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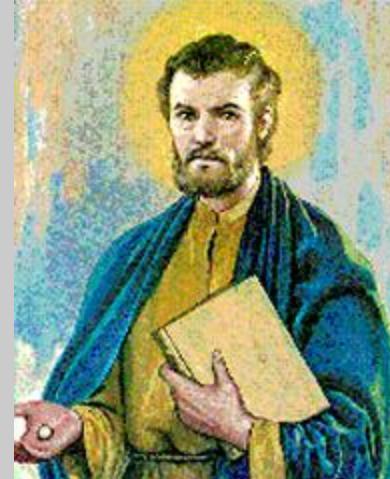
"THE SECOND EDITION"

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THEY WALKED AMONG US

St. Matthias

Apostle (First Century)



Upon the death of the treacherous Judas, St. Peter determined that another disciple should be chosen to complete the original company of twelve apostles. Criteria for selection were that the candidate should have been among the followers of Jesus and a witness of the risen Lord. By the casting of lots, the choice fell to Matthias. On Pentecost, along with the other apostles, he received the gifts of the Holy Spirit and went on, with zeal, to advance the Gospel.

Other than this brief account from the Acts of the Apostles, little is known of St. Matthias. Clement of Alexandria includes him among the seventy two disciples sent in mission by Jesus. Other Accounts, with scant authority, describe later mission work in Cappadocia, and even among cannibals in Ethiopia. According to legend, he was eventually crucified, though nothing certain is known of the circumstances of his death. His body was believed to rest in Jerusalem, from which his remains were said to be transported to Rome by St. Helen.

"Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs. Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles."

-Acts 1:24-26

ARE WE THERE YET ??

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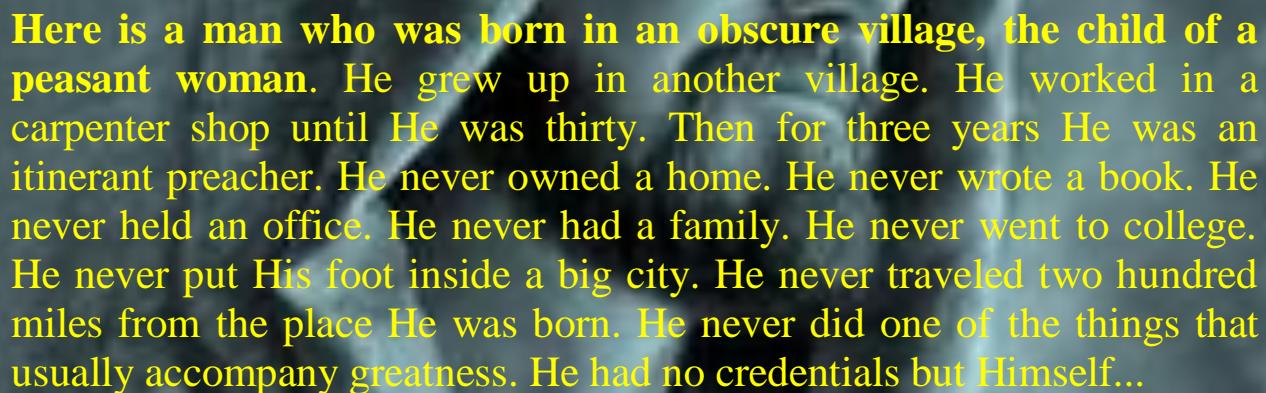
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YES, JUST ABOUT!



THE POWER OF A SOLITARY MAN



Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never owned a home. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put His foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself...

While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves. While He was dying His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth – His coat. When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend. Twenty long centuries have come and gone, and today He is a centerpiece of the human race and leader of the column of progress.

I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that were ever built; all the parliaments that ever sat and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has that one

SOLITARY LIFE.

Life Saving & Soul Saving

Don Quixote is a story where, art imitates life and life imitates art. He goes out to fight perceived foes, both real and imagined in the name of his ladylove who stands for purity and perfection.



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"FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT WITHOUT QUESTION."

By STEVE SNELL

When a man commits to the Lord to stand and fight for the lives of the unborn, this is a holy moment. A life saving and soul saving moment. A moment in which a man feels God as close as his own breath.

In hostile silence, stand those who support killing unborn babies, with their money, votes and legislation. Where is their humanity and compassion? It seems that you can't put in what God left out.

We must look to the future, we must utilize technology, like the ultrasound machines to show the beating heart of the most precious of God's gifts, our babies. We must look to the future, for a time when people can learn by reason, judgment, understanding and faith that all life is worth saving, that love and mercy is the highest attribute of mankind. We must look to the future of our babies because they are us, they are in fact God's gift to us. My brothers as Knights we

"FIGHT FOR THEIR RIGHT TO LIFE WITHOUT QUESTION."

Prayer for the Helpless Unborn Child

Heavenly Father, in Your love for us, protect against the wickedness of the devil, those helpless little ones to whom You have given the gift of life. Touch with pity the hearts of those women pregnant in our world today who are

not thinking of motherhood. Help them to see that the child they carry is made in Your image - as well as theirs - made for eternal life. Dispel their fear and selfishness and give them true womanly hearts to love their babies and give them birth and all the needed care that a mother alone can give. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever, Amen.



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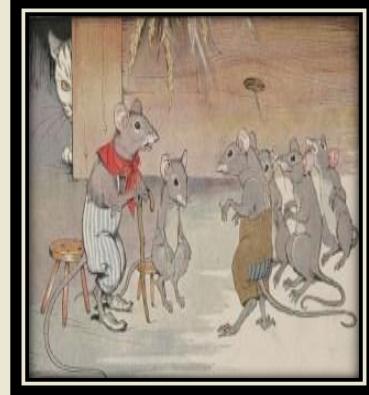
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BELLING THE CAT*

The Mice once called a meeting to decide on a plan to free themselves of their enemy, the Cat. At least they wished to find some way of knowing when she was coming, so they might have time to run away. Indeed, something had to be done, for they lived in such constant fear of her claws that they hardly dared stir from their dens by night or day.



