

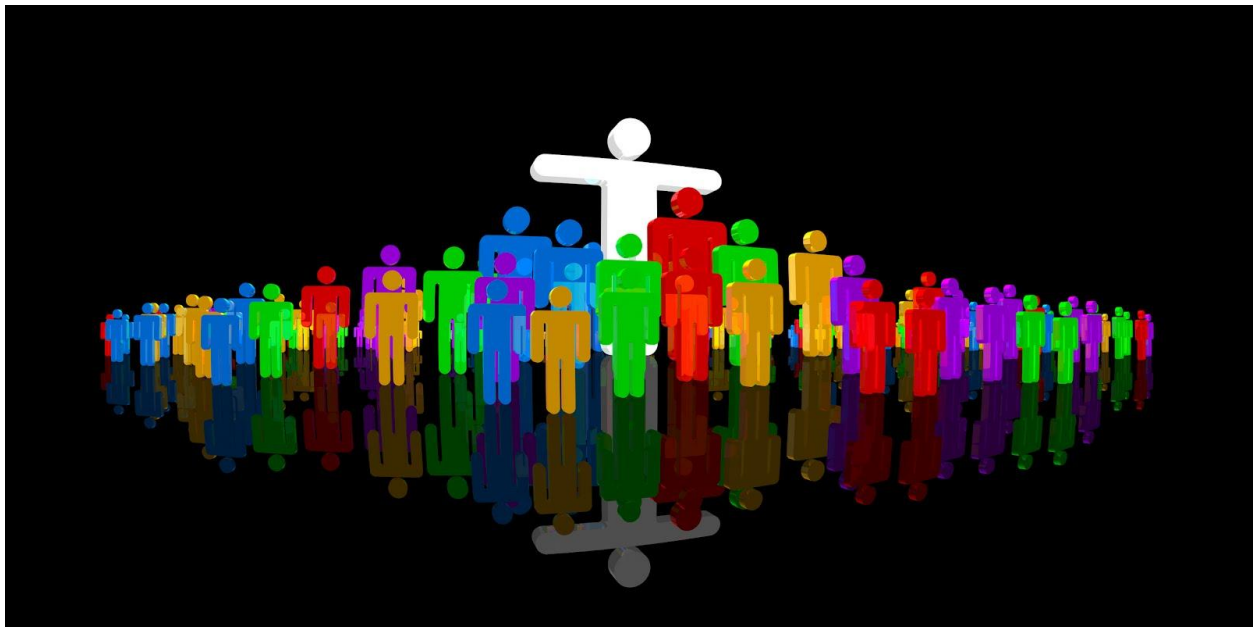
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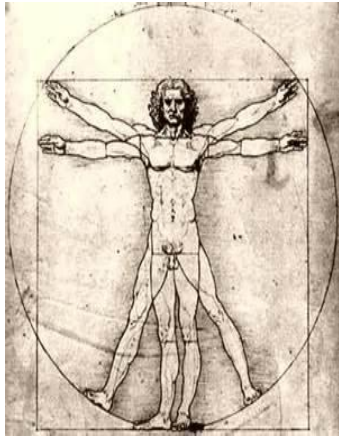


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BROTHER KNIGHTS!

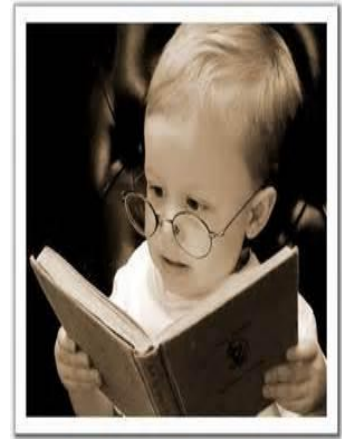
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THE STUDY OF MAN

*The middles ages studied the
problems of man,
it has become a trend in today's
world to study man as the
PROBLEM.*



(Warning the following could be, "disturbing," please ask the children to leave the room.)

By STEVE SNELL

I'm stuck in the middle; on one side sits big brother's progressivism (*they seek to harness the power of the State, the mysteries of science and proclivities of self-proclaimed experts to shape both society, family values and bring them both willing or not, to big brother's concept of a higher state of being.*)

So let me introduce the secular culture populated by some who just want to have fun, you know the leathery and sun damaged types, whose political and philosophical brains seem guided only by bumper stickers, talking points, demolition derby's, and radio DJs. Such independent thinkers will often show up late, or not at all and if there's a party, they are the ones who will "tell it like it is" over a few beers, splash a few more opinions off the wall and then call in sick. These are all wonderful folks, I love them, each and everyone, what bothers me is their entitlement mindset that makes them dependent on their parents and the taxpayers wallet. Now just my mentioning this is for them proof that I'm a radical, insensitive, manipulative, grubby, cynical cloud of hate. (*Pause here for horrified gasp*) It sucks to be me!

So here I am standing in the middle between paragraphs, wanting to bear witness to the events of our time, to reach out to the unborn, the needs of the poor and the greatness within mankind. I read somewhere that the best way to start a sentence is to begin -- so I begin with writing the first sentence, -- and trusting to Almighty God for the second.

On my other side are the naive and the indifferent," not always in that order; up ahead another road sign comes into view, I'm passing a mirror with a reflection of someone who gets a senior discount. (*I remember the morning I woke up and the mirror showed me some gray, surprised me; like when the morning finds itself covered with snow.*)

I'm standing in a world of promise and hope; what once was, what should be, what could be and my favorite, what are we going to do about it? The core of those on the right is their belief in God, Country and FREEDOM (*free enterprise*), they are relatives of the guys who dumped tea in Boston Harbor. While they are solidly pro-life, pro-family, pro-human rights and devoted to their country, they will defend the oppositions' right to be who they are. I love these guys! These are good down-home people, where a bottle of catsup often passes as a centerpiece on the dinner table, where compassion, common sense and homemade bread can be found. A place where prayer is common place, where hard work is expected and admired. Storytelling, music, helping hands and church dinners are for everyone.

