

WASHINGTON STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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"SECOND EDITION"



SAVIE SNELL EDITOR

SORRY.....

I KNOW THE VOICES AREN'T
REAL, BUT MAN, DO THEY
EVER COME UP WITH SOME
GREAT IDEAS, BUT
SOMETIMES THEY ARE
WRONG.



MY APOLOGY

Correction: In the July issue of the "Second Edition" (page 6) the article concerning the wheelchair donated to St. Anthony in Renton was labeled as having been donated by council 11780 was incorrect. The correct council number should have been 3645. Apologies to council 3645 and a big thanks to Brother Dang Nguyen for pointing this out to the editor



DAD, REMEMBER WHEN WE FIRST MET?

*For God and country, they must take their sons or daughters to a bus station or an airport and wave goodbye to the uniform that climbs onboard. And while mothers cry outside where it shows, Dads stand and **smile...outside...and die inside.***

Dads are men who give daughters away to other men, who are not nearly good enough, so that they can have children that are smarter than anybody's. They leave the breakfast table and hurry off to work to fight the daily battles. There with tired hands, they tackle dragons, alligators and put out fires. They almost never win the fight, but Dads never give up. (Because he is trying to make the world better for his children than it has been for him).

Knights in shining armor or knights without armor. There's little difference as they march off to work each day. I think I know where my dad went when he died and after he took a good rest, he is not just sitting around on a cloud waiting for the girl he loves and the children she bore. He is busy there too repairing this and that, greasing the pearly gates and keeping the way clear for us when we get there. Wait for us DAD!



Presentation from the Summer Meeting.

WASHINGTON STATE COUNCIL RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, AND ACTIVITIES



Risk Management: The definition of “risk management is the identification, evaluation, and prioritization of risks inherent in an activity or process followed by the coordinated and economical application of resources to minimize, monitor, and control the probability or impact of unfortunate events or to maximize the realization of opportunities.” Our consideration as council officers will be to minimize, monitor and control the impact of unfortunate events including accidental events that can arise out of and during our charitable, fraternal, and patriotic programs, projects, and activities.

As many of us know, risk management has been something we pay lip service to outside of paying our council’s share of the annual premium for the purchase of insurance; and, if we are no worse than the average non-profit, we are largely ignoring it. However, as our annual premiums have risen over the past several years, it is time we change things up and look at what we do as more of a non-profit business than a volunteer men’s group providing Faith, Family, Community and Life works of charity. Let us then continue with some basics.

We first must recognize that our awareness, consideration, and management of risk should be a core issue in our planning of every council program, project, and activity, and we should embrace it as such. It is the element of project management specifically geared to dealing with uncertainty. As an example, we no longer approve the sale of fireworks because the probability of injury is great when because more than 50% of fireworks’ injuries arise from the use of simple sparklers and children are the most likely to be harmed. Our planning

with risk management included will enhance our project performance and success that every member can contribute to.

So why aren't we better at it? Realistically, risk management is one of the last things we think of when planning for our programs, projects, and activities. We all understand risk management involves identifying risks; assessing those risks for impact and likelihood of having an occurrence (accident); and, deciding on the outcomes we choose following 1) acceptance of the risk, 2) mitigation of the risk, 3) transference with the purchase of insurance, or 4) elimination (not conducting the program). We already transfer much of our risk within certain valuations, limitations, and exclusions with our commercial general liability insurance through the Non-Profit Insurance Program (NPIP). However, the purchase of insurance is not the end of our risk management process. Let us move on then to acceptance, mitigation, and elimination by identifying Reasonable Care and Standard of Care in next month's message.

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COUNCIL 17152

DRIVE 'EM IF YOU GOT 'EM

COATS FOR KIDS

Our 3rd Annual Coats for Kids Car Show is now just 5 weeks away on August 21st from 9am-1pm at St Columban Catholic Church in Yelm. Last year we raised enough money give away over 175 jackets to the community so were looking for your support. Show is open to all years, makes and models of cars and trucks with a \$20 registration fee. Trophies for Outstanding 7, Knights Choice, People Choice, Fathers Favorite and new this year is Club Participation and Long Distance, goody bags (first 100 registered)(Registration forms are available at <http://saintcolumbanyelm.org/>), raffle items and live music by Fun Factory DJ. Food will be available on site as well. Hope to see you all there!

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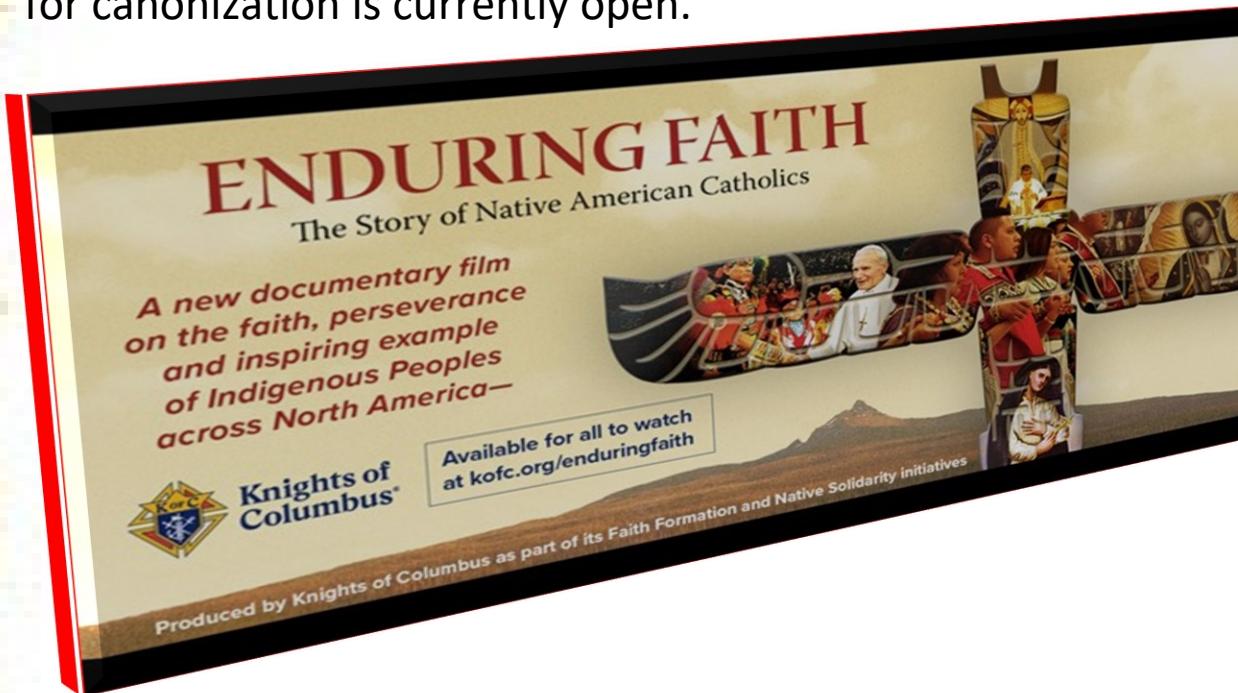


Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Daniel Moeggenborg to be the next bishop of the Diocese of Reno, Nevada. Bishop Moeggenborg has been an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Seattle since 2017

“These past four years have been a blessing for me as I hope they have been for you,” he said in a letter to the people of the archdiocese. “Please know that I will continue to pray for you, and I ask your continued prayers for me.”

ENDURING FAITH

Enduring Faith: The Story of Native American Catholics is a new documentary film exploring the rich legacy of faith among Native Americans. Discover how, in the 16th century, Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to an Indigenous elder as a mestiza woman and inspired the largest conversion in world history. Hear the moving story of St. Kateri Tekakwitha. and learn about a 20th-century Lakota healer, Nicholas Black Elk, whose cause for canonization is currently open.



The Catholic Church in the United States celebrates the feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha ,a 17th century Algonquin-Mohawk woman and the first Native American to be canonized. Her inspiring witness to the faith is featured in the Knights of Columbus-produced documentary Enduring Faith: The Story of Native American Catholics.



SUPREME CHAPLIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant." (Gospel for Aug. 15, Lk 1:46-48)

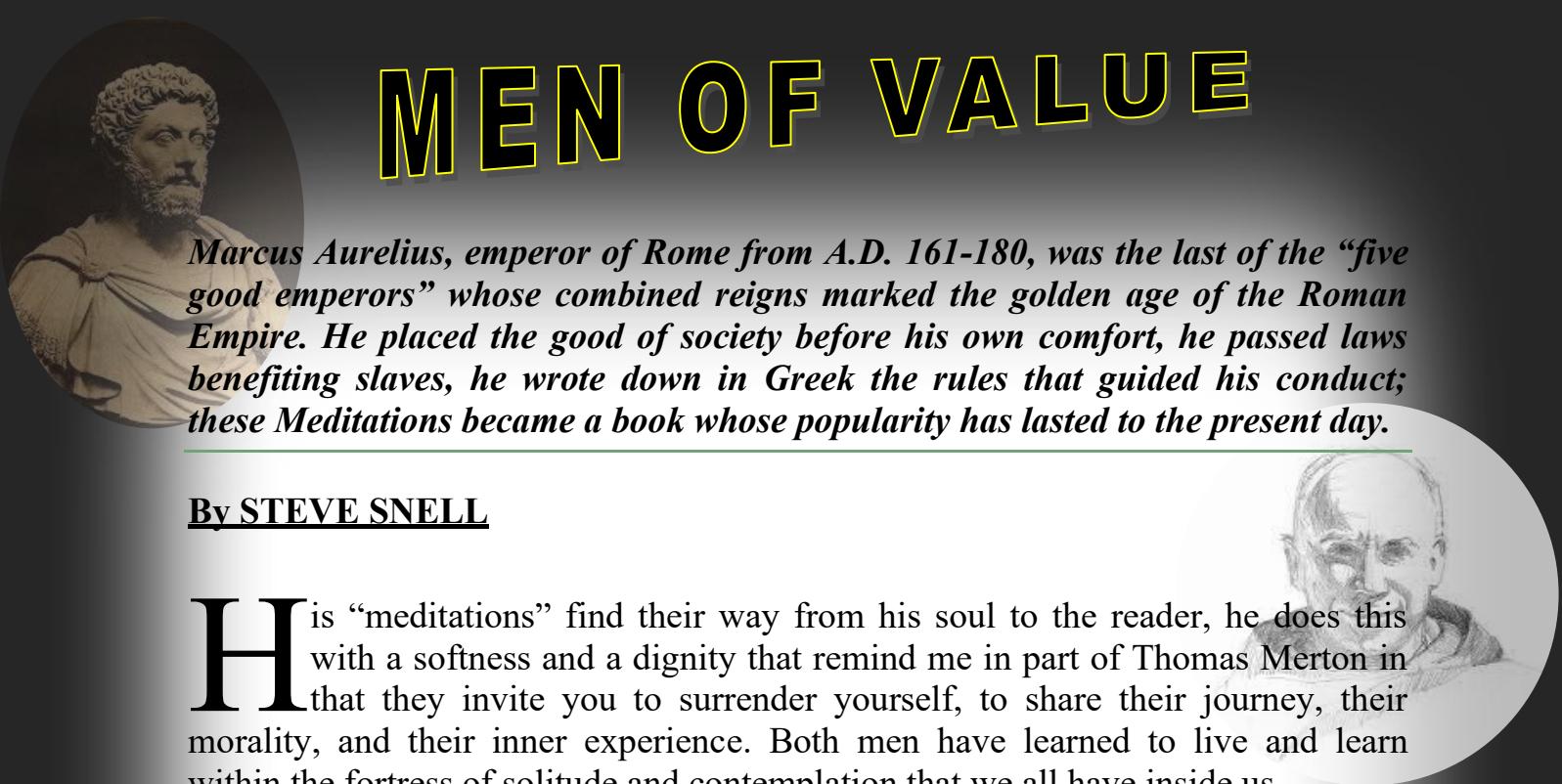


Praying together brings families closer to God and closer to each other. When Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth, the first thing they do is pray: Elizabeth declares a blessing that we repeat every time we say a Hail Mary, and Mary responds with a hymn of praise called the Magnificat. Blessed Michael McGivney, whose feast day we celebrate Aug. 13, came from a prayerful home, and because of his work to strengthen families, we call him the "apostle of Christian family life." May we seek to make our own homes places of prayer to strengthen our families and draw nearer to God.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to pray every day as an individual or as a family, asking the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney to live in a more prayerful home, perhaps using the prayer for his canonization. Second, I challenge you to assist your council in the Faith in Action Family Prayer Night or Family Week program, incorporating devotions to Father McGivney into your efforts.

Questions for Reflection: Do you maintain good and regular habits of prayer in your home? Where is there room for improvement in your family prayer life? What is one specific thing you could do to deepen your own prayer life?



MEN OF VALUE

Marcus Aurelius, emperor of Rome from A.D. 161-180, was the last of the “five good emperors” whose combined reigns marked the golden age of the Roman Empire. He placed the good of society before his own comfort, he passed laws benefiting slaves, he wrote down in Greek the rules that guided his conduct; these Meditations became a book whose popularity has lasted to the present day.

By STEVE SNELL

His “meditations” find their way from his soul to the reader, he does this with a softness and a dignity that remind me in part of Thomas Merton in that they invite you to surrender yourself, to share their journey, their morality, and their inner experience. Both men have learned to live and learn within the fortress of solitude and contemplation that we all have inside us.

As with the writings of Merton his words are more words that you overhear rather than read. These are men that are in effect talking to themselves; I sometimes feel that I’m eavesdropping on great men. I can only imagine what it would have been like to have had my ear is at the keyhole of the room while Jesus and his Apostles were having their last Supper.

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 and judgment and 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 we are Knights, and **WE ARE MEN OF VALUE**.

