

WASHINGTON STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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LEADERSHIP TRANSITION AHEAD



"THE SECOND EDITION"

Nothing endures but change (Heraclitus)

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**WASHINGTON STATE DEPUTY ELECT
KIM WASHBURN BEING INSTALLED BY
SUPREME KNIGHT PATRICK KELLY.**

CONGRATULATIONS!



MARCH 17, 1939 - MAY 5, 2021

R. I. P.



Charles R. (Chuck) Smith passed away on May 5, 2021, at the Tri-City Chaplaincy Hospice House and now rests safely in the arms of Jesus.

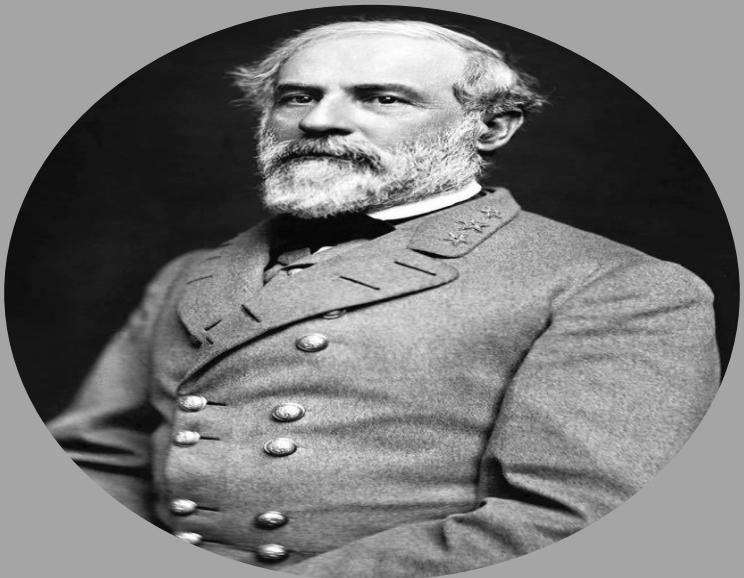
Pasco Council 1620 lost a good friend and Brother Sir Knight Charles (Chuck) Smith. He was a PGK, PFN, FDD and member of the Honor Guard. As Family Director he never missed sending in our Family of the Month and was always there at our functions. He will be greatly missed.

Chuck volunteered at the St. Vincent DePaul Food Bank in Pasco for several years and continued his service for a total of 36 years with the Knights of Columbus as a Grand Knight twice, Faithful Navigator, District Deputy, and a loyal and faithful member. Chuck was a true man of God that loved everyone he encountered and shared his love and hugs very generously. He knew no strangers as he considered them friends he had not yet met. His family and friends were truly blessed with his presence in their lives.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Karen R. Smith; son Jeff (Jackie) Smith; stepdaughter Kara (Jeff) Woodard; stepson Jason (Heather) Pfau; stepson Mark (Lisa) Pfau; 13 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Guy and Merriel Smith; first wife Mary Ann Smith; daughters Connie Smith and Dawn Doescher; brother David Smith; sisters Natalie Fowler, and Kathryn Spence.



OUR NATION'S HISTORY



Robert E Lee was married to George Washington's great-granddaughter. He worked with Grant during the Mexican American war and became a decorated war hero defending this country. He believed slavery was a great evil and his wife broke the law by teaching slaves to read and write. After the civil war he worked with Andrew Johnson's program of reconstruction. He became extremely popular with the northern states and the Barracks at West Point were named in his honor in 1962. He was a great man who served this country his entire life in some form or other. His memorial is now being called a blight. No American military veteran should be treated as such. People keep yelling, "You can't change history." Sadly, you can. This is no better than book burnings. ISIS tried rewriting history by destroying historical artifacts.

IS THAT REALLY WHO WE WANT TO EMULATE?

As they tear down this "blight" keep these few historical facts in your mind. No military veteran and highly decorated war hero should ever be treated as such. This is not Iraq and that is not a statue of Saddam.

IN ADDITION: Lee was also very torn about the prospect of the South leaving the Union. His wife's grandfather George Washington was a huge influence on him. He believed that ultimately, states' rights trumped the federal government and chose to lead the Southern army. His estate, Arlington, near Washington DC was his home and while away fighting the war, the federal government demanded that Lee himself pay his taxes in person. He sent his wife, but the money was not accepted from a woman. When he could not pay the taxes, the government began burying dead Union soldiers on his land. The government is still burying people there today. It is now called Arlington National Cemetery.

