



# The Cross and Compass

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## A Message from the Grand Knight



My fellow Knights, we have now completed our Fish Fry efforts, we have enjoyed Easter, and the next month or two promises a more relaxed timeframe. My thanks to all who have so generously helped at the Fish Fry dinners or at other activities.

Our financial secretary, Tim Philomeno, and our treasurer, Tom Skoda, tell me that we have several thousand dollars more revenue now than we approved in the budget. Tim and Tom have asked me to consider ways to expend these funds. That's a wonderful request! We have already considered one suggestion, and I would like the general membership to vote on this idea at our April meeting. That suggestion would be to purchase a banner for our council that we could display in the church activities center or at our parish events, such as the Fall Festival, Crab Feed, Spaghetti Dinner, and Fish Fry dinners. At our last Fish Fry meal, Jerry Duhamel and others suggested that the council double the contributions that Samantha Gruber has collected for a hunger awareness drive. At the time, Sam had obtained \$198 in donations. The fellas at the time approved my request to give Sam another \$200 for the hunger drive. Since I have authorization to approve the use of funds up to \$500 without a council vote, I approved the suggestion to give Sam the \$200. If you have other suggestions to expend funds, please let me know, or mention them at our April meeting. Since I do not want to engage in a prolonged discussion of suggestions during the meeting, I will listen briefly to your ideas, and we will then discuss the merits at the mid-April planning meeting.

As you know, my wife Suzi and I have decided to move to Woodinville to be closer to our oldest daughter and her husband. We have completed our move, so I am now a long-distance Grand Knight for our council. That does not mean that I am no longer actively serving as the GK. However, I will have a harder time attending council activities. Email and phone calls are still easy

ways to communicate. My Email address remains allenlar@comcast.net, and my new phone number is 425.402.0108. Our council is doing great, and you are the reason for this success this year.

Vivat Jesus!

**Al Larpenteur, GK**

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## From the Deputy Grand Knight



By Kevin Buck, DGK

Brothers, you have done it again! We have just completed another successful Lenten Fish Fry season and we did very well indeed! However, I will let Tony tell you all about the accomplishments... I am just so honored to be associated with such a terrific group of Catholic Gentlemen.

Our Major fund raisers for the year are now behind us, but we still have some events and activities and don't forget the Columbus Charities Raffle.

I believe that we are doing well, but there are several of you that have books of tickets checked out, and I don't know how you are doing with them.

Please turn in the money and stubs from those that have been sold as soon as it is convenient. You can call or e-mail me, or come to the General Meeting on Tuesday April 5th. That is a good idea to come to the meeting anyway, to get the latest information about the happenings with the Council as well as share some quality time with your Fraternal Brothers. We have a Pot Luck scheduled for Saturday April 16th and you are all welcome to join in the planning meeting on the 19th.

As most of you know, but some may not be aware, our Council sponsors a Squires Circle. Jeff Markwith has provided the primary adult guidance to this wonderful group of young Catholic men for several years. He has asked for volunteers to assist with their activities and anyone that might be interested in sharing a portion of your time with these young men, should contact Jeff. Also, in addition to all the good that they do, the Squires are being formed into Catholic men and

most become Knights. It is open to young Catholic men between the ages of 10 and 18. If you know of an eligible young man, invite him to join and contact Jeff.

We can still use a few new members on the First Degree team. If you would like to be involved in helping to form and train new Knights, this is for you. Give me a call or talk to me at the next meeting to find where you will best fit on the team. We would like to have an alternate for each of the roles. And speaking of First Degrees, our goal is to hold one each month on the third Tuesday at the planning meeting. Attend if you can and support the Team. Better yet, recruit and sponsor a new member.

