

WASHINGTON STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

"THE SECOND EDITION"

GOD SENT HIS SON

TO EARTH FOR US



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Christmas Adventure with Grandma

I remember a time on Christmas Eve I needed to talk with Grandma. I was just a kid. I remember tearing across town on my bike to visit her on the day "a big kid" dropped the bomb: "There is no Santa Claus," he jeered. "Even dummies know that!" My Grandma was not the gushy kind, never had been. I fled to her that day because I knew she would be straight with me. I knew Grandma always told the truth, and I knew that the truth always went down a whole lot easier when swallowed with one of her "world-famous" cinnamon buns.

Submitted by Steve Snell

Grandma was home, and the buns were still warm. Between bites, I told her everything. She was ready for me. "No Santa Claus?" she snorted "Ridiculous! Don't believe it. That rumor has been going around for years, and it makes me mad, plain mad!! Now, put on your coat, and let's go." "Go? Go where, Grandma?" I asked. I hadn't even finished my second world-famous cinnamon bun. "Where" turned out to be the Hardware Store, the one store in town that had a little bit of just about everything. As we walked through its doors, Grandma handed me ten dollars. That was a bundle in those days. "Take this money," she said, "and buy something for someone who needs it. I'll wait for you in the car." Then she turned and walked out of the store.

I was only eight years old. I'd often gone shopping with my mother, but never had I shopped for anything all by myself. The store seemed big and crowded, full of people scrambling to finish their Christmas shopping. For a few moments I just stood there, confused, clutching that ten-dollar bill, wondering what to buy, and who on earth to buy it for. I thought of everybody I knew: my family, my friends, my neighbors, the kids at school, the people who went to Mass at my church.

I was just about thought out, when I suddenly thought of Bobby Becker. He was a kid with bad breath and messy hair, and he sat right behind me in Mrs. Whitney's grade-two class. Bobby Becker didn't have a coat. I knew that because he never went out to recess during the winter. His mother always wrote a note, telling the teacher that he had a cough, but all we kids knew that Bobby Becker didn't have a cough; he didn't have a good coat. I fingered the ten-dollar bill with growing excitement. **I would buy Bobby Becker a coat!**

I settled on a red corduroy one that had a hood to it. It looked real warm, and he would like that. "Is this a Christmas present for someone?" the lady behind the

counter asked kindly, as I laid my ten dollars down. "Yes, ma'am," I replied shyly. "It's for Bobby." The nice lady smiled at me, as I told her about how Bobby really needed a good winter coat. I didn't get any change, but she put the coat in a bag, smiled again, and wished me a Merry Christmas. That evening, Grandma helped me wrap the coat (*a little tag fell out of the coat, and Grandma tucked it in her Bible*) in Christmas paper and ribbons and wrote, "To Bobby, From Santa Claus" on it. Grandma said that Santa always insisted on secrecy. Then she drove me over to Bobby Becker's house, explaining as we went that I was now and forever officially, one of Santa's helpers.

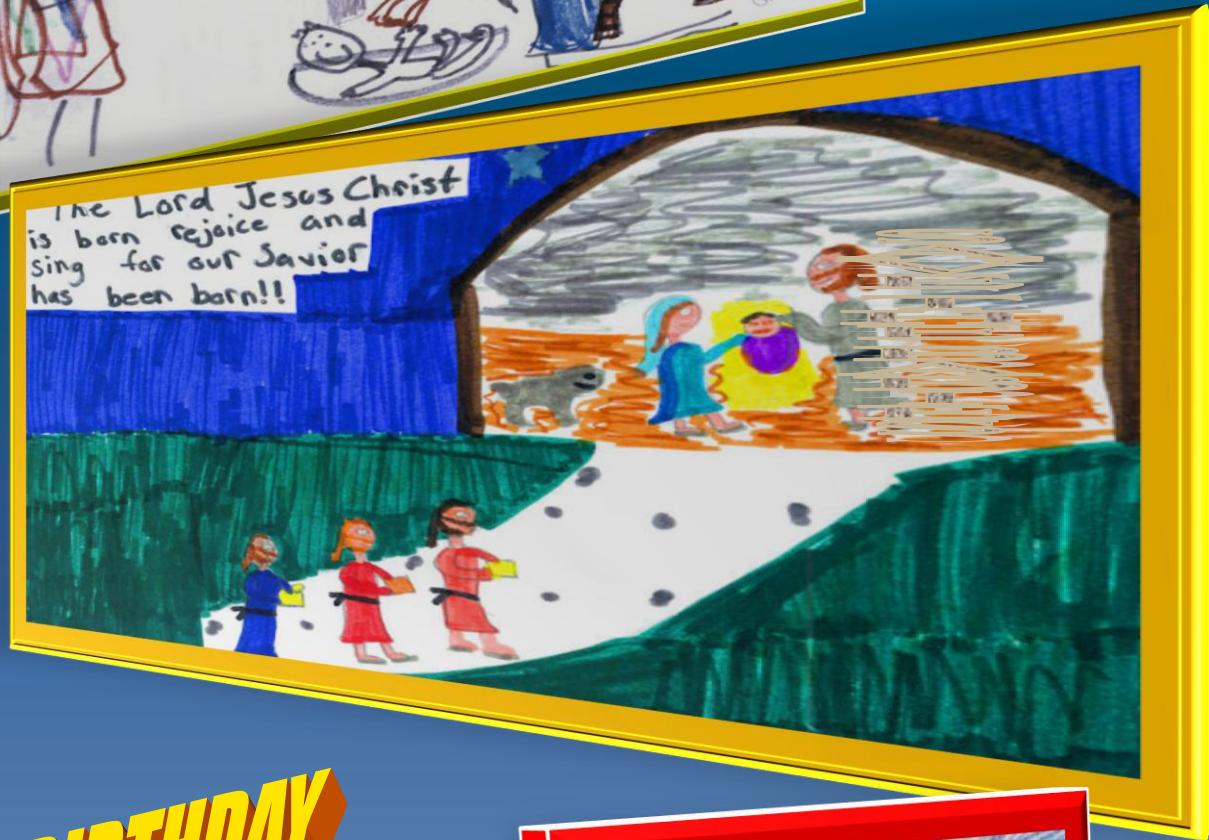
Grandma parked down the street from Bobby's house, and she and I crept noiselessly and hid in the bushes by his front walk. Then Grandma gave me a nudge. "All right, Santa Claus," she whispered, "get going." I took a deep breath, dashed for his front door, threw the present down on his step, pounded his door and flew back to the safety of the bushes and Grandma. Together we waited breathlessly in the darkness for the front door to open. Finally it did, and there stood Bobby. Fifty years haven't dimmed the thrill of those moments spent shivering, beside my Grandma, in Bobby Becker's bushes. That night, I realized that those awful rumors about Santa Claus were just what Grandma said they were -- ridiculous. Santa was alive and well, and we were on his team.