DO THEY WANT TO TEAR THAT UP ALSO ??

KCIC PIONEER PASSES, RIP BROTHER

ROBERT CANFIELD, TRIALBLAZER



In many ways, the celebration of Christmas has become a paradox: It is, of course, a time to celebrate the birth of Christ, to give generously to charity and to spend time with family. At the same time, Christmas is often a time of heightened frustration as people overspend on lavish gifts and suffer bouts of consumerist rage in the malls, in the supermarkets and on the roadways. Communicating the fundamental meaning of Christmas is hard enough without having to search in vain for greeting cards that do not compromise the holiday's Christian meaning.

This motivation led Robert E. Canfield of Roanoke (Va.) Council 562 and a group of like-minded Virginia Knights to launch a “Keep Christ in Christmas” greeting card program in 1989. Frustrated with the lack of religious Christmas cards that he remembered so fondly from his youth, Canfield set out to rectify the problem and provide a service to Christians that he felt was missing. The Knights of Columbus Christmas card program that he started more than 20 years ago has since expanded from an award-winning state program to an international initiative.

SERVING A NEED

The Christmas card program, Canfield argues, involves more than just a holiday greeting signed and folded inside of an envelope. On the contrary, Canfield sees the initiative as both a way to evangelize and to promote unity among Christians. “The biggest thing that I became aware of was that there were many other Catholics and Christians across the whole United States who felt the same way,” Canfield explained. “So, in essence, the Knights of Columbus served a need that wasn’t readily available from the secular world.”

The idea of selling religious Christmas cards came about when Canfield realized that faith-filled greeting cards were becoming more and more scarce. Over time, traditional scenes of the nativity and the Holy Family were being replaced with Santa Claus, Christmas trees and other images that minimized or displaced the real meaning of the season. “I realized it wasn’t so easy to go into a department store ... and get a Christmas card that might have a meaningful image or message in it,” Canfield said.

After being turned down by Hallmark and American Greetings — both companies felt the initiative was too small to warrant mass production — the Knights secured a card manufacturer with help from the Sacred Heart League in Mississippi.

Response to the program was tremendous. Just eight months after launching, the initiative won second place in the “Church” category for the International Service Awards at the 1990 Supreme Convention in San Antonio. Within two years, the program had raised more than \$56,000 for charitable causes in Virginia.

Expansion was inevitable. With help from Canfield’s daughter, Mary, and his late wife, Virginia, the program launched an Internet presence with the website christischristmas.com. And Christmas cards are not the only offering any more: Visitors can now order “Keep Christ in Christmas” pins, mail seals, bumper stickers, ornaments, banners and even billboard templates.

THE MISSION CONTINUES

Today, at least one council in every U.S. state participates in the Christmas card program, along with several councils in Canada. The cards are also popular among Knights of Columbus Insurance agents and are available in seven languages — including French, Spanish, Tagalog and Polish — to reach the broadest audience possible.

Each state runs the program separately — there is no national chairman — but anyone can order materials through the Christ is Christmas website. Proceeds from the sales are typically donated to charity. In Virginia, for instance, the funds are split between the local and state councils. The state council, in turn, uses the money to promote vocations, while local councils can use the profits for charitable causes at their discretion.

ED. NOTE: This was Inspired by a letter from PSD Roberts.

“I think we should acknowledge KCIC the program as it was a great one. I knew Bro Robert and Virginia since 1993 when I took over the program as ST from PSD, ED at the time who just started it in 92-93 and from there met with Bob and Virginia several times at supreme conventions and they actually visited the NW and stopped by my house for a great time and travel around when I was SD.”.... (Everett J. Roberts, PSD)



O DEATH

RALPH STANLEY'S SONG,
(FEB 25, 1927 - JUN 23, 2016 (AGE 89))



ELEGANT BLUE GRASS PLEA FOR LIFE

A few years ago, at the Grammys, where they are all concerned about TV ratings, they gambled and brought this guy that came down from the mountain -- literally! -- and unless you're a severe music freak, you probably didn't know who he was, and he's going to sing a cappella song about death? Are you kidding me? That is insane. That runs against the grain of everything.

Ralph Stanley must have come out of that room feeling like a million dollars... because a reporter was sitting with a bunch of hip-hop guys, said they went crazy. They had no idea what this stuff -- was, but it completely blew them away.”