We are here to bear witness to the events of our time, to reach out to the needs of the poor, to stand up for the unborn, and the greatness within mankindour reflections are in the street and our footsteps will echo in eternity."



LIVING THE PRIESTHOOD



PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

DAILY LIFE

Priests accompany people in very dramatic moments of their lives: the birth of a child, a wedding engagement, or even death. There is a saying, “What a person goes through in a lifetime, a priest goes through in a day.” It’s important for a priest to maintain a healthy prayer life to sustain himself during these emotional events.

ALWAYS ON CALL

Being a Priest is not a 9:00am – 5:00pm job. Parishes are not businesses with office hours. A priest is always a priest and always present. The priest is preeminently a man of sacrifice. Priests are called to be agents of mercy and compassion by bringing people to God and God to the people.

MEN'S RETREAT



2021 INW Catholic Men's Retreat

Oct 08, 12:00 PM - Oct 10, 12:00 PM

Coeur d'Alene Inn,
506 W Appleway Ave, Coeur d'Alene, ID
83814, USA



Inland Northwest Catholic Men's Retreat- Cardinal Raymond Burke- Oct. 8 -10 Coeur d'Alene, ID....Rare NW Opportunity to hear from and participate in a retreat with one of the most senior Cardinals in the Church. Connect with God and this great cardinal and get away to spiritually recharge. Tom Curran, theologian, Catholic author and host of Sound Insight heard on Sacred Heart Radio, will also present. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus. More info at <https://www.inwmensretreat.org/F>

Reprint by request

MEEK OR WEAK

By STEVE SNELL



Hey, when I was in the 3rd grade, a snooty dude who thought he was all "that," said I was, "spineless, mousy, timid and cowardly," I think he was trying to tell me that I was meek.

That night I went over to my grandparent's house for supper and after a wonderful meal with hot apple pie and ice cream, grandpa and I went and sat by the fireplace. I told Grandpa about my "discussion" with the snooty dude. Grandpa I said, "Jesus tells us that the meek are blessed (*Matthew 5:5*.) My problem is how can anyone be meek in today's world and defend their values, like standing up for the weak, being a sentry at the gate requires a strong man not a weak man."

Grandpa leaned forward then and held his gnarled hands out to the firelight; the flames threw his shadow onto the walls of the living room. "*Want to understand the meek in our land,*" he asked? "Yes" I said. Then he began to weave a tale of the prairie and the valleys and of the proud men that rode through them and across the rivers, like princes of the plains.

*"Steve, in life the Lord often sends examples in unexpected ways, in ways proud men or even princes can't miss. "A great many years ago over on the Beaver Creek, a prairie fire swept over a man's home. Later, the man's friends came out to help him. In the yard they saw a charred black object on the ground. One of the men went over and discovered that it was the body of a hen. The hen was burned to a cinder, but her wings were widely spread. He kicked the hen's body over and three little chickens ran out from under her. She had **meekly** sat still during the flames, covering her chickens and protecting them. She had **bravely** given her own life that her little ones might live. Does that sound like - spineless, mousy, timid, or cowardly?" "No Grandpa that was an awesome example of a meek little hen's courage and love." "Remember Steve, meekness is a form of love, often it takes bravery to be meek, and wisdom is knowing how to balance meekness with bravery and courage."*

I saw the snooty dude the next day at school and I told him what my grandpa had said, he laughed. I meekly bowed my head and gave him an **unexpected message in a way even he couldn't miss**, I punched him in the mouth.....

