

WASHINGTON STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THE SECOND EDITION JANUARY 2014

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"AN ALLIANCE OF LEVITY & SERIOUSNESS"

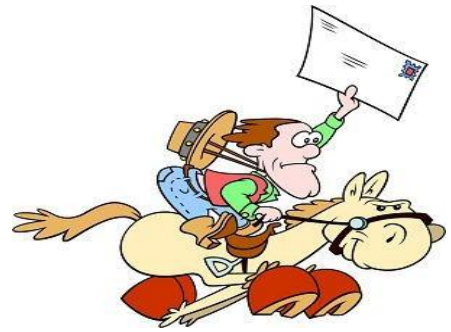
"Join us, to bear witness to the events of our time, to reach out to the needs of the poor and the greatness within mankindour reflections are in the street and our footsteps will echo in eternity."



Time to start thinking!

"Family of the Year"

"Family Activity of the Year"



Before the State Convention in Bellevue this May.
Grand Knights are urged to nominate an outstanding **"Family of the Year"** Nominations must be in my mailbox no later than **April 1st** to be considered for judging by the state officers
For **"Family Activity of the Year"**, the same provisions apply,
With the exception that the due date for those nominations to

Be in my mailbox no later than April 15

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

The Knight of the Year Award

In preparing the council's submission remember that some knights seek positions of responsibility while others want to serve the Order as a worker. Many knights are active in ceremonial work, others work on various state and council committees, while others dedicate themselves to the Church and parish.

The model Knight is difficult to describe. He may or may not be the one with the most abbreviations behind his name. He may or may not necessarily be the one with the longest list of achievements to his credit. He may be a quiet and humble man who seeks only to be the best Catholic he can be and who has dedicated himself to the Church, the Order and his family. The Knight of the Year may be old or young, a relatively new knight or one who has served for fifty or more years. He is what best exemplifies what it means to be a Knight of Columbus. He is someone you are proud to call "brother". Every brother knight, whose dues are current, is eligible to compete for this prestigious award.

All Knight of the Year submissions are to be received by the State Council Activities Director by **April 1**. The State Council Director will perform the first level of grading. The second level of judging is performed by the State Officers with the final selection by the State Deputy.

Submit your KNIGHT OF THE YEAR nominations to:

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(360) 718-7988 - COUNCIL@KOFC-WA.ORG

STATUS OF MY HEALTH

A PROPHECY FULFILLED

By DUANE VINCENT - FDD PFN PGK



Little did I know 18 months ago when I encouraged the 5 Knights of Columbus Councils in Vancouver to establish a charitable project known as “KC HELP” to provide long term loans of durable medical equipment at absolutely no cost that I would become one of the first beneficiaries of the program. I am to have the use of a hospital bed, an over-the-bed table, and a commode. It looks like I will have to rent a 22-inch wheelchair until one becomes available. Holy Redeemer Grand Knight Greg Georgoff has a pair of grab bars that will be installed in the bathroom.

Due to the compression of my spine, it is very likely that I will never again be able to walk. Training has been provided to me to transit between bed /wheelchair commode. The house will have to undergo some modifications to accommodate my disabilities. It is my understanding that St. John the Evangelist Council (I am a member of Holy Redeemer Council) are tentatively planning a major project at my home to make my life easier; we have prepared a short list of what would be most beneficial for my last days.

According to the oncology physician, my life expectancy is approximately six months.

My sufferings, miniscule to those of Jesus Christ, will be offered up for the sins of the world.

Thank you for the prayers and kind thoughts; they are most appreciated.

Duane Vincent FDD PFN PGK

DISCOVER A CLASSIC



THE FOURTH DEGREE

**GOT
OPINIONS?
IDEAS?**



*LET US KNOW,
TELL US WHAT YOU THINK AT:*

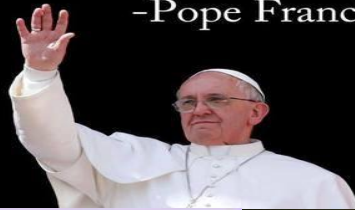
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A thousand times in history
a baby has become a king,
but only once in history
did a King become a baby.

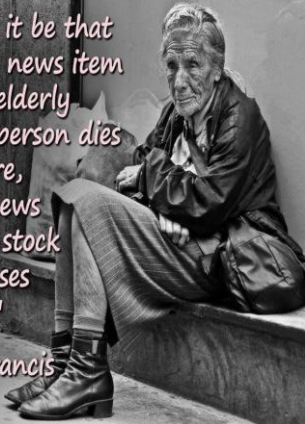


"Ask Jesus what he wants
from you and be brave!"
-Pope Francis



"How can it be that
it is not a news item
when an elderly
homeless person dies
of exposure,
but it is news
when the stock
market loses
2 points?"

