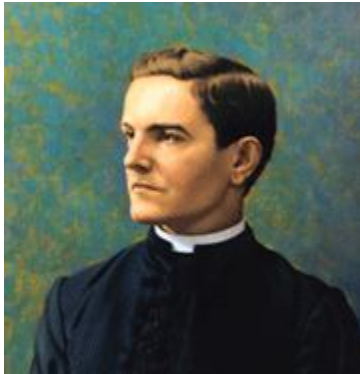


**THE 7<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT'S  
APRIL, 2011 – NEWSLETTER  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

*STARTING HERE – STARTING NOW – A BOLD NEW BEGINNING*

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**FATHER MCGIVNEY'S MEN**



WALLA WALLA - COUNCIL 766  
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Washington  
State  
Knights of  
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**WE ARE ONE!**

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District 7 is focused on Faith, Community, Family, Youth & Fellowship  
*Knights of Columbus are dedicated to Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism.*

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**WELCOME TO DISTRICT 7 WHERE  
SUCCESS IS A TRADITION  
*WE GO FOR*  
SUCCESS &  
NOTHING LESS**

**“WARNING!”**

**THIS NEWSLETTER CONTAINS**

**SUBLIMINAL MESSAGES**

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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



*“The Chaplain’s Corner” is a monthly forum for a Pastor from one of the 6 Councils within District 7 or any religious by invitation of the Newsletter, to pass any message That they wish on to our readers.*

Steve Snell DD7

### **Bishop Sheen Explains the Immaculate Conception**

Just suppose that you could have pre-existed your own mother, in much the same way that an artist pre-exists his painting. Furthermore, suppose that you had an infinite power to make your mother anything that you pleased, just as a great artist like Raphael has the power of realizing his artistic ideals. Suppose you had this double power, what kind of mother would you have made for yourself? Would you have made her of such a type that would make you blush because of her unwomanly and unmotherlike actions? Would you have in any way stained and soiled her with the selfishness that would make her unattractive not only to you, but to your fellow man? Would you have made her exteriorly and interiorly of such a character as to make you ashamed of her, or would you have made her, so far as human beauty goes, the most beautiful woman in the world; and so far as beauty of the soul goes, one who would radiate every virtue, every manner of kindness and charity and loveliness; one who by the purity of her life and her mind and her heart would be an inspiration not only to you, but even to your fellow-men, so that all would look up to her as the very incarnation of what is best in motherhood?

Now, if you who are an imperfect being and who have not the most delicate conception of all that is fine in life would have wished for the loveliest of mothers, do you think that our Blessed Lord, who not only pre-existed His own mother, but who had an infinite power to make her just what He chose, would, in virtue of all the infinite delicacy of His spirit make her any less pure and loving and beautiful than you would have made your own mother? If you who hate selfishness, would have made her selfless, and you who hate ugliness, would have made her beautiful, do you not think that the Son of God who hates sin would have made His own mother sinless, and He who hates moral ugliness, would have made her immaculately beautiful?



# DD'S CORNER

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## I'M HANGING ON!

*This is perhaps one of the oldest messages in the world. The cave man recited it to his son when he told him how to hunt for his prey. The squaws in the early west told it to their little papooses as soon as they were old enough to listen. My mother and grandmother back on the plains of North Dakota tried to “enlighten” me with it on a regular basis. Yet, over and over, the message needs to be repeated. **Meet opportunity when it comes toward you. If you wait till it passes, you will never catch it.***

OPPORTUNITY is like the eye of the tiger, once it has passed you it changes into smoke and is gone.

What is eye of the tiger, this thing called opportunity? It is a chance to do something for your fellow man, a chance to offer a helping hand to your neighbor and assist in pulling him out of the rut he may be in. Brothers it is a chance to be somebody of value and to be a Knight, is to be someone of value in today's world.

Fortunately, a long procession of slowly moving opportunities meets all of us. And fortunately for us one of those opportunities is the Knights of Columbus, which is with us all the time defending life and our family values. Another of these opportunities is to reach out to people of like **values**, with open arms invite them to join us in defending the unborn; with them we can do this at the ballot box with **votes**.

