

# The Cross and Compass

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## From The Grand Knight

These are difficult times for many, but trying to put our problems into perspective, we really need to pray for the people of Ukraine. At the moment I am writing this, they are waging a valiant effort to remain free in a truly David and Goliath struggle. Their suffering is immense and likely to get worse. One can debate how democratic they are, but they were in any case a sovereign, independent and largely Christian nation. Please earnestly pray for them for mercy and God's will to be done.



It has been a hard couple of years for the Knights, unable to do food events or even see fellow Brothers. Likewise, it has been hard for our council to raise funds without food events that we are so good at and love to do so much. This is therefore hard on the many charities and noble investments we would normally make.

But the Covid numbers are going the right way. States and yes even the Church are starting to relax restrictions, so there is finally hope. How exactly this plays out is not yet determined. Even with permission it would be hard to coordinate and pay for our Lenten fish fries this year. I have heard from many Brothers that are eager to get back to works of charity. We

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## From Your Lecturer

63 and 40

The first number in the title of this article represents a truly horrific statistic. Since the infamous decision by the Supreme Court in 1973 regarding Roe v. Wade, over 63 million children have been killed through abortion. This is a number vastly more than those killed during the atrocities of the Holocaust and other instances of genocide during WWII.



While some would argue that many of these abortions were performed to erase the memory of a rape or incest (though the child is innocent in these cases), the vast majority of over 95% are because there were deemed inconvenient for the mother and/or father. How many of these children might have grown up to do amazing things for the world? Sadly, we will never know.

The second number in the title of this article represents the 40-day season of Lent that we are about to enter followed by Holy Week where we commemorate the Way of the Cross followed by Christ's Death and Resurrection. By Christ's suffering, death and being raised from the dead, life triumphed over death for all. How like Christ are aborted children who are also deemed unworthy of the dignity of human life.

The number forty also relates to the Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign which coincides with the season of Lent. The connection is

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## From David's Desk

The loser who never gave up!

I found this in my 'Save for future articles' file, and decided with all the "stuff" going on, and the frustration people have had and perhaps are still going through, I chose this story because it shows the power of never giving up. I think you're going to like it. Enjoy.



When he was a little boy his uncle called him "Sparky", after a comic-strip horse named Spark Plug. School was all but impossible for Sparky.

He failed every subject in the eighth grade. He flunked physics in high school, getting a grade of zero. He also flunked Latin, algebra and English. And his record in sports wasn't any better. Though he did manage to make the school's golf team, he promptly lost the only important match of the season. Oh, there was a consolation match; he lost that too.

Throughout his youth, Sparky was awkward socially. It wasn't that the other students disliked him; it's just that no one really cared all that much. In fact, Sparky was astonished if a classmate ever said hello to him outside of school hours. There's no way to tell how he might have done at dating. He never once asked a girl out in high school. He was too afraid of being turned down... or perhaps laughed at. Sparky was a loser. He, his classmates... everyone

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not by accident but intentional to connect the innocent victim of Christ, the Son of God, with the innocents slaughtered by abortion who are also children of God.

We, as Knights of Columbus, profess a pro life stance as an integral part of our principle of Charity. So, it would seem paramount that each of us consider active participation in pro life activities such as the 40 Days for Life. Your council has been leading monthly prayerful vigils since 2008. We have also supported the Spring and Fall 40 Days for Life Campaigns. Since 2007, 40 Days for Life Campaigns worldwide have saved 20,728 children from being aborted, 114 abortion centers have closed and 229 abortion workers have quit their jobs. Such is the power of prayer.

So, I ask each of you to prayerfully consider joining many of your Catholic and non-Catholic neighbors for prayer during the coming 40 Days for Life Campaign. We meet the 6 Saturdays from March 5<sup>th</sup> through April 9<sup>th</sup> from 10am-noon at Planned Parenthood on S. 348<sup>th</sup> St in Federal Way. If you are physically unable to join us, please make a habit of praying for the lives of those who suffer abortion. Perhaps with the following prayer.

**EVERY LIFE IS WORTH LIVING**

Heavenly Father, thank you  
for the precious gift of life.

Help us to cherish and protect  
this gift, even in the midst of fear,  
pain, and suffering.

Give us love for all people,  
especially the most vulnerable,  
and help us bear witness to the  
truth that every life is worth living.

Grant us the humility to accept  
help when we are in need,  
and teach us to be merciful to all.

Through our words and actions,  
may others encounter the  
outstretched hands  
of Your mercy.

We ask this through  
Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

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may yet be able to do some things this year. I am guessing there is spaghetti in our future!

While I am on the subject of finances, there is now a system to pay dues or other fees on line. Cash or checks easy of course, but we are using Zelle now too. The point of contact for this is Treasurer Tom Appleton. Tom, by the way is stepping down from that position in a few months, so I need to recruit a new Treasurer right away.

This is a very important position, and you would work closely with the very knowledgeable and helpful Financial Secretary, Mike Fay. If you think you might be able to support the Council in this way, please email me back or call my cell at 206-498-6745. I need help there urgently. Thank you and God bless you Brothers.

Fraternally, Robert Butzerin, Grand Knight

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knew it. So he learned to live with it. He made up his mind early that if things were meant to work out, they would. Otherwise he would content himself with what appeared to be his inevitable mediocrity.

