

WASHINGTON STATE KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS

"THE SECOND EDITION"

"IF EVERYONE IS THINKING ALIKE, THEN SOMEONE  
ISN'T THINKING" - GEORGE S. PATTON"

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*BROTHER KNIGHTS,  
"YOU WERE NOT MADE FOR COMFORT.  
YOU WERE MADE FOR GREATNESS."*

*Happy  
Thanksgiving*

# BEING THANKFUL



This year, as we sit down to Thanksgiving dinner, we need to remember that we indeed have much to be thankful for.

Remembering that our pilgrim forefathers came to this country to escape religious persecution, we should be especially thankful that we live in a country whose flag represents freedom of religion, not the tyranny of a state promoted religion.

Thankfully, also, we need to remember the framers of the Constitution, a living document that ensures that government exists as a will of the people, and honor those who over the centuries have sacrificed to preserve freedom.

Also, we need to be mindful that all that is good comes to us from a loving Father in heaven. May the blessings of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit descend upon us and remain with us forever.

## **BROTHER KNIGHTS**

**NO QUESTION, WE CAN MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE.**

**LETS GO DO IT!**



# Membership Retention

*Worthy Grand Knights we to need to help stop the brain drain in our Councils, I think a top priority should be to hang on to the members we have, when someone leaves we lose their talents and their contacts and worst of all we lose their families which is the real power of the Knights; it is easier to patch the hole in the fence than it is to start all over and round up new members. Recruiting is good but we must shut the barn door before they leave.*

**By STEVE SNELL**

Lets tell it like it is, retention is something we often do not spend enough time or energy talking about. Left alone the preference is for the new guy to consider leaving the Order. We must be proactive, devote attention to recruitment, growth and council/member development. **Retention must involve each and every one of us, each member of our council.** We need to strive to be aware of any Brother Knight that may have a problem, which might cause proactive retention is good membership management, good fraternity, good prevention, and above all good sense. Recruitment and retention are in effect one and the same and should be viewed as such. **It is easier to persuade a member not to quit than it is convince him to reverse his decision and be reinstated.**

## **Proactive tools that can influence retention:**

An active, enthusiastic and instructive Officer corps whose function it is to keep the new members and for that matter all the old members, committed to the council and the council's activities and programs for them and their **families**. Also, what the Council does to support the parish and the community as a whole. One of the most important elements in the retention process is involvement. It is important to get the new member involved as soon as possible, as much as possible and include the **family**. Keep your new members and your old members informed. Knowledge begets interest, interest generates involvement, involvement produces achievement, and achievement develops pride in being a member, a committed member.

So Brothers what makes a member feel welcome? Feel comfortable? Feel accepted? The answer is being informed, being involved, being invited, being accepted and sharing these qualities with his **FAMILY**.

**Moral of the story;**

**PAY ATTENTION TO THE MEMBERS & THEIR FAMILIES!!**



**Spokane, WA (October 18, 2016)** – Special Olympics Breakfast with Champions was held at the Davenport Grand Hotel this morning supported by Bronze Donor – Knights of Columbus. Chevi Peters, Special Olympics Kansas, was the Keynote Speaker - Chevi won 3 gold and 1 silver medals at the 2015 World Games in Los Angeles. Breakfast with Champions is the major fund raiser each year supporting Special Olympics athletes statewide.

**By George Czerwonka Immediate Past State Deputy and Table Captain**

Knights of Columbus and special guests in attendance today were Table Captain and Past State Deputy George Czerwonka and wife, Former First Lady Sharon; State Senator Mike Padden and wife, Laura; Tim Fennessey, a candidate for Superior Court Judge, and wife, Nelow; Former District Master Tom Sokol and wife, Catholic Daughters State Regent Marie Sokol; Former District Deputy and State Chairman Stephen Czerwonka; Former State Director Arthur Smalley and wife, Jewel; Former State Chairman Ronald Girkins and wife, Trudy; Grand Knight Mike Kerschen and wife, Sue (Colbert Council 7782); Tootsie Roll Chairman Darryl Stephens (Spokane Council 683); and, Recorder David Gay and wife, Cathy (Colbert Council 7782).

Every day, Special Olympics Washington empowers over 14,000 athletes to shatter stereotypes and exceed their personal bests on the playing field and in life. But for every champion, there is another who is waiting for the chance to win. Our combined help as Knights of Columbus and our Tootsie Roll Program allows for a bigger impact in the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities, their families, and our community. Special Olympics are supported entirely by individual, corporate and foundation contributions, making our attendance and financial support today vital to the success of local athletes who participate in programming. Your council can help too with a donation to Special Olympics Washington.

