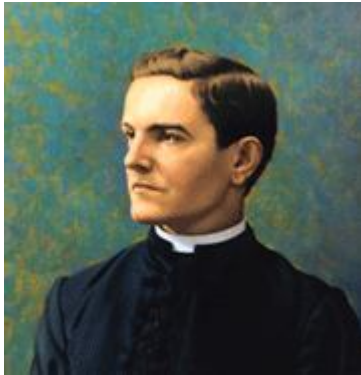


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WE ARE DEFENDERS OF FAMILY VALUES!
WE NEVER, NEVER, NEVER, GIVE UP
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SECOND ANNUAL HOLY BOWL

“OH WHAT AH NIGHT”

By STEVE SNELL

OCTOBER 28, 2011: WALLA WALLA -- Mark Twain said, “It’s not the size of the dog in the fight, it’s the size of fight in the dog.” At the second annual Holy Bowl game Mark Twain would have had a smile on his face as two Catholic football teams, the DeSales Irish and the Tri-Cities Prep Jaguars, went head to head under the lights; both teams had a bucket full of fight in them. It was a sign of character that no one gave up; the teams played their hearts out on a chilly rain-soaked evening at Ty Baffney Field.

It was a tough night for Prep as Irish Quarterback Jeremiah Cox threw four touchdown passes and running back Lucas Fazzari rushed for three scores as De Sales closed out its 2011 regular season with a 54-14 victory.

There were festivities before the game most notable a tailgate party hosted by local Knights Council#766 from 4-6:30 p.m. the Council fed over 130 fans with chili and hot dogs for \$5. The Booster clubs sold Holy Bowl T-shirts. Color guards from the combined Assemblies of District 7, led by Karl A. Hadley, Master – Washington District presented the colors in an inspirational opening ceremonies presentation. Father Jeff Core of St. Patrick’s Parish administered a blessing to both football teams and the Traveling Holy Bowl Trophy in the opening ceremonies.

All four Priests from the Walla Walla parishes joined us for chili and football.

We were much honored to have many KC dignitaries in attendance

- Washington State Secretary – George Czerwonka and his wife Sharon
- Karl Hadley -- Fourth Degree Master Washington District
- Two State Chairman
- District Deputy #7, Jeff Kadinger
- Most of the GKs from the District
- Members from every Council and Assembly within the District
- Armando Villarreal, insurance agent manned a membership table
- Members of the planning committee for the It's About Life Conference coming to the District Feb. 25, 2012 had an information table at the field.
- Pro-Life truck was on site and received many favorable comments.

Walla Walla GK Paul Gerola spearheaded a 50/50 raffle drive with the proceeds going to the host school. The evening was a great collaborative effort between the Knights, the Schools, the Booster Clubs and many members of the District's Councils. And finally a special recognition must go to the outstanding efforts by the Co-Chairmen of The Holy Bowl Committee, J.P. Kent (766) and Marcel Bergeron (10653). To bring everything together required months of planning and more meetings than can be remembered. To pull this off requires a patient, understanding wife and a knight's dedication to their mission, thank you J.P. & Marcel for your outstanding leadership.

In the closing ceremonies the traveling Holy Bowl trophy was presented to the Irish football team by State Secretary George Czerwonka. Two Sportsmanship Awards were given to one player from each team, chosen by the Athletic Director from the opposing schools. The Sportsmanship Awards went to Nick Wales of DeSales and Briar Westerfield from TCP.

The Holy Bowl Trophy will remain in Walla Walla for another year. Winning has certain rewards and for the next year the trophy will be on display at DeSales, the Irish now hold Holy Bowl bragging rights for the year. While this is a friendly rivalry, next year the game will be in the Tri-Cities, where there will be a host of Jaguars waiting and remembering a rain-soaked evening in Walla Walla.

