

# WASHINGTON STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## "THE SECOND EDITION" "THE SECOND EDITION"

### OCTOBER 2017



PEOPLE WILL SYMPATHIZE WITH YOU IF YOU FALL  
DOWN OCCASIONALLY, BUT THEY WILL IGNORE  
YOU IF YOU JUST LIE THERE AND WHINE.

**KNIGHTS DON'T FALL DOWN & WHINE!**  
**KNIGHTS DON'T STAY DOWN!**

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## 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 are winners for  
August 2017  
Congratulations to:**

**Richard Mueller - Oak Harbor Council 3361**

**Walter Bogaart - Bremerton Council 11789**



**VISIBLE PROGRAM**





A Marine Sergeant wrote this in response to an army guy who posted a comment on a Marine Corps site that he was sick and tired of "Marine Arrogance."

THE SERGEANT SAID...

"I think that's what makes Marines special, if only in our own minds, is that elusive Quality of Esprit de Corps. It's the fact that we, as individual Marines, don't feel that we are individual Marines. When we wear our uniform, when we hear our Hymn, when we go into battle, we are going with every other Marine who ever wore the uniform.

Standing behind us are the Marines who fought during the birth of our nation. We're standing with the Marines who fought in WWI and gave birth to the legend of the "Teufel Hunden," or "Devil Dogs." We are standing with the Marines who took Iwo and Tarawa and countless other blood soaked islands throughout the Pacific.

We are standing with the "Frozen Chosin" and our beloved Chesty Puller. We are standing with the Marines who battled at Hue City and Khe Sanh and the muddy rice paddies of South East Asia. We are standing with the Marines who fought in Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom and now are fighting in Afghanistan.

Like real brothers, their blood courses through our veins, and when we go into battle, we would rather lay down our lives than be a disappointment to them. We carry on our backs their legacy, their deaths, and their honor.  
We carry that for the rest of our lives.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

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The Marine Corps uniform doesn't come off when our active duty is over. We wear it daily in our attitude and our love of Corps and country. We wear it on our tattoos and our bumper stickers.

We wear it on our hearts.

It's why, no matter where we are in the world, on November 10th, every Marine celebrates the Marine Corps birthday. It's why we'll never be an army of 1. It's why we never stop being Marines. It's why, for most of us, being a Marine isn't something we were.

It's something we are.

It's the most important part of who and what we are. Some say we're arrogant. We say we're proud. We have a right to be proud. We are the United States Marines, the most feared and ferocious group of warriors to walk the face of this earth.

When America's enemies formulate their battle plans, they plan on going around Marine units because they know Damn well that they can't go through them. We are what other branches wish they were.

We are the modern day Spartans. This isn't bragging. It's written in the battle history of our country. When there's a parade and the Marines march by, everyone pays a little more attention. Some say, "arrogance." We call it "pride." It's why, in a crowd of servicemen, you can always spot the Marine. Why are Marines special?

I don't know. We just are.

**Saepius Exertus, Semper Fidelis, Frater Infinitas, Often Tested,  
Always Faithful, Brothers Forever, -Semper Fidelis!**

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# A PERSON OF VALUE

THE WORTH OF OUR LIVES COMES

BY WHO WE ARE

A well known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. In the room of 200, he asked. "Who would like this \$20 bill? Hands started going up. He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you - but first, let me do this." He proceeded to crumple the 20 dollar note up. He then asked.

"Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air.



"Well," he replied, "what if I do this?" He dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty. "Now, who still wants it?"

Still the hands went into the air. "My friends, you have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20. Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way.

**We feel as though we are worthless; but no matter what happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value.**

**Dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to those who love you. The worth of our lives comes, not in what we do or who we know, but by ,WHO WE ARE**

**You are special - don't ever forget it."**



# OPENING PRAYER IN THE KANSAS STATE SENATE

This interesting prayer was given in Kansas, USA, at the opening session of their Senate. It seems prayer still upsets some people. When **Minister Joe Wright** was asked to open the new session of the Kansas Senate, everyone was expecting the usual generalities, but this is what they heard:

**Submitted By Mike Calderon,  
Former/State Hispanic Membership Chairman**

"Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says: "Woe to those who call evil good", but that is exactly what we have done. \* We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. \* We have ridiculed the absolute truth of Your Word and called it Pluralism. \* We have worshipped other gods and called it multiculturalism. \* We have endorsed perversion and called it alternative lifestyle. \* We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery. \* We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare. \* We have killed our unborn and called it choice. \* We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable. \* We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem. \* We have abused power and called it politics. \* We have embezzled public funds and called it essential expenses. \* We have institutionalized bribery and called it sweets of office. \* We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition. \*We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression. \* We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment. Search us, Oh GOD, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Amen!"

