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A Message from the Grand Knight

Talk about outstanding.....how about...fantastic.....or maybe...the best I've ever been to.....or.....this was unbelievable....you guys are the best.....the menu was superb..and.....what a classy way to do it.....And this was your First One?!?...you've got to be kidding.....and you started planning for this in November? And I could say a lot more.....because those of you that attended or worked our First Annual Crab Feed have already heard and continue to hear the same confirming feedback....absolutely without a doubt the greatest! My hat is off to Chris Vaughn for the time and commitment he has given us, as well as the rest of the team...from food and supply pickup, hall set up, kitchen crew (salads, garlic bread, etc) bartending crew, serving crew, raffle ticket sales crew, cleanup crew, and the fabulous Mission Trekkers.....thank you for your time and effort. We served almost **300** people, and sold **1156** in raffle tickets (**1031** the night of the dinner). Wildly successful wouldn't you say? And wouldn't you know it; we recruited two new members along the way. Nice work? You bet! Ok, Ok I'll stop singing the praises for a remarkable group of men.

So, what else have we done this past month? How about Ken Baune, Clayton Simmon, and Tim Philomeno helping Mark Busch with the District Free Throw competition. Dracula Dave Caton held a blood drive and enlisted the help of fellow Knights. And of course we continued the work to bring the Crab Feed down to the wire. All right all ready.....I thought I was through bragging about the Crab Feed.....I can't help it.

Let's start looking at March.....with the Lenten fish fry's and of course the manpower required to make this event our flagship. Tony Robinson will be needing our help for the next 6 weeks, and as always I know you'll be there. We'll have a table set up each week to sell Columbus Charities, (this should make Al Larpenteur smile). How about the opportunity to talk with families and answer questions about the Knights? Think about that will you? Six weeks of recruiting! So gentlemen....it looks like the month of March should be a lot of fun. We'll roll up our selves and do what we do best.....**make things happen!**

As I've said before, and I'll say again, thank you. I

am humbled and blessed by your talent and commitment to the ideals of our founder.....charity.

Along my journey I continue to find tools to help me, this is one of those tools that deserves passing on.

I asked God to take away my pain.
God said, No.

It is not for me to take away,
but for you to give it up.

I asked God to grant me patience.
God said, No.

Patience is a by-product of tribulations;
it isn't granted, it is learned.

I asked God to give me happiness.
God said, No.

I give you blessings.
Happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain.
God said, No.

Suffering draws you apart from
worldly cares and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow.
God said, No.

You must grow on your own,
but I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked for all things that I might enjoy life.
God said, No.

I will give you life so that you may enjoy all
things.

I ask God to help me LOVE others, as much as he
loves me.

God said...Ahhhh, finally you have the idea.

Remember.....

"To the world you might be one person,
But to one person you just might be the world."

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Myers, GK

The Chancellor's Corner

By Kevin Buck, Chancellor

Brother Knights, As I'm writing this we are about to hold our first Annual Crab Feed. My every expectation is that it will be a grand success. Please join us on Friday, February 27th for the first Fish Fry of this Lenten Season and every Friday until April 2nd. Come to the General Meeting on Tuesday, March 2nd and hear about all the exciting events and activities we are involved in. And better yet, come and take part in those activities 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 March, 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...

Recruiting/Membership

By Dave Caton - Recruitment Chair, Third Year Trustee

I'd like to congratulate you on continuing the momentum with recruiting the 4 brand new Knights we brought in on Tuesday, January 20th. These fine Catholic gents include: Clayton Simmons, Richard Sansone, Jon-Arthur Pinney, and our own seminarian, Duc Nygen. On February 17th, we brought in an additional enthusiastic young man by the name of Mark Igros. All are enthusiastic, talented men who will provide tremendous support and leadership for years to come. Please come to our March business meeting to welcome and support these five new Knights, or welcome them at our Lenten Fish Fries!

On Saturday, March 13th, we will have another opportunity to accompany any our new First Degree Knights to a (fairly) local 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification. Let's try to have a large contingent of Knights from St. Joseph Council attend this degree and show our support for our new brethren. I am planning the usual carpool from St. Vincent's parking lot to meet at 11:15 AM to drive to this Tukwila Degree (at St. Thomas Parish). Sponsors and candidates, please plan on about 4-5 hours, followed by a light meal hosted by the council putting on the Degrees.

At our crab feed, one additional new candidate has already let me know of his intention to go through the First Degree before the planning meeting, March 23rd. We are hoping for at least 1-2 more men at this degree.