- Pope Francis



In the blink of an eye,
everything can change.
So forgive often and
love with all your
heart. You may never
know when you may
not have that chance
again.

Lessons Learned In Life



JESUS IS THE SUN
AND MARY IS THE
DAWN ANNOUNCING
HIS RISING

POPE FRANCIS



**WHO AND WHAT
WILL DEFINE THE
COMING YEAR?**



**MY BROTHERS WE INVITE YOU TO BELIEVE IN
YOURSELF AND YOUR DREAMS.**

**IT CAN BE AN EXPERIENCE AS TERRIFYING
AS IT IS TERRIFIC.**

**PLEASE JOIN US IN 2014 BY STANDING UP FOR THE UNBORN, OUR
CHURCH, OUR COUNTRY AND OUR FAMILY VALUES.**

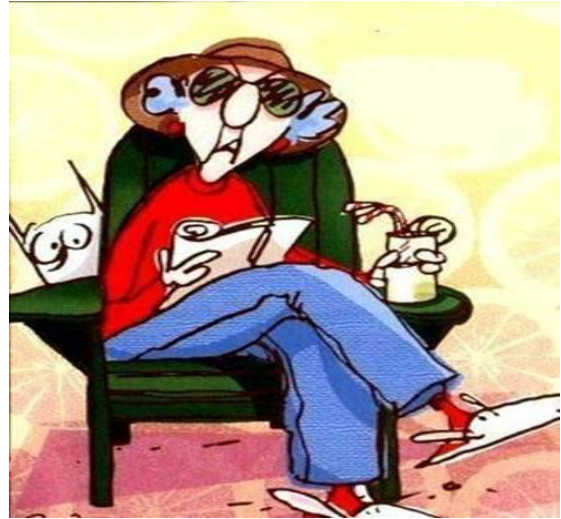
I MUST CAUTION YOU THAT IT CAN BECOME INFECTIOUS!

VIVAT JESUS!!

GRANNIE'S SENIOR MOMENTS!

An elderly gentleman....

Had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%



The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, 'Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again.'

The gentleman replied, 'Oh, I haven't told my family yet.'

I just sit around and listen to the conversations. *I've changed my will three times!*

HE DIED OF WHAT?

(DOCTOR'S TRUE STORY)

One day I had to be the bearer of bad news when I told a wife that her husband had died of a **massive myocardial infarct.**

Not more than five minutes later, I heard her reporting to the rest of the family that he had died of a "**massive internal fart.**"



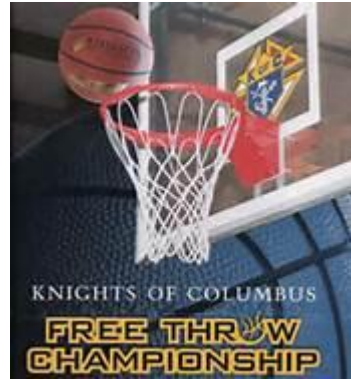
On the way back from a Cub Scout meeting, my grandson innocently said to my son, "Dad, I know babies come from mommy's tummies, but how do they get there in the first place? After my son hemmed and hawed awhile, my grandson finally spoke up in disgust, "You don't have to make up something, Dad. It's okay if you don't know the answer."

MESSAGE FROM KEN DEVOS

State Youth/Sports Chairman

WORTHY DDS,

Here's wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



As we discussed at the DDS meeting in early December, we are changing the structure to the annual Free Throw competition. For those that were not present, the regional and state competitions have been eliminated. State champions will be named from the district winners.

Council competitions will not change. Each participant will shoot 15 free throws. Council winners will advance to a district competition. At the district competition, each participant will shoot 25 free throws, no change at this point.

After the district winners have been determined, they will be required to shoot an additional 10 free throws. These will be for tie breaking purposes in the event of a tie when determining the state winner. You will need to hold a district level competition regardless if you have 1 or more councils. I will need the 25 free throws and the additional 10 shots from each of the district winners. Entries not having the district shots will be dropped from state consideration. If you have one council participating, you can hold the district competition the same day

On the score sheet, please indicate the council number and district number in the appropriate locations. You will see where these go. Without this information it may be a little difficult determining where the winner is from. Also make sure the name and address information are legible and accurate. State trophies will be sent to you for presentation to the state winners. District winning score sheets will be sent to the state Youth/Sports chairman, address is below...

I am sure that you will have questions, please do a reply all as other DDS may have the same question. If you need free throw medallions let me know and a set will be shipped to you.

