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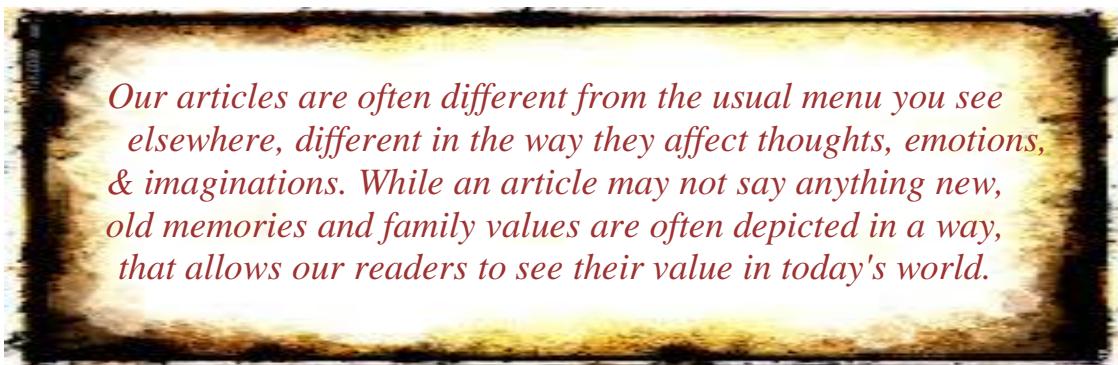
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"Creativity is the greatest expression of liberty"

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**THE SECOND EDITION IS A
"Strong Visible Program"**





"FAMILY OF THE MONTH"

"THE FAMILY, NATURE'S MASTERPIECE."

SUPREME COUNCIL "FAMILY OF THE MONTH" AWARDS"

Each month the Supreme Council will randomly select families that are nominated by their councils, by completing the Family of the Month form (forms must be submitted to Supreme by the 15th of the month.) Each Family will receive a Holy Family Icon from the Supreme Council.

**The following families from Washington are winners for June 2015.
Congratulations to:**

Raymond & Peggy Fjetland
Council 1629 - Puyallup

Anthony & Bonnie Kraskouskas
Council 11780 - Hammond

John & Caroline Fredette
Council 13794 - Seattle

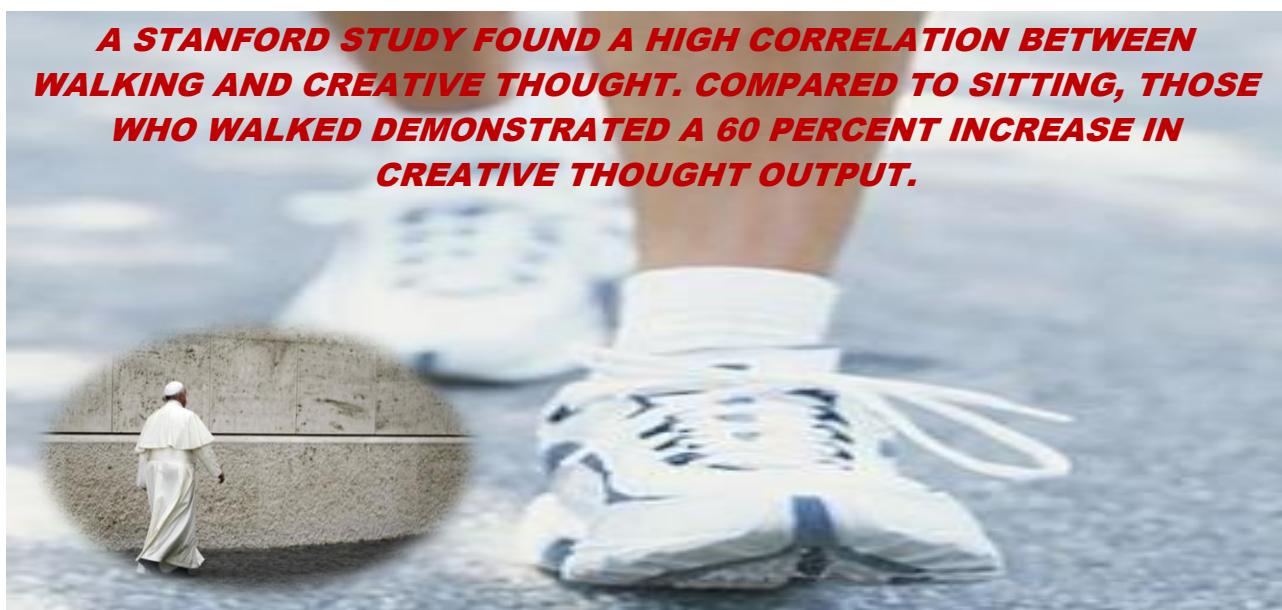


STRONG VISIBLE PROGRAM



"CREATIVITY IS CONTAGIOUS PASS IT ON" -----Albert Einstein

A STANFORD STUDY FOUND A HIGH CORRELATION BETWEEN WALKING AND CREATIVE THOUGHT. COMPARED TO SITTING, THOSE WHO WALKED DEMONSTRATED A 60 PERCENT INCREASE IN CREATIVE THOUGHT OUTPUT.