Oh death, oh death
 Won't you spare me over til another year

Well, what is this that I can't see With ice cold hands taking hold of me
 Well I am death none can excel I'll open the door to heaven or hell

Whoa death someone would pray Could you wait to call me til another day
 The children pray the preacher preached Time and mercy is out of your reach

I will fix your feet til you can't walk I'll lock your jaw til you can't talk
 I'll close your eyes so you can't see This very hour come and go with me

In death I come to take the soul Leave the body and leave it cold
 To drop the flesh off the frame the earth and worms both have a claim

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Oh death, oh death
Won't you spare me over til another year

My mother came to my bed Place a cold towel upon my head
My head is warm my feet are cold Death is a movin upon my soul

Oh, death how you are treatin me You close my eyes so I can't see
Well you're hurtin my body you make me cold You run my life right
out of my soul

Oh death please consider my age Please don't take me at this stage
My wealth is all at your command If you'll remove your icy hands

Oh the young the rich or poor All alike to me you know
No wealth no land no silver or gold Nothin satisfies me but your soul

Oh death, oh death
Won't you spare me over til another year
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EDITOR'S NOTE: *Bluegrass music came out of the rural south. Bluegrass is about issues important to everyday people. Bluegrass expresses the hopes and fears of the ordinary folks, who worry about friends, family, life, and death. They use their songs to talk to the Lord. This song (Oh death) is a prayer for life, from the heart of an ordinary God-fearing man. This simple plea in straight forward and earthy lyrics do honor to the faith and honesty of common working folks. One man's prayer asking for more time.*



Texas Heartbeat Act signed into law, banning elective abortions after detectable heartbeat



UPDATE, 5/19/21: **Governor Greg Abbott** has signed the Texas Heartbeat Act into law. An email from Texas Right to Life noted, “The Texas Heartbeat Act (SB 8 authored by Senator Bryan Hughes, R-Tyler, and Representative Shelby Slawson, R-Stephenville) is the first Pro-Life Priority Bill this legislative session to pass both chambers and be signed into law. When the Texas Heartbeat Act takes effect on September 1, all elective abortions after the preborn child’s heartbeat is detectable will be prohibited.”

Alabama Supreme Court Rules Unborn Baby is a Person.



Thank You Alabama!



MCGIVNEY HALL

QUICK FACTS



- The Vatican will soon announce new, more rigorous requirements for formation before men begin seminary.
- Bishop White Seminary has purchased a nearby building to house these men and expand its program.
- The new building is called McGivney Hall after an exemplary parish priest: Blessed Michael J McGivney.
- McGivney Hall will serve candidates from throughout the West, most of whom are outside the Diocese of Spokane.
- Approximately \$3.6 million is needed for the building and renovation, and to launch the new program in Fall 2022.

NEW SEMINARY REQUIREMENTS



The Goal: Happy, Healthy, Holy Priests

The Cor Christi program is designed to help a man develop the virtues that will enable him to cheerfully embrace a life of chaste celibacy, simplicity of life, obedience, and generous service. The goal is to form men who love Christ and will give their lives in service to the Church.

QUESTIONS - CONTACT PSD GEORGE CZERWONKA

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First ride with the Guadalupe Bike and Lady Angie Hines at NOLA...as you can see we had a break in the rain. Last night we had a tornado down awfully close by. Motel still on emergency backup power and no AC.



PICNIC THIS SUMMER

"For all Knights, & Ladies of the Knight!"

Sunday 8 August-2 to 5 pm

At: gk's Steven & Carla Bullimore Home

(Special Instructions
will be emailed to you)



For Council & Assembly

SFC Council #4322

SFC Assembly #1844



WDM Stephen Schweyen presented Assembly 3097 with 3 prestigious awards: SK Thomas Lombombard as Western Washington Sir Knight of the year, FN Matt Brazoral as Faithful Navigator of the year, and the Assembly as Assembly of the Year. Congrats to all for a highly successful year in spite of Covid! — with [Stephen Schweyen](#) at [Holy Trinity Parish](#).



Council 8297 getting ready to head out to resume our roadside cleanup work after over a year's hiatus due to Covid. — with Thomas Musha and 2 others at St. Olaf Catholic Parish.



