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FAMILY OF MAN

BROTHERS
GOD GAVE US THIS LIFE
WE MUST GO FORTH AND TRANSFORM
THE WORLD WITH GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY
VIVAT JESUS!



STATE AWARDS APPLICATION SCHEDULE

AWARD DUE DATES & WHERE TO SUBMIT

(EMAIL ADDRESSES AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE)

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KNIGHTS ON BIKES



Brother Knights,
Thought that you might enjoy this...a couple pictures of Knights on
Bikes Brother SK Lawrence and his new bride Anna
they live in El Paso TX.

Washington State President

Knights on Bikes

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IN GOD WE TRUST, & RIDE!

2017 EVENT CALENDAR

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- Greetings Brother Knights on Bikes,

Here is how the KonB 2017 event calendar is filling up so far.....

- **Blessing of the Bikes in Wenatchee, April 22, 2017**

Sponsored by CVI Chapter Two (*KofC councils 1545 & 13186 will be hosting start location*) Three hour ride,(depending on the weather) rest stops, picture breaks, and lunch 45 minutes from the start. Contact KonB Jim Steiner for RSVP and more information jim.steiner1@nwi.net (if interested we could get rooms Friday and have a KonB dinner?)

- **Blessing of the Bikes and Hot Rods, Benton City, April 29, 2017**

Sponsored by council 3307 Richland. Gates open at 10:00 for show and shine parking , blessing at 11:00, awards at 12:00. Four awards will be given out this year, long distance car and bike, Fathers favorite, car and bike followed by closing prayer.

- **Mission Run/KonB Washington 5th Year Anniversary, May 12-13, 2017**

RSVP, Tentative, staying at the Red Lion in Yakima. I will have a block of room reserved Friday the 12th, Social, dinner, KonB cake, brief meeting.

Saturday breakfast, mission ride, mission tour, rosary, BBQ lunch, closing prayer. We are working on tee shirt and vest patch designs commemorating the anniversary.

(St. Joseph's Mission is 150 years old this year and one of the oldest churches in the state.)

- **KonB world Wide Rally El Paso Texas, May 26-28, 2017**

Best Western 1-800-315-2621 (hosted by KonB El Paso) Angie & I plan to go.

- **Hogs and Dogs West Richland/Prosser, June 15-16, 2017**

KonB/KofC recruitment booth.



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On left are 3 KC members erecting storage shelves in the newly refurbished space in St. Anthony's. On the right is Ed Zupich spraying texture material on the ceiling of the new space. Thanks for all the help guys.



Ed Zupich (center) received a \$100 check from council treasurer, Harry Tefft, for being one of the two members who sold a winning football pool booklet to the lucky super bowl event winner. Not pictured was the other \$100 winner, Darrell Wehr. FS Greg Meyer (L) looks on.



Rennie Pelkie takes aim at a free throw at the annual Knights of Columbus free throw competition that was held February 11th on the Kalispel reservation.



Four proud participants shot hoops at the annual Knights of Columbus free throw competition this month of February. In the front row (L to R) are Trevin Kiss, Rennie Pelkie, Jaren Martin, and Ryan Seanet. Second row (L to R) are Knights Ed Zupich, Greg Meyer, and Stephen Sommer

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DISTRICT 17 FREE-THROW COMPETITION

Hosted by Toppenish Council 1699



SUBMITTED BY EDDIE PEREZ
GRAND KNIGHT TOPPENISH COUNCIL #1699

Reflections-Post Elections

I watch TV and check in to Facebook every day, hoping to keep up with the news, my grandchildren, weather reports, and whatever else comes along in this fast-paced world of ours.

By SHEILA WALLACE



This has been especially important for me since the beginnings of our election campaign two (plus) years ago, when we were all so fascinated with the numerous choices we had, in the men and women who were running for President of the United States. Since the election, it has been “a watch and see” what the new President would do; applauding him when he followed through on campaign promises, regret when he made mistakes, horror at the vitriol expressed against him, and, I must confess, anger and judgment at the obstructionists and protesters.

I have observed our country becoming more divided; more judgmental; more vile and vulgar in expressions; more aggressive in actions taken; to express disapproval of others' opinions, even to assaulting and murdering one another. I have learned of the way politics has divided some husbands and wives to the point of divorce, how families have split, how friends no longer speak because of differing opinions; and I wonder what has happened to the respect we showed one another in past years.



