

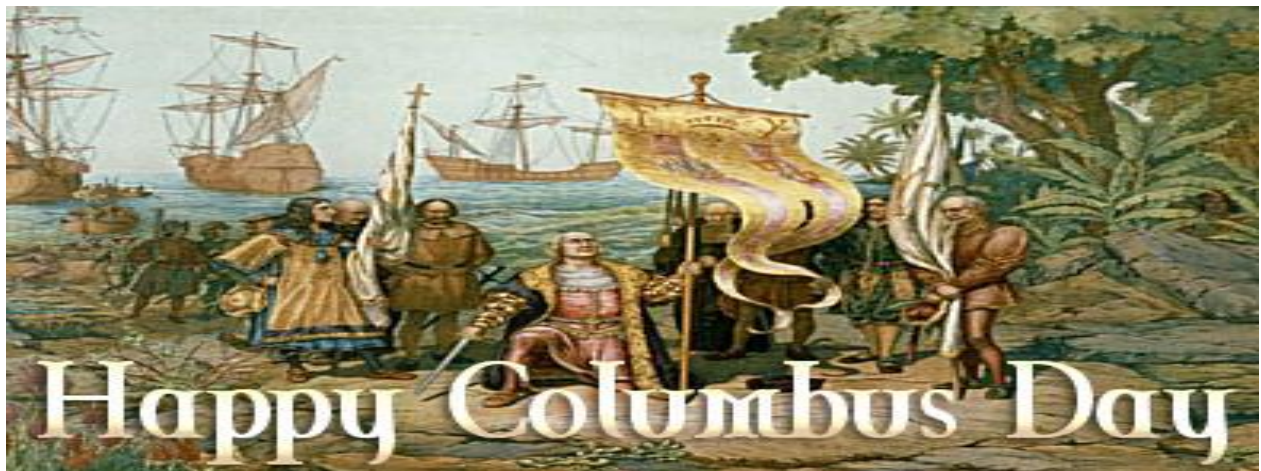
WASHINGTON STATE KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS  
**THE SECOND EDITION**  
OCTOBER 2013

*"It's a naive domestic publication without any breeding,  
but I think you'll be amused by its presumption."*

Steve Snell – Editor – 509-386-3462 – [stevesnell@charter.net](mailto:stevesnell@charter.net)

***"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 mankind .....our reflections are in the street  
and our footsteps will echo in eternity."*



**THE BEST WAY TO PREDICT  
THE FUTURE  
IS TO  
CREATE IT**

# “SOMEDAY”



Someday I'll get around to it.  
Someday I'll take that dream vacation or buy my big dream house.  
Someday I'll follow through on all the promises I've made to myself.  
Someday you can turn your promises and dreams into realities no matter what they may be or how



impossible they may seem to be. Remember that the Lord is your number one resource to achieving these goals and as his helping hands your

Brother Knights can help make Someday Today.....

Join the Fourth Degree because today is

## Someday.

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## BE THE SUNSHINE IN THEIR LIVES



## FOOD FOR FAMILIES

# JUST TWO OLD PEOPLE

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## FAMILY OF THE MONTH

*"Who lives there in that old gray house down the middle of the block ?*

*"Oh, that's where the old Knights of Columbus guy and his wife live."*

*"Just two old people?"*

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They never talked a lot with words but they knew each other very well. They always showed much affection for each other, but certainly not in public, they were "Old School." Neither would not have thought it proper for people their age. They



had a great love for each other and as the years passed the feeling grew into a oneness, a feeling of total belonging.

Lately, the only ones on earth they still seemed of use to were each other. He went for the mail and took out the garbage and went to the pharmacy to get her medicine. She cooked his food and mended his clothes and she was always there. They both felt a deep unspoken reliance on each other. Their age which set them apart from most other things was actually bringing them even closer together. No one else really knew all that they had been through. No one could possibly understand what they had shared. Neither would have ever thought of going through life without the other

They were frail now, very fragile, life was slipping away. The priest could see it when he made a visit. Father Tim met the local Grand Knight latter after his house call and told him that the council's oldest living member and his wife were getting very feeble. "I'm thinking they may not last much longer."

They knew it themselves in a very quiet way. They had given up one thing after another -- going to church, trips to town, his council meetings. Last Sunday afternoon as they were sitting in their living room, there was a knock on the front door.....

***Epilogue:** When they buried the old man, his wife and daughter had both insisted that the "Family Award" his council's grand knight presented to them in their living room on the old knight's last Sunday, be buried with him, his tears were still on it. The old man and his wife died within five days of one another, "I can't keep him waiting for me," were the last words she said to her daughter.*

*Brothers don't keep your honored Knights waiting, they are more than*

## ***JUST OLD PEOPLE!***

Please use the Family Program to publically recognize these men and their families within your councils, they belong in your **Council's Hall of Fame!**

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

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## **FOOD FOR FAMILIES**

Feeding the hungry is one of the corporal works of mercy.

When we have in our communities, people who do not have enough to eat, remember that is Jesus who is hungry.

The need to feed the hungry is growing.

The "Food for Families" program encourages councils to feed those in need with a community dinner or conduct a food drive at your council, parish, or supermarket and donate to a food pantry or soup kitchen

As Knights we are asking **you to be there** for those in need by using the Food for Families Program. **Please!**

**"LET'S MULTIPLY THE LOAVES!"**

**QUESTIONS** – Contact me, (509-386-3462) or [stevesnell@charter.net](mailto:stevesnell@charter.net)

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

**WASHINGTON STATE'S  
"FAMILY OF THE MONTH"  
PARTICIPANT'S LISTINGS FOR AUGUST**

**1379\*, 1620, 1629, 6686, 7863, 7908, 8476\*, 8872, 10652, 10653,  
11357, 11408, 11780, 12899, 13374, 13794**

**(\*DENOTES SUPREME'S SELECTED WINNERS FOR THE MONTH)**

**GRAND KNIGHTS IS YOUR COUNCIL LISTED HERE?**

**WHY NOT ?**

*IT'S EASY TO DO!*

*YOU ALL HAVE OUTSTANDING KNIGHTS!*

*THEY ALL HAVE OUTSTANDING AND SUPPORTIVE FAMILIES!*

**REMEMBER!!**

It's simple, but more powerful than you might realize. The words "**Thank You**" are two words that some leaders neglect to say enough. Have you ever had the unfortunate experience of doing something and not being thanked?