***It's no mystery, no secret, in our world; Good....feels right,
Bad....feels wrong....Indifference..... feels like surrender!***

The question that we as knights must wrestle with is, for clarity's sake, how as informed members in our Order can we apply knowledge, current knowledge, to our commitment to the Church and combine that with our stated mission of Samaritan charity, defense of the unborn and service to all those in need? The answer to the question is by staying current with the advances in knowledge and by **being there**, by always **being there** with active support for all.

Today we must stand strong for our values; we cannot be passive when those values are under attack, we must stand tall and lead. Faith is not a passive thing, it's not a secret chord, it's not just mere believing or waiting. **My God their killing our Babies!** Can we just sit on the bench? **NO!** **It must be an active thing!!!!**

Active leadership can be found everywhere: newspaper comic's historian Jeet Heer points out that Little Orphan Annie was a goodhearted girl but "Her goodness was not passive but **active**." When her competitors: big brawny men who smelled of beer and Lucky Strikes tried to drive her from the corner where she sells newspapers, she doesn't cry "woe-is-me";

**SHE SMACKS 'EM WITH A
HORSESHOE!!!!**



CHAPLAIN'S LOCKER



**By Ron Reiersen former W Recorder, F. Scribe, Editor, Council 13238
Current Chaplain, DESA/NorPac Chapter.**

My duties as F. Scribe, W. Recorder, Council 13238 Membership Chair and Newsletter Editor came to a close 30 June. I'm currently Chaplain for our North Pacific Chapter, Destroyer Escort Sailors Association, I am sending you my Summer Edition (of our newsletter) of "Chaplain's Locker" article. Hope you enjoy it. I am proud to be the Chaplain for our chapter in Tacoma, and forward this info as an educational tool for (possible) inclusion in your Second Edition.

"INSURANCE"

As Chaplain for our chapter, you've read some of my spiritual musings over the years. I'm going to depart from my usual style due to something our CO, Capt. Bob Evetts, said at our Spring Luncheon at La Quinta Hotel, Tacoma, in April. The words "sequestration", "downsizing" and "drawdown" were used in his talk, and I want to take a few minutes to expand on his thoughts. For those of you who are familiar with Christian Scripture, you'll remember that Jesus used parables...stories with a simple theme...to make points of Christian living. So, here goes:

There once was a father and husband who, in keeping with his family responsibilities, bought a large life insurance policy to protect his family should he pass on. He took out a large policy and paid premiums on it monthly. Tough times came, and instead of cutting food costs, utilities, and other corners, he chose to cut insurance premiums, thus reducing his coverage (Death Benefit). So, then next year, when his health deteriorated and he passed away, his family received only a pittance from the insurance company. A good decision? Not hardly. The risk continues regardless of economic times. He should have trimmed spending in other areas and kept the policy at full face value. He was gambling with his life, and his family lost.

So, why do we, as a country, elect legislators who cut our "insurance"? I'm speaking of a military of such size and power that other countries think twice before attacking us. In EVERY case, over the past century, when we've "reduced our premiums" by cutting forces and equipment we've paid the price. Requiring our forces to continually "do more with less" is an exercise in futility. Not only do we seriously erode longevity of our personnel but we overtax our equipment with fewer repair periods, more operational requirements, and more frequent deployments.

What to do? God gives each of us gifts of the Holy Spirit. Some in writing, some in use of the phone, some in other ways. Use yours to let your elected officials know how you feel about the serious erosion of our military preparedness. God challenges us to "pass the word", not to worry about winning or losing. The old saying "If you don't vote, you can't complain about the outcome" is valid here. Get involved with political action groups and organizations. Be governed by the principle of doing...not necessarily winning. Do your part.



What happened to this Wheelchair-bound veteran In a Lowe's store

Veteran Michael Sulsona had been waiting on a new wheelchair from the VA for years. But as with so many vets suffering under scandalous conditions in the VA system, he got nowhere. His wheelchair was rickety and always seemed on the verge of collapse. Then one day it did exactly that— right when he was shopping in a Staten Island-area Lowe's. That's when three strangers stepped right in to help him. Sulsona wrote this letter to the Staten Island Advance to share the story and express his gratitude.



In 1971, I stepped on a land mine in Vietnam and lost both legs above the knee. For the past two years, I have been waiting to receive a new wheelchair from the Veterans Administration. In addition, I have been told that I am not entitled to a spare wheelchair.

On the evening of July 7, my wheelchair fell apart again, while shopping at Lowe's Home Improvement Center in on Forest Avenue in Mariners Harbor. Three employees, David, Marcus, and Souleyman jumped to my assistance immediately. They placed me in another chair while they went to work. They took the wheelchair apart and replaced the broken parts and told me, "We're going to make this chair like new." I left 45 minutes after closing hours in my wheelchair that was like new. I kept thanking them and all they could say was, "It was our honor."

The actions of these three employees at Lowe's showed me there are some who still believe in stepping to the plate. They didn't ask any questions, didn't feel the need to make phone calls. Someone they felt privileged to be given This is a great story of the power of individuals to step in when the government fails. It inspires us not to look to Washington for the answers — **but right here at home.**





Terrifically Dumb Quotes

Everyone has their dumb moments, it's bound to happen sooner or later. So if you ever feel bad about saying something stupid, don't worry, at least it wasn't recorded for posterity. Here are a few people, most of them very successful, who truly regretted opening their mouths.

Question: If you could live forever, would you and why?