I still have the Bible, with the coat tag tucked inside: \$19.95.

**On Jesus' Birthday;
May you always have LOVE to share,
HEALTH to spare and FRIENDS that care...
And may you always believe in the giving magic of Christmas!**



Come Follow Me.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
JESUS!



Bible Verses Against Abortion

(1) Give ear, ye islands, and hearken, ye people from afar. The Lord hath called me from the womb, from the bowels of my mother he hath been mindful of my name. (Isaiah 49:1)

(4) And the word of the Lord came to me, saying: (5) Before I formed thee in the bowels of thy mother, I knew thee: and before thou camest forth out of the womb, I sanctified thee, and made thee a prophet unto the nations. (Jeremiah 1:4-5)

(15) Did not he that made me in the womb make him also: and did not one and the same form me in the womb? (Job 31:15)

(3) Behold the inheritance of the Lord are children: the reward, the fruit of the womb. (Psalms 127:3)

(13) For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast protected me from my mother's womb. (14) I will praise thee, for thou art fearfully magnified: wonderful are thy works, and my soul knoweth right well. (15) My bone is not hidden from thee, which thou hast made in secret: and my substance in the lower parts of the earth. (16) Thy eyes did see my imperfect being, and in thy book all shall be written: days shall be formed, and no one in them. (Psalms 139:13-16)

(15) For he shall be great before the Lord and shall drink no wine nor strong drink: and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. (Luke 1:15)

(41) And it came to pass that when Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the infant leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost. (42) And she cried out with a loud voice and said: Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. (43) And whence is this to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? (44) For behold as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. (Luke 1:41-44) (29) But Peter and the apostles answering, said: We ought to obey God rather than men. (Acts 5:29)

(16) Know you not that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? (17) But if any man violate the temple of God, him shall God destroy. For the temple of God is holy, which you are. (18) Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seem to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. (19) For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written: I will catch the wise in their own craftiness. (1 Corinthians 3:16-19)

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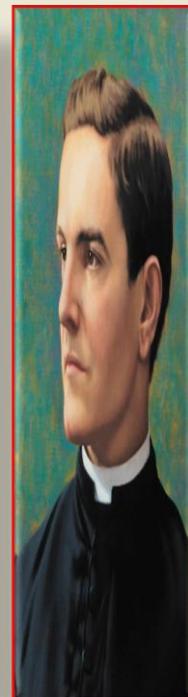
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GRAND KNIGHT'S CHECK LIST



- Confirm that your council and jurisdiction is compliant with the Office of youth Protection's requirements for all activities.
- Host your Coats for kids and Food for Families holiday events
- **REMEMBER THESE UPCOMING DATES:**
- Dec. - Distribute the *Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Personal Survey (#1728A)* to members in order to help prepare the annual council survey,, due on Jan. 31.
- Jan. 1 - Council Per Capita Tax, Catholic Advertising Fund and Culture of Life fund assessments levied by the Supreme council.
- Jan. 31 - *Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (1728), Partnership With Special Olympics profile (#4584), Free Throw Championship Participation Form (FT-1) and Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest Participation Form (#4001)* due.



Campaign to Save 1 Million Children



- by 2019 and save 1 million babies! For information on how your council can work toward this goal, visit kofc.org/ultrasound. Questions may be directed to 203-752-4403 or [william.obrien@kofc.org](mailto:wiliam.obrien@kofc.org).



YOUR COUNCIL ACTION PLAN

All councils are required to implement domestic Church activities into their action plan. To do this, work with your pastor in organizing activities best suited to your parish families. There are four categories of Domestic Church activities for councils to choose from, including Member Activities, Parish Activities, Family Activities and Community Activities. for a checklist of Domestic Church activities and further details, see the July 2017 issue of *Knightline*, available at kofc.org/knightline.

BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH
While Strengthening Our Parish



Congratulations to the Star Assembly Award Winners of 2016 - 2017!

The winning excelled in membership recruitment, sponsoring patriotic programs in their communities and keeping their members and others informed of assembly activities.

Star Assembly Award plaques are being engraved for each winning assembly and will be forwarded to the vice supreme master for presentation at appropriate ceremonies.

Brothers,

The latest edition of Knightline lists Star Assembly Award Winners for the 2016-2017 Fraternal Year. Congratulations to the three Washington assemblies recognized for this achievement. These assemblies excelled in membership recruitment, sponsoring patriotic programs, and member communication.

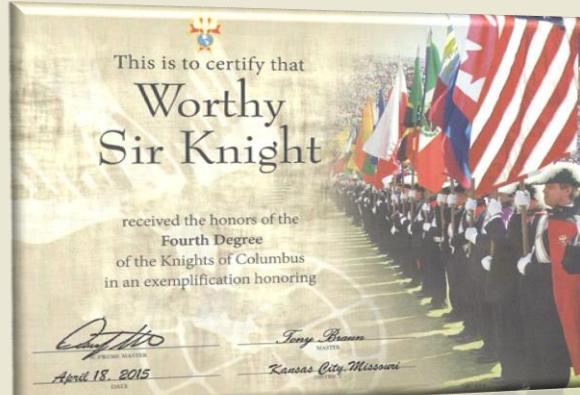
**Assembly 3097 Bremerton
Assembly 3381 Tacoma
Assembly 3398 Seattle**

**Vivat Jesus!
Kevin Fraley
Administration and Finance Chair
WSC**

Worthy Assemblies,

Congratulations on attaining your Star Assemblies. That is quite an honor and you can proudly hold out your accomplishment as an example for the other Assemblies in Washington.

**Fraternally,
Bob Baemmert-SD
Washington State**



"COATS FOR KIDS"



**STRONG VISIBLE
PROGRAM**

Holy Spirit Council 10653, Kennewick, purchased 8 cases or 96 coats. In addition, the Knights of Columbus, Supreme is donating another 96 coats to Catholic Family and Child Services in Richland. *Through the efforts of our council members and the many, many members of our parish that helped with our fund raisers; helping in the ice cream booth or blowing sprinklers, we say THANK YOU. Your efforts helped keep almost 200 kids warm and healthy this winter.*



Grand Knight Darrell Kahl presents Carmen Bowser of Catholic Family Child Services with a check for \$2,000 to help with their expenses.



FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Submitted By Rodger Willis, Deputy Grand Knight (10653)
Saturday, January 20, 2018

at Holy Spirit Parish Hall, 7904 W Clearwater Ave, Kennewick, WA. 99336

The host assembly is **Holy Spirit Assembly 3385**

District Master Darrell R Henn **509-528-4157** or email drhenn1@frontier.com

The host **Faithful Navigator** is Sir Knight Matthew Haas 509-735-1314

The **Faithful Comptroller** is Sir Knight William Brever 509- 783-4205

The degree team is the Eastern Washington Fourth Degree Team



EXEMPLIFICATION HONOREE

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

EVENT TIME SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
Color Corps Rehearsal	Saturday 11:00 am - 1:30 pm	Holy Spirit Parish Hall
Registration	Saturday 12:30 pm - 1:45 pm	Holy Spirit Parish Hall Rm.??
Lunch	Saturday 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Holy Spirit Parish Hall
Exemplification Set-up/ Rehearsal	Saturday 11:00 pm - 1:45 pm	Holy Spirit Parish Hall
4 th Degree Exemplification	Saturday 2:00 pm- 3:30 pm	Holy Spirit Parish Hall
Public Knighting/picture taking	Saturday 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm	Holy Spirit Parish Hall
Mass	Saturday 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Church of the Holy Spirit

FEES

The exemplification fee for each candidate, **except priests**, is **\$70.00**. The fee includes a social baldric and Fourth Degree lapel pins. There is no exemplification fee for **priests or religious brothers**; however, their assembly will pay **\$20.00** to cover the cost of the social baldric and Fourth Degree pin. The candidate's or the assembly's check is to be made payable to the **Masters, Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree**. Lunch is optional for Sir Knights, candidates, and ladies/guests and the cost is **\$7.50**.

Important Note: The exemplification fee does not change if the candidate does not attend dinner. Nor does the exemplification fee pay for the candidate's name tag or annual assembly dues or fees relating to the assembly in accordance with Article XIII, Section 24(k). The exemplification fee is set forth by the Board of Directors under Article IX, Membership, Section 26.

ATTIRE

ARTICLE XI OFFICIAL DRESS

Section 39. Official Dress. The official dress for the Fourth Degree shall be: (a) For a candidate: black or dark (blue or gray business suit with black shoes, white shirt and tie, and candidate identification. (b) A member serving in the armed forces of his country, fulltime police and firefighters shall be considered in proper attire when dressed in a Class A dress uniform. Members of the 4th Degree there to observe must be in a dark business suit, tuxedo with a bow tie or the new uniform. **LADIES:** As men are dressed formally, most ladies prefer dressy attire.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

The sponsor will ensure that all information is legibly printed on the Form 4. The applicant, his sponsor, and the applicant's Council FS will sign the Form 4. Ensure the candidates 3rd degree is updated with Supreme, so the Form 4 does not get kicked back. After the assembly's Admission Committee's action, the FN and FC will sign the Form 4. The FC will forward the signed Form 4 (all copies) and the applicant's check to the District Master. After the degree, the District Master will sign and send the Form 4 to Supreme with copies to councils and assemblies.

*** MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS***

ARTICLE IX MEMBERSHIP

Section 25. Eligibility for Membership. (a) Applications for membership in the Fourth Degree may be made to any Assembly provided the applicant is: (i) Over eighteen years of age. (ii) A citizen of the country in which he resides, or with permission of the Master of the District over the area where he claims citizenship, with the understanding that if permission is granted the pledge of allegiance will be to the country of citizenship. (iii) A Third-Degree member in good standing in his council. (iv) A former member whose membership was terminated for failure to pay dues or by a withdrawal card if he has been readmitted to good standing in his council.

(v) A practical Catholic in union with the Holy See.

**SUBMITTED BY DARRELL HENN
MASTER EASTERN WASHINGTON (509) 528.4157**



Free Winter Coats for Kids



KNIGHTS IN SERVICE



Where: Sacred Heart Catholic Church
1905 Highland Ave in Prosser

When: Friday Nov 24 10am to Noon

Hot Coffee, Donuts, Juice Provided by
Knights of Columbus – Sacred Heart Council

Chamarras de invierno gratis para niños



Where: Iglesia Católica del Sagrado Corazón
1905 Highland Ave Prosser

When: Viernes Nov 24 de 10 a 12

Café caliente, Donas, Jugo. Ofrecido por
Caballeros de Colón – Consejo del Sagrado Corazón

PROSSER, Wash. — The Sacred Heart Council #10543 of the Knights of Columbus spent Black Friday making sure children stay warm this winter.

Sacred Heart Council #10543 used a day devoted to shopping for giving back. For the second year the invited families with children to Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Prosser to pick up coats free of charge. Organizers said they gave away more than 120 coats last year and saw a need they wanted to keep filling.

Financial Secretary for the Prosser Council Kirk McGahey said many families don't have the luxury of holiday shopping, but coats are a necessity in our area, "And so with Christmas coming up, each kid who gets a coat, that's \$25 to \$30 the family doesn't have to spend that's available for Christmas or other essentials."

Grand Knight Louis Garcia also helped distributing the coats, he said he loved being a blessing in these families lives, "The feeling is priceless, to see the look on the kids faces. The emotions that are flowing, the happiness that we're bringing to the families, that in itself is priceless." Garcia said nationwide the Knights of Columbus have given away more than 400 thousand coats since 2009 and they're excited to bring the holiday tradition to our area.

Knights of Columbus give coats to area children

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SCOTT ROBERTSON GK

"COATS FOR KIDS"



STRONG VISIBLE PROGRAM

Hello Christopher

(KEPR Coverage of 10543's coats for kids)

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council #10543, please accept our humble and sincere gratitude for the excellent story and coverage of our Coats for Kids event at Sacred Heart Parish last Friday.

The story was well shot and edited, and concisely captured both the purpose and effect of our effort. Nice work!

As a former journalism student (Indiana University + WSU) and avid lifelong news junkie, I have to say I especially admired the framing, camera angles, the professionalism, editing, writing and delivery of the story. I know how much work that is, and that was an amazing effort on your part and at the KEPR studio!!!