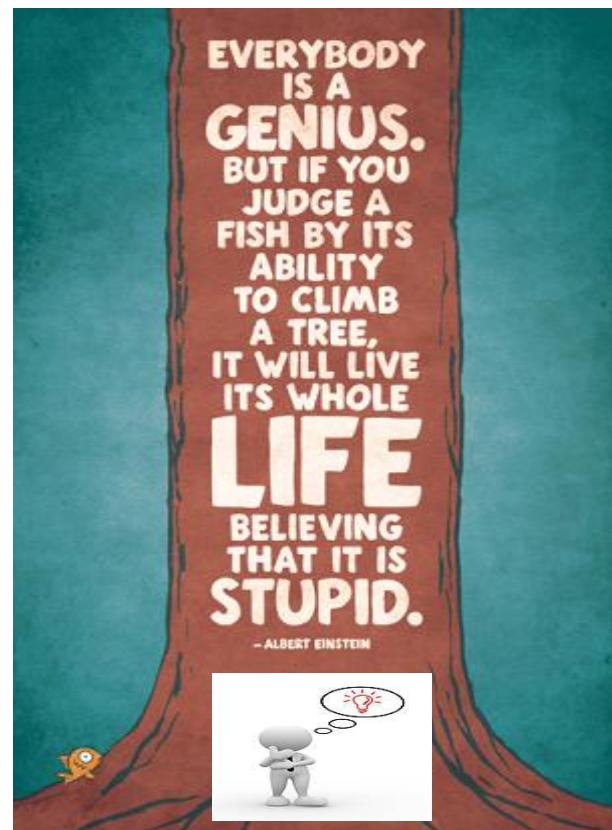
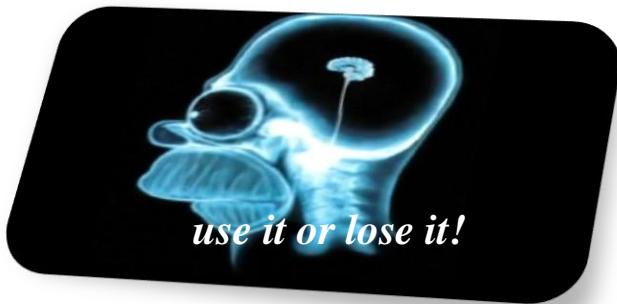
**BE CREATIVE IN YOUR LEADERSHIP
USE IT WISELY FOR SERVICE TO ALL!**

Grant creative wisdom to our leadership.....

We pray to the Lord.

Creativity is a hallmark of the Holy. We can readily see this in Nature, so many colors, forms, textures to enjoy and be inspired by, so too when we allow our own creativity to flow.

**“Creativity is God’s gift to us.
Using our creativity is our
gift back to God.”**





Knights of Columbus

Making a Difference for Life

July 8, 2015

Ygnacio Calderon
10405 NE 124th Ave
Vancouver WA 98682-1612

Dear Brother Calderon,

The Our Lady of Guadalupe-One Life One Rose Silver Rose Program has been a Knights of Columbus tradition for 55 years. This tradition would not be possible without your hard work and dedication, along with that of the countless other Knights who have helped to make this program such a success through the years.

Thank you for all that you do in support of this multi-national program. Beginning every spring and culminating on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12, Knights of Columbus councils from Canada to Mexico conduct prayer services in spiritual unity with their brother Knights throughout North America. You should be proud of the role you play in this flagship program of the Knights of Columbus.

Again, thank you for your support of the Silver Rose Program. Please also convey my gratitude to all the Knights in Washington who helped make this year's Silver Rose program a success. Looking forward to having Washington participate in the 2016 Silver Rose, I am.

Fraternally,
George W. Hanna
Senior Vice President, Fraternal Services

Dear Brothers George Hanna and Jason Porrello, peace be with you,

First thank you Brother Hanna for the kind letter received from your office, it's appreciated. Guadalupe Image accompanied the Rose as it has in past years, Rose stands are made in WA that continue on the journey to other states and beyond. This one was made from fine red wood, that appeared from ?? must have appeared for this purpose

Am sure that this note speaks for Washington State jurisdiction, we have been honored to have hosted the Mother of our Savior, asking for Her intercession in bringing about the end to the culture of death and bringing peace to this troubled world.

Madre mia de Gudadalupe gracias por su lindo amor, mi oracion, que su gracia este en todas las tierras de las Americas.