The response was immediate. A number of legislators walked out during the prayer in protest. In 6 short weeks, Central Christian Church, where Rev. Wright is pastor, logged more than 5,000 phone calls with only 47 of those calls responding negatively. The church is now receiving international requests for copies of this prayer from India, Africa and Korea. **With the LORD'S help, may this prayer sweep over our nation and WHOLEHEARTEDLY become our desire so that we again can be called "ONE NATION UNDER GOD."**



# **FOURTH DEGREE**

# **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**SUBMITTED BY DARRELL HENN**  
**MASTER EASTERN WASHINGTON (509)528.4157**



**Why do I need to become a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight?** In short, it completes the Knighting process that you began as a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree. The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree is committed to the preservation of the Church; the order; and the Nation, by serving the community. The Order serves as a role model for patriotism; honoring our vets; funding, restoring, and serving in Church initiatives and events. Plus, honoring Knight's and their families during times of tragedy and loss. We also pray for each other

**Do I need to be a Veteran?** No, our degree is about patriotism, and we do support VA activities, but many members aren't veterans

**What events do Assembly members participate in that Council members don't?** We have a number of activities tied to the VA that we ask and need help with, such as asking family members to join us and sing Christmas carols at two stops at the VA during the holidays and assisting at the Rosary and burial ceremony for departed Brothers. We also help with VA bingo monthly and other outings for the veterans during spring, summer and fall. Further, we coordinate the blood drive at Holy Apostles. And we assist the Council in all their community service and fundraising activities, so that won't change.

**What would be the cost of attending the ceremony?** The ceremony cost has not been finalized, but it's normally around \$70, which includes items you are given when Knighted and your dinner. Your spouse is invited to attend the mass with you and the dinner. Her cost for dinner is usually an additional \$20.

**I heard we need to rent a tuxedo for this event is that true?** In the past the answer was a yes, and that is an option today, but many wear a nice suit or sports jacket with a white shirt and tie. We don't want this to be a reason you wouldn't complete this degree. Dressing up is respecting the seriousness of the event, so that's all we ask. In addition, if you elect to purchase the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree new uniform, wearing that jacket and slacks would be more than acceptable. The new uniform is currently available to be viewed on kofc.org, the Knights website, under apparel. A special 25% discount is being offered until September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Is the ceremony like the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree with all the questions asked about my faith?** No, the ceremony is a very patriotic with a nice video about the history of the Knights and our country. You will very much enjoy this entire event.

**What are the annual dues for 4<sup>th</sup> Degree?** Dues for 4<sup>th</sup> Degree are \$30 per year and dues for the Council are \$25. Whereas, your Council dues send over two thirds to Supreme to cover costs and your subscription and postage for the Columbian, all the dues paid at 4<sup>th</sup> Degree go right into our account. We use the funds for gifting to VA events and expenses tied to the Honor Guard and buying chalices for our departed Brothers which are donated to Holy Apostles for use at mass. The Assembly also receives 10% of all fundraising done by the Council, so that we can help, and not compete with them in the fundraising area. Dues and the 10% make up the entire budget

**Am I automatically a member of the Honor Guard?** No. Right now we have 80+ members. There are 19 Honor Guard members of which less than half are actually able to cover the demand of the area, at funerals and special events. It is the hope of Supreme that the new uniform of the Honor Guard will allow more members to join, at a reduced price mentioned above, in a look more current with our times.

**What would it cost me in the future to join the Honor Guard?** The new look is much like that of the formal look of our local police or fire department. The original look was created in the 1900's and was inspired by naval uniforms. Color to recognize service position was added in 1981. The new uniform is dark jacket, slacks, tie, and beret. Formal events will continue use of the sword and white gloves, such as funerals and services with the Bishop. You no longer need to buy the formal package, chapeau, and tuxedo. Cost is \$510 for the uniform. Between \$150 to \$300 for the black handle sword, based on which design you select. The package doesn't include a white shirt or black shoes. The shirt has to be white with a fold down color, so no buttons. Again, if you would like to take advantage of the 25% discount just announced by Supreme to help with the transition, please ask and we'll have an Honor Guard Member work with you and help you do the walk-through order form on line.