Many plans were discussed but none of them was thought good enough. At last a very young Mouse got up and said: "I have a plan that seems very simple, but I know it will be successful. All we have to do is hang a bell about the Cat's neck. When we hear the bell ringing we will know immediately that our enemy is coming." All the Mice were much surprised that they had not thought of such a plan before. But in the midst of the rejoicing over their good fortune, an old Mouse arose and said: "I will say that the plan of the young Mouse is very good. But let me ask one question:

Who will bell the Cat?" *AESOP'S

*"Brother Knights, it is one thing to say that something should be done,
but quite a different matter to do it."*

Insurance Salesman: My cousin applied for a job as an insurance salesman. On the application form it requested prior experience so he jotted down Lifeguard and nothing else. "We are looking for someone who can not only sell insurance, but, who can sell himself," said the hiring manager for the Insurance Company. "How does working as a lifeguard pertain to salesmanship?" "I could not swim" my cousin replied. **He got the job!**

Mildred, the church gossip and self-appointed arbiter of the church's morals, kept sticking her nose in the other parishioner's private lives. Church members were unappreciative of her activities, but feared her enough to maintain their silence. She made a mistake, however, when she accused George, a new member, of being an alcoholic after she saw his pickup truck parked in front of the town's only bar one afternoon. She commented to George and others that everyone seeing it there would know what he was doing. George, a man of few words, stared at her for a moment and just walked away. He didn't explain, defend, or deny; he said nothing.

Later that evening, George quietly parked his pickup in front of Mildred's house..... **and left it there all night!**



THE SOUL OF INSPIRATION

It Only Takes a Spark!

By STEVE SNELL

One tiny spark, think of the possible energy it can release. One tiny spark can set a forest ablaze. One tiny spark, one idea can set a mind on fire. Think back to the last time you were really excited about an idea or project. Maybe it was when you picked a personal goal to work on or you chose a career path, do you remember that feeling? Maybe it was an internal pilgrimage, an internal flame, a passion, a spirit. These are the coals from which greatness flames and spreads to the world.

His thoughts were lagging behind his words, he appeared quite and simple. One felt that he had no intention to hide anything, but also no intention to tell anything. He had a look that was cold, like one who was totally indifferent to all that was living within the narrow boundaries of his world

He felt a tap on his shoulder, he turned and the man in the pew behind him handed him a form 100 and whispered, "we need you." A spark of energy and change fell upon him, filling a void, he could feel it spread within him as the spark became a flame that grew to rage against his boundaries, the ponderous gates that had appeared to shut off hope and promise begin to be slowly swinging open.

It was like all of a sudden a light bulb had gone off in his head, all of a sudden he knew what he wanted to say, where he wanted to go, what he wanted to do, who he wanted to be. This was his moment of inspiration. These are powerful emotions that drive innovation, creativity and passion. What if we would harness this energy and use it to create positive change in the world today. We can!

Brothers we are called upon to evangelize, to protect the unborn, to spread the word, to help our fellow man, **TO SPREAD THE FLAME OF ENERGY!** Please reach out and bring new members into our family. Next time you're attending Mass, reach out and tap someone on the shoulder.....

BE THE SPARK IN SOMEONES LIFE

To all who serve,
Thanks for walking the walk



GOD BLESS OUR HEROES.



WE REMEMBER ALL WHO GAVE THEMSELVES FOR OUR FREEDOM.

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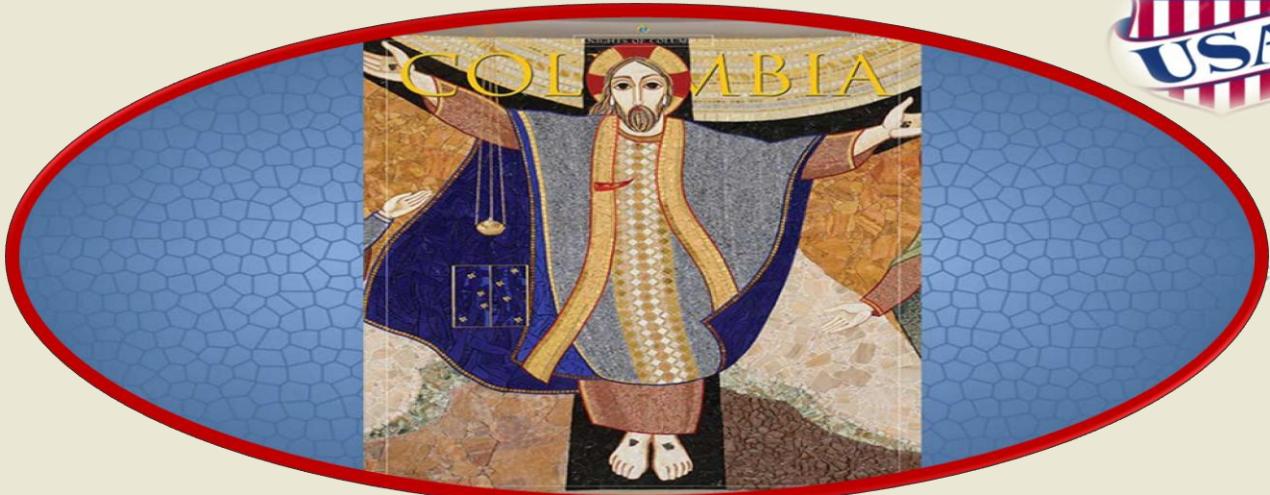
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Newly ordained Father Kyle Manglona accepts a set of chasubles from the members of St. Charles Borromeo Council 13238 Tacoma, Washington. The vestments were purchased by the Knights with funds from the council's annual Oktoberfest charity fundraiser. Charities supported by the event include the parish food bank, St. Charles School and other parish organizations



APRIL COLUMBIA MENTIONS ANOTHER OF OUR COUNCILS

St. Mary's Council 4196 in Spokane Valley, Washington recently made two donations to Bishop White Seminary in Spokane. The first donation, \$4,510 in scholarship funds, was raised through a "100-Mile Bike Ride" fundraiser and supported by Knights and St. Mary's parishioners alike. The second donation consisted of a check for \$3,000 from the council's general funds and will serve as debt relief for the seminary.

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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 are winners for March 2017

Congratulations to:

Mark Lindgren, St. John Mary Vianney Council 11408 - Kirkland

Juan Pablo, Holy Trinity Council 11789 - Bremerton



HUNGER!

FOOD FOR FAMILIES PROGRAM

PLEASE HELP!



