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**WE EMPOWER PEOPLE TO
THINK & TO CHANGE THEIR LIVES
THROUGH FAITH, FAMILY & FRATERNITY.**

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Odd work hours. Keep calling.





"FAMILY OF THE MONTH"

SUPREME COUNCIL "FAMILY OF THE MONTH" AWARDS

Each month the Supreme Council will randomly select families that are nominated by their councils, by completing the Family of the Month form (forms must be submitted to Supreme by the 15th of the month.) Each Family will receive a Holy Family Icon from the Supreme Council.

**The following families from Washington are
winners for February, 2016. Congratulations to:**

**Robert & Sandra Simon
Council 1629 - Puyallup**

**Mike & Nancy Bechard
Council 6097 - Yakima**

**Jim & Maureen Krieger
Council 9434 - Bothell**

**Angelo & Marge Battisti
Council 11780 - Covington**

**Remember the faces of the Brothers in our councils, that have
stood with us, they may have become so familiar
that they may be taken for granted?**

**Unless we take pains we often forget to thank them.....
Take pains. Recognize them and say THANKS!**

USE YOUR FAMILY OF THE MONTH PROGRAM



It's simple. It's quick. It's easy to use.

The newly redesigned kofc.org is here, and it's better than ever before.

One of the most noticeable improvements to the site is that it now automatically adapts to match the screen size of your device. Now, whether you are using a laptop, tablet or smart phone, you will have a much easier — and more personalized — user experience.

Visitors will also see that the site's navigation has been simplified and areas of specific interest have been redeveloped. With the new design, these areas are more self-contained, featuring independent homepages and menus that clarify navigation and access to available information.

We invite you to take some time to visit the [website](#) and learn how the new site can best serve you and your council

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THEY WALKED AMONG US



Blessed Louisa of Savoy Widow and Poor Clare (1461 - 1503)

Louisa was born into the highest circle of nobility. Her father was the duke of Savoy, while on her mother's side, she was a niece to the king of France. A pious child, she dreamed of entering religious life. But this was hardly an acceptable vocation for a child of her station. Instead, when she was seventeen, her uncle arranged her marriage to a young nobleman. Though they would have no children, the marriage proved a happy one. Her husband accepted her religious devotion, which she combined with an active role in court life. Together they set a high moral standard, requiring that anyone who cursed in their presence make a contribution to the poor. Meanwhile, Louisa engaged in a range of charitable activities, from care for widows and orphans, to nursing the sick and even victims of the plague.

When she was twenty seven her husband died. After a period of mourning, she made preparations to leave her privileged world - putting on the habit of a Franciscan tertiary and distributing her fortune. After two years she entered a convent of Poor Clares in Orbe. There she spent the rest of her life in prayer and poverty, eventually rising to the office of abbess. She died on July 24, 1503, and was beatified in 1839. Her feast date, now on July 24, was for many years observed by the Poor Clares on September 9.

"Farewell my beloved sisters, I am going to Paradise. It is very beautiful there!"

Last words of Blessed Louisa of Savoy

THE FOURTH DEGREE

THE BEGINING: The Fourth Degree, based on patriotism, had been under discussion since 1886 and was approved in 1899. The first exemplification of the Fourth Degree took place on Feb. 22, 1900, in New York City; 1,100 Knights receive the degree. The following May, another 750 Knights take the degree in Boston.

**THERE IS NO TELLING HOW IT
WILL AFFECT YOU.**

JUST KNOW THAT IT WILL!



Worthy District Deputies, State Chairmen, & DDM's

By Robert Baemmert-SS



Every year at our State Convention, our membership recognizes all of the fantastic work that all of the councils have accomplished this year. And that is why we need every council to brag a little about what this year's accomplishments have been for them. Once the council reports are completed in "WORD" document form, then the DD compiles his council's inputs and he might add some general comments about his district and he might highlight any district-wide projects that took place this year, also again in "WORD" format. DDM's and State Chairmen, we need your help as well. Write a small summary in "WORD" format about the great things that happened in your area of expertise this year and submit it.

Now let's talk due dates! The councils should have their write-ups to the DD's by April 10, so DD's you need to get right on your GK's. The DD reports, the DDM reports and the Chairmen reports should be submitted to me by April 15th. This gives me the time I need to compile the states write-ups and get them to printing in time for the State convention. These will be included in the Convention Handout.

"THAT IS THE MISSION MEN!" Don't make me fill in your District or Program Area with "**NO REPORT SUBMITTED**" for everyone in the state to see. **WE WANT 100%** participation. It is our chance to brag, so DD's get on those GK's to get their report in. This was one of my slides in my Regional Meeting presentation so everyone should already know about this!!!**(YEAH RIGHT!)**

ATTENTION!!!

