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- All schools K-12 closed until April 24th
- Ban on gatherings over 50 people
- Restaurants, bars, clubs, theaters, gyms, beauty salons shut down until March 31st (delivery/takeout allowed)
- Reduced occupancy required for retail outlets
- Grocery stores and pharmacies not affected





**Supreme Council Memorial Mass for Past Supreme Knight
Virgil Dechant in New Haven Ct. May his soul and that of all
the faithful departed through the mercy of
God Rest in Peace.**

February 18, 2020

Your Excellency,

R. I. P.

I have been asked by the Secretariat of State to transmit to Your Excellency the following message: The Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann Archbishop of Kansas City in Kansas

His Holiness Pope Francis was saddened to learn of the death of Mr. Virgil C. Dechant, and he offers heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Ann Dechant and the entire Dechant family. He recalls with deep appreciation Mr. Dechant's many years of wise leadership and guidance of the Knights of Columbus and his unwavering fidelity to the principles that inspired the Order's foundation. He likewise recalls his generous service to the mission of the Apostolic See and his example of devotion to faith, family life and fraternity. Commending Mr. Dechant's soul to the merciful love of Christ our Redeemer, His Holiness assures all present at the Mass of Christian Burial of his union in prayer and cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of peace and consolation in the Lord.

Cardinal Pietro Paro/in Secretary of State

With sincere sympathy and heartfelt condolences, I remain,

Yours fraternally in Christ, Archbishop
Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio





Larry Devlin is with Darrell Henn at St. Joseph Catholic, in Kennewick, WA.

Honored to have served in the Honor Guard for PSD John Walker's funeral.





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FEBRUARY 2020

COLUMBIA

Featured in the February Columbia Magazine

empty
enduring thing that is
left is the dedication to doing
with our lives the very best we
can to make the world a better
place in which to live."

—Vince Lombardi
*Mgr. Basche Council #505
Green Bay, Wis.*



OCEAN SHORES COUNCIL 15689

50th Anniversary

SEMICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Father Stephen T. Roman Council 15689 in Ocean Shores, Wash., kicked off a yearlong celebration of St. Jerome Catholic Church's 50th anniversary with a barbecue dinner and games for parishioners. In honor of the anniversary, Council 15689 also donated nearly 100 new coats to the Ocean Shores Community Emergency Response Team for Distribution to homeless and foster care children,

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**TRUMP
RULE**

**THAT
LED TO PLANNED PARENTHOOD LOSING \$60M**



February 24, 2020 ([LifeSiteNews](#)) –

The Trump administration may continue to enforce a rule mandating that recipients of federal planning funds, such as Planned Parenthood, separate themselves from abortion activities, the Ninth US Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Monday.

The administration's [Protect Life Rule](#) requires "clear financial and physical separation between Title X-funded projects and programs or facilities where a abortion is a method of family planning" and bans "referral for abortion as a method of family planning." The abortion lobby [responded](#) with multiple [lawsuits](#), and Planned Parenthood chose to [withdraw](#) from Title X rather than comply with the new conditions. Abortion proponents have dubbed the rule a "gag rule."

A three-judge panel of the Ninth Circuit lifted a temporary injunction against enforcing the rule last June, and the full court affirmed that decision Monday, Bloomberg Law [reports](#).

Judge Sandra Ikuta wrote the majority opinion, which reportedly predicted that lawsuits brought in California, Oregon, and Washington "will not succeed" on the merits.





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Assembly #2685 Presents
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LARRY DEVLIN IS WITH THOMAS MUSHA AND ANTHONY FARRELL AT
SAINT PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH.COUNCIL 8297 IN POULSBO
CONDUCTED IT'S FIRST EXEMPLIFICATION OF CHARITY, UNITY,
AND FRATERNITY CONGRATS TO OUR 5 NEW 3rd DEGREE MEMBERS!

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#TheyFeelPain

PROTECT THE RIGHT TO LIFE

A STATEMENT FROM
SUPREME KNIGHT CARL
ANDERSON, ON PAIN
CAPABLE UNBORN CHILD
PROTESTION ACT.