Some of us are old, some young, and some are lost in the busy confusion of middle age. But none of us is too old for opportunity, if we see it take it. As Knights every year means 365 new opportunities to serve. Everyday day means opportunity, every hour means the possibility of good work. *Be ready.*

**I'm hanging on** to what mom and grandma told me, **I invite you all to join me!**

## **Knights of Columbus District 7 Free Throw Champions**

District 7 is happy to announce the 10 winners that will be moving on to regional competition. District Competition was held at Tri-City Prep on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February. All our winners will be moving on to the regional competition to be held at Tri-City Prep on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March. Registrations will begin at 1:00 PM with competition scheduled to start at 1:30PM. Location is at St. Thomas Drive in Pasco WA.

The 1<sup>st</sup> place winners in the girls division are: Winter Mallon 10 year old #3307, Jolee Booker 12 year old #11478, Kristen Bailey 13 year old #1620 and Nicole Edwards 14 year old #8179. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winners in the boys division are: Ryan Chapin 10 year old #766, Christian Murphy 11 year old #11478, Koby Bailey 12 year old #1620, Blaine Broberg 13 year old #11478, and Lucas Lyons 14 year old #766.

**Dennis Samson, Free Throw Chairman**

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## **Knights of Columbus Regional Free Throw Champions**

The Regional Knights of Columbus are happy to announce the 10 winners that will be moving on to State competition. Regional Competition was held at Tri-City Prep High School Gym on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March. All our winners will be moving on to the State Competition to be held at Father Queen Gym on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> of March. Registrations will begin at 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM with competition scheduled to start at 11:30 AM. Location is at Holy Family Parish at 56<sup>th</sup> & W Chestnut Ave, Yakima, WA. **Note:** Late arrivals after 11:30 AM will not be able to take part in the State Finals. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winners in the girls division are: Winter Mallon 10 year old from Richland #3307, Valeria Alamillo 11 year old from Sunnyside #14926, Jolee Booker 12 year old from Connell #11478, Aubrey Isquierdo 13 year old from Sunnyside #14926, and Nicole Edwards 14 year old from Kennewick #8179. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winners in the boys division are: Trey Sanchez 10 year old from Sunnyside #14926, Daniel Snyder 11 year old from Yakima #894, Wesley Abrams 12 year old from White Swan #1699, Brian Snyder 13 year old from Yakima #894, and Lucas Lyons 14 year old from Walla Walla #766.

**Dennis Samson, Free Throw Chairman**

## **THINK NEW MEMBERS**

The strength of the District, the Councils and indeed the strength of the Order “Knights of Columbus” are in its membership. That is all of the incentive that should be needed to encourage each council to make a strong effort in the upcoming Membership/Recruitment drives this spring. Grand Knights gather your Membership Chairmen and Membership Committees and begin your recruitment planning. Make sure that you have scheduled your drives with your churches; order the necessary forms, handouts and advertising material. Ensure you advertise your event in the Parish Bulletin’s at least one week before your drive. Identify those Brother Knights that will be your recruiters for your drives and please remember that **membership recruiting is the responsibility of every Knight in the council.** If we continue to focus on recruitment and do a little planning I know we can have a strong finish to this fraternal year.

Someone once said, "I know that God will never give me any challenge that I can't handle, I just wish He didn't have so much confidence in me." We are put to the test every day. I encourage you to put into practice a great drive for new membership. We have always been given the ability to live up to high standards and I believe we can overcome the many challenges we face in today's world and one of those challenges is from our State Deputy.

*“Please encourage your councils to make recruiting a priority these last few months of the year. As of today the state requires 472 new members and about 20 Round-Tables before June 30, to meet our goals. As it has been these last two years, I know you will get it done and make Washington number one again this year.”*

The State Deputy’s favorite saying is **“Gett'er done.”**

**On June 30<sup>th</sup> I want us to be able to send him a note on membership saying...**

**“Hays in the barn, Jobs Done.”**

**STEVE SNELL DD 7**

## **NOTE FROM MONSIGNOR DILLON**

Our national Knights of Columbus and our Washington State Knights of Columbus are working hard to establish pregnancy centers. Please read the attached link of the legislative attack in the State of Washington. All Knights should be alerted. The legislation is being constantly brought forth in Washington State to penalize pregnancy centers until the protestors diminish and they can put it through. We already have passed as a law that safe sex should be taught in our public schools from the 4th grade up alongside abstinence.