KEN DEVOS

Phone: 206.248.2543



DEFENDING EVERYONE'S FREEDOM IN 2014

By STEVE SNELL

Brothers this year we are in a battle to defend our rights under the constitution, but it goes further than that, we are also defending other people's right to differ with us. No one is under the compulsion to accept our creed; they are just absolutely free to follow the torch of their reason according to their conscience. We must be supportive to the degree that they will extend to us the right that they claim for themselves. We all have a dog in the fight; the fight is for freedom as defined in the constitution, not freedom as defined by government bureaucrats. Freedom to follow the values of our faith, this is the same freedom for people of all faiths. We are all in the same fight together; separately we will be run over by big government.

**MR BUREAUCRAT, THIS IS MY
RELIGION
“YOU'RE NOT THE BOSS
OF ME”**



Brothers we must maintain a proper perspective on the powerful forces aligned against the people of faith. In many ways it's a balancing act for Catholics to maintain their alliances with other people of faith; we need to search for what we have in common instead of shining a light on our differences. We are living in historic times, a time of challenges; we must find the inspiration and the courage to re-imagine a future for the laity and the Knights beyond the challenges to the constitution that has been thrust upon us. **What a great time to be a Catholic.**

**After over two thousand years the excitement and adventure of
Catholicism and Christianity is beginning anew.**

STARTING HERE – STARTING NOW – A BOLD NEW FUTURE

THE FRANCIS EFFECT

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis, laying out his hopes for the just begun year, urged people to work for a world where everyone accepts each other's differences and where enemies recognize that they are brothers.



Pope asks for reflection over past year

"We are all children of one heavenly father, we belong to the same human family and we share a common destiny," Francis said, speaking from his studio window overlooking St. Peter's Square, jammed with tens of thousands of faithful, tourists and Romans. "This brings a responsibility for each to work so that the world becomes a community of brothers who respect each other, accept each other in one's diversity, and takes care of one another," the pope said.

Setting aside his prepared text for a moment, he expressed impatience with violence in the world. "What is happening in the heart of man? What is happening in the heart of humanity?" Francis asked. "It's time to stop."

In his remarks to the often-applauding crowd, he also expressed hope that "the gospel of brotherhood speak to every conscience and knock down the walls that impede enemies from recognizing that they are brothers."

Earlier, during his homily at New Year's Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, Francis spoke of humanity's journey in the year unfolding and invoked what he said were "words of blessing," explaining that they are "strength, courage and hope."

"Not an illusory hope," he added, "based on frail human promises, or a naive hope which presumes that the future will be better simply because it is the future."

In his first year as pope, Francis has charted a path for what he calls a "poor" church attentive to the needy. While offering new year's wishes to the crowd in the square, Francis pressed his campaign on behalf of the downtrodden.

"We are also called to see the violence and injustices present in so many parts of the world, and which cannot leave us indifferent and immobile," Francis said. "There is the need for the commitment of all to build a society that is truly more just and united."

Hearing "the cry of peace from peoples who are oppressed by war and by violence," Francis prayed that "the courage of dialogue and reconciliation prevail over the temptation for vendetta, arrogance, corruption."

"FAMILY OF THE MONTH"

**GRAND KNIGHTS DID YOUR COUNCIL
NOMINATE A FAMILY OF THE MONTH?**

**WHY NOT
PLUG THIS IDEA IN FOR 2014!**



**"NOMINATE A
FAMILY OF THE MONTH!"**

TRY IT, YOU'LL FEEL GOOD ABOUT YOURSELF!

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PENANCE -- As soon as she had finished parochial school, a bright young girl named Lena shook the dust of Ireland off her shoes and made her way to New York where before long, she became a successful performer in show business.



Eventually she returned to her hometown for a visit and on a Saturday night went to confession in the church, which she had always attended as a child. In the confessional Father Sullivan recognized her and began asking her about her work. She explained that she was an acrobatic dancer, and he wanted to know what that meant. She said she would be happy to show him the kind of thing she did on stage. She stepped out of the confessional and within sight of Father Sullivan; she went into a series of cartwheels, leaping splits, handsprings and back flips. Kneeling near the confessional, waiting their turn, were two middle-aged ladies. They witnessed Lena's acrobatics with wide eyes, and one said to the other:

"Will you just look at the penance Father Sullivan is given' out this night, and me without me bloomers on!"

Jimmy Walker (1881-1946) was the mayor of New York City in the 1920's, he was once accosted by a battered wreck of a man outside the Central Park Casino one evening. "Jimmie," he pleaded, "gimmie a quarter for something to eat." "Have a Corona," said the Mayor, reaching into his vest pocket. "Don't smoke," asserted the hooligan. "I just want a quarter for something to eat." "Come inside with me," suggested the Mayor, "and I'll stand you to a couple of whiskies. They'll buck you up!" "Don't drink," was the answer. "Its food I want." "I'll tell you what I'll do," persisted Walker. "I'm going to Belmont tomorrow. I happen to know of a horse that's a sure thing at twenty to one. I'll put a couple of dollars on it for you!" "No, no," yelled the beggar. "I wouldn't think of gambling. Please stop all this nonsense and slip me a simple two bits for something to eat." "All right," conceded the Mayor reluctantly.