We commend the U.S. Senate for taking up the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act and the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Act, but we are disappointed that neither bill advanced. For more than a decade, our polling has shown that both Democrats and Republicans support substantial restrictions on abortion. In fact, most Republicans and more than four-in-10 Democrats support banning abortion after 20 weeks. There is a bipartisan consensus on this issue among Americans, so it is doubly unfortunate that it continues to be viewed as partisan by some lawmakers who are not heeding the voices of their constituents. The Knights of Columbus urges Congress to protect the right to life and remains committed to speaking out on behalf of the unborn and highlighting this national consensus.



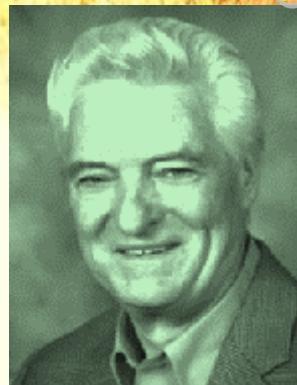
R. I. P.

EULOGY



JOHN L. WALKER, PSD

(1931 – 2020)



By Steve Snell

John was our friend, our guide and our guardian.

John Walker was a great Knight, a very knowledgeable man (went to school in Walla Walla, where he was an outstanding athlete and then to Gonzaga on a basketball scholarship). He was a strong supporter of youth projects, and an early fan of the Holy Bowl. He was a fun guy to be around. John loved family, friends and the Knights. We don't honor John because of his many attributes. We gather to pay a tribute of love and respect to PSD John Walker because he used his matchless character for the good of his fellow man.

John was special.

His life was full of honor, of service to his country and of life changing deeds. Besides all else, he gave himself away to his knights for 65 years. He feared nothing, except to do nothing. He was a believer in the gospel of help and hope. He knew how much better, how much more sacred, a kind act is than any theory the brain could justify.

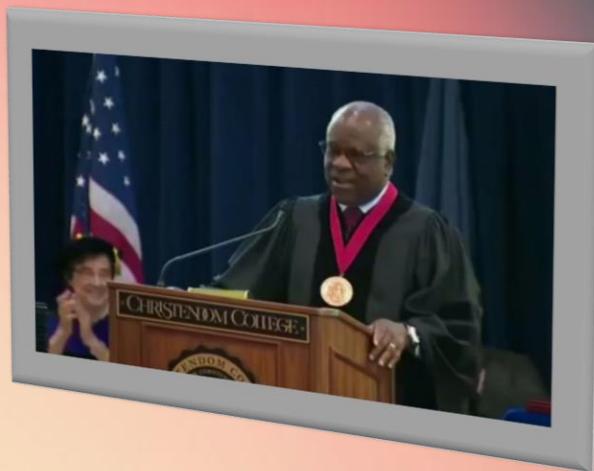
The good are the noble. This nobleman filled the lives of others with the sunshine of hope. He has left a legacy of honor and leadership to his family and brother knights. They can truthfully say that within his veins was the blood of an honest, of a kind and generous man, of a steadfast friend, a man who stayed true to his values to his last heartbeat.

Words cannot contain our love and respect for this man. There was, there is no, gentler, stronger, brother Knight. Thank you, Brother John



“I AM DECIDEDLY UNAPOLOGETICALLY CATHOLIC,” JUSTICE CLARENCE THOMAS DECLARES TO CHRISTENDOM COLLEGE

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas delivered the commencement address to Christendom College, in Virginia. And it was quite the speech!



I spent 25 years of my life in the wilderness away from the Church, and yet the clarion call of Sunday church bells never went away,” he told the students. “Something restrained me in those days of the 1960s and 1970s. This inner restraint was called a ‘hang-up’ or an inhibition. In fact, it was a conscience – a Catholic conscience that had been formed in a world much like this wonderful college.

“This is a decidedly and unapologetically Catholic college. And I am decidedly and unapologetically Catholic.

He continued: **“It is this faith that has been the guiding beacon during some difficult and seemingly hopeless times, even when I had turned my heart against it and turned my back on it. And I have no doubt that this faith will do the same for you if you let it.**



Poulsbo Council 8297

Poulsbo Council 8297 Brother Knights Eric Jacoby and Eric Chamberlin helping Brother Knight Matthew French unload his moving truck. Brother Matthew, Charter Grand Knight of Council 16195 at Rice University, is moving to our area from Texas to serve on USS Louisiana, thanks guys, for all you do!



