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# STATE AWARDS APPLICATION SCHEDULE

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April 15

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# WHEN GOD CREATED MOTHERS

By Erma Bombeck

When the Good Lord was creating mothers, He was into his sixth day of "overtime" when an angel appeared and said, "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

And the Lord said, "Have you read the specs on this order?

- She has to be completely washable, but not plastic;
- Have 180 movable parts... all replaceable;
- Run on black coffee and leftovers;
- Have a lap that disappears when she stands up;
- A kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair;
- And six pairs of hands."

The angel shook her head slowly and said, "Six pairs of hands... no way." "It's not the hands that are causing me problems," said the Lord. "It's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have." "That's on the standard model?" asked the angel.

The Lord nodded. "One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, 'What are you kids doing in there?' when she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and say, 'I understand and I love you' without so much as uttering a word."

"Lord," said the angel, touching His sleeve gently, "Go to bed. Tomorrow..." "I can't," said the Lord, "I'm so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick... can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger... and can get a nine-year-old to stand under a shower." The angel circled the model of a mother very slowly. "It's too soft," she sighed. "But she's tough!" said the Lord excitedly. "You cannot imagine what this mother can do or endure." "Can it think?" "Not only can it think, but it can reason and compromise," said the Creator. Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek. "There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told You were trying to push too much into this model."

"It's not a leak," said the Lord. "It's a tear." "What's it for?" "It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness, and pride."

***"You are a genius," said the angel. The Lord looked somber. "I didn't put it there," He said.***

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The Knights of Columbus Pend Oreille Council 14268 are proud to present a Special Edition of our Knight Talk publication dedicated in loving memory of our dearly departed brother, Phil Wareham. Phil was an active member of our council as well as many other community organizations. Phil's smiling face and wit will be sorely missed



Phil is pictured here on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 when he was confirmed into the Catholic Church.



# PROSSE COUN CIL 10543

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING FISH FRY FRIDAYS





## COMMUNITY UNITY FESTIVAL

*Last Sunday's parish bulletin had an article, Community Unity Festival, it's a wrap total sent for Mexico's earthquake relief, \$10,000, sent through "Catholic services disaster relief" over 600 came to dine, including special needs persons, families in need, other faiths, and different cultures.*

*By Mike Calderon, Former State Hispanic Membership Chairman*

Our society is broken, leadership morally bankrupt, our church too is changing, no hero seen, saints have been put on the back burner, Thomas Moore thinking is no more.

We need to ask ourselves, "what can each of us do to unite our community" for through understanding of each other, unity is the key to peace. Like Jesus, it's not a smooth road to convert people to God's way of thinking, this Friday we commemorate, remember tremendous love he had for us all by the pain of the passion and being hung on a cross.

Sister Theresa said, we all worship God, I through the Catholic faith while others in a different manner. Sister followed Christ's work, we too need to look at Unity closer and ask, "what can I do".



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**SUBMITTED BY TOM BECKER, FS**

**THIS ARTICLE WAS WRITTEN BY ONE OF LEROY WEBER'S SONS**

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# **75 YEARS A KNIGHT!**

**BROTHER LEROY WEBER**



A farmer since his youth, LeRoy Weber took his First Degree in 1943, joining the Uniontown council. A few years later after marrying his soul mate (Trudy), and settling in the Colton area, LeRoy transferred to the Colton council 1565. When asked what got him so involved with his council, he stated that his neighbors down the road would pick him up on their way to the meetings, and he really enjoyed the comradely, and all the good work the council did for the Church and community. LeRoy served as Grand Knight in the 1950's, and has rarely missed a meeting in 75 years.

LeRoy and Trudy raised their children with a great sense of responsibility, and investment in their local parish and community. When each boys turned 18, LeRoy would simply say, "You know, the Knights are a good organization. You should join". With that being said, all five boys became Knights at 18. Three of the boys (Tom, Jerry, & Marty) have served the Colton council as Grand Knight, and have also served as District Deputies, and State Chairmen. Tom went through all the State offices with serving as State Deputy of the Washington State jurisdiction for the 1995-1997 fraternal year. Now LeRoy has seven grandsons involved in the Knights with Nick serving as Colton's current Grand Knight, and Sam serving as the current Deputy Grand Knight.

