



# The Cross and Compass

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## A Message from the Grand Knight

Have you ever noticed how many activities or events the Knights are involved with? Look around and you'll see what I mean.

Let's review some of the activities for January. We took down the Christmas trees faster than Paul Bunyan while painstakingly saving the lights for another year. (Cost conscious Knights). The 4 - 6 inch snowfall moved our Jan 6th general meeting to Jan 20th, with a first degree, general meeting, and finished with a planning meeting. It was a busy night with a lot of things accomplished. Mel Longley and volunteers from our Council and St. Philomena's had a successful Free Throw Contest with a lot of happy youngsters. We've increased our membership with the addition of George Fetter, Robert Orlosky, Clayton Simmons, Richard Sansone, Jon Phinney, and our seminarian Duc Nguyen. With your recruiting efforts, we'll continue to grow....welcome aboard! The annual Right to Life Poster and Essay contest with the theme..."Cherish Life" involved our taping and hanging in the Parish hall. With so many thoughtful and creative ideas. it was difficult to pick the winners....in fact, I'd say every student is a winner, and we are blessed as a parish and community to have our children understanding and participating in this event. Wonderful work! Our Spaghetti dinner was enjoyable and delicious for the 200 plus families that couldn't say enough about the fantastic food and satisfying evening. Thanks to Tim Philomeno, Bob Pirolo, and Chris Vaughn. We'll be starting February off with a breakfast for the Marriage Renewal couples in the Parish and expect to serve over 130 folks. Ted Gimlin and committee are to be commended.

Every Sunday after every Mass you see our fellow Knights ...selling both dinner and raffle tickets...for our Crab Feed on Feb 21st.....and it's paying off...we're getting closer to our goal of a sell out! Thanks for all your effort. Tony Robinson is getting ready for the Lenten Fish Fry starting Feb 27th and will continue every Friday though Apr 2. It goes without saying....you'll be there, you always are. And the Knights keep going....Al Larpenteur and Greg Vicars are spearheading the Community Supper in conjunction with Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, signing up

members of our parish to provide the "humankind" power so necessary for the hungry and needy in our community....see what I mean? Have you really thought about how all the things going on in our Church get done? I don't think we realize the difference we make...and the accomplishment that so meaningfully and significantly impact the lives we touch. You....all of you, make me ever so mindful of the wonderful things that you do. You are amazing men, and I am forever grateful to be with you.

Vivat Jesus!

**Dave Myers, GK**

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## The Chancellor's Corner

By Kevin Buck, Chancellor

Brother Knights, January has flown by in a flash. Between recovering from the holidays, being buried in snow and having our General Meeting delayed, on top of all our regular activities - it is time for our February General Meeting! Please join us on Tuesday February 3rd and here are just a few of the events that you can help bring about: Mel Longley is setting up the District Free Throw competition for February 14th. The Council's planning meeting will be on Tuesday the 17th. Dave Caton is organizing the next Blood Drive on Thursday, February 19th. Chris Vaughan is coordinating our first annual Crab Feed, scheduled for February 21st. Contact me or one of the other ticket captains to get your tickets before they are gone! The Fish Fry's begin February 27th and go every Friday until April 2nd. Your participation in any or all of these activities is welcome. 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 February, 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 or you could hand it to me at the monthly meeting. I plan to have forms available to make that easy.

### 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 this month is Brother Al Larpentuer. He will share information about Habitat for Humanity and The Community Supper. No this is not a mistake. Al did not have a chance to do his

presentation at January's Meeting, so he will be presenting at February's.

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### Recruiting/Membership

By Dave Caton - Recruitment Chair, Third Year Trustee

Brother Knights: I'm again, so proud to be part of this fine council. Thanks to your efforts, we now stand at 100% of our membership quota and at 160% of our insurance quota for the year. However, we still have 6 months to go and much can happen in this time with job transfers, the untimely death of one of our brethren, or a transfer with retirement or a job-related move of a fellow Knight.

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! It's wonderful to see the vitality and enthusiasm (and youth!) of some of our new Knights in action. Please keep up your excellent good works. On behalf of the Trustees and officers, I'd like to thank our newly exemplified Knights who have already gotten involved only weeks into their membership in the Knights of Columbus.

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### Blood Drive News!!!

By Dave Caton - Blood Drive Chairman

Attention Blood Donors! The Puget Sound Blood Center and the Knights of Columbus are hosting our next blood drive on Thursday, February 19th. 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.

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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 February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004.

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### Family of the Month

**December** – The Ted Gimlin Family

### Knight of the Month

**December** – Mel Longley

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## Vocations

By Deacon Juan Lezcano, sfo - Vocations Chairman

Here is a recent letter from one of our  
Seminarians, Anthony Lezcano

Dear Brother Knights,

As I continue discerning this wonderful vocation to the priesthood, I am finding myself at peace. I say this because I am beginning to understand what it means to have a balance in my life. Though I know, it isn't always easy to form and maintain a balance, but as a result of the prayers and support that I receive on a daily basis, I am deeply encouraged to persevere. Each day, I strive to maintain a balance of prayer, service, education and recreation. Most mornings I wake up and read a few lines of scripture which allows for a sense of meditation throughout the day; however, I encounter mornings that I don't understand what the scripture is saying, which sometimes encourages me to ask and listen to what God is trying to reveal to me. Every so often, I experience days of not wanting to pray, but I am discovering that it is in those days that God is closer to me than he has ever been and because I know that I am more encouraged to not give up. Serving others is my way of saying thank you to God, because God has provided me with so much and he asks for so little in return. It is in serving that I feel God's presence the most. The Knights of Columbus organization is a brotherhood that not only serves, but inspires and I am grateful to be a member. Thank you so much for your spiritual and financial support. I am praying for you all each day as I look forward to helping serve with you in any way that I can. Let us continue to pray for each other.