COUNCIL 8297

YOUR DAY AT THE BEACH



BROUGHT TO YOU



BY THEIR DAY AT THE BEACH



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



**MEMORIAL
DAY**



This letter was emailed from the office of Archbishop Daly of Spokane to all parishioners in eastern Washington.

Dear Faithful of Eastern Washington,

After consultation with the Priest Council, the bishops of the Northwest, and after reviewing the recent guidelines by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, I have decided that the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is no longer necessary. With widespread access to vaccine and a resulting drop in hospitalizations, we have moved beyond the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is to be reinstated throughout the Diocese of Spokane beginning with the Vigil Mass for Corpus Christi on June 5th. As has always been the case, those who have a serious reason are exempt from the obligation to attend. This includes those who continue to have significant fear of contracting COVID-19 as well as those who are ill, living with significant health risk factors, or those who provide care for another individual who has serious health challenges.

Several parishes will continue to broadcast Sunday Mass through live-stream or other social media. Please note that the purpose of providing this service is for the benefit of the sick, homebound, imprisoned or those who are unable to attend Mass in person. For those able to attend, such broadcasts do not fulfill the obligation to attend Sunday Mass or other Holy Days.

It is most fitting that the obligation will be reinstated on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This will conclude the Year of the Eucharist in the Diocese of Spokane and I trust that it will inaugurate a renewed sense of appreciation for this Sacred Gift as we go forward.

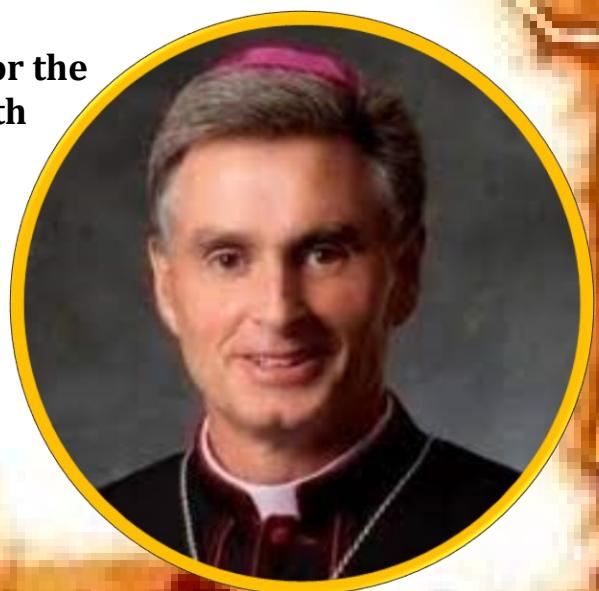
God does not need to be worshipped. We, however, need to worship God out of a profound sense of gratitude for all the gifts He has given to us. The obligation to attend Mass should not be seen as a burden but rather an act of love for the Lord. The Eucharist is a gift to us for personal and communal strength and, most importantly, for the salvation of souls. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reaffirms this gift and our need to respond: Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to his Church. The faithful give witness by this to their communion in faith and charity. Together they testify to God's holiness and their hope of salvation. They strengthen one another under the guidance of the Holy Spirit" (CCC 2182).

I want to express my gratitude for your fidelity, flexibility, and patience during the unprecedented restrictions we have had to endure over the past many months. Thank you.

I end by repeating the final paragraph from my Pastoral Letter on the Year of the Eucharist. It seems to be an appropriate expression of our desire to move ahead in hope as we prepare for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

**"Our fast is finally over, let us give thanks for the gift of the Most Holy Eucharist; let us go forth being Christ-bearers to the world.
Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!
Live Jesus in our hearts, forever!"**

**In Christ,
Most Rev. Thomas Daly, D.D.
Bishop of Spokane**



The Fourth

Worthy District Master Duane,

Please offer our very sincere condolences to the family and friends of Former Oregon Master Sir Knight Carroll Gorg as we are deeply sorry hear of his recent passing. I will forward this notice to our Western Washington Staff and Assemblies as you have requested for their information. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family at this time.

Vivat Jesus,

Steve Schweyen
District Master
West WA District
Archbishop Blanchet Province



-----Original Message-----

From: Duane Morris <dlmorri@gmail.com>
Sent: Thu, May 27, 2021, 10:35 am
Subject: Fourth Degree Request for Funeral of
Former Master Sir Knight Carroll Gorg

Worthy Sir Knights of the Oregon District,



I was just informed by Roberta Gorg that the Funeral for Former Master Sir Knight Carroll Gorg has been scheduled for **July 9th** at Our Lady of the Lake in Lake Oswego located at 650 A Street, Lake Oswego, OR 97034. The rosary is at 10:30am with the Mass at 11am. An Honor Guard has been requested and a Chalice will be presented during the Mass in Honor of Sir Knight Carroll Gorg.

