spaced description of why the Sir Knight should receive the award.
- Submitted no later than April 30th.
- All submissions are mailed to the MFD using certified mail.
- The award panel consist of
 - District Master
 - 3 Marshals
 - 1 Priest or Deacon

The award panel convenes the first week of May to review assembly submissions for the Sir Knight of the Year award and make final decisions in identifying the award recipient for the fraternal year. Award is presented during the Annual convention.

Cost J.F.K.	\$450; no shipping cost from White House Gift Shop
Sword	\$159 plus .25 cents per character; no shipping cost. English Company

Eagle	\$45 plus .35 cents per character; no shipping cost. English Company
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I am asking each assembly to donate \$17 to the District Master to help establish these award programs for the 2016 fraternal year.

The J.F.K. is a one-time payment where the District Master will pay for the annual assembly recipients name plate once the statue is purchased. The statue will always remain with an assembly not the District Master. The sword and eagle is an annual reoccurring gift that will cost an annual donation of \$5 per assembly. These are wonderful awards and I hope the District assemblies agree and will support the recognition of our brothers works.

The new awards are designed for the members and to be kept by the members. To bring the Fourth Degree alongside with the Third Degree as one unified team. When the Third degree receives honors for all the hard work so to shall the Fourth Degree. The Sir Knights of Western Washington perform so many great works and should be recognized for them.



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WHERE'S THE LEADERSHIP?

WHERE'S THE VOICE?

*We need leaders that can inspire.
We need leaders that you would stand in the snow for hours
with your shoes off listening to them speak.*

By Steve Snell

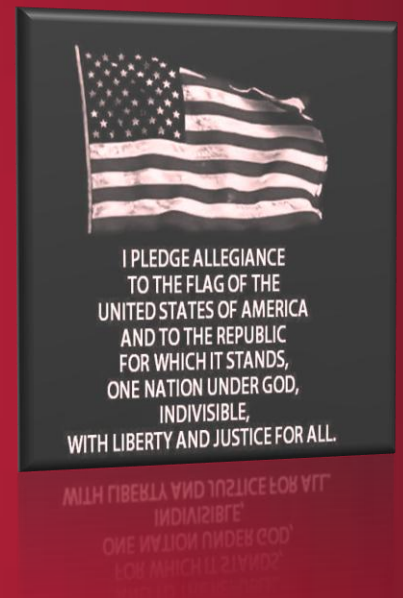
Our world needs inspirational leaders to lead in a new or different direction. We haven't seen that since FDR, Reagan, St. John Paul II, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen and perhaps that's the main reason why people aren't inclined to join organizations (*political parties, etc.*) or some even leave them. Membership for the sake of membership, *well the old gray mare ain't what she use to be.*

Beheadings of Christians by brutal terrorists in the Middle East and **nothing is done about it.** Deadly drug addiction and teenagers committing murder in our cities and **nothing is done about it.** Families divided, children without basic educational skills and kids still go to bed hungry at night. Yet our leaders can't seem to figure it out, they do the same old thing over and over..... still the problems remain, **nothing changes.** With the Lord's help we must cause change, we must lead!!

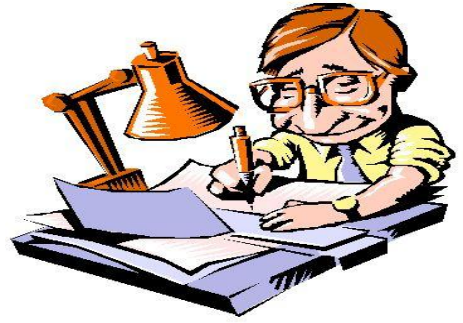
Where's the leadership?

**Look in the mirror>
YOU COULD BE THE MAN!!**





FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



By STEVE SNELL

Autumn is a reflective time of year for me. Now I begin to ask the questions of what could have been. How could these months have been spent more productively?

To continue the thought. If you could change the State so that we were more "relevant," more "spiritual," or more in tune with post-modern cultural shifts, what would you do? Are the traditional ways of doing things really relics of the past that we refuse to give up? Is what we call non-traditional ways of doing things the wave of "new" traditions? Can we, will we adapt to the present realities, realities that allow, even encourage the destruction of so many of our unborn babies?