"But first you've got to come over and meet my wife. I want her to see what happens to a guy who doesn't smoke, drink, or gamble."

SILENCE IS MORE POWERFUL THAN NOISE



Silent family prayer has an energy to it like no other source. When we jointly turn our thoughts and focus inwards we gain the power we need to refuel our minds and our spirits.

By STEVE SNELL

Prayer is often undervalued by all but wise people because it is so silent and so private. We are often deceived into thinking that noise is more important than silence. War sounds a lot more important than the noiseless growing of a crop of wheat, yet the silent wheat feeds millions, while war destroys them. To be honest nobody but God knows how often prayers have changed the course of history. Many people who prayed received no credit except in heaven. There are times when we are tempted to turn from prayer to something more noisy, like speeches or drums, because, well sometimes loud draws a crowd. The hard reality of today's world is that there are times that to defend the weak and our rights, we are compelled to stand proud and loudly to draw attention to injustice.

Brothers there are times when we need the time in silence to refuel our minds and spirits for the challenges before us. This is our secret "weapon" against

What happens when there is silence? *Family prayer has the power to get people to think and to act, it can help slow the mind down, and it is a powerful ally. Our ego is temporarily switched off or at least made to be quiet for a bit, and we start to see the real world as it should be. Our thoughts get in the way of our reality sometimes and we don't see the beauty of the world around us. When there is silence there is time for introspection and to allow your true self to speak, not the ego, not the conscious mind but the true inner self connected to the flow of energy around us.*

(APPOLOGIES TO THE 12TH MAN.)

THE 2013 DARWIN AWARDS ARE OUT!



2013Yes, it's that magical time of year again when the Darwin Awards are bestowed, honoring the least evolved among us.

Here Is The Glorious Winner:

1. When his .38 caliber revolver failed to fire at his intended victim during a hold-up in Long Beach, California would-be robber James Elliot did something that can only inspire wonder. He peered down the barrel and tried the trigger again. This time it worked.

And Now, some Honorable Mentions:

2. The chef at a hotel in Switzerland lost a finger in a meat cutting machine and after a little shopping around, submitted a claim to his insurance company. The company expecting negligence sent out one of its men to have a look for himself. He tried the machine and he also lost a finger. The chef's claim was approved.

3. A man who shoveled snow for an hour to clear a space for his car during a blizzard in Chicago returned with his vehicle to find a woman had taken the space. Understandably, he shot her.

4. As a female shopper exited a New York convenience store, a man grabbed her purse and ran. The clerk called 911 immediately, and the woman was able to give them a detailed description of the snatcher. Within minutes, the police apprehended the snatcher. They put him in the car and drove back to the store. The thief was then taken out of the car and told to stand there for a positive ID. To which he replied, "Yes, officer, that's her. That's the lady I stole the purse from."

5. The Ann Arbor News crime column reported that a man walked into a Burger King in Ypsilanti, Michigan at 5 A.M., flashed a gun, and demanded cash. The clerk turned him down because he said he couldn't open the cash register without a food order. When the man ordered onion rings, the clerk said they weren't available for breakfast... The frustrated gunman walked away.

6. When a man attempted to siphon gasoline from a motor home parked on a Seattle street by sucking on a hose, he got much more than he bargained for. Police arrived at the scene to find a very sick man curled up next to a motor home near spilled sewage. A police spokesman said that the man admitted to trying to steal gasoline, but he plugged his siphon hose into the motor home's sewage tank by mistake. The owner of the vehicle declined to press charges saying that it was the best laugh he'd ever had and the perp had been punished enough

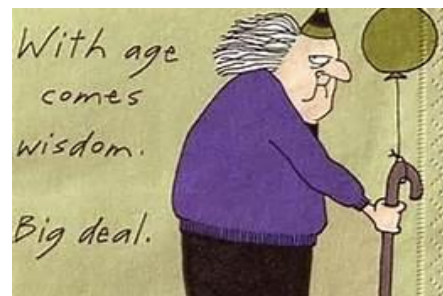
*****Remember*****

They walk among us, they can reproduce



Middle Age Wisdom

Middle age is when it takes longer to rest than to get tired.



Middle age is when you have stopped growing at both ends, and have begun to grow in the middle.

A man has reached **middle age** when he is cautioned to slow down by his doctor instead of by the police.

Middle age is having a choice of two temptations and choosing the one that will get you home earlier.

You know you're into **middle age** when you realize that caution is the only thing you care to exercise.