There will also be a reception afterwards at the Tualatin Valley Elks Lodge located at 8350 SW Warm Springs St, Tualatin, OR.

The burial will be on Saturday, **July 10th** in Ellensburg, Washington at 2pm. An Honor Guard has also been requested for the burial. I will work with the Sir Knights of Eastern and Western Washington to help with that request.

Please pass this on to your Assembly members and let's have a nice showing for honoring Sir Knight Carroll Gorg.

Vivat Jesus, Duane Morris
Oregon District Master
Archbishop Blanchet Province





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FAMILY PROBLEMS

He looked out across the fields, then he looked again – and dared to hope. A tall figure in ragged clothes was walking towards him. The old man stood cane in hand, shading his eyes to see better, he was not dreaming or was he. The stranger looked like a scarecrow deserting his post. The old man moves toward this man, his heart is beating so amazingly fast, and tears are running down his face, he stops and spreads his arms and cries

“MY SON, MY SON IS BACK!”

By STEVE SNELL



(Luke 15:11-32) This is probably one of the bible stories that seems both fair and unfair to me depending on what is going on in my life. It is a story that is as alive today as it was in bible times; the story of parents and children, second chances, relationships, and responsibilities; it survives because it is real. Sibling rivalry, disappointment, hurt, trust, anger, and forgiveness – the emotions of real family life, emotions we can all relate to. They are the ingredients, the great stories that books or movies are made of because we have all experienced them at some point in our life.

What do you want first the good news or the bad news? I will flip a coin.

Bad news – at some point in your life this prodigal stuff is going to raise its ugly little head in your path, you can pretty much count on it. You are going to hurt and be hurt by those you love and care about.

Good news – the good news is that our God and most parents are all about forgiveness and second chances. This you knew when you were children. Know it again.

For me, this story is so very much about being a parent. A parent's life and values, their reason for living, their reason for the next breath they take changes the moment they hold their very own child in their arms for the first time. You are not your own person from that moment on; you will love them forever, no matter what they do just like the father in the Bible story.

I am the oldest son in my father's house, I have one sister and four brothers; yes, the table was set for sibling rivalry, and we all sat down at the table. In the parable, the older brother was not amused by his father's reaction to his brother's return (mistake), been there done that. He lets his father know that he thinks it is not fair. Imagine that! The more kids you have, unless you're the Cleavers (the perfect TV family from the 1950's), the more things are not always going to be fair, and things can't always be fair. A baby takes more time from a mother's attention than some of the older children do and try as you might there's just never enough time in the day to give equal portions to each child, and do not fool yourself kids notice. Make them notice your love in the time you can give each of them.

Today's Lesson Give people a second chance or maybe it is time to ask someone to give you a second chance. No one is perfect. We have all screwed up. Forgive someone, try to make amends for your own wellbeing, call and say Hi to your brothers or sisters.

I am not someone who has seen the "light," but because of the Knights I've seen a reflection of the "light" in the second chances they so often provide to so many of their fellow man. Their successes are like a victory march for the word of God; remember that when we are old and gray all we have ever become is in every breath we take. What we have all learned from His love is that it is not the cold and broken words of division and control that are remembered but instead the words of hope and freedom.

As Knights we need to study the newborn babies because they have no limits. Their minds are rich with potential and possibilities that can lead them to greatness in this life. It is a person's thinking that makes it so. Guided by the good works of their charity and the united strength of the freely given helping hands, the Knights have gained enormous confidence, happiness, and peace of mind. I know an older Knight who every time I meet him, I ask, "How are you?" He always answers, "HAPPY!" If we keep our family, our brother Knights and our Lord close that will always be our answer. **As Knights we know that the second chance is often the best chance.....**

The old man moves toward this man, his heart is beating so very fast, and tears are running down his face, he stops and spreads his arms and cries



"MY SON, MY SON IS BACK!"



WE ARE
ONE BODY
IN CHRIST

*Laundry is the only thing that
should be separated by color.*





There was a baptism in church, and five-year-old Emma watched intently as the priest poured water on the tiny infant's head and said some important sounding words. Confused by what she saw, Emma leaned over and whispered in her father's ear,
“Daddy, why is Father Bob brain washing that baby?”



