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"THE SECOND EDITION"

STEVE SNELLE EDITOR



THE ENERGY OF A KNIGHT

By STEVE SNELL

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

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

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

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

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

BE THE SPARK IN SOMEONES LIFE!

BACK IN THE DAY

The late Arthur Cardinal Hinsley (25 August 1865—17 March 1943) was an English prelate of the Catholic Church) and the Archbishop of Canterbury attended the same dinner party and later shared a cab into town. "It is quite fitting that we take the cab together," smiled the Archbishop. "After all, we both serve God." "Yes, yes," agreed the Cardinal heartily. **"You in your way; I in His."**

Jimmy Walker (1881-1946) was the mayor of New York City in the 1920's, he was once accosted by a battered wreck of a man outside the Central Park Casino one evening. "Jimmie," he pleaded, "gimmie a quarter for something to eat." "Have a Corona," said the Mayor, reaching into his vest pocket. "Don't smoke," asserted the hooligan. "I just want a quarter for something to eat." "Come inside with me," suggested the Mayor, "and I'll stand you to a couple of whiskies. They'll buck you up!" "Don't drink," was the answer. "Its food I want." "I'll tell you what I'll do," persisted Walker. "I'm going to Belmont tomorrow. I happen to know of a horse that's a sure thing at twenty to one. I'll put a couple of dollars on it for you!" "No, no," yelled the beggar. "I wouldn't think of gambling. Please stop all this nonsense and slip me a simple two bits for something to eat." "All right," conceded the Mayor reluctantly. **"But first you've got to come over and meet my wife. I want her to see what happens to a guy who doesn't smoke, drink, or gamble."**

The Old Priest's Last Request

An old priest lay dying. He sent a message for an IRS agent and his Lawyer to come to the hospital. When they arrived, they were ushered up to his room. As they entered the room, the priest held out his hands and motioned for them to sit on each side of the bed.

The priest grasped their hands, sighed contentedly, smiled, and stared at the ceiling. For a time, no one said anything. Both the IRS agent and lawyer were touched and flattered that the old man would ask them to be with him during his final moments. They were also puzzled because the priest had never given any indication that he particularly liked either one of them.

Finally, the Lawyer asked, ' Father, why did you ask the two of us to come here?'

The old priest mustered all his strength, then said weakly, 'Jesus died between two thieves, and that's how I'd like to go.'

THE RESULTS ARE IN!

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The Annual Breakfast with Champions was a huge success with over 300 attendees raising just over \$100,000 for Special Olympics Washington. Thank you for being a part of the Special Olympics Washington Movement.

Congratulations to the Knights of Columbus Volunteer of the Year, **Patrick Gilbert** and the Coca-Cola Athletes of the Year, **Candace Madison** and **Michael Hammernick** - and to all of the 2018 nominees.

Shout out to the 247 athletes - #TeamWA - who have been selected to compete at the 2018 U.S.A. Games this summer. Thank you for joining us today - and thank you to for supporting **The Home Team**.

Special thanks to **the athletes and families** for giving us their time and inspiring us with their stories of **Wellness, Sports, Inclusion and Community**.

And finally, **Thank you to all of you** for attending and donating so generously. It's your support that allows Special Olympics Washington to ensure that **EVERYONE** gets tested like a champion!

Fraternally

George

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SPOKANE COUNCIL 683

NEW ORDER

Do you know of the Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Church? Their new Order being 10 years old this year.

My Council, Spokane 683, just held our 10th Annual Benefit for them at Gonzaga's Hemmingson Center. Our 10-year annual benefit dinner sponsorship has brought them more than \$110,000. They do not have a convent so the funds raised will go toward that goal.

George H. Czerwonka, Jr., PSD

We, the Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Church, are consecrated to Christ and His Church to bring the hope and encouragement of the Risen Christ to all. In communal charity and through joyful evangelization, we witness to the beauty of the Gospel through our ministry of prayer and presence. We bring new life to the world through our apostolates of faith formation, including religious education, retreat ministry, and comforting the infirm and dying, as modeled by Mary, Mother of the Church.

