

WASHINGTON STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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UNDER GOD !

"THE SECOND EDITION"

Ductus Exemplo

BE THE CHAMPION FOR THOSE WHO DON'T HAVE ONE!

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# BTW

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Laugh out loud

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Oh my god

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I love you

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People

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I don't know

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To be honest

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Thanks

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Shaking my head

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Ask me anything

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Just kidding

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In my opinion

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I know right

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For your  
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Be right back

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Good game

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I don't care

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Thank God it's  
Friday

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In case you  
missed it

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In real life

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Best friends  
forever



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# PROSSER SCOTTISH FEST

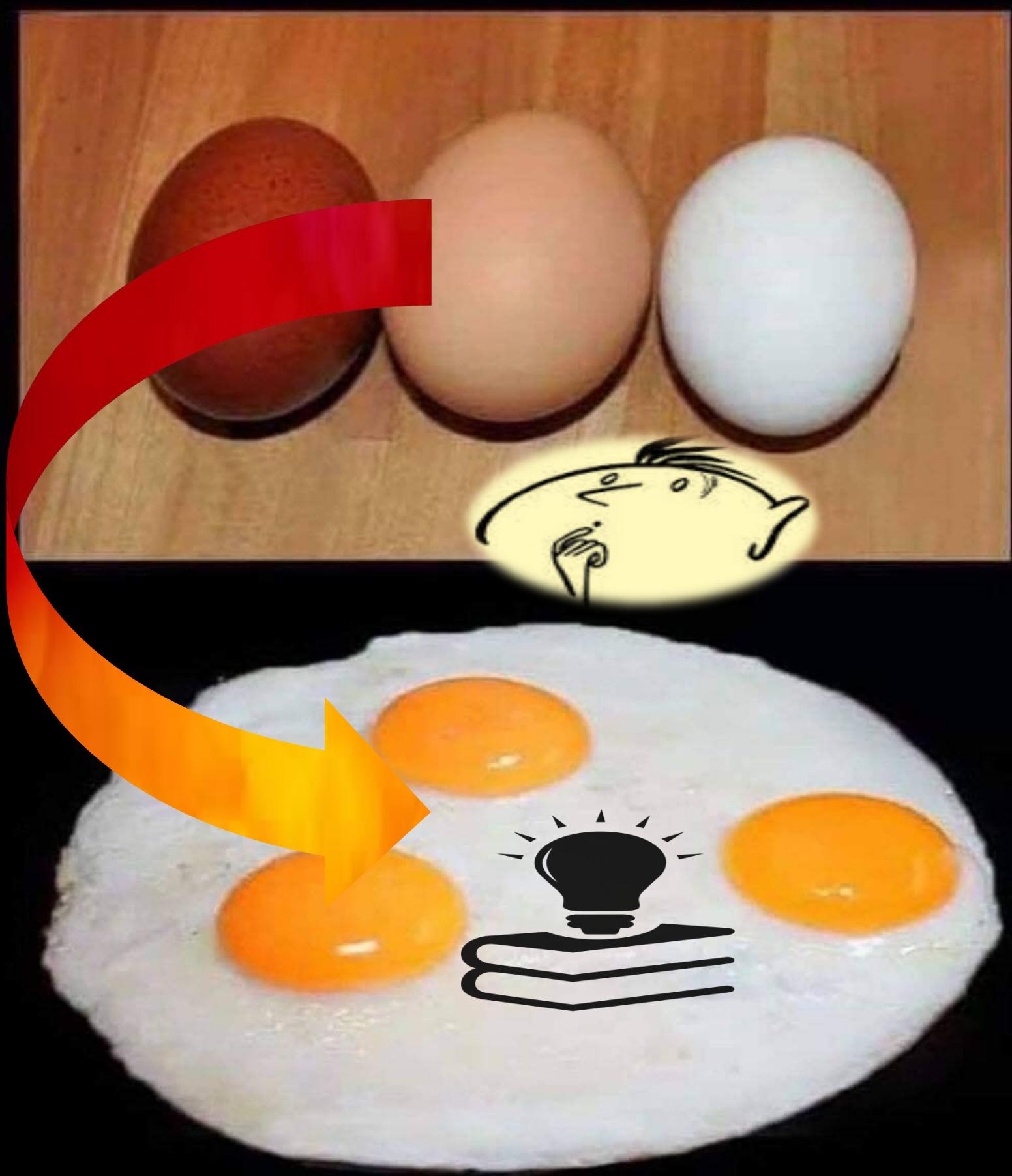


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**RACISM EXPLAINED FOR DUMMIES**

BY STEVE SNELL

NEW FRATERNAL YEAR IS UPON US.

