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A Message from the Grand Knight

As I write this, my final Grand Knight's message, I'm reminded of how quickly the fraternal year has gone by and how successful we have been as a council. It seems as if it was only last week that I was planning to run my first general meeting, and reviewing Roberts Rules of Order in the process. To quote Robert W. Service, "Ah! The clock is always slow; it is later than you think".

While we are well on our way to making Star Council, the measure of success from a Supreme Council standpoint, our level of success is measured by the great service we provide to our parish community and our priests. This is evident in the busy year that we've had, and have every year.

As a brief recap, we held three Spaghetti Dinners (with one more to go on) and six Fish Fry's, worked as a group at the Fall Festival, and with the St. Vincent de Paul Society during Thanksgiving and Christmas, held three Blood Drives, held a Marian Hour of Prayer, held a Free Throw Competition, provided a girl named Jessica with a computer, supported five seminarians, supported a Squires Circle, and participated in Habitat for Humanity. And this isn't mentioning all the weekly services we provide as Ushers, Lectors & Commentators, Eucharistic Ministers, Money Counters, and serving on numerous committees and boards. We also provide financial support to various parish organizations. Yes, we do many things as a council, and do them all very well!

While we have just one more month before the end of the fraternal year, we need to continue pushing just a little bit longer in membership and our final few council events. Then we will have our "summer hiatus" and the opportunity to totally focus on the most important asset in our lives, our families.

I have been extremely proud to serve as your Grand Knight this past year, and look forward to serving in other capacities in the years to come!

Wishing everyone a very Happy & Safe Summer!

Vivat Jesus!

Marc Gonick, GK

The Deputy Grand Knight's Corner

By David Myers, DGK

A jar....rock.....pebble.....and sand

A philosophy professor stood before his class with some items on the table in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with rocks, about 2" in diameter. He then asked the students If the jar was full? They agreed that it was. So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles, of course, rolled into the open areas between the rocks. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was. The professor picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He then asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "Yes." The professor then produced two cans of beer from under the table and proceeded to pour their entire contents into the jar - effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor, as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The rocks are the important things - your family, your partner, your health, your children, your friends - things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter - like your job, your house, your car. The sand is everything else. The small stuff."

"If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued "there is no room for the pebbles or the rocks. The same goes for your life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention

to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your partner out dancing. There will always be time to go to work, clean the house, give a dinner party and fix the disposal. Take care of the rocks first - the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the beer represented. The professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of beers."

Cheers to you and your families
Until next year, May God bless you

The Lecturer's Corner

By Joe Clemens, Lecturer

Since this is the last issue for this year I plan on going easy on you. I just want to ask all of you to please attend this last meeting of the year to receive your slices of pizza while learning about the Jewels of Office for our Knights of Columbus. You, even you of old standing within the Order, might be surprised by the description of the jewels and what they stand for. Just a short little slide presentation.

Have a wonderful summer and rest up for the coming year. I am sure the new Grand Knight has something for each of you for this coming year.

Viva Jesus!

Joe Clemens

New Slate of Officers Proposed

By Dave Caton - Second Year Trustee

Please review the following list of proposed officers for the Fraternal Year 2003-2004. Be sure to attend the last General Meeting of the year on June 3rd to vote for your favorite.

Grand Knight	Dave Myers
Deputy Grand Knight	Al Larpenteur
Chancellor	Kevin Buck
Recorder	Jerry Duhamel
Inside Guard	Bill Thomas
	Al Wolfskill
Outside Guard	Mel Longley
Warden	Mike Fay
Advocate	Bob Pirolo
Treasurer	Tom Skoda

Respectfully Submitted by Dave Caton, recruitment chair, 2nd year Trustee

Recruiting

By Dave Caton - Recruitment Chair, Second Year Trustee

It's not over till the Fat Lady Sings....Please let me know if you have any candidates so we can get them in on the 1st degree in June.

Let me take this opportunity to thank all of you for your recruiting efforts this year. Thanks to you, we have exceeded our goals and made our council stronger.