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS MASS APRIL 21, 2018



Darren Johnson, State Special Olympics Chairman on the left, Larry Devlin, PGK, FDD, District Marshall/State Training Chairman Larry Shaw, Archbishop Sartan, DD Steve Schweyn, and FDD Renato Sacramento.

By Darren E. Johnson
SPECIAL OLYMPICS STATE CHAIRMAN
Cell 253-709-4588



St James Cathedral Seattle: Each year the Archdiocese has a special mass for people with disabilities and they also honor a group that help people with disabilities. This year the Archdiocese and the Archbishop chose the Knights for our involvement in Special Olympics and us working with the Archdiocese on the Special Olympics USA Games. I was presented a handmade cross made by the students of one of the local schools and then the 4th degree presented the Archbishop with a gift.



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ONLINE MEMBERSHIP BEGINS !



**By Kevin Fraley
Administration and Finance Chairman
Washington State Council
Knights of Columbus**

Online membership began in Washington Monday, April 23rd. This will allow men to join us online in just minutes, sight unseen. These men are full members from that moment with full rights and privileges of membership, including access to insurance products. This program is designed to not compete with council based membership but rather as a feeder program for councils and it should prove to strengthen our councils and provide the younger new blood that so many of our councils badly need. Although there is no mandatory time limit on online membership, these men will be encouraged to transfer to membership in their local councils.

Contrary to earlier speculation, these men are full members and are welcome at any business or social meeting of any council on a guest basis (voice with no vote) just as if they were members of a neighboring council. **Effective immediately, the GK script for running a meeting eliminates all mention of the 1st degree when closing the meeting to nonmembers.** On those occasions when a ceremonial exemplification is held in conjunction with a meeting any non-degreed members present would be politely excused from that part of the meeting. Member Management is being modified to have separate boxes for entry date and 1st degree date, and date of service will accrue from the entry date.

Member Management is also being modified to allow transfers from online membership to a council to be performed online in Member Management, and form 100's will not be used for this (note this is a brand new change from what is on the webpage). Unlike council-to-council transfers, these transfers will count as new members toward the council's membership goal. If the new man has our insurance it will be a +1 for both membership and insurance. The transferring member must take the 1st degree as soon as possible as a required part of joining a council. There is no initiation fee charged of the member, and state will charge the council the \$7.00 exemplification fee following the transfer. Supreme collects

\$30.00 dues per calendar year from each online member, and when they transfer to a council it is prorated and money goes to the council. State collects state per capita from Supreme for each online member.

There has been some speculation that councils would be able to use transfers to online membership as a way to get rid of unwanted members. The program is designed to prevent this from happening. Transfers from council membership to online membership will be difficult and drawn out, accommodating only those few men who would leave the order completely if not allowed to leave all councils but remain in the Knights. If this is abused it may no longer be allowed. Councils are expected to run recruitment and membership drives just as before. Online membership does not replace anything we have been doing, it is only an additional way in which Catholic gentlemen may join us in our good work.

When an online member joins, he is asked to certify that he meets our standards (Catholic man over 18 practicing his faith in full communion with the Holy See). Any false declaration voids his membership with no refund of the prepaid dues. Membership begins the moment the credit card payment for 1 year's dues is processed. The new member is asked if he is interested in joining his local council (so far 60% have said yes). He can specify the council by number or let Supreme figure out which is closest and those councils are notified so that they can contact the new member and invite him to meetings or activities to see if he would like to join that council.

All online members in the state are recorded in a "state division" with a coordinator named by the State Deputy. The coordinator will be responsible for maintaining current and correct member records in Member Management.

Please take some time to familiarize yourself with the program at [http://www.kofc.org/en/members/online-membership/index.html#/?](http://www.kofc.org/en/members/online-membership/index.html#/) so you are prepared for the questions you will get. Call me at 425-299-4001 with questions.