CONVENTIONAL WISDOM HAS BEEN WITH US FOREVER

BUT WE SEEM TO FORGET TO CHALLENGE THE RESULTS,

WHAT IT MEANS OR WHY WE CONTINUE TO REPEAT IT.

## MAYBE.....

WE SHOULD QUESTION SOME OF OUR TRADITIONAL METHODS

WE SHOULD TRY TO DELIVER MESSAGES THAT HAVE MEANING TODAY

RATHER THAN SLEEPWALKING PAST MANY OF THE YOUNGER MEMBERS.

*Father McGivney took a risk.*

*He founded the Knights.*

*He adapted to the needs of his day.*

*He took a risk.*

*He made a difference.*

I WAS JUST THINKING, COULD IT BE OUR TURN?

COULD WE MAKE IT OUR TURN?

DO THE KNIGHTS OF WASHINGTON STATE HAVE THE CREATIVITY, THE TALENT  
AND THE LEADERSHIP TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST?

H..... YES WE DO, YOU D..... RIGHT WE DO, YOU BET YOU'RE A..... WE DO.

**I THINK PERHAPS WE DO!!**

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO IGNITE, INSPIRE AND TRANSFORM;

**LET'S BUILD SOMETHING**

**“AWESOME”**

# "SILVER ROSE" PILGRIMAGE HONORS MARY DIGNITY OF LIFE



*Bob Hakanson of Knights of Columbus Council 15689 explains the significance of the Silver Rose program to fellow parishioners at St. Jerome Parish in Ocean Shores after a Mass on June 8. Photo: Courtesy Bob Hakanson*

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ELMA – When Rachel Torres knelt in front of a silver rose at St. Joseph Parish, it was a powerful experience.“What touched me the most was when we got to hold the rose” that honors Mary, Torres said. **“We were praying together as a family and the tears just started rolling down my face.”**St. Joseph is among the Western Washington parishes that, since 2015, have offered the opportunity to venerate Our Lady of Guadalupe through the annual Silver Rose program of the Knights of Columbus. “Bringing Jesus to the Americas at a time of considerable unrest and turmoil,” according to Scott Hulse, who coordinates the program for the Knights’ Washington State Council.

The Silver Rose pilgrimage has been a Knights tradition for years, but in Western Washington it has spread beyond Seattle parishes only recently, according to Hulse.

**Mike Calderon of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Vancouver, who was Hispanic membership chairman for the state Knights in 2011,** “was the one to really emphasize the veneration of Mary as the patroness of the unborn and underprivileged,” Hulse said.

**“She didn’t show herself to a government official or someone in power,” Hulse said, “but to an Aztec slave, Juan Diego.”**

*Ed Blomquist, Knights of Columbus Assembly 3565, stands guard over the Silver Rose at St. Jerome Parish in Ocean Shores June 8. The parish was one of several stops for the rose as it made its way through Washington State on its journey from Canada to Mexico to honor Mary.*

*Photo courtesy Bob*



# THE KNIGHTLY HILLBILLY THOMISTS

DOMINICAN FRIARS-INCLUDING KNIGHTS

JOYFULLY EXPRESS FAITH THROUGH MUSIC

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Hundreds of young fans packed the hall of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church on April 6 in anticipation of a night of music. The headliner: a bluegrass Americana group consisting of Dominican friars known as The Hillbilly Thomists.

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N They electrified the crowd, playing classic folk songs “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms,” “Amazing Grace,” “Poor Wayfaring Stranger,” along with originals. One in particular, “I’m a Dog,” was requested repeatedly during their set. Most of the songs can be found on their debut album that reached number 1 on the Amazon folk music chart.

The unconventional music group includes members of the Knights of Columbus, including founding members Father Thomas Joseph White and Father Austin Litke, along with Father Timothy Danaher, Father Joseph Hagan and Brother Simon Teller.

The Hillbilly Thomists originally began as a jam session during which the friars would play Irish folk tunes. Turning these jams into band practice was a natural progression. Soon, band practice turned into recording an album. Band members believe it was providential.