<http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/Progress/ProgressOne.aspx>

<http://www.lifenews.com/2011/01/21/abortion-activists-attack-washington-pregnancy-centers/>

**Msgr. Dillon**

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### **UPCOMING 4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION:**

**June 11, 2011**

**Spokane** – St John Vianney Parish, 503 N Walnut Road,  
Spokane Valley, WA 99206

Host - John J Mertens Assembly 2414

Faithful Navigator - Ed Schiffner, phone 509-928-3525

Degree Team - Eastern Washington

Honoree – Thomas J. Sokol

Registration – 12:30pm – 1:45 pm

Exemplification 2 pm – 4 pm

Degree requirement - 1st degree on or before December 10, 2010

2nd and 3rd degree supporting schedules - October 16, 2010, in Yakima, October 24, 2010, in Spokane, November 21, 2010, in Kennewick, February 26, 2011, in Wenatchee, March 13, 2011, in Walla Walla, March 19, 2011, in Colbert, April 30, 2011, in Colton, and June 4, 2011, in Spokane



## WALKING WITH JESUS

The right to life is not based on some philosophical definition of "personhood." It's a fundamental human right of all human beings. Philosophers, theologians, and social engineers may debate the meaning of personhood, but there is no question about when a human life comes into existence. It's not a question for philosophy or religion. It's basic biology — a new human life comes into existence at the union of an egg cell and a sperm cell, the moment of fertilization. Every human being who has ever lived began life as a single cell. This is not a matter of opinion or religious dogma. It is a simple scientific fact. Life ends when a person's heartbeat stops permanently and irreversibly. Life does not end when a disability is diagnosed or when a person begins to require special care. Every human being — regardless of age, size, level of development, or condition of dependency — has an inalienable right to life. As Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Declaration of Independence:

*“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men [and women] are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights that among these are Life ...”*

## **WALLA WALLA KNIGHT HONORED BY STATE**

**Walla Walla: 03-13-2011:** The Washington State Council of the Knights of Columbus today honored a former Grand Knight of Walla Walla Council 766 David Venneri for holding one of many offices in the Knights for 66 consecutive years.

Below is a brief biography of Brother Venneri provided by his family:

**David Venneri**

**Born: April 30, 1922**

**Parents: Frank and Josephine (Ciarlo) Venneri**

**He grew up on a small produce farm on south Ninth Street  
Outside of Walla Walla.**

**In those days all the children worked on the farm and attended school.**

**He attended Catholic school and graduated from St. Patrick High School in  
1939.**

**First Degree, Second Degree & Third Degree – 06-01-1944.**

**After high school he worked on the family farm and then went to work for  
Tony Ambrose at the Main Tavern until 1956.**

**He married Marguerite Marticelli (early 1950s?) and they had three children;  
Michael, Frederick and Elizabeth.**

**In 1956 he took a job as a custodian for Walla School district and worked for  
30 years until he retired in 1985.**

**He has been active in his church, Knights of Columbus and with Fort Walla  
Walla Museum where he likes to share information on the history of the local  
Italian community. His wife passed away in March of 2010.**

Worthy State Secretary Don McBride in a gathering at Council #766's hall following a Second and Third Degree, made the presentation to Brother Venneri. A letter of recognition signed by State Deputy John M. Wallace and all the current State Officers, and Immediate Past State Deputy John Walker, was presented to Brother Venneri.

Brother Venneri has set an excellent example for all the Knights of his Council and the Brothers throughout the State. On behalf of the Councils, the membership and families of District 7 I offer our heartfelt congratulations.