(ANOTHER DEADLINE ON THE HORIZON)

JUNE 30TH



*One of the requirements for the Star Award is to submit a **Columbian Award Application (Form SP-7)**. To qualify for this Award your Council has to:*

- 1) Submit a Form #365 Service Program Personnel Report Form.**
- 2) Annually conduct at least(4) major involvement programs in each of the following sections of the Service Program: Church, Community, Council, Culture of Life, Family and Youth.**
- 3) Submit a Fraternal Survey Form #1728 for the year.**

The Application Form needs to be in to the Supreme council by June 30th, 2016. This is the last day of the fraternal year so it must be **ON TIME** to be considered. If this form is late it may cost **YOUR** council the Star Award.





(Several wives have asked us to put the old recipes back in the newsletter, I said we would so here we go!-- the editor)

GREAT GRANDMA'S KITCHEN

Cooking hints/recipes(1880s)

TESTING WOOD OVEN HEATS BY HAND -- Stick one of your hands into the center of a going oven and count the seconds in time with the ticks of your kitchen clock. If the hand feels uncomfortably hot in 12 seconds, the oven is *hot* (450 degrees); if the heat is felt at 18 the oven is *quick* (400 degrees); if at the count of 24, the oven is *moderate* (350 degrees); if at 30 it is *slow* (300 degrees); if at 30 or over, it is *low* or merely *warm*.

BAKED EGGS IN MEAT GRAVY --Heat left-over meat gravy in a greased and crumbed pie dish; break in the eggs; bake in a medium (350degree) oven 15 minutes (By "crumbling" is meant sprinkling the dish with fine bread or crumbs or cracker crumbs and shaking off all that does not adhere to the grease.)

FRIED EELS -- Skin and wash 4 small eels; cut them into 3-inch pieces, which you trim nicely and rub very dry; dip them into flour, then into a beaten egg, then into bread crumbs, and fry them to a nice brown in a very hot lard.

TO PUT OUT A CHIMNEY FIRE -- Throw some powdered brimstone (sulphur) on the fire; then put a board or hang a blanket or rug in front of the fireplace to prevent the fumes descending into the house. The vapor of the brimstone rising into the chimney will then effectively extinguish the soot on fire.

ROASTED COW'S UDDER (pre-1800s) -- This, for those who deem it a delicacy, is usually served with an ox-tongue that has been pickled about 3 days. They are parboiled together, the udder stuffed with parsley. After parboiling, the parsley is removed; the udder stuck thick all over with cloves and tied to the tongue; they are spitted together and basted with butter while browning.

PIN THIS ON YOUR CUPBOARD; -- it may help you save time and keep your fuel bills down.

*"A little pot,
Is soon hot!"*

"WANT LEADERSHIP, LOOK TO THE COUNCILS!!

By STEVE SNELL

Leadership matters. Quality leadership matters, Leadership through example, inspiration and motivation matter. Leadership through **INTIMIDATION, CENSORSHIP OR HUMILIATION** can leave deep scars that hurt an organization's future. Every day the councils of this great state meet and overcome many challenges. My hats off to the men in the trenches who on a daily basis provide leadership by example and inspiration to the men of their councils, these are the real leaders, the dedicated leaders who sit up until 1:00pm filling out the reports and praying for guidance, it is from men of this caliber that our innovation and future success will come from, stand next to one of these Knights and you'll never stand alone again.

Today we are faced with challenges resulting from our current economic and political conditions, conditions that absorb much of our time and attention. As a DDM I'm very proud to have available this soap box to recognize the creative and talented local community leadership that through **free thinking and faith** are molding the future of our Order through a shared vision of jointly reaching out through public and private relationships. The future of our state and districts is in very good hands thanks to the leadership, ingenuity and perseverance that comes from the councils, parishes and homes of these brothers in times of challenge and opportunity. They unite us, they build us up, they are brothers!!

WE STAND AS ONE FOR OUR FAITH AND OUR ORDER!!!

STEVE SNELL DDM

MARY DID YOU KNOW

by Mark Lowry (lyrics)

**Mary, did you know
that your Baby Boy would one day walk on water?**

**Mary, did you know
that your Baby Boy would save our sons and daughters?**

**Did you know
that your Baby Boy has come to make you new?
This Child that you delivered will soon deliver you.**

**Mary, did you know
that your Baby Boy will give sight to a blind man?**

**Mary, did you know
that your baby boy will calm the storm with His hand?**

**Did you know
that your Baby Boy has walked where angels trod?
When you kiss your little Baby you kiss the face of God?**

Mary did you know.. Mary did you know

**The blind will see.
The deaf will hear.
The dead will live again.
The lame will leap.
The dumb will speak
The praises of The Lamb.**