**Best Wishes,
Kevin Fraley
Administration and Finance Chairman
Washington State Council
Knights of Columbus**





K N I G H T S O F C O L U M B U S®

Columbus SOWA Volunteer of the Year

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Special Olympics Washington Volunteer of the Year Award presented by Knights of Columbus

Volunteers are the backbone of the Special Olympics Washington movement. Special Olympics Washington depends on - and succeeds because of - the time, energy, dedication and commitment of volunteers across the state. Volunteers help enable Special Olympics to offer year-round sports training, athletic competition and healthy opportunities for our athletes to grow and showcase their skills.

When you volunteer, you join an international family of people from all walks of life who gain a greater understanding of and appreciation for people with intellectual disabilities through their participation. The Special Olympics movement can ultimately transform communities by inspiring people throughout the world to open their minds, accept and include people with intellectual disabilities and thereby celebrate the similarities common to all people.

Special Olympics Washington would not exist today without the time, energy, dedication, and commitment of more than 10,000 volunteers. Those year-round and day-of volunteers work at various levels and fill a wide variety of roles in our programs.

The Special Olympics Washington 2018 Knights of Columbus Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes the outstanding service an individual has made to the growth and development of his/her local programs and to the Special Olympics movement.

Today, we are honored to recognize a few of our outstanding volunteers. One volunteer will be chosen to represent all of our volunteers, and will receive the 2018 Special Olympics Washington Volunteer of the Year Award.

2018 Volunteer of the Year Nominees

Punkie Doyle

Tana Abbott

Deputy Kristi Bridgman

Officer Patrick Gilbert



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Submitted by Bruce Hines;

Today we welcome a new brother to the ranks of Knights on Bikes...please **welcome brother Mike Perkins council 3307, assembly 1174 Richland.** Brother Mike and his wife Diana have been supporting KofC for many years and we are now honored to have them share their faith and fraternity with us on the road.

Worthy Brothers All,

The day we have been looking for has finally arrived. **Online Membership is now live in Washington.** Councils and members may now invite eligible men to join the Order online by sending them to www.kofc.org/joinus. Our State really needs the shot in the arm that this program can offer us. So many of our Councils have been membership inactive this year, and those are the ones that need new members the most. This is our chance to revitalize these councils, as well as help out every other Council in the State. I have included some information that you can use. **I ask Tim Philomeno to forward this message to all of the Grand Knights** and I encourage everyone to ask three men this week to join On-Line. This is an awesome tool and one that we have long needed, so get familiar with it and take it for a ride!!! The results should be KILLER!!!

Fraternally,
Bob Baemmert-SD
Washington State
*(EDITOR'S NOTE: Additional information
in Kevin Fraley's article)*



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CAN A POPE AND A SAINT BOTH BE WRONG?

NOT LIKELY.

America, your deepest identity and truest character as a nation is revealed in the position you take towards the human person. The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless ones.

Pope John Paul II
September 19, 1987



heroic MEDIA

MEMORIAL DAY



Thank You



**I AM THE GUARDIAN OF FREEDOM,
AND THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE**



I AM AN AMERICAN SOLDIER





My grandfather, I remember him sitting in his chair in the evening,
BCrutches leaning against the wall, and always he wore a smile.
His chair comfortably worn, hands trembling as old men's do,
His eyes were blue, they shine like brand new, and they shine on you.

His eyes a pathway to his heart and soul, see how they shine,
They have seen so much, so often, life and death
They have rode through many a storm and still they twinkle,
He asked for nothing and gave all he had.

I wanted to be like him, I sat with him to learn,
“Please Grandpa make me as you are”
“How come your always so happy?
You always have a smile for me, how do you do that”?

Grandpa took his crutches and stood up as only a man with MS could,
What an achievement just rising and standing was for him.
“I make the most of what I am”
“And the least of what I'm not.”

He stands now on crutches, so tall and strong
With gentle smile and gentle words, my Grandpa takes care of me.
When I was six years old I promised I would take care of him forever.
With a smile he said, “thank you”, I love it when my Grandpa smiles at me.