SUMMER MEETING

"EVERY BATTLE IS WON BEFORE IT'S FOUGHT"

Prepare with basic training, that's where success begins.

By STEVE SNELL

JULY 19, 2015: PASCO -- The weekend was a basic training event for the new and returning District Deputy Mentors, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Council Program Chairmen, Council Membership Directors, and State Chairmen. The weekend would not have been as successful as it was without the efforts of the State Officers and their Leadership Team. They put in many hours organizing this event and guiding everyone through many varied presentations, providing us with examples of hands on leadership.

It appeared that all present were inspired by listening to the information given to them by the membership & program presenters and their message of leading by example. The weekend was an opportunity that provided the District Deputies and Council Officers with the tools and the confidence to effectively exercise the leadership that will allow the Washington jurisdiction to grow and continue in its leadership role within our Order.





THE FAMILY OF THE MONTH

By STEVE SNELL



He was a distinctive figure, a loner, emerging from quietness every now and then when he attended mass, filled a grocery cart, or visited the sick, he was otherwise content to mind his own personal business. Occasionally he would write short articles for newsletters or various publications. He wrote beyond the horizons' of the casual reader, he thought of writing as an art rather than sidewalk entertainment. Such writers tend not to be abundant, they work hard on their sentences. Most of his stories or articles were short exclamations of brevity, his talent seemed happiest in the concentration, the focus, of the short story. Like Henry James he was exhilarated by the challenge of restriction.

On this morning's walk, it's a foggy day, he feels the beads of his rosary, prayer holds him like a pause in time. A chill gets under his clothes, under his skin. The rows of the vineyard slope out of sight under the mist. A cow moans in the distance. All this worry about the everyday... when what he really wants is to escape the everyday, the straitjacket of loneliness and tedium. To go home, to find her there, to share a cup of coffee, to share thoughts and feelings, to hold her hand.

- *The doctor had pulled him aside in the waiting room, " your wife's x-rays don't look so good."* He is not the same man since he lost his wife a few months ago, they were mutual shadows, joined at the soul. He was a Knight, (they were Knights,) they gave themselves to their church and the Order, they asked for nothing more than the opportunity to serve. Her last words to him....*"Don't stop living and giving, I'll be watching and know that I'll be waiting for you."* The sun comes out, the mist lifts and little birds emerge from their places in the trees, hopping and tweeting. He pauses to take off the hoodie and put it in his backpack.

He is buried in thought and prayer on his daily two-hour walk along the public footpaths and farmers' roads, between ditches and razed crops littered with shredded branches and shrubs. A bare tree here and there. He startles a deer, it jumps over the stumps and disappears in the trees. He stands and watches a moment and then turns and heads for home. He has a Council meeting tonight, faces to greet, faithful hands to shake, compassion and loyalty to share. Amen!



"BUT YOU DIDN'T" *(By an unknown survivor)*



Remember the day I borrowed your brand
new car and dented it?
I thought you'd kill me, but you didn't.

And remember the time I dragged you to the beach,
and you said it would rain, and it did?
I thought you'd say, "I told you so." But you didn't.

Do you remember the time I flirted with all
the guys to make you jealous, and you were?
I thought you'd leave, but you didn't.

Do you remember the time I spilled strawberry pie
all over your car rug?
I thought you'd hit me, but you didn't.

And remember the time I forgot to tell you the dance
was formal and you showed up in jeans?
I thought you'd drop me, but you didn't.

Yes, there were lots of things you didn't do.
But you put up with me, and loved me, and protected me.

There were lots of things I wanted to make up to you
when you returned from Vietnam.

BUT YOU DIDN'T.

***SPOT LIGHT ON STRONG VISIBLE
COUNCIL PROGRAMS***



To Knights of Columbus Council 894

By FEDERICO G. LOPEZ, GK COUNCIL 894

We delivered a Check to Saint Vincent De Paul in the most visible way we know. Found more than we were barging for, the need is huge: more than 250 families a week get at least 40 pound of food. Alice took our check and was so grateful that they could get some alternatives on high protein content foods.



They receive \$8K a year from the state, only if the food is given in a designated fashion. We can do 5 drives a year as the last one and increase their cash by 62% on top of the 1000 plus pound of food we can gather with the help of the 3 participating parishes.

We happened to bump in to Tom who was helping as a volunteer that day, one more opportunity to help with one or two days a month to organize and clean the place so that when people come to get their food or visit "looks and is clean" We also delivered a check to Anna Green. She gave as a report, 20 low income kids were taken to the camping experience.



