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"THE SECOND EDITION"



LATE HOLIDAY GREETING

Brother Financial Secretaries and Faithful Controllers I'd like to wish each of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year's. My family and I pray that 2021 goes well for all of us.

DAVE KONZEK, FS CONSULTANT SOUTH EAST"



KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Tonight, our Knights will be putting up the Christmas Trees inside the church. As usual, our council purchased the trees from the local nursery and tonight we put them into the tree stands and set them up. I will be there to do some directing and take some photos. (I am too old to mix with those younger guys). We ran a great fund raiser for Thanksgiving, and I have those photos for you also.

Vivat Jesus, Ernie Linnemann, 7907 Issaquah

*PS: I had my garage filled with Coats
for Kids last month. We ordered 11 and
got 11 free so we delivered over
22 cases of coats. = 264 kids warm!*

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TO THE CHILDREN OF FREEDOM



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The early economic building blocks of our democracy -- free land, free competition, skilled labor, the economic self-sufficiency of the individual homestead -- have disappeared. In their place have come abandoned farms, crowded factories, congested cities, rioting and looting in some cities, and masses of population easily manipulated.

The problems caused by COVID-19 and the resulting economic problems arising before elected officials, elected not for medical or economic knowledge but for political skill; the diversion of power from elected politicians to their appointed experts and boards -- all these factors have cooperated to make a colorful rainbow of euphemisms for the rule of mandates in herding people while politicizing medicine and economic relief services, all the while utilizing a submissive media to spread fear as a means of control.

This year there have been situations one cannot be neutral about because when you are neutral, you are an accomplice. In some city's political activists with rioting and looting created grave violations of state and federal laws that by most standards were incredibly dangerous, combined with the haphazard response of local leadership did much to highlight the mediocrity enthroned there (*amateurs paralyzed by tolerance*). We need to have the guts to confront the prevailing winds, to stand up to those who for political expediency challenge religious freedom with fear and mandates.

In front of all of us is the chance to move forward. To move beyond fear. To find a healthier tomorrow. Is the proposed cure worse than the disease? This is the challenge that currently divides us, we must consider the economic consequences, the damage to our children, & the restrictions on worship. Did you notice how easily the government took our freedoms away, were they surrendered to easily? Every night and every day another little piece seems to fall away.

THINK ABOUT IT ~ BE BOLD FOR FAITH AND COUNTRY....

VIVAT JESUS

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Every time we turn our heads
the other way when we see the
law flouted, when we tolerate
what we know to be wrong,
when we close our eyes and ears
to the corrupt because we are too
busy or too frightened, when we
fail to speak up and speak out,
we strike a blow against freedom,
decency and justice.

~ Robert F. Kennedy

MORE KNIGHTS IN ACTION

KNIGHTS FROM KENNEWICK COUNCIL 8179 SELLING
CHRISTMAS TREES & KCIC CHRISTMAS CARDS AT ST.
JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH IN KENNEWICK.

council 8179



VIVAT JESUS

"JESUS LIVES"



The phrase "Vivat Jesus" comes from the book, "With God's Help- Memoirs of Bishop Charles P. Greco". In the file, per Supreme Knight Virgil Dechant, "Vivat Jesus" was introduced around 1980 during the revision of the Ceremonials of the Order (1977-1978) as a method of greeting another Knight. It came from Bishop Greco's motto.

This message was stressed emphatically by Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant in his report to the delegates and in his brief address at the States Dinner. It was underlined in the greetings sent to the delegates by Jean Cardinal Villot, writing as the Secretary of State for the late Pope Paul VI. It also comprised the substance of the message received from Archbishop Jean Jadot, apostolic delegate in the United States.

It recurred repeatedly in the homily delivered by Archbishop Philip M. Hannan at the opening concelebrated Mass and in the address of Bishop Charles P. Greco, supreme chaplain, at the States Dinner.

The theme received eloquent expression from Bishop Warren L. Boudreaux of Houma-Thibodaux as he spoke at the family hour of prayer during the Wednesday afternoon open session . The well-attended religious

ceremony—an innovation at this year's convention-by itself dramatized the spiritual bedrock which supports all the projects and programs of the Order.

Dechant accented the spiritual motif in the first few words of his annual report by asking all the delegates to join him in placing the Order and his administration under the special protection of the Blessed Mother and by dedicating the convention to the theme Vivat Jesus (Long lives Jesus). The motto graces the episcopal shield of Bishop Greco.