**What is my involvement in events tied to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree calendar of events?** Key here is we appreciate, as we do now, your time and service and you can choose and pick your events. Our goal is to get you through the ceremony and included; then let you get to know your fellow members; and let you pick your involvement level. The truth is we do need "a few good men" as the parish is growing and demand is great, but we are more than happy to let you ease into your involvement.

Additional questions can be answered by going to the Knights website at [kofc.org](http://kofc.org). The uniform is sold by Knights Gear. Information about the sword, sword carry case, and gloves can be found on line at [kofcsupplies.com](http://kofcsupplies.com) with the purchase coming from The English Company, Inc., a vendor of the Knights since 1950.

# FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

**Saturday, October 14th, 2017,**

at K of C Hall, 124 S 7 Ave, Walla Walla WA 99362

The host assembly is **Fr Brouillet Assembly 1169**

**District Master Darrell R Henn 509-528-4157 or email drhenn1@frontier.com**

The host **Faithful Navigator** is Sir Knight Gerald Giedeman (529-540-1733)

The **Faithful Comptroller** is Sir Knight Gary Rizzuti (509-529-0204)

The degree team is the Eastern Washington Fourth Degree Team

## EXEMPLIFICATION HONOREE

The Honoree for this Fourth Degree Exemplification is **TBD**

## EVENT TIME SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
Color Corps Rehearsal	Saturday	11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Registration	Saturday	11:30 pm - 12:45 pm
Lunch	Saturday	12:00 pm - 12:45 pm
Exemplification Set-up/ Rehearsal	Saturday	11:00 pm - 1:00 pm
4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification	Saturday	1:00 pm- 3:30 pm
Public Knighting/picture taking	Saturday	4:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Mass	Saturday	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Social/Banquet	Saturday	6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

## BANQUET MENU

TBD

## FEES

The exemplification fee for each candidate, **except priests**, is **\$70.00**. The fee includes a social baldric and Fourth Degree lapel pins, and one banquet ticket. There is no exemplification fee for **priests or religious brothers**; however, their assembly will pay **\$20.00** to cover the cost of the social baldric and Fourth Degree pin, plus the cost of the dinner (if they attend). The candidate's or the assembly's check is to be made payable to the **Masters, Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree**. Lunch is optional for Sir Knights, candidates, and ladies/guests and the cost is **\$7.50**. Banquet tickets are **\$20.00** for candidates' wives, Sir Knights, and guests.

**Advance reservation and payment is required.**

*Make checks for luncheon and banquet tickets payable to Fr Brouillet Assembly 1169.*

# THEY WALKED AMONG US

## ST. POEMEN

(340 - 450)



St. Poemen was one of the most illustrious of the early desert fathers who fled the world for the solitude of the Egyptian desert.. With several other hermits he established a small community, in which they adhered to a strict schedule of work, prayer, and sacred study. Poemen often went days without eating, but he advised others to moderation: "We fast," he said, "to control our bodies, not to kill them."

Poemen was a skilled and patient spiritual director. When a monk proposed performing three years of penance for one of his sins, Poemen answered: "I think that if a man is penitent with his whole heart, God will accept a penance of even three days." When a monk was disturbed by thoughts of blasphemy, Poemen suggested that he address the devil: "May your blasphemy fall on you; it is not mine, for my heart detests it."

The "Sayings of the Desert Fathers" are filled with Stories and pithy words from St. Poemen. One time a brother asked Poemen what to do when temptations approached -- should resist them or let them come in? Poemen answered, "Let them come in and then fight them, ?Sometimes the brothers were shy about disturbing Poemen with their questions, but he used to say, "Silence is no virtue when charity demands speech."

