

WASHINGTON STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THE SECOND EDITION

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**FAITH, HOPE & LOVE,
YOU CAN'T BEAT IT!**



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



"WE BELIEVE"

**WORK FOR A CAUSE,
NOT FOR APPLAUSE.
LIVE LIFE TO EXPRESS,
NOT TO IMPRESS.**
*Don't strive to make your
presence noticed,
just make your absence felt.*



“RECRUITMENT FIESTA,”

just say these words, it brings a smile.

Former WA State Chaplain, Archbishop Cupich, addressed his new Archdiocese of Chicago on Immigration as well as letter read last Sunday in Western Washington parishes on same subject. Archbishop Cupich said, “ this is not on my agenda; it is on God’s agenda.” Everything that happens, takes place for a reason, Fr Michael J McGivney was born for a reason, to be God’s recruitment tool in helping immigration of that time.

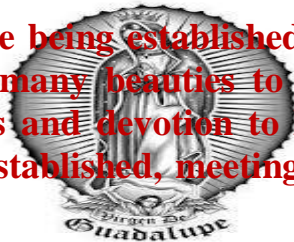


By Mike Calderon - Hispanic Membership

History repeats itself, membership of the fraternal Order are God’s survival tool of today, when the church is in need of men such as you, to tend to needs of works of charity and unite Catholic families under his blessings and banner of the KofC. God has given us a great nation a nation made up of immigrants from Europe, Asia, Africa, South America and other countries. How fortunate that God included us in his plan.

Spanish mass is celebrated throughout the state, mass that immigrants attend, churches are full to capacity many are youth and children, these children are future member Knights, maybe our future clergy, community leadership and elected officials.

Mesas redonda de familias are being established throughout the state, a new concept. This culture brings many beauties to this new land, some we can learn from: strong family ties and devotion to Mother Mary of Guadalupe. For this reason Mesas were established, meeting are held in Spanish, creates retention.



Recently was asked what is a mesa? A mesa is a round table, a family round table, where wives are part of the process, agenda tends to charity, parish activities in fellowship. Wives are active in all events; no Hispanic man goes to dinner without the family. Pope Francis addressed family issues. He tells us families need to converse, put away gadgets, such as phones etc, we need to again know each other, mesas de familias encourages such things, unity within families.

On February 22st, Prosser will hold a recruitment fiesta, at Sacred Heart Parish (1905 Highland Drive,) Thanks to Brother Miguel Pineda, PGN, FDD, PFN. past Hispanic recruiter for the eastside, has been of invaluable assistance. DD 17 Louis Garcia and DDM #7 Steve Snell, are working hard to bring this to a successful completion.. Fiesta system has been used at other parishes, with much success. These events consist of a presentation after mass, a DVD message on “experience of a life time”, witness by families interested in becoming part of the order, than meal served. Council members approach tables during meal with form 100 in hand and answer to questions that will be asked. If it’s a noon mass, and a first degree ceremony takes place, the event is over by 4:30 p.m.

This event witnesses unity by DD, council officers, membership and guests, all working for one purpose, to bring families closer to the Christ. We are a great nation, a nation of immigrants, the old and New Testament tells of how immigrants should be treated. When asking, at a recent meeting in Yakima, how many have attended Spanish mass, majority of hands went up, a good start in developing new friendships. Form 10100 in English & Spanish should be part of your recruitment materials. Cover reads, “Por que deberia hacerce Caballero”, English, (Why become a member Knight.) Inside the folder explains why.

Recently met with Bishop Elizondo on a situation at one parish, he advised, establishing a mesa redonda de familias as good to create unity at this parish. When holding a recruitment at St Joseph, Yakima, Bishop Seville drove from an event in Prosser to congratulate candidates in Yakima, then drove back to Prosser to finish the event, support from servant of our Lord. **If you need assistance in development of Hispanic membership, I am at your service. I will be away during month of March, plan ahead.**

***May our Lord and Savior, give us
wisdom to do his work
for his greater Glory, his people that
he loves.***



PROSSER RECRUITMENT

FEBRUARY 22, 2015

(1905 Highland Drive)



By STEVE SNELL, DDM #7

I'm very pleased to announce that Mike Calderon, State Hispanic Membership Chairman will be lending his expertise to this effort, we will follow his direction and with your help we can make this a winning effort. Brothers the State and our families deserve our best, I know that is the way you work so, let's go for it!

I'm thinking of the following concerning the **"Prosser Recruitment Fiesta:"**

- 1) I want to invite Districts within the region to bring candidates to the Fiesta.
- 2) I want to invite the DDs and their Recruitment Chairmen to the event to "see how it's done."
- 3) I believe that this can be used as an **"educational opportunity"** for the Districts.

I consider Mike Calderon a great resource and I want to expose his expertise to the rest of the Districts . I think this is a wonderful stage to see how it's done for all the councils.

The success of this effort rests upon our shoulders, let's make this a team effort that will be remembered! I think it is critical that the local DDs and Grand Knights spearhead this through emails and most important IN PERSON!!

I am asking each DD & GK to please take ownership in the success of this by:

- Talking to each Grand Knight in person or by phone every week.
- Involving all the Deputy Grand Knights in this as well.
- Making this a high point at you next District Meeting - haven't had one - **HAVE ONE!**
- Make certain that this Recruitment Fiesta is mentioned weekly in every church bulletin and council newsletter
- Make every effort to get the wives involved - **IMPORTANT!**
- Make every effort to personally meet with the priests and tell them how important this is to their parishes.
- If for any reason someone can't or won't join in - find someone to fill in for them
- If it isn't working or whatever - **Contact me.** Need someone to talk at a District or Council Meeting - **Contact me!**
- Build a leadership team within your District to make this happen.
- **CONTACT ME WITH UPDATES EVERY WEEK!**
- Invite Bishop Sevilla and Bishop Tyson.