NO ONE LAUGHS AT MY GRANDPA

HOLY TRINITY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL 11789 & ASSEMBLY 3097



- **Thurs, Aug 5, 12, 19, 26:** Meals for Benedict House & St Vincent de Paul Women's Shelter. For more info, click [HERE](#).
- **Tues, Aug 3:** Council Mtg in Rms 8&10. Social @ 6PM, Mtg @6:30
- **Sat, Aug 7:** Communal Rosary @ 4:30pm at the Church.
- **thru Sat/Sun Aug 7/8:** School Supply Drive. All donations go to St. Vincent de Paul.
- **Sun, Aug 22:** Celebration of 25th Anniversary of founding K of C Council #11789. See our Congratulatory letter and Certificate [HERE](#).
- **Tues, Aug 31:** Officer's Mtg @6PM, Rm 12.

- **Aug – Sept: Membership Drive!** Our BIG August event will be the CELEBRATION of our 25-Year Anniversary as a Council on Sunday, August 22, including recognition at the 1130 Mass as well as a social gathering and reception afterwards. Please be ready to jump in and help when you get the call!

Our first big event of the new Fraternal Year was a TERRIFIC SUCCESS. We sponsored Fr. Jack's 38th Birthday Party and the WELCOME BBQ picnic for Fr. Dwight and just CELEBRATED having a nice big outdoor social event for the whole parish. (The first one in a very long time.) And it was as if we were back doing these sorts of big events routinely, even though its been a few years because of the church remodel and COVID. **MANY THANKS** to Bill Dewey, Jaime Rivera, Ed San Gil, Walter & Melodi Bogaardt, Jack & Becky Seaman, John Guerrero, and **EVERYONE** for helping us to pull it off so smoothly. (It was especially nice seeing John Guerrero and Jerry Alameda back with us — where they belong!)

Posted online at our Council/Assembly website is the News for August, 2021:

<https://kofc11789.wordpress.com/2021/07/29/august-2021-knightly-news/>

We are off to a GREAT start to our new Fraternal Year as we held our first big social gathering/meal event in a couple years — a birthday celebration for Fr. Jack and a big WELCOME BBQ picnic for Fr. Dwight — and it looked like we hadn't missed a step, things went so well.

(READ ALL ABOUT IT IN THE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER!)



SUBMITTED BY MARK ALCAMO



GREETINGS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RIDER GROUP,

I am forwarding the event poster and event info from brother Conda for the upcoming Bike Blessing in Spokane on August the 29th...this will be the first WA Northeast bike blessing promoted and sponsored by council # 15143 Spokane. Brother Conda is an active member in his council and assembly and a member of the Knights of Columbus Rider Group.

Kudo's brother Conda Lady Angie and I are looking forward to bringing up the King and getting it blessed.....

Brother Steve Snell can you put this in your upcoming bulletin?

Thanks

FNSk Bruce "Blanco" Hines 3307/1174



Knights of Columbus Rider Group “KofC Riders”

WHO WE ARE: “KofC Riders” are active members of the Knights of Columbus fraternity in good standing with councils and assemblies who own and ride motorcycles of all types. Our vows were freely given and proclaimed to God, Country, Our Holy Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus fraternity. We outwardly proclaim our vows wearing the Vatican Coat of Arms and flags of our nation accompanied by the emblem of the order. We are Catholic Gentleman Knights of Columbus promoting good works and charity thru the vision of our founder Father Michael J. McGivney.

MISSION STATEMENT: Our mission is one instructed by our Lord Jesus Christ to “*go out into all the nations and preach the good news*”. As Knights of Columbus, we follow the chain of command supporting our Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators and Supreme. “K of C Riders” have a unique opportunity wearing our vests to evangelize the highways and byways witnessing faith and fraternity to a world in need. Vivat Jesus!

2021 EVENT DATES

Greetings Knights of Columbus Rider Group..... KofC Rider's

OK here are upcoming 2021 events for the northwest on the books:

1) Council # 15143 St. Aloysius Parish Spokane WA..... Blessing of the bikes August 29th

Point of contact is SK Ramon "Conda" Guel...."Conda" will be sharing more information in the near future.

2) Council # 14268 St. Anthony parish Newport WA.POCO Rosary ride September 4th.

Point of Contact is Idaho KonB State Pres. SK Bob "Santa" Smith-Anderson more information also coming soon.

**3) Council # 3307 Christ the King Parish Richland WA.West Richland Hogs & Dogs September 30th
Knights of Columbus information booth.**

Point of Contact is FNSK Bruce "Blanco" Hines

**4) Council # 3307 Christ the King Parish Richland WA.Cool Desert Nights car show September 30th
thru October 3rd Knights of Columbus information booth.**

Point of Contact FNSK Bruce "Blanco" Hines

**5) Assembly # 1174 Christ the King Parish Richland WA.West Richland Veteran's day parade
November 6th. Mini Santa Maria float entry.**

Point of Contact is FNSK Bruce "Blanco" Hines

**6) Council # 3307 Coats for Kids program Christ the King Parish Richland WA.To kick off this
years program James has donated \$400.00 KUDO's SK.**

Point of Contact is SK James Hallock

NOTE: For additional information please email me and I will share POC email address.

We do have several other additional events in the works and will share that info as it becomes available.