I pray that you and your family experience the joy of Easter, Kevin Buck, DGK

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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 7:00 pm in the Chapel before the General Meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

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### Family of the Month

February – the Kurt Karasuda-Downing Family

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### Knight of the Month

February – Jeff Lee

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### Blood Drive



By Dave Caton - Blood Drive Chairman

The next parish-sponsored blood drive will be on June 16, 2005. I'd like to thank the 56 wonderful donors who gave the "Gift of Life", February 17th. Each pint of blood can help up to 4 patients, so our parish potentially aided up to 224 patients in need! Special thanks also go to Ted Gimlin who checked in our donors by computer, Bill Martin and Ben McGregor who hosted the afternoon canteen and Gary and Jeannie Best, who hosted the evening session canteen. For those who wish to donate between now and June 16th, please look at the local schedule of blood drives at [http://www.psb.org/programs/drives\\_search.htm](http://www.psb.org/programs/drives_search.htm) You all will be eligible to donate again on or about on April 16th.



### Membership



By Dave Caton - Membership Chairman

I'm sure you've all heard the expression "so close yet so far!" This is very applicable to our recruiting efforts this year. We need only 3 more Knights for the Fraternal Year to meet our membership quota. There is no reason why we shouldn't meet this goal. Our Grand Knight and we deserve the recognition of attaining Star Council membership is the only thing holding us back. I'd like to challenge each and every one of you to come up with a name of a prospective Knight who we could ask to join our ranks by the May business meeting on May 3rd.

Folks, we need to continue recruiting to continue the wonderful legacy started by our founder Fr. Michael J. McGivney. Our ranks need to be continually replenished with new Knights with youthful leadership, fresh ideas, with a zeal for Catholicism and for the Knights. Please take the time to ask your fellow parishioner at Mass in the next pew to join us! We are at 81 % of our quota as of this date.

On a very positive note, I'd like you all to congratulate our newest 3rd Degree Knights who went through the 2nd and 3rd Degree on March 12th at St. Anthony's Church in Renton. The Degrees were wonderful and dedicated to our own PDD Jim Miles! Joe Rockwell, Tuoi Nguyen and Leo Hernandez were our proud Brothers who experienced these degrees.

May you and your families all have a joyous Easter !



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### The Chancellor's Corner



By Mike Fay, Chancellor

Within this forum I have informed you of the major service categories that the knights are involved with. There have been articles describing service to the council, the church, the community, the family, and the

youth.

In addition to these areas, brother knights of Council #7528 are also in service to our parish priests who provide the spiritual guidance and leadership to local Catholic community at St. Vincent's. Our pastor Fr. Tom and the parochial vicar, Fr. Clarence, who is the council chaplain, deserve our continued support and prayers for their ministry.

Through the RSVP program, we support five seminarians studying to become ordained to the priesthood. Recently, several of the knights had the opportunity to visit with seminarian Anthony Lezcano, son of Juan and Karen Lezcano, at the Mt. Angels Seminary, near Salem, Oregon. The visit combined prayers with the monks, lunch with the seminarians, and a tour of the beautiful church. Like a small college campus, the site is rich in spirituality, beauty, and peacefulness overlooking the Willamette Valley.

Look for an upcoming email requesting your service hours for the month of March. You can report your service hours on the form provided or just list them as you find best works for you. I thank all who have taken the time to report any and all service hours.

You can contact me at [mwfay@comcast.net](mailto:mwfay@comcast.net).

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

Please welcome our newest member, Greg Nakata, who attended the 1st degree exemplification held on Tuesday, March 15th. Greg was member of the Apostile's Squire Circle and just turned 18 on January, 29th. Please welcome Greg when you see him.



Greg is the young guy in the middle.

Good of the Order	
Listed are all of the those Brother Knights or family members who are Sick or in Distress	
<i>Sick/Remember</i>	<i>Deceased</i>
Dave Ditter	Edith Suinn (Horace's Mother)
Please keep these Knights and family members in your prayers. Thanks!	

### Join us for a special Rosary

Fellow Knights, **Monday April 4th** is the Knights of Columbus "Day of the Unborn Child." Father Clarence, our chaplain, will be leading us in a Special Rosary to celebrate this Day, in the **Family Chapel at 7:00 p.m.** The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring this event but this is for the entire parish community. Let's spread the word and make sure this is well attended!