We are very fortunate to have Louis Garcia DD17 as our host and Mike Calderon on our team, good men, great leaders!!



WHY BECOME A KNIGHT?



Por Que deberia hacerse Caballero:

Si usted y su familia esta interesado en ayudar a los neciesitados, servir a su parroquia, crecer en su fe o tener acceso excusivo al seguro mejor calificado para proteger a su familia, entonces Caballeros de Colon es la organizacion para usted.

Ser Caballero de Colon es una expierencia para toda la vida.

22 de Febero la parroquia de Sacred Heart (1905 Highland Drive) en Prosser celebrara una fiesta para familias, una fiesta de reclutarmiento depues de la misa. Un poquito timpo para compartir con familias de esta parroquia y de otras lugares. Familias estan invitados a la comida que estara disponible
complemento de la Caballeria.

**Adultos presentes recibirán un predador de la imagen
Guadalupana y guía del Rosario**

Why become a Knight?

If you and your family are interested in helping the needy, in serving your parish, growing in your faith and having access to the most trusted insurance available for the protection of your family then the Knights of Columbus is for you.

Being a member of the Knights of Columbus is an experience of a life time

At Sacred Heart parish (1905 Highland Drive) in Prosser on Feb 22, a family recruitment fiesta will be celebrated after mass with a little time of fellowship among families of this parish and families from other areas.

Families are invited to come and enjoy food served, complement of the KofC.

All adults present will receive a Guadalupe pin and rosary guide

"FAMILY OF THE MONTH"

The following are the winners for the months of November and December 2014 "the Family of the Month" contest, obtained through a random drawing held at the Supreme Council office from among many nominees submitted by councils throughout the Order.

November:

Family of **David & Chrisleda Hernandez**, Council 1620 - Pasco

Family of **James & Donda Bissen**, Council 6806 - Tacoma

Family of **Henry & Adele Orgryzek**, Council 10653 - Kennewick

Family of **James & Charlotte Yamauchi**, Council 14046 - Woodinville



December:

Family of **David & Lanette Opbroek**, Council 766 - Walla Walla

Family of **Dennis & Trudy Wilson**, Council 3611 - Anacortes

Family of **Edward & Eleanor Schiffner**, Council 8201 - Spokane

Family of **Dennis & Jayne Thueringer**, Council 13374 - Renton

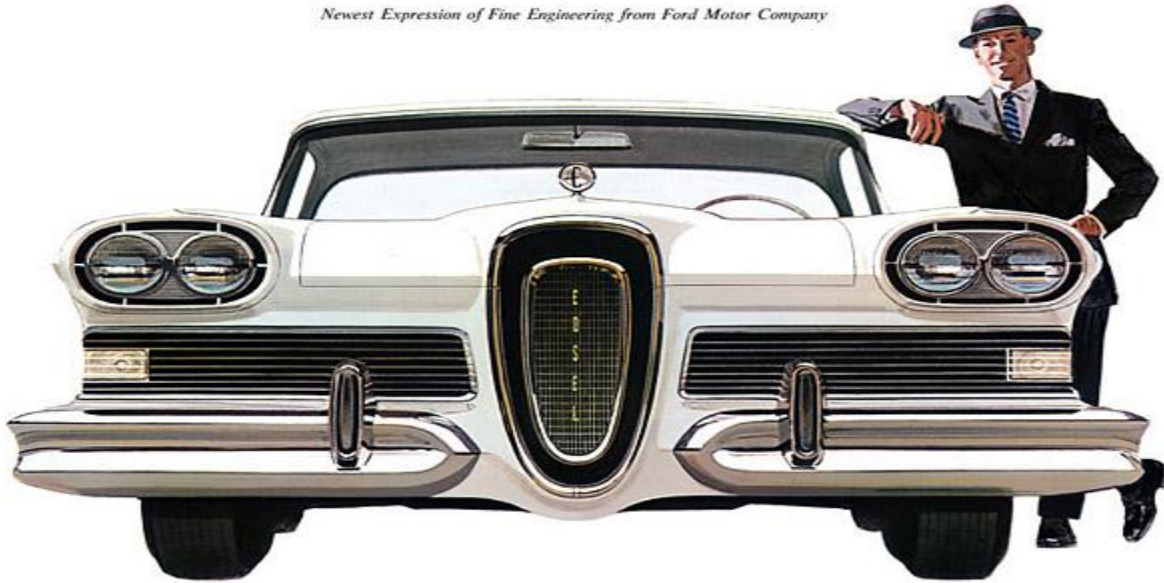
NOMINATE YOUR FAMILY OF THE MONTH!

STRONG VISIBLE PROGRAM



THIS IS THE EDSEL

Newest Expression of Fine Engineering from Ford Motor Company



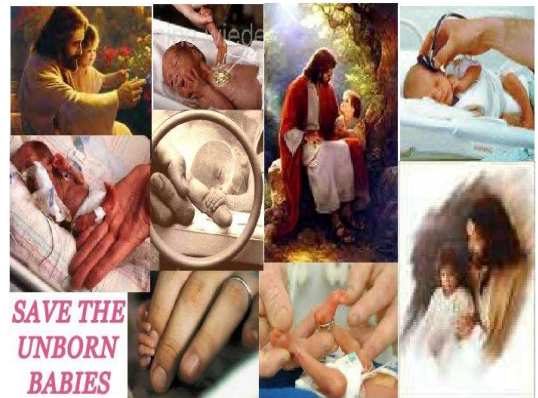
IT MAY BE TIME TO TRY SOMETHING NEW!