Father Patrick had one weakness as a priest, he hated the English. His favorite fire and brimstone line was "...and you'd go to Hell with the English!" He had been admonished by his Bishop more than once about this. Well, the Bishop was visiting for Holy Week when Father Patrick again took aim at the English. He took Father Patrick aside after the service. "Father, your example of uncharitable language after so many warnings are intolerable. If you ever presume upon the judgment of God concerning your Christian brothers in Great Britain again, I will have to suspend you." "My Lord, forgive me, 'twill not happen again." All was well at Mass the next day, and the following day, Father Patrick was celebrating Holy Thursday Mass, and recounting the Scriptural narrative of Jesus predicting his betrayal by a disciple. And Matthew asked, "**LORD, IS IT ME?**" "No, Matthew, it's not you."

And Peter asked, "**LORD, IS IT ME?**"

"No, Peter, it's not you."

And Judas asked, "**BLIMEY, GUV'NOR, IS IT ME?**"



TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER



1. How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the tomb of the Unknowns and why?

21 steps. It alludes to the twenty-one-gun salute, which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.

2. How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin his return walk and why?

21 seconds for the same reason as answer number 1

3. Why are his gloves wet?

His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle.

4. Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time and if not, why not?

He carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.

5. How often are the guards changed?

Guards are changed every thirty minutes, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year

6. What are the physical traits of the guard limited to?

For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb, he must be between 5' 10' and 6' 2' tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30.' Other requirements of the Guard: They must commit 2 years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty for the rest of their lives.

They cannot swear in public for the rest of their lives and cannot disgrace the uniform {fighting} or the tomb in any way. After two years, the guard is given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as guard of the tomb. There are only 400 presently worn.

The guard must obey these rules for the rest of their lives or give up the wreath pin.

The shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe to make the loud click as they come to a halt.

There are no wrinkles, folds, or lint on the uniform.

Guards dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror.

The first six months of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone, nor watch TV.

All off duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. A guard must memorize who they are and where they are interred. Every guard spends five hours a day getting his uniforms ready for guard duty.

ETERNAL REST GRANT THEM O LORD AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.

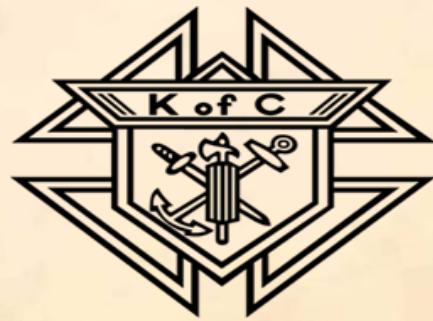
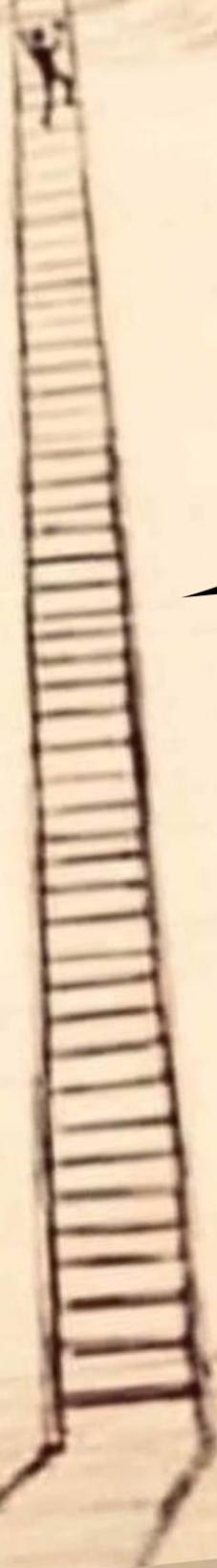
In 2003 as Hurricane Isabelle was approaching Washington , DC , our US Senate/House took 2 days off with anticipation of the storm. On the ABC evening news, it was reported that because of the dangers from the hurricane, the military members assigned the duty of guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier were given permission to suspend the assignment.

They respectfully declined the offer, 'No way, Sir!' Soaked to the skin, marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm, they said that guarding the Tomb was not just an assignment, it was the highest honor that can be afforded to a serviceperson.