Thanks,  
Nestor Fernandez, Pro-Life Chairman

### Fiesta Mexicana and Potluck Dinner

**Saturday April 16, 2005 After 5:00 p.m. Mass**

Enjoy an authentic Mexican dining experience during our next Knights of Columbus Pot Luck dinner. Potluck organizer is Eddie Cooper.

Dinner is being prepared by fellow Knights "El Perro Grande" Mike O'Connell, "El Gallo Pequeño" Dan Reeb, "El Vaquero" Jose Luis Vaquero and others.

Your Fiesta begins with ice cold cerveza, music, followed by a traditional Mexican dinner of homemade chicken enchiladas, refried beans, rice and tortillas.

Bring your favorite dish and join us for music, fun, camaraderie and great food.

Please bring the dish that corresponds with the 1st letter of your last name.

A-E Salads, F-J Breads, K-O Desserts, P-T Meat dishes, U-Z Vegetable dishes.

### Take me out to the Ball Game!

The St. Vincent Family Group is sponsoring a night at Safeco Field Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup> 7:05pm. We are inquiring if there is any interest by our council in going to this ballgame. The cost is ten dollars per ticket and I don't have any idea how many tickets they have reserved. If we get enough takers, we will inquire about renting a bus. So give Al, Tim, Kevin Buck, or Wayne a call and make your reservation.

Wayne Moritz (253) 941-0354

### Fish Frys

On the last Fish Fry Friday we served 385 and completed another record year for the Fish Frys. Our gross sales set a new record and met our budget requirement and then some.

We served 2344 meals, just 54 short of our all time record of 2397. Tim gave a complete report after the event and will have a recap at the next general meeting, so make sure you are there.

Thank you for all your hard work and effort to make this a great year. Although not all could stay after the last night for the report and fellowship you, were noted and thanked.

Take some time to rest and participate and enjoy the Easter week celebrations. Again Thank You. You are the best and make our efforts fun and easy. God Bless and have a Blessed Easter. -----Tony Robinson

And here are the pictures to prove it!!



Kurt earns his Salad Badge...



New member to our council David Paux gets checked out on the dishwasher...



Mission Trekkers were invaluable this year...



Ehh...what did you say...

### 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: Kevin Buck, 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  
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### Calendar of Events

#### April 2005

4 <sup>th</sup>	Rosary for "Day of the Unborn Child"	St. Vincent de Paul Chapel @ 7:00pm
5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>St. Vincent de Paul S. Narthex @7:30 pm with the Rosary in the Chapel at 7:00 pm</b>
16 <sup>th</sup>	Potluck	After the 5:00pm mass (about 6:00pm)
19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Planning Meeting and 1<sup>st</sup> Degree</b>	<b>Room "A" at 7:30 pm...1<sup>st</sup> Degree starts at 7:00 pm sharp!</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Squires Convention	Lynnwood
30 <sup>th</sup>	Hospitality House Dinner	We will be cooking

#### May 2005

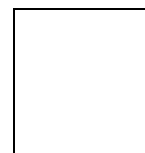
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>St. Vincent de Paul S. Narthex @7:30 pm with the Rosary in the Chapel at 7:00 pm</b>
8 <sup>th</sup>	Mothers Day Breakfast	St. Vincent de Paul Hall after the 8:00am and 9:30am Masses
13 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	Washington State Convention	Tukwila, WA
17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Planning Meeting and 1<sup>st</sup> Degree</b>	<b>Room "A" at 7:30 pm...1<sup>st</sup> Degree starts at 7:00 pm sharp!</b>

#### June 2005

7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>St. Vincent de Paul S. Narthex @7:30 pm with the Rosary in the Chapel at 7:00 pm</b>
16 <sup>th</sup>	Blood Drive	St. Vincents Hall
21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Planning Meeting and 1<sup>st</sup> Degree</b>	<b>Room "A" at 7:30 pm...1<sup>st</sup> Degree starts at 7:00 pm sharp!</b>
25 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Awards Banquet	After 5:00pm Mass

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

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