***NEW MEMBERS MAY
HAVE SOME NEW IDEAS
"LET'S GO HUNTING!"***

***PSST..... MAYBE, JUST
MAYBE, THAT'S ONE WAY.....***



&





STATE AWARDS APPLICATION SCHEDULE

AWARD DUE DATES & WHO TO SUBMIT TO

FAMILY OF THE YEAR

April 1

Steve Snell, FAMILY
907 Woodlawn St
Walla Walla, WA 99362-3468

KNIGHT OF THE YEAR

April 1

Joseph F. Wolleat, COUNCIL
7506 - 191st Ave E
Bonney Lake, WA 98391-8558

HERBERT M LEIBERT, PGK RIGHT TO LIFE MEMORIAL

April 1

Andrew Kopriva PRO LIFE
3203 S Newport St
Kennewick, WA 99337-4454

HARRY J TUCKER, JR, FSW, PSD, FVSM MEMORIAL

April 1

Joseph F. Wolleat, COUNCIL
7506 - 191st Ave E
Bonney Lake, WA 98391-8558

GEORGE C TURK PSD, FVSM GIFT OF LIFE BLOOD DONOR HONOR ROLL - April 1

Michael D. McCloskey, COMMUNITY
18414 - 57th Ave NE
Kenmore, WA 98023-8708

WADE S. WALDEN, FDD PLATELETS HEROS AWARD HONOR ROLL - April 1

Michael D. McCloskey, COMMUNITY
8905 N Bradbury St.
Kenmore, WA 99023-8708

CHURCH

April 15

Leo F. O'Dore, CHURCH*
3328 193rd. pl. se.
Mill Creek, WA 98012-6929

COMMUNITY

April 15

Michael D. McCloskey, COMMUNITY
18414 - 57th Ave NE
Kenmore, WA 98023-8708

COUNCIL

April 15

Joseph F. Wolleat, COUNCIL
7506 - 191st Ave E
Bonney Lake, WA 98391-8558

FAMILY SERVICE ACTIVITY

April 15

Steve Snell, FAMILY
907 Woodlawn St
Walla Walla, WA 99362-3468

YOUTH

April 15

Kenneth DeVos, YOUTH
2418 SW 149th St
Burien, WA 98166-1647

PRO-LIFE

April 15

Andrew Kopriva, PRO-LIFE
3203 S Newport St
Kennewick, WA 99337-4454

***NOTE ADDRESS CHANGE**

The Fence



There once was a little boy who had a bad temper. His father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the fence. The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily, gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence.

Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper. The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone.

*The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said "you have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one." You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound is still there. **Make sure you control your temper the next time you are tempted to say something you will regret later.***

Love is the water of life. And a lover is a soul of fire! The universe turns differently when fire loves water. A life with love is what it's all about.



"One Nation, Under God"

Magnets and Decals

In 1954, President Dwight Eisenhower signed into law a bill adding the words "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance. The Knights of Columbus were instrumental in getting the bill passed in Congress. In the secular environment of today, any reference to God is increasingly coming under public scrutiny with many trying to eliminate reference to God altogether, including eliminating the wording from the Pledge of Allegiance.



In 2012, St. Edwards Council #10524 Knights of Columbus in Athens, Texas began a program selling car magnets and decals with the words "One Nation, Under God" emblazoned upon a map of the United States. The magnets and decals featured both a large cross and the Star of David which symbolized the Judean-Christian beliefs upon which this great nation was originally founded.

Earlier this year, St. Edwards Council chose to offer this program to others and St. Mary's Council #4196 was chosen as the exclusive distributor of these magnets and decals for the Northwestern States and Alaska.

St. Mary's is making the magnets and decals available to other Knights Councils and groups for individual sales and/or as a fund raising project.

The magnets measure 7 inches by 4 ¾ inches and are 34 mil thick. When the backing is removed, the outline of the United States remains with the wording "One Nation, Under God." The magnets will adhere to any ferrous surface. The decals are similar in size and are designed to adhere to any glass surface. The suggested pricing for individual sales is \$5.00 per magnet and \$3.00 per decal. An order of 100 magnets and 100 decals would produce a profit of \$460 for your Council or organization.

All profits from the sale of these magnets and decals will be used to support Knights of Columbus charitable activities. These include scholarships for local high school students, support of seminarians, Special Olympics and other local and statewide charities.

Jim Majeskey Sr., Grand Knight



ST. MARY'S COUNCIL, No. 4196
304 South Adams Road
Spokane Valley, Washington 99216-3112

"BOLD LEADERSHIP"

Never doubt that with leadership a small group of thoughtful and committed people can change the world. Do you know why?

***BECAUSE IT'S THE ONLY THING THAT EVER HAS!
BE A LEADER!***

It has been said that the difference between a chump and a champ is dedication, and dedication demands purpose, faith and vision-a daily vision. Having vision means being able to visualize your goals. We are Knights; we are the necessary ingredient in the beginning of a fulfilled vision. God has a great plan, a vision. And that vision includes you. Yes it does my brothers, or you would not be here. You are special. You are different from anyone else. The great Creator God personally designed and made you that way.