**How does it feel?**

***THANK YOU!***

***STEVE SNELL STATE FAMILY CHAIRMAN***

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# HOLY BOWL IV COMING AT YOU!

DeSales vs. Tri-Cities Prep October 25, 2013

In Walla Walla this year at the DeSales  
High football field, 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:

**509-627-5664 & 509-629-7370**

This game has the potential to easily become one the most important days in the life of any football player and student of either school. This event is part of the Knights of District 7’s ongoing efforts to support the youth of our District and to promote family values.

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



# A TALE

By STEVE SNELL

*“A thousand years ago tomorrow,”* - harvest was over the rains had set in, the harvest had filled the cellars and barrels of the village; the coming winter would be comfortable. December was approaching and the wind was pushing its way up to their secluded mountain valley, carrying a chill from the world beyond. Their hut was sound and sealed well against the weather, their fire burned in bright defiance. The glow of the fireplace allowed the old women to study and feel the innocence of her great – grandson. Masked and altered by the shadows of the hut, the frail, five-year old features seemed older than he was. The child stuffed with supper, played in contentment with the thing that would one-day lure him out of the valley and her life. It was a silver peso given him by his Uncle Jesse, her shiftless grandson who had visited the valley this last week. “What shall I buy with my new peso Grandmother?” the boy finally asked. “Little one this peso will buy you nothing but trouble in the city of the crazy ones, much as it has your Uncle Jesse.” “The city will waste you into nothing as it has your uncle and as it killed, your mother.”



*“Would you like to hear how one man fared in the city?” she asked. “The story will give you other thoughts about the glitters and pleasures of the city.”*

“Many years ago,” she began, “in a village far from here, there lived a wise, kind man. He never got drunk, never got into fights, and was said to have the ability to heal numerous ailments in both animals and people. If he had remained in his village he could have lived out his years in peace and honor. But instead, he went one day to the city.” Just why he went she could not remember. “It was a long burro ride away, and when he arrived it was midday, and time for the meal. He seated himself in the shade of a tree, and just as he unwrapped his pork tacos, the Evil One rode up to him on a horse.



The Evil one spoke: ‘Senor I have never seen such pure and appetizing tacos as those. I will give you great wealth and many other things for your tacos, I will even

give you my own horse he can run like the wind and never tire. “The wise man spoke: “I’m sorry my friend, I must decline your most generous offers, they are not needed by me and I prefer to ride my burro.”

The boy couldn’t understand, “But why, grandmother, why?”

Was he a crazy one?”

“No, of course he was not a crazy one,” she said irritably. “He was a wise man, and he knew with whom he was dealing. If you deal with the Evil One, you could become doomed forever. Then for the last time the Evil One spoke: “Senor, the smell of those tacos is more than I can stand. Take my wallet; no matter how much you pull from it there will always be some left”. And at this the wise man said, “**Money betrays.**” And he crossed himself, and the Evil One disappeared in a puff of smoke.”

The child was silent in wonder. While he was filled with questions, the old woman said, “And think about this – the wise man was right. He had the power of prophecy, for silver sent him to his death. Do you wish to hear how he died?”

“Sit here,” she said, and when he had climbed into her lap she rocked his head against her breast. “It was a hard, undeserved death. Few men have had a worse one. You will hear of it when you are older.” He had listened to the story his Grandma told him as he sat in her lap trying to stay awake.

“What was his name, Grandma?”

“Jesus Cristo.”



*The boy thought for a moment and said, “Grandma he should have stayed in the country and never gone to such a place.” The boy yawned. “Against all he faced, I think he was foolish,” he said sleepily. “I would have taken a fast horse.”*

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The last person on Earth sat alone in a room.  
Doing nothing, No fire, No music, No love,  
Just sat huddled and waiting  
Waiting-----Waiting.

***THERE WAS A KNOCK ON THE DOOR!***





## ANTHONY WAYNE'S COLUMN:

*(notes for the intellectually famished)*

### WISDOM FOR THE MALE END OF A RELATIONSHIP

To keep her happy and brimming,  
With romance in a shared cup,  
Whenever you're wrong, **admit it**;  
Should you ever be right, *(hey, it can happen,)*  
**SHUT UP!**

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### The Prodigal Son Returns

We were sitting in church a few weeks ago while the Priest delivered a sermon based on the timeless story of the prodigal son. When he got to the point where the father sees his son returning and races out to meet him, the minister said "Throwing wide his arms, the father said ....."  
*At which point my younger son leaned over to me and whispered "YOU'RE GROUNDED!"*

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The little boy wasn't getting good marks in school.  
One day he surprised the teacher, really surprised her.  
He tapped her on the shoulder and said.....  
"I don't want to scare you, but my daddy says if I  
don't get better grades.....  
**somebody is going to get a spanking....."**

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A Man and a woman, who had never met before, found themselves assigned to the same sleeping room on a transcontinental train. Though initially embarrassed and uneasy over sharing a room, the two were tired and fell asleep quickly, he in the upper bunk and she in the lower.

At 2:00 AM, he leaned over and gently wakes the woman, saying, "Ma'am, I'm sorry to bother you, but would you be kind enough to reach into the closet to get me a second blanket? I'm cold." "I have a better idea," she replied. "Just for tonight, why don't we pretend that we're married?" **"Wow! That's a great idea!!"** He is excited. The next moment she said .....