SPOT LIGHT ON STRONG VISIBLE COUNCIL PROGRAMS



To Knights of Columbus Council 11736

By David Foley, District Deputy, District 27

It was a pleasure for the Knights of St. Barbara Council 11736 in Black Diamond to present a check of \$200 to Cheryl Hanson the Executive Director of the Black Diamond Community Center. The check represents the refund from Supreme for **the first 2000 pounds of food donated to the Black Diamond Food Bank by the generous parishioners of St. Barbara Parish.**

(Pictured left to right are Cheryl Hanson, Tom Harvey (Financial Secretary), David Foley (Past Grand Knight), Gerald Korst (Member), Gerald's wife Gay and their two grandchildren



Brit Hume blasts brutality of abortion behind “antiseptic veil”



Whatever comes of the revelations about Planned Parenthood and its participation in the traffic in fetal body parts, those revelations will have achieved one thing: they have parted the veil of antiseptic tidiness behind which the abortion industry has for so long operated. The sight of a senior Planned Parenthood official, and a doctor to boot, discussing the market for fetal body parts in between bites of salad and sips of wine was stomach-turning.

That's because it laid bare the essentially brutal nature of abortion. Let's be blunt: **abortion involves the extraction and killing of a human life**, which within a couple of weeks of pregnancy has a beating heart. Five weeks in, its hands and legs begin to grow. It is these tiny creatures, and too often ones that are far more developed, that are pulled from a mother's womb and crushed with forceps.

Oh, but oh-so-carefully, lest body parts that can be sold are preserved. This gruesome procedure shows the extent to which we, as a people, have been anesthetized by the estimated 55 million—**FIFTY-FIVE MILLION**—abortions performed since the Supreme Court discovered a constitutional right to that procedure 42 years ago.

Will we as a nation not someday look upon that decision and what it has done to us, not to mention the 55 million, with horror and regret? One can only hope we will.





In 2003, the Knights of Columbus began participating in the Global Wheelchair Mission and sponsored 2,000 wheelchairs to be distributed in Afghanistan. Since then, Knights in the U.S. and Canada have sponsored the distribution of some 53,000 wheelchairs in Argentina, Colombia, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Jordan, Mexico, Morocco, Oman, Panama, the Philippines, Poland, the United States and Vietnam.

For every donation of \$150 received by the Global Wheelchair Mission, it can deliver a brand new wheelchair which would cost over \$500 in a medical supply store.

They are shipped in containers of 100 to 280 wheelchairs each directly from the factory to the destination countries at no cost to the recipients.

Councils, assemblies, and circles are encouraged to promote this program to their membership, inviting personal consideration, as well as implementing this as an ongoing charitable event.

SUPREME FORMS DUE:

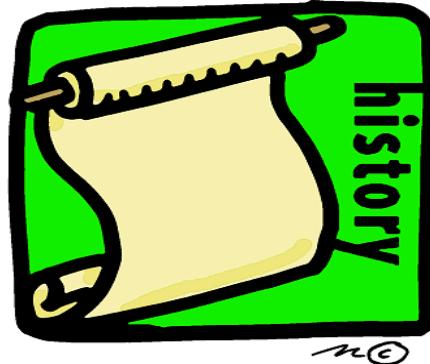
- *Report of officers chosen, (form #185,) due July 1, 2015.*
 - *Service program personnel report, (form #365,) due August 1, 2015.*
 - *Semiannual Council Audit Report, (form #1295,) due August 15, 2015.*
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'A 61-year-old man told the doctor that he was no longer able to help around the house like he used to. After the doctor had finished examining him, the man said: 'Now, doc, tell me in plain English what is wrong with me.'

'In plain English,' said the doctor, 'you're just lazy.'

'Ok,' said the man, 'now give me the medical term so I can tell my wife.'

The Value of Your Council's History



"My council doesn't have much history. There isn't anything to report."

By JOE ST.HILAIRE, STATE HISTORIAN

So said the Grand Knight of a council that was chartered just a few years ago. But of course there are things about your council to report. Even if your council does only the usual pancake breakfasts, Tootsie Roll program, or Free Throw Contest, there is value in your council's history.

Think of those who come after you. Don't you think a new member who comes into your council in 2065 (that is, 50 years from now) would be interested in the beginnings and the events of your council of 2015? Certainly he would!

That's why it's important that we have a history of every council, not just Seattle 676 and those other Washington councils that got started in 1902 and the few years following that.

The following councils are lacking histories: 9721, 9833, 9910, 11085, 11217, 11252, 11253, 11611, 11948, 12175, 12483, 12591, 13761, 14046, 14689, 14852, 14922, 15143, 15338, 15462, 15684, 15721, and 15838.

So if your council hasn't submitted its history then you or some other officer of your council ought to gather up the facts and submit a history. Can't write? Then just answer five easy questions:

- 1) Who was instrumental in the formation of the Council (district deputy, parish priest, etc)?**
- 2) Who were the charter officers?**
- 3) What programs have been instituted to benefit the parish and community?**
- 4) Does the council have a special mission or program that it excels in?**
- 5) Has the council grown or been recognized with any awards (Star Council, etc.)?**

Then submit the answers to those questions to me and I will write the history for you. Send your history notes or any updated council's history to me at historian@kofc-wa.org.