Vivat Jesus
Dave Caton

Blood Drive News!!!

By Dave Caton - Blood Drive Chairman

Gents: Let's all show further patriotic support for our troops and for the community by donating blood at our next blood drive, scheduled for Thursday, June 5th, 2003.

1st 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.

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 June 3rd.

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 \$\$\$\$.

50/50 Winners for May's Meeting

Dave Myers
Mike Hemmer
Jim Miles

Fr. Tom's name was drawn from the hat to win the Big Pot(remember you must attend to win)

Congratulations to all!

Come to the Meetings and win big!!!

2002-3 Washington State Convention

Here are the highlights from the KofC Washington State Convention held at the DoubleTree Suites Hotel in Tukwila on May 16-18:

- The major resolution before the delegation, to increase the State Per Capita (per member) from \$7.00 to \$9.00, passed unanimously after a brief discussion. The per capita hadn't been raised since 1990, and the State was in dire need of the additional funding for their operational budget.
- All the currently seated State Officers were elected to their next chair position for the 2003-4 fraternal year. John Williams was elected the State Warden, filling the only open position on the slate.

- Jim Miles was elected as a State Delegate to the Supreme Convention to be held in Washington, DC next year, and Dave Caton was elected as an Alternate Delegate.
- Council #7528 had a “place of honor” at a table near the head table and was recognized as being a leader in Membership in Division II (tied with Kennewick) at 14 new members.
- Arch Bishop Brunnett was the primary speaker at the Awards Banquet on Saturday night.
- Council #7528 & Dave Meyers (great job) presented a total of 205 “sold” Columbus Charity tickets to State for the drawing on May 18th.
- Two young ladies from our St. Vincent de Paul School received State Pro-life Awards and a \$50 check for their entries in the council’s Respect Life Poster/Essay Contest held in January. Melissa Fouty, an 8th grader, won 2nd place in the essay competition, while Obia Muoneke, a 3rd grader, received 3rd place in the poster competition.
- Josh Markwith, our Squire Circle #4571 Chief Squire & the State Chief Squire - Elect, addressed the convention. Josh scored a huge round of applause when he quipped that hoped to someday to be sitting behind him in a State Officer’s chair, but that many of the people present in the room wouldn’t be around to see it.
- The 2003-4 WA State Convention will be held in Spokane.

Submitted by:
Marc Gonick, GK and Delegate

On becoming a Catholic...

In September of 2001, I met a very friendly fellow by the name of Jim Judy at the Fall Festival, and he encouraged me to join the Knights. I looked over the Form 100, it looked fine to me, and I decided to join. When it mentioned about being in Holy Communion with the Holy See, I figured I’d been going to Mass for over 10 years, and lived my life (as I thought) as a Catholic in heart and soul.

My time from then until the following August was a time of great brotherhood and friendship with many Knights. I really enjoyed not only being a Knight, but also serving God, Jesus Christ, and the Parish. However, I was presented with a business opportunity that, in all likelihood, would require my relocation to the Tri-Cities area. Wanting to make sure my daughter Melissa, already a student at St. Vincent, could attend Christ the King School in Richland, I decided to go through RCIA and be

confirmed in the Church.

In the course of that, I contacted my fellow brother, Al Larpenteur, who is on the RCIA team. He informed me, that while my intentions were noble, and I assured him that had I known the full details, I would not have joined the Knights until I was confirmed. I felt horrible that some would think that I deceived people, when that was never my intention or thought. It was just an honest mistake. Both Al and Brother Grand Knight Marc Gonick helped me get over the initial hump and I was on my way to becoming a Catholic.

I understood about not being able to participate as a Knight for a period of time. It was a very reflective time for me and truly finding out what was inside of me and my heart, and my responsibilities as a future Catholic. All during the time I was going through RCIA, the Knights supported me without question, without ridicule, and with all of the love and support I could ever ask for. For that, I am truly thankful and grateful, and it taught me what a true Catholic is.