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

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

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

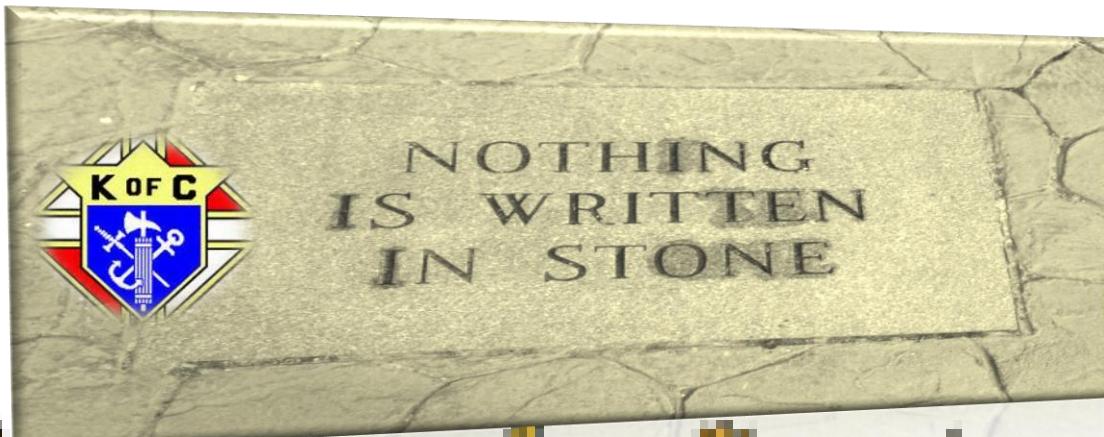
*Prior to the American Revolution, the concept of democracy was virtually unheard of. The thinking of our founding fathers was considered outlandish by many. Who in their right mind would think there was the slightest possibility of defeating the British, the most powerful military force in the world?*

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

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

**Don't worry about what other people are thinking.  
Pay attention to your thoughts. In order to reach your goals,  
you must have your own thoughts.**

**BE YOU!!!**



# IT CAN BE DONE

The man who misses all the fun  
Is he who says, "It can't be done."  
In solemn pride he stands aloof  
And greets each venture with reproof.  
Had he the power he'd deface  
The history of the human race;  
We'd have no radio or motor cars,  
No walk on the moon so far from home,  
We'd linger in the age of stone.  
The world would sleep if things were run  
By men who say "It can't be done."

## "THINGS" STRESSING YOU OUT?

REPORTS, FORMS OR WHATEVER.  
THIS MAY BE AN OPTION.....

### Stress Reduction Kit

Bang  
Head  
Here

Directions:

1. Place kit on FIRM surface.
2. Follow directions in circle of kit.
3. Repeat step 2 as necessary, or until unconscious.
4. If unconscious, cease stress reduction activity.



# WEB TECHNOLOGY

## EDITORS NOTE:

**THE STATE HAS BEEN HAVING  
ISSUES WITH OUR EMAIL SYSTEMS!  
THEY ARE WORKING ON IT!**

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**Worthy Grand Knights at you're next meeting, ask:**

**Who has asked another man to join the Knights of Columbus? Who has asked more than one Catholic man to join the Knights of Columbus? Who continually asks Catholic men 18 years and over to join the Knights of Columbus. Then tell them to do it again and again. It is a simple plan that works. Each one of us needs to be bringing in new members. Success is consistency. How many people have you asked to join the Order? We need to make a strong effort to make sure every Catholic man is invited to join the Knights.**

**We need to be fishermen also; by casting our nets into our parishes and asking those Catholic men to join us.**

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# KENNEWICK COUNCIL CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

## Holy Spirit Council 10653 Hosts Banquet.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2016:** What began in Kennewick 25 years ago as a group of Catholic men joined together by a common goal of charity and brotherhood has grown to over 150 member organization still committed to those core values.



**By STEVE SNELL**

Friday, the members of Knights of Columbus Council 10653 in Kennewick, were guided by program MC and former GK, Ken Wise, as they celebrated their 25th anniversary with an evening banquet. The Council had many of their Past Grand Knights and Charter members in attendance. They were very grateful to have former Pastor John O'Shea and current Pastor Perron Auve in attendance.

Joining in Friday's celebration were several Knights of Columbus Officers and their wives that included: Robert J. Baemmert current State Secretary, WSC Past State Deputy and current Executive Director John Walker, Marcel Bergeron FDD#7, Steve Snell current DD#17 and former FDD#7, James Carey current DD#7, Pasco Grand Knight Steve Martinez (1620), Kennewick Grand Knight Manuel Martinez (8179).

After an outstanding catered meal was served by the caterer. Former GK Ken Wise opened the program with a heartfelt welcome to those in attendance. Highlighting the program were stories and slides that recalled the accomplishments of the Kennewick Council and the achievements of the Order as a whole. The evening featured a slide show and stories recalling the many faces and events that have made up the council's past 25 years.





**What happened?** Tri-Cities Prep gained 485 yards in the game, 389 on the ground, and held the Irish to 86 (14 rushing, 72 passing).

**By Steve Snell**

**Pasco --** The Jaguars improved to 4-1 in the EWAC and stayed one game behind conference co-leaders Dayton-Waitsburg and Kittitas. They are 6-1 overall.

Running back Bubba Valencia gained 239 yards rushing and scored four touchdowns while quarterback Gavin Baker contributed 87 yards on the ground and a pair of scores.

DeSales, is now in a four-way tie for fifth place.

In the closing ceremonies the traveling Holy Bowl trophy was presented to the Tri-Cities Prep football team by Past State Deputy and current Executive Director John L. Walker, District Deputy 7 James Carey, District Deputy 17 Steve Snell, Grand Knight (766) Nicolo Moramarco, Grand Knight Manuel Martinez (8179).

Two Sportsmanship Awards were given to one player from each team, chosen by the Athletic Director from the opposing schools. The Sportsmanship Awards went to Conner Leahy of DeSales and Will Dituri\_from TCP. The Holy Bowl Trophy will remain at Tri-Cities Prep for a year. Holy Bowl V111 will be in Walla Walla next year.

There was a **great tailgate party** before the game, everyone gathered around for great fraternity and stories of our past "glory days" were running wild in the parking lot. Laughter and Bratwursts were contagious. This was hosted by Council # 10653, well done gentlemen.