Vivat Jesus!

Joe St.Hilaire, State Historian



**TELL A STORY,
IN YOUR OWN WAY OR
MAYBE TELL TWO STORIES.**

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MICROPHONES,
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**MANY CREATIVE WAYS
TO DELIVER A MESSAGE!
TELL IT IN YOUR OWN WAY!**



**Painting The Seasons
FALL AND WINTER IN ONE PAINTING.**

*Yesterday a little pigeon in the sky
Dropped some white wash in my eye
I didn't complain and I didn't cry
I'm just glad that bulls can't fly.*



FOOD FOR FAMILIES PROGRAM

Bob wears an old denim jacket, and carries an unlit cigarette between his lips. The dire warnings on the package doesn't mean much to Bob. When you've traveled the many uncharted back roads that Bob has, you've seen a side of life most haven't, you're not that scarred of not breathing, or so says old Bob.

By STEVE SNELL, STATE FAMILY CHAIRMAN

Bob will light up as soon he remembers which pocket he buried his matches in, or maybe he left them in one of the dingy bars he visited last night. Bob's biggest challenge at the moment is finding a match, by the way, he lives in the moment, lots of them.

Bob is sitting in a working man's diner brooding over a cup of lukewarm coffee, dreaming he had the money for a bowl of soup, this magical moment is interrupted by someone trying to start an old pickup. The old cold engine coughs. Old cold Bob's beat-up lungs cough. Bob is not the picture of health, in fact his picture is a little blurred at the moment.

He has several problems besides being hungry, he is living in one "broken moment," after another. Be that as it may, Bob's position is not a totally hopeless one, after all Jesus came to save the sick, the downtrodden, the infirmed, the morally rejected; spirits totally broken beyond their own repair, like many others they are hopeless for themselves but ripe for God.

THE FOOD FOR FAMILIES PROGRAM is an example of Knights "being there" with hands on caring. The first step in the Knight's journey is to mend a broken spirit with compassion and a helping hand. With the Lord's help they will begin to mend Bob with a hot meal and hope.

Please continue to support food banks, soup kitchens and any avenue for feeding the hungry. Send in the food for families form and your council will receive credit.

Questions regarding this program can be made to either Jason Porrello (203-800-4937 or jason.porrello@kofc.org) or Quianna Richardson (203-752-4402 or quianna.richardson@kofc.org



By EDDIE PARAZOO, STATE DEPUTY

Greetings Brothers and Ladies,

My wife, Dawna and I have just returned from the Supreme Convention in Philadelphia Pennsylvania. What a historic place! What great sites to see! Rich in history. What a great chance to meeting Knights from around the world!

We thoroughly enjoy gatherings of this type knowing everyone you meet at these events are there for the love of charity and fraternity. Feeling united in one common bond of the Knights of Columbus.

Washington State was well represented with our delegation, you selected at the State Convention this past May. There are a number of resolutions that were adopted at the Supreme Convention that I want you to look at when you get the time. I will get posted to the State Website shortly for your review. One is in support of persecuted Christians in the Middle East.....which mirrors a new council program Supreme released has "the Solidarity Cross". See the flyer on the State Website.

Speaking of new programs, have you seen the Fifth Sunday Rosary program this year? Please check out the State Website for more information. This new program is to aid councils get back to the basics with prayer. There are four months this calendar year that has 5 Sundays in them. If your council conducts a rosary service for the parish on each of these Sundays they will meet the Church requirements for the year! See the information on our State Website.

I look forward to sharing more new programs and thoughts as we move along this year. Please see that you share this special gift of membership in the Knights of Columbus with someone this month. I have heard over and over again how the Knights have changed people and how they have come closer to God and have become a better Catholic with membership. Doesn't everyone adult Catholic man (and his family) deserve that opportunity?

**Eddie & Dawna Parazoo
State Deputy & First Lady
StateDeputy@kofc-wa.org**

SUPREME KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



During my annual report at our Supreme Convention this week, the delegates from every jurisdiction in our Order stood and held up an olive wood cross made in Bethlehem as a pledge of support for our brothers and sisters suffering persecution in the Middle East. Then, at our States Dinner, we heard stirring testimony from Archbishop Bashar Warda of Erbil, Iraq, and Archbishop Jean Clement Jeanbart of Aleppo, Syria. Rarely in the history of our Order have we heard such words, delivered by men who daily risk their lives for the Faith.

We have already donated more than \$3 million to this cause, and, as an Order, we have pledged to redouble our efforts to do even more.

Please visit www.ChristiansAtRisk.org and help support these brave men and women who have lost everything, simply for their belief in the One who taught us to love one another.