KNIGHTS IN ACTION

SLOWER, OLDER, SMARTER.

An Airbus 380 is on its way across the Atlantic. It flies consistently at 800 km/h in 30,000 feet, when suddenly a Eurofighter with Tempo Mach 2 appears.



The pilot of the fighter jet slows down, flies alongside the Airbus and greets the pilot of the passenger plane by radio: "Airbus flight, boring flight isn't it? Take care and have a look here!"

He rolls his jet on its back, accelerates, breaks through the sound barrier, rises rapidly to a dizzying height, only to swoop down almost to sea level in a breathtaking dive. He loops back next to the Airbus and asks, "Well, how was that?"

The Airbus pilot answers: "Very impressive, but now have a look here!"

The jet pilot watches the Airbus, but nothing happens. It continues to fly stubbornly straight, with the same speed. After five minutes, the Airbus pilot radioed, "Well, what are you saying now?"

The jet pilot asks confused: "What did you do?" The other laughs and says, "I got up, stretched my legs, went to the back of the flight to the bathroom, got a cup of coffee and a cinnamon cake."

The moral of the story is:

When you are young, speed and adrenaline seem to be great. But as you get older and wiser, comfort and peace are not to be despised either.

This is called S.O.S.: Slower, Older, Smarter.

Dedicated to all my friends who like me like the S.O.S. approach!

**WON'T EAT EGGS BECAUSE
"THEY'RE BABY CHICKS."**

**SUPPORTS ABORTION BECAUSE
"THEY'RE JUST A BUNCH OF CELLS."**



**How much does
an abortion cost?**

**ONE HUMAN
LIFE**



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The biggest concern for any organization should be when their most passionate people become quiet.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson tells us, “Seek the Kingdom of God’. Our acts of charity; beginning with defense of the most defenseless, bear witness to the sacred dignity of every human life.” “Charity is a matter of principle, not politics. In our pro-life efforts and in our acts of charity, we must resist the tendency to politicize every activity – a tendency that leaves everything prey to the partisan question. ‘Who benefits politically?’ We should not have to calculate the political costs in our acts of charity and in defense of the vulnerable, for as Catholics, we are called to apply a calculus different than politics.” Columbia Magazine – January 2020 Olympic

FIRST TWO TIME HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMP &

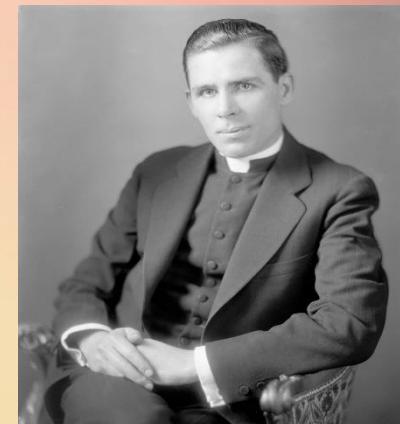
Olympic gold medalist Floyd Patterson was a Catholic convert and Knight. Patterson strongly promoted civil rights and integration, despite opposition. He would go on to stand with Martin Luther King Jr. in Birmingham, Alabama to decry racial division. After his conversion to Catholicism, he joined the Knights and became, in biographer W. Stratton's words, "a mainstay" of Knights' events. Despite his love of his sport, he once mused that if the Church forbade boxing, he would give it up. When an interviewer later recalled these words for Patterson and asked if his faith was still as strong, he replied that it was even stronger.

Learn more in our new Illustrated History of the Knights of Columbus: <https://bit.ly/32ul2M4>



FUTURE SAINT

Venerable Fulton J. Sheen was a member of the Knights of Columbus. Fulton John Sheen (born Peter John Sheen, May 8, 1895 – December 9, 1979) was an American bishop (later archbishop) of the Catholic Church known for his preaching and especially his work on television and radio. Ordained a priest of the Diocese of Peoria in 1919, Sheen quickly became a renowned theologian, earning the Cardinal Mercier Prize for International Philosophy in 1923. He went on to teach theology and philosophy at the Catholic University of America as well as acting as a parish priest before being appointed Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of New York in 1951. He held this position until 1966 when he was made the Bishop of Rochester from October 21, 1966, to October 6.



