



# The Cross and Compass

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## A Message from the Grand Knight

When you receive this issue of the Cross & Compass, the year 2005 will be upon us and the frenzy of holiday activities will be in the past. I hope that the Holy Spirit blessed you and your family at Christmas, and you had an opportunity to reflect on God's profound love for us, as His Son's birth and life among us so deeply illustrate. I speak for all of us when I thank you for your generosity in helping with the St. Vincent de Paul food and gift distribution, the gift wrapping efforts at the Commons of Federal Way, the tree lighting work in our parish, and the traffic control efforts for our Christmas Masses. During this holiday season, we all have many commitments and activities, and your willingness to put those matters aside to help others shows the depth of your commitment to Jesus.

January will be a very, very busy month for us. The Crab Feed is on Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, the Free Throw contest is on Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>, our Pro Life Spaghetti Dinner and Poster & Essay Contest will be on Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>, the March for Life in Washington, DC takes place on Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>, and we will provide the breakfast for the Marriage Renewal weekend on Jan 30<sup>th</sup>. Add to these activities our general meeting on Jan 4<sup>th</sup> and the First Degree/planning meeting on Jan 18<sup>th</sup>, and you'll agree that our schedule is full.

In December we brought in two new members for our Council. These additions help us in our efforts to increase our membership this year by 5 percent.

But we haven't reached that goal yet. If you've got a good friend that would be a great candidate to join our Council, please talk to him about our activities and the camaraderie we share. The new members we've brought in the Council in the last year or two have become very involved in Council activities, and their contributions have added vitality and new ideas to our programs. Councils always need new blood to remain vibrant in their parishes, so talk to your friends about joining our Council.

Mike Fay will be finalizing the annual Survey of Fraternal Activities in January, so please give him a detailed list of your December service hours as soon as you can.

Finally, our Council officers should start drafting their annual reports for submission to the State level.

Our submissions, showing four or more activities in the Church, Community, Council, Family, and Youth categories, will help us in attaining the Columbian award from State, and thereby help us to win the Star Council award. We do many things during the year in each of these categories, so it should be easy to identify four activities for each category.

Vivat Jesus!

## Al Larpenteur, GK

### From the Deputy Grand Knight

By Kevin Buck, DGK

I trust that each of you experienced a joyful Christmas and I hope that you were able to put aside the rat race for a short time and enjoy your family and friends. As we enter the New Year, we as a Council face many challenges and opportunities. We are doing well. However, I believe that it is time to remind ourselves of the importance and need to continue to grow - to recruit new members. I subscribe to the philosophy that if we aren't always growing, we will eventually wither and die. The Knights of Columbus is too important an organization for us to allow that to happen. The camaraderie and fraternity that we experience is something to share. The good works and community service that we provide as well as the fund raising for charities gives us a warm feeling inside that every Catholic gentleman should experience. The number of members in our Council is equal to approximately 10 percent of the number of registered families in our parish. What that tells me is that for each member of our council, there are nine eligible Catholic gentlemen right in our own parish that are not members of the Knights. So let's make a concerted effort to invite our friends and those we see at Mass, to join us and reap the benefits of becoming a Knight.

I would like to remind you to take advantage of the opportunity to purchase a book of Columbus Charities tickets when you renew your membership and our worthy Financial Secretary will do all the work for you of filling out and submitting the stubs. Also, when Tim sends out the new directory, take a moment and check your personal information for accuracy and completeness.

Contact Tim with any corrections and please

include your e-mail address if you have one. E-mail is the best way for us to communicate to a large group of individuals and we can only do that if we have your address.

I sincerely hope that each of you have a wonderful New Year and that in 2005 we all experience the inner warm glow of knowing that we shared the vision of Father Michael J. McGivney.

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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 January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

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## The Rosary

The Rosary is composed of the prayer of Christ and the Angelic Salutation, that is, the Our Father and the Hail Mary. It is the first prayer and principal devotion of the faithful and has been in use since the times of the Apostles, down to the present time.

Saint Dominic established the Rosary in its present form in the year 1214 and another Dominican, Blessed Alan de la Roche, reestablished it in 1460. It was presented by the Blessed Virgin as a promise of providing special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.

Which brings me to the reason for this short talk.

The Knights championed the rosary in their degree work and it is the prayer we all use in our devotion to the Blessed Virgin. You surely remember your introduction to the Knights of Columbus wherein you took a vow to carry the rosary with you at all times and to pray it as often as you can. I truly hope you have kept that promise!

Your Grand Knight and your church have been gracious enough to offer you a chance to recite the rosary with your fellow Knights thirty minutes prior to our regular meeting held on the first Tuesday evening of every month. The prayers would start at 7:00 p.m. and be done in time for your participation in the short meeting that follows.

The Grand Knight promises this!!

The Blessed Virgin is on our side and be assured that she will intercede with her son for us. She has made that promise to us many times. Please join us in praying the rosary in the chapel off of the Narthex.

Submitted by Joe Clemens PGK, FDD

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## Family of the Month

**November** – The Ed Sweeny Family

## Knight of the Month

**November** – Tom Skoda

## Blood Drive

**By Dave Caton - Blood Drive Chairman**

The next Knights-sponsored blood drive will be on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Thanks for your help in the past, but remember that giving the "Gift of Life" is an on-going and constant, essential necessity in our community, especially around the holidays.