FNSK Bruce "Blanco" Hines

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Council # 3307 Christ the King Parish Richland WA.Cool Desert Nights car show September 30th thru October 3rd Knights of Columbus information booth. (See attached)

Point of Contact FNSK Bruce "Blanco" Hines

Note.....I have been asked by the West Richland Chamber of Commerce to help chair the opening ceremonies for the event. Representing assembly 1174 Richland I am putting together a patriotic group ride entrance opening, CVI Chapter #3 is loaning us their Garrison flag that will be displayed over the event entrance.....I am inviting all patriotic and veteran rider groups to join together and ride down George Washington Way (event entrance) under the Garrison while Vintage military air craft fly over and the National Anthem playing. IN GOD WE TRUST!

We are just a few months away from the raffle bike drawing and ticket sales are down from past years (Thanks Covid)meaning ticket holders have a greater chance to win. Proceeds go to the work that local chapter #3 Combat Veterans International supports here in our state. (See attached)

**God Bless
Ride Safe
TFMM
Blanco**





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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #15143
INAUGURAL BIKE BLESSING

WHERE: ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH
WHO: ALL WHO OWN A BICYCLE,
TRICYCLE, RECLINER, MOTORCYCLE, ETC.
WHEN: AUGUST 29TH 12:00-1:00P
WHY: TO BLESS THOSE
VEHICLES THAT BRING JOY TO FAMILIES
THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER
AND TO PRAY FOR SAFE ADVENTURES

AUGUST 29th 12 -1pm!
PARTICIPANTS ARE ENCOURAGED
TO ATTEND THE 11:00AM MASS AND PARK
THEIR BIKE IN THE SQUARE IN FRONT OF THE PARISH. KOC
MEMBERS WILL BE ON SITE TO DIRECT TRAFFIC



K of C STATEMENT ON HYDE AMENDMENT



NEW HAVEN, Conn., July 29, 2021 /PRNewswire/ --

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly's statement on removal of the Hyde Amendment from funding legislation:

"The Knights of Columbus is extremely disappointed in this week's actions by the House of Representatives to remove longstanding, bipartisan taxpayer and conscience protections including the Hyde Amendment. The House vote to make taxpayers pay for abortions is both an assault on the dignity of life and contrary to the wishes of most Americans. This year's Knights of Columbus/Marist polling, affirming over a decade of previous polling data, shows that 58% of Americans oppose the use of taxpayer-funding for abortions. We urge the Senate to include the Hyde Amendment and other similar provisions as they undertake the appropriations process and for the full Congress to ultimately pass spending bills that affirm this bipartisan desire of the American public.

We call on all legislators, especially our fellow Catholics, to have the courage to make a stand for conscience and to not force every tax-paying American to pay for the destruction of innocent life in the womb. The Knights remain totally committed to supporting the cause of life. In the past decade, we have donated more than 1,400 ultrasound machines to pregnancy resource centers in all 50 states, and we will continue this and other efforts to build a Culture of Life."



THANK YOU FROM, (ASSEMBLY 2685, LAKWOOD)

District Master Schwuyen & District Marshal Rogers,

On behalf of the Assembly, we wanted to thank you both for overseeing our Officer Installation and for all that you do for the Knights of Columbus.

We were honored by your presence and grateful that you both had time to dine and fellowship with us.



DISTRICT DEPUTY JIM CHAMBERS INDUCTS COUNCIL 7907 OFFICERS

On Saturday, July 24, the officers for Council 7907, Issaquah were inducted with District Deputy Jim Chambers presiding. The ceremony was held after Mass, in the Prayer Garden for the Unborn, which was constructed by the Knights in 2013.



LR: Bryan, Trustee; Fr. Todd, Chaplin; Gilroy, Recorder; Tim, Trustee; Frank, Treasurer; Joel Edwards, Grand Knight; Juan Pablo, Financial Secretary; T.J. Inside Guard; front right; Ed, Chancellor; Ernie, Trustee. It was also unofficially announced that this same group of officers were awarded Star Council for fraternal years 2020-21 and all are returning officers for 2022.



NEW COATS FOR KIDS CHAIRMAN, MIKE WINKLER

NEW COATS FOR KIDS CHAIRMAN



I am Mike Winkler from Council 10652 and the new Washington State Coats for Kids Chairman.

Before providing this year's information, I want to share my personal thanks to Brother Roger Willis for his many years of service as the State Chair for this program.

The one big change this year from Supreme is that when your council orders coats this year you must pay with a credit/debit card prior to the completion of the order. That is, you cannot order now and pay later.

Supreme Council is again doing a 50/50 matching program this fraternal year for Black Friday/Boxing Day. As in the past, they will only match coats purchased through Supreme.

Supreme will not accept requests for matching coats directly from councils. Just as Roger has done for us for years, I must submit the request on behalf of the State of Washington to Supreme for their approval. Here are some key dates:

I must have our State request to Supreme no later than October 5th.

To meet that deadline, I must have your council's information by September 24th(the sooner the better). Remember that I need time to do a consolidated report for all councils participating.



Black Friday events do not necessarily need to fall on the day after Thanksgiving. However, whichever day you select it is intended to be both a charitable and recruiting opportunity. With the ongoing pandemic concerns, our Black Friday events may still need to be similar to last year. We will need to track this closely with the focus on the safety of our members and our community. Think about how you did it last fall and how you were still able to promote the work of the Knights of Columbus and include recruiting opportunities.

As in the past, information I will need includes:

1. How many cases of coats you ordered?
2. When and where your Black Friday event will be including the name of the location, street address, date, and time of the event.
3. Your target group of recipients, to include the poverty rate if you have it. I may be able to help you with the local free and reduced lunch rates as published by the Washington State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
4. How you will use this as a recruiting opportunity.

While Supreme cannot guarantee that all proposals received will receive coats, they “will work hard to accommodate as many proposals/requests as possible”. Supreme lists November 5th as the date we should receive our matching coats by. Once we receive the coats, our distribution plan will be the same as last year. To order coats go to Officers online supply portal. For more information on Coats for Kids <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/community/coats-for-kids.html>

Michael S. Winkler Email: CoatsForKids@kofc-wa.org
Phone: (253) 459-4756

Archbishop's Golf Tournament - St.Frances Cabrini Team 2020/21



JOIN US IN SUPPORTING SEMINARIAN EDUCATION.