(Ed note: To me and many other people from the parish in the small farming community he was a great man, a Godly man. He went by many names. Son, Brother, Ted, Teddy, Husband, Friend, Dad, but to me he was Grandpa. He had multiple sclerosis, he went to church on Sunday, to get into the church he had to crawl up the steps as Grandma carried his crutches. As I watched him I had tears of pride, especially when our priest told me that my Grandpa was the "best sermon" he had ever seen.

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RANDOM THOUGHTS

As for me, except for an occasional heart attack, I feel as young as I ever did.

--Robert Benchley (1889-1945)

Tradition is what you resort to when you don't have the time or money to do it right.

--Kurt Herbert Adler



*Yesterday a little pigeon in the sky
Dropped some white wash in my eye
I didn't complain and I didn't cry
I'm just glad that bulls can't fly.*



The doctor of an 80-year-old woman had finally retired. Therefore, at the elderly lady's next checkup, the new doctor told her to bring a list of all the medicines that had been prescribed for her.

As the young doctor was looking through them, his eyes grew wide as he realized that the little old Grandmother had a prescription for birth control pills. "Mrs. Smith, you do realize that these are birth control pills?"

"Yes, doctor. They really help me sleep at night."

"Mrs. Smith", he said, flabbergasted, "I assure you there is absolutely NOTHING in these that could possibly help you sleep!"

The old lady reached out and patted the innocent, young doctor's knee:
"Yes, dear. I understand. But believe me. They definitely help me sleep at night..."

...You see, every morning, I grind one up and mix it in the glass of orange juice that my 16-year-old granddaughter drinks!





UPCOMING ORDINATION



Submitted by Karl Hadley PSD, FVSM

Kurt Hadley (of St. Joseph Parish in Kennewick), son of Past State Deputy and Former Vice Supreme Master Karl Hadley and his wife Kyle, will be ordained a transitional deacon* for the Yakima Diocese by Bishop Joseph Tyson at St. Joseph Church, Kennewick, on Friday, June 1, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. (Kurt was the Charter Grand Knight of the Mt. Angel Seminary College Council.) **All are welcome to attend.**

**(Transitional Deacons: Those preparing for the priesthood.)*

Submitted by George Czerwonka, PSD

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION- MAY, 2018: Evangelization – The Mission of Laity: That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today. His Holiness Pope Francis

LEARN TO BE DISCREET: “Six retired Irishmen were playing poker in Monaghan's flat in Dungarvan when Sean O'Toole loses €700 on a single hand, clutches his chest and drops dead at the table. Showing respect for their fallen brother, the other five continue playing standing up. Michael Lennon looks around and asks, 'Oh, me boys, someone's got to tell Sean's wife. Who will it be?' They draw straws. Cavan Colquhoun picks the short one. They tell him to be discreet and gentle, and not to make a bad situation any worse.' Discreet? I'm the most discreet Irishman you'll ever meet. Discretion is my middle name. Leave it to me.' announces Cavan. He goes over to O'Toole's house and knocks on the door. Brenda O'Toole answers and asks what he wants. Cavan declares: 'your husband just lost €700 and is afraid to come home.' ‘Tell him to drop dead!' snarls Brenda. ‘I'll go tell him.' says Cavan.”



DEGREE SCHEDUAL



Proposed FY 2018-2019 Knighthood Degree Schedule for Eastern Washington

Date: April 24, 2018

	Eastern Washington							State
	Knighthood Degree						Proposed 4th Degree Exemplifications	Other Important M
Month	Date	City	CO	PFC	Districts*	Date	City	
July-18								Leadership Meeting
August-18								Ceremonial Meetin
September-18	9/22/2018	Yakima	Hadley	Bergeron	6, 7, 10, 17 & 30			Labor Day (Sept. 3,
October-18	10/24/2018	Richland**	Hadley	Bergeron	6, 7 & 17	27-Oct-18	Yakima	
November-18	11/17/2018	Spokane	Bergeron	Myles	5, 8, 18, 20, 28 & 33			
December-18								DD Winter Meeting
January-19	1/19/2018	Clarkson	Bergeron	Myles	5, 8 & 28			
February-19	2/10/2018	E. Wenatchee	Hadley	Bergeron	10, 30	9-Feb-19	Clarkston	
	2/20/2019	Walla Walla	Bergeron	McDonnell	7 & 17			
March-19	3/1/2018	Colbert	Bergeron	Myles	5, 8, 18, 20, 28 & 33	9-Mar-19	Walla Wal-la	
	3/15/2018	Spokane	McBride	Myles	5, 8, 18, 20, 28 & 33			
April-19	4/24/2018	Kennewick**	Hadley	Bergeron	6, 7 & 17	27-Apr-19	Spokane	
May-19								State Convention, M
June-19						June-19	Richland	Memorial Day (May)