**"THEN GET UP AND GET IT YOURSELF."**

# POPE FRANCIS

## "WINDS OF CHANGE"

*"The church is or should go back to being a community of God's people, and priests, pastors and bishops who have the care of souls, and are at the service of the people of God."*



The pope suggested that the church should rethink the relationship between its leaders and the faithful. "Leaders of the Church have often been Narcissus, flattered and sickeningly excited by their courtiers. The court is the leprosy of the papacy," he said.

Asked what he meant by "the court," Francis said that he did not mean the Curia — the officials who govern the church from Vatican City — but something more like the quartermaster's office in an army, which provides clothing and equipment to troops.

"It is Vatican-centric," he said. "It sees and looks after the interests of the Vatican, which are still, for the most part, temporal interests. This Vatican-centric view neglects the world around us. I do not share this view and **I'll do everything I can to change it.**"

The pope said that he was against what he called "clericalists," saying that when he meets one, "I suddenly become anti-clerical." He referred to St. Paul's outreach to pagans and other religions, said that the church should include people who feel excluded, and preach peace.

**In a reference to the Second Vatican Council of the 1960s, which led to modern reforms in the church, the pope said: "This includes a dialogue with non-believers. I have the humility and ambition to do so."**

The interview was conducted last week in the Vatican guest house, where Francis, who has been praised for what is seen as a simpler and more humble approach to the papacy, lives in a low-key residence. The interview appeared as Francis began a three-day meeting with a group of eight cardinals gathered from around the world with the task of reforming the Vatican administration, the Curia. In a separate interview published Sept. 19, the pope said the church should not focus on issues like abortion, contraception, and gay marriage to the extent that it neglects other aspects of the faith "We have to find a new balance," he said in that interview, published in Jesuit journals. "Otherwise even the moral edifice of the church is likely to fall like a house of cards, losing the freshness and fragrance of the gospel." (*The Associated Press and Reuters contributed to this report*)



## **TO THE EDITOR**

*(note; the following is a sampling of the feedback from the membership.)*

Dear Editor,

Awesome newsletter. I enjoyed reading it. The wit and humor is unsurpassed.

**Deacon Dale Hayden – St. John the Baptist  
Diocese of Galveston/Houston Texas**

Dear Editor,

As F.Scribe for our new Assembly 3381, I'm sending your editions to our 26 Sir Knights. Love your format! Here is another reflection I've penned in recent months; and a tongue in cheek look at big game defense, take them for what they're worth. Blessings to you and your work,

**Ron Reiersen - W. Recorder/ 13238; F Scribe Assembly 3381 Tacoma WA.**

Dear Editor,

I've read your publication and I like it! I may, in the future, send you some stuff for your consideration.

**B.J. Mole' Council # 8136 - Bellevue, Washington**

Dear Editor

You made my day with the Second Edition, keep up this wonderful work that puts smiles on many faces.

**Ygnacio Calderon(12983), Hispanic Chairman - Vancouver, Washington**

# The Cacophony of Life

**By Duane L. Vincent FDD PFN PGK**

Recently, I listened to a recording of “Street of Dreams”, introduced by a very young Frank Sinatra and the Pied Pipers in 1942, the year of my birth. Sinatra was at the very top of his form in those days, and it is very understandable that the “bobby-soxers” would swoon at his appearances.



I am an unabashed fan of the big band era, which lasted from the late 1930's until the early 1950's. More than 40 years ago, I had the opportunity to showcase this music, working Saturday evenings at a Seattle radio station.

Like music, life in those earlier days was at a much slower, less frenetic pace. Radio and the printed media dominated the information provided to our senses, with television a distant third in the decade following the second world war.

Today, we are assaulted on all fronts by a cacophony of information; what passes for popular music is an unintelligible lyric accompanied by discordant sound. Our minds are likewise assailed via the internet, television and the printed word – and, often the information presented is at best inaccurate or downright false. Especially true in this situation is the way that Catholicism is portrayed by the secular media.

Perhaps it is time to step back – to take a stance for goodness in that part of the world that God has entrusted to us, concentrating on the basic virtues that mark us as God's own.

Indeed, we have a blueprint set before us – one that has guided Knights of Columbus for more than a century – Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. We could do far worse and little better than to use these as guideposts on the journey of life.



# NEVER GIVE UP ON GOD

By STEVE SNELL

If you are standing alone at the edge of despair or up to your neck in debt or deep in physical pain, **never, never give up on God.**



If you are standing alone like David before the Goliaths of this world with nothing in your hand but one sling-shot and a few smooth stones, you must believe in yourself and **never give up on God.**

If like Jonah, you find yourself in the belly of a great fish sitting on the floor of the ocean, all dressed up with no place to go, even then, **never give up on God.**

If like Daniel, you are standing in the middle of a den of lions, stand firm with strength and honor; you must **never give up on God.**

If you have been to the hospital and the doctors have turned their backs and walked away, remember the promise of birth and the potential of life, you must endure and never give up on yourself, **never ever give up on God.**

If you are not sure where tomorrow's meal is coming from and you feel that your values and yes, maybe even your freedom and country are slipping away, **I rise to tell you one more time, NEVER GIVE UP ON GOD!!!**

When Big Brother and Big Government have gathered around to tell you what you cannot do, and how you cannot grow, look to the Knights who by their example will keep on showing you through their unity and faith that we are truly one and that today's challenge is just another opportunity, another part of our destiny. **Remember our God and our Destiny my Brothers.**

*Never forget.*

***Destiny is not matter of chance.***

*It is a matter of choice:*

*It is not a thing you wait for,*

***It is a thing you work for,***

*It is a thing you can achieve.*



# ADVISORY NOTICE TO TRAVELERS IN RURAL AREAS OF MONTANA



**By Ron Reiersen - W. Recorder/ 13238; F Scribe Assembly 3381**

Please be advised that travel by foot into the remote areas of Montana carry special risks due to wildlife.