One of Leroy's proudest moments with the Knights, was when he and his family were featured in an article of the March 2013 Columbia Magazine. It is truly amazing what one man can do when he gives with whole heart, and has strong principals and good values. The Colton council is truly proud of LeRoy, and all he has, and still gives to our council. Thank you LeRoy.



# A Reflection of Sister Frances



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We, Sisters of St. Joseph, have many fond memories of Sr. Frances. She was an “excellent teacher”, one who “thoroughly loved her work”, and one who “went out of her way to make learning fun.” She “let the kids know they were loved.” Her greatest joy was teaching the little ones. It was a privilege for her to prepare children for their First Holy Communion. She took to heart the taking care of the sheep, leading so many to the Good Shepherd, where they could indeed be spiritually fed. She saw the needs of others and sought ways to help, by volunteering to teach mentally challenged students and learning Braille in order to help those with visual challenges. When Sr. Henrietta was in sixth grade at St. Stanislaus in

Racine, Sr. Frances taught her how to read Braille.

We, Sisters of St. Joseph, remember her laughter, her warm smile and sparkling eyes, her pleasantness that told of her inner joy, peace and love. She in turn radiated that joy, peace and love to others. When Sr. Frances retired to St. Joseph Motherhouse, she continued to give supportive services wherever needed. She enjoyed helping with various crafts and looked forward to playing her regular card games and Yahtzee with friends. As her hearing and eyesight began to fail, she relied on her sense of touch. Often you would find her praying - her rosary being her constant companion.

During the last weeks of her life, Sr. Frances longed for her deceased loved ones. They were on her mind a lot. It was the praying of the rosary and the “Hail Mary”, the gentle voice or touch of a caring friend that seemed to soothe her intense longing. The night before she died, she was soothed by the beautiful singing voice of her “former student” and friend, Sister Henrietta. Sr. Frances, God has answered your deep longing. He has taken you home to see your loved ones and to see Him face-to-face. “Those who teach others will shine like the stars for all eternity.” We remember her fondly as an excellent educator, a deeply spiritual and dedicated religious, and a sincere, caring, joy-filled, and loving friend. (*Sister Francis Czerwonka was a Great Aunt of Past State Deputy George Czerwonka.*)

*Sister Frances (Dorotille) Czerwonka, SSJ-TOSF, was born March 15, 1914, in Chicago. On September 8, 1929, at the age of 15 years, she entered the community of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of Sr. Francis, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, and ministered in Catholic Schools in Wisconsin for 58 years. She extended her teaching ministry to include mentally challenged students and those visually challenged too. She earned a Braille Certificate from the Catholic*

**P**University of America in Washington, D.C. During her 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee year, Sister Frances said: "Most frequently, I was assigned to teach the first and second grades – my joy! What a privilege to prepare the second graders to receive their First Holy Communion." Sister Frances passed to her eternal rest on January 4, 2011, after more than 80 years of dedicated service with the Sisters of St. Joseph – TOSF.

**S**The Congregation was founded on July 1, 1901, by 46 former members of the [School Sisters of St. Francis](#) who wished to see to the educational needs of the children of [Polish immigrants](#). They began in [Stevens Point, Wisconsin](#), under the name "Polish Sisters of St. Joseph". By 1926 [sisters](#) were serving in 49 schools in five states. Provinces were established in Wisconsin, Ohio, and Illinois. The sisters expanded their work to health care in 1938 with the opening of River Pines Sanitarium outside of Stevens Point. They subsequently operated hospitals and nursing facilities in Colorado, Michigan, Mississippi, Nebraska, Ohio, and Wisconsin. In 1945 the name of the congregation was changed to the "Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis".

**A**In 1962 sisters were sent to Puerto Rico and Peru, in 1971 to Brazil, and in 1981 to South Africa. In 1967 the Rice Lake Franciscan Sisters merged with the SSJ-TOSF; 32 sisters joined the Chicago Province. In 1990 one centralized governance structure replaced the former three provinces. The Central Service Offices were located to St. Joseph Motherhouse in Stevens Point. The Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis sponsor [Trinity High School \(Garfield Heights, Ohio\)](#), [Regina High School \(Warren, Michigan\)](#), and the Bartlett Learning Center, Inc.: Bartlett, Illinois. The Sisters continue their role as founder and sponsor of Marymount Hospital, founded in 1926, and since 1995, a member of the [Cleveland Clinic](#) health system. Sisters now work in housing, respite care, and care for the developmentally challenged. Almost 400 members serve in fourteen states and three countries.