There was a 50/50 raffle drive with the proceeds going to the host school. The evening was a great collaborative effort between the Knights, and the Schools.

We were much honored to have many KC dignitaries & Knights in attendance

- **Father Dan Barnett Rector at Bishop White Seminary, blessed both teams and led us in prayer to begin the game.**
- **Fourth Degree Color Guard led by Vice Supreme Master Karl A. Hadley, District Marshal-Eastern Washington - Darrell R. Henn, and FDD7 Marcel Bergeron presented the flag in opening ceremonies.**
- **Past State Deputy and current Executive Director John L. Walker**
- **District Deputy # 7, James R. Carey**
- **District Deputy # 17, Steve Snell**
- **Most of the GKS from the District**
- **Members from every Council and Assembly within the District**

# INFORMATION IS KEY

*(Trickle down from Supreme.)*

**Staying in touch is the key to keeping your members actively involved in your council or assemblies.**

To best keep in touch, it is critical that all councils maintain up-to-date information on all active members of their council. Do this by utilizing the Member Information Report, available at the print center of Membership Management. Financial secretaries should use this report

each time they send out annual dues notifications, ask members to review and update information, and request payments.

Once members fill out the Membership Information Report, they should immediately return it to their Financial secretaries, who can manually update the member's record in Management.

## COUNTING DOWN TO CHRISTMAS

It's not too early to begin planning how your council will celebrate the birth of Christ and observe the religious season. Consider sponsoring a Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest or hosting the *Journey to the Inn: An Advent Celebration (9898)* at your parish or council hall.

For details on these programs, please visit [kofc.org/christmas](http://kofc.org/christmas) and [kofc.org/domesticchurch](http://kofc.org/domesticchurch)



# Hallelujah.

*"UNBORN LIVES MATTER"*

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

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

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

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

Any questions please contact me by email  
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**Steve Snell Editor "Second Edition"**



# OUR VISIBLE SERMON

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# THE FOURTH DEGREE





**BREAK OUT "INTO THE BREACH."  
JOIN US IN SPOKANE!**



**"INTO THE  
BREACH!"**

## Heart's On Fire

Catholic Men's Conference

January 28th

St. Thomas More, Spokane

speaking



Doug Barry



Jesse Romero



Bishop Thomas Daly

### COST

Single Registration: \$35 each

Group Registration: \$25 each

a group is 10 or more

register at [www.dioceseofspokane.org](http://www.dioceseofspokane.org)

**A LITTLE DUTCH BOY SAVED A TOWN BY  
PLUGGING A HOLE IN THE DIKE, BROTHERS  
IT'S OUR TURN TO STEP INTO THE BREACH.**



# They Lived Among Us

## BLACK ELK

Holy Man (1863 - 1950)

*Black Elk, an Oglala of the Lakota - Sioux, was born in 1863 on the Little Powder River in present-day Wyoming, and grew up in a world on the verge of destruction. At the age of nine he experienced a life altering vision in which he traveled to the center of the universe and heard a call to save his people.*

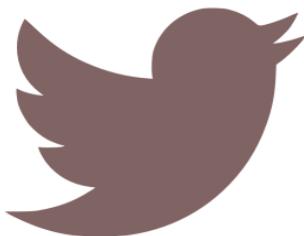


Black Elk came from a long line of powerful medicine men. In 1881 he accepted his own initiation on this mission. In 1890 he survived the massacre at Wounded Knee, where over 300 men, women, and children died after trusting in the mystical Ghost Dance to protect them from army bullets. Years later he said, "I did not know how much was ended.....A people's dream died there..... It was a beautiful dream....the nation's hoop is broken and scattered. There is no center any longer, and the sacred tree is dead."

In 1892 Black Elk married a Christian woman, and their three children were baptized. In 1904, after his wife's death, Black himself became a Catholic, taking the name Nicholas. Eventually he became a Catechist and traveled widely, spreading the Catholic faith. Opinions differ on the meaning of his story and how Black Elk reconciled the different halves of his spiritual history. Apparently he found a way to integrate his Christian faith with the great vision of his youth. At sixty seven, he described that vision to a white author in the classic *Black Elk Speaks*.

He died on the reservation on August 17, 1950.

*"Sometimes dreams are wiser than waking."*





# "SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED AND MISSED"

***Our sister Mary (Toni) has been called home by Our lord Jesus Christ.  
She passed away on 10/31/2016 at 2:30 PM.***

**for those of you that knew my sister-in-law. You will remember that she was a wonderful wife to my brother Ignacio (Nacho) and a great mother to her six children not to mention aunt, grandmother, sister-in-law and sister but most importantly she was a child of God. She worshipped the Lord everyday of her life and when Our Lord called to her, she replied.**

**"I am ready." She was given just enough time to say goodbye to her husband and to her children assuring them that she was fine and that everything was going to be alright. "I love you very much." she said to them. She will be remembered and missed by all who knew her.**

**Lupe V Resendez  
Grand Knight 14926**

*The storm is spent,  
The winds are hushed,  
The waves have died along the shore,  
The tides are still.  
She has passed to the realm of rest –  
to the wave less calm of perfect peace.*



# BELLINGHAM COUNCIL 829

*Easy, fun, and profitable fundraiser*

## Applebee's breakfast works very well

Bellingham Council may have landed on a fundraiser that works. And it's easy, fun, and profitable. That was everyone's assessment of the October 29 Applebee's breakfast hosted by our council.