**Mary, did you know
that your Baby Boy is Lord of all creation?**

**Mary, did you know
that your Baby Boy would one day rule the nations?**

**Did you know
that your Baby Boy is heaven's perfect Lamb?
The sleeping Child you're holding is the Great, I Am**

WALKING WITH JESUS

The morning comes and we are walking again, following him and his men, at times stopping to let Roman cavalry pass by and then we continue on in the dusty summer haze. As we pass through the many small villages that line the road to Jerusalem we are often met in the evening and welcomed into the people's homes as we sit resting around the village well in the center of their square. We are all tired and dusty from the days trek, we are met and bathed by these good people and offered the best of everything they have, we are one with them. We spend many evenings in the safety and security of a variety of small villages of true believers. What I notice most about them is that they are always open to all who cross their path and all who do are invited into their lives as honored guests. After an excellent supper our sandals are taken and repaired if the need is there. During all the clatter and chatter of happy voices Jesus says very little, he is open and kind yet he appears to be somewhat withdrawn from the housekeeping chores going on around him, however he appears to see and hear all that transpires. He is most attentive to the children as he draws them to him in an almost magnetic way.

As the evening draws to a close all gather in the center of the home and our Lord leads us in prayer. When you pray with Jesus its unlike anything you've ever experienced or been exposed to before. He speaks in not a loud voice, rather he warms the room with more than words, and he brings the message to all gathered in a deeply internal and touching manner. You hear with more than your ears, you hear with your heart and soul, you hear from within and without. The most profound sensation is one of complete peace and contentment. Any burdens you have seem to evaporate into a coat of peace that he wraps around you; you are warm and safe in this moment in time.



JUST THINKING, WHAT IF.....

By STEVE SNELL

These are perilous times. The fight for the minds and hearts of young Christians is going on now. Today's culture and their advocates have become in a very basic way religion and Christian morality's enemies, they are trying to pull our children away from our church's values....their parents values....decent family living... into their anything goes society. Well what if.....

I think most of us would agree that we are who we are because of a couple of things: our Family and our Church. God made the Family at creation and made the church at the re-creation through Christ. One we inherit at birth, one we inherit at our baptism.

Okay so **what if** we all agree that, without faith, Families often begin to loosen at the seams (come apart). I have noticed that Families seem to suffer when their faith suffers. Translation....*The health of the Family and the health of one's faith seem to me to be inseparable. In other words their strength, longevity and momentum depend on one another.*

Family life itself predisposes us and even prepares us for a life of faith. As St. John Paul famously said, the family is the “school of love”. Loving fathers reveal the face of the Father; tender mothers teach us the value of mercy; siblings teach us fraternal love; and all of the pains and trials teach us of sin and redemption. And, as a Knight involved in the Family Program I must mention this; one of the most important factors for our Family's faith is **you the father**. The stronger your faith the stronger the chance that the rest of the Family will last a lifetime. As a Knight and as a father we lead by example, (*often saying the most with the least, is a great example and the most powerful.*) Always remember that little eyes are watching.

So what if we all try harder to double down on emphasizing Family in our Councils and persistently use the Family of the Month Program. Try it you'll like it.

GOD BLESS YOU MY BROTHER KNIGHTS.

Mother Angelica

1923 – 2016

IN GRATITUDE TO ALMIGHTY GOD FOR
HER SERVICE TO THE LORD AND HIS CHURCH.
ETERNAL REST
GRANT UNTO HER, O LORD,
AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HER.

Mother Angelica, the founder of Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN), died on Easter Sunday, March 27, according to *Catholic News Agency*. She was 92-years-old.

"In passing to eternal life, Mother Angelica leaves behind a legacy of holiness and commitment to the New Evangelization that should inspire us all," said Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus.



THIS IS AWESOME! >





Knights of Columbus Council 11780 would like to Thank all those who Assisted with or Contributed to this year's 40 Cans for Lent Program....We Collected **4735 Pounds** of Food During Lent which went to our Local Food Banks!! Good Job and Thanks to ALL!!

**In God's Grace
Tommy LaCour, GK
Council 11780**

The "Second Edition" is your Soap Box!

The "Knight's Soap Box" is the "Second Edition" where you, our Brother Knights, can speak your mind. You can talk about whatever you want. It's your Newsletter.

Ultimately, this Newsletter is for Knights, by Knights. So if you would like to submit anything you want to share to the Newsletter, e-mail it to stevesnell@charter.net