The tomb has been patrolled continuously, 24/7, since 1930



The importance of smaller steps



First Tri-Cities Eucharist Procession

4 PARISHES JOINED FOR
CORPUS CHRISTI FEAST DAY...



FAREWELL

Washington State 2nd Edition

I will step down as State Life Director due to several health issues. This has been a difficult decision but is best for me as it is for the position of State Life Director. My replacement is Gary Cloninger, the well-known District Deputy for District 31. Gary and I worked together in placing an ultrasound machine in Skagit County. Gary led that campaign for the district, and we worked together well. I appreciated his drive and motivation for LIFE. I know he shares my passion for the ultrasound initiative and know he will continue to work to get these machines to as many women's centers as possible. Gary is better connected in the Washington State K of C due in part to his work and associations with other District Deputies. It is important to get others to lead the 8 programs in the Life program and I believe he has filled all the Chairmanships in the program. I am committed to working with Gary as needed in the Ultrasound Program. I was fortunate to have had Darren Johnson, a friend, and successful Chairman for the Special Olympics Program. Darren has devoted himself and the WA State Council and to Special Olympics.

I would like to thank all the State Officers that I have worked with over the years, especially my Deputy Grand Knight and State Deputy Elect Kim Washburn. I also want to thank the many gentlemen that I have worked with over my tenure to support Life. Keep up the good fight, we need that more than ever in these difficult times.

God Bless, Ron DeGroot



NOT FORGOTTEN

Oregon State Deputy Ron Boyce prepares to lower cremains during a ceremony organized by the Oregon State council. They provided proper burial for abandoned remains of 143 people.

Photo Credit: Benjamin Quen

By Andrew Fowler



Henry M. Knudsen died June 27, 1964. His body was cremated, and his remains (known as cremains) sat on a shelf at Hillcrest Mortuary in Medford, Ore., waiting to be claimed for a proper burial. But no one came. According to Oregon state law, his ashes could have been disposed of after 180 days, but the staff at the mortuary hoped that a family member or friend would come and claim them.

Decades passed, and still no one came. Then, in early 2021, members of the Knights of Columbus in Oregon approached the funeral home staff to collect unclaimed cremains, including Knudsen's, as part of an initiative to live out the corporal work of mercy of burying the dead.

On May 2, during the Oregon State Council's 113th Convention, Henry was finally laid to rest along with 142 others during a ceremony held at Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Klamath Falls. Nearly 100 people, including Bishop Liam Cary of the Diocese of Baker, Mayor Carol Westfall of Klamath Falls and Capt. Ryan Brosterhous of the local police department, attended the ceremony.

"We gave them a proper burial and we didn't leave our neighbor behind," said Ron Boyce, state deputy of Oregon. "That's what the Knights are about. We don't leave anybody behind; we make sure that everybody's taken care of — the living and dead."

FLAG DAY

BY KARL HADLEY PSD, FMFD, FVSM



On Flag Day, Father William A. Schmitz Assembly 2258 went around to our neighbors and thanked those who were flying the US flag. We gave them the following letter on our assembly's letterhead:

Thank you for flying the United States flag on Flag Day, June 14th!

Enclosed is a pamphlet, "History of the Flag," published by the Knights of Columbus, the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. Our Order led the campaign to add the words "UNDER GOD" to the Pledge of Allegiance: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the bill adding the words on Flag Day, June 14, 1954, with sentiments that ring ever true today: "These words will remind Americans that despite our great physical strength we must remain humble. They will help us to keep constantly in our minds and hearts the spiritual and moral principles which alone give dignity to man, and upon which our way of life is founded."

The Flag of the United States of America is a symbol of freedom and liberty, not a meaningless piece of bunting. Its thirteen stripes are memorial lines, one for each of the 13 original colonies. Its 50 white stars on a blue field represent the 50 states. All its colors are eloquent:

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1. Red: valor & bravery – the red blood that pulses through the arteries of free men

2. White: purity and innocence – the olive branch of peace

3. Blue: vigilance, perseverance, and justice

Public Law 94-344, known as the Federal Flag Code, contains rules for handling and displaying the U.S. flag. Traditional guidelines call for displaying the flag in public only from sunrise to sunset. However, the flag may be always displayed if it is illuminated during darkness. It should be displayed often, but especially on national and state holidays and special occasions. A worn-out American flag should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

Let us be inspired by the words of George W. Cutter in his poem, *E Pluribus Unum*, which tells the world that liberty is dearer to us than life:

“Then up with the flag! Let it stream on the air!