After selling about 65 tickets for \$10 each in advance, a crew of 14 knights and 5 wives were at the Sunset Square restaurant at 7:30 that morning to get a few instructions and preparation for about 125 customers who arrived during the hours 8 to 10am. The result was: a) very little advance planning, b) no shopping for groceries, c) no set-up of tables and chairs, d) no responsibility for pouring coffee (not allowed by state law to do so), e) serving lots of happy customers, many of whom we know, f) very little work, g) no clean-up at the end, and h) home by 10:30.

Brother **Gary Metcalf** was the guy in charge of this event. The idea came from Brother **Harvey Unruh**, who initiated it with the Sacred Heart Round Table's Applebee's breakfast in August. Since the council was looking for a quick and easy way to raise funds for seminarians.



*At left, Brothers Lyle Nelson, Charlie Dunn, and Harvey Unruh and Lillian Nelson finish up their breakfast at Applebee's. At right, Brother John Dutton, his son Joshua and friends.*

The main recipient of this fundraiser will be our brother knight and seminarian **Brody Stewart**, who entered Mt. Angel Seminary this fall. Any excess will go to other seminarians.

Besides Brother Gary, workers for this event were his wife Bartley, and Brothers **Harvey, Tom Jessup, Gordy Wilson, John Dutton, Dick Tobias** and his wife Marian, **Bill Elfo, Rik Dalvit** and his wife Chris, **Duffy McNall, Jim Swanson, Paul Textor** and his wife Rose, **Bob Grasher, Lou St.Hilaire**, and Kathy St.Hilaire.

# PEND OREILLE COUNCIL 14268

Our 2016 Tootsie Roll drive to raise funds for our local and state Special Olympics athletes was another huge success. Pictured above is council member Jerry Tefft receiving a donation in front of a local grocery store. Below is Duane Sanger exchanging a good morning greeting with a shopper in Old town Idaho.



Our Oktoberfest Beer Garden was also a big hit this year. Jim and Jean Hines served wine, draft beer, and soft pretzels.



One of our annual traditions is to raffle off an autographed basketball from the Gonzaga Univ. men's team. This year's proud winner is Tom Garrett (GU '71) (L). Presenting the ball to Tom is council FS Greg Meyer (R).



Council members Harry Tefft and Bob Kirby represented the Knights of Columbus at St. Anthony's parish ministry day. Thanks for stepping up guys.





**September 23, 2016, Fatima, Ourem, Portugal...**One of the major reasons Sharon and I booked passage on the MSC Opera was the planned port of call to Lisbon on September 23, and ultimately, a visit to Our Lady of Fatima lying 147 km to the North of Lisbon. We were amazed at the sheer number of pilgrims, more than 4 million visits each year.

We all know Fatima (Fah-ti-muh) as a Roman Catholic title of the Blessed Virgin Mary based on apparitions reported to have been experienced by three shepherd children, Lucia dos Santos (later known as Sister Lucia of Fatima) and her cousins Jacinta and Francisco Marto. On May 13, 1917, the children saw a woman “brighter than the sun, shedding rays of light clearer and stronger than a crystal goblet filled with the most sparkling water and pierced by the burning rays of the sun”. The woman wore a white mantle edged with gold and held a rosary in her hand. She asked the children to devote themselves to the Holy Trinity and “to pray the Rosary every day, bring peace to the world and an end to war”.

The events at Fatima gained fame due partly to the elements of the secrets, prophecy and eschatology particularly with regard to the Second World War and possibly more global wars in the future.

Pope Pius XII granted a Canonical Coronation to the venerated image enshrined at the Chapel of the Apparitions on May 13, 1946, and the reported apparitions at Fatima were officially declared worthy of belief by the Catholic Church which commemorates the event on the same date.

The three secrets written by Sister Lucia in her memoirs included (1) a vision of hell; (2) the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary as a way to save souls and bring peace to the world; and, (3) a vision of the death of the Pope and other religious figures. Pope Benedict XVI, during his apostolic visit in 2010, said, “The third secret has a permanent and ongoing significance and could even be extended to include the suffering the Church is going through today.

**Vivat Jesus,  
George Czerwonka Jr. IPSD**



## **After today, the ‘Catholic vote’ should matter more, not less**

It has been the strangest election season any of us can remember. And among the many surprises was the disclosure by Wiki Leaks of emails from within a presidential campaign organization that caused great concern among many Catholics for the disparaging language used to describe Catholics.

The disclosure prompted the president of the United States Conference of Catholics Bishops, Archbishop Joseph Kurtz of Louisville, to issue an unprecedented public statement about what he described as an attempt “to interfere in the internal life of the Church for short-term political gain” and to urge “public officials to respect the rights of people to live their faith without interference from the state.”

While the fact that these disclosures came from within a political campaign was troubling, more troubling still was the fact that they were made by Catholics about other Catholics.

The episode points to a serious challenge for Catholics: Regardless of the outcome of the election, America will remain a deeply divided country and those divisions are, to a very real extent, reflected within our own Catholic faith community.

The question that we as Catholics should ask ourselves is in what way Catholics in America can in the future be a source of unity and reconciliation, or whether we will be a cause of further division.

The answer to that question will depend largely on what we think it means today to be a Catholic in America. In other words, what is fundamental to our identity as Catholics?

Pope Francis, in his book, On Heaven and Earth, written while he was Archbishop of Buenos Aires, stated: “There are those that seek to compromise their faith for political alliances or for a worldly spirituality... Henri de Lubac, says that the worst that can happen to those that are anointed and called to service, is that they live with the criteria of the world instead of the criteria that the Lord commands from the tablets of the law and the Gospel.”