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES; NOT AT ALL!!!

Many of my very devote friends, all good well meaning people continue to pray to the Lord to send help, like sending an army to help us stop the killing, an army we can lead to victory. We need your help Lord they pray, **SEND US HELP!**

HELP IS HERE NOW!

The Lord has sent us an army to stop the killing of our babies, to protect our faith and families. He has armed them with,


**VOTES, LOTS OF VOTES,
MILLIONS OF VOTES
REACH OUT AND COMMUNICATE
LEAD THEM TO A
VOTING BOOTH!!!**

NOBBY SUNG



One Western Gal, house-trained and ready to nail down her boyfriend, who had been visiting her for nearly a year, became impatient for his failure to declare his intentions. To make her point loud and clear she wrote in the *Solonomville Valley Bulletin* of September 6, 1889:

Nobby, you've been foolin' around this claim for mighty near a year, and 'hev never yet shot off your mouth on the marryn biz. I've cottoned to yer on the square, clear through, and hev stood off every galoot that has tried to chip in, and now I want yer to come down to bizness or vamoose the ranch. Do the tall act or pull your freight. Ef yer on the carry and want a pard that'll stick to yer till yer pass over the range, just shoot yer wad an' we'll hitch. But if that haint yer game, then draw out an' give some other feller a show fer his pile. NOW SING YER SONG OR SLOPE.



NOBBY SUNG.





Prayer to End Abortion

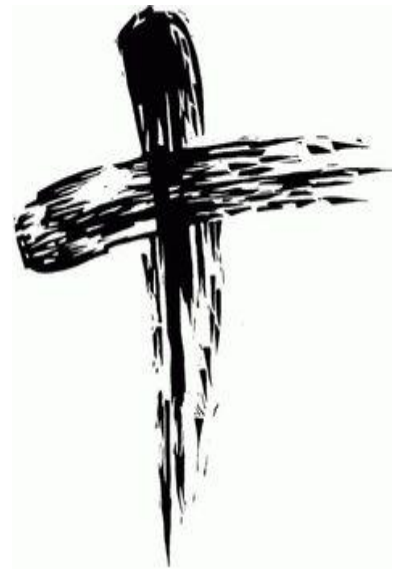
**Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life,
And for the lives of all my brothers and sisters.**

**I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion,
Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death
by the Resurrection of Your Son.**

**I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.
Today I commit myself
Never to be silent,
Never to be passive,
Never to be forgetful of the unborn.**

**I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement,
And never to stop defending life
Until all my brothers and sisters are protected,
And our nation once again becomes
A nation with liberty and justice
Not just for some, but for all.**

Through Christ our Lord. Amen!



GROWING THE ORDER

Knights are Catholic men (and their families), 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community; it is supporting your local Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing family life. It is about fighting for the lives of unborn children.

Being a Knight is an opportunity to be a part of something bigger than yourself; that's what most men are interested in. They can have an impact right away after they join. Then, of course, there are the fraternal benefits and the insurance program which is a great deal for young people. Joining the Knights for most men is a winning formula for a man's family, his church and the community in which they live.

Let me tell about one of the most memorable Knights I ever met. What amazed me about him was, that at age 92, he still not only had the desire, he had energy driven by a God given passion to continue to work for **charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Those are the four principles of the Knights of Columbus.** I once heard a story how when he was asked how he would encourage someone to join the Knights of Columbus, he said. "It is written that you can't make it to heaven without charity. Well, if you belong to the Knights, that's what it's all about - charity," he said." In fact the Knights have helped our troops as far back as World War 1." The Knights truly embody charity in all its functions. **Imagine being part of an organization that fills your heart and your mind with the joy of giving to others and the feeling that comes from making a difference..**

Look to your country, to your Family, and to your faith. There is much left to do; our families, our church, our unborn, and our communities are counting on you and me as Catholics to be there for them. STAND UP, STEP FORWARD AND EXPERIENCE THE DIGNITY OF BEING A KNIGHT, RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND BROTHER AND:

"Stand with us, to bear witness to the events of our time, to reach out to the needs of the poor and the greatness within mankind."

