



# The Cross and Compass

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## A Message from the Grand Knight

T'is the season.....hopefully those words conjure up fond and happy memories of our childhood and thoughts of what this special month will bring. This is the time for us to reflect on what we've done and begin to prepare for a new year. So let's look at November and get ready an extraordinary Christmas, and meaningful New Year.

We've just finished another successful Thanksgiving basket preparation and delivery helping those in need, with the knowledge that we can and do make a difference in peoples lives.

We have had an exciting and busy month, with a first degree bringing in George Fetter and Robert Orlosky. They will add to and help us grow as a Council. Eddy Cooper and committee have a Dec 13 "Pot Luck" dinner and special visit from Santa for our children/and grandchildren.....should be a fun and flavorful meal, nice work. Dave Caton will be signing up folks for the blood drive knowing the importance of this precious gift during this busy season. And finally, the Crab feed committee is moving along at full speed for Feb 21, 04. Chris Vaughn will be filling you in at our Dec 2 meeting and seeking your support on special tasks. We bid a fond farewell to Marc Gonik and wish him well in his job and move to Tennessee. With Marc's move I've asked Tony Robinson to become Trustee and he has accepted.

So...this is the season...and a wonderful and glorious seasons it is. A time for family and friends. A busy time, and as the days get closer to Christmas maybe even more hectic.....thinking this needs to get done, or that has to be done. And maybe with our work and school and kids and travel plans and gifts and you know what I mean.....we sometime lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas. I know we all have a lot to be thankful for this year, and maybe the best gift we can give, is to tell those people, our loved ones, friends and those who make us live our lives better and more fully, is to tell them. Tell them how blessed we are to have them. You know there is nothing more meaningful than to have someone tell you how much you mean to them, and it doesn't cost very much....just the time and your love and commitment to them.

I want you all to know how blessed I am to serve you in this Council and Parish, that you all are exceptional and unique and help make me a better man. May God bless you and your families this happy and festive of seasons.

Vivat Jesus!

**Dave Myers, GK**

## The Chancellor's Corner

By Kevin Buck, Chancellor

Brother Knights, our activity calendar is rather full this time of year, so come to the General Meeting on December 2nd to hear about them and be part of the action. Or contact me or the particular Program Chairman in the area you are interested in. If you would like to be involved in the planning stages of an activity, come be part of our planning meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. As a sample of some of the up coming events: Dave Caton is coordinating a Blood Drive on Thursday, the 11th of December.

Eddie Cooper is planning a pot luck dinner on Saturday, December 13th so we can share some camaraderie with our Brother Knights and their families. I understand that there is going to be a visit by a special guest! Tony Robinson is the point of contact for the annual assembling and delivery of Christmas Baskets on the 21st of December. Al Larpenteur is coordinating some events for Right to Life month in January including the poster and essay contest. Mel Longley is setting up the Free Throw competition. Chris Vaughan is doing an excellent job of planning and organizing our first annual Crab Feed, scheduled for February 21st, and there is always room for one more person to help. There is plenty more to be involved in, so come on out! And don't forget to invite Fr. Clarence or Fr. Tom to share a meal with you and your family.

Also, please don't forget to give me your personal service hours report. I have to submit to the State Program Chairman by the 10th of December, so please try to have yours to me before then. This report helps us to accumulate points towards the State Deputy's Award "1000 Point Club." When we do this, we do a lot of the things that are necessary to be "Star Council." I know that we as a council do a large amount of service in each of the areas listed below. However, in order to report it, I need to hear from each of you every month. At the end of the month, or the first few days of the following month, provide me with your personal report of what you did during the previous month. The categories are listed below with some examples of things that would qualify, but they are just examples.

List anything you do that provides service in these areas. Those of you that hold offices or do work at District, State and Supreme - all that time counts, too.

It would be just impossible for me to remember everything that is told to me, so I really need to have the information written down. The best way is if you have e-mail, just send it to me at [kbuck55@comcast.net](mailto:kbuck55@comcast.net). Or you could hand it to me at the monthly meeting. I plan to have forms available to make that easy. Another means by which

you could submit this report would be to mail it to me at:  
2205 SW 306th Place, Federal Way, WA 98023.

## SERVICE HOURS REPORT

Name:

For Month:

### CHURCH

Invite a priest to dinner with your family, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Usher, Pray Rosary, Choir, Money Counter, Clean Church, Work on Church Grounds...