**While the pope was specifically writing about the clergy, I think what he says applies to all Catholics.**

**Speaking about this to my brother Knights of Columbus, I have said that as an organization dedicated to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, we must strive to be a source of unity in our church and society and to do this in a way consistent with our commitment to charity, fraternity and patriotism.**

Many Americans, and many Catholics among them, are disheartened and frustrated about what has happened during this political season. But this is precisely the time that Catholics need to step up and more fully exercise their responsibilities as citizens for the common good.

**It is time for more - not less - Catholic involvement in the life of our nation.**

But how, are Catholics to do this? Pope Francis has already suggested the answer: To live more fully by the criteria that the Lord commands rather than by the criteria of the world.

In other words, we need to continue the renewal of our own faith community as Catholics if we hope to influence more effectively our national life as Americans.

**I would suggest six areas.**

**First**, continue the renewal of parish life as a true Eucharistic community with a fuller appreciation of how the “the source and summit of the Christian life” is also the source and summit of our unity and charity as Catholics.

**Second**, the evangelization of Catholic families as a domestic church which, like the universal church, is called to reach out in solidarity to other families, as a source of unity, charity, mercy and reconciliation.

**Third**, a renewed devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary not only as the perfect model of the Christian life, but also as an unsurpassed model for understanding our responsibilities as citizens for the common good.

**Fourth**, a deeper understanding of those moral principles and issues that have “absolute value” (as Pope Francis has said the Fifth Commandment does) for us as a faith community and that are the basis for a more adequate engagement with the social doctrine of our church.

**Fifth**, a heightened commitment to Catholic education that is not simply abstract, one that seeks to form the entire person.

**Sixth**, a greater appreciation of the office of bishop as the source of unity for the local church—a unity that promotes a deeper communion among bishops, priests, religious and laity.

*Other considerations could be added to this list. But if we begin thinking in this way, then whoever wins the election, a greater unity among Catholics may provide a roadmap for greater unity for our entire country.*

*And that would be a “Catholic vote” which would endure far beyond today’s balloting.*

**Supreme Knight Carl Anderson**



# **GETTING TO KNOW ME**



**By Master of Eastern Washington, Darrell R Henn.**

I am an honorary member of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree with over forty years of service in both degrees. I joined the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree in Toppenish, WA. in 1972. In 1973 moved to Moses Lake WA. where I became active in council 4367 as Recorder and Financial Secretary. In 1982 we moved the family to Kennewick where I was elected as Charter Deputy Grand Knight of the newly established Kennewick Council 8179, he held all offices in the council and two appointments as FS. I also was a member of all four degree teams, served as District Deputy, State Youth Director, State General Program Director and two and a half terms as a State Officer.

In 1974 I joined the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree in Spokane, WA. While living in Moses Lake I worked on establishing an assembly in the area, which was not to be done until June 26<sup>th</sup> 2015. In 1983 became active in Richland Assembly 1174 holding many offices including Faithfull Navigator. When the Kennewick Assembly 2258 was formed I was elected as the Chartered Comptroller and held the offices of Faithful Captain, Navigator, Admiral and Trustees. I currently hold the office of Purser, I am member of the Color Corps and served as the Commander in both assemblies. I was appointed the District Marshal for Central Washington served under VSM Karl Hadley, Former Masters Eugene Daily and Thomas Sokol.

I have been an active member in all the parishes we have lived over the past sixty plus years. Some of the committees I have served on are Home and School Association President, Usher, Lecturer, Eucharistic Minister, Evening for the Engaged Coordinator, RCI team member, Parish Council and Tithing counting committee.

Kathy and I have been happily married for 46 years and have seven children, six sons and one daughter, 20 grandchildren. During the formative years of our children life's I was involved with the Boy Scouts, Squires, coached soccer, softball teams and a member of and advisor of St Joe's youth group. I also supported my children by attending their activities while in school.



**Knights of Columbus**  
**FOURTH**  
**Degree**  
*Patriotic degree of the Order.*



# THE BODY OF CHRIST / LEADERSHIP

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

We've heard it many times, but rarely do we STOP and ACCEPT, that we are IN EFFECT the body of Christ: our bodies, our councils, our churches are each members of the body of Christ/temples of his Holy Spirit.

With that fact in place, we must now go forward in that grace and serve the Lord.

We often hear of the 10/90% rule of service: that 10% of our members (wherever) do 90% of the work on any given project. I believe that rule to be nothing but BUNK! All participants in an event come to it because someone, a leader in the group has asked/encouraged them to participate.

LEADERSHIP COMES FROM THE TOP and affects all those beneath his level of authority/responsibility. There is no room for blame except that our leaders must begin the process, encourage the participants by actively participating themselves, then following up until the task is completed. The results of the effort are directly related to the type and amount of leadership given.