Answer: "I would not live forever, because we should not live forever, because if we were supposed to live forever, then we would live forever, but we cannot live forever, which is why I would not live forever,"

-- *Miss Alabama in the 1994 Miss USA contest.*

"I've never had major knee surgery on any other part of my body,"

-- *Winston Bennett*, University of Kentucky basketball forward.

"Outside of the killings, Washington has one of the lowest crime rates in the country,"

-- *Mayor Marion Barry*, Washington , DC .

"That lowdown scoundrel deserves to be kicked to death by a jackass, and I'm just the one to do it,"

-- *A congressional candidate* in Texas .

"Half this game is ninety percent mental."

--Philadelphia Phillies manager, *Danny Ozark*

"It isn't pollution that's harming the environment. It's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it.."

-- *Al Gore*, Vice President

"We don't necessarily discriminate. We simply exclude certain types of people."

-- *Colonel Gerald Wellman*, ROTC Instructor.

"Your food stamps will be stopped effective March 1992 because we received notice that you passed away. May God bless you. You may reapply if there is a change in your circumstances."

-- *Department of Social Services*, Greenville , South Carolina



**THE FOLLOWING WAS SENT TO
THE SECOND EDITION BY**

Mike Calderon

Chairman Hispanic Membership

(Editor's note: Brothers you owe it to yourself to watch this.)

God Bless America !!

Andre Boccelli: Pray for Our Nation -- Stunning

If this doesn't give you goose bumps or shivers, check for a pulse!

When the screen fills up with words, the words tumble to the bottom and new words start up again at the top of the screen.

<http://www.greatdanepro.com/Pray%20For%20America/index.htm>

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JUDGE RULES 9/11 MUSEUM CAN INCLUDE WTC CROSS

New York (CNN) -- A New York judge has thrown out a lawsuit filed by a group of atheists, ruling that a pair of World Trade Center beams in the shape of a cross can be included in a memorial museum of the 9/11 terror attacks.



The World Trade Center cross, two intersecting steel beams that held up when the twin towers collapsed on September 11, 2001, is seen as iconic to some.

The cross was moved in July from near a church to its new home at the 9/11 memorial museum, located at ground zero in Lower Manhattan. Father Brian Jordan, a Franciscan priest who ministered to workers clearing the area after the attacks, led a ceremonial blessing of the cross.



Federal Judge Deborah Batts of the Southern District of New York ruled Thursday that display of the beams is permissible because they bear historical importance.

**"Remember that guy that gave up?
Neither does anybody else"**

WE ARE FAMILY!

By STEVE SNELL



“Get away from me kid, you’re bothering me.” Of course we’d never use this line – a W.C. Fields classic – on a bothersome child at church. But it is possible for even the most patient person to get fed up when a 4-year old-chooses a moving sermon as the time to run across a pew or to crawl on the floor “checking things out”.

Well we might get a bit distracted, maybe even a bit angry. So we shoot the parents a “frozen chosen” condemning glare, even though we know from personal experience that even the world’s greatest parents and grandparents (i.e. the wife and I, and you) have had times when our children or grandchildren have had their “moments” when they have been “slightly” beyond control. *A trait picked up from the spouse’s side of the family.*

The hard part is remembering that even the children or grandchildren of Brother Knights, from the crying infant to the crawling 4-year-old, to the “tuned out” teenager, should be, must be, welcomed to mass with as much or more joy and enthusiasm as any adult.

But more than being told and shown that they are welcomed, children should know from firsthand experience that there is something for them at Mass. Many of our congregations take this to heart. Many have added child friendly elements to their regular service, a children’s choir, a youth Mass, while others create a liturgy just for our children.

If you ask non practicing Catholics or former Knights who have stopped their involvement in the Church or the Order, you’ll often hear, “I didn’t feel like there was something for me, I didn’t feel welcomed.” A child of any age who misbehaves in mass or an adult who doesn’t attend mass or council meetings may be saying the same thing.

Just a thought my friends, instead of unhelpful glares or disapproving sighs that cause embarrassment and add frustration, why not try sharing an understanding smile, a handshake, or finding ways to make everyone feel included. **It’s called retention, one of the problems faced within our Church and our Order.**

POPE SPEAKS ON HIS MORTALITY

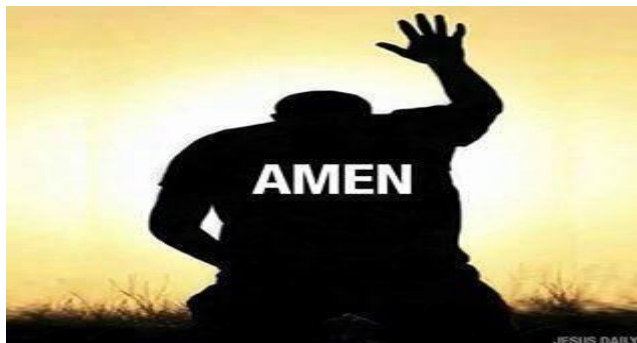
Talking to reporters on a flight back to the Vatican from South Korea, the 77-year-old pontiff, who seemed in good spirits, was asked about his global popularity, which was evident again during his five-day visit.

"I see it as the generosity of the people of God. I try to think of my sins, my mistakes, not to become proud. Because I know it will last only a short time. Two or three years and then I'll be off to the Father's House," he replied light-heartedly. The Argentine pope said he could handle the popularity "more naturally" these days, though at first it had "scared me a little".

While the pope has not spoken publicly before about when he might meet his maker, a Vatican source said he had previously told those close to him that he thought he only had a few years left. Pope Francis also mentioned the possibility of retiring from the Papacy, as his predecessor Benedict XVI did last year, if he felt he could no longer adequately perform his duties.