**E**Cardinal Karol Wojtyła was attending the International Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia with his Polish delegation when he came to Stevens Point, Wisconsin to visit the area where many Polish immigrants settled in the late 1800's. During his visit; he also visited local Polish parishes including St. Adalbert's. The parents of Past State Deputy George Czerwonka are buried in St. Adalbert Cemetery. His father, George, Sr., attended St. Adalbert Catholic School and his mother, Barbara, attended St. Stanislaus Catholic School in Stevens Point. Little did anyone know at the time they were welcoming a future pope (John Paul II) and a living saint - St. John Paul II, the Great - to Wisconsin!

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# ISSAQAH COUNCIL 7907 HIGHLIGHTED IN APRIL 2018 COLUMBIA MAGAZINE



*Parishioners of St. Joseph Catholic Church and members of Father Anthony McGirl Council 7907 in Issaquah, Washington, gather in front of the World War II Memorial by the Legislative Building in Olympia. The Knights and Parishioners attended a regional March for Life, for which the Knights provided a bus and supplied signs.*

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As a member of your council, you know how important spouses can be to the charitable works of the Order. If you're married, your wife is probably involved in a few of the many events that happen each fraternal year. This support adds great value and impact to what a council can achieve.

When the Order was founded in 1882, Father Michael J. McGivney and the other brave men were setting out to protect Catholic families, but especially wives and children. Today, we remain committed to this mission by offering insurance products and fraternal benefits designed with that goal in mind. One specific policy rider that you may not know about is called Spousal Waiver of Premium. This rider is unique to the Knights of Columbus philosophy of helping our widows.

This rider is available on most permanent and Discoverer plans purchased at standard rates by a member and his wife on the same day. When both spouses apply, the rider provides for waiver of premiums on the spouse's contract in the event of the insured's death. Best of all, for members and spouses ages 18 to 60, this waiver can be added for no charge. The rider stays in effect until the spouse attains age 65 or certain other triggering events occur.

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## THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

By Father Perron Joseph Auve, Holy Spirit Parish in Kennewick

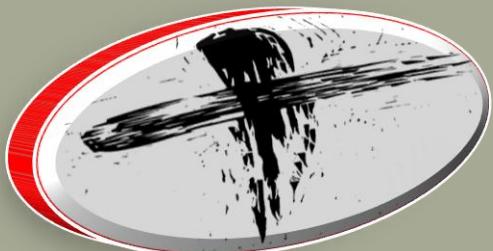
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As I write this article, we are in the Octave of Easter. The octave is eight days. We will be celebrating Easter for fifty days, actually. The church gives us time to ponder, reflect and pray over such an amazing feast. It's too great to celebrate and reflect for just one day or just one week. We need more time to really "take in" all the meaning, wonder and joy of Easter . The season comes to a climax with Pentecost when Jesus sends His Spirit.

We observe Lent for forty days, but we celebrate Easter for fifty days because of its importance. At His resurrection, Jesus conquers death which had its hold on the human race. He sets us free to live a whole new life as God's children. Jesus is the only begotten son of God, but the Father begets us and makes us His adopted children.

Easter time is a time to celebrate Baptism. In Romans 6:3, we read, "Are you not aware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were indeed buried with Him through baptism into death so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father we too might live in newness of life." In Baptism, the old man, the sinner in us, dies and we are born again sharing God's own life. In other words, we rise with Jesus Christ. The Jerusalem Catecheses tells us that the waters of Baptism are both our tomb and our Mother. We become a new person, a child of God.

Through frequent celebration of the Eucharist, through daily prayer, through care of our brothers and sisters, may our divine Easter life continually grow strong in us. Soon we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to abide with us, stay with us. We become God's temple.