Our work is far from done this year-remember our parish has about 2,000 to 2,400 families. Presuming that a majority of these families have baptized practical Catholic men as heads of these households, you can see how many more potential future recruits we have!!

Let's continue the impetus and get out there and enlist more Knights for our future generations!!

Blood Drive News!!!

By Dave Caton - Blood Drive Chairman

I would like to thank the great response of 43 wonderful registered donors who each gave a pint of blood last Thursday, February 19th. Each blood donation will help up to three patients! Did you know that each DAY of the year our state has to register over 900 donors in order to support the 70 hospitals within a 14 county region in Washington State? Another interesting statistic is that only 5% of the national population donates blood and that over 70% of us will need a blood transfusion at some point in our lives. You can see how one blood drive, no matter how small, has a tremendous impact on others. Our next parish blood drive will be on July 18, 2004. Special thanks go to Ted Gimlin, Bill Martin and Al Wolfskill and Gary Best for all helping at the canteen as well as at the computer checking donors in.

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 March 2nd, 2004.

Family of the Month

January – The Tim Philomeno Family

Knight of the Month

January – Ken Baune

CRAB FEED DELIGHTS GUESTS AND FUNDS CHARITIES

On Friday, February 21st as advertised, our Council held its First Annual Crab Feed and Raffle, serving 300 guests at \$25.00 each and raising over \$1,000 in gross raffle sales. Based on the overwhelming response from our guests, we must have done it right!! Everyone praised the event, the food & beverages, and most importantly, the succulent Dungeness crab, which was plentiful and we sold all the remaining crab we purchased (625 pounds!!). We grossed over \$8,000 and will likely net approximately \$2,500 when all the dust settles. These proceeds will be directed to the charities we support, and were noted in our dinner program for the event.

IF YOU MISSED THIS EVENT, YOU REALLY MISSED OUT!

An event like this cannot successfully be pulled off without the help of a lot people, and my fellow Brothers, you were there in droves. I cannot thank you all enough, as it made my job (and life) a lot easier. I

would like to specifically recognize Dave Myers, Tim Philomeno, Tony Robinson, Mike O'Connell, Ken Baune, Clay Simmons, Matt Siverly, Mike Hemmer, Dave Caton, and our setup, bar, dinner ticket & raffle sales and cleanup teams, and Mission Trekkers for all their hard work to make the "Back of House" kitchen run like a well-oiled machine, the "Front of House" dining room service and beverage bar the life of the party, and the "Sales Machine" of raffle ticket sales to achieve the great success it did. Mike O'Connell's acquisition of the refrigerated beer bar and warming cabinet for the clam chowder made all the difference in our ability to serve 300 people with speed and efficiency.

OK, SO DO YOU WANT TO DO IT AGAIN??

Well, we asked the audience if they would come back again next year, and the overwhelming response was, "YES". So, I would propose that the Second Annual Charity Crab Feed be on Saturday evening, January 8, 2005, and we'll start selling tickets in early October. With the success of this first event, we should be able to SELL OUT next year and raise even more money for what we do best: CHARITY!

Keep Crab,

Chris Vaughan
Crab Feed 2004 Chairman

And here are some pictures from the event for your viewing pleasure:



the hall setup was fantastic...



mmmmm...good crab



can you identify this Pearl Diver?



PGK Mike always has fun...



Eddie knows how to operate...

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: _____

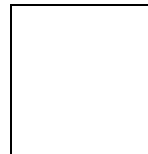
Mail your check to:

The 365 Club
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Calendar of Events		
March 2004		
2nd	General Meeting	St. Vincent de Paul Narthex @7:30pm with the Rosary in the Chapel at 7:00pm
5 th	Lenten Fish Fry	St. Vincent de Paul Hall starting at 5:30pm
12 th	Lenten Fish Fry	St. Vincent de Paul Hall starting at 5:30pm
16th	Planning Meeting and 1st Degree	Room "A" at 7:30pm...1st Degree starts at 7:00pm sharp!
19 th	Lenten Fish Fry	St. Vincent de Paul Hall starting at 5:30pm
20 th	4 th Degree District Meeting	Lakewood (see www.kofc-wa.org)
26 th	Lenten Fish Fry	St. Vincent de Paul Hall starting at 5:30pm
April 2004		
2 nd	Lenten Fish Fry	St. Vincent de Paul Hall starting at 5:30pm
6th	General Meeting	St. Vincent de Paul Narthex @7:30pm with the Rosary in the Chapel at 7:00pm
11 th	Easter	Enjoy you family
20th	Planning Meeting	Room "A" at 7:30pm

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

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