No child in our state should go to bed hungry. Not for a day, a week or a month. And if our talking about it means there is just **ONE** child who gets the food they need.... then we are going to talk, and talk and talk..... Brothers it's up to people like you to pledge your commitment to make sure that **no one, child or senior citizen, no one** in our state goes to bed hungry.

Hunger here in the richest nation in the world? Impossible, one might think. In virtually all the cities, a survey reported that low-income people have to make painful choices: whether to pay for rent, medicine, utilities or food. "Food is being pushed farther down the list of priorities," reported providers in one city. Another respondent put it succinctly: "More demand and fewer resources." And yet many of those living in food-insecure households are employed. Hunger and food insecurity, are found not only in inner-city neighborhoods. Look around brothers its closer than you think! **Reach out and HELP!!!**

BE AWESOME REACH OUT!



ARE YOU JESUS?

A few years ago a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago. They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner. In their rush, with tickets and briefcases, one of these salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table, which held a display of apples. Apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane in time for their nearly missed boarding... ALL BUT ONE!!! He paused, took a deep breath, and experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been over turned.

He told his buddies to go on without him, waved good-bye, told one of them to call his wife when they arrived at their home destination and explain his taking a later flight. Then he returned to the terminal where the apples were all over the terminal floor.

He was glad. The 16-year-old girl was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly groping for her spilled produce as the crowd swirled about her, no one stopping and no one to care for her plight.

The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them back on the table and helped organize her display. As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become battered and bruised; these he set aside in another basket. When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl, 'Here, please take this \$40 for the damage we did. Are you okay?' She nodded through her tears. He continued on with, 'I hope we didn't spoil your day too badly.'

As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered blind girl called out to him, 'Mister.....' He paused and turned to look back into those blind eyes. She continued, 'Are you Jesus?'

He stopped in mid-stride, and he wondered. The question burning and bouncing about in his soul:

'Are you Jesus?'

Do people mistake you for Jesus?

That's our Destiny, is it not? To be so much like Jesus that people cannot tell the difference as we live as Knights. It's actually living the Word as life unfolds day to day.

You are the apple of His eye even though we, too, have been bruised by a fall. He stopped what He was doing and picked you and me up on a hill called Calvary and paid in full for our damaged fruit.



Domestic Church Requirement for Columbian Award

To qualify for the Columbian Award -- and ultimately the Star Council Award -- councils must conduct and report to the Supreme council a minimum of 24 programs (four in each of the six Service Program categories). For the 2016-2017 fraternal year, a minimum of four of your programs must be designated as Domestic Church activities. Visit kofc.org/domesticchurch for a listing of Domestic Church--designated programs.

Concerned about your ability to meet this requirement before the end of the fraternal year? Conduct one or more of the following programs between now and June 30:

- 1) **5th Sunday** -- Although the final fifth Sunday of the fraternal year falls on April, any council-sponsored rosary service held before June 30 will fulfill this requirement.
- 2) **Affirmation of Wedding Vows** -- Work with your pastor and/or council chaplain to plan an Affirmation of Wedding Vows event on Father's Day, June 18.
- 3) **Food For Families** -- Collect and donate money or food to a parish food pantry or community food bank, or prepare and serve a meal at a local soup kitchen.
- 4) **Into the Breach (#340)** -- Read and discuss with the men of the council and parish this remarkable document by Bishop Thomas Olmstead of Phoenix. The copy published by Catholic Information Service includes a reflection guide that can be used to promote discussion.
- 5) **The Family Fully Alive (#10162)** -- This program is designed to help families place God and the Catholic faith at the center of their lives through meditations, family projects, Scripture and more. Councils should speak with their pastors about the program and remind them that families can participate at no cost to the parish. *The Family Alive* can be used as a devotional for all families throughout the liturgical year, and all of the program's resources are available at kofc.org/familyfullyalive. A hard copy can be ordered through Knights Gear.
- 6) **Building the Domestic Church Series/Kiosks** -- Order a kiosks and set of booklets to display in your church hall or council meeting place. *The programs listed do not represent an exhaustive list of those that would fulfill the Domestic Church requirement for the Columbian Award. Many homegrown programs may also qualify. To confirm whether one or more of your council programs would qualify, contact Fraternal Mission Department at 203.752.4270 or fraternalmission@kofc.org.*

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Message from Knights on Bikes State President

Brother Knights,

Angie and I just got back from an all day trip to Wenatchee and thought I would share a few pictures before I sit down in the recliner and fall sleep....To recap Combat Veterans International chapter 2 Wenatchee, were the Sponsors, **KofC councils 13186 & 1545** East-West Wenatchee were the hosts, and location was at Holy Apostles Catholic Church. My count was 25 Bikes give or take...weather was good and I had a great time visiting with CVI brothers, these guys are awesome and we thank them for inviting Knights on Bikes Again this year.....**Thanks Brother Jim & Paula.**

Vivat Jesus

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BLESSING OF THE BIKES



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PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Knights from Council 1643/Assembly 1183, Lacey, WA prepared a pancake breakfast consisting of pancakes, ham, colored hard boiled Easter eggs, and blueberry buckle with ice cream on Holy Thursday to feed 125+ guests at The Community Kitchen/Salvation Army Shelter. *The Knights also serve the evening meal on the 2nd Thursday of every month and call it the “Knights Night”.*