Father Perron Joseph Auve



## OUR LADY OF THE PILLAR

*What's on your "Bucket List"? Kyle and I managed to partially check off one on our list – visits to famous Apparition Sites – Lourdes (1858), Fatima (1917), and Medjugorje (1981 – present, although not yet approved) and some that are not so well known (at least by me).*

**By Karl Hadley, PSD, FVSM**

For instance, have you heard of the Our Lady of the Pillar, in Zaragoza, Spain? Ancient Spanish tradition states that the Blessed Mother appeared to the apostle James the Greater (one of the original twelve) while he was praying by the banks of the Ebro in 40 AD. He had not made many converts in Spain and considered returning to Israel. She was accompanied by angels, standing on a pillar, and assured him that many people would come to the Faith because of his influence, and their faith would be as strong as the pillar she was standing on. She gave him a wooden statue of herself and instructed him to have a chapel built on the site in her honor. The celebrated wooden image is enshrined at the Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar in Zaragoza.

How about Our Lady of Loreto? According to tradition, when the crusaders were driven out of the Holy Land in 1291, the Holy House of Nazareth disappeared and then reappeared in Tersatto (in present day Croatia). In 1294, with the Moslem invasion of Albania, the house disappeared again. It was born aloft by angels over the Adriatic Sea and

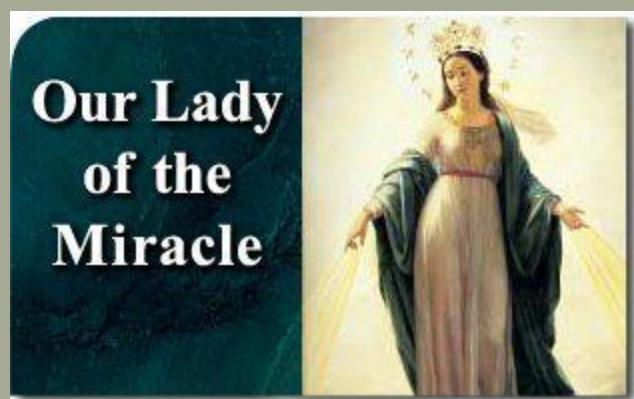
came to rest near Recanati, Italy. Twice again the house was moved, finally coming to rest in the town of Loreto, Italy. Today a great basilica houses the dwelling of the holiest of families. From 1330, practically all the Popes have considered Loreto the greatest shrine of Christendom. Bulls in favor of the shrine were



issued by Pope Sixtus IV in 1491 and by Julius II in 1507. Innocent XII, in the seventeenth century, appointed a special Mass for the Feast of the Translation of the Holy House. Numerous saints have visited the house-relic. As pilgrims enter they read on the threshold, "Hic Verbum caro factum est" – "Here the Word became flesh." Above the altar inside the holy house is an ancient statue of Our Lady holding the Infant Jesus.

Here's another one: Marie Alphonse Ratisbonne, an anti-Catholic Jew, befriended a baron in Rome and began wearing the Miraculous Medal as a simple test. On Jan 20, 1842, while waiting for the baron in the church Sant Andrea delle Fratte, Ratisbonne encountered a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On January 31, he received baptism, confirmation and his first Holy Communion. After lengthy investigation and many depositions, the Vatican concluded that his sudden conversion was entirely miraculous; an act of God wrought through the powerful intercession of the Virgin. A few months after the apparition, a painting of the Madonna of the Miracle was placed for veneration in exactly the same spot and in the same form as She appeared. After his conversion, he assisted his brother in founding the Sisterhood of Our Lady of Sion. He was ordained priest and entered the Society of Jesus. Wanting to devote himself entirely to the conversion of the Jews, he left the society with the consent of Pope Pius IX, transplanted the Sisters of Sion to Jerusalem in 1855, and built for them in 1856 the large Convent of Ecce Homo with a school and an orphanage for girls. The painting can be viewed at the Basilica of Saint Andrea delle Fratte, in Rome.

**Our Lady of the Miracle: The Happiness of Unpretentiousness, Purity, and Admiration.**





**UNPROSPEROUSNESS !**

***IS THE LONGEST WORD  
IN WHICH NO LETTER  
OCCURS ONLY ONCE***



## **YAKIMA COUNCIL 894**

- Robert Roybal KG, delivering a check to the Rotary Club in Toppenish where they are matching our donation to a Lower Valley Food Bank. Excellent move to help more.
- **Council Award:** Shane Smith and Fred Lopez received from Ed Para Past State Deputy the nomination for the fraternal year 2016 council achievement. Norm Hilbert and Keith Qunell shared the pins as Membership Director and Program Director respectively.
- **New Collection Baskets** for our parish.
- **State Free-throw Competition:** Volunteers from our local councils took part to keep score and other activities.