*"When a man hears a complaining word and struggles against himself, and does not himself begin to complain; when a man bears an injury with patience, and does not look for revenge; that is when a man lays down his life for his neighbor."*

----*St. Poemen*

**EIGHTH ANNUAL  
“HOLY BOWL”**

**OCTOBER 13, 2017**

**DESALES VS TRI-CITIES PREP**



**All funds generated from the Holy Bowl  
go to Catholic Education**

**PLEASE BE IN WALLA WALLA  
TO SUPPORT OUR YOUTH!!**

**AT THE DESALES FOOTBALL FIELD**

**5 PM TAILGATE PARTY 7 PM GAME TIME**





# MOTHER'S HANDS

*I HELD her hands in mine last night  
....so very thin and worn.....but they  
held mine just as tightly.....as the day  
that I was born.*

*Those gentle and expressive hands..  
etched by work and care....have  
folded over my bedside....many times  
in humble prayer.*

*They've washed for me ....they've fed  
me....they've helped me be a man...  
There's something of our Lord, Himself  
....in every mother's hand.*



# "DIVISION & ISOLATION"



## The beginning of the end for a Council

MESSAGE FROM THE STATE DEPUTY

This month I have visited a number of Councils that have serious problems- No Financial Secretary, Missed Audits, Tax-Exempt Status lost, behind on Per-Capita. YIKES! Nothing that cannot be fixed with a good amount of effort, but you have to wonder how does this happen to begin with.

By Robert Baemmert, State Deputy



All of us have heard the lesson on **UNITY**, but I find it amazing how important that lesson is when it applies to the workings of a Council. Nobody can do all of the work of a busy Council without help. Without everyone pitching in. When the same guys have to be the ones doing everything; division, they get tired and burned-out and finally the fiber breaks. I can see it happening in these poor councils. Then comes isolation. They stop coming to the Convention. They stop coming to the Summer Training meeting. They stop networking and pretty soon all of the bad things I listed above follow.

Help your Council by being an active member and strengthen the cable. Keep the devil from using the tools of *division* and *isolation* to damage and potentially ruin your council.

*God Bless You! I care!*  
*Bob Baemmert-State Deputy*



BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF YOUR COUNCIL



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### FAMILY

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

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- 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.....ACT NOW!**

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!



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# **SENIORS PRAYER**

*A friend of the couple who founded Home Instead Senior Care, Mary Maxwell was asked to give the invocation at the company's 2009 convention. Initially it seemed like a normal prayer, but it soon took a very funny turn. Her deadpan delivery and lines like '...This is the first time I've ever been old ...and it just sort of crept up on me....'soon had the franchise owners rolling in the aisles. With the timing of a professional comedian, Mary shines a very funny light on the foibles of aging, to the delight of this audience of senior-care experts."*



**THERE ARE PEARLS OF WISDOM IN THE FOLLOWING;**

**By MARY MAXWELL**

First of all just to introduce myself there are a few things I would like to mention. Over the years I've noticed that the two things most people want to know about you are the two things they are far too polite to ask. So let's get that out of the way. I'm 72 years old. And I weigh a hundred and 45 pounds.

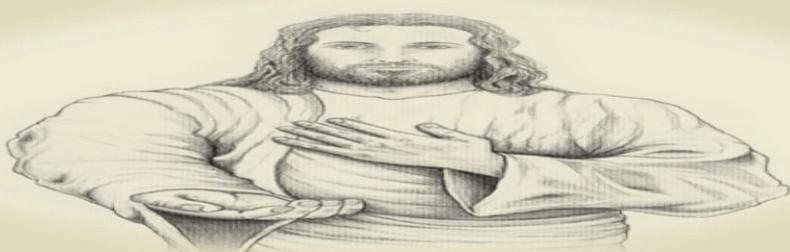
As you know, we seniors are sometimes not very likeable, let alone loveable. So Lord, could you please continue to keep the people of Home Instead patient and aware of why we are the way we are? And Lord please remind them that the thing about old age is that you don't get a chance to practice. This is the first time I've ever been old. And it just sort of crept up on me....There were signs. Random hair growth - that's special - particularly that first time you go to brush a hair off your lapel and discover it's attached to your chin. You turn your left turn signal on in the morning and leave it on all day. Non-life threatening skin growths large enough to name after deceased pets and relatives begin to appear. And neck tissue seems to develop a life of its own.

Last November, I was afraid to leave the house Thanksgiving week. You do strange thing as you age like driving up to a curbside mailbox and ordering a cheeseburger and fries. And Lord, I know you're aware that one Sunday in church I put my light bill in the collection basket by mistake. And last Easter after services at St. Cecilia's cathedral, My husband stopped to talk to a friend and I went on out and got in the car to go home. The gentleman sitting behind the wheel said, "Oh, are you going home with me?" And I said, "Oh Archbishop, I'm so sorry."