Don't worry about avoiding temptation - as you grow older, it will avoid you.

You're getting old when "getting lucky" means you find your car in the parking lot.

LET'S INVEST IN US IN 2014

LET'S PICK A FIGHT

By STEVE SNELL

**SECOND PLACE
IS THE
FIRST LOSER**

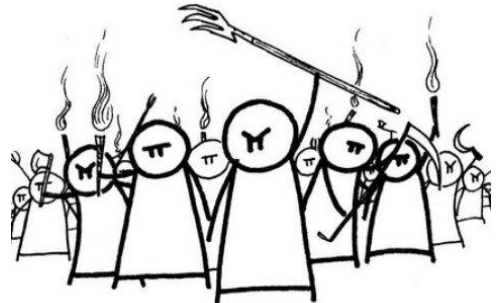
Let's invest in us, we need to pick a fight, a fight with second place. I know there are some that think second place is all right but, I wonder if Robert E. Lee after meeting with Grant at Appomattox Courthouse, Al Gore or Governor Romney after their presidential runs think second place ain't such a bad place. I wonder how many of the aborted babies think coming in second was alright.

Please don't play me the PC song about how it's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game, that's.....BS! I guarantee who ever said that lost the game, or the election, moral of the story, we must never give up, "fight to come in first!" In today's world no one ever remembers (the guy, the referendum, or the cause,) who came in second, or said another way;

*Knock, Knock
Who's there?
The guy that finished second!
The guy that finished second, **WHO??***

There is a lot of value in being different, being different creates attention. Find out of the box ideas, find people and their ideas, however at the same time we must be relevant. By becoming successful you will become irreplaceable. Force everyone to worry about what you're going to do next.

**YOUR MAKING PROGRESS
WHEN THE PC WARRIORS
START THREATNING AND
MAKING FUN OF YOU!**



ARLINGTON KNIGHTS PARTICIPATE IN CONFIRMATION

By William J. Higgins, PFN, PGK

Worthy Sir Knights of Immaculate Conception Assembly 3183 in Arlington participated in the Assembly's first ever honor guard for the Mass and Confirmation on December 8th, 2013. Archbishop J. Peter Sartain During presided over Mass and Confirmation for 12 Confirmation candidates. Sir Knights were also highly involved in the preparation as Adult coordinator and catechist. Established in 2010 with 18 Sir Knights, the Arlington Assembly has grown to 28 Sir Knights and is active in other aspect of parish life as well.

“Confirmation is not the same as Graduation.” This is the closing thought Archbishop J. Peter Sartain imparted to the Confirmation class at Immaculate Conception Parish in Arlington on Sunday December 8th, 2013. This Mass was the culmination of months of preparation for the 12 young adults/adults who were confirmed completing the sacraments of initiation. This was Archbishop's first visit to Immaculate Conception Parish since becoming the Archbishop of Seattle. In his homily, Archbishop Sartain discussed the direct connection between the 2nd Sunday in Advent's readings to the Sacrament of Confirmation where we “receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit” that once confirmed we carry forever. As he movingly related in his homily, “There has not been a day since I was confirmed that I have not needed the Gift of Wisdom; the Gift of Fear of God.” The Archbishop's charge to the newly confirmed really applied to all present: We need to continue to learn and grow in faith; to recognize the gifts we were given and put them into practice to build up the Kingdom.

While Sir Knights were participating in the sacrament with the newly confirmed, Knights from the Stillaguamish Council 8015, Arlington, were busy in the social hall preparing a celebration meal. A simple meal, really, pancakes, sausage and fruit. But something happens to simple meals when shared with kindred spirits. The Council served over 180 at breakfast—nearly double a normal breakfast session. While preparing the meal, the council became aware of a need for hot breakfast for the Arlington Cold Weather Shelter the next morning so extra breakfasts were prepare to give a substantial hot breakfast to whoever came in from the near record cold both on Sunday and Monday nights.

**Arlington's assembly and council
Are examples of catholic gentlemen committed to serving others
Using the gifts given them by the holy spirit
And growing daily in faith.**



*Left to Right: A. Gonzales; J. Hopkins, FN 3183; M. Schultz,
FC W. Higgins, PFN; M. Hagenston; N. Kalaf*

COUNCILS # 7863 AND # 8768 HIGHLIGHTED IN JANUARY COLUMBIAN MAGAZINE

ROSARIES, POUCHES DONATED -- Frederick Harrington **Council 7863** in Marysville, Wash., donated 105 rosaries and carrying pouches to adults and children who made their confirmation at St Mary's Church.