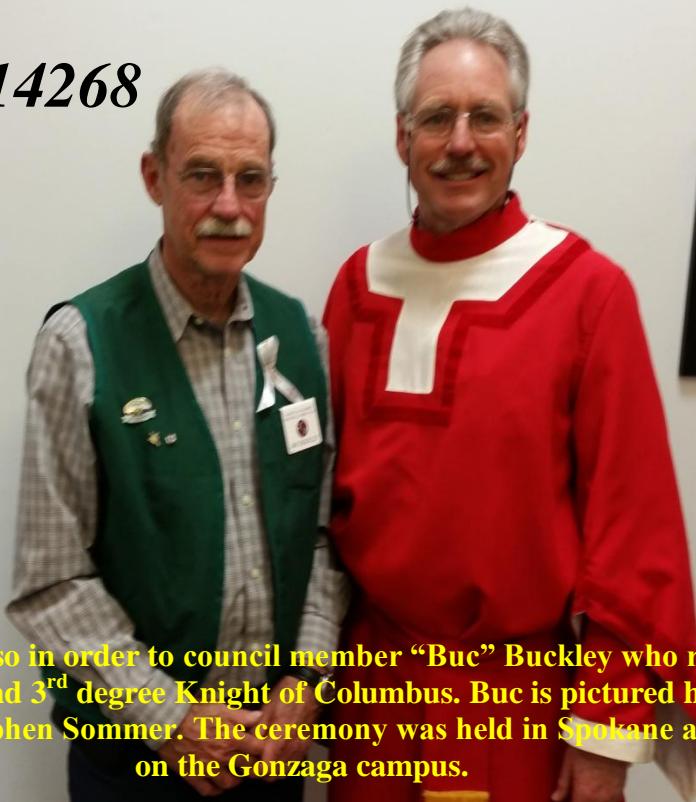
(note: we will not print anything from anyone who does not identify themselves).

COUNCIL 14268 NEWS



Congratulations and welcome to our newest council member, Tom Stephens. Pictured with Tom at front and center, is our First Degree team (L to R: Greg Meyer, Ed Zupich, Tom Garrett, Steve Pearson, Tom, Harry Tefft, Bob Kirby, and council member, Rick Obrien.)

COUNCIL 14268



Congratulations are also in order to council member “Buc” Buckley who recently received the honors of 2nd and 3rd degree Knight of Columbus. Buc is pictured here with our distinguished DD, Stephen Sommer. The ceremony was held in Spokane at St. Al's parish on the Gonzaga campus.

BELLINGHAM COUNCIL 829 NEWS



Brothers Fred Schacht & Shannon Moreland join the Knights

New members – Brothers Fred Schacht (left) and Shannon Moreland sit behind the sketch of our founder. Others in the photo, from left to right, are Brothers Joe St.Hilaire, DD Scott Hulse, Gordy Wilson, Gary Metcalf, GK Ben Roberts, Dick Tobias, Harvey Unruh, Rik Dalvit, Tom Jessup, Bob Grasher, Jim Eastwood, and Lou St.Hilaire

BELLINGHAM - MARCH 22, 2016: Two men have joined the Knights of Columbus and the Bellingham Council in a First Degree Ceremony. They are Brothers **Shannon Moreland** and **Fred Schacht**.

Both new brother knights were proposed by Brother **Rik Dalvit**. Both are members of Assumption Parish.

Brother Shannon is fairly new to Bellingham, having moved here last summer. He works for R-Dub, a north Bellingham company that installs underground utilities. A native of Texas, Brother Shannon converted to the Catholic faith in 2014.

Brother Fred has been an Assumption parishioner for the past 50 years. He and his wife Margy have four adult children. Brother Fred had a long career in the insurance business and now he dabbles in real estate.

We bid these new members of our council a hearty welcome.

23 KNIGHTS GAIN FULL KNIGHTHOOD!

At a combined Second and Third Degree exemplification March 5 at Sacred Heart. It was a long but fulfilling day, involving not only the candidates but 12 Bellingham Knights who helped make it all happen.



BELLINGHAM - MARCH 5, 2016: Brother Charles (Duffy) McNall received both the Second and Third Degree at the double event. Brothers **J.T. Harpel, Bill Elfo, Eric Wenzel, Greg Anderson, and Rick Lockhart** also went through the Third Degree. In all, there were 23 candidates from not only Bellingham but also Coupeville, Arlington, Anacortes, Camano-Stanwood, Sedro Woolley, Lynden, Monroe, and Shoreline councils. The Shoreline council member is seminarian Jonathan Cheever, who currently is assisting at Sacred Heart Parish.

The Second Degree was conducted first, led by team members **John Lee, Scott Hulse, Lou St.Hilaire, Jim Eastwood, Dick Tobias, Gordy Wilson, and Joe St.Hilaire**. After a lunch the Third Degree was held. **Team members were State Ceremonials Director Wayne Hogan, Lou St.Hilaire, Ed Miller, Scott Hulse, Dick Tobias, Gordy Wilson, and Joe St.Hilaire.**

Others who assisted with set-up, take-down, lunch, check-in, and other jobs were Brothers **Tom Jessup, Rik Dalvit, Harvey Unruh, Matt Williams, Rob Murphy, and Gary Metcalf**.



ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN?



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Many of us, at one time or another, have been asked that question.

When we were kids, we were “trained” to give the proper answer: “Heck no ,I’m a Catholic”.