“Every year we would record an album of our schola—singing sacred music. But it was also a fundraiser,” Brother Justin said. “We go out to all the parishes that we run and different parishes where we do ministry each year, and we’d make a pitch for selling these CDs that go to support our studies in seminary.”

The name of the group comes from Flannery O'Connor, who once said, "Everybody who has read 'Wise Blood' thinks I'm a hillbilly nihilist, whereas... I'm a hillbilly Thomist."

Songs on their titular album were chosen because they are all rooted in the Gospel tradition, exploring Christian themes.

"A lot of the songs are about death," Brother Justin said. "It's about a good Christian death and what that means."

But the band and album are more than a novelty and easy listening; the band members see their project as a way to evangelize. One person came up to Brother Simon and told him how her daughter, who is falling away from the faith, is receptive to the album and its message. "We find that people are more receptive to music, as music is sort of a joyful expression of the faith," Brother Simon said. "They're listening to the songs with the lyrics that are spiritual. It's about the Lord and salvation. So a seed of faith can get planted, kind of through the backdoor, whereas, if you approach some people just with the Gospel in a more properly preaching mode, they will put up defense barriers."

Being a member of the Knights of Columbus is an extension of that evangelization, according to Brother Simon.

"I admire the Knights, the purpose and the mission of the Knights of Columbus," Brother Simon said. "[They're] men who are willing to just drop everything to serve the Church, even in these minor ways. And then just in major ways like all the support that the Knights give to persecuted Christians. It's a really admirable organization. I'm grateful to be connected to that."

So what's next for the band? For now, the members have gone their separate ways on mission trips. But they have thought about making another album. Though they don't have concrete plans just yet, Hillbilly Thomists fans have reason to get excited.

"We do have a few new songs that we've been working on, so we already have some material that we could record," Brother Justin said.

**EDITOR'S NOTE: THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF USING "DIFFERENT METHODS" (I.E. PAGE 6) TO DELIVER MEANINGFUL MESSAGES TO A WIDER AUDIENCE, THIS HAS BEEN DONE WITH GREAT SUCCESS IN OUR STATE BY COLBERT COUNCIL 8872 IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT PLAYS, THE LAST ONE BEING "MARRY POPPINS". WE NEED MORE OF THIS CREATIVE AND INOVATING MESSAGING LET'S TRY IT, TAKE A RISK!!!**



EVANGALISM

# Disturbing Discovery from KonB Pres.

Greetings Brothers KonB,

When I got up this morning still reeling from three days in a row of talking motorcycles and Knights on Bikes I promised myself to send out a KonB weekend in review newsletter. Lady Angie looks outside and says it's a beautiful morning "Lets ride the Guadalupe Bike to 9:30 mass then over to the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Mariachi Festival in Columbia Park" say me....sweet I am in. Beautiful ride along the Columbia River and duck pond.... we then arrived looking for lunch we walked the food trailers and after making our lunch choice we set out to find seating close to the stage. As we sit down I look around at all the people and the young beautiful dancers performing up on stage.. than panning right 20 feet from our table on the front row of the vendors row is see .....

The first thing that came to mind was Jesus in the temple throwing out the money changers....and as I am trying to get a grip on myself the MC on stage shares how proud we should be of our youth wanting to carrying on there heritage and traditions. The next sentence he shares is... everyone needs to visit all the vendors and sign up for their door prizes and free swag....and as I am eating my six outstanding authentic street chicken tacos for five bucks... I watch as the two chute girls wearing pink tee shirts that say Juntos Con Planned Parenthood.....**Together with Planned Parenthood.** Also noted....their booth got more visitors than any other I saw, not sure what they were giving away?

WTF...how is Planned Parenthood part of the Hispanic tradition and heritage....or my own proud German/Irish heritage or any other???? **Brothers we are indeed at war and need to step up.**

Today I start planning for next year's 15<sup>th</sup> annual Mariachi event **Knights on Bikes information booth.** Brothers I need your help.....

Viva Cristo Rey

"Blanco" Bruce Hines

Washington State Director/POS  
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**"IN GOD WE TRUST, AND RIDE"**



# SERVE WHERE YOU ARE BUSY FATHERS

Brother Knights,

## EDITOR'S NOTE >>

MUST  
READ

I Want to reach out to you because I know many of you are starting families, ramping up your careers, travel a lot, most or all of the above. You want to serve, but it is very hard to make it to meetings, or carve out entire days to participate in fund raising activities.