Most notable risks happen by contact with the bear populations in rural areas. Both Black and Brown (Grizzly) bears are carnivorous and can attack individuals traveling by foot in remote areas, especially if surprised or if protecting cubs and feel threatened by humans.

It is important to understand some of the particulars of each bear's habitat and habits. The Black Bear roams closer to lowlands; water areas and more temperate climates. The Brown Bear (Grizzly) are more inland and roam at higher elevations as well.

Hikers and others on foot should wear bells on their shoe laces to warn bears of your presence. It is also wise to carry pepper spray or other like-malodor products in case of close encounters. The "sign", or droppings can tell you which type of bear might be in the area. Black bears leave marble sized, shiny, black deposits in small mounds;

**BROWN BEARS LEAVE A LARGER, BROWN DEPOSIT WHICH HAS LITTLE BELLS IN IT AND SMELLS OF PEPPER SPRAY.**





# **“A Poem to Share**

*(Written by a homeless woman after being denied help)*



**I was hungry and you formed a discussion group to discuss my hunger.  
I was imprisoned, you crept to your chapel and prayed for my release.  
I was naked, you debated the morality of my appearance.  
I was sick; you knelt and thanked God for your health.  
I was homeless, you preached to me of the love of God.  
I was lonely, you left me alone to pray for me.  
You seemed so holy, so close to God.**

***BUT I AM STILL VERY HUNGRY . . . VERY LONELY . . . AND VERY COLD!***

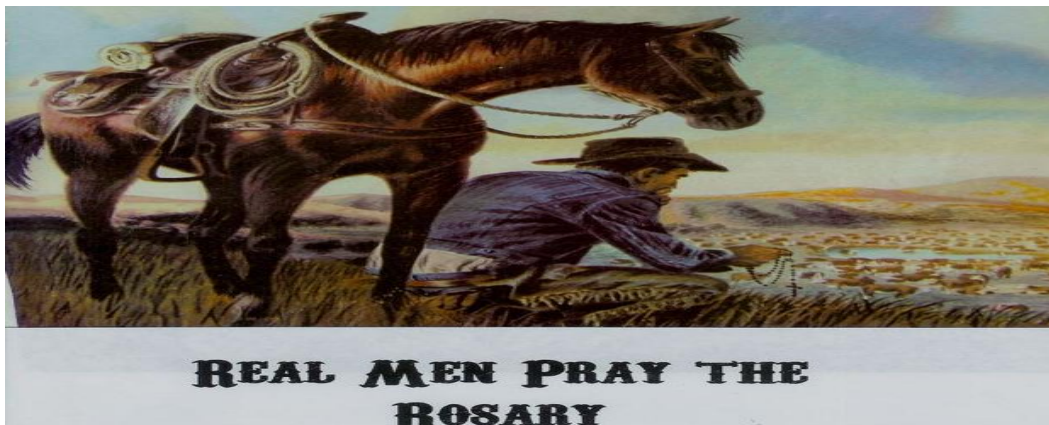
**BROTHERS,  
REACH OUT A HELPING HAND,  
USE THE FOOD FOR FAMILIES PROGRAM!**

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## **This is a Knight's Soap Box**

The Second Edition is “**Knight's Soap Box**” where you, our Brother Knights, can speak your mind. You can talk about whatever you want. It's your Newsletter. Ultimately, the Edition is for Knights, by Knights. So if you would like to submit anything you want to share in the Edition, e-mail it to [\*\*stevesnell@charter.net\*\*](mailto:stevesnell@charter.net)

**(note: we will not print anything from anyone who does not identify themselves).**



## **B.J. 's favorite story: The Cracked Pot**



A water bearer in India had two large pots, each hung on each end of a pole which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, and while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water at the end of the long walk from the stream to the master's house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For many years this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water in his master's house. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfections, and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do. After years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you." "Why?" asked the bearer. "What are you ashamed of?" I have been able, for these years, to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your master's house. Because of my flaws, you have to do all of this work and you don't get full value for your efforts," the pot said. The water bearer felt sorry for the old cracked pot and in his compassion he said, "As we return to the master's house I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path." Indeed, as they went up the hill, the old cracked pot took notice of the sun warming the beautiful wild flowers on the side of the path, and this cheered it some. But at the end of the trail, it still felt bad because it had leaked out half its load, and so again it apologized to the bearer for its failure. The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of the path but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I took advantage of it. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back from the stream, you've watered them. For all those years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate my master's table. Without you being just the way you are, he would not have this beauty to grace his house." Each of us has our own unique flaws. We're all cracked pots. But if we will allow it, the Lord will use our flaws to grace His Father's table. In God's great economy, nothing goes to waste boldly, knowing that in our weakness we find His strength and that **"In Him every one of God's promises is a Yes"**.

**Submitted by B.J. Mole' Council #8136 - Bellevue, WA**



# TOOTSIE ROLLS

## The Candy That Saved the Marines

*It was so cold their rations froze and they survived on Tootsie Rolls.*

"During November 1950 the First Marine Division with elements of two Regimental combat teams of the U.S. Army, a Detachment of British Commandos and some South Korean Policemen -- about 15,000 men -- faced the Chinese Communist Army's ten Divisions totaling 120,000 men. At a mountain reservoir called Chang Jin (we called it "Chosin") temperatures ranged from minus five degrees below zero in the day to minus twenty-five degrees below zero at night. The ground froze so hard that bulldozers could not dig placements for our Artillery. The cold impeded our weapons from firing automatically, slowing down the recoil of our artillery and automatic weapons. The cold numbed our minds, froze our fingers and toes and froze our rations. [We were] seventy-eight miles from the sea, surrounded, supplies cut, facing an enemy whose sole objective was the annihilation of the First Marine Division as a warning to other United Nation troops, and written off as lost by the high command.