Keith Underwood



Michael Revoir



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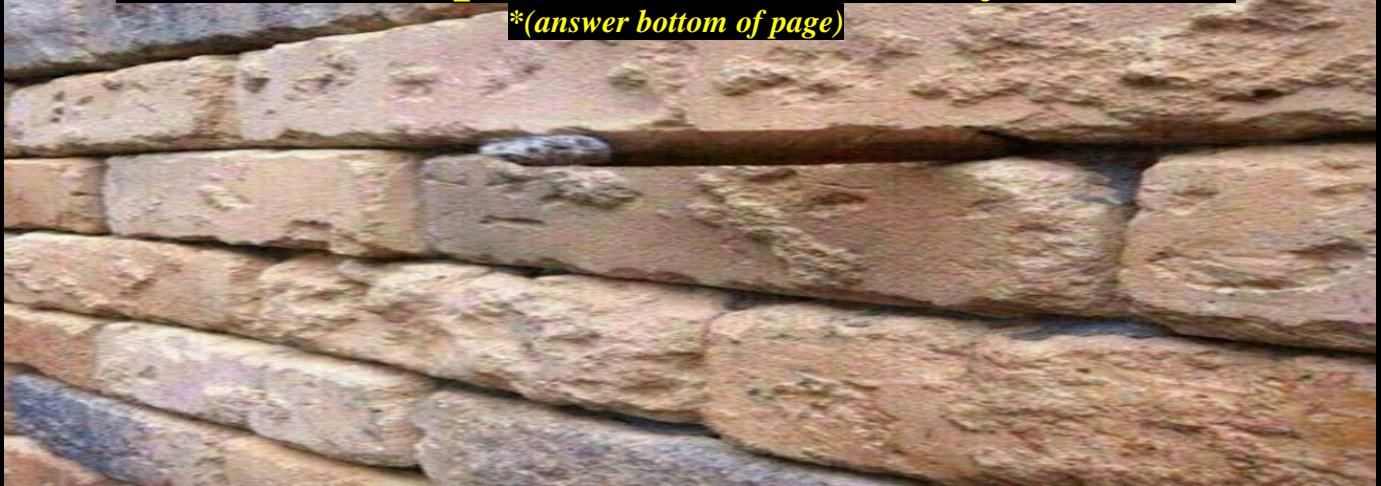
This year's blessing was a great success with 28 bikes and three hot rods. Father Dale Tuckerman did a awesome job and shared an awesome history lesson on Saint Christopher our patron saint of travelers. Twenty eights bikes and three hot rods.....we're just getting started. Thanks to all for your support and prayers.

Vivat Jesus ...**Bruce Hines, State President Knights on Bikes**

OPTICAL ILLUSIONS

'Brick wall' optical illusion -- Can you see it?

**(answer bottom of page)*

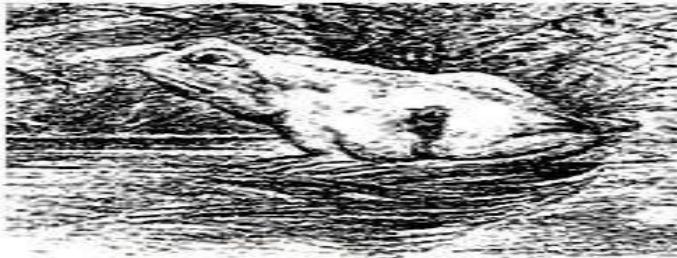


**There are two
different images:**

A frog

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an horse



Whitout a doubt, right?

Now, turn your head sideways...

WHAT DO YOU
SEE - A YOUNG
LADY OR A OLD
WOMEN ?



**(it's a cigar, sticking outwards.)*

ASK AMY

Trip causes hard feelings

Dear Amy: Every fall, my sister, cousins and a cousin's sister-in-law have a weekend shopping excursion in our home city.

We stay in a hotel, treat ourselves, shop for our children and go out for lunches and dinners. It is a great time to reconnect.

I have a sister "Wendy," whom we do not invite. She is offended to the point of tears when she finds we have not invited her. My two sisters and I are very close in age, but Wendy hasn't been as close to this set of cousins as my sister and I have been through the years.

We are all married stay-at-home moms. Wendy is a divorced, working mom with one young child.

There are several reasons we do not include her. We know she doesn't have very much money for such an outing. She also does not have many of the same interests as we do. We're all very active churchgoers, while she only sporadically attends services. Plain and simple, she does not really fit in with us anymore.

She takes it very personally, and last year even came over to my home unannounced crying about it, which upset my children and caused my husband to threaten to call the police if

she did not leave.

Now she barely speaks to me and has told our relatives that I am a horrible person (even though I've helped her).

How can we get her to understand that she should perhaps find another set of friends whose lives and interests align more closely with hers?

SAD SISTER

Dear Sad: First, let's establish that I agree with your sister: You are a horrible person.

Obviously, you can do whatever you want and associate with — or exclude — whomever you want, but you don't get to do this and also blame the person you are excluding for not "fitting in."

The only way your sister would ever fit in would be for you to make room for her. You are unwilling to do that, and that is your choice.

But her being upset is completely justified, and you'll just have to live with that. Perhaps this is something you could ponder from your church pew, because despite your regular attendance, you don't seem to have learned much.

EXCELLENT RESPONSE

YAKIMA COUNCIL 894



Submitted By Federico G. Lopez

May 1st Elections and Awards Meeting: Standing, Norm Ives, Noah Pfeifer (Outside Guard and Shining Armor Award), Dan Curry, Jay Pfeifer (Family of the Month Award), Jaysson Pfeifer (Shining Armor Award), Tom McCormick (Knight of the Month), Francisco Campos (Holy Redeemer RT Coordinator), Father Darrel Mitchell, Robert Roybal (Incoming Grand Knight), Steve Royce (Incoming Deputy Grand Knight), Larry Ziegler, Mike Dean, Bob Wilson, Shane Smith, Ethan Pfeifer, Bill Hays (Silver Knight Award), Norm Hilbert, Anju Jason and Jacob Sevigny (Our Sponsored 3rd Degree Seminarian)



Service and
Volunteering by
Council Members:

Norm Hilbert (left picture) and Jaysson and Anju (right picture) helping at Church decoration for Easter Celebrations. Defying gravity.



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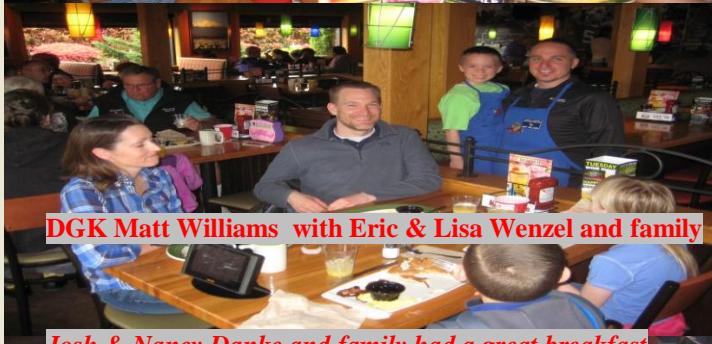
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**New Sir Knights l-r: Bill Elfo (Ferndale 7356), Preston Knutson (829), Tony Ruiz (7356),
Duffy McNall (829), Dick Pylilo (829). Missing: Matt Williams (829)**

Applebee's breakfast was an easy and big success

What an easy fundraiser. Just sell a few tickets, and then do the fun job of serving breakfast to a lot of people, including many of your friends. That's about all there was to a quick and easy Applebee's breakfast fundraiser April 29. About 130 people came and enjoyed the breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, juice, and coffee—all for \$10. The council got \$5 of that \$10, plus over \$400 in tips, for a total close to \$1,400. Workers at the breakfast, besides GK Ben Roberts, were Brothers Matt Williams, Gordy Wilson, Harvey Unruh, John Shuhler, Duffy McNall, Charlie McNall, Rik Dalvit, Preston Knutson, Gary Metcalf, Rob Murphy, Dick Tobias, Bartley Metcalf, Chris Craven, and Marian Tobias.



