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Can You Pray for Vocations for Just One Hour?



Brother Knights, Father Jim Lee has requested that the Knights of Columbus pray for religious vocations. Saturday & Sunday AM hours of 1AM, 2AM, or 3AM on December 5th, 12nd, 19th,

is open under COVID-19 restrictions. Please call Mona Bishop at St Mike's office (360) 292-7141 or email mbishop@saintmichaelparish.org to schedule an appointment. If you do not feel comfortable coming to the Adoration Chapel, please consider praying at home.

Thank you and God bless you and your family.

Please Keep in Your Prayers

* Walt Dale

* Ed Sauley

* John Kramer

* Fr. Jim Lee

* Peggy Pursley

* Florante Jayme

* Mi-Young Gilman

* Elaine and Ron DeGroot

* Ray DeTerra Family

* Brenda and Joe Patnude



* Jim and Meg Pivec

* Dennis Perez

* Amanda Thomas

* Ray Grothe Family

* Tacie Adams

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Dennis Anthony Burke

Dennis A. Burke passed away October 24, 2021, in Puyallup, Washington. He was born October 14, 1940 to William and Lillian Burke in Seattle, Washington. He was an Olympia resident for more than 28 years.

Dennis earned a BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Washington, and worked as a Professional Civil and Environmental Engineer. He ran several companies, including Western Environmental Engineering, Cyclus Envirosystems, Sustainable Enterprises, Parkland Water, and Puget Construction. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and St. Michael Catholic Church.

Dennis loved his family, nature, camping, science, and cowboys and Indians.

He is survived by his sons, Brian, Timothy and Sean Burke; daughters, Jennifer Echtle and Linda Burke; and brothers, Paddy Burke, Emmett Burke and Brian Burke. He was predeceased by his loving wife, Darl Ann Litchfield Burke (8/5/2017).

By daughters, Jennifer Echtle and Linda Burke:

Our father was an intelligent man who played chess with all of his children and taught them to think ahead and figure out a plan for their lives early on in life. Few could beat him at chess.

He was a successful Engineer, owning several businesses in the toughest of economic times. He owned and operated Puget Construction Company, American Engineering Associates, Environmental Engineering Associates, Cyclus Envirosystems, and spent the last 35 years innovating solutions to convert waste to energy technologies and solutions for the climate crisis, as well as water and wastewater issues locally. He owned over 25 patents for solutions to help the lives of others. Five of those patents are still active today.

Dad saw a problem and tried to find a solution. Someone notified him of the lack of water in Stringtown, outside of Ilwaco, Washington, and he obtained grants, worked with the city, and designed and supervised the building of a reservoir in the mountains near town to serve as a freshwater source, not only for Ilwaco, but the surrounding areas as well. Dad took the five kids camping the night before his meeting with the City Council of Ilwaco to explain his plan. We were hiking down the creek when we saw him up the mountain pointing out where the reservoir would be. As I recall, Dad didn't appreciate the waving and yelling from below that interrupted his meeting.

Early on in his career, Dad read the original papers on waste management that others interpreted as 50% of municipal waste being refractor. But because he was a careful reader he read that within our current technology that only 50% of material could be reduced with digestion. He designed the Anoxic Gas Floatation technology that could digest up to 90% of some wastes and convert them to natural gas. This innovation is currently being used and developed worldwide. He read constantly, with journals, papers and books taking over his office space for decades.

Dad owned and managed the smallest water system in the state to serve his home and the surrounding homes on the land that he bought, subdivided and sold to create his own beloved space. His neighbors appreciate the lowest water fees in the state.

He raised five children with his lovely wife, Darl Ann Burke. They raised a house with their children, and enjoyed 12 grandchildren and a great-grandchild. Mom was a very special, creative, wife and mom, and they always celebrated every birthday, holiday, and memorable event with family.

Dad made an equal opportunity home for his children; the girls were allowed to run the chainsaws and split the wood and drive the motorcycle equally with the men in the family. And, Yes, he appreciated the work equally. He would tell us to split wood for warmth and make our own jam if we wanted it. He would spend stormy nights telling tales of the Nisqual who would attack children and chase them through the woods. He loved the outdoors and nature. He spent his youth exploring and surveying Alaska, and the rivers and tribal lands of Washington.

He went to schools in California, and Chicago, as well as the University of Washington, where he worked his own way through college and earned his Civil Engineering stamp. He was first employed on the East Coast at Schneider Engineering and had a beautiful home in Bradford Woods outside of Pittsburg. There Dad and Mom raised the first three of their children before moving back to Washington to start Dad's own company.