**STEVE SNELL DD 7**

## **SECOND AND THIRD – “FIRST CLASS”**

**Walla Walla – 03-13-2011:** Successful organizations rely on the performance of their people to achieve positive results. With all the competition in the world for our members time, talent and treasure it is important that we as Knights place men in leadership positions who will play key roles in attaining those positive results by assuring that the best people are attracted, retained, and developed. This was perfectly displayed on Sunday, March 13, 2011 in Council 766’s Hall in Walla Walla, Washington. Two Degree Teams, Six Districts, and Twelve Councils stood together as one and brought 29 First Degree Knights through the Second and Third Degrees. Our Conferring Officer, Brother Karl Hadley, Past State Deputy, and current 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Master – Washington District, guided us all in a very successful Degree. This “First Class” performance was not just limited to Brother Hadley; the host Council (766) led by Grand Knight Paul Gerola put forth a grand effort that all present were most appreciative of.

The Second and Third Degree Teams led by Marcel Bergeron and Thomas Sokol respectively, “what a performance”, God Bless you Sir and hats off to your teams. Class begets Class and that was certainly the case with our Honorees, for the Second Degree – Brother Frank Locati (766) and for the Third Degree – Brother David Venneri (766). The actual event was held in Council #766’s Hall in Walla Walla, thank you for your generosity Gentlemen. The Host DD was Steve Snell DD 7. We were most fortunate to have several VIP’s in attendance for the Degrees, several GKs, a District Warden, 4 District Deputies and 4 State Chairman from across Central Washington. The day was a fine example of Fraternity and Brotherhood, and the promise of a great future for the Order. Finally to all my Brothers in any way connected to the ceremony, “May the blessings promised to the compassionate come to you and yours in abundance”.

**Steve Snell DD 7**

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**NEXT DISTRICT LEADER’S MEETING  
MARCH 21, 2011  
IN WALLA WALLA**

***PLEASE BE THERE WITH KNIGHTS WHO ARE***

## ***CHANGING THE WORLD, WITH GOD'S HELP!***

*(You know a newsletter is cultured when  
It hangs a few Fables on the page.)*

### **THE GNAT AND THE BULL**

A GNAT alighted on one of the horns of a Bull, and remained sitting there for a considerable time. When it had rested sufficiently and was about to fly away, it said to the Bull, "Do you mind if I go now?" The Bull merely raised his eyes and remarked, without interest, "It's all one to me; I didn't notice when you came, and I shan't know when you go away."

*We may often be of more consequence in our own eyes than in the eyes of our neighbors.*

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### **The Kingdom of the Lion**

When the Lion reigned over the beasts of the earth he was never cruel or tyrannical, but as gentle and just as a King ought to be. During his reign he called a general assembly of the beasts, and drew up a code of laws under which all were to live in perfect equality and harmony: the wolf and the lamb, the tiger and the stag, the leopard and the kid, the dog and the hare, all should dwell side by side in unbroken peace and friendship. The hare said, "Oh! How I have longed for this day when the weak take their place without fear by the side of the strong!"

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### **The Crab and his Mother**

An old Crab said to her son, "Why do you walk sideways like that, my son? You ought to walk straight." The Young Crab replied, "Show me how, dear mother, and I'll follow your example." The Old Crab tried, but in vain, and then saw how foolish she had been to find fault with her child.

# **ISN'T IT GREAT**

How we all bring

Something

**DIFFERENT**

To the Table?

The success of our Council's begins and ends with

**YOU!**

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## **LENTEN REFLECTIONS**

Give up hatred; return good for evil

Give up negativism; be positive

Give up complaining; be grateful

Give up pessimism; be an optimist

Give up harsh judgments; think kindly thoughts

Give up worry; trust Divine Providence

Give up discouragement; be full of hope

Give up anger; be more patient

Give up pettiness; be more mature

Give up gloom; be more mature

Give up jealousy; pray for trust

Give up gossiping; control your thoughts

Give up sin; turn to virtue



## ANTHONY WAYNE SAYS,

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As Air Force One arrives at Heathrow Airport, President Obama strides to a warm and dignified reception from the Queen. They are driven in a 1934 Bentley to the edge of central London, where they change to a magnificent 17th century carriage hitched to six white horses. They continue on towards Buckingham Palace, waving to the thousands of cheering Britons; all is going well.

Suddenly the right rear horse lets fly with the most horrendous earth shattering fart ever heard in the British Empire. The smell is atrocious and both passengers in the carriage must use handkerchiefs over their noses. The fart shakes the coach, but the two dignitaries of State do their best to ignore the incident.