Kudos
To all the knights who sold tickets for, or worked at, the Applebee's breakfast and made it a success.



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Color Corps Needed for the State Convention

By Karl A. Hadley, PSD, FMFD
Vice Supreme Master, Archbishop Blanchet Province

The 114th Washington State Council Convention will be held on May 19, 20, and 21, 2017, at the **Red Lion Hotel in Olympia**. **State Deputy Eddie Parazoo** has requested that the Fourth Degree Color Corps participate in the following convention events: the **Opening Convention Mass** on Friday, the **Awards Banquet** on Saturday evening, and the **Annual Memorial Mass** on Sunday morning.

The **Opening Convention Mass** will be held at **Sacred Heart Parish in Lacey**. Maps will be provided at the convention. The **mass will be at 5:00 p.m.** Therefore, all Color Corps members should be **at Sacred Heart Parish at 4:30 p.m.** to dress, receive instructions, and form-up. A room will be reserved for the Color Corps to dress and store their regalia.

A special **Flag Presentation Ceremony** will be conducted at the **Saturday Evening Awards Banquet** to be held in the **Forest Ballroom** at the **Red Lion Hotel**. The dinner will commence at **7:00 p.m.** Color Corps members are needed to conduct the ceremony should be **at the Red Lion Hotel at 6:30 p.m.** to dress, receive instructions, and form-up. **A rehearsal** will be conducted prior to the banquet.

The **Annual Memorial Mass** will be held on **Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m.** in the **Forest Ballroom** in the **Red Lion Hotel**. All Color Corps members should be in the Forest Ballroom by **6:30 a.m.** to receive instructions and form-up. A room will be set aside for the Color Corps to dress and store their regalia.

I request all sir knights in attendance at the convention who have regalia and all Color Corps members from assemblies in the Greater Olympia Area to actively participate as a member of the convention's Color Corps. With the number of sir knights that are attending the convention (as past state deputies, district deputies, state chairmen, delegates, alternates, and visitors), plus the sir knights of the local assemblies, the active participation of sir knights at the Opening Mass should be at least 60 members in regalia. **Visualize 60 sir knights in regalia leading the procession wearing red, purple, white, green, gold, and blue!** Will you join us demonstrating our visible support of the clergy, the Order, the Washington State Council, and our country?

Master Western Washington District Phillip Clingan is the Host Master and will coordinate the Color Corps, with the assistance of Eastern Washington District Master Darrell Henn and any District Marshals in attendance.

All sir knights who have questions regarding the Color Corps should contact Master Clingan at (253) 304-9955.



Color Corp request

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Thought I would sent out a share with some Kudos and event exit meeting notes from the team. As I shared in an earlier email we had great turn out. The promotion model I used this year was about the same as last year with the big difference of moving the event to Christ The King church in Richland. Lady Angie once again emailed posters and invites to church offices up and down the Yakima valley. Brother Steve Snell shared event information on his site ("Second Edition") tons of great KofC news and updates here Brosthanks Brother Steve.

In the KofC tradition we charged no entry / registration fee.... most were totally suppressed the event was free. Another great opportunity to witness the charity and identity of Catholic Motorcycle as part of the vision of our founder Father McGivney, it also conforms my belief that the face of Catholic motor cycle should be the Knights of Columbus worldwide. I will add we did set out a donation helmet and collected a generous amount for the Military Chaplin's scholarship program.

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"IN GOD WE TRUST, AND RIDE"



FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION



Saturday, June 3, 2017, at

Tacoma (St. Charles Borromeo),

7112 S 12th St, Tacoma, WA 98465

The host assembly is 3381 St. Charles Borromeo

The host **District Marshal** is Tommy LaCour (206-380-0749)

The degree team is the Western Washington Fourth Degree Team

EXEMPLIFICATION HONOREE

The **Honoree** for this Fourth Degree Exemplification is

FMFD Eugene Daly

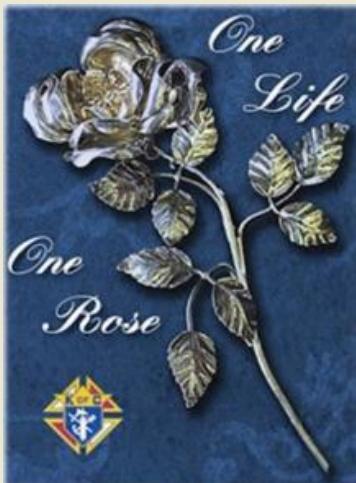
Upcoming 4th Degree Schedule

28 Oct 2017, St. Mary's Parish, Centralia, WA. Host Assembly (3144
Holy Family)

Fourth Degree Flag Presentation & Masses

I need as many 4th degree members that can show up in force and help participate in the wonderful flag presentation. The fourth degree presents the national colors and state flags every year at the annual convention but it takes about 30-40 knights in regalia. Please bring your regalia and help show in force not only during the flag presentation but during our Catholic Masses during the weekend. This is an important date for knights during our annual convention

and I look forward to meeting all my brothers and celebrating all the hard work conducted during the fraternal year.



Silver Rose Program

Beginning in March 2016, six Silver Roses will begin their journey across North America, from Canada to the United States to Mexico. The 2016 Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose - One Life, One Rose Program will conclude on December 12, 2016 on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico.