VIVAT JESUS!!!!

By Steve Snell



FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The following Washington families are the winners for the month of August 2016 "the Family of the Month" contest, obtained through a random drawing held at the Supreme Council office from among many nominees submitted by councils throughout the Order.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Jeremy & Stephanie Baenen - Council 2999 - Camas

Edward & Helen Lapinski - Council 8137 - Spokane

STRONG VISIBLE PROGRAM



Bellingham Knights of Columbus Council 829

Some of the Harvest Festival Sunday breakfast crew,



l-r: Joe St.Hilaire, Moose, Jen Roberts, Tom Bernard, Peter Ruffatto, Harvey Unruh, Gordy Wilson, Hans Hanson, Rosa Franco, Mark Franco, John Shuhler, Ben Roberts, Tom Jessup

HARVEST FESTIVAL MEANS MANY KNIGHTS DOING HEAVY LIFTING.

Set-up and/or take-down volunteers were GK **Ben Roberts**, and Brothers **John Dutton**, **Tom Jessup**, **Gordy Wilson**, **Dick Tobias**, **Tim Hackler**, **Josh Danke**, **Peter Ruffatto**, **Rik Dalton**, **Rob Murphy**, **Eric Wenzel**, **Dale Boudreau**, **Hans Hanson**, **Rick Lockhart**, **Gary Metcalf**, and **Moose**.

Curley Fries volunteers were Brothers **John Dutton** (Chairman), **Rik Dalvit** and his wife **Chris**, **Bob Grasher** and his wife **Marlene**, **Paul Textor** and his wife **Rose**, **Gary Metcalf**, **Francis DePalma**, **Joshua Dutton**, **Rebecca Henning**, **Bernadette Zuzarte**, and GK **Ben Roberts** and his wife **Jen**.

Kettle Corn volunteers were Brothers **Matt Williams** (Chairman), **Ross Driscoll** and his wife **Dane**, **Jim Swanson**, **Josh Danke**, **Rob Murphy**, **Tom Bernard**, **Lou St.Hilaire**, **Tom Jessup**, **Gordy Wilson**, and **Eric Wenzel**, and **Moose**.

Pancake Breakfast volunteers were GK **Ben Roberts** (Chairman), and Brothers **Mark Franco** (head chef) and his wife **Rosa**, **Gordy Wilson**, **Tom Bernard**, **Kevin Schmid**, **Jim Swanson**, **Harvey Unruh**, **Gary Metcalf**, **Peter Ruffatto**, **Hans Hanson**, and **Moose**.

Brother **Jim Sofka** set up the yard lights

THE DREAMS OF YESTERDAY, BECOME THE PROMISE OF TODAY!

Years ago when I was married to my first wife and living in Seattle we would attend Mass on a regular basis. Attending Mass was instilled in all of my siblings by our parents from an early age and continues to this day.

By Lupe V Resendez Grand Knight Council 14926

I remember going to special church events such as an ordination of a priest or some special Mass where I would be privileged to see the color corps of the Knights of Columbus. I so wanted to be one but I thought it was only for the more privileged and so I never pursued it. I loved everything about the pageantry and the colors and the regalia worn by these special men. I wanted so much to be a part of it.

Fast forward to 2009; I am being invited to a luncheon hosted by a certain Knights of Columbus council and my new wife asks me if I want to go. She states that I have always wanted to be a Knight and maybe this is the opportunity for you. I decide that maybe she is right and I accept. Before I know it, I have completed my 1st degree exemplification. I am now a member of the Knights of Columbus. I was on cloud nine (maybe even higher). From that day forward, I was not aware that I would be meeting and introduced to so many good Christian Catholic men, some I consider friends to this day. A round table was being formed and they wanted me to talk to other catholic men that might be interested in joining this fraternity of catholic men. Before long we had enough to form a council and bypassed the round table notion.