# KNIGHTS ON BIKES 3rd ANNUAL BIKE BLESSING APRIL 28, 2018



**CHRIST THE KING CHURCH  
1111 STEVENS DRIVE  
RICHLAND, WA**

**10AM: GATES OPEN & SHOW & SHINE  
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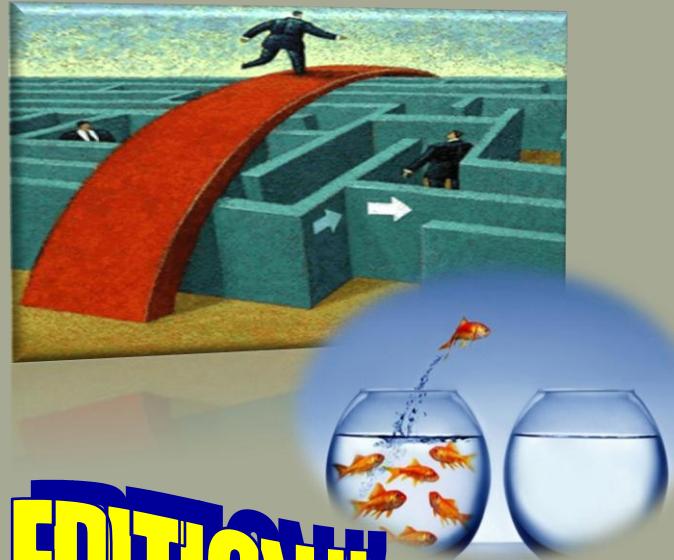
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**All motorized and non-motorized  
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all riders to have a safe riding  
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# DIFFERENT CAN BE GOOD

Here's to the odd ones:  
*The dreamers. The rebels.*  
*The troublemakers. The round pegs  
in square holes. The explorers. The  
ones who see things differently....*  
*the people who are crazy enough to  
think they can change the world, they  
often are the ones who do.*



## THE "SECOND EDITION" "FAITH-FILLED EXPLORATION"

*It is no small thing  
To have enjoyed time in the sun;  
To have seen the rebirth of spring,  
To have known love, to have ideas, to voice your ideas;  
To have stood as brothers, and changed people's lives.  
There are times when it is better to  
disturb the silence, than to fade into silence!*

FAMILY  
OF THE MONTH

WITH ALL DO RESPECT GKS  
IF YOU WERE TO BUSY  
TO USE THESE PROGRAMS THIS YEAR.

Food for  
Milk Families

YOU WERE TO DAMN BUSY !!





## TAX RETURN SENT BACK

A man from New York City found himself in a spot of bother after the IRS returned his tax return to him due to an incorrectly-answered question.

One of the questions on his tax return asked him to list his dependents. A few days later, they received the following response: "12.1 million illegal immigrants, 1.1 million crack heads, 4.4 million unemployed deadbeats, 80,000 criminals in over 85 prisons, at least 450 idiots in Congress and numerous others who call themselves politicians, but are in fact nothing of the sort."

In a strongly-worded letter accompanying the man's tax return, the IRS responded: "This answer is completely unacceptable and an insult to this government institution."

In turn, he replied: "I thought it was quite detailed. Who did I leave out?"

## The Generous Judge

Mr. Clark, I have reviewed this case very carefully,' the divorce Court Judge said, 'And I've decided to give your wife \$775 a week.'

'That's very fair, your honor,' the husband said.

'And every now and then I'll try to send her a few bucks myself.'

## Something with Diamonds

It's my wife's birthday tomorrow. So I asked her what she wanted as a present.

'Oh, I don't know , ' she said . 'Just give me something with diamonds.'

That's why I'm giving her a pack of playing cards.

*An elderly man was on the operating table, about to be operated on by his son, a famous surgeon. Just before they put him under, he asked to speak to his son:*

"Don't be nervous, boy, just do your best and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me... your mother is going to come and live with you and your family."