Submitted By Eugene Daly

Brothers we will be having a great time
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Steak Dinner a blowout

STEAK DINNER

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THE SOUL OF INSPIRATION

By STEVE SNELL

BECOME **A**N **C**HANGE **L**I **E**S
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One tiny spark, think of the possible energy it can release. One tiny spark can set a forest ablaze. One tiny spark, one idea can set a mind on fire. Think back to the last time you were excited about an idea or project. Maybe it was when you picked a personal goal to work on or you chose a career path, do you remember that feeling? Maybe it was an internal pilgrimage, an internal flame, a passion, a spirit. These are the coals from which greatness flames and spreads to the world.

His words were falling behind his thoughts, he appeared quiet and simple. One felt that he had no intention to hide anything, but also no intention to tell anything. He had a look that was cold like one who was totally indifferent to all that was living within the narrow boundaries of his world

He felt a tap on his shoulder, he turned and the man in the pew behind him handed him a form 100 and whispered, “we need you.” A spark of energy and change fell upon him, filling a void, he could feel it spread within him as the spark became a flame that grew to rage against his boundaries, the ponderous gates that appeared to shut off hope and promise begin to be slowly swinging open.*

*It was like all of a sudden a light bulb had gone off in his head, all of a sudden he knew what he wanted to say, where he wanted to go, what he wanted to do, who he wanted to be. This was his moment of inspiration. These are powerful emotions that drive innovation, creativity and passion. What if we could harness this energy to create positive changes in the world. **IN HIS NAME WE CAN!***

Brothers we are called upon to evangelize, to protect the unborn, to spread the word, to help our fellow man, **TO SPREAD THE FLAME OF ENERGY!** Please reach out and bring new members into our family. Next time your attending Mass, reach out and tap someone on the shoulder.....

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BE THE SPARK IN SOMEONE'S LIFE!

ARCHBISHOP ETIENNE ISSUES DIRECTIVES ABOUT CORONAVIRUS



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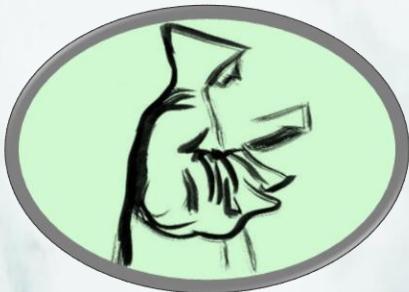
SEATTLE – Archbishop Paul D. Etienne has issued directives for the Archdiocese of Seattle in response to the coronavirus.

“Our response to this spreading virus must reflect how we, as disciples of Jesus, express our love of God and neighbor,” the archbishop wrote in a March 2 letter to parish leaders. “In caring for all members of our community — especially the elderly and the vulnerable — we are carrying out the mission of the church.”

The archbishop urged Catholics to stay home from Mass if they are sick; to practice good hygiene, including frequent hand washing; and to avoid hand-to-hand contact during the Our Father and the sign of peace.

He also said that holy water should be removed from fonts; that Communion hosts should be received only in the hand, not on the tongue; and that the Precious Blood should not be distributed until further notice.

The archbishop urged Catholics to pray for all those affected by the virus.



On Saturday, February 29, 2020, Richard Koellner, loving husband and father of two children, passed away at the age of 81.

Richard was born on April 18, 1938 in Fort Madison, Iowa to William and Beatrice (Vonderhaar) Koellner. On December 28, 1963, he married Siglinde Huth and they raised two children, Pia and Shaun.

Richard was preceded in death by his father, William, and his mother, Beatrice, his brothers Albert, Fred, Jim and granddaughter Nicole. He is survived by his wife Siglinde, his two children, Pia (Jim) and Shaun (Tanya), their children, Dana (Tom), Eric, Kelsey (Casey), Preston, Patrick, and Xavier, his brother Bill (Marty), sister, Judy (Lambert), and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Richard retired from the BNSF Railway after many years of faithful service. He had a passion for collecting telephone insulators, coins, jigsaw puzzles, and board games. In his free time, Richard enjoyed playing bridge with his many good friends, fishing, card games, and watching sports. Most knew Richard for his personality and friendship. He was involved with Knights of Columbus council 3307, and was always eager to volunteer his time where needed.