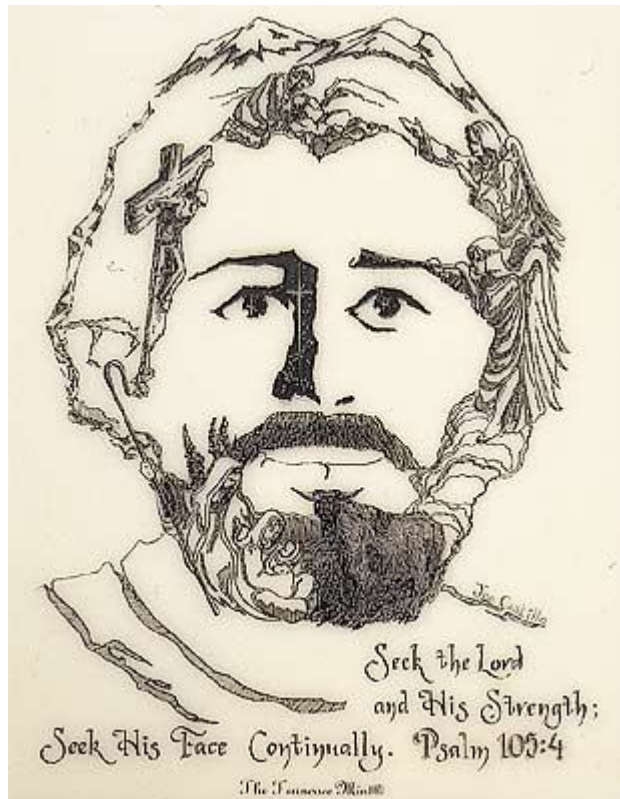
CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



“The Chaplain’s Corner” is a monthly forum for a Pastor or any religious by invitation of the Newsletter, to pass any message that they may wish on to our readers.

Steve Snell - Editor

The 'longer' you look at this picture, the 'more' you see.



Family of the Month Program - Your Council's Hall of Fame

LIVING IN A BLINK

Have you ever driven by a small town or village and it was gone in a blink of an eye, I live in a blink. Have you ever turned around and in a blink of an eye your children were young adults? All those precious year's gone in a blink.

"Hear the sound of perfect prayer, hear the call to God. Call out to your heart; call out to your soul, touch the pulse of faith, touch the pulse of youth No matter what you do No matter whom you listen to Life is walking through the door Life is here better grab it and hold on. Before it's too late, before the pain before the rose comes to bloom. Before Life hardens and friends fade I....."

An old man who was propped up against the door of a church in downtown Seattle, with all he had in a grocery bag by his side and his last thoughts on the old tablet in his hands. He left our world last night, for another destination, a place beyond the noise of our streets, beyond all that has passed by us in our short visit here in the blink of an eye. The old man died, but before he left he put down his thoughts and words of advice for those of us still living in our blink in time

That message is laid out above, that personal plea for us not to
Waste this life; this gift of God, this blink of life is for you and me.

Lets us not ignore the message.

Please listen; before our blink is done, lets add our outstanding brother Knights to
your Council's Hall of Fame; you can easily do this through the

Family of the Month Program

Please remember to honor "Mary's Knights."



STEVE SNELL, FDD, PFN, PGK -- STATE FAMILY CHAIRMAN

FOOD FOR FAMILIES PROGRAM

“LETS MULTIPLY THE LOAVES!”

Those living in poverty often have little or no chance to escape from the economic situation into which they find themselves. I think it would be true to say that most of them have some hidden scars, they are like turtles without shells; Food for families is their best chance for a new beginning! Their looking at you Brothers with those eyes, please don't turn away!

FOOD FOR FAMILIES FORM DUE APRIL 1, 2012

Need help **call me!**

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Think its not important **call me!**

FOOD FOR FAMILIES FORM DUE APRIL1, 2012

What is it? **Call me!**

FOOD FOR FAMILIES FORM DUE APRIL 1, 2012

“Wife’s dog ate it!” **DON’T CALL ME!**



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STEVE SNELL, FDD, PFN, PGK -- STATE FAMILY CHAIRMAN

WOMEN WHO KNOW THEIR PLACE

Barbara Walters, of 20/20, did a story on gender roles in Kabul, Afghanistan, several years before the Afghan conflict.