(We wouldn’t dream of being associated with those guys who would never qualify for getting into heaven. We even used to have bad names for them, such as “Bible-thumpers” or “fallen-away Catholics”.) We Catholics were the only ones who were going to heaven because we had something SPECIAL that they didn’t have, called SANCTIFYING GRACE. And, they couldn’t get it because they didn’t have priests to help them get it.

By Manny Aguilar, Hispanic Membership Chairman/ East

How do we answer that question today, as adults, and as informed Knights? Do some of us still think that way? Do we reach out beyond our sermons to search for the complete answers for ourselves in the Holy Bible and other Christian literature? How much does “habit” play in our behavior with prayer, etc.? Can we not talk to God except through the Lord’s Prayer or the Hail Mary? Is it so difficult to just CONVERSE with him as we would with a close friend or with our “Dad”? We surely would not read our thoughts, concerns or desires to our close friend or Dad, would we?

We are indeed Christians, aren’t we? Non-Catholic Christians are our brothers still, though they may pray differently, because Jesus came to save us ALL.

As Knights, let us keep our motives rooted in sincere prayer—for His help in our charitable works- in our parishes and our surrounding communities regardless of denomination.

We are called to continuously communicate with our Lord about WHATEVER! And YES, we ARE worthy to speak to him freely, openly, and from our individual hearts as would a little child.

HIS DYING FOR US, ALL OF US, GIVES US WORTH..BELIEVE IT!

“Love one another,
as I have loved you.”
John 15:12





In 'Amoris Laetitia,' "Joy of Love" Francis challenges the church

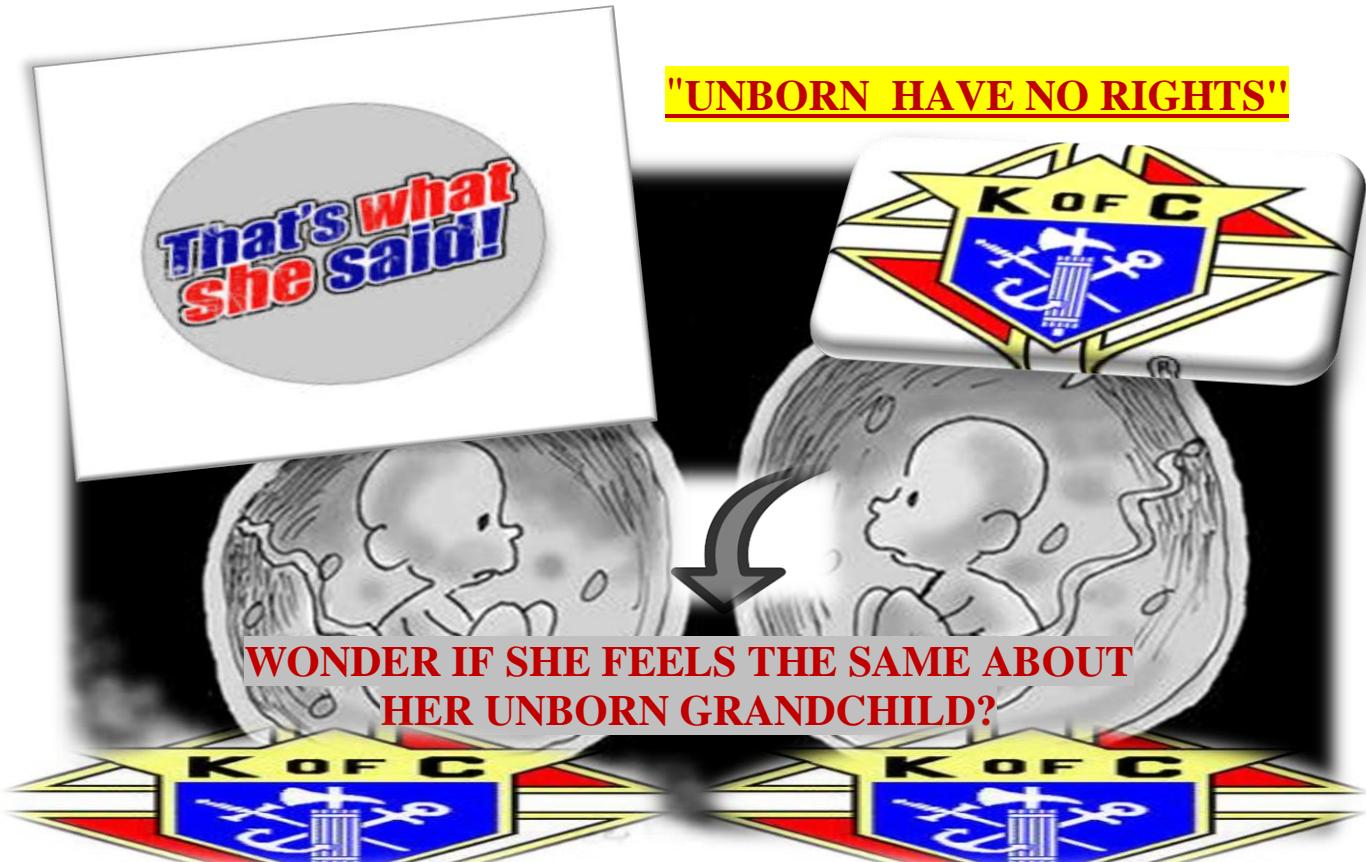
[By Michael Sean Winters | Apr. 7, 2016](#)

He is a Visiting Fellow at Catholic University's Institute for Policy Research and Catholic Studies.