R. I. P.



In Loving Memory of



Richard Koellner
April 18, 1938 - February 29, 2020

Today I was once again honored to attend the funeral of a fraternal brother in life...and brother in Christ SK Richard "Dick" Koellner. Those of us who knew Dick as a council/assembly Catholic Gentleman saw the Vision of Father McGivney spelled out in BOLD letters. To me Dick was the big brother I never had...we shared many private conversations of life and faith....while visiting the Grotto in Portland for the first time one Christmas I saw and bought Dick a jig saw puzzle in the gift shop that really spoke to me after walking the path of thousands before me. When I gave it to Dick as a simple gesture of brotherly love, he went to tears....and at that moment I saw the face of Jesus in him. Fair well my good and Holy Brother Sir Knight...I ask now the you pray for me as I forever continue my prayers for you.

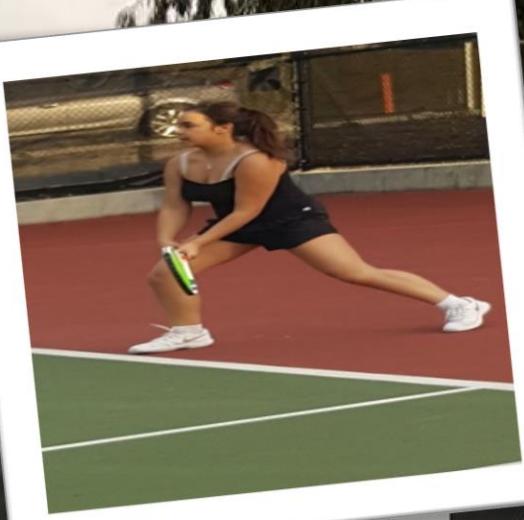
WA KonB Pres. SK Bruce Hines "Blanco"



FROM BROTHER JOHN DEVINE....

To ALL my Knights of Columbus Brothers, families, and friends, my wife Laurie and I, we ask for your support of Central Kitsap High School Girls Tennis Boosters on behalf of our daughter, Nohealani Devine. Thank you!

<https://www.snap-raise.com/.../central-ki.../participant/7238875>



THOSE WHO SERVE, PRESERVE OUR FREEDOM
HONOR THEIR SACRIFICE



In a mother's womb were two babies. One asked the other: "Do you believe in life after delivery? "The other replied, "Why, of course. There must be something after delivery. Maybe we are here to prepare ourselves for what we will be later."

"Nonsense" said the first. "There is no life after delivery. What kind of life would that be?"

The second said, "I don't know, but there will be lighter than here. Maybe we will walk with our legs and eat from our mouths. Maybe we will have other senses that we can't understand now."

The first replied, "That is absurd. Walking is impossible. And eating with our mouths? Ridiculous! The umbilical cord supplies nutrition and everything we need. But the umbilical cord is so short. Life after delivery is to be logically excluded."

The second insisted, "Well I think there is something and maybe it's different than it is here. Maybe we won't need this physical cord anymore."

The first replied, "Nonsense. And moreover, if there is life, then why has no one ever come back from there? Delivery is the end of life, and in the after-delivery there is nothing but darkness and silence and oblivion. It takes us nowhere."

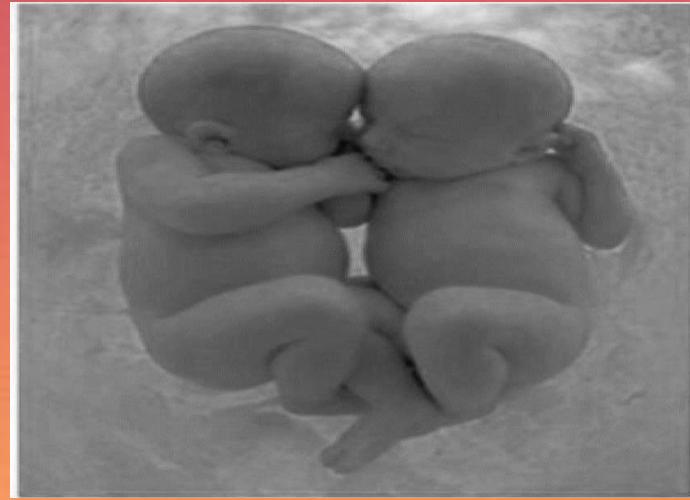
"Well, I don't know," said the second, "but certainly we will meet Mother and she will take care of us." The first replied "Mother? You believe in Mother? That's laughable. If Mother exists, then where is She now?"