She noted that women customarily walked five paces behind their husbands.

She recently returned to Kabul and observed that women still walk behind their husbands. Despite the overthrow of the oppressive Taliban regime,

The women now seem happy to maintain the old custom.

Ms Walters approached one of the Afghani women and asked, 'Why do you now seem happy with an old custom that you once tried so desperately to change?'

The woman looked Ms Walters straight in the eyes, and without hesitation said, "Land mines."

Moral of the story is (no matter what language you speak or where you go)

BEHIND EVERY MAN, THERE'S A SMART WOMAN

KEEP THE FLAME BURNING

Freedom is like a flame we must keep burning bright

Please consider becoming a 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus. It is said, "When a man becomes a 4th Degree member he is a Knight for life".

Today when our Church and Country are under attack from all sides, we need strong Knights with knowledge of their Country's history and values. This is what a 4th Degree Knight is. It is a gift to your self that you and your community will be forever grateful for.

Remember the 4th Degree is one of our best membership retention tools

NEED KNOWLEDGE SUPPLEMENT? READ THE STATE BULLETIN!

(Supportive but not conclusive research shows that reading the State Bulletin may reduce the risk of not knowing what the State Officers are up to)

WARNING! WARNING! WARNING! WARNING! WARNING!

The "look and feel" of the District Newsletter has been specifically marked, photographed and polygraphed. Anyone who attempts to copy this work of art and information without the express written consent of the "EDITOR"

will be reasoned with by our Security Director,
Brother Little Phil "The Knife" Manson.



MEEK OR WEAK: Hey, what would you say if some snooty dude who thinks he's all that, said you were "*acquiescent, obsequious, obeisant, and sycophantic*"? "**SAY WHAT?**" Then looking down his perfectly straight nose at me he said "try these on," "*spineless, mousy, timid, compliant, pliable and cowardly,*" yea, I understand you now.....! I think he was trying to tell me that I was meek; I remember looking at his crooked snooty nose just after I had put forth my best argument against his assertion that I was meek! He reconsidered his position almost immediately.

The next day 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 unborn, 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. Latter, 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 in the midst of 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 - **mousy, timid, compliant, pliable and 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 then I punched him in the mouth,
No one laughs at my Grandpa. STEVE SNELL



ANTHONY WAYNE SAYS,

(The arbiter of social, doctrinal and delusional dilemmas)



It was Jesus who said, “Let he who is without sin cast the first stone”. Casting stones isn’t as popular as it used to be. It is no longer a case of actually killing people with rocks, but it is instead stone casting attacks on people’s character and people’s values. There is no justice in casting stones.

It is not our role as Knights to arrogantly judge and cast stones. Our role is to treat others, as we want to be treated. To defend life, to offer a helping hand to those in need, and once in a while – laugh a little. ...

The First Stone

Jesus saw a crowd chasing down a woman to stone her and he approached them. "What's going on here, anyway?" he asked. One of the crowd responded, "This woman was found committing adultery and the law says we should stone her!"

"Wait," yelled Jesus, "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone."

Suddenly, a stone was thrown out from the sky

Hitting the woman on the side of her head

"Aw, c'mon, Dad ... “Jesus cried, "I'm trying to make a point here!"



JUST THINKING

By STEVE SNELL

It is very easy to give in to the temptation to become complicated in our life's ministry. It seems the longer we apply ourselves to any particular effort, the more complicated we make it. If complication is beginning to bother you, it might be a sign that you are getting older or wiser.

The parables spoken by Jesus were models of brevity, clarity, and simplicity, laced with insightful truth and compassion, in short great teaching tools. The gospels describe Jesus as a master teacher who stayed simply and solidly on earth as he spun tales about seeds, weeds, fig trees, birds, sheep, goats, fish, yeast, vines, wine, splinters, employers and employees, and hospitality etiquette. The result, people in tune with the earth listened and experienced the simple mystery of eternal religious truth.