Resigning the papacy was a possibility "even if it does not appeal to some theologians", he told reporters. He added that 60 years ago it was practically unheard of for Catholic bishops to retire, but nowadays it was common.

"Benedict XVI opened a door," he said. Francis admitted that he had "some nerve problems", which required treatment. "Must treat them well, these nerves, give them mate (an Argentine stimulant tea) every day," he joked. "One of these neuroses, is that I'm too much of a homebody," he added, recalling that the last time he'd taken a holiday outside of his native Argentina was "with the Jesuit community in 1975".



Let us pray. O God, the Pastor and Ruler of all the faithful, look down, in your mercy, upon your servant, whom you have appointed to preside over your Church; and grant, we beseech you, that both by word and example, he may edify all those under his charge; so that, with the flock entrusted to him, he may arrive at length unto life everlasting. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

"FAMILY OF THE MONTH"

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*The greatest management principle in the world is:
‘the things that get rewarded and appreciated get done.’”—Michael LeBoeuf*



"NOMINATE A FAMILY OF THE MONTH!"
COME ON GIVE IT A TRY!

"Strong Visible Program"



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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



By FATHER PERRON JOSEPH AUVE

MAKING DECISIONS: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:15-16) "Blessed are you Simon, son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." (Matthew 16:17-19)

As Jesus prepares to leave the earth for glory in heaven, He gives His church some amazing responsibility and authority. Jesus gives His church the assurance that she will have the constant guidance of the Holy Spirit in her teaching. Some people don't understand what a blessing this teaching church is. Jesus left us an abundance of His teaching during His life on earth, then left us a church to continue teaching us so that we are not left in the dark about what to believe and how to live. After all, Jesus told us that those who do not believe will be condemned. The stakes are high. Thankfully, we believers know where to find the truth. Following our own opinions can be disastrous; it is the truth that keeps us together in Jesus Christ; it is the truth that sets us free. **Jesus told us that He is the way, the truth and the life.**

If a person does not know where to find the truth, he/she will find answers in following popular trends, doing what's politically correct or just doing what's fun. The "ice bucket challenge" is the rage as I write this column. It has raised millions for the ALS Association; everybody wants to accept the challenge and do some good so they send a donation to the ALS Association. Sadly, some ALS Association research involves the destruction of human embryos, so wonderful pro-life people made a donation to something they would never support if they had known. They were just trying to do good; they were being trendy; everybody was doing it. When we do not have the truth at hand, any of us will make mistakes. We believers know where to find the truth.

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MANY WAYS TO TELL A STORY!



Painting The Seasons

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WIFE'S CORNER

We are honored to print the following article by Kyle Hadley wife of Karl Hadley PSD 2005-2007, current Vice Supreme Master Fourth Degree Archbishop Francis Norbert Blanchet Province.

By Kyle Hadley



I met my two enduring loves when I was a teenager: Karl and the Catholic Church. I am a convert to the Catholic faith, the Holy Spirit having worked through a part-time job the summer I was 18. My dad failed to find a Lutheran congregation with an early enough service for me on Sundays, but, fortunately, the Catholic Church across the street from the store had a mass at 7:45 A.M. I had never had been in a Catholic Church. My freshman year confirmation classes had tried to inoculate me against Catholicism by using a biased text about comparative denominations with a little flawed information at the end about Catholicism. The vaccine didn't take. I was interested in the Church our hero Luther had left. I wanted more objective information. So I eagerly took the convenient opportunity my job's hours required.

Every Sunday I attended that early mass. It was 1967, just past the end of Vatican II. People seemed to be confused about what they were supposed to be saying, so I didn't stand out. There were many similarities to the Lutheran liturgy, except that Lutheran worshippers knew what they were doing and they sang much better. No one could ever accuse me of being attracted to the Church by art and beauty. That parish's sanctuary was built ugly and it stayed ugly. Even now, when it has been remodeled twice and considerably improved, it could still be mistaken for a school gymnasium. *But the Lord was there.* I found myself visiting Him as often as I could get away from work. I read the documents of Vatican II and other literature, finding knowledge and conviction about Church teachings. I became convinced of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Christ's truth and the apostolic succession that gave His Church authority were compelling. I went off to the U.W. and continued to go to mass. After much study and prayer and several series of inquiry classes, I joined the Church when I was 20.

After 5 years of dating and engagement, Karl and I married and started off on our own life of following orders from the U.S. Navy. We moved 6 times in his five years of active duty. That was followed by almost 20 years of Reserve duty. Karl's religious upbringing had been in a series of Protestant chapels on Navy bases. He did not have a strong commitment to Sunday church attendance, so I went

to mass alone. I tried to get Karl to convert, once sending him to sea for six months with a huge paperback catechism, but my efforts failed. Karl was never home long enough to attend inquiry classes, even if I had been able to talk him into attending.

Eventually Karl left active duty, we had our two kids and he began going to mass regularly with me. We even managed a small parish youth group for a year. Our kids went to the parish school. As each reached First Communion age, I prayed that Karl would receive his own First Communion with the child. But he saw no reason: he already went to church with me, he was a good example for the kids, why bother making his membership official? I quit nagging, but I kept praying.

One day, out of the going to join RCIA classes. I ment was complicated be-duty interfered, but he perse-Easter when the rest of his So, one Sunday he stood rishioners and made his pro-the witnesses expressed Karl was Catholic all along!



blue, Karl told me he was rejoiced! His commit-cause his Naval Reserve vered. He was in Japan at class joined the Church. alone in front of our pa-fession of faith. Most of shock: they had thought

Catholic parishes can be big and lonely places unless one finds a niche. I had mine: the kids' parish school activities. But I thought Karl needed some male bonding experiences. I knew nothing about the Knights of Columbus except that it was a fraternal organization for Catholic men. I had heard that we had a new council. I approached one of my students' dads and asked how one could become a member. It turns out that dad was the Grand Knight—and he whipped a Form 100 out of his pocket. I gave it to Karl and, somewhat to my surprise, he signed up.