ROSARY MINISTRY -- Our Lady of Lourdes **Council 8768** in Selah, Wash., provides ongoing support for council member Bill Stilwater to make handmade rosaries for missions around the world. Stilwater is in a wheelchair and on a ventilator, but this does not stop him from making thousands of rosaries each year, which sometimes include hand sculpted roses made from melted glass rods. Most recently, the council donated \$600 to Stilwater's project, not including donations from individual members. The council also donated 800 of Stilwater's rosaries to first communicants at five parishes

DISTRICT DEPUTY # 7 REGIONAL MEETING REPORT

By JEFF KADINGER DD7



YAKIMA JANUARY 5, 2014 - I just want to say thank you to all of you for attending the meeting today in Yakima. I hope the seeds that were planted will take root and your councils will benefit from your efforts. I know sometimes it seems as though that recruitment is the only thing that our superiors think about , but as you witnessed today, the only way for our Order to continue to survive, we ALL must make a concerted effort to engage the men in our Church to join, participate and advance through the ranks to Full Knighthood in the 4th Degree. The constant effort by every person in a leadership position is the only way for our councils to achieve success. It may seem tiring at times but it is the job we swore to uphold during our Installation of Officers ceremony.

I would like to acknowledge the 1st Degree team of Council 8179 for their performance at the meeting and pray that it was enough to bring the award back to District 7. District 7 has several 1st Degree teams that are a privilege to witness, and I am proud to be able to say that. I enjoy being witness to all of your teams performances throughout the year. So, again I would like to thank you all for your attendance to the Regional meeting and hope and pray that you all achieve your goals for the year.

“Almighty God, our Father,

You who have given us life

***“Please save my unborn
Brothers and Sisters.”***



THE FRANCIS EFFECT

'WHO AM I TO JUDGE?': THE POPE'S MOST POWERFUL PHRASE IN 2013



Could five little words uttered in 2013 change the course of the Catholic Church?

Newly elected Pope Francis appears on the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica on March 13, 2013, in Vatican City. Argentinean Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio was elected as the 266th Pontiff and will lead the world's 1.2 billion Catholics.

Pope Francis — also known as Time's Person of the Year and Twitter's #bestpopeever — has done a lot of talking since he was installed on the throne of St. Peter in March, tackling everything from luxury cars to income inequality in a series of interviews, sermons and written exhortations.

"**Who am I to judge?**" he asked. Francis was addressing the issue of gays in the church, but it was the tone as much as the topic that caught the public's attention.

The fact that the pope — the infallible leader of the world's 1 billion Roman Catholics — refused to sit in judgment of gay priests (who were banned by his predecessor) was hailed as remarkable, even revolutionary.

It's an approach he has taken on any number of subjects — atheists, unwed mothers, divorcees. Scolding is out in Rome; hand-holding is in.

"Francis is saying the church is a big tent and he has to be welcoming. It's an incredible change."

For Thomas Reese, a Jesuit priest like Francis, the most important words from Francis this year were written, not spoken. "Look at the title of his latest apostolic exhortation. It's 'the joy of the Gospel,' not the 'the truth of the Gospel,'" he said.

"He has rebranded the church as welcoming, compassionate, a church for the poor as opposed to a church that nags people and is worried about rules and regulations," said Reese, author of "Inside the Vatican."

"The analogy I love to use is when you go home for Christmas, what you want is a hug from your mom. You don't want to be asked about your nose ring, or why you dyed your hair, or who are you sleeping with now? He is trying to turn the church into a loving parent, not a nagging parent."

More often than not, when asked which of Francis' comments this year resonated most with them, Catholics immediately mentioned his gestures, not his quotes.

Pope Francis holds a dove before his Wednesday general audience at Saint Peter's Square at the Vatican, on May 15, 2013.

Riding the bus back to the guest house after being named pope. Washing the feet of prisoners on Holy Thursday. Turning an '84 Renault into the Pope mobile. Celebrating his birthday with the homeless. Embracing a disfigured fan. Cold-calling people who write to him.

Some have suggested it's style over substance. Despite what he says and no matter how many selfies he takes with visitors, Francis has not changed church doctrine.