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I remember growing up, listening to heated discussions amongst my elders as they argued the best person for President, or the best way to run the country; but never did I witness the hatred and vitriol that spills from so many now; not only those brought up on the streets, but all the way to leaders in prominent positions. Where are the role models our children so desperately need? Our ancestors, for the most part, showed respect to each other in these discussions, and trusted in the voting system to eventually balance out our differences.

For myself, in this so different twenty-first century, I have caught myself being pulled into dislike of others, and have had to seek God's answers to how I must respond. We are challenged more than ever to follow His will, as we come up against the hatred so rampant in our world. Yes, we must be aware of what is happening, but not become so addicted to following all the gossip, hateful comments and protests, that we lose our peace and trust in God. **We must not become hate mongers ourselves. We must not become gossips, ourselves. If we hold back our judgment and criticism of our brothers and sisters of opposite views, we'll give peace of heart and mind a chance.**

The purpose of keeping up with all this, for God's people, is that we might make legitimate change through our votes, our volunteer works, our charities, and most of all, through our prayers.

We must never lose sight of Who is in charge.

Sheila Ryan Wallace



HAPPINESS OF FAMILY



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By STEVE SNELL

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.

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Is the happiness of home and
family worth the effort?
Ever heard that....

"A picture is worth a
thousand words?"





AN IRISHMAN WALKS INTO A BAR IN DUBLIN,



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orders three pints of Guinness and sits at the back of the room, drinking a sip out of each one in turn. When he finishes them, he comes back to the bar and orders three more.

The bartender approaches and tells him, "You know, a pint goes flat after I draw it, and it would taste better if you bought one at a time." The Irishman replies: "Well, you see, I have two brothers. One is in America, the other is in Australia, and I'm in Dublin. When we all left home, we promised that we'd drink this way to remember the days we drank together. So I drink one for each of me brothers and one for me self."



The bartender admits that this is a nice custom, and leaves it there. The Irishman becomes a regular in the bar, and always drinks the same way: He orders three pints and drinks them in turn. One day, he comes in and orders two pints. All the other regulars take notice and fall silent. When he comes back to the bar for the second round, the bartender says, "I don't want to intrude on your grief, but I wanted to offer my condolences on your loss."

The Irishman looks quite puzzled for a moment, then a light dawns and he laughs. "Oh, no, everybody's just fine," he explains, "It's just that my wife had us join the Church and I had to quit drinking.

BUT IT HASN'T AFFECTED ME BROTHERS THOUGH."

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LEFT ALONE



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!

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John Wayne managed to work his own views into his movies, too. In this scene from one of his films, "Without Reservations," he was traveling on a train and:

"For too long we've had that laissez-faire attitude towards executive operation," the author, played by Claudette Colbert, told Wayne as the train moved across the prairie. "We must educate ourselves to share the responsibilities as well as the advantages of citizenship!"

"Oh, I read that book too," Wayne responded. "But it's a lot of hooey, fixing everybody up when they let out their first squawk. Giving them pointers on good government in between bottle feedings."

"Oh, it's very easy to make fun of everything," the lady told Wayne condescendingly. That's when the Duke brought up the men who built this great land and set her straight.

"Listen ... have you ever heard of some fellas who first came over to this country?" Wayne asked. "You know what they found? They found a howling wilderness, with summers too hot, and winters freezing.

"Did they have insurance for their old age, for their crops, for their homes? They did not. They looked at the land and the forest and the rivers they looked at their wives, their kids and their houses. Then they looked up at the sky and said, 'Thanks, God, we'll take it from here!'"

"They were rugged fellas," another traveler remarked.

"THEY WERE MEN" SAID WAYNE"

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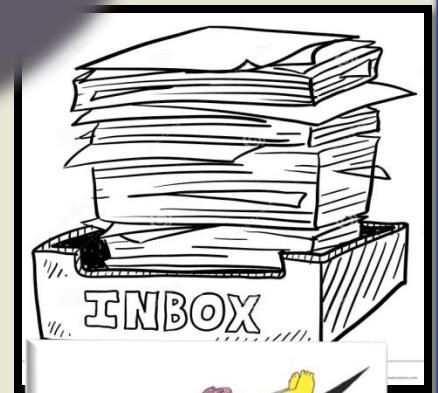


"HEY BROTHERS!"