# JUSTICE, GUNS AND LIFE



By Greg Fanari  
Athletic Director & Educator

*That's not fair!*

*It seems that every child is born with an innate understanding of justice. They especially speak out when they feel they are on the wrong end of justice. Justice includes a deep understanding of how we are to treat each other. Injustice happens when we do NOT treat others with the deep respect that is their due. There are superficial forms of justice. But in our Catholic understanding of the world, we seek a deeper perspective.*

**O**n March 14, students across our nation were mobilized in various ways to do a *School walk-out* in memory of the lives lost in the Florida school shooting. Senseless killing of innocent people is almost the definition of injustice – and is a good reason to pause and reflect.

I would suppose that some students may have quietly prayed during their 17 minute walk-out. I suppose others took a more political bent utilizing the opportunity to make political statements. I would also suppose that several students may have just been happy to be released from class for 17 minutes.

In our Catholic high school, we stopped and prayed as a school.

On April 11, students across our nation tried to mobilize another *School walk-out* in memory of the millions of lives lost due to abortion. You probably did NOT hear about that walk-out because the media was not interested in this cause. In our Catholic high school, we offered a Mass for Life, praying for an end to abortion. These two “School walk-outs” provide an extraordinary lesson in justice. Both walk-outs have to do with life – and its preciousness. And although there is nothing wrong with talking about laws that place limits on guns, there is something wrong if that is ALL we talk about. Treating the symptom will never solve the underlying problem.

We as a culture have embraced unjust laws – allowing for the killing of the young (abortion) and old (euthanasia). At the same time, we have fed our children with too much violence in movies, music and video games. We have cheapened life – and as always, we will reap what we have sown.

We need to radically transform our culture back into a just culture...and culture of life. There is only one thing powerful enough to effect that kind of change, and that one thing is a Person. He is the same Person that has been revolutionizing cultures for the past 2000 years. Only through Him, and through schools that embrace Him, do we have any hope in healing our culture.

Children deserve more than God-free data and a youth culture that trivializes life. We need to raise our children with a true sense of justice whose source is the abundant life found in Christ.

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Almost every company and organization is always recommending that its' members/employees be goal-oriented.

It is presumed that this is the only way that the organization is going to move forward; that this is the criteria on which promotions are based and character is judged.

**Submitted By Manny Aguilar**

My personal feelings about being goal-oriented are based on each individuals' attitude and direction in life.

If one is in a leadership position, yes, being goal-oriented is not only good, it is essential. It is pretty hard to lead people when you have not planned the direction you wish to go, the results you wish to achieve.

Now, not everyone is a leader and there is nothing wrong with that. Some people by their characters are followers and they are the bulk of the body of all If one is in a leadership position, yes, being goal-oriented is not only organizations that get the work done.

Unfortunately, many times, these “workers” are forgotten or are not considered as important as the leaders. This lack of consideration is a big mistake that many “leaders” make. The workers are just as important as those who lead them.

**You, brother Knights, the Council and State Officers, don't forget to praise your workers constantly and encourage them on every charitable project you have undertaken.**

**And don't forget—it is all done FOR THE GLORY OF GOD.**

# The 2018 Special Olympics USA Games

**Time to get excited! July 1 - 6, 2018 - Seattle  
#Rise With Us**

**Wednesday July 4th** - The Knights of Columbus will be manpower behind the USA Games Family Fourth of July Party at UW Husky Stadium! 200 General Volunteers are needed for 2 shifts to join the Knights of Columbus as they will setup, distribute the food, tear down after the party! 2 shifts available - July 4th, 2018 from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM and/or July 4th, 2018 from 2:30 PM to 10:30 PM. Call Special Olympics Chairman Darren Johnson with questions at 253-709-4588 or email [SPECIALOLYMPICS@KOFC-WA.ORG](mailto:SPECIALOLYMPICS@KOFC-WA.ORG)

Other Opportunities to Volunteer with the Archdiocese of Seattle

**Friday, June 29: SEATAC INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT!** It's AIRPORT WELCOME DAY and we have shifts for Greeters, Baggage Claim Helpers, and Guides to Light Rail! Please help us welcome the Special Olympics athletes, their families, and SO delegates!!!

**Saturday, June 30: 7:00 PM. MASS FOR THE ATHLETES**, their families and SO delegates and friends with Archbishop J. Peter Sartain. University of Washington Campus. Facilitated by the Inclusion Ministry Committee and Knights of Columbus.