* Proposed Host District is listed in red

** Mid-week degree

Please review the specific dates and locations involving your Districts as soon as possible and provide me with your ideas for alternative dates, locations, or host districts by Friday, May 11. If I do not receive any specific input from you, I will assume that you are in agreement with the proposed schedule at this time. I need to finalize this proposed schedule by the convention for our Worthy State Deputy to assist him meeting one of his commitments with Supreme for a proposed Knighthood Degree Schedule going into the next Fraternal year. Please keep in mind that this is a proposed schedule. As we enter in the new fraternal year, I am always open make some adjustments to the specific dates, locations, and host districts as your local circumstances and needs change as we have this past year

Marcel P. Bergeron, PGK, FDD, PFN
Ceremonial Director

THE CALLING OF AN OFFICER

"Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers (*Proverbs 15:22*). they succeed" God has often placed many noble, and courageous plans on a brother's heart that will never succeed without the guidance, accountability, resources and enthusiasm of others. St. Augustine once said, "Without God, we cannot; without us, God will not." Being an officer in the Knights is a noble and worthy calling a chance to make a real difference in others lives, this should not be taken lightly .

By Steve Snell

If you should become an officer due to your passion or circumstances, it is crucial that you have a sense of calling for the challenges ahead of you. It is most often a responsibility that will demand your heart, intellect, time and dependency on God. Simply put, it requires your all.

In order for an officer to accomplish the goals inherent in his position a man must be both assertive and cooperative, for without assertiveness an officer's obligations can be abandoned and without cooperation they can be lost. My Brothers we must have collaboration with each other's talents, viewpoints, expertise and resources, these are some of the essential elements for our success.

A viable organization is one that has clear direction, comprehensive plans, skilled staff for each essential task, suitable technology and adequate funding. Once an organization has a clear focus, decisive plans and a delivery system for its message or service you're in a position to roll. A basic clear direction or take-away could be "as long as there are those in need there will be Knights! "Knights"...thats you, you and me, thats a pretty clear direction.

CURRENT, NEW AND PAST OFFICERS: A group of competent officers is critical for the success of our Order. In essence, as individuals serve they will also train and enable others to do the same. Though simple in concept, it is quite difficult in practice. The responsibility is easy because of the shared nature of doing God's work, yet weighty because of the nature of the work. Serving as an officer is like a ministry and therefore a calling. As an officer, God has created and engineered your gifts, talents, and experiences for the distinct advantage of your area of responsibility. Balls in your courtLETS GO FOR IT!

**Congratulations on your great opportunity
to serve and make a difference!**

GOOD LUCK IN YOUR NEW YEAR.

Man and a Fork

Man and a Fork

Submitted by Manny Aguilar

There was a young man who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So as he was getting his things 'in order,' he contacted his Priest and had him come to his house to discuss certain aspects of his final wishes. He told him which songs he wanted sung at the service, what scriptures he would like read, and what outfit he wanted to be buried in. Everything was in order and the Priest was preparing to leave when the young man suddenly remembered something very important to him. 'There's one more thing,' he said excitedly.. 'What's that?' came the Priest's reply. 'This is very important,' the young man continued. 'I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand.' The Priest stood looking at the young man, not knowing quite what to say.