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## Membership

**By Dave Caton - Membership Chairman**

Gentlemen, we are half way through the fraternal year and are a bit short of our membership goals. As you all know, new members are the life-blood of our Order. Unlike other fraternal organizations, the Knights of Columbus sets forth the virtues of Charity, Unity, and Fraternalism before anything else. And it is in keeping our membership new and fresh that allows us to keep the dream of Fr. McGivney alive.

Is there someone you know that would enjoy participating in all of the good works we do? If so, give them a Form 100 and invite them to join.

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## The Chancellor's Corner

**By Mike Fay, Chancellor**

Happy New Year! The first six months of our fraternal year has already passed. Before it becomes a distant memory I can tell you that the council was involved in service to the council, church, and community. I am impressed by the hours reported each month knowing that each hour reported is an hour committed to others and not to self. As we begin 2005 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of this fraternal year, I challenge each knight to remain committed to service and the spirit of giving that we experienced so well during December.

Each month I am focusing on an area of service that the brother knights of this great council are involved in. This month the area of service is Family.

Service to Family can be accomplished in many ways. As a member of Council #7528, be assured that you are a part of a larger family, your council and its brother knights. If a brother knight or a member of his family is in need, we are there to lend a helping hand, or truck, or lawnmower or whatever. By our presence and participation in parish activities, we put a face on who we are as a Catholic Men's Fraternal Organization. Preparing breakfast for the mothers of the parish, cooking spaghetti dinners and laboring during the fish fry Friday's is a great way to bring families together in community.

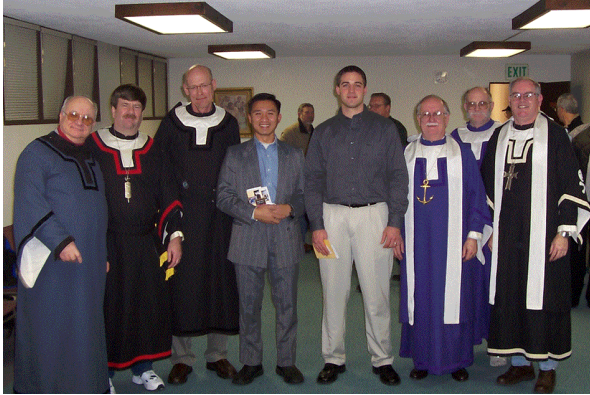
Our Family Director, Eddie Cooper along with help from Br. Dan Reeb, did a great job in organizing and preparing the December potluck with fried turkey. This is one example of how the knights bring our families into council events. We do a lot for others, but we can have fun ourselves with dinners like this. If you have ideas on how to involve the families of the council, please contact Eddie at eddiecooper98@yahoo.com

Look for an upcoming email requesting your service hours for the month of December. This is also the last call for any unreported service hours for July through November. The semi-annual fraternal report will be prepared in January for submittal to Supreme. 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).

## Welcome New Members

Please welcome our 2 new members, Thoai Nguyen and Ed Ross. Thanks to Glenn Martin who was on hand to snap this picture:



Pictured from left to right: Jim Yokum (IG), Tim Philomeno (Warden), Dave Caton (FS), Thoai Nguyen, Ed Ross, Tony Robinson (GK), Joe Penwell (DGK), Al Larpenteur (Chancellor)

### God of the Order

Listed are all of those Brother Knights or family members who are Sick or in Distress

#### *Sick*

#### *Deceased*

Al Larpenteur's Mother

Please keep these Knights and family members in your prayers. Thanks!

## Thank You Council #7528

My Dear Brother Knights. Thank you so much for all your help in preparing and delivering the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Baskets. Without your help, we could not have done it. You are without a doubt the best group of Knights in the entire K of C organization. You should feel good and be proud of your work bringing joy to so many. May your Christmas and New Year be filled with Peace, Happiness and the Blessings of Our Lord.

-----Tony Robinson

Here are a few pictures to enjoy!



A Special thanks to all who helped decorate the Christmas Trees.



#### 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

#### January 2005

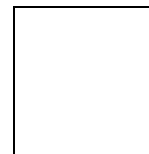
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| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Happy New Year                                    |   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>General Meeting</b>                            | <b>St. Vincent de Paul Hall @7:30 pm with the Rosary in the Chapel at 7:00 pm</b> |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Crab Feed   | Parish Hall   |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | Free throw Contest                                | St. Vincent de Paul Gym   |
| 18 <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>         |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Spaghetti Dinner - Poster/Essay Contest           | Parish Hall after the 5:00 pm mass (plan to help setup, serve and cleanup)        |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | Marriage Renewal Retreat Breakfast                | Parish Hall 6:30 am   |

#### February 2005

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| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | <b>General Meeting</b>                            | <b>St. Vincent de Paul Hall @7:30 pm with the Rosary in the Chapel at 7:00 pm</b> |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | Fish Fry  | Parish Hall 5:30 pm-7:00 pm   |
| 15 <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>       |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Blood Drive                                       | Parish Hall   |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | Fish Fry  | Parish Hall 5:30 pm-7:00 pm   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | Free throw Contest (District)                     | Parish Gym  |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Coffee and Donuts                                 | Parish Hall after all Sunday Masses   |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | Fish Fry  | Parish Hall 5:30 pm-7:00 pm   |

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

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