Basically, these few paragraphs are saying that 1978 Supreme Convention's theme was Vivat Jesus; this was the Knights of Columbus' first official use of the phrase. The phrase has passed around from one place to another, and now is used all across the world as a universal greeting of the Knights of Columbus. The phrase is often used at the beginning or end of someone's remarks. The response is always, Vivat Jesus!

ED. NOTE:

The Cristero War, also known as the Cristero Rebellion or La Cristiada [la kris'tjaða], was a widespread struggle in central and western Mexico in response to the imposition of secularist and anticlerical articles of the 1917 Constitution of Mexico, which were perceived by opponents as anti-Catholic ... The Cristeros' battle cry was ¡Viva Cristo Rey!

THE BLOOD OF MARTYRS IS THE SEED OF SAINTS



This Is Pro-life Hero Orville Burkemper



Joe Scheidler & Orville Burkemper

Orville once single-handedly emptied a Planned Parenthood abortion mill waiting room. One Christmas Eve morning he walked in dressed as Santa and offered each of the 14 moms a gift for their baby. He instructed them to open the gift with their child the following Christmas. One by one, gift in hand, the moms left until the room was empty.

And so was Santa's bag.
Thank you, Orville.

tiny molar



COATS FOR KIDS

It was a wet and miserable day but Council 11789 made a lot of people's days very bright with their Coats for Kids distribution.

COUNCIL 11789



FOOD DRIVE/COAT DRIVE

Council 8297 in Poulsbo had another successful food drive / coat drive, benefiting Fishline Food Bank in Poulsbo. Many thanks to all the men who braved the very wet weather conditions to help our community members in need.



MONTHLY MEALS FOR MEN'S & WOMEN'S SHELTERS

COUNCIL 11789



30 TH ANNIVERSARY

Please join me in congratulating Rich Legerski, our founder and first Grand Knight for starting an organization that has done so much good work for our parish and community for three decades. This is a truly remarkable life achievement, measured in many thousands of hours and acts of good works in the service of Christ, by our Council's Knights, living and departed. With deep and sincere gratitude, Rich, thank you!!!



Pictured above - Rich Legerski, Founding Grand Knight on Right,
Chuck Royer, Financial Secretary on Left

SUBMITTED BY GK KIRK MCGAHEY

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ROGER WILLIS STATE CHAIRMAN

Christmas 2020

***Knights of Columbus
Coats for Kids Program
Helps Military Families at
Joint Base Lewis McCord, WA***

**Sincere Thanks to the following Councils,
Parishes and Assembly for Their Support;**

Charles McLean 2621 - Redmond

Fr Justin P. Garvey 6686 - Bothell

Obadiah 7642 - Kirkland

St Teresa 7908 - Federal Way

Stillaguamish 8015 - Arlington

St Jude 8102 - Redmond

St John Mary Vianney 11408 - Kirkland

St Teresa of Calcutta 14046 - Woodinville

Holy Family Parish - Kirkland

St Jude Parish - Redmond

December 12, 2020

**The Knights of Columbus are dedicated
to Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.
We are honored to serve our Church, our
Community, and our Country.**

**Each year we try to help the youngsters
in our Community by offering warm Winter
Coats. Knights of Columbus Councils
throughout WA State order youngsters'
coats and conduct Coats for Kids Events in
their communities. The coats are purchased
at wholesale prices from Knights of
Columbus Headquarters in New Haven, CT.**

**We Knights are honored every year to
also remember the young Family members
of our Brave Men and Women at JBLM who
Defend and Preserve our Freedom.**

**Heartbeat Serving Wounded Warriors
identifies Military Family Christmas Parties
at the Base for us. This year the Knights in
Western WA Coats for Kids Program
delivered 465 coats for the youngsters.**

December 12, 2020

Eight Western WA Councils and 2 parishes donated about 465 youngsters' coats to three Army groups and to the Chaplains Association on JBLM.

These two vehicles in the picture belong to volunteers from Heartbeat Serving Wounded Warriors. They met us at the storage facility in Monroe at 8 AM and then went to team up with the Knights at the JBLM visitors Parking Lot. The Knights delivered more coats in 6 additional vehicles.



Pictured at the extreme left is Chaplain (LTC) Ernest M. Ibanga JBLM Pastoral Care Coordinator Four Chaplains Memorial Chapel

Pictured at the extreme right is Angela Klein Soldier and Family Readiness Support Assistant 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment

December 12, 2020

This year we were also pleased to donate about 277 coats to The Four Chaplains Ministry at Joint Base Lewis McCord through JBLM Pastoral Care Coordinator, Chaplain (LTC) Ernest M. Ibanga.