TIME IS GETTING CLOSER TO
MEETING YOU AT,
THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
WASHINGTON STATE 114th
ANNUAL CONVENTION IN OLYMPIA
MAY 19 -- 21, 2017



**"DON'T FORGET TO
TURN IN ALL
YOUR PAPER WORK!"**



BROTHER KNIGHTS

F Worthy State Officers and District Deputies

I It is my pleasure to announce the first Formation Staff to be re-certified.

R On February 23, 2017 the SE King County (District 27) under the leadership of the Team Captain Edward Rogers was certified.

S Not only was the team re-certified but three back-up team members were certified for the first time.

T The team members re-certified were, District Deputy Gary Weber, Grand Knight Darren Parsons, Chancellor Dennis Thueringer, Financial Secretary Scott Gilyeat, Warden Lyn Johnson, Inside Guard Howard VanErem,

E The three team members certified were, District Deputy Kevinne', Financial Secretary Edward Rogers and the Inside Guard Thomas LaCour.

C My congratulations to the team and especially the team captain, Edward Rogers, for his outstanding leadership.

R A reminder to all the district deputies with a formation staff (degree team) to be re-certified, you have only two and half months prior to the state convention to have your degree teams re-certified.

F Yours in Christ,

E Wayne C. Hogan, PSD, FVSM, FMFD
State Ceremonial Director



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Two new members were brought into the Order and Bellingham Council February 21:

Seated at left is Brother Rick Huston; seated at right is Brother Lee Krzysiek. Center is Brother Jason Cronk of Lynden 12420. Behind them, l-r, are Brothers Joe St.Hilaire, Dick Pylilo, Gordy Wilson, Harvey Unruh, Fred Schacht, GK Ben Roberts, Charlie Dunn, Dick Tobias, Ernesto Hurtado (12420), Rik Dalvit, Gary Metcalf, GK Jesus Hurtado (1240), Bob Grasher, Darrel Cronk (12420), Tom Jessup, DD Scott Hulse (7356), and Lou St.Hilaire



Nine men, including four from Bellingham Council, came into full knighthood in the third (Knighthood) degree in an exemplification March 4 in Ferndale. The new Bellingham third degree members are Brothers **Matt Gregory**, **Rick Huston**, **Lee Krzysiek**, and **Fred Schacht**. Others making their degree were Brothers Jesus Aguilar, Jason Cronk, Ernesto Hurtado, and Juan Puentes, all of Lynden 12420, and Ken Schacht of Camano-Stanwood 8476.

The ceremony, held at St. Joseph Church, was led by Conferring Officer Pat Kelley, who also is the current state treasurer. He was assisted by PFC **Lou St.Hilaire**, PGK of our council, and Ray Castillo, Tukwila Council, warden.

Peter Adams was a second-time winner of this year's annual Chili Coo-Off, held February 18 at Sacred Heart.

Chili Chief Harvey Unruh hands the Chili Cup trophy to winner Peter Adams, who holds his little sister Charlie Jean



"The New Evangelization"

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I have recently been taking a study course on "The New Evangelization" by Bishop Robert E. Barron and would like to share some of his teachings with you in this article.

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

Many of us individually and most of us collectively have been affected by what is referred-to today as "Beige Catholicism" "What is that?", you say.

'It is a "watering-down of our faith, typically characterized by: a vague, abstract spirituality devoid of concrete traits distinguishing it from other religions and ideologies; an overemphasis on "feelings" and "personal experience"' instead of objective biblical truths reducing the church to a lifeless institution rather than a dynamic means to encounter, receive, and share the risen Lord; ignoring the truths of scripture; and treating Jesus as a mere historical figure rather than a living Lord whom we meet and follow'.

The clergy and religious helped in its' formation by dropping distinctive dress and by preaching entertaining homilies and ignoring the reality of sin.

Too many Christians tend to measure church teachings by their OWN feelings and beliefs, setting aside the church's teachings in favor of generally HUMANISTIC ethical values. It became a form of mentality that Jesus was just another "nice guy" and was much like other preachers like Gandi and Confucius.

We must concentrate on the uniqueness of Jesus. His words and works were and are extraordinary and they generate an excitement about Him in us. Through fervent prayer and openness, we can become the tools by which the Holy Spirit can create an ARDOR to evangelize for Christ with a new fervor that can and will touch the hearts of men to live the lives that He has called us to live.