Tho’our fathers are cold in their graves,

They had hands that could strike -

They had souls that could dare -

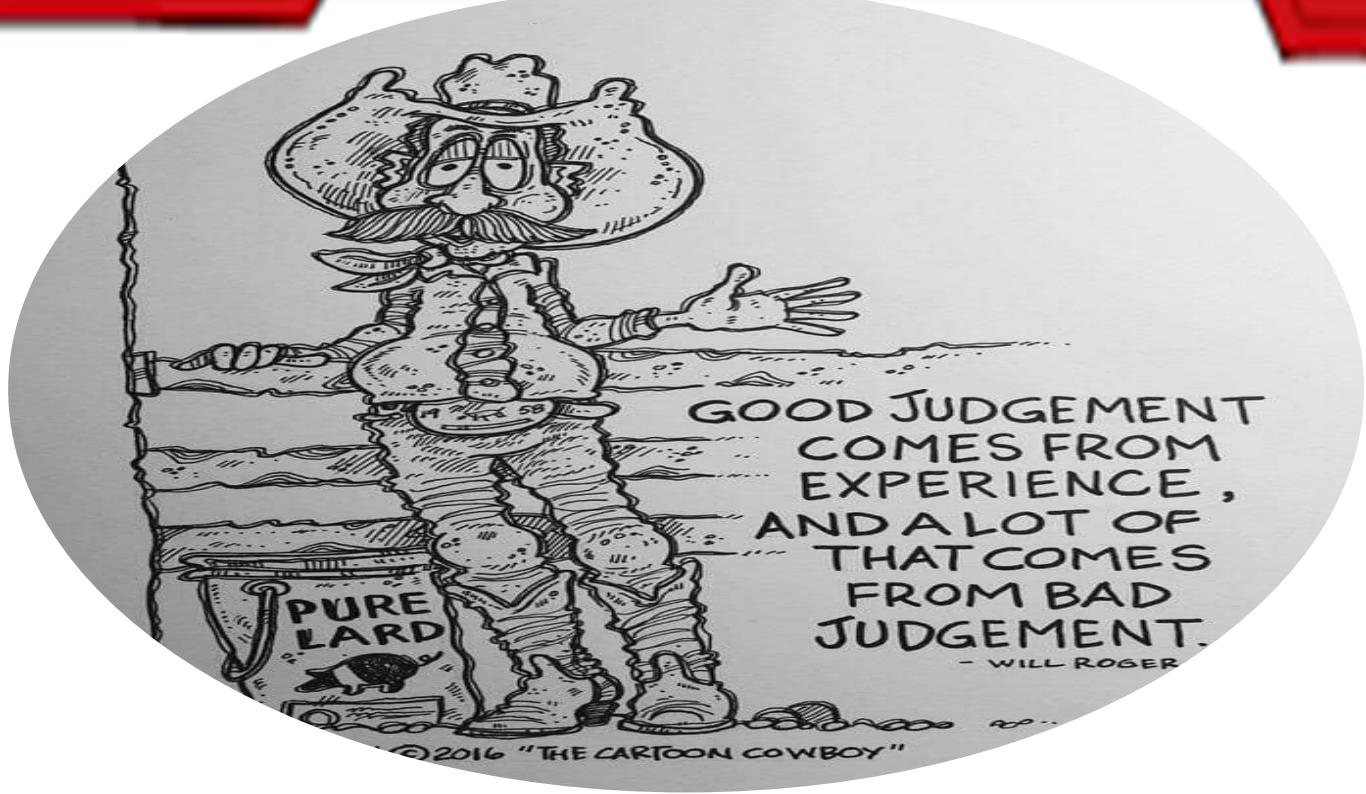
And their sons were not born to be slaves,

Up, up with that banner! Where'er it may call

Our millions shall rally around.

And a nation of freemen that moment shall fall,

When its stars shall be trail'd on the ground.”



Try to imagine a life without keeping time.

You probably cannot. You know the month, the year, the day of the week. There is a clock on your wall or a watch on your wrist.

You have a schedule, a calendar, a time for dinner or a movie.

Yet all around, timekeeping is ignored. Birds are not late.

A dog does not check its watch.

Man, alone measures time.

Does time affect the “Second Edition”? ? ?

"Are pork chops greasy? or Is the Pope a Catholic?"

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!