The second said, "She is all around us. We are surrounded by her. We are of Her. It is in Her that we live. Without Her this world would not and could not exist."

Said the first: "Well I don't see Her, so it is only logical that She doesn't exist."

To which the second replied, "Sometimes, when you're in silence and you focus and listen, you can perceive Her presence, and you can hear Her loving voice, calling down from above."

May be this was one of the best explanations to the concept of GOD.



Knights of Columbus

Washington State Council
State Deputy 1997 – 1999

Everett J. Roberts



Editor's note: I asked PSD Roberts to comment on the subjects of history, heritage and any other issues from his rich past. He has sent me what I hope will be the first of many insights into the paths he has traveled. I think that we all have rich histories and traditions that we are in danger of losing, in many cases the younger members of our state council may be unaware of whose shoulders they stand on. If any one would like to send in an article on a piece of our history or tradition please feel free to do so.

BY EVERETT J. ROBERTS PSD

My brothers, several years ago I got very interested in my heritage from my cousin, Gary Roberts in upstate New York who had worked on our ancestry lineage for over 30 Years. Gary, was a forest ranger in the area of Saratoga, New York, the racing capital of New York as some of you may know. Gary had access to all of the cemeteries, court house records, church records and other various sorts of data.

The funny part is that I have never met Gary, although he was the son my Fathers Twin Brother with both of us being in our 80's now, it is a mutual bonding through ancestry. What did his research lead to was a history going all the way back to the early 1600's with our 9th Great Grandfather marrying a Native American Mohawk name Greitje Mohawk in the mid1650's. Nothing really outstanding about that but for me it had a lot of significance as it led me to wanting to learn more about my heritage as Native American (albeit very small) as we have traveled throughout the Southwest, Midwest and other areas as well as the East Coast. We have become collectors of Native American memorabilia as well as interest in Silver, Turquoise, Coral early American jewelry by artists of the 30, 40's and so on. Learning about the different tribes and so on along with becoming fascinated with Code Talkers of WWII, visiting the four corners and then later discovering that not many know that they had

Choctaw Code Talker in WWI. What a fascinating story about the time being written.

The culmination of this revelation for me has been magnified this year in going to the Supreme Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota for the 137th. Actually, Mira and I had attended in 1999 the supreme convention there as IPSD so it was a welcome visit to a place having a meaning for us. The highlights of the convention as shown in the Columbia Magazine was the recognition of Katerina, a Mohawk Native American as a Saint, the presentation of the Laguna Pueblo Eagle Dancers at the State Dinner and then the mass the next morning with the same dancers and singers and the only Native American priest as part of the mass. I hope that every delegate at some time should get a chance to attend a supreme convention as it is the experience of a life time.

On the way home, as we drove our new van back and forth, we stopped at the Lakota St. Josephs Indian School in Chamberlain, South Dakota a school which I have supported with Coats 4 Kids for several years personally. We visited the beautiful campus of the school, the museum which is spectacular and the chapel of "Our Lady of the Sioux". It is beautifully done inside and Mira actually got to meet Pope Francis there, in cardboard form of course but there he stood so she could pray, the stained-glass panel depicts many outstanding portrayals of events. Then we stopped at the 50-foot Statues of "Dignity" on I-90 just overlooking the hill of Chamberlain, that is done all in silver and blue glass. Majestic it overlooks our Native American friends in the valley below.

Upon my return I sent a request to Supreme about Coats 4 Kids as I noticed in the museum at St. Josephs sitting in the lobby were several wheelchairs by the Knights. I was told that they were working on it and lo and behold a couple of months ago Columbia Magazine had a great story about Coats for Kids and those many Native American tribes throughout several states that had received boxes of coats. Thanks to all of those who supported them.