There are still ways to be active Knights, setting an example for your children and parish, with minimal time commitments beyond attending Mass. Below, I've listed ways you can support your council that won't take you away from your families.

1) **Help with our visibility** - Wear your vests to Mass the Sunday prior to our council meetings (2nd Tuesday of each month) Let me know if you need a vest by return mail or text the # below.

2) **Social Media-**

Our council has a page on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/kofcprosser](http://www.facebook.com/kofcprosser)). Follow the page, and share articles and events we post.



3) **Be available to hand out brochures and materials when needed after Mass.** Also, please consider making announcements for the council; we have an urgent need for representation at the Saturday 5 pm and Sunday 11am Masses!

4) **Faith in Action - Consider owning a Faith In Action program.** The graphic below lists these well thought out Knights programs, and some of them can be done with no more than a few hours of work. A few of them, such as the Rosary Program and Building the Domestic Church Kiosk, take less than 30 minutes and can be done before or after Mass. Contact me or Jose Martinez if you'd like more information on one of these programs.

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**5) Help with Recruiting** - Invite your Catholic buddies to become Knights. We'll be having at least 2 First Degree ceremonies by year end.

Please give this some thought, and prayer.

That's all for now, get back to your families, and don't forget to make some more Catholics. ;-)

### Supreme-Recommended Program Category Matrix

| FAITH                              | COMMUNITY                              |
|------------------------------------|--|
| RSVP                               | Coats for Kids                         |
| Into the Breach                    | Global Wheelchair Mission              |
| Marian Icon Prayer Program         | Habitat for Humanity                   |
| Building the Domestic Church Kiosk | Disaster Preparedness                  |
| Rosary Program                     | Free Throw Championship                |
| Spiritual Reflection Program New   | Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest     |
| Holy Hour New                      | Soccer Challenge                       |
| Sacramental Gifts New              | Helping Hands New                      |
| FAMILY                             | LIFE                                   |
| Food for Families                  | Marches for Life                       |
| Family of the Month/Year           | Special Olympics                       |
| Keep Christ in Christmas           | Ultrasound Program                     |
| Family Fully Alive                 | Christian Refugee Relief               |
| Family Week                        | Silver Rose                            |
| Consecration to the Holy Family    | Mass for People with Special Needs New |
| Family Prayer Night New            | Pregnancy Center Support New           |
| Good Friday Family Promotion New   | Novena for Life New                    |

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**Installation of officers for Msgr.  
Hugh O'Flaherty Council 8297.  
With DD Anthony Farrell at  
St Peter Catholic Church.**

Even the strongest hands can lose their grip,  
the greatest of minds can become cloudy,  
and the biggest of hearts can break.

*So*

*Aging Gracefully*

**Be Kind**  
just always, be kind.





# VeniVidiVici

Work hard, stay disciplined  
and be patient. your time  
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Black Elk is responsible for the conversion of around 400 souls. He saw a vision of Christ under the tree of life. From Black Elk Speaks: 'I saw the holy tree full of leaves and blooming . . . But that is not all I saw. Against the tree there was a man standing with arms held wide in front of him. I looked hard at him, and I could not tell what people he came from. He was not a Wasichu [white man] and he was not an Indian. His hair was long and hanging loose, and on the left side of his head he wore an eagle feather. . . . While I was staring hard at him, his body began to change and became very beautiful with all colors of light, and around him there was light. He spoke like singing: 'My life is such that all earthly things belong to me. Your father, The Great Sprit, has said this. You too must say this.' Then he went out like a light in a wind.'

# BLACK ELK

BLACK ELK SURVIVED THE BATTLE OF THE LITTLE BIG HORN AND WOUNDED KNEE. HIS WORDS CAN BE FOUND IN THE BOOK, BLACK ELK SPEAKS.