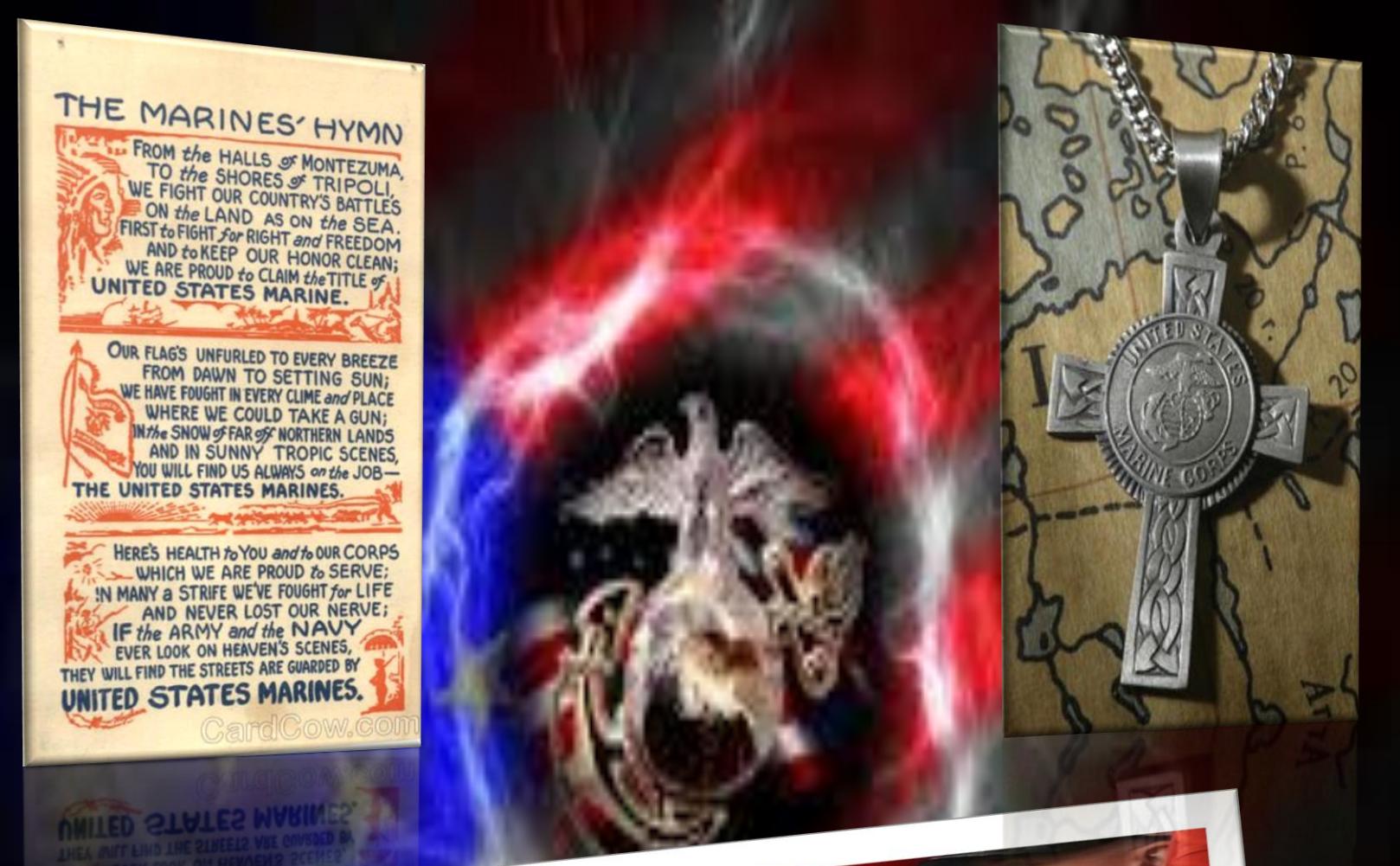
A position of leadership must not just be filled with a body. It is an opportunity to serve Christ in whatever the task/goal might be.

We all need encouragement and the better our leaders do their jobs, the better our results will be.

After all, we are serving Christ in all things we do: in our families, our councils, our churches, our communities and our nation. Let's pray His light will shine through us, His body on earth.

**PTL,**

**Manny Ag**



# Catholic Schools : Instructing and Constructing.

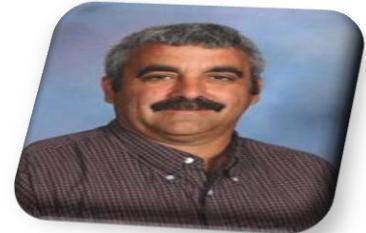
"What do you teach?" the speaker asked.

"Mathematics", I answered.

"No, you teach children, not mathematics" he responded with a triumphal note.

Even a math-guy knew there was some verbal slight-of-hand taking place. Actually, what I teach is mathematics; who I teach is children. But the point was an important one: educators need to not only master their subject matter; they must know who they are teaching. Education consists of a three-way dance between the teacher, the subject matter and the student. The methods a teacher utilizes is determined by that teacher's perception of the student's capabilities. But, underlying this perception of the student, is an understanding at the deepest level of who man is.

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



## Constructivism vs. Instructivism

**Constructivism** is a philosophy of learning based upon the premise that each person *constructs* his own knowledge based on his experiences. Constructivist teachers passively coach from the sidelines as the learner *discovers* his own unique perspective on the topic of study. The learner then incorporates the new knowledge into his worldview.

**Instructivism** is a term used to explain the "old style" of education that was "subject based" instead of "learner based". The teacher was the master of the material and the center of the classroom. The teacher, being the master, dispenses the material as he *instructs* the learner. The most obvious form of instructivism is the lecture.

The past several decades of educational reform can be seen as a movement away from instructivism and toward constructivism. This is not necessarily bad – unless you have an incomplete understanding of **who man is**.