ST. FRANCES CABRINI TEAM

*Steven, Paul, Sr Paul, Andrew
Council #2522 Lakewood, Wa*



SUBMITTED BY BRIAN R. WOOLERY

WALLA WALLA COUNCIL 766'S NEWEST GRANDPA

DAN TOMPKINS &
NEW GRANDCHILD



CONGRATULATIONS DAN



WW COUNTY ACCEPTING EMAILS WITH PUBLIC COMMENT ABOUT COLUMBUS STATUE

FROM THE UNION BULLETIN:

The Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners now has an email account for people to send comments regarding the fate of the Christopher Columbus statue on the county courthouse lawn.

Comments can be emailed to columbus@walla-walla.wa.us or mailed to Walla Walla County Commissioners, PO BOX 1506, Walla Walla. WA 99362.

The deadline to submit public comment is Sept. 13, 2021.

The Columbus statue has been a subject of controversy since 2020, after activists advocated for the removal of the statue.

County commissioner discussion about the statue were temporarily put on hold. The discussion is now resuming albeit not-in-person due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a release, the commissioners stated they encourage the public to submit their comments by email or mail and those comments will be reviewed by the board for further consideration.

Worthy State Deputy

The seven-foot statue of Christopher Columbus is in front of the Walla Walla County Courthouse. The statue was a gift to the City of Walla Walla in 1911 by the Italian Community. The statue was privately funded by ninety-eight Italian immigrant families many of which are inscribed on the statue and their descendants still live in the Walla Walla Valley. A large parade was held on October 12, 1911, to unveil the statue. This gift demonstrates the extent in which Italians had become integrated into the community.

This generation did not complain, but instead were proactive in their desire to become American, and their example should be emulated, and certainly not forgotten, an unintended consequence of the actions of our local governments when they remove Christopher Columbus statues.

And echoing this sentiment on the kofc.org website, "When founding the Knights of Columbus, Father Michael McGivney picked Christopher Columbus as a namesake for the organization because in a time when anti-Catholic and anti-immigrant feeling ran rampant, the American public embraced this famous explorer."

A year after a group, We Belong Walla Walla, was formed and started the debate with a petition to remove the statue, they continue to advocate for its removal. Members of the group have been in talks with the Walla Walla County commissioners about removing the statue. Two of the members who are continuing to push for the removal of the statue, one of which started the petition, are not originally from Walla Walla nor do they currently reside in Walla Walla County. They want to meet with County Commissioners to let them know how passionate they feel about taking down the statue. This will be a topic on the County Commissioners agenda at their meeting on August 23, 2021.