**THEREFORE, YOU HAVE A
CONTRIBUTION TO OFFER
THAT NO ONE ELSE CAN MAKE.**

GO FOR IT

"BE BOLD"

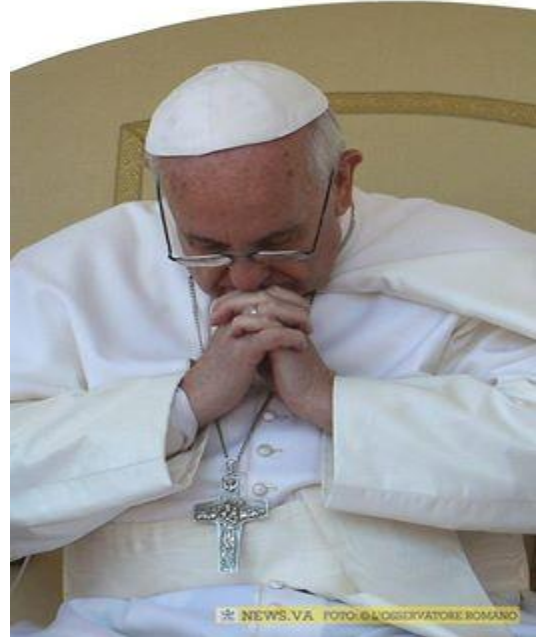


THE FRANCIS EFFECT

Pope: war must not be waged in the name of God

Pope Francis has appealed for peace and reconciliation in Niger.

(from Vatican Radio)



Speaking on at the weekly General Audience, the Pope explicitly referred to brutalities perpetrated against Christians, children and Churches. He invited those present to join him in praying for the victims of recent violence in Niger.

Let us invoke the Lord – he said – for the gift of reconciliation and peace, may “religious sentiment never give rise to violence, oppression and destruction”. “War must not be waged in the name of God” he said.

Pope Francis concluded his appeal expressing his hope that in the West African nation a climate of reciprocal respect and peaceful cohabitation be re-established as soon as possible for the good of all.

Last week, in Niger’s capital Niamey and in the town of Zinder, at least 15 people were killed in two days of violent protests against the publication in France of a satirical magazine depicting Islam’s prophet.

Over a dozen Christian Churches and other buildings were set ablaze.



History Made:

Philippine Crowd for Pope Francis Hits 6-7 Million

MANILA, Philippines — The Vatican's spokesman said that papal history was made Sunday during Pope Francis' visit to the Philippines, where an estimated 6-7 million people attended his closing Mass.



“The official number that has been given to us is between six and seven million,” Father Federico Lombardi told journalists at a press conference in Manila on Sunday, calling it the “largest event of the history of the popes.”

BREAKING NEWS!!!!

Boehner: Pope Francis to address Congress on Sept. 24

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Associated Press

Pope Francis will address a joint meeting of Congress on Sept. 24. He'll be the first Pontiff to do so. House Speaker John Boehner made the announcement at a news conference, then issued a statement expressing gratitude that the pope had accepted his invitation to appear before a joint meeting of the House and Senate.

The pope is scheduled to make his first papal visit to the United States this fall, with other stops in New York and Philadelphia.

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING: "EXPLAINED"



EDITOR'S NOTE:*(I have asked Brother Ken to provide additional insight into the youth training program.) There have been many questions from Knights regarding the required Youth Protection Training that Supreme has implemented. For example - if a Knight has already completed the Archdiocese program or another program, does he still need to complete the Presidium program? Can we send Supreme proof of completion from the Archdiocese? When in doubt about this program, call Chairman DeVos.*

By KEN DEVOS STATE YOUTH/SPORTS CHAIRMAN

This training is specific to the Knights of Columbus and is a new requirement from by Supreme with regards to working with children. I have included the St Deputy, Secretary and Advocate to this as you are not the only one seeking answers. I too, have received an email to fulfill this obligation as well as having completed archdioceses training and Boy Scouts of America Youth Protection Training as well as having a background check.

Link to KofC statement - http://www.kofc.org/un/en/membership/safe_environment/

In today's society, the Knights need to protect children as well as ourselves. Many of our members will object to another training session. It's all part of having a trained workforce that can be counted on to do the correct action when called upon. This training will also provide an insight to recognizing abused children as well as helping us to provide a safe environment for children and Knights. Unless we are further told, we need to comply with this request.

I'll let the St Advocate address the issue if previous training meets the requirements set forth by Supreme.

Ken DeVos
Knights of Columbus - Council 5495
Faithful Navigator - 2376
District Deputy - District 34
Washington State Youth/Sports Chairman
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Burien WA 98166
Phone: 206.248.2543



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

"The Chaplain's Corner" is a monthly forum for a Pastor or any religious by invitation of the Second Edition, to pass any message that they wish on to our readers.



There is little “Ordinary” about “Ordinary Time”

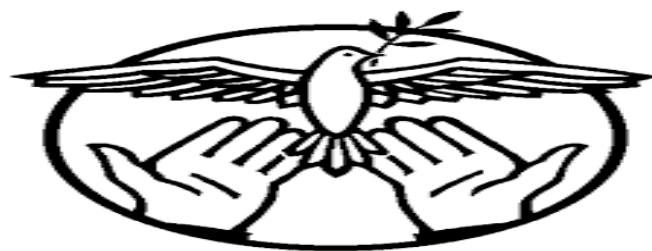
*To suggest that our current Liturgical Season of **Ordinary Time** is somehow uneventful is to suggest that the accounts of numerous miracles and the preaching of the Good News by Our Lord, day following day is hardly worthy of our often distracted attention!*

By DEACON JIM BARROW

The naming of the season – **Ordinary Time** – refers to the numeration or ordering of those Sundays outside of the other Liturgical Seasons (Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter) or special Feasts; e.g. the First thru the Thirty-Third Sundays.