**Sunday, July 1: 12:30 PM – 3:00 PM Opening Ceremonies!** University of Washington's HUSKY Stadium: The Parade of Athletes, entertainment, and the Lighting of the Special Olympics Cauldron to open the Games! 9 AM to 12:30 PM – Join as Archdiocesan schools for the mile long CHEER LINE to honor all SO Athletes as they gather for the Parade of Athletes! Families who volunteer will have access into Opening Ceremonies. Stay and be FANS IN THE STANDS!

**It's our time to get ready! Can you join us?**

**Sign up to volunteer!**

Go to : <https://www.specialolympicsusagames.org/catholic-schools-volunteers> **Use Access code: SPIRIT2018 to unlock**

**your volunteer choices!**





Everyone who selects a shift will be prompted to ALSO select a training of their choice. If they choose the "cheer line" then they can choose the first training which is an "opt out". Once you register, you can always readjust your volunteer commitment. All volunteers need to sign up by April 15, 2018!

Please contact me with any questions regarding any part of the games.

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Having Trouble navigating through the Special Olympics USA Games website to sign up for the 4th of July party? Now there is a how to signup video posted on the front page of the Knights State web page. Please signup today and remember this is a family event so signup the entire family!

**Questions call Special Olympics Chairman  
Darren Johnson at 253-709-4588**



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*This month John and I took a drive to a neighboring town to keep an appointment for a therapeutic massage. We were using a coupon received at Christmas from our son and daughter-in-law, one we'd almost forgotten about, and wanted to use before we head back to Washington for the summer.*



**By Former First Lady, Sheila Ryan Wallace**

Little did we know when we started out, that the wind had picked up considerably. Our journey took us straight through farm country as well as past Luke Air Force Base. At first I noticed the air looked somewhat hazy, then downright dusty, as we saw little swirls of sandy soil fly into the air.

Further on we saw plastic bottles blowing across the road, then large palm branches down, and at one point I had to swerve to miss a metal engine part lying right in the middle of the road.

Finally we experienced the fullness of our first dust storm. It seemed as if entire fields were on the move as sand blew up into the air to join the dust already there. Visibility lowered until I felt as though I were driving in a whiteout snowstorm, except this was brown rather than white, and at least I didn't have to worry about ice.

I learned later that parts of some highways were closed for up to two hours due to poor visibility, and there were some accidents due to the storm. We were blessed to arrive at our appointment safely.

On our return we decided to drive the 303 highway, as it is raised up in most places above the farm fields. From there we had better visibility and could see the dust blowing across the fields, but it didn't impair our driving ability, and we arrived home safe and sound, thanks be to God.

We love Arizona living and the weather for the most part; but every state seems to have some kind of weather challenge; and, in the Arizona desert, in addition to extreme summer heat it appears to be dust storms. Thank God we rarely have them close to where we live. God is good, and I guess we keep our Guardian Angels working overtime when we set out in dangerous weather.

Right now in Arizona, we are in extreme drought conditions, and, in addition to an early heat wave, with temperatures in the 90's and even hitting the 100 degree mark, the high winds we've been experiencing make it a high fire danger zone. The state does a fantastic job of recycling the water, and the farmers are able to grow several crops a year, rotating their plantings, despite the scarcity of rain. However, we are praying that no wildfires get started, and that this coming monsoon season will end the drought. Please join us in prayer.



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## Mercy and Love

This month I've meditated on the meaning and importance of Mercy Sunday as I've watched, with horror, the news of the chemical attack on women and children in Syria; and I find I am waking up frequently at night to do prayer warfare for our country and our world. I am horrified that man can be so cruel, yet evil 'reigns' in this world at the present moment.

We know, however, that God truly reigns and has the victory; so I keep my focus on Him, and try to do my part, by prayer warfare to bring comfort, hope and peace to all, to those I am in contact with, as well as to the objects of my prayers.

There is so much hate throughout the world right now, and the only way to overcome it is by God's command to love one another. This means dying to self over and over.

When I want to snap in irritation at someone or 'tell them off' or worse, do them harm, I must 'die' to self and offer up my anger, discomfort, or humiliation, to God, for His mercy on us, and pray for His conversion of sinners in order to change our world.

**Come, Lord Jesus,** and fill our world with the presence and power of your Holy Spirit to change men's hearts. Have mercy on us, my Lord. I trust in you, Lord Jesus.