With Love,  
Anthony Lezcano

## Columbus Charities

by Al Larpenteur 2004 Columbus Charities Chairman

Many of you have already purchased a booklet of Columbus Charities tickets when you paid your 2004 Annual dues. That's a great way to start the year. However, we have lots of additional booklets to sell. Old pros like Bill Martin recognize the opportunity right from the start to sell tickets to family, friends, and acquaintances. Most of us, though, are a little reluctant to sell these chances to win money, and we wait until the last few days to do something. Why not try a new approach this year? Think of someone who's pretty friendly to you. Maybe it's a co-worker who likes to have a cup of coffee with you. Maybe, it's your Mom or Dad, or a brother or sister. If these special friends make you feel good, you might ask them whether they would like to buy a couple of Columbus Charities tickets from you. Let them know that we will use the proceeds to provide benefits to others in our parish and in our community. The more tickets we sell, the more funds we will raise for the many charities we support each year. And once you taste some success in selling

tickets, you may want to sell more. That's how easy it is. Just ask Bill Martin.

## CRAB FEED TICKETS SELLING OUT FAST!!!!

Well, our ticket sales for our First Annual Crab Feed to be held on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30PM in the Parish Hall are going like HOTCAKES (kind of like our Pancake and Mother's Day Breakfasts!). In the first 3 weeks of sales, we've already sold over 50% of the available tickets, so if you don't have yours now, you'd better call one of the Ticket Sales Captains listed below NOW, otherwise you'll miss out on a very tasty 5-course meal featuring ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRESH Dungeness Crab. **Ticket sales will end February 15, or earlier when we sell out. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.** Tickets are \$25.00 each, and include one free alcoholic beverage (beer or wine) or a soft drink and a coupon for \$1.00 off any entrée at our local Ivar's Seafood Bar. We have also invited our Brothers at St. Theresa, St. Philomena, and Holy Family Parishes to join us as well.

Here's who to call to get your reserved seat tickets NOW:

Chris Vaughan	Table A	261-4550
Wayne Moritz	Table B	941-0354
Ken Baune	Table C	946-6811
Mark Busch	Table D	943-3894
Kevin Buck	Table F	874-1370
Eddie Cooper	Table G	946-9067
Matt Siverly	Table H	941-8253
Mike Hemmer	Table J	874-1192
Chris Anderson	Table L	838-5831
Ted Gimlin	Table M	852-1128
Greg Vicars	Table N	941-3722
Kramer Seatz	Table P	951-9511
Mark Mareko	Table Q	661-3635
Tim Philomeno	Table R	661-2296
Bill Thomas	Table S	941-3639

Tables E and K are already SOLD OUT and Tables A, B, H, and J are nearly SOLD OUT.

We will have tickets available at the General Meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and at all Masses on the weekends. Any questions, please call me at (253) 261-4550

Chris Vaughan  
Crab Feed 2004 Chairman

## Holiday Potluck

In December, our council held a holiday potluck. We had a great turnout of council families and Santa himself. Thanks to Matt Robic for the Pictures



*I know I dropped it here somewhere*



*Where's the food....*

Let's do it again real soon!!!



*There's old Jelly Belly...*



*Here's where Eddie belongs....*



*We're having fun now...*

### 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:

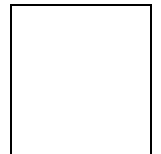
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Calendar of Events		
<b>February 2004</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>General Meeting</b>	St. Vincent de Paul Narthex @7:30pm with the Rosary in the Chapel at 7:00pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	Lovers Celebration	Call the Church Office to obtain tickets
14 <sup>th</sup>	District Free-throw Competition	St. Vincent de Paul Activity Center 1:00-5:00pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Planning Meeting</b>	Room "A" at 7:30pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	Blood Drive	St. Vincent de Paul Hall all day
21 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Crab Feed	St. Vincent de Paul Hall starting after the 5:00pm Mass
27 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Lenten Fish Fry	St. Vincent de Paul Hall starting at 5:30pm
<b>March 2004</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
5 <sup>th</sup>	Lenten Fish Fry	St. Vincent de Paul Hall starting at 5:30pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	Lenten Fish Fry	St. Vincent de Paul Hall starting at 5:30pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Planning Meeting</b>	Room "A" at 7:30pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	Lenten Fish Fry	St. Vincent de Paul Hall starting at 5:30pm
20 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree District Meeting	Lakewood (see <a href="http://www.kofc-wa.org">www.kofc-wa.org</a> )
26 <sup>th</sup>	Lenten Fish Fry	St. Vincent de Paul Hall starting at 5:30pm

Check out our website at <http://www.kc7528.org> for all of these events and more!

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