Let me also say that people respond well to good news and positive human interest stories. In that matter, I wanted to share with you a lead for another potential story at Jubilee Ministry in Prosser. Jubilee has two separate and complimentary entities; the Red Door thrift shop, which processes and sells donated items. The proceeds go to the Prosser Food Bank. They are co-located on Stacy Street in Prosser, and run by Bill and Kay Notaro, pictured below in a recent Benton REA Ruralife cover story.

If you get a chance and think it makes sense, please reach out to Bill (425) 466-7134 or Kay (425) 466-7245. Have a blessed day!

**Kirk McGahey, Financial Secretary Knights of
Columbus Sacred Heart Council #10543**

PROSSER COUNCIL 10543

A NEW CHRISTMAS POEM

Volunteers with the Jubilee Ministry Red Door Thrift Shop and Food Bank gather to serve the community.
PHOTO BY ELEIA COPENHAVER

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A NEW CHRISTMAS POEM

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TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE
CHRISTMAS,
HE LIVED ALL ALONE,
IN A ONE BEDROOM HOUSE MADE OF
PLASTER AND STONE.

I HAD COME DOWN THE CHIMNEY
WITH PRESENTS TO GIVE,
AND TO SEE JUST WHO
IN THIS HOME DID LIVE.

I LOOKED ALL ABOUT,
A STRANGE SIGHT I DID SEE,
NO TINSEL, NO PRESENTS,
NOT EVEN A TREE.

NO STOCKING BY MANTLE,
JUST BOOTS FILLED WITH SAND,
ON THE WALL HUNG PICTURES
OF FAR DISTANT LANDS.

WITH MEDALS AND BADGES,
AWARDS OF ALL KINDS,
A SOBER THOUGHT
CAME THROUGH MY MIND.

FOR THIS HOUSE WAS DIFFERENT,
IT WAS DARK AND DREARY,
I FOUND THE HOME OF A SOLDIER,
ONCE I COULD SEE CLEARLY.

THE SOLDIER LAY SLEEPING,
SILENT, ALONE,
CURLED UP ON THE FLOOR
IN THIS ONE BEDROOM HOME.

THE FACE WAS SO GENTLE,
THE ROOM IN SUCH DISORDER,
NOT HOW I PICTURED
A UNITED STATES SOLDIER.

WAS THIS THE HERO
OF WHOM I'D JUST READ?
CURLED UP ON A PONCHO,

THE FLOOR FOR A BED?

I REALIZED THE FAMILIES
THAT I SAW THIS NIGHT,
OWED THEIR LIVES TO THESE
SOLDIERS
WHO WERE WILLING TO FIGHT.

SOON ROUND THE WORLD,
THE CHILDREN WOULD PLAY,
AND GROWNUPS WOULD
CELEBRATE
A BRIGHT CHRISTMAS DAY.

THEY ALL ENJOYED FREEDOM
EACH MONTH OF THE YEAR,
BECAUSE OF THE SOLDIERS,
LIKE THE ONE LYING HERE.

I COULDN'T HELP WONDER
HOW MANY LAY ALONE,
ON A COLD CHRISTMAS EVE
IN A LAND FAR FROM HOME.

THE VERY THOUGHT
BROUGHT A TEAR TO MY EYE,
I DROPPED TO MY KNEES
AND STARTED TO CRY.

THE SOLDIER AWAKENED
AND I HEARD A ROUGH VOICE,
"SANTA DON'T CRY,
THIS LIFE IS MY CHOICE;

I FIGHT FOR FREEDOM,
I DON'T ASK FOR MORE,
MY LIFE IS MY GOD,
MY COUNTRY, MY CORPS."

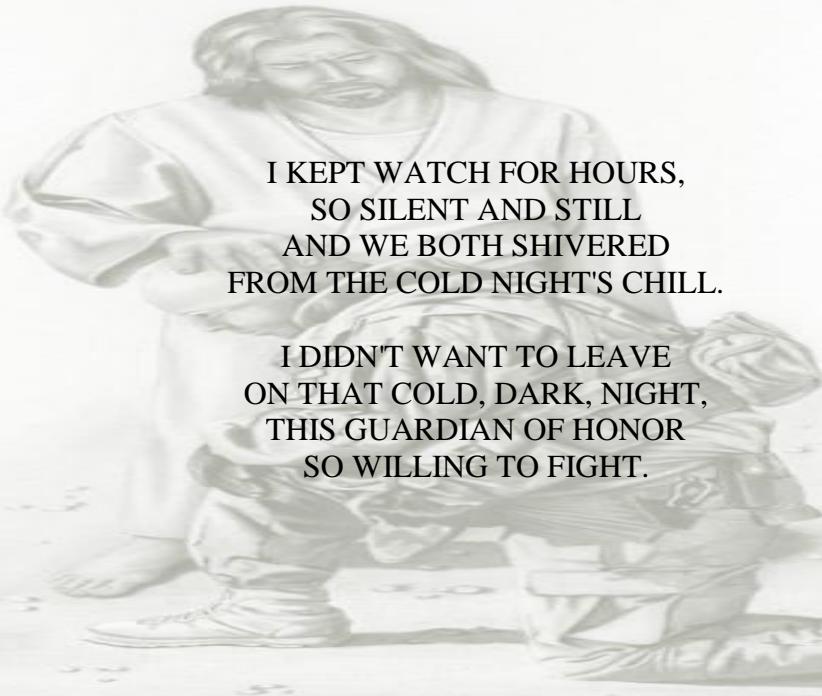
THE SOLDIER ROLLED OVER
AND DRIFTED TO SLEEP,
I COULDN'T CONTROL IT,
I CONTINUED TO WEEP.

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I KEPT WATCH FOR HOURS,
SO SILENT AND STILL
AND WE BOTH SHIVERED
FROM THE COLD NIGHT'S CHILL.

I DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE
ON THAT COLD, DARK, NIGHT,
THIS GUARDIAN OF HONOR
SO WILLING TO FIGHT.

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Second Degree: A Formation degree was held December 2 in Stanwood. Brothers **Jack King** and **Charlie Whelan**, along with five members of Camano-Stanwood Council, made their second degree. The date of the next second degree will be announced later.

Contact Brother Joe St.Hilaire for information—360-671-4836.



Brothers Charlie Whelan and Jack King, seated at left, were part of the Formation degree in Stanwood December 2. Others in the photo include second degree team members Gordy Wilson, John Lee, and Lou St.Hilaire, standing, in robes





We are Knights.

We don't reach out for a handout.