There are 90 chaplains at JBLM. They serve the entire Fort Lewis and McCord community. They are planning a large event to distribute the coats.

Chaplain Ibanga was delighted to see all the cases of coats placed on their stage in the Four Chaplains Memorial Chapel. The chapel is a combined facility. The large hall is divided into an auditorium and a church setting with pews.



Second from the right is Chaplain (LTC) Ernest M. Ibanga

December 12, 2020

Western WA Knights donated about 188 youngsters' coats to three Army groups; Rangers, 160th SOAR Night-Stalkers, and 1SF. These units conduct their own Christmas Parties on Base. But party access is guarded because they are the "Tip of the Spear" in the Global War on Terror.



Julia Mathewson escorted by her daughter, Linda, served as our Caravan Master

"Knights of Columbus unwavering support and commitment to Soldiers and Families are in keeping of the finest traditions of selfless service and American patriotism" – CPT E. B. Bales, Rear Detachment Commander Joint Base Lewis McCord, WA

God Bless these Brave Men, Women and Families that Serve and Sacrifice to keep our Nation Free and Safe.

Merry Christmas 2020

SUBMITTED BY DAN O'BRIEN

R.I.P.

This is, indeed, an incredibly sad day for Knights of Columbus of Washington State. I was just informed of the death of dear friend and Brother Knight Joe Gallegos of Kennewick 8179 who died last night. Brother Joe was truly a Knight's Knight, living his Catholic faith and our values of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism every single day. Kathy and I were fortunate and blessed to have been able to have had a very enjoyable conversation with him only 2 weeks ago in Richland after the KC HELP Annual Meeting. Brother Joe was named as Washington State Knight of the Year for Fraternal Year 2011-2012 which, by that time, was long overdue and would have been well-deserved every year since. This is a really tough one, but I am blessed to have known and worked on so very many projects with Brother Joe Gallegos. Rest in Peace, Brother Joe.

JOE GALLEGOS

From Jerry Rhoads,

It is with a sad heart that I was informed today that our dear friend and brother Joe Gallegos died Saturday night.

Joe was not only a dear friend, but also an amazing man that lived the marks of Christen Charity, Unity, and Fraternal Brotherhood and inspired us all to follow. He was a true Patriot and served his country and our State as a Patrol Officer.

I am sure his welcome by our lord will include throngs of those he helped in his amazing life he shared with us all. However, Monsignor Dillion will have a couple of things for him to do right off. Joe, you will be remembered in our hearts and thoughts until we meet again.

May our lord grant unto Joe eternal rest and may his soul be at peace.

COUNCIL 8179



Wandrin' star

(WANDRIN' LIFESTYLE)

I was born under a wandrin' star, I was born under a wandrin' star. Wheels are made for rollin' Mules are made to pack I've never seen a sight that didn't look better looking back

I was born under a wandrin' star. Mud can make you prisoner, and the plains can bake you dry Snow can burn your eyes, but only people make you cry. Home is made for comin' from, for dreams of goin' to Which with any luck will never come true. I was born under a wandrin' star, I was born under a wandrin' star

Do I know where hell is, hell is in hello. Heaven is goodbye forever, it's time for me to go. I was born under a wandrin' star. A wandrin' wandrin' star

(Mud can make you prisoner, and the plains can bake you dry) (Snow can burn your eyes, but only people make you cry) (Home is made for comin' from, for dreams of goin' to) (Which with any luck will never come true) (I was born under a wandrin' star) (I was born under a wandrin' star) When I get to heaven tie me to a tree or I'll begin to roam, and soon you know where I will be, I was born under a wandrin' stara wandrin' wandrin' star.

MANY MISSIONARIES CAN IDENTIFY WITH THE SONG.

As a Catholic priest boarded the ship to leave his family and homeland in Europe on his way to the islands of Pacific, perhaps he too felt like he had been born under a wandering star, destined to preach the good news of the Gospel wherever he might put ashore. As a Mother Superior left the shelter of her convent on the east coast and took the train to the west coast of the USA, she may have shared these same feelings as presented in the lyrics "born under a wandering star."

LIKE THE WISE MEN OF OLD, the missionary follows the star, often not knowing where it will lead him or her. LIKE THE EARLY APOSTLES, the missionary follows the star which sometimes leads to dark and dangerous places, sometimes to magical exotic places, and sometimes to historic locations where saints have labored and lived out their lives.