I won't even mention driving into the wrong end of the car wash. People get so excited when you do that. I don't know why the lady in the other car was screaming like that. I was just as surprised to see her as she was to see me. I also won't mention discovering you're wearing mismatched earrings and going home to change them and ending up wearing the other mismatched pair. And you know, Lord that it's hard for old people to exercise. I did try to jog once; but it makes the wine just jump right out of your glass.

**Well, Lord you understand seniors and their care.  
I would like to share a poem I found in a caregivers newsletter:**

"Blessed are they who understand my faltering step and shaking hand.  
Blessed are they who know my ears must strain to catch the things they say.  
Blessed are they who seem to know that my eyes are dim my wits are slow.  
Blessed are they who looked away when I spilled the coffee at the table today.  
Blessed are they with a cheery smile who take the time to chat for a while.  
Blessed are they who know the ways to bring back memories of yesterdays.  
Blessed are they who make it known I'm loved, respected and not alone.  
Just like you, to us, it's personal."



# WHY NOT GET AN EARLY START?

TO ALL STATE OFFICERS & CHAIRMEN, DDs,  
FAITHFUL NAVIGATORS,GKS, AND PSDs  
(PAST AND PRESENT)

*"Merry Christmas" is a time honored way of sharing the spirit of peace and joy with your acquaintances, loved ones, and your Brother Knights.*

For the past several years the "Second Edition" has provided an opportunity for all of the leadership in our state to wish our membership a "Merry Christmas and a "Happy New Year" to their Brother Knights and their Families. This year we plan to carry on the tradition. Please consider sending your greeting to me by December 12th. The greeting need only be a simple sentence or a paragraph, it's up to you. **This has been one of our most popular issues over the past few years.**

Please send it to me in a Word document to:  
[stevesnell@charter.net](mailto:stevesnell@charter.net)

Any questions please contact me by email  
or phone -509.386.3462

Steve Snell Editor "Second Edition"



# VETERANS

## WE SALUTE YOU



# CONFORMITY VS INDIVIDUALITY (***FREEDOM***)

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*Every generation finds that it must battle the pressures of social conformity; that it must fight harder than other generations to protect their religious heritage, that faith from which religious individuality springs. Some of that belief stems from the habitual conceit of a secular culture blinded by its own current bias, ignorant of the past's contributions. But much of it in the last century and a half, is an accurate reflection of the conditions that have been created and continually reinforced by our present day media driven secular culture, (a Pavlovian system of constant feedback, in which the easiest and commonest opinions are most readily rewarded, and dissenting or different voices are most readily punished by the unthinking mob.) As Knights we must oppose this culturally condoned blunting of individuality and freedom of expression. Our faith requires that we have the freedom to live according to the historical tenants of our church.*

By STEVE SNELL

**E**ver since the invention of movable type, followed closely by the printing press, making it possible to save the wealth of the brain; making it possible to save the teachings of Jesus; making it possible for a man to leave not simply his property to his fellow-man, not just houses, lands and dollars, but his ideas, his thoughts, his theories, his dreams, the poetry and religion of his soul. Now each generation is heir to all of man's past.

Now when we have free thought, we can collect the wealth of the intellectual world. In the physical world, springs make the creeks, brooks, and the rivers. The rivers empty into the oceans. So each brain should add to the sum of human knowledge. If we are denied freedom of thought, the springs cease to bubble, the rivers cease to run, and the great ocean of knowledge becomes a desert of barren ignorant sand.

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



**OR,**



# **PUT ANOTHER WAY....**

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO THINK LIKE EVERYONE ELSE!**

*Is there some invisible force driving you to seek approval of their thinking? If so this creates a huge pitfall. Without unique ideas, mankind would still be living in caves.*

**When Columbus set sail, the majority thought the world was flat.**

*Prior to the American Revolution, the concept of democracy was virtually unheard of. The thinking of our founding fathers was considered outlandish by many. Who in their right mind would think there was the slightest possibility of defeating the British, the most powerful military force in the world?*