We reach out to give a hand up!!!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS &
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

FROM YOUR OFFICERS





To all my Brother Knights,

It is with great Joy and Hope for the future that I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. So many have done so much that I am totally humbled by your efforts and I am proud beyond belief to have the honor of representing you as your State Deputy. Stay close to your families this time of year and may God's Peace be with you throughout the Season and the New Year.

Bob Baemmert
State Deputy
Washington State



To all KofC members and family,

Our family enjoys the movie “The Nativity”, which portrays the journey of our Holy Family to the birth of our savior, each Christmas season. This movie debuted about a year after the Passion, so it missed the 1st showing impact. In fact, several theatres would not show the movie for whatever reason. The acting is simply fantastic and is a must see.

Council 13597 Leavenworth/Cashmere held a Chili Cook-off and showed the movie afterward as a Family Movie Night. There was about a minute at the beginning of the movie that was edited in case any children would find it offensive. That portion was the order Roman client king of Judea, Herod, gave to exterminate all children under one year old. While no killings were shown, it was obvious what was happening. Then the movie flashes back one year and that's where it started.

This will really drive home what this season is all about. We know about the materialism of the season, but this movie will put into perspective what the Holy Family possibly went through. You will never forget it.

Merry Christmas from the Washburn's of Leavenworth, WA
Kim, Barbara, Jessica and Anna Washburn-State Treasurer





December 2017



Brother Knights and Ladies,

During this time of increased violence throughout the world, it seems difficult to hang on to that peace of Christ which passes all understanding. Yet that is precisely what we must do in order to find and/or retain the joy which only Christ can give. We must cling to Jesus.

In this world of growing scandals and deceits, murders and threats of nuclear war; as prayer life and daily scripture are increased, we are armed with the truth necessary to defeat the falsehoods of the enemy, truth so needed to achieve peace of mind and heart.

I find as John and I devote more time each day to seeking Christ in prayer and scripture, we are filled with his peace and so we continue to cling to Him, Who is the source of peace.

Paul in Romans; Chap. 16, Vs 17-20, says:

“I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who create dissensions and obstacles in opposition to the teaching that you learned; avoid them, for such people do not serve our Lord Christ but their own appetites; and by fair and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the innocent. For while your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, I want you to be wise as to what is good, and simple as to what is evil. Then the God of peace will quickly crush Satan under your feet.”

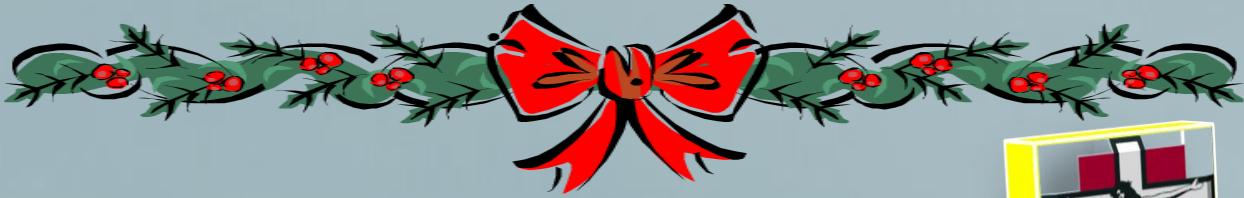
Our wish for each of you this Christmas season is that you cling to Christ, and that He renew within you that hope and trust which lead to the peace that He has promised, that peace which passes all understanding.

May we all be wise as to what is good, and simple as to what is evil and may He bless each one of us and our families with His grace and hope, this Christmas season and throughout the New Year.

In His great love for you we share, and wish you a Blessed Christmas.

PSD John M. Wallace and FFL Sheila R. Wallace





My Brothers All,

Hope you all enjoyed Thanksgiving with your friends and family! We were blessed with good food, good company and noisy chatter of little ones!

Warm Christmas greetings from our house to yours! May the reason for the season reach more hearts this year and spur even greater charitable giving and acts of kindness.

I am STILL looking for those Holy Family Icons that traveled the state these past couple of years. Please get in touch with me if you have one or know of where one is. There were three of them. Please let me know where they are so I can coordinate picking them up.

God Bless.

Vivat Jesus!

Ed Parazoo
Immediate Past State Deputy
IPSD@kofc-wa.org



I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Holy trouble free New Year. Take some time during this Christmas season to reflect on what is really important. Jesus' Birthday. Give him some of your time.

Jeff Spinler FN
Fr. William A. Schmitz Assembly # 2258





Dear Brother Knights,

**May you have a peaceful Advent season warmed by
the memories of this last year and brightened by the
hope of a new one.**

Merry Christmas,

Jeremy Baenen

GK Council 2999 Camas/Washougal

**"Merry Christmas to you and your families and best
wishes to you all for the New Year!!!"**

Marcel & Linda Bergeron

WA State Council, Ceremonial Director



Holliday Greetings

**Brothers all, wishing you and your family's a
very blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

Washington State Council District #20,

Greg Loberg District Deputy



The Fourth

With the New Year, we have a chance at resolving to do something that will leave a mark on society. You may have thought that “I am just one man. I can’t do anything to impact my community.” Kyle and I recently went on two pilgrimages in Europe and came across a few examples from the past that might inspire us.

Around the year 500, a son of a noble, dissatisfied with his studies in Rome, left to live in a cave as a hermit. In 530, he established a monastery on a hilltop between Rome and Naples. He wrote a rule for his order of monks on how to be obedient and humble and how to run a monastery. Following the golden rule of *Ora et Labora - pray and work*, the monks each day devoted eight hours to prayer, eight hours to sleep, and eight hours to manual work, sacred reading, or works of charity. He died at Monte Cassino in 543, a month after his twin sister died. Perhaps you’ve heard of them - St. Benedict and St. Scholastica. They are entombed together at the Monte Cassino Abbey (which was destroyed by Allied bombing during WWII, but since restored).

Around 1203, in a small town in Italy, another man was imprisoned for nearly a year until being ransomed by his father. While praying before an old Byzantine cross at the church of San Damiano, he heard the voice of Christ who told him to repair his church. He abandoned a life of luxury and left his home, lived in poverty a cave, and assembled a small assembly of men in small stone huts in the village of Rivo Torto. He began preaching (even to birds and animals – he even convinced a wolf to stop eating townspeople!). Pope Innocent III gave him permission to establish a brotherhood. He restored a small chapel, the Porziuncola. In 1224, he received the stigmata of Christ. He died in 1226 in a small cell next to the Porziuncola at the age of 45. Perhaps you have heard of him – St. Francis of Assisi.