I am honored to have been chosen as the Charter Grand Knight for our council (I was not prepared for this). I accept the nomination and the vote of confidence my fellow Knights have bestowed upon me.

For the next 3 years, our attendance and participation was astounding and I was very happy. Everything was going so well. Then in 2012 the bottom fell out.

So today in the year of Our Lord 2016, we find ourselves no longer in the church where our council originated, but we survive in another church because their priest has opened his arms to us and he acknowledges the work that the Knights of Columbus is part of the Lord's plan. He truly is a man of God. ***Vivat Jesus***



OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA (FACT OR LEGEND?)

We had the good fortune to visit with Our Lady of Czestochowa again just this past month during a 35 day trip to Europe that also included a visit to Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal. Sharon previously visited with Our Lady of Lourdes in France some years ago.

Our Lady depicted above as the "Black Madonna" is the Virgin Mary and Jesus that legend states was painted by St. Luke the Evangelist. It has hung in the main chapel at the Jasna Gora Monastery in Czestochowa, Poland, for more than 600 years.

By Sharon and George Czerwonka

Legend tells us that St. Luke is believed to have used a tabletop for the painting taken from a table built by Jesus; and, it was during his painting that Mary told him about the events in Jesus life that St. Luke used in his subsequent gospel. But how did the painting come to be at the Jasna Gora Monastery in Czestochowa? The time line is long, so bear with me as I sort through legend and fact.

Legend also tells us that St. Helen went to Jerusalem in search of the true cross in 326 AD, and she happened upon the portrait of Our Lady. She gave it to her son, Constantine, who had a shrine built to safeguard it.

Legend further tells us that prayers of intercession to Our Lady are answered by

Jesus. In a battle with Saracens, the portrait was displayed from the walls of Constantinople and the Saracens were routed. The portrait is credited with saving the city.

Eventually, the portrait came to Charlemagne, and he presented it to the Ruthenian Prince Leo of Hungary. It remained at the Ruthenia palace until an invasion in the eleventh century. The King prayed for the intervention of Our Lady to save his small army. A darkness overcame the enemy troops who attacked each another in the subsequent confusion and Ruthenia was saved.

In the fourteenth century, the portrait was transferred to a monastery in Poland in response to a request by Prince Ladislaus of Opola. In 1382, the invading Tartars attacked the Prince's fortress at Belz and a Tartar arrow struck the painting. The Prince feared that he and the famous painting might fall to the Tartars fled in the night to Czestochowa. The painting was installed in a small church and the Prince subsequently built a monastery and church for the Pauline Order to ensure the painting's safety....Jasna Gora Monastery.

The Hussites overran the Monastery in 1430 and attempted to take the portrait. One looter twice struck the painting with his sword but before he could strike another blow he fell to the floor writhing in agony and died. Both the sword cuts and the Tartar arrow wound are still visible in the painting today.

Later, in 1655, Poland was almost entirely overrun by the forces of Sweden's King Charles X. Only the area around the monastery remained unconquered. Somehow, the monks of the monastery successfully defended the portrait against a forty day siege and eventually all of Poland was able to drive out the invaders.

After these remarkable events, Our Lady of Czestochowa became the symbol of Polish national unity and was crowned Queen of Poland. The King of Poland placed the country under the protection of the Blessed Mother and it is believed Poland was set free through her intercession.

Centuries of miraculous events and spontaneous healings have occurred to those who made a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Czestochowa. She gets its name "Black Madonna" from the soot residue that discolours the painting from centuries of votive candles burning in front of the painting. With the fall of communism in Poland, pilgrimages to the Black Madonna have increased dramatically in the past years. We too were pilgrims praying to Our Lady of Czestochowa for the healing of many in our Knights of Columbus families.

With prayerful healing,

Sharon and George Czerwonka

(Editor Note; this is the first installment by our former State Deputy and his wife

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS - THE MISSION



By Greg Fazzari, Athletic Director & Educator Walla Walla Catholic Schools

The Churches divine mission necessarily includes spiritual warfare. The Catholic school, as a missionary arm of the Church, is no exception to this rule. An institution that is capable of so much good from an evangelical stand point is bound to run into trials that attempt to thwart its mission.