Dad loved having family hear his stories of funny conquests in business, politics, news of the day, and the glory of his grandchildren's accomplishments. He would always ask "What are you going to do now?"--waiting to hear good things to come. Dad was and always will be a person who aimed high for himself and those around him.

His legacy shows in the careers of his children and grandchildren. Sean and Brian Burke run municipal wastewater treatment plants in Seattle. Timothy earned his engineering degree from the University of Washington. Linda worked for years as a research scientist, and Jennifer is a science teacher. His grandson, Alex Echtl, earned a degree in electrical engineering; and his grandson, Michael, is on his way to a civil engineering degree in college. Scientific thinking and a passion for improving the world are his legacy.

**BROTHER RICHIE CUNNINGHAM FUNERAL
NOVEMBER 11, 2021 12PM MASS AT ST. MICHAEL
6/12/1937 – 10/28/2021**



**Penny and Richie
Cunningham
July, 2016**

Richie Cunningham Funeral- Homily

By Deacon John Bergford

My condolences, blessing to the families of Richie, Penny, Teresa, Diane, JoeAnn and Mat - to all of you - Fr. Jim is not able to be here but is very much wanting to be, sends his blessing too. - Along with Richie's parish and parish family. He was a part of many of us.

This gospel of road to Emmaus speaks so much of how Christ is with us in all parts of our lives. - Our travels thru live here on earth. Especially within our sufferings, struggles, and hurts - But he is also with the many goodness and joys. We get so focus on the issues, The whys, the understanding, the pain, the suffering. We just try to deal with it ourselves - We don't realize that Christ is right there in the thick of it all.

"Were not our Hearts burning within Us!! - Jesus is within us as we walk. We walk together - the sharing, the caring for one another, the compassion for each other, the friendships & relationships. Basically, loving servant to one another. - Our Hearts burning within us!

This is the life of Richie - His Love becomes Service;

Richie was always walking. - sharing with many, always looking, desiring a deeper relationship with God. - I've had many encounters with Richie over spiritual or religion issues, sometimes he was excited to share, sometimes it was difficult for him with some issues within the church. But Richie held Jesus close to his heart.

He would get so excited about a pastoral book that he would buy a box full of the book and want everyone to read it. He was very proud of his prayer corner within his house. A place where he spent time and would go back to as a place where he needed to rest in the Lord.

But this walk to Emmaus is about that Heart burning within - That Jesus within us, that fire within us- It desires us to share Christ -- to encounter Jesus - As the second reading from 1 John " See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him." To serve others is to know Him. - We know and encounter him by being Christ to others. Love your neighbor as yourself or Love becomes Service.

Richie at 84 years walked a lot on the Emmaus road - his relationships served many, in many ways. First was his Family, he wanted each of his children to be cared for; to know that God love them. -- then there was Virginia his sweetheart for 54 years in marriage. After she passed on to heaven, Penney came into his life where they together got additional joys of over 5 years together.

Over the years, that Love becomes Service -- that "heart burning within" -- that sharing of Jesus -- Richie compassionate care giving and hospice care to family members -- Uncle Dick, brother in-law, Virginia his wife -- and there were other close family members. He and Penney would visit a home near Shelton and take a family homebound member out for a drive.

Love becomes Service -- Shared compassion for other.

faith and the Eucharist were deep rooted -- It was that heart burning within. In the parish of St. Michael's, he was involved -- He was on the original faith formation team for our parish that brought the Small Faith Sharing groups.

His life was about the important of building and sustaining relationships. He brought to the parish "The Financial Peace" program. He had a great desire to help families with their money issues. He even had a men's group meeting in his house for a time. This is where Love becomes service.

His achiever side really got things going. He planned and acted. There is this story of since his children were not too interested in the Raspberry Farm anymore - he researched that for retirement he was going to raise hogs - that was going to be the best thing for his property with limited personal time to take care of it. Virginia was so happy when she was able to change his mind.

Richie had a tender side, of course There were years of tender care for Virginia after her accident. -- care giving and hospice at home.

At the church his one-on-one encounters are endless stories of people conversations and his caring compassionate concern to fix and help. He would come to church with a book that must be shared, he would want a conversation about it.

Many people can relate to his sharing of Christ. - both on wanting them to understand god's presence, loving forgiveness and to enter into the Eucharist -- Christ body and Blood within. Completing His love become service.

Richie's Emmaus Road would end numerous times with Jesus in the Eucharistic, the taking and breaking of Bread. -- Body and Blood of Jesus given and eaten within. "Were not our hearts burning within us". YES-- But made complete with the Eucharistic. Richie knew this.

All of us are on the Emmaus Road, Jesus is right there within us as we love one another - it's that reaching out to others that brings us aware of the love within.

"Were not our heart burning within us" Reach out so you can be loved.