Jesus was NOT just a ""nice guy" and we cannot get to heaven by just being "nice guys" either. We must not be afraid to speak up, to evangelize for HIM and know that we are doing His will.

LET THE FIRES BEGIN!!!



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This picture means a lot for 8294 Our Lady of Guadalupe Council in Saint Joseph Yakima. Three years ago when the Round Table was established by our GK then Keith Qunell asked Father Felipe Pulido if he had a specific project for the new knights, he said we needed to create a scholarship program for our young people to encourage them to pursue their dreams in furthering their advances toward a college education and beyond.

At the Wednesday March 8th meeting this goal was realized with 4 scholarships by the council. In the picture Luis Marquez GK, Roberto Rodriguez FS, Father Felipe Pulido, John Ibach Treasurer, Cesareo Meneses Recorder.

As far as I believe this is an act of a council that needs to be recognized for their accomplishments. They have provided many other contributions to the parish in addition to this outstanding achievement. Luis stated that the entire group was focused on this target for the longest time.....Thanks.



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JUST THINKING

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FLOWERS NEED THORNS

Proverbs 15:1

(*A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger*)

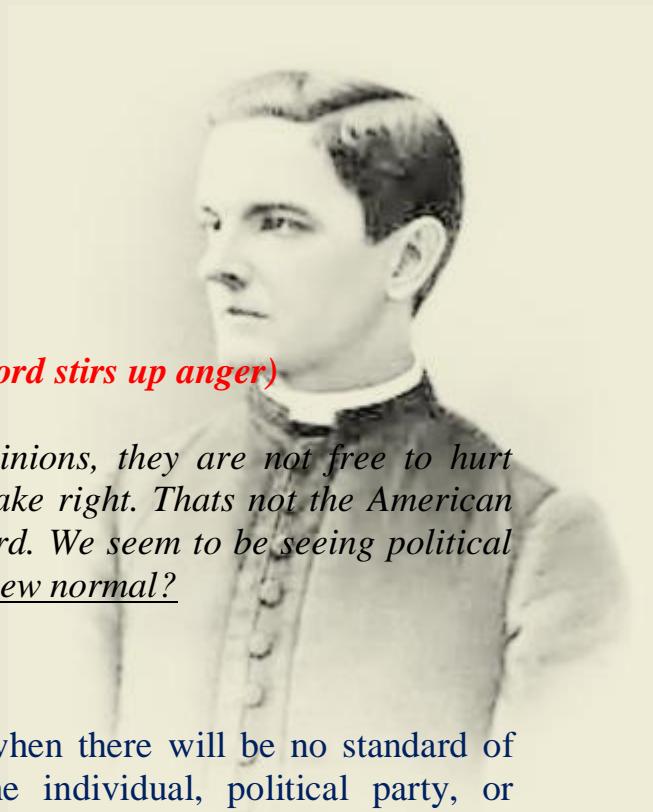
People are free to peacefully express their opinions, they are not free to hurt people and destroy property. Might does not make right. Thats not the American way. Thats not found in the teachings of our Lord. We seem to be seeing political violence in response to ideas.....Is this to be the new normal?

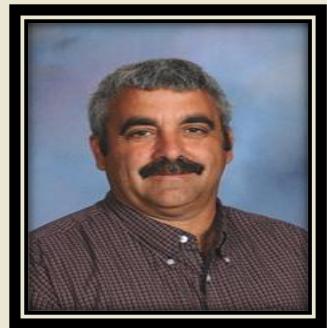
By STEVE SNELL

We are quickly approaching the time when there will be no standard of right or wrong outside of what the individual, political party, or extremist group wants for themselves. I wonder if there is a danger in being held back by gentle naive PC pacifists. While I understand and respect human life, brothers this is not a food fight in the cafeteria, this is dangerous stuff. I do not believe as a nation or a religion that we should ignore our self defense; at this point the rest of society may become defenseless against the attacks of cruder and more violent men who push their own set of self-centered values, values and ideas that place us all in danger.

We now have people demonstrating (*which is their right,*) the problem is that many are **habitually demonstrating violently in the street and destroying private property....why... because things didn't go the way they want, I think this is one of the great potential dangers we face, I worry that they are in effect normalizing violence.** If we allow this deterioration of values to take place then we may someday be faced with the hard reality that the value system that will prevail is the one that possess the most aggressive skills and the cultural ruthlessness. As law-abiding citizens and Knights we must protect our laws and beliefs, they are the flowers of our lives.