### COMMUNITY

St. Vincent de Paul Society, Hospital Volunteer, Habitat for Humanity, VA, Kairos Prison Ministry, Rotary/Kiwanis, Nativity House, Public Office, Offer free Healthcare...

### PRO-LIFE

Respect Life Poster Contest, March for Right to Life, Volunteer at a Clinic or Adoption Center...

### COUNCIL

Use Telephone Tree or Email Tree, Prepare Knight of the Month or Family of the Month Recommendation, Operate Council Webpage, Attend Meetings, Coordinate or work on Council Events...

### FAMILY

Provide Transportation to Church / Shopping / Doctor for those in need of it, Visit the Sick / Shut-ins, Participate in Family Oriented Events...

### YOUTH

Support Grapevine, Faithways, Lifeteen, Confirmation Team, Mission Trek, Scouting, Free Throw Contest, Squires, CYO, School Activities, Parents Club...

### VOCATIONS

Letters / Emails / Care Packages to Seminarians...

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## The Lecturer's Corner

By Greg Vicars, Lecturer

Our Guest Speaker in December is Juan Lezcano, he will be speaking about the Secular Franciscan Order. As you know, Juan is a member of our council and a newly ordained Deacon.

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## Recruiting/Membership

By Dave Caton - Recruitment Chair, Third Year Trustee

I'd like to be one of the first to wish you all a wonderful and Blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas season! Mary and I will be leaving for Denver to visit our oldest son Chris on December 17th for 3 weeks to meet our future in-laws! In addition, Dad will be doing some remodeling to help Chris get his condo ready for renting or sale. Mary and I will miss celebrating the holidays with all of you.

For those of you who missed the planning meeting on November 18th, I'd like to welcome to our ranks two new Knights-Robert Orlosky and George Fetter who both took their First Degrees. Please make these two gents feel welcome at our upcoming business meeting on December 2nd! Mark your calendars; our next First Degree will be on December 16th.

I'd also like to congratulate Ken Baune for taking his 2nd and 3rd exemplification on November 9th. Ken is PGK

Wayne Moritz' son-in-law.

Let's keep the ball rolling with recruitment. We are again well on the road to Star Council for the third year in a row. The First Degree team is getting lots of practice this year and we appreciate the experience!

See you all in the New Year!

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## Blood Drive News!!! – December 11<sup>th</sup>!

By Dave Caton - Blood Drive Chairman

Attention Blood Donors! Our next blood drive is on Thursday, December 11th. Our blood supply is again critically low. Remember that every pint of blood donated can help up to 4 patients!! Let's honor our fallen American soldiers in Iraq on this date by giving the precious "gift of life" at our own parish hall from 2:00 to 4:15 and 5:00-8:00 PM.

Volunteers will be in the South Narthex signing up donors after all of our Masses on December 6th and 7th.

Dave Caton, Jr., Health Ministry Chairman, Knights of Columbus

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Team

By Joe Penwell - Degree Team Captain

Remember your 1st degree? Remember how it felt hearing those words for the first time? Why not join us as a Degree Team Member? Please contact me at 941-6339 for further information.

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## Rosary

Please note that we say the rosary before each General Meeting of the year. This month, we will be starting at 7:00pm, in the Chapel before the General Meeting on November 4th

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## Family of the Month

November – The David Seatz Family

## Knight of the Month

November – Dan Reeb

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## A word from the Financial Secretary

Gentlemen, please be sure to inform candidates that there is a \$10.00 initiation fee due at the time of their 1st degree. This is a nominal amount to cover the current quarter's dues and to get them a name badge. I wouldn't hurt to let them know that our dues are \$30.00 per year payable quarterly. Thanks Tim P.

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## A word from the Cross and Compass Editor

Beginning last month, I am no longer sending the electronic version of the Cross and Compass as an email attachment. I am sending as a link. When you click on the link, you download it directly from our website. The

format that this comes in is still a PDF. You will need Adobe Reader 5.0 or higher to read it. You can get Adobe Reader for free at [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com). I hope that this will allow more of you to sign up for getting the Cross and Compass electronically, saving postage costs to the council. So, this month, I will be emailing everyone the link as stated above and I would request that you let me know if you were able to download it and that you would NOT need the copy in the USPS mail. Tim P.