(The Porziuncola and his cell are housed in the Basilica Church of St. Mary of the Angels, his small stone huts are in the Sanctuary of Rivortorto church in Rivo Torto, and his tomb is in the Basilica of St. Francis. St. Clare of Assisi heard St. Francis speak and formed the Order of Poor Ladies of San Damiano (later the Order of St. Clare). She is entombed in the Basilica of St. Clare in Assisi.)



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Another man was born in 1491 in his family castle in Spain, the youngest of 13 children. In 1521, while in the army, he was injured by a cannonball at the Battle of Pamplona, fracturing his left leg in multiple places. While recovering at home, his only reading material was religious and devotional literature. After a vision of the Virgin Mary and the infant Jesus, he set off for the Holy Land. After visiting the Benedictine monastery at Mont Serrat, he lived in a cave for a year near Catalonia and developed spiritual exercises. He established an order in 1539, which was approved by Pope Paul III in 1540. He sent his companions as missionaries around Europe to create schools, colleges, and seminaries. He created a constitution for the order that stressed absolute self-denial and obedience to the Pope and to superiors in the Church hierarchy. Perhaps you've heard of him – St. Ignatius of Loyola – and his order - the Society of Jesus. St. Ignatius was chosen as the first Superior General of the order. His main principle became the Jesuit motto: *Ad maiorem Dei gloriam* ("for the greater glory of God"). (We visited the family castle in Loyola - next door is the Basilica of St Ignatius Loyola.)

Another man was introduced to Satanism during his college days and became a priest in the church of Satan. In 1872, near Pompeii, he heard the voice of a Dominican friar, Alberto Radente, repeating the words of the Blessed Virgin Mary: "One who propagates my Rosary shall be saved." Friar Albert told him of a painting that he had discovered in a junk shop and purchased for the equivalent of one dollar. The painting arrived atop a load of manure on November 13, 1875. As a shrine for this painting, he arranged for the building of a church. While it was being built, several miracles took place. The church was consecrated in 1891. At the express command of Pope Pius XI, a great new basilica was completed in 1939.

The miraculous portrait of Our Lady depicts the Blessed Mother seated upon a throne. On her knee is the Child Jesus, who is handing a Rosary to St. Dominic, while the Blessed Mother is handing a rosary to St. Catherine of Siena. This once-discarded portrait, costing a mere dollar, which arrived in Pompeii under the humblest conditions, is now studded with diamonds and gems which were donated to Our Lady by her grateful clients.

The man married in 1885 and together they spent their time and money in helping many orphans and also candidates to the priesthood and religious life .The former Satanist, the devout convert, respected lawyer and champion of the orphaned died on October 5, 1926. The tombs of Blessed Bartolo Longo and his wife, Countess Mariana de Fusco are found in the crypt of the sanctuary.

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Karl A. Hadley, PSD, FVSM





Christmas is a time for families to come together and celebrate the birth of the Christ child. Sheila and I extend to all Brothers and their families a Most Holy and Blessed Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Ed & Sheila Hebert Sr. St. Family Chairman

Happy Birthday to Jesus on this Christmas day.

Merry Christmas to all Brother Knights who give their love, time and resources to further the Charitable works of the Order during this Christmas time and throughout the year.

May you all enjoy this holy time with your family and friends, and may you find the peace, love and joy of Christ now and in 2018?



John L. Walker, State Exec. Dir., PSD

District 7 wants to send all our brothers a Merry Christmas wish. May you all be merry and bright this Christmas. May you also be Happy and joyful this New Year. We will continue to do Gods work and help those less fortunate. God Bless you and Vivat Jesus.

Robert (Bob) Olson, DD 7
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Our Council 7642 --- Holy Family Kirkland --- wishes you and your Families a Blessed Christmas. Take time to think of the people in your life who had such a positive effect on you. And if they are still alive tell them so. And if they are no longer with us, say a prayer for them in thanks. As I get older, those memories are real treasures, and true gifts from God. Many Blessings to you all.

Carmon Comunale
Grand Knight – Holy Family Kirkland





"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. Thank you for your help and support in the past year at the regional and summer training sessions.. The regional sessions were great; good facilities, great lunches, lots of good questions and wow, an internet connection. Praying for your success this year in serving your assemblies and councils.

Dave Konzek, FS Consultant East"

Christmas message from State Council Chairman Ed Miller
The real meaning of Christmas, is the giving of your Love every day!
May God Bless You every day of the year!

*MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Hi my name is Luis A. Robledo I'm the Grand Knight of Council 4367 of Our Lady of Fatima in Moses Lake, on behalf of me and the Council we wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Be safe.

God Bless you and your families.
Vivat Jesus

Luis A. Robledo
Grand Knight Council 4367





We wish you and your families well during the Christmas season. May His blessings provide you strength this coming Christmas Day and throughout the coming New Year.

Gerald Giedeman, FN

Father Brouillet, Walla Walla Assembly 1169

A wish to all of our Brother Knights, wifes, family and Friends, have a Joyous and Blessed CHRISTmas Holiday season, enjoy the New Year and continued success of the Knights be with all and their councils. Keep the history and tradition of the Knights of Columbus in Washington alive and well."

A wish from one Old PSD and FFI. Rob and Mira

**Rob
Semper Fi
Lead the Way**

May this Christmas Season fill your home with joy, your heart with love and your life with laughter. Wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Blessing to all my Brother Knights in the upcoming Year! Blessings

Tommy LaCour DD31

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Merry Christmas

Merry Christmas Brother Steve to you & yours at Second Edition

Lady Angie and I would like to wish a Merry Christmas to all Brother Knights and their families.

We also send prayers to those in need looking for a simple sign of hope....

We love the feast day celebrations of Our Lady of Guadalupe this year we went to Prosser for *Las Mananitas* (early worship 5AM) ...it was beautiful and reminded me of a quote from Archbishop Jose Gomez.

Devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe-to be Guadalupanos-means to be faithful to God and to go out of our way to share the Guadalupe message and to help make America the continent of hope.

God's Blessings to all
Vivat Jesus

Steve, I can't thank you enough for all you do... I apologize for not sharing that with you sooner.

Bruce

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I want to wish a very Merry Christmas to all our state officers, marshals, state directors and chairmen, district deputies, trainers, agents, and ceremonialists. Also to every Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator, Financial Secretary, Faithful Comptroller, and every other council or assembly officer, director, or chairman. All of you are the leaders of our Order in Washington and are helping the Knights of Columbus in our state to succeed in our fraternal mission. The blessings of the Christmas season on you and your families.