I take due responsibility (credit? blame?) for everything after that. Karl has never been able to be a member of a tribe. He always finds a way to be the chief. He worked his way through a couple council offices to Grand Knight in no time at all, while also serving on the Parish Council, running a parish festival for several years, and participating in other school and parish activities. I didn't really know all he was doing, but he was certainly busy. Then he served two terms as District Deputy. I taught school and stayed out of the way. The K.C.'s was a men's organization, after all. The activities kept him busy and the work was satisfying. He was always at meetings or somewhere. His K.C.'s business cluttered several rooms in our house, but I didn't complain about his mess and his absences (much) because

he had put up with me doing schoolwork every night for many years. I did my thing; why shouldn't he do his?

I never went to Summer Meetings nor attended state conventions—nor was I invited. I wasn't even aware that wives attended these gatherings. So, when Karl's council was awarded five major awards at a convention, I congratulated him, but I didn't sufficiently appreciate what an achievement that was. When Karl was honored to be named one of two best District Deputies, I wasn't there to see it. Finally, when the state convention was held in the Tri-Cities, Karl told me he'd been asked to run for State Warden and I might want to come to the banquet that night. That first convention banquet was an eye opener. I wore the nicest dress I had—and it wasn't nearly dressy enough. And what in the world were the duties of a State Warden? Did the K.C.'s take prisoners? And who were all these women who, it soon became apparent, had been working beside their husbands at K.C.'s events for years? Wasn't the Knights a men's group? I had a creeping suspicion that this fraternal organization I had encouraged my husband to join was now going to affect my well-ordered and already-busy life.

And it has, despite my occasional resistance. In fact, when he was soon to be State Deputy, I begged Karl to just skip me and make Tessie Walker his official hostess. When that didn't work, I relied on Tessie to help me with everything. And she did what she always does—everything behind the scenes, with talent, efficiency and grace. And she is still doing at it, seeing what needs to be done, usually before anyone else has even noticed, and doing it. Tessie and all the other Knights' ladies I have been privileged to know have been great teachers and friends. They and their men have become the blessings I didn't know I needed when I handed Karl that Form 100.



Good News, Bad News



A woman phones up her husband at work for a chat...

Says He: "I'm sorry honey but I'm up to my neck in work today"

Says She: "But I've got some good news and some bad news dear."

Says He: "OK darling, but since I've got no time now, just give me the good news, OK?"

Says She: **"Well, the air bag works..."**

The College Graduate

A young man hired by a supermarket reported for his first day of work. The manager greeted him with a warm handshake and a smile, gave him a broom and said,

"Your first job will be to sweep out the store."

"But I'm a college graduate," the young man replied indignantly.

"Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't know that," said the manager.

"Here, give me the broom - I'll show you how."

What Was the Name?

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, 'Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great... I would recommend it very highly..'

The other man said, 'What is the name of the restaurant?'

The first man thought and thought and finally said, 'What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know.... The one that's red and has thorns.'

'Do you mean a rose?' 'Yes, that's the one,' replied the man.

He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, **'Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?'**

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HUMAN COMPASSION IN THE FACE OF VIOLENCE

While Humans have an incredible capacity for violence and pain, they also can exhibit unimaginable acts of compassion, even at time one would least expect it.

Here are photos, showing some of these incredible acts of selflessness and humanity.

Christians forming a protective circle around praying Muslims during the Egyptian revolution (Egypt, 2011)

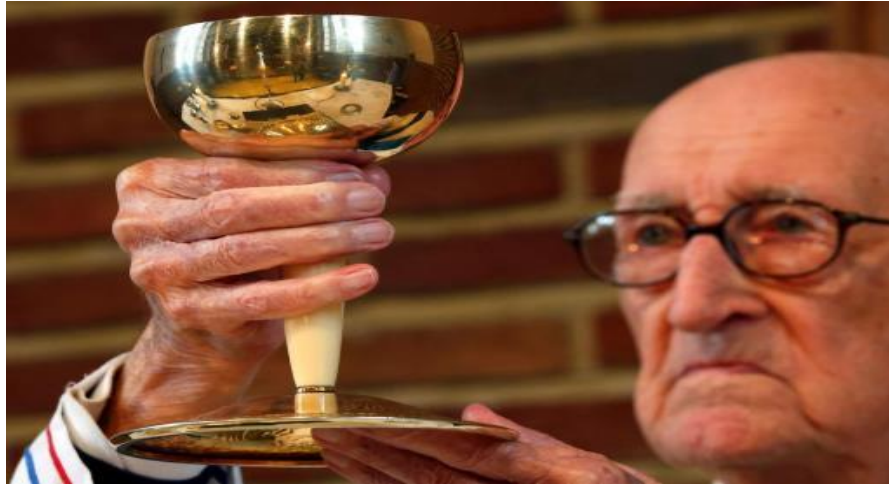


A priest forming a human shield between police and protesters during the recent revolution. (Ukraine, 2013)



An American soldier, running out of the battlefield to save 2 Vietnamese children. (Vietnam, 1965–1975)





World's oldest priest?

Father Jacques Clemens

Father Jacques Clemens, who turned 105 in July, may be the world's oldest living priest still holding regular service.

Father Jacques Clemens holds a mass at St. Benoit church in Nalinnes August 15, 2014. Clemens, who celebrated his 105th birthday on July 11, may be the world's oldest living priest who still holds a regular service, the Belgian Catholic Church said.