"Through it we honor not only Our Lady of Guadalupe and express the unity of the Order, but we also reaffirm the Order's dedication to the sanctity of human life. It is to the Blessed Mother that we turn in prayer as we work to end the Culture of Death that grips our society. As we think in terms of 'One Life, One Rose,' it is most appropriate that we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe who made known her will through Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses." Today six Silver Roses travel through North America exemplifying Knights of Columbus devotion to Our Lady and their commitment to the Culture of Life. This year one of the Six roses will be presented to Pope Francis on December 12th 2017.



The presentation of the Silver Rose was as follows: Friday May 5th: St. Anne's Catholic Church ~ Forks, WA. Saturday May 6th: Our Lady of the Olympics Catholic Church ~ Amanda Park, WA Monday May 8th: St Joseph's Catholic Church ~ Elma, WA. Tuesday May 9th: St Jerome Catholic Church ~ Ocean Shores, WA

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Thank you brothers for all your great works to the Western District and continued support.

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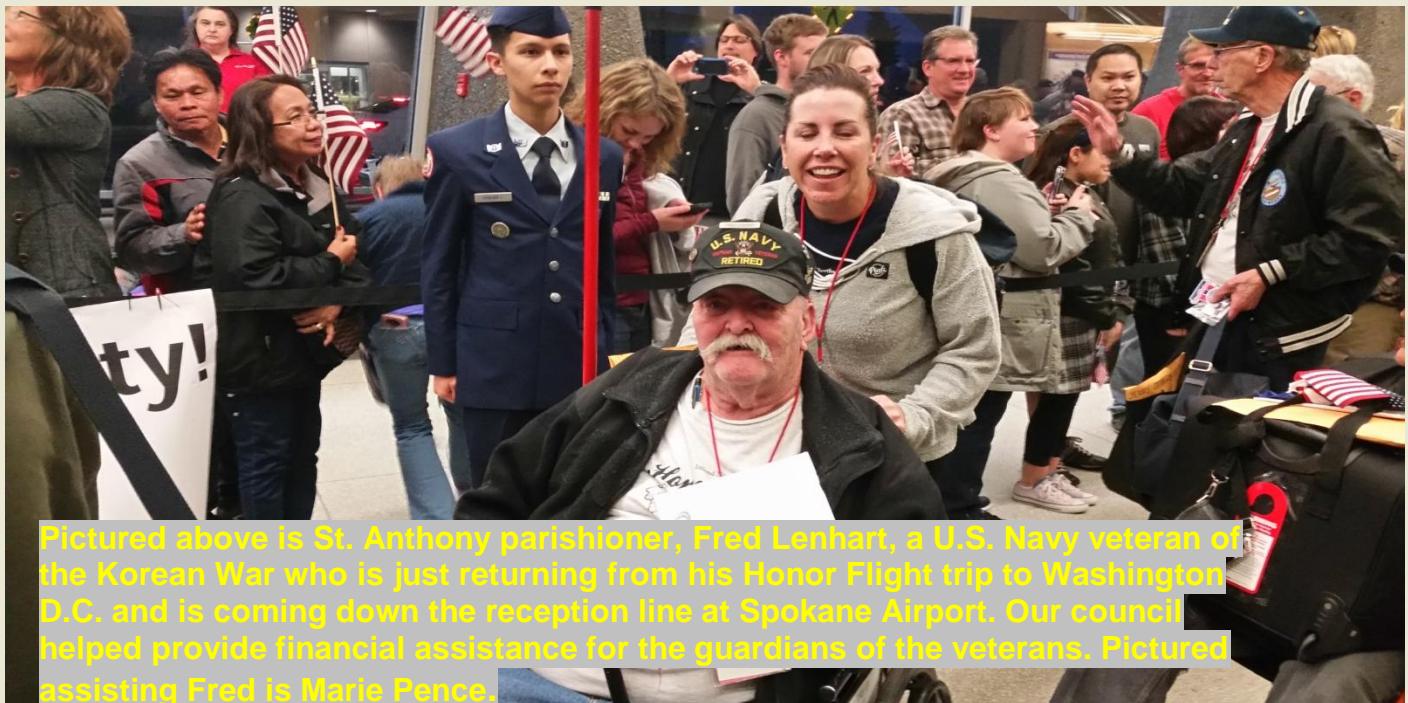


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The four pictures above don't really do justice to the finished lobby/entry area/storage room area recently completed by all volunteer labor from our Knight's council and other members of St. Anthony's parish.

Thanks to all who offered their time and talents to this project.



Pictured above is St. Anthony parishioner, Fred Lenhart, a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War who is just returning from his Honor Flight trip to Washington D.C. and is coming down the reception line at Spokane Airport. Our council helped provide financial assistance for the guardians of the veterans. Pictured assisting Fred is Marie Pence.



Front: Fred Lenhart (Korean War Vet), Maria Pence (guardian)

Back left to right: John Delay Jr. (guardian), John Delay (WWII Vet), Greg Meyer, Stephen Sommer, Darrell Wehr, Ed Zupich, Frank Capehart.

WE STAND BY OUR VETS!!

Mary is the Path that can bring us closer to Christ

Guadalupe Silver Rose



By Mike Calderon, Former/State Hispanic Membership Chairman

Guadalupe Silver Rose will visit our parish this weekend. This Rose represents that being that God the Father entrusted to bring his only son into the World. In her 3 appearance in 1531 she appeared with child.

We should entrust ourselves to Mary, not only when the Rose comes to visit but each day, she is the path that can bring us closer to Christ.

Pope John Paul describes the nature of entrustment of oneself to Mary: Entrustment to Mary in a filial manner, the Christian, like the Apostle John, Welcomes, the Mother of Christ, into his own home.