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COVID - 19

Take 01 Minute and read

Be understanding !!! A Japanese doctor offers excellent advice on preventing COVID-19

New coronavirus may not show symptoms for several days (14-27 days). How can one know if a person is infected? By the time he has a fever and / or a cough and goes to the lung hospital, the patient may have 50% fibrosis, and then it's too late! Taiwanese experts provide simple self-monitoring that we can do every morning:

Take a deep breath and hold your breath for more than 10 seconds. If you can do this successfully without coughing and without difficulty, without anxiety or chest tightness, it shows that you do not have fibrosis and generally indicate no infection. Check yourself every morning in a fresh air environment

The Japanese physician treating COVID-19 provides the best advice on preventing this:

Everyone should make sure the mouth and throat are always moist. Drink some water every 15 minutes. Why not? Even if the virus gets into your mouth, drinking water or other fluids will help wash it down the esophagus into the stomach. When the virus is in the stomach - the hydrochloric acid in your stomach will kill the germs. If you do not drink enough water regularly, the virus can enter the airways and into your lungs, which is very dangerous to get.

Spread the message



"Tis the Lenten Season"



By Ron DeGroot, Life Director

Now is the time to spend time in prayer and abstinence. We should be focusing on the Passion of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. I can't think of a better film to share than "The Passion of The Christ" co-written and directed by Mel Gibson and staring Jim Caviezel. Participation in the Stations of the Cross and family prayer should be the order of the day.

We had a difficult time in the Washington State Legislation Session that ended Thursday, March 12. The two bills of most concern to us have passed both the House and Senate and are awaiting the Governor's signature. The first SHB 2554 targets Religious Health Care. It mandates fines for those health providers that do not cover the funding of abortion. It is yet another attack on the Right to Life of the unborn directed at Religious organizations. The second bill ESSB 5395 is referred to as the sex-education bill. If this bill is signed into law, it will go into effect for the 2020 / 2021 school year. This bill mandates that sex education will be required for all students Kindergarten thru 12th Grade. Many of us believe that this would be better decided by parents rather than government law dictating morality. There were many public hearings on this bill and most rejected its implementation. There was a very large crowd on the Capitol steps last Thursday, March 12th imploring the Governor to veto these bills.

Time has overrun me. I couldn't report on the many successful marches for Life in 2020. **The March for Life in Washington DC was the first**

march ever to be addressed by a sitting President of the United States of America. I know that President Trump has been the most Pro-Life president of all time. WHAT A BLESSING!!! Tens of thousands attended the March in Washington DC as well as the Walk for Life in San Francisco, CA. here were 6 to 7 thousand attending the Washington State March for Life in Olympia and the crowd in Spokane was estimated at more than 1,000. The attendance at these marches shows how the Pro-Life movement is growing.

We have placed four ultrasound machines since the beginning of 2020; we have one more awaiting the matching funds from Supreme that we are expecting later this month or early next. We have one machine that has been funded by Saint Mary's Council in Spokane for a new center on the Washington State campus in Pullman. That center is to begin construction in April, and we expect it will be completed by the end of the year. We also have two more centers that councils are presently raising funds for now; one is in Federal Way and the other is in Mount Vernon. As you can see, we have been active in the ultrasound campaign already this year. If your council has funds set aside for the ultrasound program give me an e-mail at LIFE@KOFC-WA.ORG. We would welcome your help funding one of these centers.

With all the suspensions of Mass and Church activities in Western Washington, now would be an opportune time to begin a Novena for Life and an End to the Coronavirus. I am looking for some help planning and executing such a Novena. Please contact me if your council would like to step up and organize this.

Ron DeGroot, Life Director Washington State Council



Dear Brother Knight,

Following the example of Pope Francis, the supreme chaplain and I urge you to pray a Novena for Protection in Time of Pandemic during this difficult moment for our country and our world.

At important moments in the past, the Knights of Columbus has urged its members to pray. We did this at the outset of World War II, after 9/11, and during papal conclaves and civic elections. Today, the world faces a pandemic illness for the first time in a century. Having lost our founder, the Venerable Servant of God Father Michael McGivney, to a viral pandemic 130 years ago, we know such situations can be very serious.

We also know that prayer is an important expression of our trust in God and our relationship with him.

As Archbishop William E. Lori noted in [his video message](#) for this novena: Our response to the pandemic draws on our respect as Catholics for both faith and reason. Reason dictates that we should take the health precautions recommended by medical professionals and by science.