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### **New Address for PGK Marc Gonick**

As promised, here is Marc's new address and phone number in TN beginning Nov 24th:

**Marc Gonick**  
**192 Bellingham Lane, Apt. 202**  
**Cordova, TN 38018**  
**(901) 753-6445**

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### **Christmas Potluck, December 13, 2003.**

Brothers, we will have a potluck dinner after 5 p.m. Mass on December 13, 2003. Santa will stop in for a quick bite so make sure you bring your children and grandkids. We will fry a couple of turkeys and cook some jambalaya so bring your favorite Christmas dish. Drinks will be provided along with cookies and hot cocoa. If you have any questions or wish to help setup, give Eddie Cooper a call @ 253-946-9067.

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### **AHOY, CRAB FEEDERS!**

We are set, we are ready, and we are a GO with our First Annual Charity Crab Feed on February 21, 2004. Doors will open at 6:30PM and dinner starts at 7:00PM.

Tickets for this event will be \$25.00 each, and will include one free alcoholic beverage or soft drink and a \$1.00 off coupon good at our local Ivar's Seafood Bar. Additional beer and wine will be available for \$2.00 a glass and soft drinks for \$1.00 a glass. We will also likely sell pitchers of beer and bottles of wine. On each ticket, there will be assigned tables and seat numbers, so you and your friends can sit all together if you like. Books of 24 tickets will likely be available at the December 2nd General Meeting, or at the December 13th Potluck at the latest. Ticket Sales Team Captains will be assigned on December 2nd, so if you want your choice seats, get them quick because this event will SELL OUT FAST. We plan to offer tickets to member Knights and their families first, then to rest of the parish, and then to the public.

In addition to this event, we will also be selling raffle tickets commencing December 13th for \$1.00 each, all the way up to the drawing on the night of the Crab Feed. These tickets will also have the \$1.00 off coupon good at our local Ivar's Seafood Bar, so the tickets are virtually free! The drawing for this raffle will be held at the end of the Crab Feed. Prizes are as follows:

- 1st Prize: 25% of the gross receipts
- 2nd Prize: 15% of the gross receipts
- 3rd Prize: 10% of the gross receipts

So, if 1,000 raffle tickets are sold, 1st Prize will be \$250, 2nd Prize will be \$150, and 3rd Prize will be \$100. The more tickets we sell, the bigger the pot gets the more money that can be won!

We also need help with any donations for the event that you can help us with, or direct our Crab Feed Committee on where to follow up. The folks at Ivar's have graciously donated their great clam chowder & cocktail sauce and Nalley's have donated their Italian dressing for our event. Here's where we still need help:

- French bread
- Produce, including salad mix, roma tomatoes and red onions
- Black olives
- Italian pickled peppers (pepperoncini)
- Croutons
- Dungeness crab (yes, if you have any seafood connections, let us know!)
- Cheesecake dessert
- Beer (Kegs and Cases of Cans)
- Wine (Cases of Bottles)
- Soft Drinks (Cases of Cans)
- Coffee
- Paper goods
- Disposable plates, silverware, cups, and glasses
- Salad bowls & tongs

If you can help us with any of the above items, please contact Chris Vaughan at (253) 261-4550 or [cmvnatural@msn.com](mailto:cmvnatural@msn.com) by December 15th.

I want to thank each of you who signed up to be part of the team to help make this a premier annual event for the Knights of Columbus! If you still haven't signed up, we will give you an opportunity to do so at the December General Meeting.

Keep Crab!

Chris Vaughan  
Crab Feed 2004 Chairman

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### **2004 Spaghetti Dinner and Respect Life Poster Contest**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004 after the 5:00pm mass. We will be judging posters and essays during the day and will be displaying all posters in the Hall during our Annual Spaghetti Dinner. We will need plenty of help for this event so be sure to sign up at the December and January Meetings.

Al Larpenteur DGK – Respect Life Chairman

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### **Free Throw Competition**

The date for the counsel free throw competition is Saturday January 17, 2004. We will need help setting up and monitoring this event. If you are free that day and can help please E-mail me at [mel\\_longley@hotmail.com](mailto:mel_longley@hotmail.com) or call me at 253.278.5579. I would also like to say thanks to those who are helping fold up and load tables at the end of the Holiday Bizarre on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2003 at 3:00pm in

the hall. All are invited to help. Many hands will make lite work.

Mel Longley, Youth Chairman

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### Hospitality House

Hospitality House is a Women's Homeless Shelter which is entirely funded by donations from and fund-raisers conducted by volunteers from the eight south end churches that sponsor it. St. Vincent's is one of those sponsoring churches.

In order to keep the place open and operating, we need continuing volunteer support from our congregations. Current needs for volunteer support are as follows:

On December 23rd, 2003, volunteers are needed to wrap packages at The Commons in Federal Way (Also known as the Sea-Tac Mall). All proceeds from the day's wrapping will go to Hospitality House. Last year, this fund raiser generated almost \$3,000 for the shelter. We are asking for volunteers to work 2-4 hour shifts and we need enough people to have 6-8 people on duty from 8:00 AM to 11:00 PM. No particular package wrapping talent is required although creative volunteers are allowed to get fancy if they wish. I did it last year and, if I can do it, anybody can.

On Christmas Day, we need volunteers to cover two hour shifts from 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM. Burien zoning rules do not allow the women residents to stay in the shelter during the day-time hours so they are normally out looking for work, taking training of some kind or just hanging out at the malls where they can be warm and out of the weather. On Christmas day, none of these usual daytime "shelters" are available so we have special dispensation to let the women stay at the shelter but responsible volunteers are required to be there with them. This is not tough duty.

One simply has to be present to call 911 if someone requires medical assistance. There is a separate office/room with a TV and couch for the volunteers.

Meals are already provided by other volunteers. Usually this duty is handled by couples who are both there during the shift. I know that this is a tough thing to ask on a day which we all want to spend with family but what more appropriate way can one think of to honor the birth of

Christ than by helping in this way.

We also have an ongoing need of people who will fix dinner for these women. There are only 9 beds in the shelter so it's easy. This is how Denise and I got involved and our turn comes around about once every three months.

We usually make a "roll-your-own" taco dinner with a fruit salad but it's really up to the volunteers. They've had pizza feeds, BBQ's in the summer, lasagna etc.

Finally, beginning in January, we need women to volunteer to spend the night at the shelter; again in separate quarters from the residents, to be available should someone need help. Because this is a women's shelter, we cannot use men for this task. All volunteers are given training before being added to the duty roster and frequency depends on the number of people who volunteer.

If you are willing to help or want more information on any of this information, contact me at 253-852-1128 or E-Mail at [tgimlin@gte.net](mailto:tgimlin@gte.net)

Ted Gimlin ([tgimlin@gte.net](mailto:tgimlin@gte.net))

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### Marriage Renewal Weekend

On Friday, January 30, 2004, the first St. Vincent De Paul Parish Marriage Renewal Weekend will kick off for 50 couples of the parish. If you are among those 50 couples, good for you. If not, we need your help in preparing, serving and cleaning up after meals for the 50 couples plus staff. We particularly need help on Saturday, January 31st. since we have to serve three meals plus several breaks that day (including a formal sit-down table-waited dinner on Saturday night).

The Knights are already scheduled to cook and serve Sunday breakfast but we will also need help preparing box lunches for that day.

Friday night, we plan to serve bread, salad and pizza so we only need a little help that night. We will also need help on Thursday, January 29th to prepare as much as possible beforehand.

If you are willing to help or want more information on any of this information, contact me at 253-852-1128 or E-Mail at [tgimlin@gte.net](mailto:tgimlin@gte.net)

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### 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: Al Larpenteur, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

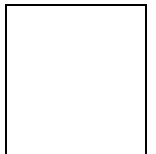
Mail your check to:

The 365 Club  
Knights of Columbus, Council #7528  
PO Box 24763  
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Calendar of Events		
<b>December 2003</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>General Meeting</b>	St. Vincent de Paul Narthex @7:30pm with the Rosary in the Chapel at 7:00pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	Blood Drive	St. Vincent de Paul Hall
13 <sup>th</sup>	Council Pot Luck Dinner	St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall after the 5:00pm mass
16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Planning Meeting</b>	Room "A" at 7:30pm
21 <sup>st</sup>	Christmas Gift/Basket Delivery - Contact Tony Robinson @ 253.839.1084 with Questions.	St. Vincent de Paul Hall, meet after 11:30am Mass
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Decorate the Church	Tentative...will send email
25 <sup>th</sup>	Merry Christmas	
<b>January 2004</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Happy New Year	
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>General Meeting</b>	St. Vincent de Paul Narthex @7:30pm with the Rosary in the Chapel at 7:00pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Council Freethrow Competition	St. Vincent de Paul Activity Center
20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Planning Meeting</b>	Room "A" at 7:30pm
24 <sup>th</sup>	Poster Contest and Spaghetti Dinner	St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall after the 5:00pm Mass
30 <sup>th</sup>	Help with Marriage renewal weekend	Cooking on 31 <sup>st</sup> and 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Check out our website at <a href="http://www.kc7528.org">http://www.kc7528.org</a> for all of these events and more!</b>		

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