Simplicity more than all else is a personal attitude or approach toward what we do and how we do it. As Knights our ministry is beautifully simple, we are our brother's keeper, we are the helping hand to both church and mankind. This mission denotes a beauty, purity and clarity that is totally uncomplicated to all who are touched by it. **This is the simple message that everyone understands, and will remember! God Bless the Knights!**

IT'S ABOUT LIFE CONFERENCE

Feb.25, 2012 St.Joseph's Catholic Church – Dillon Hall – 10am-4pm

520 South Garfield, Kennewick, WA

Knights of Columbus of District 7 in the State of Washington, led by **Council 8179** in Kennewick, WA are holding their 7th it's About Life Conference. Other Councils who have had strong roles in previous conferences and who continue to support this conference include **Holy Spirit Council 10653** of Kennewick and **Walla Walla Council 766**.

The principle objective of the conference this year, as it was for previous conferences, is to provide a forum for citizens in the Northwest to hear preeminent and credentialed speakers who respect the sanctity of human life in all of its stages from conception in the womb through to the dignity of the sick and elderly. The conference is non-denominational and prefers to not necessarily "speak to the choir" which is why all citizens are invited to participate, particularly teenagers and young adults who are in their formative years.

We are pleased to present especially informative speakers this year. Austin Ruse and his wife, Cathy Cleaver Ruse are sure to provoke thought and provide inspiration for attendees in either formulating their thoughts or reinforcing the beliefs in the sanctity of life as we are continuously barraged by policy-makers and journalists who make it their business to disrespect the sanctity of human life.

Additionally, we are fortunate to have Diego and Kimberly Wendt join us to describe their work in funding ultrasound machines for placement in pregnancy care centers throughout the Pacific Northwest through their **4US** organization. Their presentation includes a very compelling live ultrasound demonstration that you will not want to miss!

The 2012 Conference is in its planning stages. We are encouraging potential attendees to save the date of February 25, 2011 for now, pending further details in terms of agenda, to follow. Tickets are available **for sale now**. Since there are only 300 tickets available to be sold, we encourage you to take advantage of the availability of tickets now because this conference always sells out early. First come, first served! **Registration Forms and Ticket Information can be found on-line @ www.itsaboutlife.info**

THE FINAL PAGE

From the Editor's Desk

Wifeffus Interruptous

What are you doing? Wife's sharing her thoughts with me (*hollering*.) "I'm writing some thing for the Newsletter." "How smart is that?" she asked, standing in my office door her hands on a sharp looking pruning shear. "My God you know you'll probably say something that will either embarrass yourself or offend someone somewhere. Just don't say anything about our relatives or anyone we know and that includes Maggie (our dog)."

"How can you think I would write anything that would do anything but attempt to make a positive contribution to the spiritual and fraternal health of the Knights?" "And about the dog, the one you and the daughter spoiled, it hurts me when you suggest that I would write negatively about the little free loader."

"Now look Steve, you know you have a tendency to make things up and then there's the questionable humor, people will think you go "bar hopping" just to find the stories. Have you given any thought to what people might think?"

"I don't make things up – I write creatively, it's called creative writing for a reason – I tell stories. And listen darling; there isn't one Knight in the State of Washington that would think I would sacrifice my "honey does" just to go relax and share a beer in search of stories. And just for the record I always speak of you in only the most flattering of terms. I've told them the only flaw you have is that you had poor taste in men. By the way everyone said "yes, they could see that might be true." "Well whatever, I just wanted to see if you were to busy to be creative with a leaf rake in the yard." "I need your help please." She said with a "supportive" smile as she walked out of my office.

"Well I do have this article to finish, but...**I'll be right there!**"

STEVE SNELL -- EDITOR

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