Pope says world's many conflicts amount to piecemeal World War Three

Pope Francis walks inside the Austro-Hungarian cemetery at Fogliano in Redipuglia September 13, 2014.



REDIPUGLIA Italy - Pope Francis said on Saturday the state of conflicts around the globe today were effectively a "piecemeal" Third World War, condemning the arms trade and "plotters of terrorism" sowing death and destruction.

"Humanity needs to weep and this is the time to weep," Francis said in the homily of a Mass during a visit to Italy's largest war memorial, a large, Fascist-era monument where more than 100,000 soldiers who died in World War One are buried.

The pope began his brief visit to northern Italy by first praying in a nearby, separate cemetery for some 15,000 soldiers from five nations of the Austro-Hungarian empire which were on the losing side of the Great War that broke out 100 years ago.

"War is madness," he said in his homily before the massive, sloping granite memorial, made of 22 steps on the side of hill with three crosses at the top.

"Even today, after the second failure of another world war, perhaps one can speak of a third war, one fought piecemeal, with crimes, massacres, destruction," he said. In the past few months, Francis has made repeated appeals for an end to conflicts in Ukraine, Iraq, Syria, Gaza and parts of Africa.

"War is irrational; its only plan is to bring destruction: it seeks to grow by destroying," he said. "Greed, intolerance, the lust for power. These motives underlie the decision to go to war and they are too often justified by an ideology ...," he said.

Last month the pope, who has often condemned the concept of war in God's name, said it would be legitimate for the international community to use force to stop "unjust aggression" by Islamic State militants who have killed or displaced thousands of people in Iraq and Syria, many of them Christians. In his homily, read at a somber service to thousands of people braving the rain and which included the hauntingly funereal sound of a solitary bugle, Francis condemned "plotters of terrorism" but did not elaborate

(Writing by Philip Pullella; Editing by Mark Potter)



Funny tombstones from long ago...

Each generation probably thinks it's the funniest, and sure enough the people of the past can't get up and speak for themselves, so they'll just let their tombstones do the humoring, because there are Some fascinating things on old tombstones!

In a Thurmont, Maryland, cemetery:

Here lies an Atheist, all dressed up
and no place to go.

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In a London, England cemetery:

Here lies Ann Mann, who lived an old maid
but died an old Mann. Dec. 8, 1767

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In a Ruidoso, New Mexico, cemetery:

Here lies Johnny Yeast.
Pardon him for not rising.

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A lawyer's epitaph in England:

Sir John Strange.
Here lies an honest lawyer, and that is Strange.

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John Penny's epitaph in the Wimborne, England, cemetery:

Reader, if cash thou art in want of any,
dig 6 feet deep and thou wilt find a Penny.

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Dear Dr. Dawkins...

By Stephen White

I have always loved the opening lines of *Vatican II's Gaudium et Spes*:



The joys and the hopes, the grief's and the anxieties of the men of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the grief's and anxieties of the followers of Christ. Indeed, nothing genuinely human fails to raise an echo in their hearts.

I was reminded of this passage today when I read a moving piece published over at First Things. It is an open letter from JD Flynn to the atheist Richard Dawkins, who recently tweeted that it would be immoral not to abort babies with Down's syndrome. Flynn knows something about raising children with Down's syndrome; he and his wife have two adopted children with Down's.

In his letter, Flynn begins by meeting Dawkins on his own terms, engaging him on philosophical grounds. Flynn never appeals to his own moral authority as a dad with two kids with Down syndrome. He never berates or lectures Dawkins. Instead, Flynn does something different and delivers the *coup de grace* with disarming simplicity. (It was, in part, the way Flynn treats Dawkins with genuine humanity that brought to mind those beautiful lines from *Gaudium et Spes*.) Here's how Flynn concludes:

I wonder, if you spent some time with them, whether you'd feel the same way about suffering, about happiness, about personal dignity. I wonder, if you danced with them in the kitchen, whether you'd think abortion was in their best interest. I wonder, if you played games with them, or shared a joke with them, whether you'd find some worth in their existence.

And so, Dr. Dawkins, I'd like to invite you to dinner. Come spend time with my children. Share a meal with them. Before you advocate their deaths, come find out what's worthwhile in their lives. Find out if the suffering is worth the joy.

I don't want you to come over for a debate. I don't want to condemn you. I want you to experience the joy of children with Down syndrome. I want your heart to be moved to joy as well.

Any day next week is good for us except for Wednesday.

Sincerely yours

JD Flynn





Culture of life Chairman

Andrew Kopriva



Earlier this month I read an article in Lifenews.com about attack ads being run by Democrats against their Republican opponents, accusing them of waging a "War on Women" over contraception (i.e.; Birth Control Pills). Turns out that the Republicans in the article are just as supportive of contraception, if not more so, than their Democratic rivals.

What amazed me about the article is not that a Republican would be in favor of contraception, but that a major Pro-Life group like Lifenews.com doesn't get it.

I was just as amazed with Hobby Lobby when I found out that Hobby Lobby was allowing 16 of the 20 available types of contraception approved by the Food & Drug Administration, most of which contain some type of chemical hormone, for their employees.

Once again, just like Lifenews.com, Hobby Lobby doesn't get it.

They don't get it that Birth Control Pills (BCPs) are classified as a Group I carcinogen by the World Health Organization. They don't get it that there's a 44% increased risk of breast cancer for women taking BCPs. They don't get it that BCPs are an abortifacient. They don't get it that women have a five times greater risk of death from cardiovascular causes when on BCPs. And, they don't get it that hormone levels in the environment continue to rise from all of the BCP being flushed down toilets into our sewer systems.