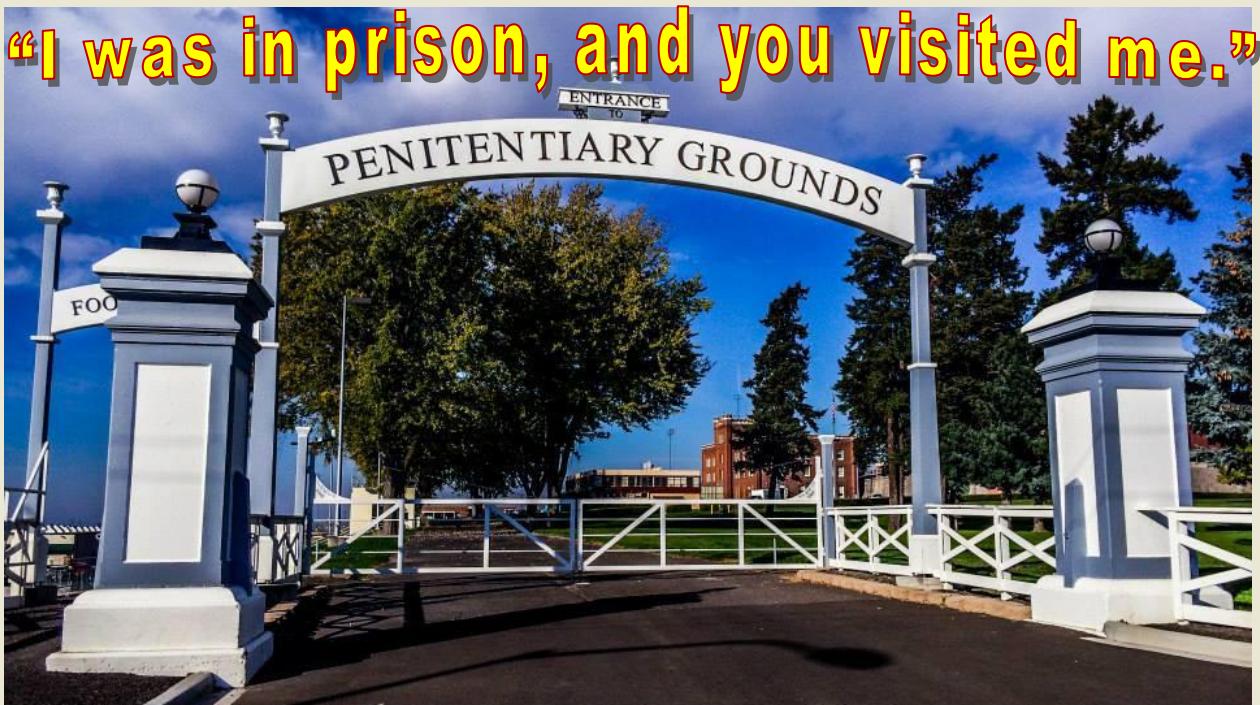
He brings her into his human and Christian “I”: Thus the Christian seeks to be taken into the “maternal charity” with which the Redeemer’s Mother cares for the brethren of her Son, in whose birth and development she cooperates in the measure of the gift proper to each one, the power of the Holy Spirit. Thus also is exercised that motherhood in the Spirit which becomes Mary’s role at the foot of the Cross and in the upper room.

Mary’s preparation for her Motherhood role started at the annunciation, than “finding Jesus in the Temple after three days”, “do what he tells you, wedding guests ran out of wine”, all these things and in the hidden life of Mary, she kept these moments in her heart, with the final role of Motherhood of suffering at the foot of the cross, there she became the Mother of humanity. This is the same Mother that the Guadalupe Silver Rose represents.



Welcome Mary into our homes

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



CATHOLIC PRISON MINISTRIES

Brother Knights,

The Catholic Prison Ministries is in need of volunteers:



CATHOLIC PRISON MINISTRIES
Please consider joining us in this ministry!



"I was in prison, and you visited me."

Our tri-parish outreach to the men at the

WASHINGTON STATE PENITENTIARY:

- Consists of priests and lay volunteers • Offers seven services a month
- Provides catechetical teaching, as well as Holy Eucharist, Reconciliation and other Sacraments as requested • Supplies the inmates with Catholic literature, liturgical readings, and rosaries (financed by the parishes, the KOC, and donors)
- If you are interested in joining this powerful and much needed ministry (must be 18 or older), please contact:

- Dave Opbroek (509-240-7484, opbroekd@pocketinet.com)
- Mary Raschko (509-527-5289, raschkom@gmail.com)

COUNCILS THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER

USE IT





THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MISSION EVOLVES TO BUILD THE DOMESTIC CHURCH AND STRENGTHEN PARISH LIFE

(*The following was taken from a speech given by Immediate Past State Deputy George Czerwonka to the Catholic Daughters of America at their recent Bi-Annual Convention, Wenatchee, WA.*)

By IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY GEORGE CZERWONKA

"Our Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson, recently gathered with the state deputies in San Antonio for the mid-year review. They came from across the world – South Korea, Philippians, Central and North America, Poland, Lithuania and the Ukraine.

Supreme Knight Anderson began his review with the state deputies on the charitable work of the Order around the world; work in the US at influencing public policy, and efforts to renew the message and vision of The Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney at the parish and domestic level.

Father McGivney would probably not have described himself as a missionary, although the United States was and remained a "mission" territory in the eyes of the Vatican during his lifetime. Let us not forget the words of Pope Benedict XVI, emeritus, who during his 2008 visit to the United States named Father McGivney as an example of the *missionary spirit* that built the Catholic Church in America.

On that occasion, Pope Benedict urged Catholics in America to "move together toward that true spiritual renewal desired by the [Second Vatican] Council, a renewal which can only strengthen the Church in that holiness and unity is indispensable for the effective proclamation of the Gospel in today's world."

I googled the numbers once again and learned that we, registered Catholics, represent more than 70 million...fully 22% of the U.S. population which is now more than 325 million. We are the largest denomination of Christians in the United States, but we need to take stock as 31.7% of American adults saying they were raised Catholic no longer identify as Catholic.

Let me say that again, "31.7% of American adults saying they were raised Catholic no longer identify as Catholic!" "How can that be?" Our priests serving in our Newman Centers will tell you that way more than 50% of our kids are not

Catholics are the largest faith group

practicing their faith or have left their faith entirely. Our evangelization must begin at home!