'That surprises you, doesn't it?' the young man asked. 'Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request,' said the Priest. The young man explained. 'My grandmother once told me this story, and from that time on I have always tried to pass along its message to those I love and those who are in need of encouragement. In all my years of attending socials and dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, 'Keep your fork. ' It was my favorite part because I knew that something better was coming like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance!' So, I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder 'What's with the fork?' Then I want you to tell them:

'Keep your fork ... the best is yet to come.' The Priest's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the young man good-bye. He knew this would be one of the last times he would see him before his death. But he also knew that the young man had a better grasp of heaven than he did. He had a better grasp of what heaven would be like than many people twice his age, with twice as much experience and knowledge. He KNEW that something better was coming.

At the funeral people were walking by the young man's casket and they saw the suit he was wearing and the fork placed in his right hand. Over and over, the Priest heard the question, 'What's with the fork?' And over and over he smiled. During his message, the Priest told the people of the conversation he had with the young man shortly before he died. He also told them about the fork and about what it symbolized to him. He told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them that they probably would not be able to stop thinking about it either. He was right. So the next time you reach down for your fork let it remind you, ever so gently, that the best is yet to come.

Friends are a very rare jewel, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. Cherish the time you have, and the memories you share. Being friends with someone is not an opportunity, but a sweet responsibility.

And just remember ... keep your fork!

The BEST is yet to come!



3RD ANNUAL BIKE BLESSING

Well the 3rd annual Bike Blessing is now in the history books. The weather started off looking pretty overcast with 20% chance of rain but is straightened out and we had some sun. **We had 30 motor cycles and three bicycles** come out for a blessing this year and Father Van Nguyen from Christ the King did an outstanding job with the blessing and holy water. This year we had a guest speaker...John Fish with the Missing In America Project. John gave a great explanation of the project and I invite all to go to their web site for the read.

Thanks again to all the staff and participants for coming out with your support it was great to see you all again. God Bless ride safe...**Bruce Hines State President**



Color Corps Needed for the State Convention

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Eastern Washington Master, Archbishop Blanchet Province



The 115th Washington State Council Convention will be held on May 18, 19, and 20, 2018, at the Red Lion Hotel in Pasco. State Deputy Robert Baemmert has requested that the Fourth Degree Color Corps participate in the following convention events: the **Opening Convention Mass** on Friday, the **Awards Banquet** on Saturday evening, and the **Annual Memorial Mass** on Sunday morning.

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

A special **Flag Presentation Ceremony** will be conducted at the **Saturday Evening Awards Banquet** to be held in the **Medallion Ballroom** at the **Red Lion Hotel**. The dinner will commence at **7:00 p.m.** Color Corps members are needed to conduct the ceremony should be **at the Red Lion Hotel at 6:30 p.m.** to dress, receive instructions, and form-up. A rehearsal will be conducted **prior to the banquet**. **For those who have the New Uniform and participate in the flag ceremony will not need to change into a tux for the banquet.**

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

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

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

All sir knights who have questions regarding the Color Corps should contact Master Henn at (509) 528-4157.

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Color Corp requests

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Saturday, June 9th, 2018,

at St. Thomas More, 505 W St. Thomas More Way, Spokane WA. 99208

The host assembly is **St. Thomas More Assembly 3283**

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

The host **Faithful Navigator** is Sir Knight Peter Rosmon 509-647-2606

The **Faithful Comptroller** is Sir Knight Larry Annis 509-991-9269

The degree team is the Eastern Washington Fourth Degree Team

EXEMPLIFICATION HONOREE

The **Honoree** for this Fourth Degree Exemplification is **Michael R Barr**

EVENT TIME SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY

TIME

LOCATION

Color Corps Rehearsal	Saturday	11:00 am -	12:30 pm	St Thomas More PAC
Registration	Saturday	11:30 am -	1:30 pm	St Thomas More PAC
Lunch	Saturday	12:00 pm -	1:30 pm	St Thomas More PAC
Exemplification Set-up/ Rehearsal	Saturday	10:00 am -	12:30 pm	St Thomas More PAC
4 th Degree Exemplification	Saturday	2:00 pm-	3:30 pm	St Thomas More PAC
Public Knighting/picture taking	Saturday	3:00 pm -	3:30 pm	St Thomas More PAC
Mass	Saturday	4:30 pm -	5:30 pm	St Thomas More Church

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The exemplification fee for each candidate, **except priests**, is **\$50.00**. 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, plus the cost of the dinner (if they attend). 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**. **Advance reservation and payment is required.** *Make checks for luncheon payable to St. Thomas More Assembly 3283*

FEES Continued

Important Note: The exemplification fee does not change if the candidate does not attend dinner (if dinner is held). 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 is set forth by the Board of Directors under Article IX, Membership, Section 26.