### LOVE IN THE AFTERNOON

Come....and sit by the water  
Feel.....the floating fragrance of lingering love.  
You frightened,...fierce, fearful, frantic, forlorn.  
Let love.....wrap reassuring arms around you.  
Love will.....forsake fears, freeze fright,  
Uplift,,, lost ,and discouraged;  
Let love.... liquidate loneliness  
Free....the joy within.  
Love will....enlighten, encourage.  
It will restore....serenity and tranquility  
As water....Trickles over pebbles,  
Seeps.... into the ground  
Promotes..... growth of the grasses,  
Nourishes.... the flowers;  
Allows love... to trickle from your heart,  
Seep.... through your spirit,  
Promote..... love in others,  
And..... nourish your soul.

# THE FAMILY OF BROTHERS



## THE JOURNEY OF A KNIGHT!

By STEVE SNELL

**A**s a young man he had the normal hope for a successful career in something, but when he was 45 the hope "was only a bad memory growing worse." He lived each day in a quiet desperation, the angry man aging in the house two blocks from the town library. One day he woke up and found himself old in the reflection of his bath room mirror, it surprised him like when the first snowfall of the year greets your morning. His future had with time assumed the forgotten character of a dream, so that through his daily routine he could not be certain he ever really had one. His failed ambitions modest though they were, consume him. His ambition fails to flame through the ashes of his routine, it does however eat inward, souring his life, twisting relations with everyone in his world. One day after Mass he was asked to join the Knights, "okay I'll give it a try." He joined the Knights because he was told that he could make a difference, at this time in his life he needed to make a difference.

He found the Knights was an opportunity to move from ambition to achievement. He learned that the simplest things often make a difference in people's lives. He learned what can happen if you took small steps each day, these steps can become "mini victories." Joining together with your family of brothers you can become the force that will change the world one step at a time. Everything we do shapes our world and together we can make it better than we found it.

This was his chance to be a warrior! To reach out to those in need, not to make despair convincing, but working daily to make hope possible. To be a warrior is to have the courage in our hearts to speak of what we love, to speak of what brings tears to our eyes, and to stand up for the unborn, for the love of our faith, home and our family.

As we step into our future know this, our Order needs the diversity of dreamers, doers and **you my brothers**. If we are to make a difference each day, as we move forward we must never forget our past. The voices of our past, the voices that are still there, the voice of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney telling us to grow our dreams, to train our minds to find knowledge, but also to open our hearts.

Moving forward into the future, how will we become the stepping stones for our children? How will we sustain ourselves when we see the pain and suffering of unborn babies dying by the millions? How can we be the difference needed to preserve and protect these gifts of God? **How?** We must believe that we are privileged to be here at this time, **to make that difference!** Here before us is the opportunity to rely on and realize the power of faith and family, the potential of mankind, and that our humanity is a gift of God and truly the hope of our future. We must rediscover our common humanity, the brotherhood of mankind, and open our hearts to the love Jesus talked of?

**EPILOGUE:** *The old warrior was standing with great effort in front of a gathering of his brothers on the night of his 86th birthday. The very same evening that he had just been awarded his council's "Knight of the Year." He had been asked by his Grand Knight if he would please tell everyone what he had learned after all his years of service. The old man continued standing with the aid of his cane and said:*

*"What have I learned? Well Brothers I've learned the power of prayer, I've learned to ask questions, to say thanks and to never give up on my fellow man."*

**"I WONDER.....** Perhaps it is time to recognize that as humans we have each other. Perhaps we must not think in terms of "good people" or "bad people."

**"I WONDER.....** If its time not to see our fellow man as "enemies," because we are all connected, we are all family, we were all put here to be with each other. If we could just all come together we could make it a beautiful world.

**"I WONDER.....** When we attack those who think differently than us if they aren't responding in much the same way as we would, with a clinched fist and closed mind, instead of an open loving mind and reaching out with an open hand. If we jump outside our box, we may find that they are also, Mothers and Fathers, Grandmas and Grandpas, Uncle and Aunts, Brothers and Sisters....."

*Finally, thank you, for asking me to join you in making a difference in people's lives. Thank you my friends, you've all made such a great difference in my life!*





# SEE YOU IN MAY!