Kevin Fraley
Washington State Chairman,
Administration and Finance

**May the Blessings and Joy of this Christmas Season
be with You throughout the Coming Year
Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas**

Darrell and Kathy Henn
District Master East



To all my brother Knights,

**I would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and
Blessed New Year. "Thank you" for putting up with my
articles from time to time in the 2nd Edition.**

**I'm sure that brother Steve Snell would love to hear from
some of you that have interesting stories to tell. He will be
glad to share them with the rest of our brothers. May God
bless all of you and your families at this special time of year,
and thank you for your generosity and service to our church
and local communities. By Manny Aguilar, Former Hispanic
Membership Chairman/ East**





On this most Holy Season of our Lord's birth, let us kneel in thanksgiving for the blessing enjoyed, for healing of our nation and unity among people of good will. Let us ask for forgiveness from God that if at any time we have been the cause of deepening divisions among his people.

God Bless America

By Mike Calderon, Former/State Hispanic Membership Chairman



My Dear Brothers,

I wish the Blessings of the Christmas Season to you and your families, and I hope you find peace and joy as we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. Thank you for all your work this past year to support our Church and Order. As General Program Director I am privileged to hear of all the wonderful work being done in God's name by the Knights of the Washington State Council. Your efforts inspire me and I am so grateful to meet and work with so many of you around the state. As is my tradition, I will close with an Irish Christmas blessing:

**“The light of the Christmas star to you,
The warmth of home and hearth to you,
The cheer and good will of friends to you,
The hope of a childlike heart to you,
The joy of a thousand angels to you,
The love of the Son,
And God’s peace to you.”**

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

**Tom Williams
State Warden
Washington State Council**

**“The things that we love tell us what we are.”
St. Thomas Aquinas**





Greetings from all of our brothers in Walla Walla. As we near the end of the calendar year and are half way through the Columbian year, a few moments of reflection seemed in order.

My first thought is of recognizing numerous brothers who give of their time, talent and treasure willingly and generously to make activities of the Order successful and helpful to those in need spiritually and materially.

My moment of reflection also included Advent and Christmas, personally my favorite time of the year. The world of commerce has redesigned the Christmas Season which begins at four o'clock on the Wednesday afternoon before Thanksgiving. I believe I have been a Catholic long enough to distinguish between the Seasons of Advent and Christmas.

I seldom go somewhere that people fight over merchandise but I know it happens. Generally, though, I find people a little friendlier, a little more generous and a little more thoughtful. That seems to be appropriate in celebration of our Savior's birth. Yeah God for giving all of us guidance and those generous souls who get it!

The Knights of Walla Walla wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a holy and prosperous New Year.

**Chris Grasso Grand Knight
Walla Walla Council 766**

**From our family to yours, at this joyous time of year we wish you a
Merry and Blessed Christmas! We pray that you are able to
celebrate the birth of our Lord with family and friends and reflect
on the many blessings He has given each and every day. May the
peace and love of Christ transform your lives and be
your source of strength in the New Year.
God's Blessings to you and yours during this
Holy Christmas Season,**

**Greg, Doreen, Sean and
Clifton Mahoney**



From all of us in Toppenish Council #1699

*merry
christmas*

Eddie Perez Jr. Grand Knight Toppenish Council # 1699

**WISHING YOU
AN ABUNDANTLY
BLESSED HOLIDAY
SEASON!**

FROM THE FULLNESS OF
GRACE WE HAVE ALL
RECEIVED ONE BLESSING
AFTER ANOTHER.

JOHN 1:16

Merry Christmas from
Darren Johnson State Chairman for Special Olympics and a
member of Council 1643 Olympia

Today our council 1643 Fr Nicholas Rausch OSB in Olympia held our annual Knight before Christmas program, now called A Christmas Wish. We helped 20 family's from around Thurston, Mason and Lewis counties that may not have had a Christmas without the Knights help and we had 3 other councils working with us this year including St Martin's University council 16361 in Lacey, St John Paul council 16176 in Elma and council 1758 from Centralia. Everything was carefully package with care (including the tree, the decorations, the lights and the gifts for the kids) so that the Knights could deliver these items without despair. So, from Olympia council 1643, Darren Johnson – Knights before Christmas Program chairman we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

God Bless

Darren E. Johnson PGK, FDD
Special Olympics State Chairman





Greetings to all my Brother Knights:

I hope that this note finds you all well and enjoying this Christmas season with your families. At this time of year we reflect on our past year and what we would like to accomplish for the upcoming year. In doing so I would like to say thank you for all of the hard work that you have put in to make this past year a success in bringing a little more happiness to the people of our parish and community. I would also like to say Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all my Brother knights from Council 2103 in Grandview, May God Bless you and your families.

Grand Knight Scott Roberson Grandview Council 2103

I hope this email finds you in joyful preparation to celebrate the birth of our Lord. May this Christmas bring joy and peace to all. As we gather around family and friends, let us be ever grateful of the many blessings we have received and continue to turn to our Lord in adoration. Let us be acutely attentive to the cries of the needy and sorrowful during this season and reach out to share in the good news of our salvation and any physical and spiritual support we can offer. Merry Christmas to all from District 17 and my home council, 10543 Sacred Heart of Prosser.

Edward Thornbrugh, Warden District 17



May the Holy Family, who had
no room but a manger, bring grace and
peace to your home this season.
May their presence bring you fullness
of joy in the days ahead

**Washington State
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Special Olympics Fall Games 2017 Report

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The Special Olympics Fall Games are here and gone and with some miss communication that morning and we found ourselves at a location without key and all the supplies sitting in 2 trucks in the parking lot and we needed a plan B quickly. Plan B was to find somewhere else to make the lunches now and with the help of Steve Schweyen DD and WGK of council 16690 (St Peters Council in the Beacon Hill area of Seattle) we got in our cars and headed north. The council there was expecting to hold their officers meeting that morning and FS Jim Kiniry Jr. was there setting up and Steve had called him to let him know there was a change of plans and the officers meeting was about to become a work party shortly. The volunteers that showed up to help us at the original location got in their cars and came with us to work with the new council from Seattle and the work party begin. Everyone jumped in and did their part and before too long the 900 lunches were completed and were off to be delivered to the different events around the King County area. So again, thank you to the volunteers from Olympia, Des Moines, and Seattle

(Council 16690). God Bless

Special Olympics State Chairman Darren E. Johnson



Merry Christmas



*Bygone Walla Walla Vintage images of Council 766
gathering pennies at the State convention!*



PENNIES FOR HEAVEN LAPEL PIN

We support our seminarians

Bishop White Seminary

The Pennies For Heaven program will soon celebrate 60 years of continued support for our seminarians development. Since its small beginning in 1959 by Brother Clyde Boyle this program has become a powerful financial support to our Dioceses. To commemorate this milestone we have designed this special lapel pin. The cost is \$5.00 per pin and all proceeds above cost are donated to Pennies For Heaven Program. You can obtain a pin through the Brother Ed Hebert (360-373-0592) or ephebert@comcast.net. This is a limited edition. Brothers, let continue to strongly support our Bishops and Priests.