The numbers of Catholic schools in our country has declined markedly in the past several decades. This shows how strong the battle is. Furthermore, Catholic schools have many temptations that must be guarded against. Most of these temptations attempt to redefine the school into a lesser institution. The mission becomes compromised.

One of these temptations is turn the Catholic school into an institution that serves only the rich. Another is to serve only academically gifted children. A third is to become a sports academy or an academy for the arts. All of these temptations turn the splendor of the Catholic school into a lesser institution.

Catholic schools, by their very nature, should have excellent academics, competitive athletics, and extraordinary arts programs. Catholic schools should serve all socio-economic levels including the rich but especially the poor. Christ deserves excellence in education.

The temptation is to get the priorities wrong.

The primary mission of the Catholic school is to evangelize in the deepest sense of the word. To allow Christ to inundate every aspect of the school and give the Holy Spirit room to come forth and renew each family and each student the Catholic school serves. This primary mission does not have to be compromised in the name of educational excellence.

The Catholic School's mission is NOT to be either an evangelizing or an educationally sound institution. A Catholic school must be both. However, since it is Catholic, it must be first and foremost be evangelical. The rest will necessarily follow.

Pray for your Catholic schools.

The spiritual battle to help your local Catholic school can only be won if every Catholic participates. The Catholic school is a mission of the entire Church. When each person in each pew of each parish participates, our Catholic Schools will flourish.



FAMILY

- WE ARE NOTHING WITHOUT OUR FAMILIES.
- REMEMBER TO THANK THE KNIGHT & HIS FAMILY

OF THE

- CORNER STONE OF OUR ORDER
- THANK GOD FOR OUR FAMILIES

MONTH

- RECOGNIZE & THANK A FAMILY EVERY MONTH
- USE THE FAMILY PROGRAM EVERY MONTH!

Why do we wait till a person's gone, before we tell of their worth?

Why do we wait, why not thank them and their family now????

Why do we wait till a person's gone to send them an armful of flowers when a **single rose of recognition** would have meant so much while they were with us.

Why do we wait till they cannot hear the good things that we might say? Brothers don't keep your honored Knights waiting,

WHY WAIT..... Please use the Family Program to publicly recognize these men and their families from within your councils, they belong in your council's Hall of Fame!



ANY QUESTIONS? NEED HELP? CONTACT:

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OUR NEXT FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Saturday, November 19, 2016,

at St. George Church, 5306 13th Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98108 The
host assembly is **St. Joan of Arc Assembly 3398**

The host **Faithful Navigator** is Steve Schweyen (206-255-4177). The
degree team is the Western Washington Fourth Degree Team

Seven Reasons Knights Should Join the Fourth Degree

1. The Fourth Degree is a group of outstanding Knights of Columbus dedicated to promoting patriotism enlightened by the Catholic Faith.
2. We work for the application of Christian principles in all levels of democratic government.
3. We call upon our members to distinguish themselves with heroic deeds for God, Country, and Order.
4. We support religious, civic, and charitable causes that are consistent with our Order's high ideals.
5. We oppose the institution and development of forces averse to good Christian government.
6. We educate our members and the world-at-large to be defenders of our democratic institutions.
7. The Fourth Degree, the highest degree in the Knights of Columbus, provides members with a greater knowledge and appreciation of our Catholic heritage.