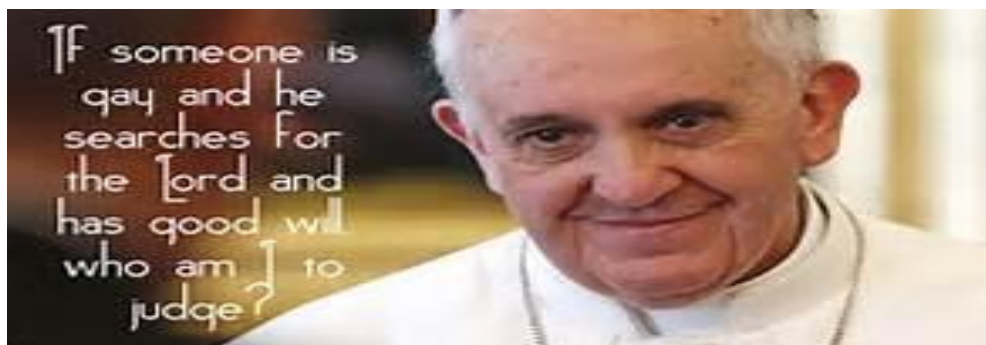
Priests still can't get married, abortion remains a grave sin, and two men can't walk up the aisle in a Catholic Church. Francis even excommunicated an Australian priest who advocated the ordination of women and gay marriage. And yet his words have given hope to those pushing for change. Deborah Rose Milovec, the head of Future Church, which supports the ordination of women, seized on this line from his November apostolic exhortation: "Demands that the legitimate rights of women be respected, based on the firm conviction that men and women are equal in dignity, present the Church with profound and challenging questions which cannot be lightly evaded."

If there is one theme that has dominated Francis' public pronouncements this year it has been his love and sympathy for the poor and downtrodden.

"How I would like a church that is poor and for the poor," he said days after the black smoke wafted out of the Sistine Chapel chimney. His November exhortation slammed unchecked capitalism and income inequality.

Visiting the majestic St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City this week, Gilliland said it both surprised and delighted her that her spiritual leader — who has forsaken the opulent trappings of the Vatican for a Spartan guest house — understood the struggles of the middle class at a time when the wealthy are richer than ever.

"I think it shows he's in touch with the modern world," she said. "It shows he's more humane."



AND THEN THE FIGHT STARTED



My wife and I were watching Who Wants To Be A Millionaire while we were in bed. I turned to her and said, 'Do you want to have Sex?' 'No,' she answered. I then said, 'Is that your final answer?' ... She didn't even look at me this time, simply saying, 'Yes..' So I said, "Then I'd like to phone a friend." And that's when the fight started...

My wife and I were sitting at a table at her high school reunion, and she kept staring at a drunken man swigging his drink as he sat alone at a nearby table. I asked her, "Do you know him?" "Yes", she sighed, "He's my old boyfriend. I understand he took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear he hasn't been sober since." "My God!" I said, "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?" And then the fight started...

When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. But, somehow I always had something else to take care of first, the shed, the boat, making beer.. Always something more important to me. Finally she thought of a clever way to make her point. When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house. I was gone only a minute, and when I came out again I handed her a toothbrush. I said, "When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway." The doctors say I will walk again, but I will always have a limp. _____

My wife sat down next to me as I was flipping channels. She asked, "What's on TV?" I said, "Dust." And then the fight started... _____

Saturday morning I got up early, quietly dressed, made my lunch, and slipped quietly into the garage. I hooked up the boat up to the van and proceeded to back out into a torrential downpour. The wind was blowing 50 mph, so I pulled back into the garage, turned on the radio, and discovered that the weather would be bad all day. I went back into the house, quietly undressed, and slipped back into bed. I cuddled up to my wife's back; now with a different anticipation, and whispered, "The weather out there is terrible." My loving wife of 5 years replied, "And, can you believe my stupid husband is out fishing in that?" And that's how the fight started...

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, "I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds." I bought her a bathroom scale. And then the fight started..... started... _____

My wife was standing nude, looking in the bedroom mirror. She was not happy with what she saw and said to me, "I feel horrible; I look old, fat and ugly. I really need you to pay me a compliment." I replied, "Your eyesight's damn near perfect." And then the fight started.....

Christians are very good at handing out Bibles to people, and praying for things, but many people don't need Bibles, they can't eat prayers.

They need food!



Let us remember that the celebration of Mass is also an invitation to a meal. During that meal we are fed both spiritually and physically as we eat and drink of Christ Himself. This isn't symbolic -- it's far beyond that. It's literally true and this should have a profound impact on anyone who ponders it for more than a moment.

*Sustenance of the body is virtually on par with sustenance of the soul,
ergo the celebration of a feast at Mass.*

FOOD FOR FAMILIES



Hear the message of Christ and join Him at his table

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THE FRANCIS EFFECT

Pope: Church must not turn priests into 'little monsters'



Pope Francis is calling for a change in the culture of seminaries, saying priests who are taught only to toe the line will become "little monsters."

The pontiff expressed his vision for a more open and joyful religious education system during a three-hour talk with the heads of the orders in November, but his remarks were not published until now in the Jesuit journal *Civiltà Cattolica*.

Taking another swipe at clericalism — a term often used to express a very formal, elitist attitude by some priests — Francis said seminaries and "houses of formation" need to keep up with the cultural times. "Problems are not solved simply by forbidding doing this or that. Dialogue as well as confrontation are needed," he said.