"A war correspondent asked if we were going to retreat. The Commanding General, First Marine Division General Oliver Prince Smith replied 'Retreat? Hell, we are attacking in another direction.' "Col. Murray said 'We are coming out with our dead, our wounded and our equipment, we are coming out as Marines or we are not coming out at all.'

"We put our seriously wounded in sleeping bags, and secured our dead to the fenders and hoods of the trucks. Those we had no space for we buried. Every Marine became a rifleman. Unable to build a fire to heat our rations the men were close to starvation. Destroying non-essential equipment, we discovered boxes and boxes of Tootsie Rolls, frozen solid from the sub-zero temperature. The Tootsie Rolls were issued to all the men. The sugar gave us energy and the candy satisfied our hunger. After two weeks of bitter fighting we finally reached the sea with most of our dead, our wounded, our equipment and one very important extra: 100,000 North Korean Civilians voting for freedom with their feet following us out. Some of them live in the United States today. The 15,000 Soldiers and Marines suffered over 12,000 casualties, 3,000 killed, 6,000 wounded and thousands of frost bite cases.

**"Ask any Marine that served at the Chosin, to be good  
a Tootsie Roll must be frozen!"**

# One Minute Sermon

## *The youth connection*

*This is a one minute sermon that says a lot in a minute. Using rap like rhyme to convey the message that will probably require reading a couple of times to take in everything being said. This is how some pastors are connecting with the younger crowd.*



To be a Survivor in this Amazing Race with a Need for Speed, you need God's grace. And if you're Desperate like Housewives watching Days of our Lives, you can't cope without hope and that's not on a soap. If you're looking to Oprah or Dr. Phil, you can shop non-stop or pop a pill but the void won't fill and the pain won't heal 'til you love the One that hung on a hill.

Kick 'em back in your La-Z-Boy Easy Chair watching Who Wants To Be A Millionaire. Nah! You're not goanna find it there. No American Idol or Council Tribal has the final answer that will satisfy you. CSI ain't got a clue. SVU don't know what to do. Not the ER, the OC, nothing on a CD, TV, DVD, or MP3 can save you and me. CNN's got no Good News. Here's the headline, **"YOU MUST CHOOSE."**

It's not a simple life Paris Hilton. It's treading on thin ice living in sin. You can be an Apprentice for Donald Trump or eat Fear Factor fast food from a dump. You can be a Heavy Hitter or Wheel of Fortune winner, a Fox News no-spin spinner or flat out sinner, but you better check this life that you're livin' and make sure your sins are forgiven. I bet you 50 Cents: Elvis done, came and went. And eventually every Black-Eyed Pea, Gwen Stefani, P-Diddy and Britney, every wanna-be on MTV with their Icy Bling, every Dixie Chick that sings, they all gonna see the King of Kings. I don't care if you're J Lo, Leno, or Bono. One thing you gotta know, someday you're gonna die bro. Then where are you gonna go?

It's not some preacher feature on TBN that you need to be liking or listening. The real Superstar is Jesus Christ. He's the Way, He's the Truth, and the Life. One day he's going to split the sky. He is the Brightest Light and the Highest High.

And so, what I came to say and what I'm telling you is don't buy that stupid stuff they be selling you. It's all designed to fill your head and waste your space until you're dead. Here's the bottom line in my rhyme -- **Give your life to God while there is still time.**

**Editor** - *If you read this far, then you just read some rap, rap in the name God, people age 16 to 30 probably understood it. But if your over 30, you may want to bounce it again.....*

*(Rap in the newsletter! I feel like the guy who was able to sneak the sunrise past the rooster!)*

***God Bless everyone and thank you all for  
giving your life to God!***

**INFORMATION FROM EUGENE DALY  
MASTER 4TH DEGREE, WASHINGTON STATE**

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**FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION**

**SATURDAY October 19th 2013**

KofC Hall Bremerton 2515 Burwell, Bremerton Wa 98312  
The host assembly is MSGR. Joseph Camerman Assembly 1540  
District Master Eugene Daly 425-891-5497 email : kodiak98027@yahoo.com  
District Marshal Phil Clingan 253-304-9955  
The Faithful Navigator is William Smith(360-876-4303),  
Faithful Comptroller is David Tufts (360-377-6156)  
The degree team is the Western Washington Fourth Degree Team  
EXEMPLIFICATION HONOREE  
EVENT TIME SCHEDULE  
ACTIVITY TIME LOCATION-  
Registration 12:30-1:45pm Admin.  
Lunch 12:30 Bremerton KofC Hall  
Exemplification 2:00-4:00 pm KofC Hall,  
Ladies Program 2:00-4:00 pm TBA  
Public Knighting/picture taking 4:15 pm KofC Hall, Multi-Purpose area  
Mass 5:00 pm Our Lady Star of the Sea Church  
Social with Cash Bar and Banquet 6:00pm Hallen Hall, Multi-Purpose area  
BUFFETT Dinner

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**SATURDAY November 30th 2013**

St . Edwards Church 4212 S Mead St Seattle Wa 98118  
The host assembly is St. Joan De Arc #  
District Master Eugene Daly 425-891-5497 email : kodiak98027@yahoo.com  
District Marshal Phil Clingan 253-304-9955  
The Faithful Navigator is Stephen Schweyen (260-763-0676),  
Faithful Comptroller is Renato Sacramento (206-760-1854)  
The degree team is the Western Washington Fourth Degree Team  
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ACTIVITY TIME LOCATION-  
Registration 12:30-1:45pm Admin.  
Lunch 12:30 St.Edwards Hall  
Exemplification 2:00-4:00 pm Hall,  
Ladies Program 2:00-4:00 pm TBA  
Public Knighting/picture taking 4:15 pm St. Edwards Hall, Multi-Purpose area  
Mass 5:00 pm St. Edwards  
Social with Cash Bar and Banquet 6:00pm St.Edwards Hall, Multi-Purpose area  
BUFFETT Dinner



## Mentoring a New Member using the “Shining Armor” Program

There are responsibilities as a proposer for a new prospect that go beyond helping him fill out his form 100. As a proposer, you're the natural person to become his mentor and help him get to know our council officers and members and get involved in council activities as soon as possible after he takes his First degree. The concept of the “Shining Armor Award” program is to get new members active in the many facets of our councils as early as possible and assist in maintaining that activity and also honor them as a valued member of your council.