1863-1950 MUCH RESPECT

*"Grown men can learn from very little children for the hearts of little children are pure. Therefore, the Great Spirit may show to them many things which older people miss, Black Elk"*



## 2019-20 Council Officers

**B** Grand Knight Preston Knutson, Chaplain (vacant); Deputy Grand Knight Jack King; Chancellor Gordy Wilson; Advocate Don Baldwin; Recorder Charlie Whelan; Financial Secretary Larry Kerstiens, 1-419-344-1222; Treasurer Eric Wenzel; Warden Seth Bobbink; Inside Guard Andrew Krzysiek; Outside Guard Jeff Finkbonner; Trustees Matt Williams (3), Tom Jessup (2), Ben Roberts (1)

**L** *Brother Preston Knutson (right) accepts the grand knight's gavel from outgoing GK Matt Williams at the conclusion of the June meeting.*

**I** *To Brother Ross Driscoll, virtually the only knight who turned out to paint Fr. Moore's rectory at Assumption.*



**N** *Fr. Scott Connolly, our council's chaplain seven out of the past twelve years and now departing for a new assignment in Seattle, accepts gifts of Our Lady of Assumption painting and stole in thanks for his years as chaplain.*

**C** *Our council's delegates to the May 19-21 state convention were Brothers Jack King and Gary Metcalf. They are shown in the photo at left, taken during the convention proceedings. Also in the photo is new State Warden Scott Hulse. On the right Brother Jack and his wife Michelle are shown at the banquet, along with Brother Bill Swartz, DD-31, and his wife Patti.*