"To avoid problems, in some houses of formation, young people grit their teeth, try not to make mistakes, follow the rules smiling a lot, just waiting for the day when they are told: 'Good, you have finished formation.' This is hypocrisy that is the result of clericalism which is one of the worst evils.

"Just think of the religious who have hearts as sour as vinegar," he said at one point. "They are not made for the people. In the end, we must not form administrators, managers — but fathers, brothers, traveling companions." Francis, who was named Time magazine's person of the year for 2013, said men should run toward the priesthood, not away from secular life.

"The ghost to fight against is the image of religious life understood as an escape or hiding place in face of an 'external' difficult and complex world," he said. Echoing past comments, the former archbishop of Buenos Aires called for priests to work directly with the poor and other on the fringes of society.

"This is really very important to me: the need to become acquainted with reality by experience, to spend time walking on the periphery in order really to become acquainted with the reality and life-experiences of people," he said.

"If this does not happen we then run the risk of being abstract ideologists or fundamentalists, which is not healthy."

2014 Lenten Retreats

Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades
4700 SW Dash Point Road, Federal Way, WA 98023

The Joy of the Gospel

Feb 28-Mar 2 — Fr. Lukasz Misko & Deacon Eric Paige

In light of Pope Francis' recent document, *The Joy of the Gospel*, this retreat will focus on how to live out our faith at work and in our communities.



Mar 14-16 — Fr. Sean

This is a traditional, silent, communal prayer, spiritual available for the celebration one of the famous Gonzaga



Men's Silent Lenten Retreat

Raftis

Lenten group retreat. Time is provided for individual and reading, reflection, and devotions. Opportunities are also of the Eucharist and Reconciliation. Led by Fr. Sean Raftis, Prep "Tag Brothers."

Meeting Jesus: Meditations on the Word

Mar 21-23 — Monsignor Brian Bransfield

Busy lives leave little room for meditation. Retreats steal time for God. This retreat highlights meditation on Sacred Scripture as a daily path to meeting Jesus in a personal encounter. After an initial presentation on Scripture and Meditation the retreat focuses on spending time with particular Scripture passages with the express purpose of meeting the Lord.



A Spiritual Look at Shakespeare: Antony and Cleopatra

Mar 28-30 — Fr. Stephen Rowan, PhD

In an epic struggle between the love of empire and the empire of love, Shakespeare shows Antony torn between Rome and Egypt, his alliance with Caesar and his love for Cleopatra, and the conflicting values of duty and pleasure. With help from Shakespeare's sonnets, "The Church in the Modern World" from the Vatican Council, and "Values in a Time of Upheaval," by Benedict XVI, we will explore goods to choose that do not fail.



Into the Passion: Palm Sunday Men's Silent Retreat

Apr 11-13 — Fr. Jim Lee

This traditional silent retreat is designed to help men enter into the celebration of Holy Week and the Easter Triduum rekindled with the light of faith. Through prayer and reflection, as well as celebration of the Eucharist and confession, delve more deeply into the Passion of our Lord. Learn how to better serve your loved ones through imitation of Christ's paschal sacrifice.













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




















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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Brothers several people have asked me what it's like to be an editor of a popular and growing newsletter. The following is a little behind the scenes look into an editor's mind and what he must deal with (if the money wasn't so good I would probably not do it.)



By STEVE SNELL

Some wonderful people often think that throwing around big words like, **supdude**, **eternal**, **chronicle**, and so on makes their message more important, more **imposing**, more **awesome**, more **unbelievable**. Same with uncalled-for similes, words such as “utilized” in place of used, ranting as a verb, and so on, especially if they are used incorrectly, these are often used in both character and narration.

Of course, big words and metaphors can be used right. They can even be built into a very good writing style, (*humility prohibits an example.*) That is not what this trope is about. This trope refers to passages that use bad metaphors and so many “**awesome**” words that it reduces them to **warmed air**.

I'm afraid that some writers just haven't gotten it yet. When this type of writing leaves the melodramatic mind and attempts to enter into our newsletter, we ain't going to let it stand, shucks what would our homeboys say if we let it pass.

Now this is important (lean closer) and should not to be confused with Koan, which is when the expression actually means something, or Ice Cream Koan, which is when such phrases are meant to be meaningless. Contemplate Our Navels, Mind Blowing and Vagueness as Clarity; frequently show aspects of this, however, it's almost a requirement for Fauxlosophic Narration. A common staple of purple prose, word salad mumbo jumbo and mixed metaphor concepts. The fact that they can come across as cheap BS is possibly the worst possible result. One must be ever vigilant, we be on guard! **Writers tip** – *one of the most humble and honest words available to those in need is “WHATCHAMACALLIT.”*

*Editors are on the **cutting edge**. As you can see Editors care, they hold back linguistic intermingling. A thankless profession but someone's gotta.*