To qualify for the “Shining Armor Award” new Knights must during their first year of membership:

- Be involved in at least three council service programs
- Attend at least three council business meetings
- Receive their Second and Third degrees
- Meet with our council's insurance representative
- Recruit at least one new member

These are the qualifications for the basic program, we need to consider implementing it in your council as a normal way of integrating new members. Keep in mind, the main focus of the program is to get new members actively involved within our council from the very beginning so they don't become a retention problem later.

For more information about this program , contact Marcel Bergeron at 554-4924  
[http://www.kofc.org/un/en/membership/retention/shining\\_armor\\_award.html](http://www.kofc.org/un/en/membership/retention/shining_armor_award.html)

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# Marine Staff Sergeant pays tribute during Rolling Thunder 2010.



Over 300,000 Veterans on motorcycles from across the USA paraded in D.C. the Sunday before Memorial Day, while a solitary, saluting Marine greeted them out on Constitution Avenue. The Marine stood at salute for 3 straight hours, while the parade of roaring bikes kept on coming. Rolling Thunder is held in remembrance of MIA's, POW's and those who've fallen in the military.

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Overheard at a grocery store by someone waiting in line behind a woman speaking on her cell phone in another language. Ahead of her was a white man. After the woman hangs up, he speaks up.

Man: " I didn't want to say anything while you were on the phone, but you're in America now. You need to speak English." Woman: "**Excuse me?**"



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Man: very slow - "If you want to speak Mexican, go back to Mexico. In America, we speak English."

Woman: "**Sir, I was speaking Navajo. If you want to speak English,**

**GO BACK TO ENGLAND.**



## **MESSAGE FROM THE STATE DEPUTY**

### **ARE YOU HOLDING A PARISH CHURCH MEMBERSHIP DRIVE?**

*If your reply is YES - I Thank You! If plans are underway, I Thank You! If NO - I ask you to reconsider and do the following:*

- 1) Seek your Pastor's approval and select a weekend to hold Drive following all Masses;
  - 2) Mobilize your Council Members, Motivate and Assign individual Tasks for success;
  - 3) Order needed supplies such as Prospect Cards, Membership Posters and form 100's;
  - 4) Schedule an information Event or Open House within the week following - don't wait;
  - 5) Meet with Pastor and Agree on a Suitable Pulpit Announcement and Assign Readers;
  - 6) Conduct Church Drive and follow-up with personal contact by inviting to Open House;
  - 7) Initiate with a prompt First Degree in next week or at next council meeting; and,
  - 8) Appoint to a Committee, assign a Mentor, and educate on KofC Programs.
- Success!

**GEORGE H. CZERWONKA, JR. - STATE DEPUTY**

# ***ONCE UPON A TIME!!!***



**IN A LAND FAR, FAR AWAY?**



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There are **TWO** rules for success in life:

1. Don't tell people everything you know

2.

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## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

We have reached the end of the first quarter of this fraternal year and we have much work to do toward achieving our State goals for membership for the year. But there several councils are having the tremendous success already including 4 councils that have already exceeded their respective membership goals for the year. This month, I wanted to pass along an e-mail from Brother Patrick McGuire, Grand Knight of James T. Quigg Council 1674 in Hoquiam, WA. His council has already achieved 150% of the membership goal already for the year.



*We sponsored a Membership Fiesta to gather the members of our areas large Hispanic Community together. Our DD, Harry Paul and many others including the Ocean Shores Council, were very involved in setting this up. Special thanks goes to Brother Knight, Mike Calderon, from Vancouver WA, who came to this event with his 1st degree team and evidently made an excellent pitch as we had 6 new Knights Exemplified into the first degree that very afternoon. Mikes team held the ceremony in Spanish which was received very well indeed. We have since held another 1st degree for one more person who couldn't stay and have it done during the Fiesta. We will be holding yet another 1st degree, if his brother can make it, on the 4th Wednesday of October, during our monthly Social Gathering. This effort has been tremendously successful and we hope to add more new members once the word gets around. We will also be approaching other members of our parish that may not have been asked to join and will hopefully gather more new people this way. Who knows? There may just be one or two or more men out there who have just been waiting to ask. I personally had little to do with the long range effort but got in time to help the final coordination and in setting up the facilities.*

*Patrick McGuire, GK James T. Quigg Council, Hoquiam, WA"*

As you can see from Brother Patrick's message, it does take some effort to have success with membership growth. Integrating innovative projects in your outreach to new prospects; involving other council members, your DD, and other State resources in your efforts, and having frequent first degrees can bring success.

**Marcel P. Bergeron, Membership Director**  
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# 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.*

***No one was available to send in an article so  
it's me!!!***



**By STEVE SNELL**

I'm getting older and it doesn't bother me like I thought it would. I find pleasure in not fighting or stressing over the challenges of the younger people. I love my memories, my old dreams built on values that are out fashion these days, and it doesn't bother me that I'm out of fashion these days.

I enjoy listening to old stories full of memories and mysteries from the past as told by storytellers from when story telling was a highly respected art. Mom's old recipes, dad's smile, his hand on my shoulder, my Grand Parents and their hands on my soul. I remember their love.