Flowers sometimes need thorns to protect them.





Many of our parents followed Notre Dame Athletics – regardless of where they lived. Several of us continue to. And hasn't Gonzaga basketball taken on a new significance for us in the northwest? Why is athletics important for Catholic schools?

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

The Catholic faith encourages intellectual, moral, physical and spiritual development – but never in isolation. A great athletic program can help develop every aspect of the child (physical, moral, intellectual and spiritual) in a way that cannot be replicated elsewhere. This is why the Catholic faith values athletics.

The fact that athletic programs provide physical development is obvious. But there is so much more happening. Athletics provides opportunity to show forth our character, and to build our character.

Consider the importance of teamwork. Teamwork is utilized in most any profession and helps students understand the importance of solidarity. Through athletics, students have an opportunity to think beyond themselves and work toward the common good of the team. Teams work through joys and difficulties together as the season progresses. Team-mates learn to pick each other up when they are down and share the success of each team-mate.

Consider the importance of fortitude. Athletics fosters fortitude in both the individual athlete and the team. Pushing individuals to become the best they can be while at the same time, helping the team to persevere in the midst of difficulties. These are life lessons that will be applicable throughout life.

Consider justice and the many ways this virtue is fostered through athletics. How should athletes treat their coach, their team-mates, officials, opposing teams, and even fans? Following the rules and avoiding all forms of cheating is critical for anyone with strong character.

Catholic schools get the unique opportunity to demonstrate their faith in a public setting. Most Catholic schools participate in public leagues. Ideally, Catholic teams demonstrate character in how they handle success, adversity and the respect they give to everyone involved in the game. Athletics should be an integral part of the total development of our youth. In a world that over-values winning and glorifies poor sportsmanship, the Catholic school has an opportunity to demonstrate the real value of athletics – as an opportunity to both show forth character and build character.

Why is athletics important for Catholic schools?

Catholics in New Congress

Religion and morality are indispensable supports.

Karl A. Hadley, PSD, FMFD
Vice Supreme Master, Archbishop Blanchet Province



When John F. Kennedy was president, only 19% of the Congress was Catholic while today it has risen 31%. Nationwide, 21% of the population is Catholic, but Catholics make up a third of those in the House and a quarter of those in the Senate.

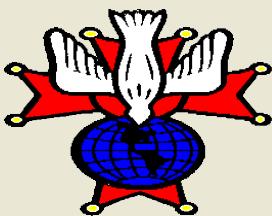
Catholic voters might expect that Catholics in Congress would oppose abortion, which is viewed by the Church as "intrinsically evil" and is the most foundational human rights issue.

Unfortunately, the results are not encouraging.

Although the new Congress has four more Catholics (168) than the previous one, there are only 7 new pro-life Catholics in the current Congress, while 13 new Catholic members are pro-abortion. This means that the new freshman class of Catholics has *decreased* the Catholic influence in Congress on the pro-life cause.

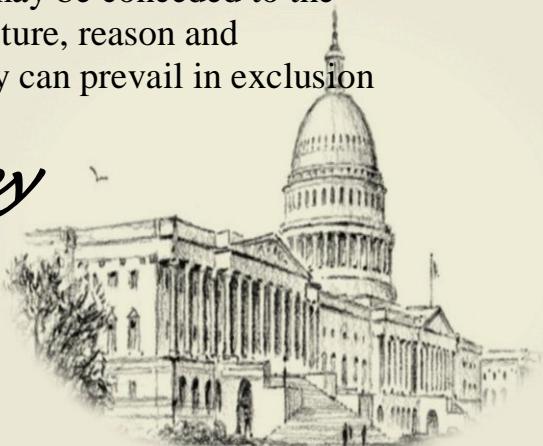
Of the 168 Catholics in Congress, only 80 are pro-life and 88 are pro-abortion (78 of the pro-life members are Republican and only 2 are Democrats). This means that Catholics in Congress are pro-abortion by a margin of 52% to 48%!

In his Farewell Address, George Washington said this: "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness - these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens. The mere politician, equally with the pious man, ought to respect and to cherish them.... And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."



Karl A. Hadley

Vice Supreme Master



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Love is not what you say. Love is what you do.

WHAT IS A VETERAN?

Simply put, a veteran is someone who at one point in his or her life signed a blank check payable to the United States of America for everything that he or she was, up to and including that veteran's very life



To all who serve
past, present, and future

Thanks for walking the walk!