“At the same time,” the archbishop tells us, “our faith makes clear that God is our all-powerful creator and that God is more powerful than any natural force, illness or economic setback.”



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbrica di San Pietro/M. Falcioni.

Furthermore, the supreme chaplain notes that “prayer has always been for Christ and his Church the most important response in times of adversity.”

I join Archbishop Lori in pointing out that the pandemic coincides with the liturgical season of Lent, which calls individuals to reconsider their relationships with God and neighbor, and “to take time for introspection and improvement of those relationships, and this seems particularly appropriate at this time.”

As men of faith, let us pray — together with our families whenever possible and appropriate — joining our prayers with those of the Holy Father, the supreme chaplain and people around the world. This special novena will begin on Sunday, March 15, and conclude on Monday, March 23.

Finally, I also call your attention to this prayer invoking the maternal intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, prepared by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, that can be prayed both during the novena and in the days beyond.

Fraternally,

Carl A. Anderson
Supreme Knight



SUPREME KNIGHT'S MESSAGE ON THE CORONAVIRUS

BY CARL ANDERSON



As the world confronts the COVID-19 pandemic, I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you the actions and responses taken by the Knights of Columbus.

The coronavirus disease is not the first pandemic the Knights of Columbus has faced. In the late nineteenth century, and again in 1918, the Knights remained strong and active despite such situations. And together, we will do so again this time.

We know that this period will be difficult in various ways for everyone, and we want to assure you that the Knights of Columbus is fully committed to you and your family, and has taken the steps necessary to continue our important work on your behalf – from protecting the faith and financial stability of members' families, to helping members put their faith into action by providing important charitable service within their communities.

Although to our knowledge, no staff at the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council or Museum in New Haven or at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C., have tested positive for COVID-19, we have implemented remote operations for most staff, allowing our business processes, customer service and fraternal support to continue their important work uninterrupted, while simultaneously protecting the health of our employees and reducing the risk of community spread of this illness, which is often facilitated by having large groups of people in close proximity to one another.

Furthermore, our sustainable investment strategy means that our exposure to current stock market volatility is limited, and we remain extremely strong financially. With that strength, and the strength that comes from committed employees, we remain positioned and ready to serve our brother Knights. Of course, our agents and our customer service team also remain available to help you with any insurance or related financial needs that you may have. As we implement new systems to serve you and respond to a higher volume of

inquiries than usual during this period, it is possible that wait and turnaround times may increase.

In addition to what we are doing at the Supreme Council headquarters, many brother Knights have asked how they can help in their own communities. We suggest the following:

During this period, we urge every member and his family to pray the Supreme Council's novena based on the prayer of Pope Francis (printable or video prayer), as well as a prayer being promoted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Help keep yourself, your families and your communities safe by cancelling all "in person" Knights of Columbus meetings and activities at the local or state level until otherwise indicated. This disease spreads when groups of people gather, so it is important that we avoid activities that could spread this illness. Councils should pursue online and/or teleconferencing options for meetings, fundraising, etc. until the danger has passed. The Supreme Council will be providing additional information on such options shortly.

Leave no Knight – or neighbor – behind. If members of your council – or community – are elderly or have underlying medical conditions, please ensure that they have enough food. If you or others in your council have food to spare, offer to drop something off on their doorstep or to shop online for them.

Give blood. Many communities are facing blood shortages. Those not being recommended to isolate themselves due to illness, age or underlying conditions should consider giving blood. National blood drives were pioneered by the Knights of Columbus in the 1930s, and this lifesaving activity remains an important aspect of our charitable work today.

As we move through this pandemic together, you can rest assured that the Knights of Columbus will be there for you. We will provide regular updates in the days ahead, and we will remain joined with you in prayer and in service to our neighbors in need.

May God bless you and keep you and your loved ones healthy and safe.

Prayer During Coronavirus

“Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst
of this illness.”

Archbishop Jose H. Gomez
President, USCCB



SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!

COVID-19 OR NOT



THESE AMAZING PEOPLE STILL
HAVE A JOB TO DO!

PLEASE KEEP THEM IN YOUR
PRAYERS AS OUR COUNTRY
WORKS TO CONTAIN COVID-19

Please listen and follow the instructions from our government officials
as they work hard to control this situation!

Each of us must put politics aside and support the mission!

GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU!