

The Cross and Compass

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A Message from the Grand Knight

Over the course of the past month, I've been asked a number of times what the Knights of Columbus is. This usually occurred when I was asked what I was doing over the weekend and mentioned that I had church duties to perform. In each case I responded by saying that we were a "Catholic fraternal men's organization that provides service support to our priests and parish community". Having described our organization, I began thinking about what it really means to me to be a Knight. What was it that our founder intended Catholic gentlemen to visualize themselves as through the years when he was no longer around to guide the Order?

I looked at the fundamental pillars of the Knights of Columbus, Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism to find my answer. Charity is the acts of service that we perform for those who need assistance. Unity is the practice of working as one to accomplish objectives. Fraternity is an organization based on brotherhood and friendliness. Patriotism is having pride in our nation and showing the appropriate respect when warranted. Of these four pillars, Fraternity is the key element to me.

For it was out of a sense of Fraternity toward his brothers in the community that Father McGivney sought a resolution for the plight of the widows and children they left behind, and prompted him to found the Knights of Columbus. (Some might argue that Charity is the most important concept, and that position has weight too. However this is my message. :) Without the underlying concept of Fraternity operating in our councils, the basic unit of our Order, the works of the other pillars won't reach to their fullest potential.

Additionally, in today's society there are numerous service and fraternal organizations. However, Fraternity and our Catholic faith, has bound us together through the decades, has led to our domestic and international growth, sets us apart from the other service organizations, and leads us to continued success in the future.

This led me to think about the Bible and how we tie into the teachings of Jesus. As a result, I likened being a Brother Knight and Fraternity to what the book 1 Corinthians in the Bible says about Love. So my illustration of what being a Knight should be goes something like this:

"Being a Brother means that we are patient and kind toward people and each other, not jealous and boastful, not arrogant or rude. Brotherhood doesn't insist on it's own way, it isn't irritable or resentful, and doesn't rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in right.

Brotherhood bears all things, believes in all things, hopes in all things, and endures all things."

Each of us undoubtedly has his own concept of what being a Knight really means. As long as it is based on the principles of the Knights of Columbus, doing what is right, listening to our hearts, and acting in the name of Jesus Christ, we will have captured in our own time what father McGivney intended us to be in his time, 120 years ago.

Vivat Jesus

Marc Gonick, GK

Recruiting

By Dave Caton

Brother Knights! We had a great showing of our council's First Degree Knights in Auburn in the first 2nd and 3rd Exemplification of the Fraternal Year. If you see the following Knights, please congratulate them on taking these two degrees this past Saturday, October 26th: Chris Miles, Tim Pinney, Jim Bianchi, Tony Cristofaro, Mel Longley and Bob Ward. Sponsors- there is another great opportunity next Saturday (November 2nd) in Everett for any First Degree Knights who missed this past Saturday. Please let me know as soon as possible if your candidate is available. There is also the first prospect of the year to attend a 4th Degree Exemplification in Gig Harbor also on November 2nd at 12 Noon (candidates arrive at 11:30) Any interested candidates or sponsors, again, please call me or Joe Penwell early this week. Any Knight who made his First Degree 6 months ago or longer is now eligible! Our Fourth Degree is our Patriotic Degree and is made up of the Knights who wear regalia and make up our Honor Guard at special occasions such as funerals, weddings and special church Masses such as Easter, Christmas, Memorial Day and Veteran's Day.

A big event to look forward to is our next First Degree prior to our planning meeting on November 5th. I'm excited to tell you we have 3 candidates who have all agreed to be at St. Vincent's by 6:45 with the degree being held in the Narthex before our usual business meeting (at 7 PM sharp!). Our dedicated chancellor, Al will be leading us in a Rosary in the chapel at 6:30 P.M. During the business meeting, we will have the honor of our worthy State Deputy, Wayne Hogan present to award our council and immediate PGK Mike Hemmer the Star Council award for last year. Please plan on attending and supporting our new candidates as well as showing appreciation for Mike's (and your) tremendous efforts during the 2001-2002 Fraternal Year

The Lecturer's Corner

By Joe Clemens, Lecturer

Last month, we spoke about the history of the Cross and Compass. We will close that little talk by adding that this form of communication, the Cross and Compass, is the most important method that the Knights can use to let their members know what is going on in the Council. It is very important that ALL Knights take it upon themselves to read ALL that is written in these monthly newsletters to you. It is so very important to you!!

When you joined the Knights of Columbus, all of you had some thoughts about how you could fit into their many worthy programs. Think back! Are you performing these services now? We try very hard to speak in print and at our meetings about those things that we feel you want done in our Council, Church and Community. Are your's included? Let us know.

Another form of communication that we must implement to stimulate your interests in our programs is utilizing the telephone committee.

We had during our first few years of our existence, a tremendous telephone committee that we could rely upon to get the message out to you. I was approached that first month of our birth by fellow Knight Frank Engel, someone that many of you will no doubt remember. He came to me, saying that there wasn't much he could do for us because of his ailments and age but that he would be at every meeting if someone could pick him up. He also asked if there was anything that he could do for us from his home. He had time to be of help to us if we could find something for him to do. We did. We didn't know how it would work out but we asked him to be our telephone committee that first year or so. We had a membership of a little over seventy members and he, very religiously, saw that everyone was aware of the meetings and activities that came up every month. Frank held that job until his death in 1982. He was remembered, by the council, for a number of years by awarding the yearly Council's School Scholarship after him. I don't know how we could have gotten through those first two years if we had not had him to fall back on.

He had his calling and he held to it. I hope you will remember this when you get a call to help with the telephone committee. It shouldn't be much of a job for a few members since many of our members now have internet hookups, making the job a lot easier.

At all future meetings this year we will have short talks by past Grand Knights reflecting on some of the things that they remember when they were in charge of the council. This should be very interesting so plan on being at the regular meetings on the **FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH!!**

A Personal Thank You

I would like to thank you all for your prayers for Joyce and me during the last few months. Joyce is doing very well, and we are grateful to have your support. -- **Bob Pirolo**

Just for fun....

An old preacher was dying. He sent a message for his IRS agent and his Lawyer, both church members, to come to his home. When they arrived, they were ushered up to his bedroom. As they entered the room, the preacher held out his hands and motioned for them to sit on each side of the bed. The preacher grasped their hands, sighed contentedly, smiled and stared at the ceiling. For a time, no one said any-thing. Both the IRS agent and Lawyer were touched and flattered that the old preacher would ask them to be with him during his final moment. They were also puzzled because the preacher had never given any indication that he particularly liked either one of them. Finally, the Lawyer asked, "Preacher, why did you ask the two of us to come?" The old preacher mustered up some strength, then said weakly, "Jesus died between two thieves, and that's how I want to go, too."

Knights Family Potluck

November 16, 2002 6PM in the Parish Hall

Come—Bring your Family! Enjoy a good time together with your fellow Knight's families!

Beverages provided (coffee and soda)

Can you bring a Salad or Hot Dish or Dessert?

Call Chris Andersen (253) 838-5831

1st Degree Team

By Joe Penwell

The team is still looking for a volunteer to be the Warden's aide (non speaking part) and backups for all other positions on the degree team. Please call me at 941-6339 if you are interested.

Rosary

Please note that we say the rosary before each General Meeting of the year. This month, we will be starting 30 minutes early, at 6:30pm, in the Chapel.

Blood Drive

By Dave Caton

Thanks for the great support of our last blood drive in September. We had record numbers thanks to your help. You are all eligible to donate at our next drive which is scheduled for Thursday, December 12th. Please put this important date on your calendars. Your valuable donation of a pint saves lives!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Have you seen your birthday or anniversary in recent issues. If not, please call or email Tim Philomeno with those dates. We like to recognize birthdays and anniversaries of our members and their spouses.

Still looking for email addresses

Please call or email Tim Philomeno with your email address. This is the very best way to keep in contact. We want to send you the Cross and Compass via email and save postage \$\$\$\$.

From the Deputy Grand Knight

Dave Myers

A speech you'll never forget

At a fundraising dinner for a school that serves learning-disabled children, the father of one of the school's students delivered a speech that would never be forgotten by all who attended.

After extolling the school and its dedicated staff, he offered a question.

Everything God does is done with perfection. Yet, my son, Shay, cannot learn things as other children do. He cannot understand things as other children do. Where is God's plan reflected in my son?"

The audience was stilled by the query. The father continued. "I believe," the father answered, "that when God brings a child like Shay into the world, an opportunity to realize the Divine Plan presents itself. And it comes in the way people treat that child."

Then, he told the following story: Shay and his father had walked past a park where some boys Shay knew were playing baseball. Shay asked, "Do you think they will let me play?" Shay's father knew that most boys would not want him on their team. But the father understood that if his son were allowed to play it would give him a much-needed sense of belonging.

Shay's father approached one of the boys on the field and asked if Shay could play. The boy looked around for guidance from his teammates. Getting none, he took matters into his own hands and said, "We are losing by six runs, and the game is in the eighth inning. I guess he can be on our team and we'll try to put him up to bat in the ninth inning." In the bottom of the eighth inning, Shay's team scored a few runs but was still behind by three.

At the top of the ninth inning, Shay put on a glove and played in the outfield. Although no hits came his way, he was obviously ecstatic just to be on the field, grinning from ear to ear as his father waved to him from the stands.

In the bottom of the ninth inning, Shay's team scored again. Now, with two outs and bases loaded, the potential winning run was on base. Shay was scheduled to be the next at-bat. Would the team actually let Shay bat at this juncture and give away their chance to win the game?

Surprisingly, Shay was given the bat. Everyone knew that a hit was all but impossible because Shay didn't even know how to hold the bat properly, much less connect with the ball. However, as Shay stepped up to the plate, the pitcher moved a few steps to lob the ball in softly so Shay could at least be able to make contact. The first pitch came and Shay swung clumsily and missed.

The pitcher again took a few steps forward to toss the ball softly toward Shay. As the pitch came in, Shay swung at the ball and hit a slow ground ball to the pitcher. The pitcher picked up the soft grounder and could easily have thrown the

ball to the first baseman. Shay would have been out and that would have ended the game.

Instead, the pitcher took the ball and threw it on a high arc to right field, far beyond reach of the first baseman. Everyone started yelling, "Shay, run to first. Run to first." Never in his life had Shay ever made it to first base. He scampered down the baseline, wide-eyed and startled. Everyone yelled "Run to second, run to second!" By the time Shay was rounding first base, the right fielder had the ball. He could have thrown the ball to the second baseman for a tag. But the right fielder understood what the pitcher's intentions had been, so he threw the ball high and far over the third baseman's head. Shay ran toward second base as the runners ahead of him deliriously circled the bases toward home.

As Shay reached second base, the opposing shortstop ran to him, turned him in the direction of third base, and shouted, "Run to third!" As Shay rounded third, the boys from both teams were screaming, "Shay! Run home!" Shay ran home, stepped on home plate and was cheered as the hero, for hitting a "grand slam" and winning the game for his team.

"That day," said the father softly with tears now rolling down his face, "the boys from both teams helped bring a piece of the Divine Plan into this world." We all have thousands of opportunities a day to help realize your God's plan. So many seemingly trivial interactions between two people present us with a choice: Do we pass along a spark of the Divine? Or do we pass up that opportunity, and leave the world a bit colder in the process? It's your choice.

Fall Festival

By Tim Philomeno

The St. Vincent de Paul's Parish Fall Festival was another success thanks to Council #7528. Those that participated had a great time. Here are some memorable moments:



Fr. Clarence waits for his hotdog....



Chris and Theresa Gruber are ready for fun...



Look who is minding the Beer Garden....



Jim "the brautman" Bianchi...



Matt and Lisa Siverly cook the chicken...

THE 365 CLUB BY MAIL

Supporting Vocations is simple! All you have to do is join The Pennies For Heaven Crusade. The best way to do this is by becoming a member of The 365 Club. Donate a penny-a-day for a year (\$3.65 or more if you can) and offer a prayer a day for a year for Vocations! Pennies add up quickly and the prayers help. For Brothers who cannot always join us at our meetings, here is your chance to stand up and be counted as a supporter.

CLIP AND MAIL

To: Dave Myers, 365 Chairman

Yes, count me in as a Member of The 365 Club! I want to do my part to support Vocations.

Here is my contribution of \$ _____ Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Mail your check to:

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Happy Birthday!

Date	Birthdays for Nov	Date	Birthdays for Nov
4 th	Romeo Mayor	19 th	Greg Vicars
4 th	Matt Robic	20 th	Chris Andersen
5 th	Brian Beaulac	20 th	Pete Anderson
6 th	Bob Ward	21 st	William Smith
9 th	Maurice Tessier	22 nd	Gilson Neill
10 th	Vernon Johnson	22 nd	Mark Busch
10 th	Rafael Contreras	24 th	Marck Mareko
11 th	Juan Favela	26 th	Gregory Carbaugh
18 th	Mike Rutland	26 th	David Green
18 th	Bob Pirolo	27 th	Dante Cabasco
19 th	(Mary) Ann Martin	25 th	Meschelle Miloscia
19 th	Jeanne Martin	25 th	Darlene Jowell

Happy Anniversary!

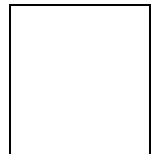
Date	Anniversaries for Nov
2 nd	Jerome and Mary Degagne
11 th	Timothy and Faye McClain
17 th	Mike and Maureen Fay
20 th	William and Linda Herbert
21 st	Mike and Pam Ross
24 th	Bob and Joyce Pirolo
24 th	Jerome and Kathleen Koch
26 th	Ted and Betty Medina
26 th	Glen and Janet Knowlton
28 th	Juan and Karen Lezcano
29 th	Larry and Linda Weigel

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Calendar of Events		
November 2002		
5 th	1 st Degree/General Meeting (Note the time change)	St. Vincent de Paul Narthex @7:00pm with the Rosary in the Chapel at 6:30:pm
16 th	Council #7528 Potluck Dinner Bring the family, Enjoy the Fraternity	St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall - 6:00pm (Mark this special day on your calendar and plan to attend)
17 th	Coffee and Doughnuts	St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall after all Sunday Masses
19 th	Planning Meeting	Room "A" @7:30pm
24 th	Deliver Thanksgiving Baskets	Plan to meet in the Parish hall at about 1:00pm
December 2002		
3 rd	General Meeting	St. Vincent de Paul Narthex @7:30pm with the Rosary in the Chapel at 7:pm
12 th	Blood Drive	St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall
17 th	Planning Meeting	Room "A" @7:30pm
22 nd	Deliver Christmas Baskets	Plan to meet in the Parish hall at about 1:00pm
25 th	Merry Christmas	
31 st	Happy New Year	

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