*(The editor apologizes for not getting these photos in the June Good Knight.)*



SUBMITTED BY JOE ST. HILAIRE

# SACRED HEART COUNCIL 10543

## HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

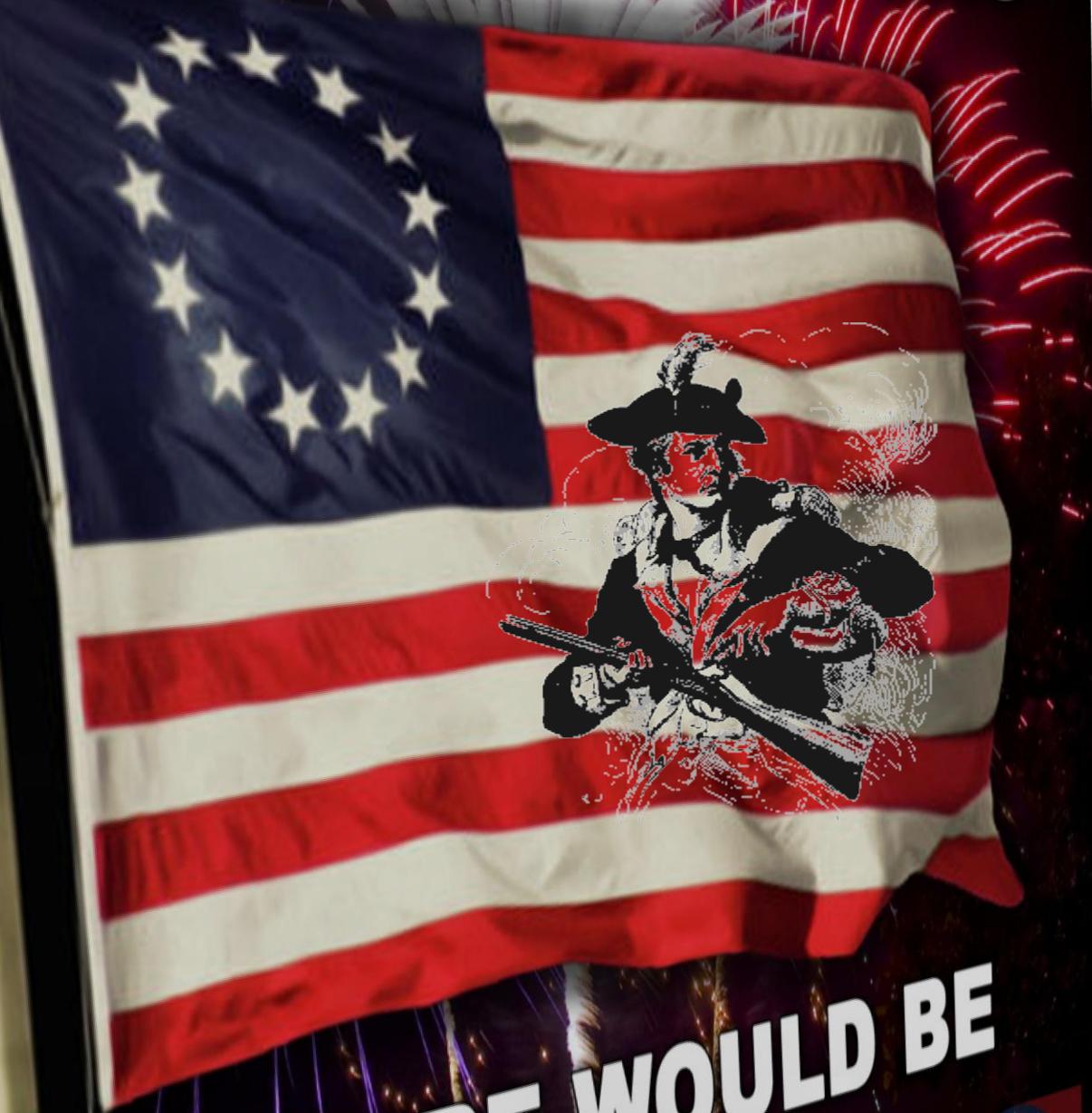


“...where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty”

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# WITHOUT THIS FLAG



THERE WOULD BE  
NO - FREEDOM  
NO - 4th of JULY  
NO - NATION AT ALL



# THANK YOU KELLEY O'HARA



**FOR SUPPORTING OUR  
NATION AND THE  
AMERICAN FLAG**



# UPDATED DEGREE SCHEDULE

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

Please find attached a pdf and an excel version of the current Knighthood degree schedule, dated July 7, 2019.

All information on the schedule remains the same since the last update on June 2, 2019 except for the following:

Degree in Seattle scheduled for June 20, 2019 was postponed until later this calendar year.

All DDs who are the Host DD for the degrees scheduled over the next 60 days, are to post the degree information as soon as possible on the state web-page. 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.

The following degree are scheduled through the end of September 2019.

| DATE                                 | LOCATION            | CO      | PFC       | DISTRICTS                      |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| TBD. postpones until later this fall | Seattle             | Roth    | DeVos     | <b>1, 13 &amp; 26</b>          |
| 8/24/2019*                           | Seattle             | Hogan   | Kelley    | <b>1, 13, 15, 26 &amp; 33</b>  |
| 9/14/2019*                           | Bothell             | Maloney | Roth      | <b>13, 14, 16, 21 &amp; 23</b> |
| 9/21/2019*                           | Port Angeles/Sequim | Devine  | Ablao     | <b>2, 24 &amp; 28</b>          |
| 9/21/2019*                           | Yakima              | Hadley  | McDonnell | <b>6, 7, 10, 17 &amp; 29</b>   |
| 9/28/2019*                           | Oak Harbor          | Roth    | Ablao     | <b>9, 19 &amp; 31</b>          |
| 9/28/2019*                           | Federal Way/Auburn  | Kelley  | Devine    | <b>3, 12, 22 &amp; 34</b>      |

# MORE UPDATED DEGREE INFORMATION

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 begin to arrange for a facility and post 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

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BYE, HON...  
I'LL BE BACK  
IN A JIF!



FAMOUS LAST WORDS

**Backside of mom's gravestone.  
Everytime someone asked for her cookie  
recipe, she said, "Over my dead body!"**

**Mom's Christmas Cookies**

Cream: 1 cup sugar  
1/2 cup oleo

Add: 2 beaten eggs  
1 tsp. vanilla

Add: 3 cups flour  
3 tsp. baking powder  
1 tsp. salt

Add alternately with 1 cup cream.  
Chill and roll out with flour.  
Bake 350 degrees oven, and frost.





IT MAY BE TIME TO START CLIMBING  
TO THE PLACE THAT  
YOU HAVE ALWAYS  
WANTED TO GO.



YOU HAVE THIS ONE LIFE. HOW DO  
YOU WANT TO SPEND IT? APOLOGIZING?  
REGRETTING? QUESTIONING? HATING YOURSELF/  
DIETING? RUNING AFTER PEOPLE WHO  
DON'T SEE YOU. BE BRAVE. BELIEVE IN  
YOURSELF. DO WHAT FEELS GOOD.  
TAKE RISKS. YOU HAVE THIS ONE LIFE.  
MAKE YOURSELF PROUD.

“A champion is someone who gets up when he can’t.” – Jack Dempsey  
Even when your body is completely broken, your mind can overcome the exhaustion and pain. You can pull yourself off the floor. When you are able to do that consistently, you will become a winner. When that habit becomes your second nature, where you don't even think about it, you just do it, then you'll be a champion

# HHS brings Protect Life Rule into effect



**CNA Catholic News Agency**

**Washington D.C., Jul 15, 2019 / 05:56 pm (CNA).**- The Trump administration announced Monday evening that parts of the Protect Life Rule, which prohibits recipients of Title X family planning funds to refer or provide abortion services, will go into effect immediately.

As of July 15, the Department of Health and Human Services informed Title X fund recipients that they will no longer be permitted to refer mothers for abortion services, and must keep finances separate from facilities that provide abortions.

As of March next year, abortion facilities will no longer be allowed to co-locate with clinics that receive Title X moneys. Clinics that provide “nondirective counseling” about abortion may still receive funds.

Title X is a federal program created in 1965 that subsidizes family-planning and preventative health services, including contraception, for low-income families. It has been frequently updated and subject to new regulations.

The Protect Life Rule will strip about \$60 million in federal funding from Planned Parenthood, whose clinics both refer for abortion services and are co-located with abortion facilities. Planned Parenthood presently receives about one-fifth of the total amount of Title X funds distributed and serves about 40 percent of all clients who benefit from Title X.

Previously, abortion providers were ineligible to receive Title X funds, and the Supreme Court upheld this restriction in 1991. When President Bill Clinton took office in 1993, his administration changed the program to include abortion providers.

No money has been cut from Title X as a result of this change, and funds will still be available for eligible clinics.

The Protect Life Rule was formally announced by the Department of Health and Human Services in June 2018. Immediately after it was announced, the administration was sued by several states opposed to the changes. On Thursday, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals denied a stay that would have blocked the rule from going into effect.

Planned Parenthood described the court's decision as “devastating” and “crushing news,” though the organization remains eligible to receive \$500 million in federal funding.

Last week, Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of the pro-life organization Susan B. Anthony List, described the Protect Life Rule coming into force as “greatly encouraging.”

“Without reducing Title X funding by a dime, the Protect Life Rule simply draws a bright line between abortion and family planning, stopping abortion businesses like Planned Parenthood from treating Title X as their private slush fund.”

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# SAINT JAMES APOSTLE



**N**othing is known of St. James the Greater's early life, though it has been established that he is the son of Zebedee and Salome and brother of John the disciple. The title "the Greater" was added to St. James' name to help distinguish him from the Apostle James "the Less," who is believed to have been shorter than James "the Greater." Saint James the Greater was one of Jesus' first disciples. James was fishing with his father and John the Apostle when Jesus came to the shores of the Sea of Galilee and called for the fishermen, who were unable to catch any fish that day, to dip their nets in the water once again. When the fishermen followed Jesus' instructions, they found their nets full, and after emptying the fish on board, the boats nearly sank from their weight. Later, James was one of only three called by Jesus to witness his Transfiguration, and when he and his brother wanted to call fire upon a Samaritan town, both were rebuked by Jesus. Following Christ's Ascension, James spread the Gospel across Israel and the Roman kingdom as well. He traveled and spread the Word for nearly forty years in Spain. It is said that one day, as he prayed, The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to him and asked him to build her a church, which he did. Later, James returned to Jerusalem but was martyred for his faith by King Herod, who decapitated him. Saint James the Greater is known as the first apostle to die. As he was not allowed to be buried following his martyrdom, his remains were taken to Compostela, Spain, by some of his followers, who buried him. In the ninth century, his remains were discovered and moved to a tomb in Santiago de Compostela. Today, his remains can still be found in the Cathedral of Santiago. Santiago de Compostela is the most frequently visited place pilgrims migrate to following Rome and Jerusalem. In 1884, Pope Leo XIII declared the relics revered at Compostela are authentic. His Feast Day is celebrated on July 25th. Catholic Online

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# HOW TO BATHE YOUR CAT



This one for Cat lovers...