"At times we find it hard to make room for God's unconditional love in our pastoral activity. We put so many conditions on mercy that we empty it of its concrete meaning and real significance. That is the worst way of watering down the Gospel."

Thus, Pope Francis in his new apostolic exhortation Amoris Laetitia. (Paragraph 311.)

Here, and throughout the text, Pope Francis confronts the charge that any kind of change amounts to a capitulation to the culture, a watering down of Catholic doctrine, and turns the charge on its head. He reminds the whole Church that this great enterprise of evangelization and theology and pastoral accompaniment must flow from the root of the Christian Gospel, and not let any theological or cultural or canonical encrustations frustrate the Church from its primary mission of announcing that Gospel, most especially to the poor and the marginalized, the Gospel of Mercy.



**WONDER IF SHE FEELS THE SAME ABOUT
HER UNBORN GRANDCHILD?**

HEAR THEIR WORDS THAT THEY MIGHT REACH YOU;

Are you listening without speaking?

Are you reading and hearing without listening?

Are you writing words that your culture does not share?

Do you dare not disturb the indifference of their silence?

Silence can like a cancer grow.

Little babies reach out with arms hoping to reach you.

Their cries echo on ears that are silent?

And still they reach out to you.....

Does this upset or offend anyone?

I SURE HOPE SO!!!!!

*(Religion [cannot] be relegated to the inner sanctum of personal life,
without influence on societal and national life.)*

-Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, 183.



As a protestant I knew nothing about Mother Mary of Guadalupe or her mission to humanity, than my future husband with his devotion brought me into the true faith, now 58 years later I continue to learn more of the message and beauty of the Mother of our Savior.

By Ruth Calderon CDA member & wife of Mike Calderon

How does one explain an image painted by God, himself, colors taken from nature, color that do not rest on cactuses fiber that's lasted 480 years. Image tells of new life through the codex, a new life we all need to experience as we seek entry into heaven.

Holy Mary of Guadalupe extinguished human sacrifice in the Aztec world of the sixteenth century. Her Image offers abundant new life won by the self sacrifice of her Son. We can be her disciple to end the sacrifice of millions of babies in our world today. It is altogether appropriate that she become the focus of our prayers on behalf of innocent souls.

Her tender message to St Juan Diego, "I am truly your merciful Mother, yours and all the people who live united in this land and of all the other people of different ancestries, my lovers, who love me, those who seek me, those who trust in me. Here I will hear their weeping, their complaint and heal all their sorrows, headships and sufferings". She asked Juan to go to the Bishop so that he would believe and build a new church, where she would manifest her son so that we could worship. We are the new church, she asks for our prayer to worship the one she brought to Elizabeth, centuries ago, and again brought him to this new land in her womb.

Witnessed my husband, for four years, on the phone hour after hour inviting his fellow Knights to host the Silver Rose, all he said "I need to pray". We who did not grow up knowing about Mother Mary of Guadalupe could enrich our faith, better prepare for salvation by knowing the Mother of Jesus and the graces she brings to us all.

Actual size images of the original Miraculous Image, of our lady were presented to the United States by the late Cardinal Posadas on behalf of all Mexican Bishops. They defined Our Lady's mission: to end abortion and convert millions. The Cardinal prayed, "Lady help us to support your mission with our prayers in order that your Missionary Images may be well received in America for the glory of God and the honor of His holy Mother".

My Husband tells me that Washington Bishops are delighted to learn of the Silver Rose to learn of Rose journey within their diocese. They understand what she brings to those their Sheppard. She says to us, "do not sacrifice anymore of my children, you have already sacrificed my Son". After Easter Catholics celebrate Divine Mercy, a Mother love is mentioned by Christ himself to St. Sister Faustina, a simple person, received this message. "Souls who spread the honor of my mercy I shield through their entire life as a tender mother should."



WHAT HAPPENED???

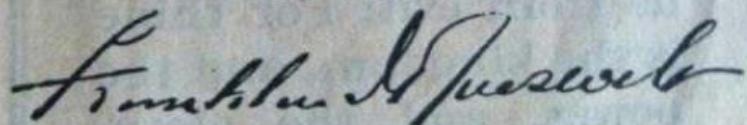
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 25, 1941

To the Armed Forces:

As Commander-in-Chief I take pleasure in commanding the reading of the Bible to all who serve in the armed forces of the United States. Throughout the centuries men of many faiths and diverse origins have found in the Sacred Book words of wisdom, counsel and inspiration. It is a fountain of strength and now, as always, an aid in attaining the highest aspirations of the human soul.