“Pride, honor, and dignity” - three words that are given meaning by the lives of those who put on the uniform of the United States of America.

Being a veteran and a patriot – these are part and parcel of the American heritage – a heritage that we can all can be rightfully proud of.

Thank you and God Bless you for your service.



GENTLE THOUGHTS FOR TODAY

Birds of a feather flock together... and then poop on your car.
A penny saved is a government oversight.



The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.
The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

He who hesitates is probably right.

Did you ever notice: The Roman numerals for forty (40) are 'XL'.

The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.

Did you ever notice: When you put the 2 words 'The' and 'IRS' together it spells 'Theirs....'

Aging:

Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it. *Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know 'why' I look this way; I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.*

When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to your Youth, think of Algebra. *You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.*

One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young. Ah, being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

Lord, Keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth . . . AMEN

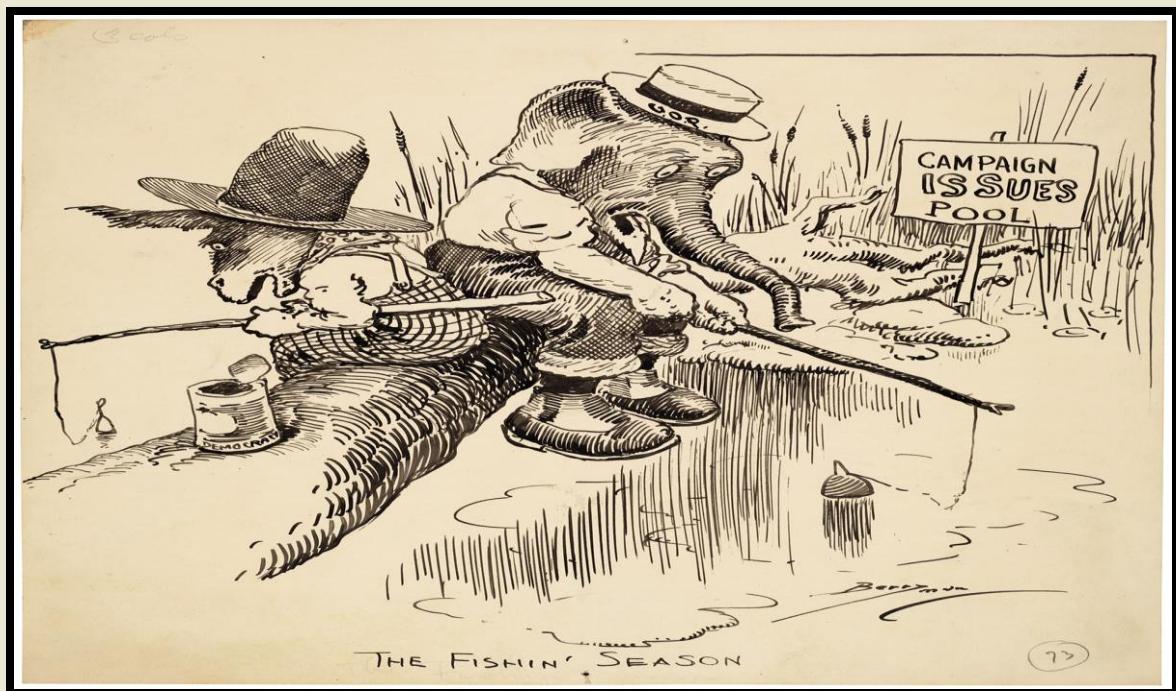
Purification suffrage cartoon (1893)



'Purification'

First-wave feminists argued that women's votes would clean up politics. The man wears a badge with 'MHR' – Member of the House of Representatives.

A woman's work is never done!





AND FINALLY...

I'd like to share an observation. My observation is that our relationship with God must come before everything else. I say this because our relationship with God is the basis for everything else in our lives. It is from that relationship that we draw our strength, our hope, and our love. Therefore, we must feed that relationship. We feed it through the Eucharist. We feed it through prayer. We feed it through scripture. In the Eucharist, we receive the Body and Blood of Christ that nurtures and strengthens us for whatever it is we have to face in the world around us. In Scripture we hear God's word guiding and encouraging us. In prayer we can tell God about all our concerns; our fears and our joys, our happiness and our sorrow. And there, conversation with the God who always loves us, we can receive peace in our hearts.