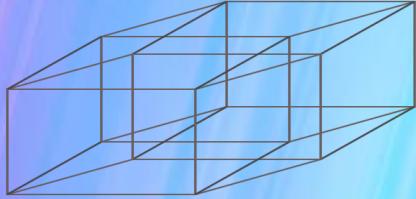
(1) First, you begin by thoroughly cleaning the toilet bowl, flushing it several times and then adding 3 tablespoons of a good quality pet shampoo. (2) Next, you get your cat and stroke its back lovingly as you walk to the bathroom. (3) With your cat fully calmed, phase three requires you to stand near the toilet bowl with the lid in the up position, then dropping your cat into the toilet, quickly closing the lid lest your cat escapes, and holding the lid down tightly keeping your fingers away from the side of the lid. (4) Phase four is the washing phase; your cat will thrash about creating many suds. (5) Phase five begins after 2 to 3 minutes washing by flushing the toilet 3 times to thoroughly rinse your cat. (6) The final phase six requires you to open the bathroom door while standing to the side of the toilet as you release the lid. The cat will quickly exit from the toilet bowl unaided. It is important that your spouse or other family member is not standing in the bathroom doorway when the cat begins the air-drying phase or serious injury will result.

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# THE COURAGE OF IMAGINATION FUEL GROWTH



*It is said that pride is the child of ignorance, humility the off spring of knowledge. **A proud man** thinks himself better than he is, and when criticized always believes his neighbor is jealous or has a grudge against him. The **humble man** makes room for progress; **the proud man** believes he is already there. **The humble man** is always dissatisfied with his writings, his works and accomplishments, but is easily satisfied with the efforts of others, and never fails to give them encouragement.*

**By STEVE SNELL**

**M**any times in life we misinterpret our talent and humility. If you listen to quality professional athletes they most often give a quite evaluation of their own talents. Listen to the quality athlete who wins on a Sunday or is on a winning team – he neither berates himself nor runs around slapping himself on the back. He simply admits he had a good day and will often thank the Lord for his performance. As Knights we could do worse than developing this type of objective humility.

One of the best definitions of humility I've heard is this: "**Humility is not denying the talent you have but admitting that the talent comes through you and not from you.**" If you deny the talent you've been given, you lie. If you have a great singing voice, to deprecate it is to show a lack of appreciation for it. If you've been given a talent for making money (and I believe it is a talent), then use it and be the trustee of it. If your talent is administration, then help things to happen. **I don't believe that God is giving anyone credit for irresponsibility, and that is what we are showing when we fail to recognize, appreciate, and use the talent that we have been given.**

This spirit of assurance my brothers we as Knights need to capture or in some cases recapture. We as Knights need to recognize and use that talent God gave us for the betterment of our fellow man. Talent unused is wasteful and sinful, I think the Lord may one day ask us why we never used the tools he gave us. Daniel Webster was once asked what the greatest thought that ever entered his mind was; his answer was, "Personal accountability to God for his gifts." Brother Knights use the talents and imagination that God gave you so we don't lose them:

**WE MUST BECOME AGENTS OF CHANGE!!**

*People are looking for leadership. They need more than "boiler plate," put me to sleep tongue wagging.*

**WE ARE THE ONES WE ARE WAITING FOR. WE ARE THE ONES WHO MUST SAVE UNBORN LIVES AND CHANGE LIVES!**

**TEAMWORK MUST HAVE A VISION OF GROWTH**

Many goals are unpredictable in the sense that they often grow. My goal for the trees we planted in our yard is for them to get big enough to shade the house, but the trees are not going to stop growing once they shade the house. They are going to keep on growing bigger regardless of whether I want them to or not. The nature of visions is to keep on growing beyond our conception. Look at the growth of our country, the space program, or for that matter look at the Knights of Columbus.

In our own back yard look at the growth of the Wheel Chair Program or the Tootsie Roll Program both of which surpassed all the preliminary goals set at their inception. There are many other examples of this throughout our state and this is good, because there ought to be growth in all areas not the least of which is membership. You die when you stop growing. Our Order grows because of the outstanding men in our Order and because of the new ones who will join us in the future !!!

*My point is our vision will grow, Father McGivney's vision, his dream, will push beyond yesterday's goals. It will become bigger than ever imagined when other outstanding men join our team and carry it forward.....*

**VIVAT JESUS!**

## Saint Michael the Archangel Prayer

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen..

**CALL ON JESUS**

**WHEN STRONG MEN PRAY  
WHEN MEN OF STRONG FAITH PRAY**

**HE HEARS YOU AND  
NOTHING IS BEYOND REACH!**



See You Next Month!