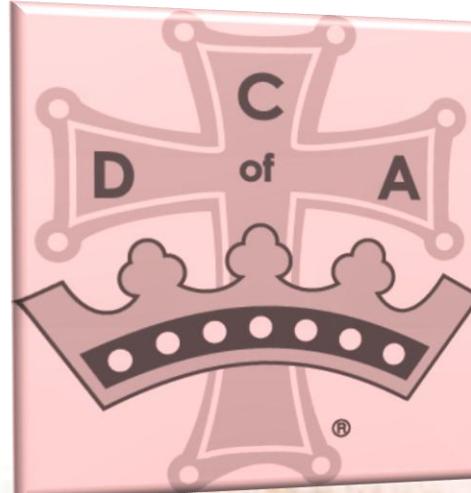
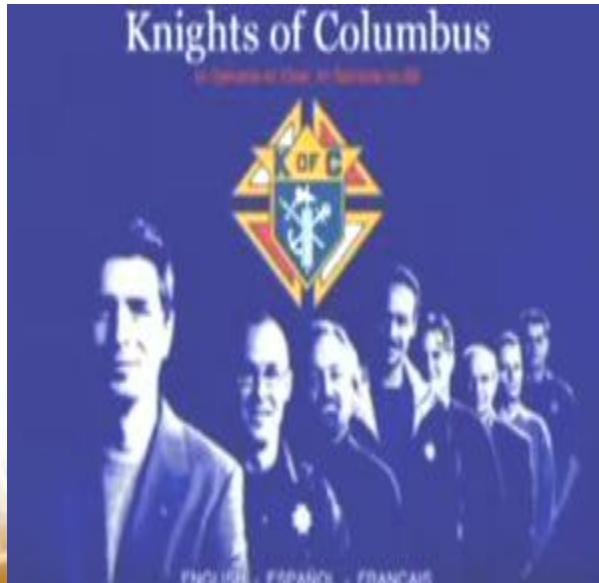
According to the Pew Research Center's Religious Landscape Study, fully 83% of the United States population (270 million), consider themselves Christian, but do not belong to a recognized and established religion. Again, we Catholics are more than 70 million; Southern Baptists are little more than 17 million; and, 8 million are Methodists and other Protestants in lesser numbers. Atheists account for 13% (42 million) and the remaining 4% represents the Jewish, Buddhist and Muslim faiths.

We Catholics are the largest faith group by a large margin, but we are not a cohesive group as I am sure you are all well aware.

The challenge for us and you is how we influence our Catholic sisters and brothers through Evangelization. We Knights are embarking on a mission to further our commitment to parish life with a program to build the Domestic Church, working with our priests and religious.

We must work to set an example for Catholic families who are being tested as never before - no-fault divorce causes struggling single parent families, cohabitation outside of marriage (Fr. Tells me we had only one wedding this past year), has society testing our resolve to remain Catholic, just to name a few. “

”What are we doing as Knights...we are shifting away from the social club home associations with bars and halls of the past that carry a significant financial cost, and we have been promoting parish councils. We realized that parish councils imitating Fr. McGivney and St. Mary’s Parish were his vision for the Order. This change of focus to Church programs includes many more family members in our activities and direct support of Catholic family life. The result of this shift in focus has opened the door to thousands of new councils and many hundreds of thousands of new members and their families.”



What are we doing as Knights

BROTHER DID YOU KNOW

Submitted By Manny Aguilar, PFS, PGK, FDD, FDDM, FHC

Brother, did you know that you are the child of a King? That the greatest power in the universe has chosen and accepted you as His own, to guide you, protect you, heal you, and love you in spite of all your faults?

Brother, did you know that we are at war? The scriptures tell us that the principles of heaven are constantly fighting with the earthly powers over the control of your soul. Consequently, we must be on guard to arm ourselves with all the powers given to us by God to protect us from the Devil's influence. Those powers WILL protect us, but only if we use them. As a child of the King, you are also responsible to help your fellow man with his struggles.

Brother, did you know that you CAN help, even beyond your own expectations. As child of the King, you can let go of your fears and step forward in confidence to assume positions of leadership and to take an active role in the charitable activities of your councils.

Call upon the name of the Lord and let Him lead you and, brother did you know that THAT is exactly what God is asking of each one of us.

We can all respond to the call to evangelize, also. But, sometimes, we find it hard to let go of OUR control and freeze when the opportunity presents itself. Why??? Don't doubt your own abilities and possible effectiveness.

Brother, did you know that when you step out in faith, it won't be you that will have the proper words or deeds, but the Holy Spirit himself that will do the works THROUGH YOU.

He is in charge of changing someone's heart and His grace that will do the converting.

That in itself is a great relief to us. All we have to do is to make ourselves available to Him then let Him do the work.

Pray that we can listen for His call and then be ready to say 'Yes, Lord'.



THE CHURCH

The Answer to Zombies, Vampires, Despair and Suicide

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The show Thirteen Reasons Why along with the themes of suicide and despair are topics every school is currently discussing. As disturbing as the show might be, the suicide rate alone tells us of the extraordinary despair too many of our friends and neighbors are living with.

It seems impossible to speak of suicide without experiencing a sense of despair. It is all the more jarring when the suicide is of a young teen – a sad story that most of us have experienced.

A culture infatuated with zombies and vampires is a culture that is starving for light. The hopelessness pervading the culture of the youth will naturally lead to despair, and ultimately suicide. And yet, even in the darkness of the culture, we find our faith shines forth all the brighter.

The Catholic School is much better equipped to handle the discussions about suicide and despair found in high schools everywhere. It need not end with a despairing sigh and a hopeful quest to find answers. It ends with the realization of the great hope that is a natural part of any Catholic School.

It is ironic that these discussions are taking place during the Easter season. What an extraordinary gift it is to ponder the abundant life found in the resurrection story. A God-filled life leads to joy. A God-less lives lead to despair.

The answer to zombies (the walking dead), is the God-man who conquered death and is alive. Note the extraordinary contrast between the zombie-body that exists with a diminished life, and the resurrected body of Christ which is vibrant with abundant life.

The answer to the mythical vampire that selfishly feeds on the victim's blood for his own life, is the Christ who selflessly gave of His blood for the life of the world. At each mass, our Savior freely gives his Body and Blood to nourish our spiritual lives.

The answer to the despair that leads to suicide is the grace freely given by God to give increase to our life. In the sacraments, we become reborn, rejuvenated, and remade in His likeness. In contrast to despair sucking the life out of us, we have an inexhaustible source of life found in the author of life; God Himself.

The very basis of the Catholic School is the abundant life of grace that Christ offers all. Truly, every child deserves to be embraced by this abundant life. Our culture offers our youth too much darkness that sucks the life out of them. We must all become much more intentional in surrounding each child with the light and grace of the abundant life found only in Christ Jesus.