Being baptized, confirmed, and receiving first Holy Communion was the most emotional thing I’ve ever done in my life other than getting married to my lovely wife Maureen, and the birth of our wonderful daughter, Melissa. I should have done this a long time ago, but as they always say, “Better late than never”. I now much better understand not only the teachings of the Church, but also those of the Knights. I look forward to taking on the 2nd and 3rd degree on June 1st.

With the love and admiration for my fellow Brother Knights,

Vivat Jesus!

Chris Vaughan

What's your value?

A well-known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20.00 bill. In the room of 200, he asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill?" Hands started going up. He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first, let me do this." He proceeded to crumple the \$20 dollar bill up. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air.

Well, he replied, "What if I do this?" And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now crumpled, and dirty. "Now who still wants it?" Still the hands went into the air.

"My friends, we have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20. Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value. Dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to those

who love you. The worth of our lives comes not in what we do or whom we know, but by WHO WE ARE. You are special - Don't EVER forget it."

And remember:

Amateurs built the ark. Professionals built the Titanic. Which sunk??

I couldn't resist printing this one....

So now we know! Great short story!!!!!!

A long time ago, Britain and France were at war. During one battle, the French captured an English major. Taking the major to their headquarters, the French general began to question him.

The French general asked, "Why do you English officers all wear red coats?"

Don't you know the red material makes you easier targets for us to shoot at?"

In his bland English way, the major informed the general that the reason English officers wear red coats is so that if they are shot, the blood won't show and the men they are leading won't panic.

And that is why from that day to now all French Army officers wear brown pants.

Thank you!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Officers and Chairman for this year's Cross and Compass articles and news items. I have had great feedback on this format and will continue to use it in the future. I sincerely hope you all have a great summer.

Vivat Jesus

Tim Philomeno
Editor

And Finally the Last Pics from This Year:



We know who does all the work around here...



No telling what these guys are up to....

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	June Birthdays	Date	June Birthdays
4 th	Peter Vetter	15 th	Chad Busch
6 th	Daniel Reeb	16 th	Michael White
7 th	Ted Gimlin	25 th	Brian Caton
9 th	Hiroshi Suzuki	26 th	Michael Hemmer
13 th	Joseph Panico	28 th	Thomas Kornell
13 th	Michael Fay		
3 rd	Joyce Pirolo	22 nd	Jove Hyde
12 th	Karen Markwith	27 th	Linda Herbert
15 th	Isabel Tessier	28 th	Stella Hurn
18 th	Cathleen Thome	29 th	Genoveva Favela

Happy Anniversary!

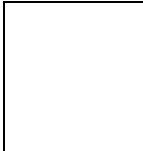
Date	Anniversaries for June
3 rd	Patrick and Amy McGuire
6 th	Ernesto and Ida Beltran
7 th	Peter and Christine Williams
7 th	Ajeandro and Anita Paves
8 th	Daniel and Valerie Dornoff
9 th	James and Trish Ellingson
10 th	Romeo and Anita Mayor
10 th	Charles and Ann Lasher
11 th	Charles and Joyce Dufrene
15 th	Richard and Carol Mayer
16 th	Bruce and Carol Stopper
18 th	Scott and Christina Dowbiggin
20 th	Leroy and Cathleen Thome
21 st	Michael and Linia Rutland
23 rd	Ralph and Peggy Horner
24 th	Jose and Mary Bolanos
24 th	William and Francis Thomas
25 th	Robert and Norma Anderson
28 th	Edward and Peggy Novak

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Calendar of Events		
June 2003		
3 rd	General Meeting	St. Vincent de Paul Narthex @7:30pm with the Rosary in the Chapel at 7:00pm
5 th	Blood Drive	St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall
7 th	Council #7528 Awards Banquet	St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall after the 5:00 Mass.
14 th	Softball Game with the Squires	St. Vincent de Paul play field at ????
17 th	Planning Meeting	Room "A" at 7:30pm
22 nd	Coffee and Donuts	St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall after all the Masses
July 2003		
4 th	Happy Birthday America	
11 th - 13 th	Summer Meeting	Red Lion Hotel - Wenatchee...509.663.0711

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