As I noted in my report on Tuesday, we need "a season of truth," to help bring their story to the attention of the world. I also said: In Iraq alone, the Christian population has fallen by at least two-thirds, from 1.5 million to less than 400,000. Many of these Christians have fled to the city of Erbil.

In Syria, almost 10 percent of the population is Christian. There, too, violence against Christians has caused a refugee crisis. Thousands have fled for their lives to escape forced conversion and martyrdom.

Just days ago, a headline in *The New York Times* asked, "Is This the End of Christianity in the Middle East?"

The world remains largely silent. These refugees' cries for help remain largely unheard. ... But neither the United States government nor the United Nations are doing enough.

The blood of these martyrs cries out to heaven for justice. And the blood of these martyrs cries out to you and to me for help.

Through our Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund, we have already

delivered more than \$3 million to assist our brothers and sisters in Iraq and Syria. Our dollars provide housing and medical care, but we can and must continue to do more. The Holy Father has also expressed his support for this initiative. The papal greeting to our convention, read Tuesday, was clear.

On the issue of the “protection of religious freedom,” and “in response to the attacks unleashed on minority communities, most often Christian, in various parts of our world,” the letter noted that Pope Francis is “profoundly grateful for the efforts of the Knights to raise public attention to this grave humanitarian tragedy.”

It also expressed the pope's gratitude “for the practical solidarity shown to suffering individuals and families through the recently established "Christian Refugee Relief Fund." And the pope asked the Knights and Catholics throughout the world to pray for “a conversion of hearts, an end to fanatical violence and intolerance, and a general recognition of those fundamental human rights which are not granted by the state, but from the hand of the Creator, whom all believers invoke as a God of peace.” The letter expressing the pope's sentiments was signed by Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Parolin.



So once again, I ask for your renewed support for these brave, persecuted Christians. Please visit www.ChristiansAtRisk.org to learn more about what is happening there, to help us bring attention to their cause, and to help us support these Christian refugees financially.

Every penny of your donation directly supports humanitarian assistance and raising awareness for persecuted Christians and other religious minorities, especially in the Middle East.

Sincerely,

***Carl Anderson
Supreme Knight***





A MESSAGE FROM THE WASHINGTON STATE CULTURE OF LIFE COUPLE



By ANDREW AND JOANNE KOPRIVA

As many of you are aware there has been a rash of undercover videos released by the Center for Medical Progress exposing Planned Parenthood as they attempt to market the organs of aborted babies. Maybe even more disturbing than the graphic nature of some of the videos is the limited coverage provided by the major television networks. Recent polling has indicated a shift to pro-life among the American people, especially younger people. I believe that viewing these videos will change the hearts of even more people to believe in the sanctity of life at conception. We Knights need to get the word out to family, friends, and coworkers, that if they haven't already seen these videos they need to see them. I've provided the email to the Center for Medical Progress where you can view the videos. Please send out the link and spread the information that major TV news is trying to suppress (<http://www.centerformedicalprogress.org/>).

Also, as the presidential election approaches I thought it might be good to remind everyone of the Five Non-negotiable of the Church. Please note that any reference to social justice or global warming is not on the list.

THE FIVE NON-NEGOTIABLES OF THE CHURCH

Based on Church teachings, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Encyclicals of the Pope, and issue papers from the Office of the Doctrine of the Faith, the following five issues concern actions that are intrinsically evil and must never be promoted by the law.

Intrinsically evil actions are those that fundamentally conflict with the moral law and can never be performed under any circumstances. It is a serious sin to deliberately endorse or promote any of these actions, and no person who really wants to advance the common good will support any action contrary to the non-negotiable principles involved in these issues.

1. Abortion

The Church teaches that, regarding a law permitting abortions, it is "never licit to obey it, or to take part in a propaganda campaign in favor of such a law, or to vote for it" (EV 73). Abortion is the intentional and direct killing of an innocent human being, and therefore it is a form of homicide. The unborn child is always an innocent party, and no law may permit the taking of his life. Even when a child is conceived through rape or incest, the fault is not the child's, who should not suffer death for others' sins. Another sub-set issue within this subject area that is non-negotiable pertains to Human Reproductive Technologies, which includes the Church's position against Contraception, In-Vitro Fertilization & Sterilization.

2. Euthanasia

Often disguised by the name "mercy killing;" euthanasia is also a form of homicide. No person has a right to take his own life, and no one has the right to take the life of any innocent person. In euthanasia, the ill or elderly are killed, by action or omission, out of a misplaced sense of compassion, but true compassion cannot include intentionally doing something intrinsically evil to another person (*cf. EV 73*).

3. Embryonic Stem Cell Research

Human embryos are human beings. "Respect for the dignity of the human being excludes all experimental manipulation or exploitation of the human embryo" (*CRF 4b*). Recent scientific advances show that medical treatments that researchers hope to develop from experimentation on embryonic stem cells can often be developed by using adult stem cells instead. Adult stem cells can be obtained without doing harm to the adults from whom they come. Thus there is no valid medical argument in favor of using embryonic stem cells. And even if there were benefits to be had from such experiments, they would not justify destroying innocent embryonic humans.