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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. Candidates and members of the 4th Degree may wear a tuxedo with a bow tie. **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.

FOURTH DEGREE

**DARRELL R HENN
MASTER EASTERN WASHINGTON**





House chaplain ousted by Paul Ryan to keep his job.

Father Patrick Conroy has blamed anti-Catholic sentiment for his dismissal.



The move comes hours after Conroy rescinded his resignation, telling Congress he intended to serve in his post until the end of the year.

"I have accepted Father Conroy's letter and decided that he will remain in his position as Chaplain of the House," said Ryan in a statement.

In his letter, Father Pat Conroy accused the Ryan staff member who fired him, Jonathan Burks, of telling him "maybe it's time we had a chaplain who wasn't Catholic." Ryan himself is Catholic, although he has fostered close ties with his evangelical allies in the GOP.

By MIKE CALDERON, FORMER STATE HISPANIC MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN



The first Christians did not seek to spread the faith in mass media, political means, they engaged in the oldest and most reliable method of influence, friendships.

We must pray.& influence new friendships through prayer and activities in unity, Catholics, fallen away from faith, other faiths, those of other cultures for in God's family all are equal.

Evangelization has become a word seldom used in the Catholic faith as it once was, we need to refresh stories of Saints we've read about in order to make God's disciples from friendships. **Every day is a good day to start Evangelizing, start with your family**

God Bless our Nation, Unite us as a family of faith.
Says the Lord, "Just love everyone, I'll sort 'em out later".

EVANGELISM
"DOING THE WORK."

CONVENTION TIP: For the "New Brothers".

THERE WILL BE A FEW "BIG DOGS" TO DEAL WITH.

SO...LETS PRACTICE MEETING THEM HEAD ON!

OKAY.....STEP #ONE

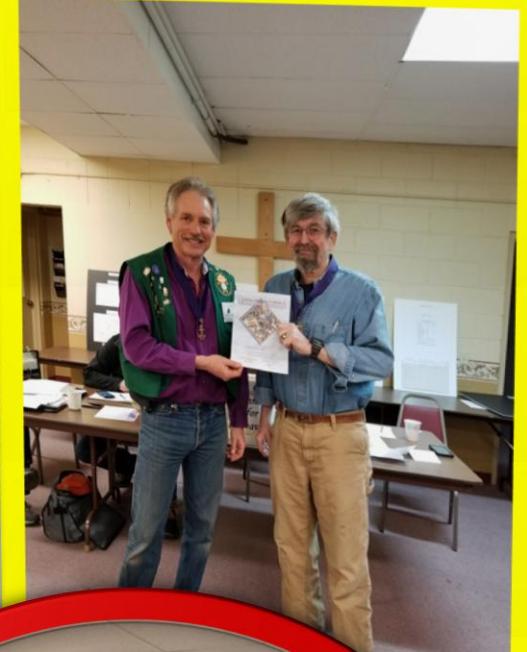
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GK Stephen Sommer (L) presents DGK Jim Hines with a certificate for April, 2018 Family of the Month. Jim and his wife, Jean, are involved in multiple projects, parish events and socials. Much of their contributions are behind the scenes. Thanks Jim and Jean for all you do for our council and St. Anthony's parish.



GK Stephen Sommer (R) presents recently new member Ed Galbica with his 2nd and 3rd degree certificates. Congratulations Ed and thanks for stepping up.



GK Stephen Sommer presents brother Steve Pearson with our council's April Knight of the Month certificate. Thanks Steve for all your hard work and willingness to step forward and get involved



Catholic Schools versus the Cult of Self.