Thank God for His One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church and for His Holy Spirit that has guided His leaders. Thank God that His Church has not deviated from the Truth and has held fast to His dogmas. Thank God for ".....the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of truth" (1Tim3:1

HOLY BOWL V COMING AT YOU!

DeSales vs. Tri-Cities Prep October 30, 2014

At the Chiawana Field in Pasco,
game time 7pm.



"It's going to be just another high school football game"

Don't you believe it for a second!

It's going to be loud, noisy, and enthusiastic. This will be a game with rivalries everywhere, from the cheering section to the defensive line, this will be the must win game, the season maker. This will be the game everyone must attend so plan on bringing Grandma and Grandpa or live with the consequences. This will be the football game for everyone, this one will send shivers down your spine from the opening kickoff to the last seconds of the fourth quarter.

This is all being put together by the two Schools with the cooperation of the Councils and Assemblies of District 7 of the Washington State Knights of Columbus, the Knights will sponsor a traveling trophy. This effort is under the direction of **Marcel Bergeron and JP Kent, Co-Chairman** of this event. If you have any questions on any aspect of this event please contact Marcel or JP at the following:

509-554-4924 or 509-629-7370

This event is part of the Knights of District 7's ongoing efforts to support the youth of our District and to visibly promote the Knights and family values within our councils and communities.

"Strong Visible Program"

**ALL THE MONEY BROUGHT
IN BY HOLY BOWL V WILL GO
TO CATHOLIC EDUCATION!**





To: Current and Past State Officers,
Our Bishops and Parish Priests

From: Marcel Bergeron & J.P. Kent - Holy Bowl Co - Chairman

Holy Bowl Football

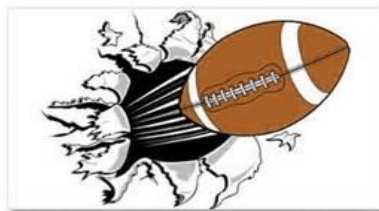
On behalf of the Grand Knights, the membership, the Councils, the teachers and students of Tri-City Prep & DeSales High School we would like to extend an invitation to you to attend The Fifth Annual "Holy Bowl" in the Tri-Cities on October 30, 2014. The game time is 7pm and will be played at the Chiawana Field in Pasco. All funds generated from the Holy Bowl go to Catholic Education.

Playoff hopes as well as good old fashion football pride will be on the line when DeSales hooks up with Tri-Cities Prep for the fifth time in the school's history. The Councils and Assemblies of District 7 of the Knights of Columbus in coordination with both schools are sponsoring the traveling game trophy, advertising it as the fifth Annual Holy Bowl between the two Catholic high schools.

Tri-Cities Prep, located in Pasco and DeSales, located in Walla Walla will be playing not only a Southeast 2B game, but also for the Holy Bowl trophy, which has been won by DeSales the last 4 years. Walla Walla is making the trip to the Tri-Cities with the intention of bringing the trophy back to its place in the DeSales trophy case. It promises to be a great football game, a game where the football will always take a "Catholic Bounce."

The game as always is preceded at 4:30pm, by a great tailgate party. Before the game, everyone gathers around fire pots and share "glory days" with stories, laughter, and the best chili in the state!!!

Marcel Bergeron and J.P. Kent Co Chairman
509-554-4924 or 509-629-7370





Knights of Columbus



Washington State Program Team

By Art Smalley State Program Director

I hope this letter finds all of you and your families in good health and that you have had an enjoyable summer. I know that many of our Councils are fairly quiet during the summer months so I know that the action items from the Summer Leadership Meeting have been difficult to complete. As of today we have had about 5 Councils submit Health Check Forms that were not at the Summer Leadership Meeting. This leaves approximately 74 Councils that still need to complete the Health Check Form. We have had about 55 Councils submit their July Service Program Report. Simply stated, that means about 103 Councils did not submit their Report. We need to continue to emphasize the importance of the report to help build a stronger council.

September is really critical if we are to make a difference in this Council Year utilizing the Strong Visible Program concept to make our Councils stronger, getting inactive Knights into the Program and adding new members to allow us to do more service.

You are the critical component to making it all happen. Our goal needs to be 100% of our Councils completing the Health Check Form, reviewing the Program Presentation on the State website, and completing the Monthly Service Report each month.

As I mentioned in our Sunday morning discussion we need you, the District Deputy's, to meet with your Grand Knights who did not attend the Summer Leadership Meeting. At that time I would ask the following:

1. Present the Grand Knight with the Grand Knights Handbook & Operations Manual and walk him through the benefits of each section. You should emphasize the importance of reading this book with particular special emphasis on the Surge...with Service Pamphlet and the Membership Pamphlet.
2. Present the Grand Knight with the Success Planner.
3. Pull out the Health Check Form from the front flap of the Grand Knights Handbook & Operations Manual. Explain the purpose of the form and its relationship to the States Paradigm shift in growing our Council's through a **Strong Visible Program**.
4. Refer the Grand Knight to the State Website so he can view the Program presented at the Summer Leadership Meeting. He will need to view the presentation in order to fill out the second column of the Health Check form – the 2014-2015 Objectives. The forms can be scanned and sent via email to Asmalley0821@aol.com or mailed to:

Art Smalley
17017 N. Triple Butte Circle
Colbert, WA 990

This TEAM EFFORT can only be achieved with each Team Member, (State Officers, State Program Team, District Deputy Mentors, and District Deputy's) pulling together and completing their assigned tasks. You as the Council District Deputy are the primary interface between our TEAM and each Council.

If you did not attend the Summer Leadership Meeting, I would recommend you viewing the Program Presentation on the State Website, as you will need this information when talking with your Grand Knights. If after your review you have some questions please don't hesitate to call at (509) 995-0873 or email me at Asmalley0821@aol.com.