4. Human Cloning

"Attempts ... for obtaining a human being without any connection with sexuality through 'twin fission,' cloning, or parthenogenesis are to be considered contrary to the moral law, since they are in opposition to the dignity both of human procreation and of the conjugal union" (*RHL 1:6*). Human cloning also involves abortion because the "rejected" or "unsuccessful" embryonic clones are destroyed, yet each clone is a human being.

5. Homosexual "Marriage"

True marriage is the union of one man and one woman. Legal recognition of any other union as "marriage" undermines true marriage, and legal recognition of homosexual unions actually does homosexual persons a disfavor by encouraging them to persist in what is an objectively immoral arrangement. "When legislation in favor of the recognition of homosexual unions is proposed for the first time in a legislative assembly, the Catholic lawmaker has a moral duty to express his opposition clearly and publicly and to vote against it. To vote in favor of a law so harmful to the common good is gravely immoral" (*UHP 10*).





PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS EVERY DAY!



FAMILY SNAP SHOTS:

Hospital makes special arrangement to reunite married couple of 68 years



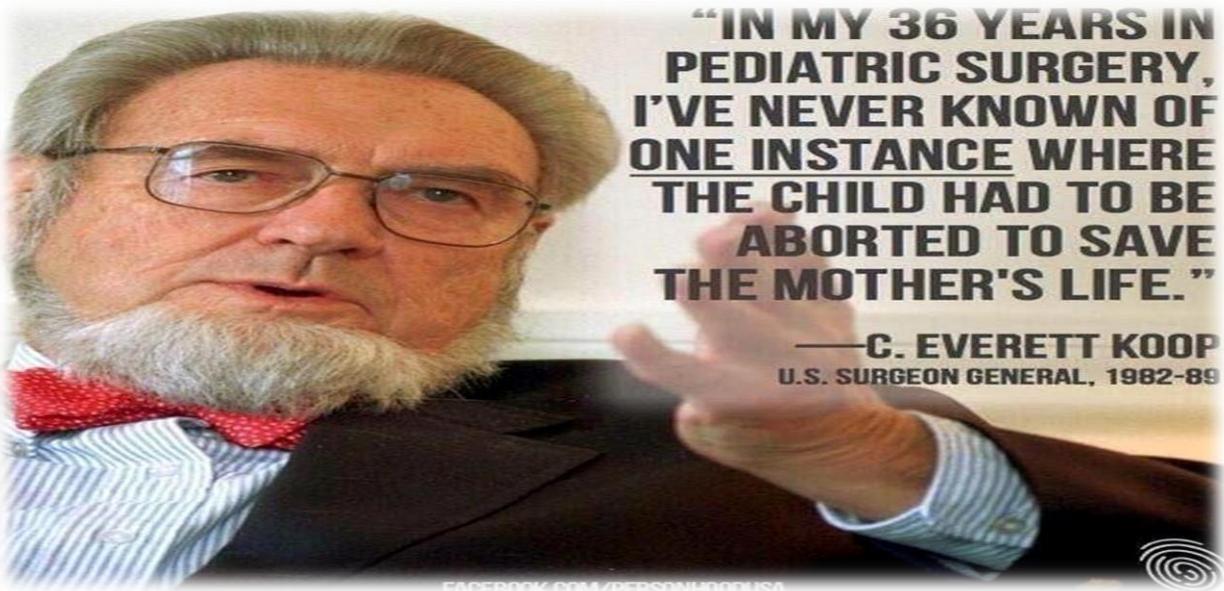
(Ed Note - The Importance of Marriage & Family)

Tom and Arnisteen Clark of Fayetteville, Ga., have been married for 68 years. The only time they have been apart during their marriage is when Tom, an Army veteran, was stationed in Korea. This made their stay in different rooms in the hospital very difficult for them, so Tina Mann, Manager, Orthopedics Medical-Surgical 4, with help from the clinical staff, went above and beyond to make a special arrangement for Tom, 96, to visit his wife, in her room.

Overcome with joy, he wept as he described the deep love he has for Arnisteen, 92. “I just can’t be away from her, she’s the finest woman in the world.” Here’s hoping for a speedy recovery for the Clarks and many more happy years together.

Hmmm.....interesting

(Ed Note - The greatest miracle that could ever happen to us is life)





FILLING NEEDS FOR 70 YEARS

Serrans accept as their responsibility the promotion of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. They possess a deep appreciation of the ministerial priesthood as being essential to the Church. Serrans have been generous in offering their support to those who hear the call to serve Christ in the priesthood. — Saint John Paul II

SUBMITTED BY RICHARD L. PETERSEN

Membership Chair in the USA Council - Past Regional Director of NW Region 12

On September 23, 2015, Fray Junipero Serra (1713-1784) will be canonized a saint by His Holiness Pope Francis. In 1988 he was beatified by Pope John Paul II to be a "Shining Example of Christian Virtue and Missionary Spirit." Born in Majorca, Spain he later went to Mexico where he labored as an apostolic missionary throughout Central Mexico.