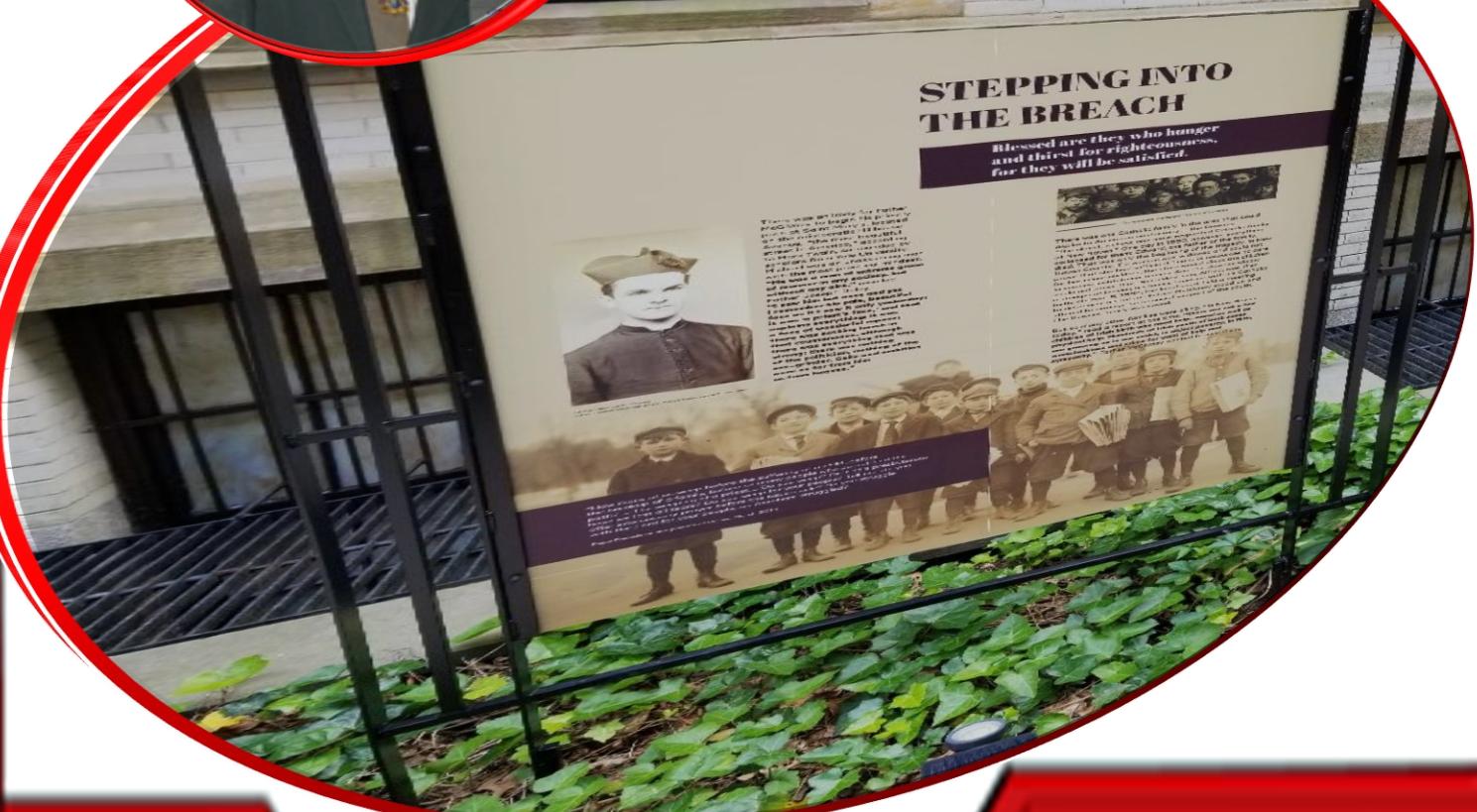
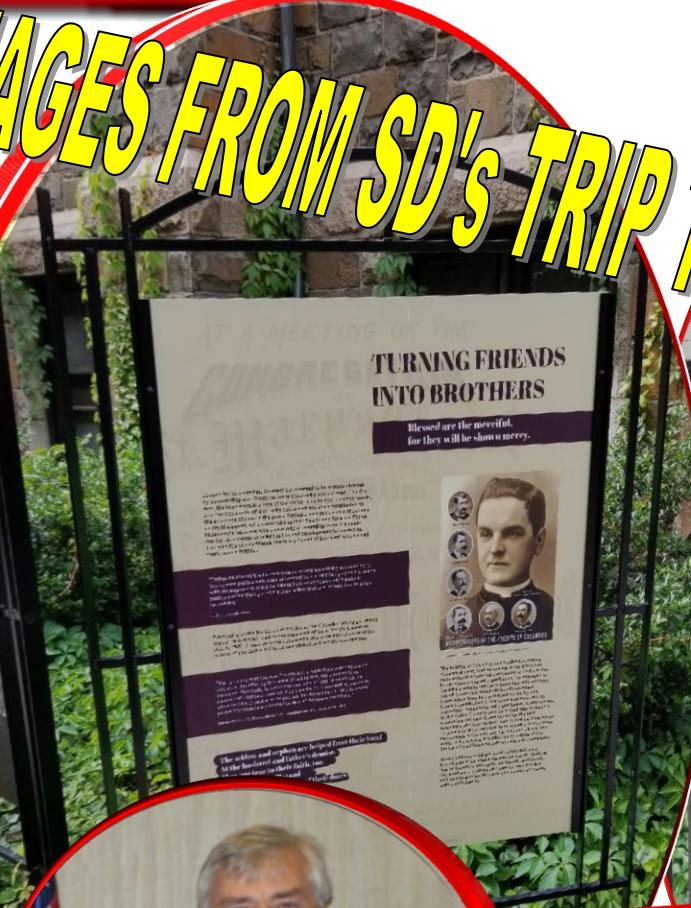
The petition and media coverage has led to the statue being vandalized. As a result, the County installed surveillance cameras to discourage vandalism of the statue.

Their petition since inception has collected 2,263 signatures.

We feel a petition with a significantly greater number of signatures to keep the statue along with other local efforts will help persuade our County Commissioners to keep the statue at its current location.

Nick Moramarco – Walla Walla Council 766

IMAGES FROM SD'S TRIP TO THE EAST COAST



STAUNCH, FEARLESS, PATRIOTIC PRELATES



BY **Karl A. Hadley, PSD, FVSM**

Who were the “Staunch, Fearless, patriotic prelates of our Church: Carroll, Hughes, Ireland, Gibbons, Spellman, O’Conner”?

Archbishop John Hughes (1797 – 1864)

John Joseph Hughes was born June 24, 1797, in Ireland and came to the U.S. in 1817. After unsuccessfully applying to Mount St Mary’s College in Emmitsburg, MD, he was hired as a gardener. He was later admitted in 1820 thanks to the efforts of Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton, the foundress of the Daughters of Charity.

Hughes was ordained in Philadelphia on October 15, 1826 and was chosen as the bishop of the Diocese of New York on December 20, 1842. The diocese covered the entire State of New York and northern New Jersey and had 40 priests to serve a Catholic population of about 200,000. He became an archbishop on July 19, 1850, becoming the metropolitan of the Northeastern states. He was present in Rome at the proclamation of the Immaculate Conception as a dogma of the Catholic Church by Pope Pius IX.

Between 1820 and 1870, about 2.7 million Catholic immigrants poured into the country from Germany, France, and Ireland. A rising tide of anti-Catholicism accompanied Catholic expansion. In 1834, an Ursuline convent in Charleston, Massachusetts, was burned to the ground by a mob, starting two decades of violence. New York City’s mayor taunted the archbishop asking him, “Are you afraid?” Hughes’ answered, “Yes. Not for my churches, but for yours. If a single Catholic church is burned here, New York will be turned into another Moscow.” Then he ringed his parish churches with armed Irishmen. No Catholic churches or convents burned in New York. (In September 1812, fire destroyed Moscow, just ahead of the entry of Napoleon’s troops.)



Hughes' priests took to calling him "Dagger John" for the cross he placed before his signature and his pugnacious manner.

Hughes' debates with Rev. John A. Breckinridge, a distinguished Presbyterian clergyman resulted in Hughes' emergence as a vigorous defender of Catholicism in America.

Hughes founded an independent Catholic school system in New York, St. John's Orphan Asylum, and St. John's College (now Fordham University). He established the Sisters of Charity of New York, who founded the Academy (now College) of Mount St. Vincent.

In 1861, Hughes travelled to Europe as an unofficial representative of President Abraham Lincoln to persuade Catholic France and Spain to remain neutral during the Civil War. Lincoln also sought Hughes' advice on the appointment of hospital chaplains.