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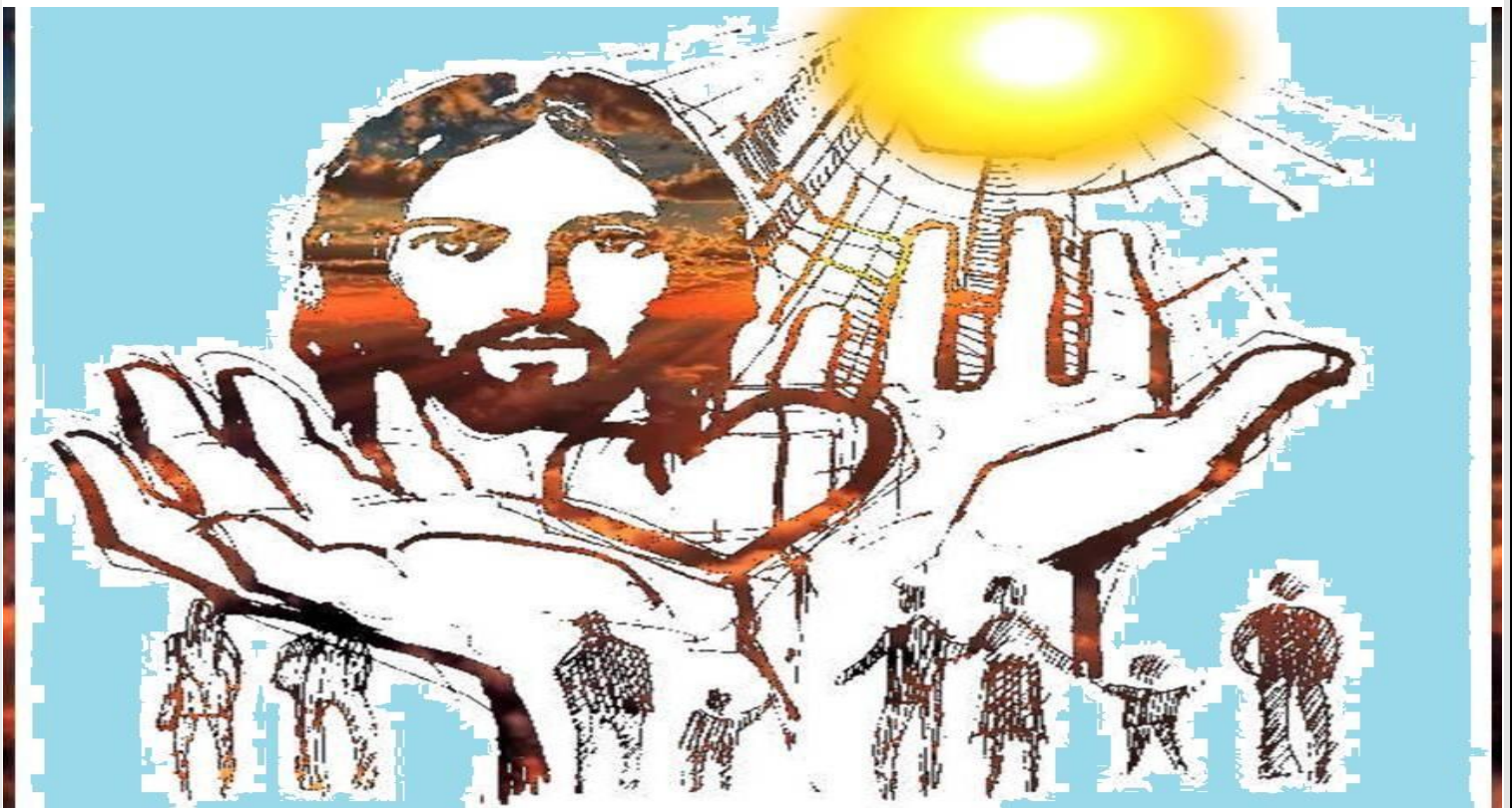
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SEÑOR..QUE NOS AMAMOS TODOS COMO NOS AMA DIOS)



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

1. La señal de los cristianos es amarse como hermanos.
2. Quien a sus hermanos no ama, miente si a Dios dice que ama.
3. Cristo, Luz, Verdad y Vida, al perdon y amor invita.
4. Perdonemos al hermano como Cristo ha perdonado.
5. Comulguemos con frecuencia para amarnos a conciencia.
6. Quitad odios y rencores de todos los corazones.
7. Si al enfermo visitamos, a Dios mismo consolamos.
8. En la vida y en la muerte, Dios nos ama para siempre
9. En trabajos y fatigas, Cristo a todos nos anima.
10. Gloria al Padre y al Hijo, y al Espirito Divino.

“ A new commandment ” (Spanish) Submitted by Manuel R. Aguilar



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