SUBMITTED BY STEVE SNELL



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An Obituary printed in the London Times.....Absolutely Dead Brilliant!!

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years.

No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- Knowing when to come in out of the rain;
- Why the early bird gets the worm;
- Life isn't always fair;
- And maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot.
She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death,
-by his parents, Truth and Trust,
-by his wife, Discretion,
-by his daughter, Responsibility,
-and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 5 stepchildren;
- I Know My Rights
- I Want It Now
- Someone Else Is To Blame
- I'm A Victim
- Pay me for Doing Nothing

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.

If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing



SPOKANE COUNCIL 683

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS: What are you doing different on January 1? If you need help with recognizing your need for a resolution, read and select from the following top **10 New Year's resolutions**. If you follow at least 2 or 3 of them, you will make society and your life better.

(1) If you smoke, QUIT! (2) Learn to PRAY 15 minutes each day to relax your soul and mind. (3) Leave your phone, it is an addiction! Try to SPEND a minimum of one hour each day without it. (4) Prioritize your FAMILY time with conversation and dinner together. (5) Do CHARITY, the underprivileged need food, education, and clothes. (6) Time is a crucial thing, find 20 minutes each day for YOURSELF. (7) Be SOCIAL, surround yourself with people to interact with on a regular basis. (8) If you see a wrong in society, RAISE your voice against it. (9) SPEND a day each week without your car. (10) LIVE your dreams, we get this life once!

POPE'S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTIONS:

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all. POPE FRANCIS

BISHOP WHITE SPOKANE ASSEMBLY 1539

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE: Brother Knights, as Christmas has passed and the New Year is upon us, let us all look forward to the many opportunities to come as an Assembly. Let our Patriotic mission continue and may we add more members to the Assembly in the coming year. Let us give those the assistance needed in this time of COVID-19 when requested and continue to pray for those that are less fortunate than us. God, grant us the favor of a great and wonderful New Year as we continue to move forward as an Assembly in the upcoming year. Amen. CHRISTOPHER BETTMAN

WE SALUTE SIR KNIGHT JOSEPH "PAT" TULLY ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

AND 60 YEARS AS A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS!



Very heart touching (A bitter truth)

An old man took his phone to a Repair shop.

Technician: Nothing is wrong with this phone.



Old man with tears in his eyes said : Then why DON'T my children ever call me ?



HONOR **YOUR FATHER AND** **YOUR MOTHER!**

**"We live alone," she said,
"just him and me;**

**Six children livin', but all
gone away,**

**And all done well – so well
they ain't come back,**

**Although we are allus
hopin' thet they may.**

**They never liked the farm
and then I guess.**

**We ain't as stylish as
they've growed to be.**

**It's kinda lonesome, yes,
but sakes alive,**

**There's lots we can
remember, him and me."**

SATIRE

ELDERLY COUPLE WAS CELEBRATING THEIR SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY. The couple had married as childhood sweethearts and had moved back to their old neighborhood after they retired. Holding hands, they walked back to their old school. It was not locked, so they entered, and found the old desk they had shared, where Andy had carved "I love you, Sally." On their way back home, a bag of money fell out of an armored car, practically landing at their feet. Sally quickly picked it up and, not sure what to do with it, they took it home. There, she counted the money - fifty thousand dollars! Andy said, "We've got to give it back." Sally said, "Finders keepers." She put the money back in the bag and hid it in their attic.

The next day, two police officers were canvassing the neighborhood looking for the money and knocked on their door. "Pardon me, did either of you find a bag that fell out of an armored car yesterday?" Sally said, "No". Andy said, "She's lying. She hid it up in the attic. Sally said, "Don't believe him, he's getting senile" The agents turned to Andy and began to question him. One said: "Tell us the story from the beginning." Andy said, "Well, when Sally and I were walking home from school yesterday" *The first police officer turned to his partner and said, "We're outta here."*

I JUST REALIZED SOMETHING

My dog sleeps about 20 hours a day. He has his food prepared for him. His meals are provided at no cost to him. He visits the Dr. once a year for his checkup, and again during the year, if any medical needs arise. For this he pays nothing, and nothing is required of him.

He lives in a nice neighborhood in a house that is much larger than he needs, but he is not required to do any upkeep.

If he makes a mess, someone else cleans it up. He has his choice of luxurious places to sleep. He receives these accommodations free. He is living like a king and has absolutely no expenses whatsoever. All his costs are picked up by others who earn a living. I was just thinking about all this and suddenly it hit me like a ton of bricks. **MY DOG IS A CONGRESSMAN!!!**





WHEN HE SPEAKS !