During these weeks “between” the other Seasons, we hear from the four Gospels accounts of our Lord’s life and mission while he walked the Earth with his disciples, proclaiming the good news of forgiveness of sin and salvation for mankind. Our Advent preparations helped reveal the fullness of the gift of the Incarnation, and Lent will allow our penitential reflections on the Pascal Sacrifice of the Cross and the following Resurrection which opened the Gates of Heaven to our sinful World.

So too Ordinary Time is a season for reflection on and preparation for our life and ministry on Earth as well as a “road map” to Eternal Salvation. It would be sad to miss the opportunities to recalibrate our lives as we go through the rest of this liturgical year by missing out on the daily and most certainly weekly inspiration of the powerful Word of God and the Sacrament of his Pascal Mystery.





LENT

"Nothing, how little so ever it be, if it is suffered for God's sake, can pass without merit in the sight of God."

Thomas a Kempis



"Whatever we neglected to do unto one of the least of these,
we neglected to do unto the Lord!"

OUR LADY'S SUBMISSION TO THE CHURCH



By Mike Calderon - Hispanic Membership

One aspect of the Mary's apparitions which is unnoticed at first glance is in reality, both strikingly and vitally important—the Perfect Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, submitted herself with reverence and humility to the authority of the church. When she made her request for a church to be built, she submitted it to **Bishop Zumarraga**, who was a prudent and wise leader. He hesitated and required her to give a sign; The Mother of God obeyed without delay or question, sending Juan Diego to Tepeyac Hill to gather a wide assortment of beautiful flowers in frosty mid-December and then graced us with her heavenly Image on his tilma.

In so doing the Perfect Virgin teaches us by her example that total submission to the church is indispensable. One has only to look at the sad divisions which struck the Church in Europe through proud, worldly and disobedient “Renaissance man”. Reform was needed, but separation from the center of unity, the papacy, only made matters far worse. We see the sad results of forsaking Faith in the Catholic Church, which Christ Himself instituted, in the tragic division of Christianity today.

Yet it was precisely in this age of scandalous Popes and worldly Bishops, of the Protestant revolt that Mary, the Missionary of the Most High intervened. She, the Mother of God, submitted to the Church authority, and consequently brought about the conversion of nine million to the faith in less than ten years, making up for the millions that left the Church in Europe.

We Knights bring her message to the world, with the image, the Silver Rose, in our works of charity and unity, we are her disciples that need to do as she did, evangelize those that have left the church, those that are Sunday Catholics, those that leave mass after communion, those that are marginalized because of their color of skin, because they are immigrants, because they speak no English, these are her children in our care

I ask parishes that celebrate Spanish mass, such as, Hoquiam/Aberdeen, Sedro Woolley, Shelton parishes that now have RT's and other councils that signed up membership, Mother Mary continues to come to us, dressed in many lovely ways, we too must dress out hearts with hers and surrender to Christ, to offer every Catholic family benefits the order has to offer by becoming members of the Caballeros de Colon. Plan and call your Hispanic State Chairman for help, no one can do it along and together in unity we can do much for the Greater Glory of God.

Viva Cristo Rey, Viva Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe



Words & Leaders **"make a difference"**

By STEVE SNELL



Leaders are often writers or orators, great writing and great speaking are very potent forms of leadership; it can and has heightened consciousness, outraged us, encouraged us to protest or even to wage war. Writing and speaking have always been an effective means of communicating, persuading, and changing how people think, dream, and behave. Machiavelli, Jefferson, Madison, Thomas Merton, George Orwell, Martin Luther King Jr., and Father Michael J. McGivney provide excellent examples of what I'm talking about.

Make no mistake about it. Writing, rewriting, and editing is hard work, even for a professional. No matter how much they love it, they can find it lonely and often painful. Personally I've found that writing is easy; all you do is sit staring in front of your keyboard or a blank sheet of paper until little drops of blood begin to appear as tears and your left arm "twitches". Ernest Hemingway emphasized that writing, at its best, is exacting and often frustrating, in part because it is something you can never do as well as it can be done. Hemingway rewrote his ending of *Farewell to Arms* 39 times before he was satisfied.

Writing matters. But as Knights what matters even more is the power of the ideas. We must be brave. Writing is invariably an act of courage. As members of our councils and parishes we define, defend, and promote values, through writing we help define and clarify the critical choices before us. As Knights we use our words to teach, to persuade, to celebrate, to lead, to improve and to tell stories.

Today the need is for more than recycled failed programs and rhetoric from the past. People are looking for leadership. They need more than "boiler plate," put me to sleep tongue wagging.
Know that the 7th cavalry is not coming to save us.

***We are the ones We are waiting for. We are the ones who must
save unborn lives and change lives!***

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

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)

STEVE SNELL, DDM, FDD, PFN, PGK -- STATE FAMILY CHAIRMAN

HEALTH WARNING!

**DO NOT SHAMPOO IN THE SHOWER
DO NOT WASH YOUR HAIR IN THE SHOWER!!**

(It's so good to finally get a health warning that is useful!!!)