I love old movies and old TV shows when the bad guys got shot but never bled all over the screen, and the good guys wore white hats. I listen to old music and read old books that celebrate life and make me feel good about what we've been given by our God.

I love picnics, old clothes, old shoes, and I like a woman who is also a lady and another thing I like is polite. I enjoy good conversations and hugs. I remember when good manners were expected and not the exception. I remember when people never locked their doors and gentlemen held the door for a lady. I miss letters, well-written letters the kind you put away and kept. I miss Grandma reading me stories and listening to radio programs with Grandpa.

I miss Mom's homemade bread and Grandma's homemade fried potatoes, I miss holding my babies, rocking them, singing to them, dancing with them, and loving them more than they will ever know.

**Thank you God for giving me the things worth missing.**

# MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR STRIKES AGAIN!

**Here are some thoughts on membership from field agent, Brother Mike Wise that I thought are very relevant to our need to recruit new members.**



*“Why is membership important to the Individual and the Order? Membership in the Knights of Columbus is a growth opportunity. It is accepting a challenge to live my faith.*

*I personally have become a better Catholic man, husband, father, and friend as a result of my membership in the Knights of Columbus. I have grown by surrounding myself with men and their families that have a strong faith and moral character. I understand more about my faith, have spent more time praying, become more of an advocate for causes that I never would have spoken out against without the knowledge that other men stood with me on these issues.*

*Overall our Knights of Columbus Order is often the "voice in the wilderness" in our society. We are strong because of our collective voice. We are also strong because of our assets as a company. As companies need funds to operate and want the Knights of Columbus to invest in them we have the ability to promote a moral and ethical way of doing business and challenge those companies to uphold Catholic set of values.*

*The Charter of the Knights of Columbus has 4 main purposes of our organization;*

- 1. Rendering pecuniary (financial) aid to its members, their families and beneficiaries of members and their families.*
- 2. Rendering mutual aid and assistance to its sick, disabled, and needy members and their families.*
- 3. Promoting social and intellectual intercourse among its members and their families*
- 4. Promoting and conducting educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and welfare, and public relief work.*



*We currently have about 1.9 million active members in the Knights of Columbus. Our Supreme council runs an Insurance business to support these main purposes of our organization. Our Knights of Columbus has grown to have 19 billion dollars of assets. We provide over 900 billion dollars of insurance coverage for our members. A true financial shield for our members and their families. But it is not only in monetary assistance that we in the Knights of Columbus focus for it is also the work of our hands that help us achieve the above goals.*

*For the Knights of Columbus to weather the future societal and financial storms, we need existing members and new members to help with their hands to do our charitable work, render mutual aid to our families, and promote Catholic morals and values. We also need our members to participate in the top rated insurance the order provides so that our financial support can be there for the Church, our families, and ourselves.*

*Currently our membership faces many challenges: Many of our brothers are apathetic about membership, someone else will do the recruiting, the retention, the connecting with each other as brothers. Some of our brothers are focused on achieving quotas or getting rid of "deadwood". I think our biggest challenge is enthusiasm: We lack enthusiasm in wanting to share with other Catholic men what belonging to the Knights of Columbus could do for them.*

*According to the 2008 official Catholic directory on the USCCB website, Washington state has a population of 6,468,424 people and 11.5% are Catholic, Total Catholics are 746,385. Other websites show an even higher number into the 1.2 million or 22% of the population. Let us consider that only 45% of those are men, about 298,554. We currently have just over 17,000 members in the Knights of Columbus in Washington. This is less than 6% of this estimate of Catholic men."*

Gentlemen, be enthusiastic about our Order and be persistent in reaching out to new prospects!!! They are the renewing life blood and future of your councils and our Order!

**Marcel P. Bergeron** Membership Director - [MEMBERSHIP@kofc-wa.org](mailto:MEMBERSHIP@kofc-wa.org)

# THE FINAL PAGE

From the Editor's Desk

## DEADLINE:

By STEVE SNELL



He had cradled his head in his arms on the desk in front of the keyboard, it worked, he slept a little. Eventually it was 2:00 am in the morning, he felt better. He reached for the light, as his hand passed by the glow of the computer screen and paused he could see his wrist vein throbbing, and for the first time in his life he understood that someday, between two pulses, it would stop. And now he knew that depending on where and when it stopped he could be dead, tag on the toe dead.

As his pulse picked up its rhythm, it merged with the clicking of the old fan and the never ending ticking of the mantel clock, these breathless keepers of the seconds left to him. He has been struggling to find and produce something for the newsletter that will **“meet the deadline.”** His reality at the moment was a room full of books, a few chairs, a desk with a computer, a TV, and a radio, all this for the development of an article for the next issue. Nothing very original seemed to be coming from him, it all had been said before, and said much better with more eloquence and meaning. He has read and admired many authors, some very well known and others were like a bump in the road, gone over (read) but forgotten. Often when he sees what has come out of him, he must remind himself to approach his writing in the same way a porcupine makes love: very carefully.

Some might call this some kind of a joke, so be it. Of course, a joke is never a joke if it has to be explained, so (to) those who haven't discovered and immersed themselves in this, I can only say they should begin again. It may sound a bit snobbish, but those intellectuals among you who have already grasped the real meaning will know what I'm talking about.

*(P.S. - I'm not really happy with the title of this article, but I've ran out of time so I'll live with it. After all I have a Deadline to meet.)*



# APPENDIX











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The following information is not an accidental omission from the body of the Second Edition, it was done on purpose. The actual reason must remain classified for the next few years because (*it is a secret.*) While there are those among us who feel the term "appendix" seems to embrace the idea that information storage can be boring and in inescapable bad taste, **not today, not so much, and not now!!!**























Our Editor, as guardian of the Second Edition's credibility, cannot allow redundancy to pull it into a state of shabby repute and therefore a tarnished image. Notwithstanding his romantic vision, he has found that there is always gossip floating around to compromise perfection, by claiming that it is incomplete. Therefore my Brothers behold the Appendix.....