Prostate Cancer

18-week post-surgery

December 21, 2020



My PSA has been going up .04 each month, now at .43. It is certain that cancer is somewhere, but too small to detect. The PSA must be between .60 - .70 before an Axumin can detect metastatic cells.

Axumin is a Fluciclovine scan which is a nuclear medicine study using positron emission tomography (PET) with computed tomography (CT) to localize recurrent disease in patients who were previously treated for prostate cancer and now are presenting with increased prostate specific antigen (PSA).

A few weeks before surgery, I was having pain in my testicles which I was afraid was cancer. It continued to get worse until I finally had an ultrasound in December. Good news, it was not cancer but an epididymitis infection in the right testicle. It was severe enough that it took 17 doses of antibiotics to finally clear it up.

Since my PSA has been consistently going up .04 per month, my next check will be in three months. We will see then if it in fact its increasing, and at what rate.

I feel good and have resumed all normal duties.

I will update in three months.

Kim Washburn WSC State Secretary

PLEASE CONTINUE THE PRAYERS

Pope, in New Decree, Allows More Roles for Women in Church



Pope Francis, in another step towards greater equality for women in the Roman Catholic Church, on Monday changed its law to formally allow them to serve as readers at liturgies, altar servers and distributors of communion.

In a decree, the pope formalized what already has been happening in many developed countries for years. But by introducing the change in the Code of Canon Law, it will be impossible for conservative bishops to block women in their diocese from having those roles.

But the Vatican stressed that these roles were "essentially distinct from the ordained ministry," meaning that they should not be an automatic precursor to women one day being allowed to be ordained priests.

"The pontiff, therefore, has established that women can accede to these ministries and they are attributed by a liturgical function that institutionalizes them," the Vatican said in an explanatory note.

In the decree, called "Spiritus Domini" (The Spirit of the Lord), Francis said he had taken his decision after theological reflection.

He said many bishops from around the world had said that the change was necessary to respond to the "needs of the times."





You either get bitter or you get better. It's that simple. You either take what has been dealt to you and allow it to make you a better person, or you allow it to tear you down. The choice does not belong to fate, it belongs to you.

— Tim Robbins
Shawshank Redemption



God uses broken things. It takes broken soil to produce a crop, broken clouds to give rain, broken grains to give bread, broken bread to give strength.

HAMMER TO FALL



Where I live, public debate or arguments about things; school bonds, streetlights, potholes, store signs and why my wine is snootier than yours are talked about on the editorial page of our local newspaper. The paper's editorials are usually self-serving persuasive essays supporting the status quo, embracing the town's good old boys or the prevailing opinions of the paper's largest advertisers. The self-anointed experts gift us their opinion in 250 to 500 words, the gospel according to our social elite. But the real "throw downs" take place in the letters to the editor. Reading and writing letters to the editor is almost a form of recreation here and deservedly so. Some very brilliant folks stand up and can be heard in this important opinion forum.

There has been many a time when a passionate writer with a well-reasoned issue has moved people to think and act. In our paper the letters are a genre that has on occasion attracted some of the best writers in the area or even the State. The letters contain the most important message in the paper, the living proof that in this country you can voice your opinion on any subject under the sun and as a bonus, you do not always need to know what you are talking about to take a stand!!!

*Some amazing people died for our freedom; I wonder because of what is going on today in our country.... will we honor their sacrifice, or will we turn a blind eye & just wait for "**THE HAMMER TO FALL**", then we all will be asking, what the hell happened? Oh, Lord can't you wake the country up in time, please. Lord hear our prayer.*

FROM THE EDITOR



POPE STUFF

Vatican City, Jan 14, 2021 / 04:50 am MT ([CNA](#)).- Pope Francis and Pope emeritus Benedict XVI have received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, the Vatican confirmed.



Pope Francis is pictured in a file photo greeting his personal doctor, Fabrizio Soccorsi, who died Jan. 9 of complications caused by COVID-19. Soccorsi, 78, had been admitted to Rome's Gemelli hospital Dec. 26.



RESTRICTION OF FREE THOUGHT & FREE SPEECH
IS THE MOST DANGEROUS OF ALL SUBVERSIONS.
IT IS THE ONE UN-AMERICAN ACT

THAT COULD MOST EASILY DEFEAT US. JUSTICE WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS

THAT'S A WRAP!



**SEE YOU NEXT
MONTH**