One thing WAS important to Sparky, however — drawing. He was proud of his artwork. No one else appreciated it. But that didn't seem to matter to him. In his senior year of high school, he submitted some cartoons to the yearbook. The editors rejected the concept. Despite this brush-off, Sparky was convinced of his ability. He even decided to become an artist.

So, after completing high school, Sparky wrote Walt Disney Studios. They asked for samples of his artwork. Despite careful preparation, it too was rejected. One more confirmation that he was a loser.

But Sparky still didn't give up. Instead, he decided to tell his own life's story in cartoons. The main character would be a little boy who symbolized the perpetual loser and chronic underachiever. You know him well. Because Sparky's cartoon character went on to become a cultural phenomenon of sorts. People readily identified with this "lovable loser." He reminded people of the painful and embarrassing moments from their own past, of their pain and their shared humanity. The character soon became famous worldwide: "Charlie Brown." And Sparky, the boy whose many failures never kept him from trying, whose work was rejected again and again... was the highly successful cartoonist Charles Schultz. His cartoon strip, "Peanuts," continues to inspire books, T-shirts and Christmas specials, reminding us, as someone once commented, that life somehow finds a way for all of us, even the losers.

Sparky's story reminds us of a very important principle in life. We all face difficulty and discouragement from time to time. We also have a choice in how we handle it. If we're persistent, if we hold fast to our faith, if we continue to develop the unique talents God has given us, who knows what can happen? We may end up with an insight and an ability to inspire that comes only through hardship. In the end, there are no "losers" with God. Some winners just take longer to develop! Remember, it's in your hands.

David Myers PGK

### Birthdays and Anniversaries for March

#### Member Birthdays

3rd	Gerald Wilson
3rd	Steven Gentry
7th	James Yokum
7th	Matthew Tavares
8th	Gary Hunter
12th	Lou Soros
13th	Theodore Colby
15th	Robert Bowell
17th	Ramon Mallari
18th	Michael Morales
18th	Martin Moore
18th	Jeffrey Lee
20th	Frank Spicer
21th	Thomas Vandenberg
24th	Scott Baukol
28th	Alejandro Paves
31th	William Herbert

#### Member Wife's Birthday

1st	Margie Fredrickson
6th	Jean Duran
7th	Shirley Hemmer
19th	Cindy Amato
20th	Heidi Colby
27th	Marilyn Courtney
28th	Helen Rabara
28th	Judy Gonzalez
19th	Thomas and Barbara Skoda
25th	Randall and Jovita Jarrell
30th	Henry and Rosita Anusiem
31th	Norman and Carol Robinson

#### Anniversaries

### Good of The Order

The following is a list of those Brother Knights or family members who are sick or in distress that we have been asked to pray for:

Pete Anderson, Mark Callahan, Sharon Beadle wife of Garnett Beadle, Cash Burton Great Grandson of Don Miller, Margie wife of Gary Fredrickson, Bob Hitchcock, Ralph & Peggy Horner, Kathy Koch wife of Jerry Koch, Melaina Mansanarez sister-in-law of Vince Mansanarez, Romeo Mayor, Joe Martinez, Kristine Mallari wife of Ramon Mallari, Katherine Myers mother of Dave Myers, Larry and Ann Neville, Ralph Osman, Joe & Robin Penwell, Mike Rutland Jr., Marianne Savino wife of Paul Savino, Dean Smith, Jackie Spicer sister of Frank Spicer, Claude Toensfeldt brother of Terry Toensfeldt, Jim Yokum

Pray for an end to this pandemic that the Holy Spirit gives us all the strength and grace to deal with the challenges and pray for the safety of first responders, Police, Fire, and all medical personnel who are on the front lines daily protecting us.

Pray for all priests and clergy that the Holy Spirit strengthen them and help them cope with all the changes as they minister to the faithful.

Pray for Our Country and leaders that the Holy Spirit descend upon us and lead us back to One Nation Under God for without Him we will not survive as a nation.

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### Knight of the Month - February

#### George Rutland

George obtained some turkeys, and also paid for more than 200 which he gave out to the needy and some also went to St Vincent Society charity.

### Nativity House!

Come help feed the homeless Saturday March 19th. Everyone will be meeting in the church parking lot at 7:45 and leaving promptly at 8AM. From there everyone will be heading to the Tacoma Nativity House to feed the homeless pancakes and sausage! This is a great opportunity to help those in need!

Contact Ted Colby at [nhb@kofc7528.org](mailto:nhb@kofc7528.org) for any additional information.

### Family of the Month - February

#### Don and Patti Miller

for their overwhelming support of our charities and the auction.

### Pennies for Heaven

Our goal for this year, as always, is a penny a day for Vocations, \$3.65. Please support our priests!

## Upcoming Events!

### March

- 1st General Meeting—Narthex — Rosary @7:00pm
- 15th Planning Meeting—Narthex @ 7:00pm
- 19th Nativity House—Meet in Church parking lot @ 7:30am

### April

- 5th General Meeting—Narthex — Rosary @7:00pm
- 16th Nativity House—Meet in Church parking lot @ 7:30am
- 19th Planning Meeting—Narthex @ 7:00pm

## Please Read and Respond

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