Very sincerely yours,



Franklin D. Roosevelt.

WHO BLEW OUT THE CANDLE?

*Don't it always seem to go
That you don't know what you've got
Till it's gone*





OLDER WOMEN ARE PROBLEM SOLVERS!



After being married for 50 years, I took a careful look at my wife one day and said, "Fifty years ago we had a cheap house, a junk car, slept on a sofa bed and watched a 10-inch black and white TV, but I got to sleep with a hot 23-year-old girl every night.

Now, I have a \$500,000 home, a \$45,000 car, a nice big bed and a large screen TV, but I'm sleeping with a 69-year-old woman. It seems to me that you're not holding up your side of things."

My wife is a very reasonable woman. She told me to go out and find a hot 23-year-old girl and she would make sure that I would once again be living in a cheap house, driving a junk car, sleeping on a sofa bed and watching a 10-inch black and white TV.

Aren't older women great? They really know how to solve an old guy's problems.

Military Chaplain Scholarship Fund

By Karl A. Hadley Vice Supreme Master Blanchet Province



The U.S Military Archdiocese, which supplies Catholic chaplains, estimates that it needs 800 priests to fully serve all of the Catholic men and women in uniform today. Since the time of the 9/11 terrorist attack, the active duty roster of Catholic chaplains has shrunk by more than 400 to just 216 – barely a quarter of the number needed. About 25% of the military is Catholic, but Catholic priests make up only 8% of the Chaplain Corps. This leaves them stretched thin to cover a globally dispersed faith community on a scale of only one priest per 1300 service members, not counting their families.

Five years ago, the Knights of Columbus established a new scholarship program to distribute \$1 million over five years to the Archdiocese for the Military Services to fund 50 percent of the cost of a seminarian's five-year education if the candidate agrees that, following ordination, he will serve as a military chaplain for a minimum of three to five years.

We achieved the \$1 million goal last year – more than a year early, so Supreme Knight Carl Anderson asked us to increase the goal to \$1.2 million.

As of April 6, 2016, donations to the Military Chaplain Scholarship Fund totaled \$1,173,707.83. This leaves us only about \$26,300 to meet our goal of \$1.2 million!

Although the project is led by the Fourth Degree, fundraising is an Order-wide project and all councils and assemblies have been requested to donate.

- 1. Make checks payable to "Knights of Columbus"**
- 2. Write "Military Scholarship" in the memo line**
- 3. Mail checks to the Master of your District**

Iron Sharpens Iron Catholic Men's Conference

After reading Pope Francis' Amoris Laetitia (or The Joy of Love), I began to think about all of the challenges facing families today, and in particular, men. In his letter, Pope Francis outlines morally accepted behavior, but encourages compassion and understanding. Many things in today's culture become shaded and confusing to men. Men are faced with obstacles and challenges of a changing cultural paradigm. There is hope, however. Many conferences and seminars are being offered from Parishes to Diocesan retreats to large conferences.

By TIM COYLE, CHURCH CHAIRMAN

One such conference that is bound to help build moral understanding and spiritual enlightenment is "Iron Sharpens Iron." Fr. Kevin Duggan sends out this personal invitation.

"The world and the culture in which we live present many obstacles and hindrances to the living out of our Catholic faith, especially perhaps for us men.

What does the gospel of Jesus Christ and the Sacred Tradition of the Catholic Church have to teach us about true manliness? What are the challenges we face in our current times? How can we respond to Christ's call to follow him .. as fathers? As husbands? As single men? As simply men?

I invite you to join hundreds of your brother Catholics for the 2016 Catholic Men's Conference, Iron Sharpens Iron, as together we reflect upon and strive to enkindle the virtue of manliness in the Year of Mercy the Pope Francis has declared.

Join us for a day of prayer, worship, adoration, learning, inspiration and brotherhood, as we seek God's grace and guidance in our lives as Catholic men.

Thank you,
Fr. Kevin Duggan
Pastor, Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic Church

The conference will be held April 23rd, 2015 from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 1121 228th Ave. SE, Sammamish, WA 98075. Guest speakers include Archbishop Peter Sartain of Seattle, Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle, Fr. Kevin Duggan, Al Kresta, President and CEO of Ave Maria Radio, and Dr. Tom Curran, author of a best-selling series on the Sacraments.

There is still time to register. The cost is just \$50 and includes lunch. You can go online to register at: <https://mqp.weshareonline.org/IronSharpensIron>.

OLYMPIC COUNCIL 1643 HIGHLIGHTED IN APRIL 2016 COLUMBIAN MAGAZINE

"MISSION ASSISTANCE"

Father Nicholas Rausch Council in Olympia Wash., raised funds for a new commercial oven that provides meals and schooling to 200 children in Juarez, Mexico. The council also supplied a new microwave oven, pots and pans.