## INFORMATION

### State of Washington District Deputy Mentors 2013-2014

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DDM1 - North-west	Edward Miller(13560)	Districts 9, 13, 19, 32	 Send
DDM2 - Olympic Peninsula	Richard Wessling(11789)	Districts 2, 24, 29	 Send
DDM3 - Greater Seattle North	Romy Ablao(14689)	Districts 1, 16, 21, 23, 26	 Send
DDM4 - Greater Seattle South	Patrick Kelley(11253)	Districts 14, 15, 27, 34	 Send
DDM5 - Tacoma - Mt Rainier	Phillip Clingan(11948)	Districts 3 (DD), 12, 22, 35	 Send
DDM6 - Coastal	Thomas Pursley(1643)	Districts 4 (DD), 31	 Send
DDM7 - South Central/Southeast	Steven Snell(766)	Districts 6, 7, 8, 17	 Send
DDM8 - Eastern	Thomas Kelleher(8137)	Districts 5, 18, 20, 28, 33	 Send
DDM9 - North Central	Donald McBride(3307)	Districts 10, 30	 Send
DDM10 - South-west	George Czerwonka(12583)	Districts 11, 25	 Send

## State of Washington District Deputies 2013-2014

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<a href="#">4</a>	Thomas Pursley(1643)	CENTRALIA, 1758, CHEHALIS, 1550, OLYMPIA, 1643	 Send
<a href="#">5</a>	John Lorhan(683)	CHENEY, 9145, FAIRCHILD AFB, 14510, SPOKANE, 683, 12583, 14922, 15143	 Send
<a href="#">6</a>	Terry Wauzynski(6097)	CLE ELUM, 15684, MOXEE, 2303, SELAH, 8768, YAKIMA, 894, 6097	 Send
<a href="#">7</a>	Jeffrey Kadinger(8179)	ELTOPIA-CONNELL, 11478, KENNEWICK, 8179, 10653, PASCO, 1620, RICHLAND, 3307, WALLA WALLA, 766	 Send
<a href="#">8</a>	Kurt Zimmerman(7360)	CLARKSTON, 3455, COLFAX, 1488, COLTON, 1565, POMEROY, 1460, PULLMAN, 7360, UNIONTOWN, 1823	 Send
<a href="#">9</a>	Scott Hulse(829)	BELLINGHAM, 829, FERNDALE, 7356, LYNDEN, 12420	 Send
<a href="#">10</a>	Henry Escalera(13186)	EAST WENATCHEE, 13186, LEAVENWORTH, 13597, OKANOGAN, 3044, WENATCHEE, 1545	 Send
<a href="#">11</a>	Daniel Graves(4782)	CAMAS-WASHOUGAL, 2999, VANCOUVER, 1327, 4782, 12899, 12983	 Send
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<a href="#">29</a>	John Oldham(9238)	BELFAIR, 12002, GIG HARBOR, 9238, PORT ORCHARD, 6706	 Send

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Youth/Sports Chairman	Kenneth DeVos	5495	



*"Sometimes our light goes out but is blown again into flame by an encounter with another human being. Each of us owes the deepest thanks to those who have rekindled this inner light."*

-Albert Schweitzer



Patriots descended upon Washington, D.C., on Sunday for the Million Veterans March, which protested the Barricades, particularly the ones at memorials for America's bravest.

**This patriot moved everyone.**



**NUFF SAID!!**

# **HE'S JUST A LITTLE BOY**

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He stands at the plate with his heart pounding fast.  
The bases are loaded, the die has been cast.  
Mom and Dad cannot help him, he stands all alone.  
A hit at this moment would send his team home.  
The ball meets the plate, he swings and he misses.  
There's a groan from the crowd, with some  
boos and some hisses.

A thoughtless voice cries, "Strike out the bum."  
Tears fill his eyes, the game's no longer fun.  
So open up your heart and give him a break,  
for it's moments like this, a man you can make.  
Keep this in mind when you hear someone forget,  
He is just a little boy, and not a man yet.

 **#everyfield**

***P.S. Don't miss a blessing because it isn't  
packaged the way you expect.***

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**Okay, okay, one more for the road:**

A punter (gambler) was at the horse races playing the ponies and all but losing his shirt. He noticed a Priest step out onto the track and blessed the forehead of one of the horses lining up for the 4th race. Lo and behold, that horse - a very long shot - won the race. Next race, as the horses lined up, the Priest stepped onto the track. Sure enough, he blessed one of the horses. The punter made a beeline for a betting window and placed a small bet on the horse. Again, even though it was another long shot, the horse won the race.

He collected his winnings, and anxiously waited to see which horse the Priest would bless next. He bet big on it, and it won. As the races continued the Priest kept blessing long shots, and each one ended up winning. The punter was elated. He made a quick dash to the ATM, withdrew all his savings, and awaited for the Priest's blessing that would tell him which horse to bet on. True to his pattern, the Priest stepped onto the track for the last race and blessed the forehead of an old nag that was the longest shot of the day. This time the priest blessed the eyes, ears, and hooves of the old nag. The punter knew he had a winner and bet every cent he owned on the old nag.

He watched dumbfounded as the old nag came in last. In a state of shock, he went to the track area where the Priest was. Confronting Him, he demanded, 'Father! What happened? All day long you blessed horses and they all won. Then in the last race, the horse you blessed lost by a mile. Now, thanks to you I've lost every cent of my savings!'

The Priest nodded wisely and with sympathy. **'My Son,' he said, 'that's the problem with you Protestants, You can't tell the difference between a simple blessing and last rites.'**