During the final 15 years of his life he emerged as a pioneer and "the Apostle of California." He traveled through Southern California and up to North Central California. Dramatically demonstrating the natural and supernatural branch of his missionary motto "Always Go Forward - Never Turn Back!"

Serra, in those final years, founded 9 missions from San Diego to San Francisco. He evangelized and converted over 5,000 Native Americans. He died at the Carmel Mission at the age of 70 and is buried under the alter there.

Blessed Junipero Serra promised that, if God granted him "eternal happiness", he would pray for all dwelling in the missions and for the conversion of so many he left unconverted. Armed with the knowledge that he promised to continue his apostolate from Heaven, and knowing that he is indeed there, as affirmed by his beatification, we are assured that Blessed Junipero Serra is truly a heroic friend and ally to intercede for us before God Himself.

In 1935, four men from Seattle chose Fray Serra as their patron and formed what is now Serra International, a world-wide organization dedicated to foster vocations to the priesthood, deaconate, and vowed religious life. Along with Knight of Columbus, Catholic Daughters, and other lay religious organizations we will continue to pray for Vocations so we will have priests, deacons, and vowed religious for the church to prosper.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

"Write a letter, speak your mind!"

By STEVE SNELL



Where I live, public debate or arguments about things, school bonds, street lights, pot holes, store signs and why my wine is snootier than yours are talked about on the editorial page of our local newspaper. The paper's editorials are usually self-serving persuasive essays supporting the status quo, embracing the town's good old boys or the prevailing opinions of the paper's largest advertisers. The self anointed experts gift us their opinion in 250 to 500 words, the gospel according to our social elite. But the real "throw downs" take place in the letters to the editor. Reading and writing letters to the editor is almost a form of recreation here and deservedly so. Some very brilliant folks stand up and can be heard in this important opinion forum.

There's been many a time when a passionate writer with a well reasoned issue has moved people to think and act. In our paper the letters are a genre that has on occasion attracted some of the best writers in the area or even the State. The letters contain the most important message in the paper, the living proof that in this country you can voice your opinion on any subject under the sun and you don't always need to know what you're talking about to take a stand!!!

Hats off to the local newspapers and the founders and protectors of our great nation for the special freedom we have. I can't imagine what it would be like to lose this great freedom. Being children of our current culture, a culture in which everything is often about the here and now, a culture in which things are reflected in a personal "need" for immediate self gratification. *I wonder if we lost our right to speak out, I wonder if when all was said and done, you might find yourself feeling, as Elvis's producer Felton Jarvis said upon learning of Presley's death.....*

"It's like someone just came up and told me there aren't going to be anymore cheeseburgers in the world."

(Moral; Stand up, speak your mind, then..... go get a double cheeseburger!)

WORTHY DISTRICT DEPUTIES AND BROTHERS



Our State Deputy Eddie Parazoo has given his approval for me to send this out to all of you.

This Saturday, August 15, 2015, the Rosary Evangelization Apostolate is launching the 2015 National 54 day Rosary Novena for the Family and Marriage which are key issues of our day. This prayer Novena will conclude October 7, 2015, on the Memorial Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

I know this is short notice however, I'm requesting you pass this along to your Councils asking them to join people of all ages in prayer across the nation. praying for the family and marriage including for peace, human life and religious freedom.

The attached link has all the information.

<http://rosaryea.org/index.php/hearts-united-programs/national-rosary-novena/54-day-national-novena-2015>

Vivat Jesus

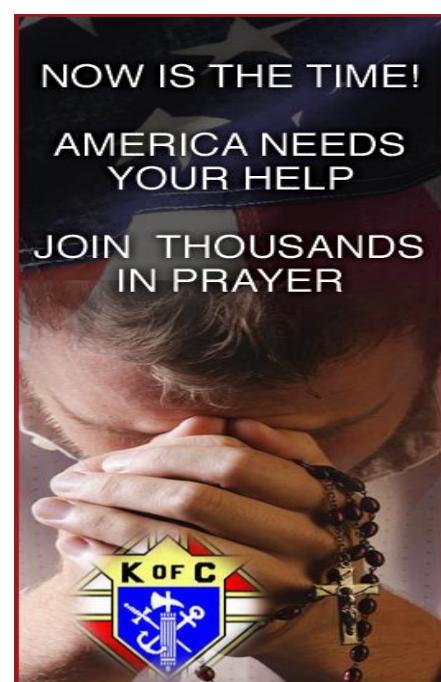
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