The Queen turns to President Obama, " Mr. President, please accept my regrets... I am sure you understand there are some things that even a Queen cannot control."

Obama, always trying to be "Presidential," replied: "Your Majesty, do not give the matter another thought... Until you mentioned it, I thought it was one of the horses.

### **Better than a Flu Shot!**

Miss Beatrice, The church organist, was in her eighties and had never been married. She was admired for her sweetness and kindness to all. One afternoon the parish priest came to call on her and she showed him into her quaint sitting room. She invited him to have a seat while she prepared tea. As he sat facing her old Hammond organ, the young priest noticed a cut glass bowl sitting on top of it. The bowl was filled with water, and in the water floated, of all things, a condom! When she returned with tea and scones, they began to chat. The priest tried to stifle his curiosity about the bowl of water and its strange floater, but soon it got the better of him and he could no longer resist. "Miss Beatrice", he said, "I wonder if you would tell me about this?" Pointing to the bowl. "Oh, yes," she replied, "isn't it wonderful? I was walking through the park a few months ago and I found this little package on the ground. The directions said to place it on the organ, keep it wet and that it would prevent the spread of disease. Do you know I haven't had the flue all winter?"

**APRIL 10** – Council/Grand Knights Report – copy to District Deputy (electronic copy desired)

**APRIL 1** – Refund Support Vocations Program

**DUE APRIL 1**

- Pro-Life Essay – Frank & Rosemary Tyson
- Herbert Liebert -- Frank & Rosemary Tyson
- Harry Tucker Award – John Rowley
- Family of the Year – Duane Vincent
- Knight of the Year – John Rowley
- George C. Turk Award – Ed Parazoo SA
- Award Wade S. Walden– Ed Parazoo SA

**DUE APRIL 15**

- Service Program Awards
- Church Award – Joseph Carson
- Community Award – Marcel P. Bergeron
- Council Award – John Rowley
- Family Award – Duane Vincent
- Youth Award – Bill Smith
- Pro-Life – Frank Tyson

**MAY 13 to 15** – WA. State Convention – Vancouver Hilton

**MAY 31** – Round Table Form 2630 – Supreme and State Deputy  
Supreme and State Deputy/Warden

**JUNE 30**

- Columbian Award (SP-7) due to Supreme
- Annual Report of K of C Round Table (#2630)

## **IMPORTANT PRE-CONVENTION NOTES**

- 1) WA STATE PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT BILLING**
- 2) DEATH NOTICES/SICK NOTICES – Send to the WSS**
- 3) STATE DIRECTORY CHANGES**
- 4) ELECTION OF OFFICERS**
- 5) GROUP LIABILITY INSURANCE**
- 6) ELECTION OF CONVENTION DELEGATES – Certificates of Election**
- 7) RESOLUTIONS**
- 8) CONVENTION BOOKLET**
- 9) MEMORIAL MASS**
- 0) ANNUAL MEETING (STATE CONVENTION) BIDS**

## **FOOD FOR FAMILIES**

The Supreme Council is providing \$250,000 in support of the Food for Families program. Jurisdictions can qualify for their proportional share of these funds by having 35 percent or more of their councils report qualifying programs – using the form available on the website – conducted between Jan. 1 and March 31, 2011. Unlike last year when funds were distributed to dioceses located in qualifying jurisdictions, this year funds will be distributed among state and local Knights of Columbus units. For more information Telephone 203-752-4616 or to get the form go to the website at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org), click on “for officer” and then click on “forms.”

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### **COMING FIRST DEGREES**

MARCH 22 – HOLY SPIRIT

MARCH 23 – RICHLAND

APRIL 7 – WALLA WALLA

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### **DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD**

On Thursday March 25, the Order will observe the Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child. Knights and their families are asked to pray, fast and work to restore respect and protection for unborn children. Councils should use the Day of the Unborn Child prayer card (#4665), available in English, French and Spanish from the Supply Department. For more, visit the “for Officers” section of the Web site, [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org).

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**TILL WE MEET AGAIN**