A culture like ours that struggles with objective truth has the danger of giving too much credence to constructivism. What is the goal of education? Instead of trying to *discover* truth, we try to *create* truth. With each person convinced they are their own source of truth, tolerance becomes the only form of unity. Since truth no longer unites, it is either tolerance or chaos.

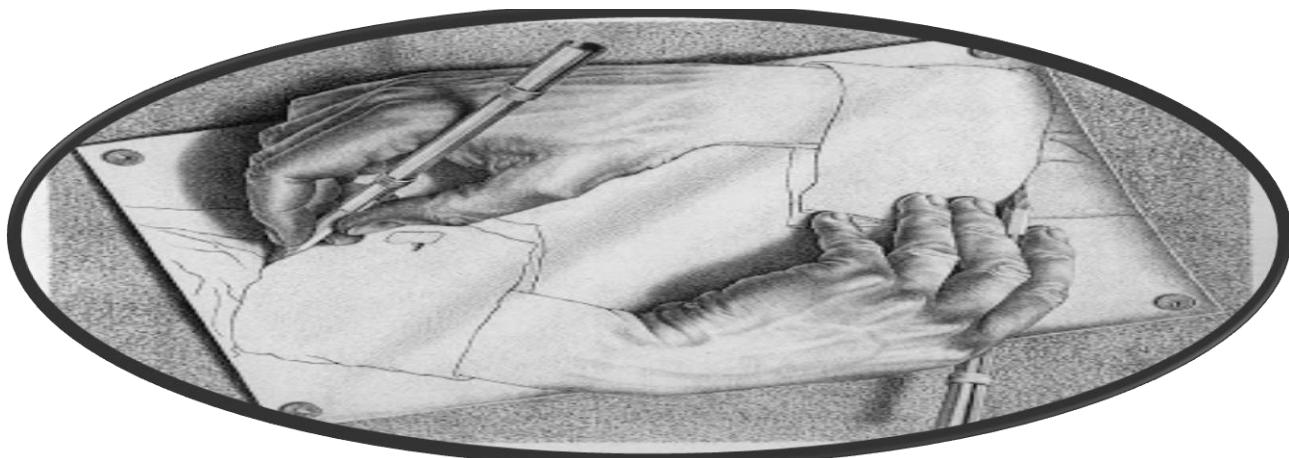
Consider the consequences of unwitting educators and students with darkened minds, attempting to *construct* their own truths. It will not be longer before we pride fully call darkness light and light darkness.

Catholic schools *construct* from the richer perspective on man that our faith provides us. We recognize our wounded nature - but the wounds do not have to be fatal. The struggle within each student speaks to the virtuous man he wants to become. Redemption has provided the grace we need to help us become the man we long to be. This is the solid base from which a learner can construct a well-rounded education.

Excellence in Education occurs when educators are convinced of objective truth and find the balance between discovery and guidance. Each person must be given the dignity of *constructing* his own perspective throughout life. However, in recognizing our wounded nature, we also recognize our need for *instruction*. Discovery, yes, but GUIDED discovery.

Excellence in Education taps into the lived experiences of the learner, the guidance provided by teachers, and the revealed truths given to us by God. Any apparent contradictions are reasoned through in order to find clarity.

**The more the learner allows himself to be *instructed* by the wisdom of his/her teacher and the wisdom of the Church, the greater is his opportunity to *construct* real knowledge.**



## District Master, Western Washington

Great job Western Washington District. I have asked for the assemblies to submit photos and a small description of the great works being conducting within the district. Keep up the great works. I have included four different assembly and council events below. Visibility is critical to the success and recruitment for the Knights of Columbus. The events are a physical testament to the success of collaboration between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> degree. **Important Note.** The district is still installing assemblies and I am asking for support from the Faithful Navigators to reach out to me so we can work together and install the assemblies. Just over 50% installed and assemblies are more likely to become a Star Assembly when working close with the Master, Marshals, other assemblies, and councils. **How to be successful as an assembly.** As a reminder, the Star Assembly criteria are:

1. Assemblies must be installed (sent to and confirmed by MFD).
2. Form 186 Completed (1 July sent to and confirmed by MFD).
3. Complete and submit fraternal audit (August 1, sent to and confirmed by MFD).
4. Conduct 4 Civic Duties for the Civic Award (sent to and confirmed by MFD).
5. Complete and turn in Application to be a Patriot Award (confirmed by MFD).
6. Meet membership quota (confirmed by MFD).
7. Six monthly newsletters in a fraternal year (sent to and confirmed by MFD).

## FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION **Saturday, November 19, 2016**

St. George Church, 5306 13th Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98108

The host assembly is **St. Joan of Arc Assembly 3398**

The host **Faithful Navigator** is Steve Schweyen (206-255-4177)



Mass 11 a.m.  
Registration 12 p.m.  
Exemplification 2 p.m.  
Public Knighting 4 p.m.  
Social Gathering 4:30 p.m.  
Dinner & Awards 5 p.m.



**Thank you brothers for all your great works  
to the Western District and continued support.**

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Sir Knights from Assembly 1955 joined by other SKs and brothers from the Puget Sound area braved the rain to march in Auburn's 51st Annual Veterans Day Parade Saturday November 5th. Auburn's parade is the largest on the west coast (over 200 entries) and one of the top 5 in the country. The KC parade participation was organized by 1955's CCC Tony Robinson and FN Don Hall.



Assembly 3414 hosted a 4th Degree District-wide Honor Guard for Veterans Mass @ St John the Baptist Church in Covington, WA.