We can say Riche did a lot of that in his life. Thank you, Jesus, for sharing Riche with us.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace.

Amen.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

164 Attended the Annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner on Sat. 11/13/21



The Annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner Was Held on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at Hallen Hall, Sacred Heart Church, Lacey. 164 Knights, Veterans, and wives attended the dinner with Commander Richard Taylor as the guest speaker. Entertainment was provided by the Knights of Columbus Schola. Color Guard was provided by the Capitol Battalion Naval Sea Cadets.

Dinner was a traditional Roast Turkey buffet, catered by Pellegrino's Catering. Dr. Karl Hoffman donated 60 tickets for Veterans and the Assembly donated an additional 30 tickets for Veterans from the proceeds of the Steak on The Lake cook out held at Columbus Park in July.

A video of the presentation of the colors is available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l2L2qzbBq5s>



Knights of Columbus Program: Food for Families

Canned Food Drive Held by Council November 20, 2021

A Canned Food Drive was held by Council 1643 on Saturday November 20, 2021. Many Knights and Parishioners generously donated items to benefit the Sacred Heart Food Pantry and the Thurston County Satellite Food Bank with its mission to help the needy in our community.

Over 1,100 pounds of canned food and hygiene products were donated along with cash and checks totaling \$1,000. Knights supporting this service project were Fred Weisdepp, Tom Pursley and Tom Mitchell. Bob and Sue Reinhardt from the Sacred Heart Food Pantry provided onsite support by weighing and storing the donated items.

32 Attended The Annual Memorial Mass Held On Nov. 18 At Columbian Hall.



Father Peter Tynan, OSB, head of Campus Ministry at St. Martin's University celebrated this year's annual Memoria Mass at Columbian Hall on Thursday, November 18, at 6PM for the recently deceased members, family members, and friends of the Knights over the past year listed below.

32 Attended the Mass while Chef Sam Pellegrino provided Italian dishes and attendees donated a variety of salads, breads and muffins as well as seasonal desserts and coffee after the Mass.

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OF KIN	MONTH/YEAR of DEATH
Richard L. Emerson	Father-In-Law of Sir Knights, Fred Weisdepp and Rick Ordos	Dec 2020
Rose Dale	Wife of Brother Knight, Walt Dale	Apr 2021
Abbot Adrian Parcher OSB	Monk of St Martin's Monastery	May 2021
Fr Bede Classick OSB	Monk of St Martin's Monastery	May 2021
John Plott	Brother of Mary Harrison & Sir Knight	May 2021
Jerry Ross	Sir Knight	Jun 2021
Rudy Lopez	Brother Knight	Jun 2021
William (Bill) Freer	Sir Knight	Jul 2021
Brenda Lee Patnude	Wife of Sir Knight & GK, Joe Patnude	Sep 2021
Margaret Pivec	Wife of Sir Knight, Jim Pivec	Sep 2021
Bruce Tenney	Sir Knight	Sep 2021
Dennis Burke	Brother Knight	Oct 2021
Richard Cunningham	Sir Knight	Oct 2021

COUNCIL/ASSEMBLY CHRISTMAS PARTY

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 16TH @ 1800 hrs

Our Annual Council/Assembly Christmas Party is back on this year.



This will take place at Columbian Hall. A pot luck buffet augmented by a main dish will be served. This is a **family event**. Please join us for food and fellowship. Food and beverages will be available at 1800 hrs and the KC Schola will lead a Yuletide sing-along promptly at 1900 hrs, followed by

presentation of gifts to several military families who will be our guests. This event is scheduled to wrap up at 2000hrs. so that your Christmas elves can return to their busy tasks. COVID protocols are being practiced so please do bring your mask.



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Calendar

December 2021,

Thu 2 Council Social, Rosary, & Business Meeting
Fri 3 Columbian Hall Board Function - Detail
Sun 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast
Wed 15 Drexel House Dinner
Thu 16 Council and Assembly Christmas Party
Sat 18 Knights before Christmas Tree Delivery
Sun 19 Donut Sales After the 7:30 & 9:30 masses
Thu 30 4th Degree Officers Meeting
Thu 30 4th Degree Assembly Social, Rosary &

January, 2022

Mon 3 Council Officer's Meeting 6-7:15
Thu 6 Council Social, Rosary, & Business Meeting
Thu 13 4th Degree Officers Meeting
Sun 23 Donut Sales After the 7:30 & 9:30 masses
Mon 24 March For Life/Mass for Life
Thu 27 4th Degree Assembly Social, Rosary &
Fri 28 Lunch Making Party
Sun 23 SW Regional Basketball Tournament
Mon 31 Council Officer's Meeting 6-7:15

For up-to-date event information, please visit our website at

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