MESSAGE TO THE LEADERSHIP !

WDD's,

It was great to share the time that we had together at the Mid-Winter Meeting. I hope that each of you was able to take some valuable information from it. We, as the leaders of this State have so much to be proud of. Being a leader in an Order that is able to accomplish sooo much in a single year has got to make everyone proud.

Along with that pride, I also feel a responsibility to the Order to make sure that our Jurisdiction does its part. So what is our part? We need to continue to do God's work through our valuable Programs and we need to continue to GROW. As I mentioned this last weekend, our reality is that our success is really only measured by our GROWTH. On the surface that may seem kind of one-dimensional. I know it did for me at first. "GROW our Order so that we can have more insurance members and they can get more money? Those evil Supreme people..Don't they think we can see through them?"...That was kind of my attitude when I first became a DD and they started hounding me about Membership. I guess what has changed my mind was to see what that evil insurance company back east does with the money.

Disaster relief (hurricanes and floods), protecting Catholics/Christians in all parts of the world, providing wheelchairs for the lame, prosthetic limbs to children who have lost them, fresh water wells for communities that have no other water source, combating evil like Isis in the Middle-East, providing food for the hungry, coats for kids in cold climates, ministering to those in North Korea and on and on, the list goes on and on. So there is no doubt that insurance companies have lots of money and lots of power. Ours just happens to use that money and power to further God's causes on earth...maybe not so evil.

We have a responsibility as leaders in this Order to get behind our cause. WE in Washington are in 50th place as far as growth, which means two-thirds of the jurisdictions in our Order are doing better than us. I'm realistic and I know that won't change overnight, but it can. I would like us to end this fraternal year (June 30) at no worse than 30th in the Order, so let's make that our goal. If we do better than that, that would be great! But if we just get to 30th I would feel as though we did our part. You are my leaders! Make it Happen!

Bob, State Deputy, Washington State



Greetings Brother Knights, Greetings Brother Knights,



WE ARE ON THE STATE WEB SITE
Great news today for Washington State Knights on Bikes. We now have a page on the Knights of Columbus Washington State Council web site. Go to www.KofC-WA.org click on the State Family Tab on the upper blue bar then Knights on Bikes. The email link on that page will send correspondence directly to the state KonB President/Director. And while you're on the State site look around and catch up on all the State events and programs as well as words of wisdom from our SD. Thanks again worthy State Deputy Brother Bob Baemmert and KonB PPOS [Mike Rutland](#) for your fraternal support and hard work on this project.....And God Bless all Knights of Columbus worldwide for their endless hours of charity and community service to those in need .

Angie and I were asked to speak at Saint Patrick's Church in Pasco last night to a full house of Tri Cities and surrounding areas Catholic youth groups. We shared portions of our personal journey of faith and the role our **Lady of Guadalupe** plays in it every day. It was amazing to see the power of the Holy Spirit working in the lives of our youth...the next generation of our Holy Catholic Church. (Post on my face book page)

I plan to send out a short Christmas/end of year newsletter recapping WA KonB 2017 in review.... then follow up after the first with our upcoming 2018 schedule.

A blessed and holy Advent to all....

Vivat Jesus

Bruce

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By STEVE SNELL

I could hear water falling over the rocks in the creek, this was the only sound. I stood outside in the darkness as the snow began falling on my face, I listened to the deep silence of the trees and of the stream at midnight.

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I was thinking of Mary and Joseph, the newborn child and the shepherds, I remember that it was in such silence as this that the shepherds, quiet sentinels throughout the cold night and into a beautiful frosty morning, watched their flocks! And heard the message of God. Yes, the language and the landscape have changed, but not the heart tugging call of a life that is totally surrendered to the love of God. What more can you ask from any form of prayer to do but that?

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My Brother Knights if like the shepherds, we remain firm and ever vigilant in our commitment to the birth and mission of His Son we will see and feel the presence of the Lord with us! How very deep and powerful is this truth, this wholesome simplicity, you can feel it running through you. Please accept and enjoy this most meaningful time of year

Feliz Navidad / Merry Christmas

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BROTHERS BE CAREFUL.....TAKE A SECOND LOOK.

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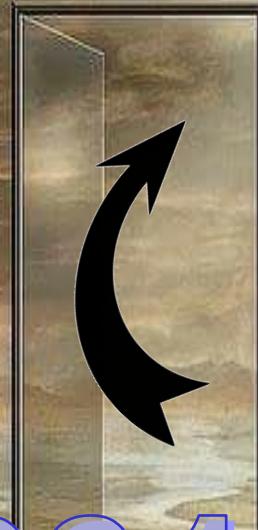
What if Jesus came back like.....





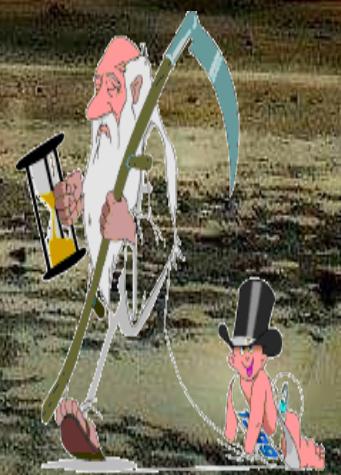
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IN THE NEW YEAR IN ORDER TO BE WISE, WE SHOULD LISTEN TO EVERYONE, FROM THE YOUNGEST TO THE OLDEST. THE LORD SENDS MESSAGES THROUGH MANY SOURCES.....WE MUST LISTEN.



2017

ENTERING THE NEW YEAR



TO ALL WHO SENT IN
THEIR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Thank you ...

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS
AND THOUGHTFULNESS

From My House
to Yours



Have a
Merry Christmas!

Blessings