**Unconventional thinking is the source of all innovation & progress.**

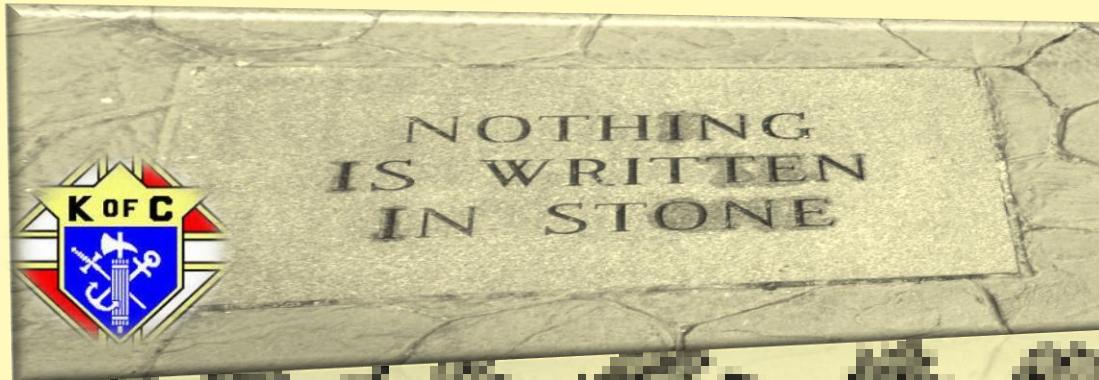
*Did you hear any of the following when growing up? "What will the neighbors think?" "What will the relatives think?" "What will our friends think?" We were constantly told it was necessary to conform our thinking to mesh with the people around us.*

**Don't worry about what other people are thinking.**

**Pay attention to your thoughts. In order to reach your goals, you must have your own visions and act on them (*vision without execution is hallucination.- T. Edison*) Ball is in your court Brother.**

**BE YOU!!!**

**BE STRONG!!!**



# HAPPINESS OF FAMILY



Many people, search far and wide for happiness, only to find it on their return home. A return to happiness and the values of Family, God and Country. Happiness is different things to different people, but true happiness comes from a quality within ourselves. William Henry Channing, a former chaplain of the U.S. House of Representatives put it nicely when he said of Happiness:

*"To live content with small means; to seek elegance rather than luxury, and refinement rather than fashion; to be worthy...to study hard, think quietly, talk gently, act frankly; listen to the stars and birds, to babes and sages, with open heart; to bear all cheerfully, do all bravely, await occasions, hurry never; let the spiritual conscious and unconscious grow up through the common."*

In celebrating the happiness of home and families, the Knights of Columbus has a long history of putting the welfare and importance of the family first. Family unity and happiness is a goal worth working toward to ensure families remain strong and viable. It is one of the primary responsibilities of each Council to make certain that all families become involved in the parish and the community activities. The Knights strongly encourage each council to promote the happiness and unity found in family life.

Is the happiness of home and family worth the effort? Ever heard the expression,

**"A picture is worth a thousand words?"**



EACH COUNCIL TOP PROMOTE THE HAPPINESS

AND UNITY FOUND IN FAMILY LIFE



# WIVES CORNER

## Valerie Loves Fall

MESSAGE  
FROM  
THE  
FIRST  
LADY

### GREETINGS EVERYONE!

*Happy Autumn! I don't know about you but this is my favorite time of the year and my favorite month- probably because it's my birthday month.*

*By First Lady Valerie Baemmert - [firstlady@kofc.wa.org](mailto:firstlady@kofc.wa.org)*

I enjoy watching the leaves on the trees change colors, but I'm not too fond of them when they fall on the ground. We have two big silver maple trees in our back yard and it takes us three months (no lie) to clean them all up. On the bright side, Bob and I get to spend that time together. We always laugh about how I miss the dog poop piles that are covered by the leaves and then Bob always steps in them....I call him "**The Poop Magnet**" because he never misses those piles.

I had an adventure last month that fulfilled an item on my bucket list! For the 25 years of living in Washington State I have always wanted to visit the San Juan Islands. So some girlfriends and I got to visit there as a "girls weekend". WOW! HOW BEAUTIFUL! I saw bald eagles, sea otters and seals. We even went whale watching but no whales.

I had a great time seeing God's beautiful creations and it brought me to thinking how lucky I have been with the experiences He has given me and how He blessed me with a great best friend....even though his shoes kind of stink this time of year!

God Bless

**ENJOY YOUR AUTUMN AND WATCH YOUR STEP!**



Thank you for your Support & Friendship!

# NATIONAL ANTHEM

**With all the kindness I can muster,  
I give this one piece of advice to the  
next pop star who is asked to sing the  
national anthem at a sporting event:**



Save the vocal gymnastics and the physical gyrations for your concerts. Just sing this song the way you were taught to sing it in kindergarten straight up, no styling.