Hughes was originally buried in the old St. Patrick's Cathedral, but his remains were exhumed in 1882 and reinterred in the crypt under the altar of the new St. Patrick's Cathedral, which he had undertaken to build in the then remote rural location of Manhattan (the new cathedral was initially dubbed "Hughes' Folly" by the press.)

American author and critic Clarence Cook once said this of Archbishop John Hughes: "The archbishop belonged to the church militant ... always in the saddle, never weary, and what was more never desponding ... so convincing that, when he called for money, if a widow had but one penny, yet should he have a farthing ere he went."



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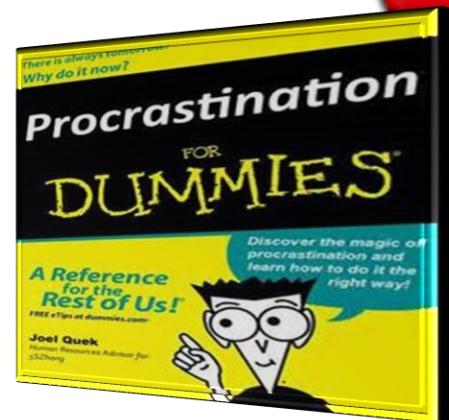
... the game is over

THE FINAL PAGE

MEETING A DEADLINE

By STEVE SNELL

Procrastination can lead to



I promised a good friend of mine that I would write two or three pages about procrastination in this month's Newsletter. The frenzy and frustration of meeting a deadline. This malady can be found everywhere, in schools and colleges, nonprofits as well as commercial enterprises and my brothers if you look around you may find that it often shadows you.

HOW DOES ONE DEAL WITH IT As good Catholics and members of the Order of Catholic gentlemen we must be honest with ourselves and others. To do this it should be clear that procrastination is not a thing (an object) but a process, or a lack of process, a system of relationships - a system of constantly altering challenges - between the individual, action, audience, time, and space. There are many ways to deal with procrastination, I'm partial to the following example:

I knew this good Catholic lad who went to a boarding school in his year before college, attendance at classes was strictly required as it is at most jobs. But one time he found himself so far behind in writing a paper that he desperately needed a whole day off to finish it. So, he wrote a note to his "house mother" that he was suffering from a severe attack of ergasiophobia – a recurrent condition with him, which was not at all dangerous, but resulted in listlessness, extreme fatigue, and virtual immobilization. It usually passed with a day of rest, his note said, so he would confine himself to his room, and would she please inform his teachers that he was indisposed.

She did so, and no one broke into his room to drag him off to classes. It was late afternoon, and his paper was finished, by the time she submitted his note to the school doctor, who must have smiled when he told her that ergasiophobia means "a morbid aversion to any work."

(Note to friend) Yes, I remember that you asked for **two or three pages**, but this morning I woke up with a severe attack of

LEARNING ABOUT FARM LIFE

Papa and Mama agreed on a plan for the new year. They would move away from the city's mean streets and all the trouble there. Give the kids a chance with farm animals. Get close to the land. So, without a clue about country life, they moved the whole family.

They wanted to start with pigs, so they bought a sow to breed. Their neighbors had a big Chester White boar to fill the need. The kids named their sow Betsy, and were ready for some action, but they had no idea on loading a sow for transport to the transaction.

They lifted and wrestled, tugged, and pulled before getting Betsy into the trailer. Then off they went to the neighbors with everyone packed in the pickup. All went well in the breeding shed, until loading for the return trip. The whole family got muddy and exhausted just trying to Betsy back on the trailer.

The kids got up early the next morning with great anticipation. They ran out to see the little pigs, but they were disappointed. Shucks – no pigs – but the family was determined, so they went through the task again. They had made up their minds to own a litter of pigs, they just didn't know when.

Well after three tough but unproductive trips to the breeding shed, the next morning, only the youngest of the kids felt like checking on Betsy's pen. The child came running back into the house with news he was so excited.

**THERE'RE NO BABY PIGS, BUT BETSY IS ALREADY
IN THE TRAILER RARING TO GO.**



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Gerald Charles Ruzicka

April 29, 1955 — July 31, 2021



Walla Walla resident Gerald Charles Ruzicka died July 31, 2021, at Providence St. Mary Medical Center. He was born April 29, 1955, in Walla Walla to Charles and Mary Vinti Ruzicka.

Gerry graduated from DeSales High School in 1974, where he played football. He worked the family farm in the Sudbury area and raised all types of peppers in his greenhouse. A member of the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree, he enjoyed cooking at the various events for many years. After moving to Brookdale Senior Living nearly nine years ago, he made many friends and watched all the Seahawks, Mariners, WSU football and Gonzaga basketball games he could.

Gerry is survived by his sons, Seth (Melaney) Ruzicka of College Place and Adam Ruzicka of Walla Walla; mother, Mary Ruzicka of Walla Walla; sister, Irene (Dennis) Rapp of Spokane; brother, Marvin (Cheri) Ruzicka of Walla Walla; sister-in-law, Mary Ruzicka of Cheyenne, WY; several grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and many cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Ruzicka (2008); and brother, Edward Ruzicka (2005).

Donations in Gerry's memory can be made to the Knights of Columbus Michael Flohr Council No. 766, PO Box 28, Walla Walla, WA 99362.

There will be a lunch gathering on Friday, August 20 at 12:00pm at the St. Francis Parish Hall, 722 W Alder St, Walla Walla. All are welcome.



That's all Folks!



*Yesterday a little pigeon in the sky
Dropped some whitewash in my eye*

*I didn't complain and I didn't cry
I'm just glad that bulls can't fly.*

THIS IS NOT GOODBYE...



MORE LIKE, SEE YOU LATER...