With your help we can make this the best year for the Knights of Columbus in Washington State.

STATE DEPUTY

Brothers All...I know that we are all prepared for the burden, men...and it falls to you to show your respective Grand Knights the "how to" for logging onto the service program site and filling out the form...the ball is in your court.



When meeting with your elected State Officers following the Ceremonials Meeting the past weekend, they all spoke of the importance of 100% council participation in building a "Strong Visible Program". We are a family fraternal benefit society, not a leasing company or a franchise group supporting individual private clubs. Therefore, it is very important that all councils join in and participate.

We are tracking each Region, District and Council as you noted in Art's advice above. Our expectations are that each DD will report to his respective DDM, and DDM's to GPD Art Smalley.

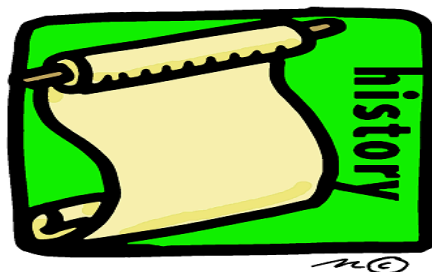
Art will keep IPSD Don McBride informed as Don keeps our strategic plan objectives for our jurisdiction. Let's work to get the Health Checks completed before September 15 and move our Service Program reporting to 100%.

I know you will all do well during my absence. Vivat Jesus!

George H. Czerwonka, Jr. State Deputy
Washington State Council

Does your council have a written history?

By JOE ST.HILAIRE, STATE HISTORIAN



If you have visited the state council website, www.kofc-wa.org, you have noticed the listing of all the subordinate councils, from Seattle 676 (chartered 1902) to Spokane 15968 (chartered 2014). Most of our state's councils have a written history, but about 20 have no history filed with the state council and several others have very little information submitted.

If your council is listed here, we do not have a complete history of it: 9721, 9833, 9910, 11085, 11217, 11252, 11253, 11611, 11948, 12175, 12483, 12591, 13761, 13834, 14046, 14162, 14689, 14852, 14922, 15143, 15338, 15462, 15538, 15684, 15721, 15730, 15838.

Don't you want your council represented in the state Knights of Columbus history? Sure you do! Grand Knights, get together with your district deputy and your officers to prepare your council's history. To help you in this process, you can simply answer the questions below. Then submit the form to State Historian Joe St.Hilaire, joesthilaire@hotmail.com. Contact him at 360.671.4836.

COUNCIL HISTORY SUBMISSION FORM

Council Name:

Council Number:

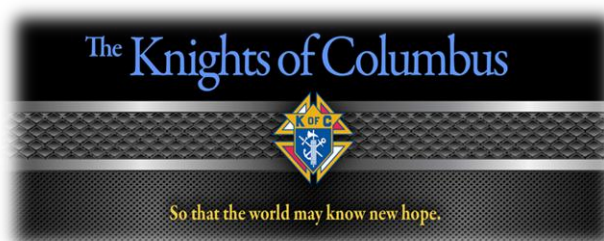
City:

Date of Charter:

Charter Members: *[Charter members are listed on your charter]*

[The following information should be found in your minutes book]

- Who was instrumental in the formation of the Council (district deputy, parish priest, etc)?
- Who were the charter officers?
- What programs have been instituted to benefit the parish and community?
- Does the council have a special mission or program that it excels in?
- Has the council grown or been recognized with any awards (Star Council, etc.)?



EDITOR'S NOTES



By Steve Snell

- *It is my hope that our readers will pay attention to the article by Joe St.Hilaire, State Historian. History is above all else, the creation and recording of our councils heritage born from the inexhaustible legacy of our Founder the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In a world of violence and turbulence we must dare to write our history of charity, love, defense of the unborn and the greatness within mankind.*
- *We have had many positive comments about our two new features; Wife's Corner and First Lady's Reflections. Thank you Sharon Czerwonka and Sheila Ryan Wallace for being pioneers in bringing a much needed new perspective to the Second Edition!*
- *Two of our State's Councils were recognized in the September 2014 issue of the Columbia magazine. A **SPAGHETTI FIESTA** - Bremerton **Council 1379** hosted a spaghetti fiesta that raised \$1,100 for the Olympic Peninsula Kidney Center. **WHEELCHAIR DRIVE** - St .Stephen the Martyr **Council 13374** in Renton, held collections after four Masses and two Sunday breakfasts to raise money for the Global Wheelchair Mission. The council netted \$9,200 to purchase wheelchairs for the needy. Parishioners also donated four wheelchairs for use in the church and parish hall. Hats off to the Brothers of both councils!!!*
- **Renaissance Man?** *For those of you who have long thought of me as just another pretty face, a man obsessed with his wardrobe or the fashion nuances of the social elite, know this. At the Southeastern Washington Fair & Frontier Days in Walla Walla, your editor entered some home-made cookies (butter scotches') and won "**first place!**"*

**"THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO AVOID CRITICISM:
DO NOTHING, SAY NOTHING, AND BE NOTHING."**

The Following link was sent to the Second Edition by,

Lupe V Resendez, Grand Knight Sunnyside Council 14926

An American hero.....

An absolutely amazing and deeply touching story of a Catholic priest who was loved by men of all faiths.

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/AZuPrQBSDCs>

NOTE: if the above line does NOT appear as a link, copy and paste it into your browser's address box and GO!

My Brothers never forget:



as a Knight you are a bridge over troubled waters.

**MY CONCLUSION IS THE
PLACE WHERE I'M
TIRED.....**

***AT THE MOMENT
THIS IS THE PLACE.***

***SEE YOU ALL NEXT MONTH,
THANKS FOR STOPPING BY.***

GOODNIGHT AND GOD BLESS!