"Isn't the Catholic Church kinda like a cult"?

Teaching in a Catholic school leads to many wonderful challenges. This question was one of those - put forth by a student who although serious, realized he might be refuted.

*By Greg Fazzari, Athletic Director & Educator
Walla Walla Catholic Schools*



The question piqued the interest of everyone in the class. A fellow student added to the challenge stating; “you must admit, it sure seems like one”.

“It is important to agree on some definitions first”, I stated. “How do we define ‘cult’?” “Jonestown was a cult”, stated another student. Everyone agreed.

The definitions of cult range from “*a system of religious veneration directed toward a particular object or person*”, to “*a misplaced or excessive admiration for a particular person or thing*”. The first definition could include Franciscans and the various orders found within the Catholic faith. The second definition was more of the Jonestown variety.

“If Catholicism is a cult, the central figure was Jesus Christ. Can we have an excessive admiration for Him?”

Most Catholics would agree that if we do not have an excessive admiration for Jesus Christ, we wanted one. The questioner had a somewhat triumphal look on his face. “So you would admit that the Catholic Church is a cult”? I admitted it could be construed as the “cult of Jesus Christ”, and I would happily claim to be an adherent.

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But – further questions needed to be asked.

“What is your cult?” I asked the students. “Who do you follow? Who do you consult when making important decisions in your life?”

The lead student stated that he did not follow any cult and explained he was pretty much self-reliant.

“So – could we say that you follow the cult of yourself? Are you a cult of one?” In this sense, aren’t we all in a cult? Some may be in the cult of a sports hero, a musician or an entertainer. Or, maybe we are in the self-satisfied cult of ourselves.

Needless to say, this discussion clarified a few things about cults. A cult (in the negative sense) happens when the one we most admire is not worthy of our admiration or devotion. Only God is worthy of our devotion. Jim Jones and you and I are just very poor substitutes.

It was another day of work at a Catholic School - a place where the deepest questions of the youthful heart can be put forth, argued, pondered, analyzed and maybe even answered.

Our Lord Jesus is not just anyone – He is the central figure of all of history. He is the ultimate revelation of God’s existence and absolute love for each of us. His intentional presence in the education of our youth is as critical now as it ever has been.



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FAMILY OF THE MONTH



"NOMINATING A FAMILY OF THE MONTH!"

IS A WAY OF SAYING THANK YOU FOR MAKING A
DIFFERENCE, TOUCHING HEARTS, AND INSPIRING SOULS.

STRONG VISIBLE PROGRAM





Life Insurance As a Gift?



SUBMITTED BY TOMMY ST. HILAIRE

The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and a questioning stare. “How morbid,” they think. While it may seem that way when you first mention it, life insurance is really a thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough times.

The problem with life insurance is the general perception. Many think of death instead of the great benefits it provides, and the security that it offers – even while you’re alive. Life insurance should be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for a family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your spouse’s quality of life in the event of your death.

One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a new baby. It’s a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future (i.e. college tuition, housing, business start-up, etc.). Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable.

Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure that their early investments are fully protected. If something were to happen to one of them, the other may be faced with serious financial hardship. A life insurance policy is an ideal way to ensure their future and protect their assets.

As nontraditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring gift to purchase for many people.

A business card for Tommy St. Hilaire, a field agent for Knights of Columbus Insurance. The card features the company logo at the top left, followed by his name and title. Below that is his contact information: phone number 509-438-9965 and email address thomas.sthilaire@kofc.org. To the right of the text is a portrait photo of Tommy St. Hilaire, a man with a beard, wearing a suit and tie. At the bottom of the card, there is a dark blue horizontal bar with white text listing four types of insurance: Life Insurance, Long-Term Care Insurance, Retirement Annuities, and Disability Insurance. The very bottom edge of the card has a small, thin line of text that is partially cut off.



SEE YOU NEXT MONTH

BE SAFE MY BROTHERS, WE CAN'T
MAKE IT WITHOUT YOU!