Sing it with the constant awareness that there are soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines watching you from bases and outposts all over the world. Don't make them cringe with your self-centered ego gratification.

Sing it as if you are standing before a row of 86-year-old WWII vets wearing their Purple Hearts, Silver Stars and flag pins on their cardigans and you want them to be proud of you for honoring them and the country they love not because you want them to think you are a superstar musician. They could see that from your costume, makeup and your entourage.

Sing 'The Star Spangled Banner' with the courtesy and humility that tells the audience that it is about America, not you.

From a Navy Commander (Ret) in San Diego...



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## 3 New Knights for The Bellingham Council

*Three new knights, seated, are (l-r) Brothers Jeff Segel, Kieran Murray, and Dan Anderson. They are backed up by 829 members Joe St.Hilaire, Dick Tobias, Gordy Wilson, Lou St.Hilaire, Bob Grasher, Eric Wenzel, and Jim Eastwood.*



## Seminarian/Brother Brody Stewart featured in national newspaper

Brother **Brody Stewart**, a member of our council and seminarian at Mount Angel Seminary in Oregon, was featured in the Vocations section of the October 1-7 *Our Sunday Visitor*. The article, which reported on seminarians' training in learning about other cultures—in this case Mexico—included two photos of Brother Brody. This is Brother Brody's second year in the seminary. He is a graduate of Western Washington University and a member of Sacred Heart

*Seminarian and knight Brody Stewart (at left in photo at left and second from left in photo at right), in Cholula, Mexico*



## Ministry Fair results in recruitment of new knights

The Knights were able to make contact with several prospects at the Assumption Parish ministry fair in mid-September, resulting in three candidates who received their first degree September 26.

A ministry fair will be held October 14-15 at Sacred Heart. The same weekend there will be a recruitment drive at Assumption. If you would like to assist with either event, contact Brother Rick Huston (to help at Sacred Heart) or Grand Knight Matt Williams (to help at Assumption).

Although we're not counting, the council has brought in four new members so far this fraternal year

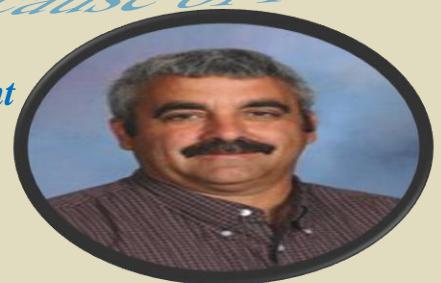
*Dan Anderson receives Knights of Columbus information from Brothers Rik Dalvit and Tom Jessup at the ministry fair held at Assumption September 16-17.*



# Catholic Schools Shine – Because of Faith

*Catholic Schools Shine – Because of Faith*

*Faith is a topic that is of critical importance to the development of a child. Without faith, one would be hard-pressed to find true meaning in life. Catholic schools are masters at helping develop a child's faith.*



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

*There are two basic definitions of faith that can be found with a little research:*

- Google says faith is complete trust or confidence in something or someone.
- the Catholic School would say faith is believing in God and all He has revealed.

Those definitions are very different. If faith is defined too broadly, it is defined into obscurity - it has no real meaning at all. With the Google definition, faith is something everybody has – since everyone has faith in something or someone. Too often - we choose to have faith in ourselves. Having faith in ourselves almost seems to be the American dream.

**In a Catholic school – it is different.** The Catholic school has no shackles that prohibit it from delving into what matters most in life – like faith. We inherit a far more beautiful definition for faith. With the Catholic understanding, it is possible to NOT have faith. If you do NOT believe in God or believe He is distant/silent, then faith is something you lack.

**The real definition of faith makes all the difference in the world.** Our aspirations take on a whole new dimension. There are no limits when God enters the picture. He is not just true, but infinite Truth. He is not just good, but infinite Goodness. He is not just love, but infinite Love. He is the source of all that is worthwhile in life.

Faith also helps us realize that God is interested in us - He communicates to us. He revealed himself in the greatest way by not just writing us letters, but by living a life - the Word became flesh. The Word did not become page, but the Word enfleshed.

The Catholic school teaches that through faith, we have an infinite God worth contemplating, who loved us into being, and loves us into redemption.

Life is abundantly worth living.

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TILL NEXT MONTH MY BROTHERS,

*it's not goodbye,  
it's see you later*