Council 9605 and assembly members from 1707 Archbishop Tom Connolly. Raised monies for Special Olympics by handing out tootsie rolls for donation in Mt. Lake Terrace.



Submitted by Assembly 1844 Fr. V. Grubb:  
Shown top pic is of our Assembly joined with SJB & JBLM Assembly's preparing to support & honor the "Holy Doors of Mercy" Holy Rosary-Tacoma. Bottom pic shows Assembly 1844 guiding & helping Council #4322 prepare a breakfast for St Frances Cabrini Parish. This is always a great opportunity to talk with future assembly (& Council) candidates.

# Visit to the local Veterans Hospital



*Today, all Americans need to pause and remember brave men and women that served in uniform to protect freedoms enjoy in this land.*

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

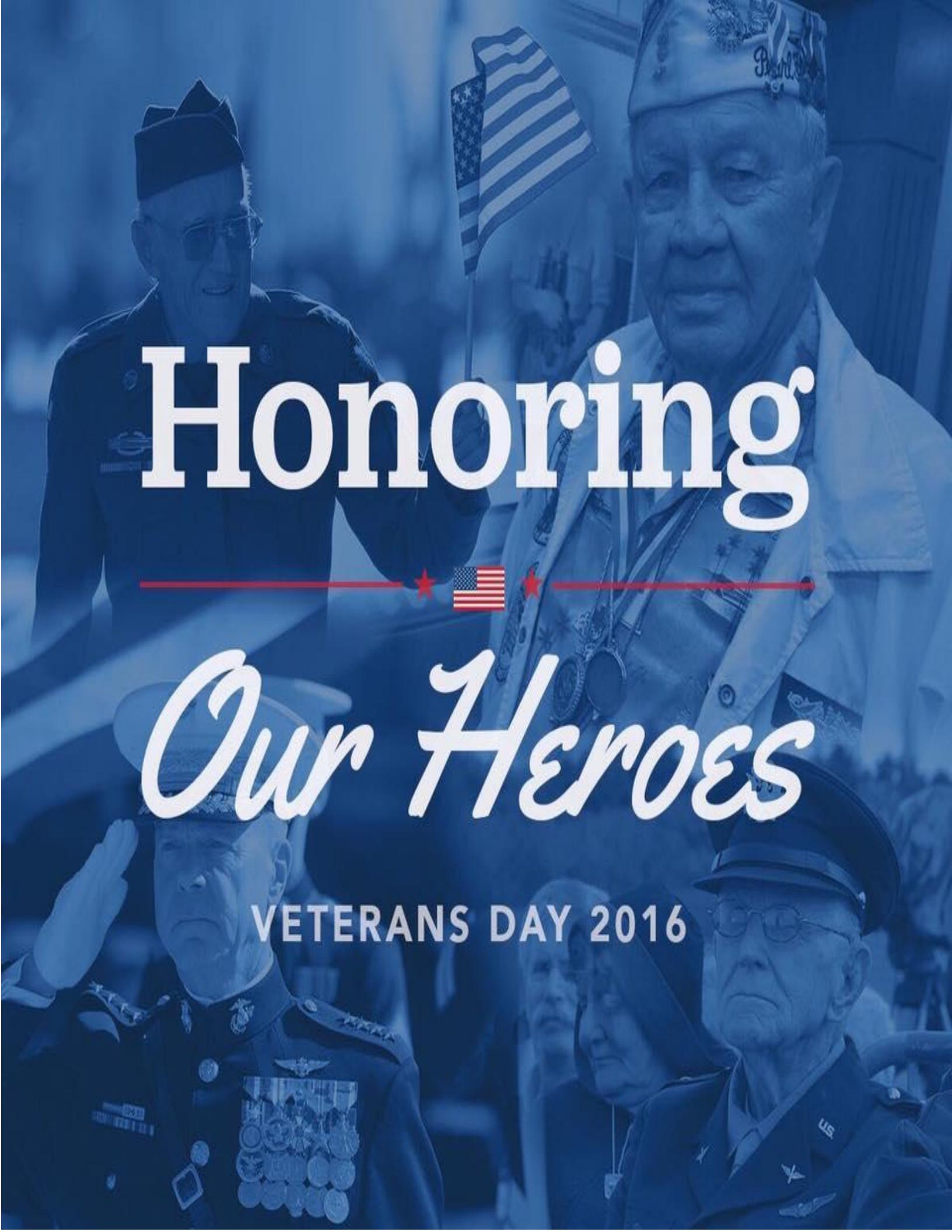
Knights were called to rally for a visit to the local veterans hospital, 60 men one lady enjoyed our salute conversation of appreciation for their service and small gifts that brought smiles to these sad faces. Wives that were visiting gave us thumbs up for the cheers, smiles brought to their husband or brother.

This day was a blessing, another opportunity for making a difference in this world. Men that are forgotten, some have lost their belief once posses, but upon hearing, "May the Blessing of God be with you", nothing was said only a smile was seen on that hurt face.

Men in the hospice wing, some had lost hope, one patient had a difficult time turning to see who was speaking to him since his leg plus other areas of the body had tubes connected. This veteran still managed a smile, all were of appreciation, smiles that will not soon forgotten.

These men and lady we entrust to our blessed Mother the Holy Spirit that days remaining on this journey may find God's love close to them.





# Honoring

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Our Heroes

VETERANS DAY 2016

# OFFICER INSTALLATION FOR DISTRICT 17 HELD IN TOPPENISH WA





**SEE YOU  
NEXT  
MONTH!**