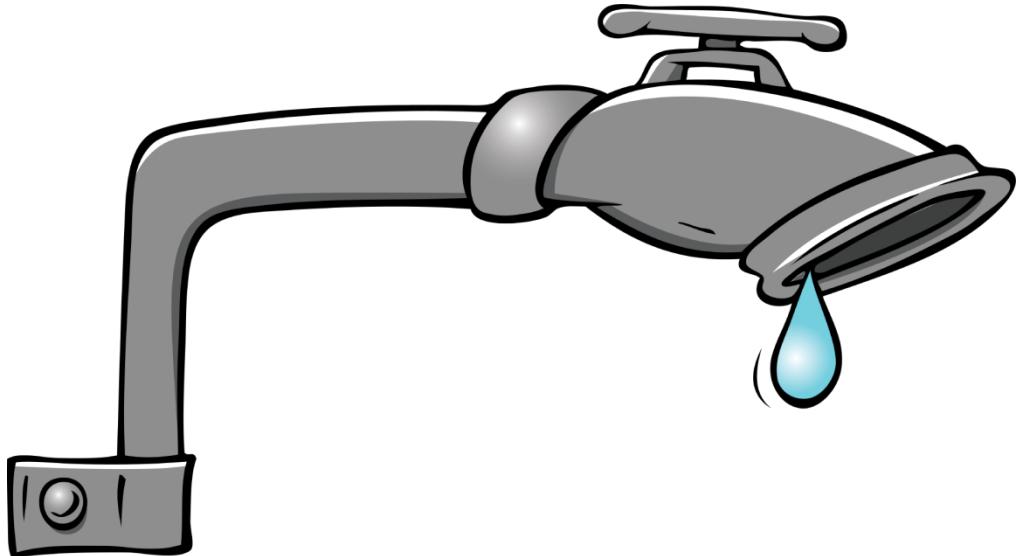


**We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors.
We borrow it from our children.**

ARE WE THERE YET?

FEELS LIKE IT, YEAH, I THINK MAYBE.....

That's just about the last of it.....



See you next month at the Convention!!!!!!

ADENDUM:

(I have received such strong personal support the last 30 days from my fellow Knights, I'm forever grateful. Many of my brother Knights have asked to know more about my brother, who was he, what did he do. It's been a pleasure and an honor to be his brother. I'm so grateful to God for sharing my brother's life with us, I miss you John.)

JOHN SNELL

March 1, 1954 - March 12, 2016

John Wesley Snell, a former longtime reporter for The Oregonian, died March 12 in Walla Walla, Washington, of lingering complications from a 1994 car accident. He was 62.

During John's 26 years on The Oregonian staff, he established a reputation for plunging into breaking news events, then working quickly to deliver bright, easily understood stories. **He was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in 1980 for "A Terrible Beauty," a special section he co-wrote on the eruption of Mount St. Helens.**

He also was known as a high-tech aficionado who acquired the latest gadgets – often used in good-natured newsroom pranks.

John was born March 1, 1954, in Jamestown, North Dakota. He lived on a farm near Montpelier, North Dakota, until he moved with his family to Walla Walla in 1962. He graduated from Walla Walla High School in 1972 and then attended the University of Washington, where he worked for The Daily campus newspaper.

John then worked for the Associated Press in Seattle before joining the staff of The Oregonian in 1979. He left briefly to work as a television critic for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, but returned to The Oregonian, where he specialized in covering police, fire, emergency services and courts.

Friends and former colleagues remember John as a kind, thoughtful, generous and loving person with a great sense of humor. For many years he hosted Thanksgiving dinner for anyone who had no place to go. He had a soft spot for children, giving away full-sized Hershey bars at Halloween. He was a regular at a weekly poker group that included fellow reporters and photographers.

In 1994, John was in a very serious car accident that left him with health challenges for the rest of his life. After he left the hospital, he lived with former fellow reporter John Guernsey and his wife, Evie, who cared for him as though he was their son. In turn, John loved the Guernsey's as a second set of parents.

John worked hard at physical therapy and defied the odds by returning to work. He moved into a barrier-free home in Beaverton, where he hosted barbecue parties, accompanied by succession of merry dogs. In recent months, John moved back to Walla Walla to be closer to his family. He died peacefully March 12 at Providence St. Mary Medical Center.

John is survived by brothers, Steve Snell and his wife, Janet; Tom Snell and wife, Bev; Phil Snell and his wife, Katie; Mike Snell and his wife, Peggy; sister, Sandra White; numerous nieces and nephews; and Riley the Beagle. He is also survived by many close friends that were like family to him. He was preceded in death by his parents; Roy and Joann Snell; one nephew; and four dogs that were his faithful companions. *A cry and a smile for my brother John, he loved everyone!*