**IT INVOLVES THE SHAMPOO
WHEN IT RUNS DOWN YOUR
BODY WHEN YOU SHOWER WITH
IT. WARNING TO US ALL!!!**



I don't know WHY I didn't figure this out sooner! I use shampoo in the shower! When I wash my hair, the shampoo runs down my whole body, and printed very clearly on the shampoo label this warning;

“FOR EXTRA BODY AND VOLUME.”

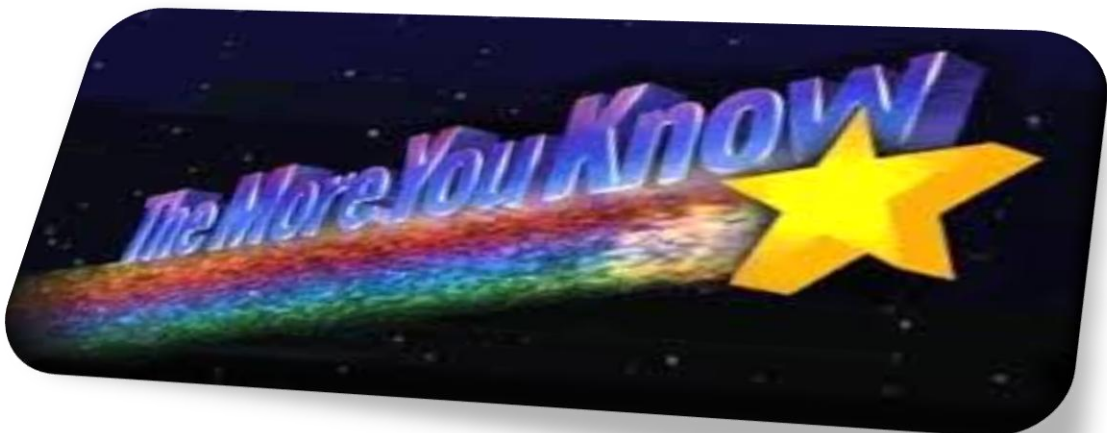
(no wonder I'm having trouble losing weight!)

Well! I got rid of that shampoo and I am going to start showering with Dawn Dishwashing Soap.

(It's label reads:)

**“DISSOLVES FAT THAT IS OTHERWISE
DIFFICULT TO REMOVE.”**

(Problem solved! If I don't answer the phone, I'll be in the shower!)





RICHLAND COUNCIL # 3307
HIGHLIGHTED IN
FEBRUARY COLUMBIAN MAGAZINE

"PREPARED TO SERVE"

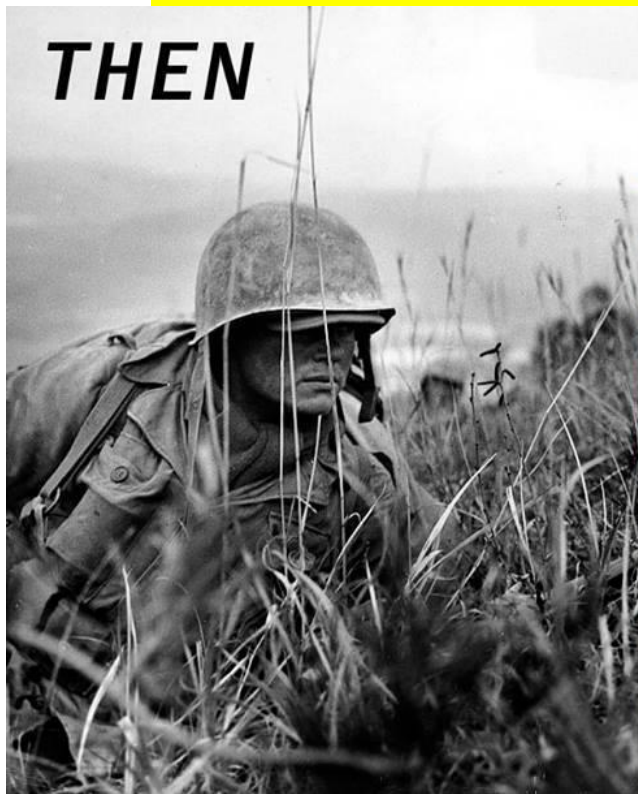
Richland, Washington Council 3307 donated \$31,500 to PREPARES: *Pregnancy & Parenting* for all. PREPARES is a statewide pro-life initiative that was launched by the bishops of Washington's three Catholic dioceses to serve women and couples in crisis pregnancies. The donation, which came from the council's charitable fund, represents \$100 for each of the council's 325 members.

***"I don't care if you're
5 or 105, God, from all
eternity, chose you to
be where you are, at
this time in history to
change the world."***

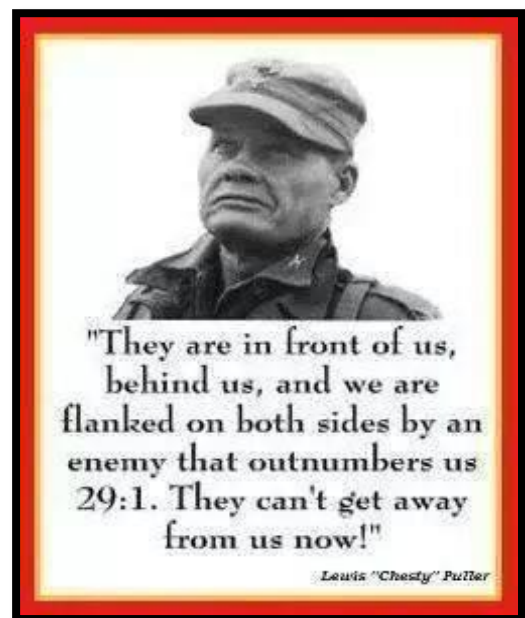
Mother Angelica



OUR HEROS - THANK YOU!



FOREVER & FOREVER!





HOW LONG DID IT TAKE YOU TO FIND THE CAT?

"IF TOMMOROW NEVER COMES"



"I pray the Lord my soul to take!"

*Russell Wilson Gives God High Praises
After Comeback 28-22 win, Over Green
Bay Packers for Spot in
Super Bowl XLIX*

*Example of two families that are
raising their children the right way...*



First of all what a great game. Both teams had their ups and downs and as a Packer fan I must say the end was not what I expected. The reason I am posting today is to let others know of the kindness shared to my 10 year old son by a 12 year old girl from Seattle at the game. My son lost his best friend in the world last week after a short illness. He grew up with Boo from about one year old. Boo was my son's dog, his best friend who played with him, shared most all home meals with him and loved him no matter what. About 3 months ago Boo was just not himself and after a vet visit we all learned his time on earth was very short. Well Boo went to dog heaven last week and my son knew for the first time in his short life the feeling of losing someone you love. I was lost as how to help him heal, and out of nowhere a dear friend offered us two tickets to the game in Seattle. I got the tickets, bought the plane tickets and called a friend of mine in Seattle to see if we could bunk for the weekend. All was ready so I told my son. He was very excited and for a minute seemed to be doing better. Off we went and boy what a great time we had. Seattle is such a wonderful city and to see our much loved Packers play could it get any better. Sunday arrived and off we went to the game. Great seats, loud, exciting, nothing better than this I thought. We were seated next to a large family of Seattle fans so what joy we were having kidding them as our Packers run off to a lead. My son was sitting right next to a young girl of 12. They talked and seemed to be having a great time. Well we all know that the Packers played a great game but a win was not to be had. After Seattle scored in overtime I noticed the young girl was crying and still sitting in her seat. Her father talked to her and gave her a hug. When we were leaving I asked the father if the girl was crying for joy by the win and to my shock he told me no, she was crying because she wanted the Packers to win because she knew my son had lost his dog and she thought he needed this more than she did. I kept this to myself on the flight home. While my son was having our dinner meal he looked at me and said he was glad that Seattle had won. I was surprised and ask him why. He looked at me and told me the girl sitting next to him had lost her cat to a dog attack only the day before and he wanted her to have something to help her feel better. Football will never be the same to me. So Thank You Seattle for the great game, and Thank You God for putting so much love for others to these two young people. Wishing Seattle only the very best but know the Pack Will Be Back!!!!!!!

"Thank You Seattle from a Packer Fan"

Merton 100: Living the Legacy

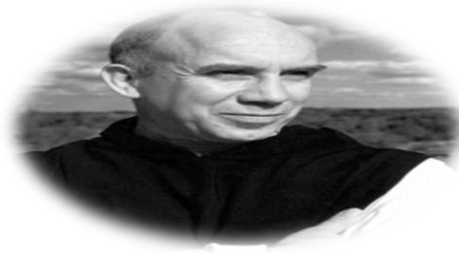


Thomas Merton, O.C.S.O. (January 31, 1915 – December 10, 1968) was an American Catholic writer and mystic. A Trappist monk of the Abbey of Gethsemane, ...

The year 2015 marks the one hundredth anniversary of Thomas Merton's birth. His life and writings are not merely historically important, but offer a prophetic witness to a vision that points a way into the future. As Merton wrote in an untitled poem, "All theology is

Each one who is born
as a question / For
Are not sufficient..."

Dawn: New Selected
Merton). The centenary
to consider how we too



a kind of birthday /
/ Comes into the world
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Poems of Thomas
offers an opportunity
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answers and wrestle with the urgent questions of our day.

The Fourteenth General Meeting of the International Thomas Merton Society will focus particularly on ways in which Merton's life and writings challenge us to continue his legacy through ever-deepening contemplation, compassion, and unity -- a legacy in which deep prayer informs action, action on behalf of justice, and the embrace of the whole world.



Love is our true destiny.
We do not find the meaning of
life by ourselves alone —
We find it with another.
— Thomas Merton



First Lady's Recollections

VISIT TO IRELAND

By Sharon Anne Czerwonka

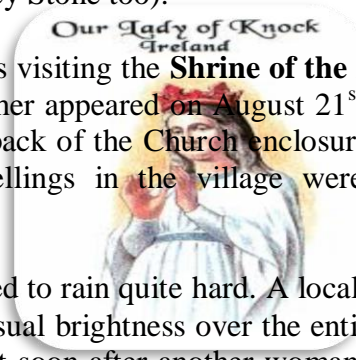
(wife of State Deputy George Czerwonka.)



Dear Knights' Ladies: I am back with my second installment. Since August 2014, our lives have been just a whirlwind of activity following the Supreme Convention in Orlando. In September, as part of our "50th Anniversary" celebration, we visited Ireland for 17 days beginning on September 9th.

We visited most of the major sites: The *Book of Kells* at Trinity College in Dublin; the Waterford glass works; the Belleek pottery works; the Ring of Kerry; the Cliffs of Moher; and, the Blarney Castle (yes, we did kiss the Blarney Stone too).

The main highlight of our trip was visiting the **Shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Knock in County Mayo**. Our Blessed Mother appeared on August 21st, 1879, at the Church in the center of the Village of Knock. At the back of the Church enclosure were two schools – one for boys and another for girls. The dwellings in the village were thatched roofed, three roomed, white-washed cottages.



The day of the Apparition it started to rain quite hard. A local woman walked behind the Church and on her return she saw an unusual brightness over the entire back of Church. She went home and thought no more about it, but soon after another woman was going to visit a friend and as she passed by the Church she observed figures standing. She thought the Archdeacon had supplied statues and continued walking.

Later, two women were passing the Church and asked each other if the Archdeacon put statues there behind the Church. And as they moved closer, they observed the figures moving about. They exclaimed, "It is the Blessed Virgin", and feeling very excited, ran home to tell their families of the wonderful sight. Word spread quickly in the village and soon a small crowd had gathered at the gable at the back of the Church and they stood gazing at the Apparition.

What did they see? A review of the evidence tells us:

- 1) Three figures were observed standing about two meters above the ground at the gable wall of the Church; one figure was raised slightly above the others.
- 2) The central figure was recognized as that of Our Lady, the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- 3) She was wearing a large white cloak fastened at the neck and on her head was a brilliant crown.
- 4) She held her hands together as if in prayer and raised to the level of her shoulders.
- 5) Her eyes were looking up toward heaven.

- 6) On her right was a figure recognized as that of St. Joseph, her spouse, standing with his body slightly bent forward toward Our Lady and his hands also joined in prayer.
- 7) On her left was a figure considered to be St. John the Evangelist dressed as a Bishop with an Altar to his left, full sized, and on it a Lamb that was facing the figures – behind the Lamb was a Cross.
- 8) The figures were full and rounded as if they had real bodies and life, but they did not speak to anyone in the crowd.
- 9) When people approached, they moved backwards, and as a 75 year old woman attempted to kiss the feet of Our Lady, she found nothing in her embrace but the wall.

The Apparition was first seen in daylight and darkness soon fell with the three figures, Altar and Lamb surrounded by a soft brilliant light that covered the entire gable on the backside of the Church. Rain was falling hard and the people in the crowd were drenched in rain, but the figures were dry as no rain fell where they stood. Twenty people, men and women, boys and girls, young (age 6) and old (age 75), observed the Apparition for more than 2 hours. The news of the Apparition spread quickly with people coming to Knock and that was only the beginning!

In 1954, on the Feast of All Saints, Knock Shrine of “Our Lady” came before the whole Catholic world as Pope Pius XII solemnly crowned the picture of “Our Lady” - *Salus Populi Romani*, at St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome.

In 1979, Pope John Paul II raised the new Church to the Pope may give this title to a the world outside Rome.



celebrated Mass at Knock and dignity of a Basilica. Only the Church and there are few in

The Knock Shrine consists of three main buildings on a paved rectangle about the size of a football field: the Apparition Chapel, the Chapel of Reconciliation, and the Basilica of Our Lady, Queen of Ireland. The Apparition Chapel is built on the actual Apparition site. The Chapel of Reconciliation is sited across the square and underground but for the opening walkway and a glass roof above the Altar. We received the Sacrament of Reconciliation there. The Basilica is sited at the far end of the square. Mass was being celebrated by several Bishops and Priests at the time of our visit, and they walked in a procession up every aisle with a large framed picture of “Our Lady” for the crowd to observe and pray. Around the perimeter of the square, opposite the Basilica, was a line of eighteen Holy Water fonts for pilgrims to fill their containers with Holy Water to take home.

We filled several bottles too and packed them in our suitcases. We have them in our chapel corner at home with Holy Water from Lourdes in France too - I visited there with our daughter, Lisa, many years ago. George and I have also visited the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion, Wisconsin, the only recognized apparition site in the United States.

I’ll tell you about Our Lady of Good Help in my next recollection. Until then, I hope you have wonderful days filled with great love and many wonderful surprises that give you lasting memories to cherish in all the days ahead.



*"Don't worry if you're making waves simply by being yourself. The moon does it all the time."
~Scott Stabile*

A man in a military uniform is hugging a woman from behind. The woman has her head buried in his chest, and he has his hands on her head and shoulders. The background is a soft, out-of-focus landscape.

**Never tire of forgiveness
for this is Beauty before the Face of God.**

Catholic - Universal Church

***"Change happens. One gesture. One person.
One moment at a time." - Libba Bray***

The Starfish Story

Original Story by: Loren Eiseley

One day a man was walking along the beach, when he noticed a boy hurriedly picking up and gently throwing things into the ocean.

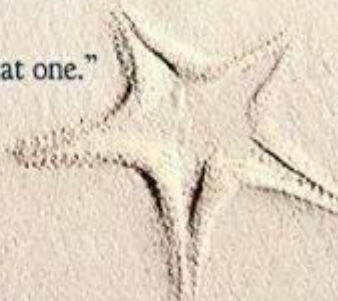
Approaching the boy, he asked, "Young man, what are you doing?"

The boy replied, "Throwing starfish back into the ocean. The surf is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them back, they'll die."

The man laughed to himself and said, "Don't you realize there are miles and miles of beach and hundreds of starfish? You can't make any difference!"

After listening politely, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it into the surf. Then, smiling at the man, he said,

"I made a difference to that one."





TO BE CONTINUED

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH !

