



# The Cross and Compass

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## A Message from the Grand Knight



Since our Deputy Grand Knight, Kevin Buck, and I seem to be writing similar articles each month, I asked him to continue with his focus on Council activities, past, present, and future. As Kevin describes these efforts, I will have an opportunity to address other areas that we should also consider.

We are making a strong effort now to attract new members to our council, and I encourage everyone to talk to your good friends in our parish about joining us. Our weekly Fish Fry dinners are a great opportunity to show how our team efforts really benefit the parish. The great food we provide, the wonderful socializing that takes place, and our support for the Mission Trekkers who serve our guests, all show that the Knights of Columbus enjoy these opportunities to bring vitality to parish life. Talk to your friends about the enjoyment you experience in working together with your brother Knights.

At our last planning meeting, I asked our council officers whether we should respond to an offer to help in building a wheelchair ramp for an Army casualty who was badly hurt while serving in Iraq. If we agree to build the ramp, we would do it in March, so spending a weekend on this extra project would be in addition to our Fish Fry work. However, as Tim Philomeno pointed out, this effort offers us a great photo opportunity and project to send into Supreme offices for publication in the Columbian magazine. I'll discuss this effort at our March 1 general meeting, and if those present approve a motion to proceed with the effort, I will promptly mention this to the veterans' group that is coordinating efforts to build the home and ramp for this Army vet.

Vivat Jesus!

**Al Larpenteur, GK**

## From the Deputy Grand Knight

By Kevin Buck, DGK



As I write this month's column, we have just successfully completed the second Fish Fry of the season. It is going great and we are going to have one fantastically successful Lent if we continue the way we're going! Please remember to continue to support the Council by helping to work at the events if you can and invite your families and friends to attend.

While on the subject of supporting our Council, it is Columbus Charities Raffle time again. This is run by the State Council and the proceeds go to charities in our state. However, it is important to note, that a percentage of what we sell is sent back to our own Council to help fund our contributions to local charities. Many of you have already stepped up to the plate and bought books as well as checked out books to sell. There are still several more books available. Please, those of you that have not yet bought and / or sold any ticket books, contact me to get one or more books. My email address and phone number are listed on the next to last page of this newsletter. Anyone who has sold all that you have checked out and would like some more, give me a call.

For a long time, I had noticed adds for the Father McGivney Guild in the Columbia Magazine. I was curious, because I really didn't know very much about our founder. At the same time, I was apprehensive about answering the add because I was sure that it would bring on an onslaught of requests for donations to the cause. Earlier this fraternal year, I was encouraged to give it a try by our Worthy Grand Knight, Al Larpenteur. So, I signed up. It is a wonderful organization headed by Father Gabriel O'Donnell, OP. Their cause is to seek the beatification and canonization of Father Michael J.

McGivney. It is free to join and they will send you literature about Father McGivney and the cause. There is a bi-monthly newsletter and while they will accept your donation, they will not hound you with requests for one. I can honestly recommend joining the Guild, as it is a cause that we can all be united in.

As a council, we sponsor 5 seminarians. However,

they need another kind of support and that is personal contact from you and I. Their names and addresses are listed on the council website. I am quite sure that any of them would love to hear from you. Besides letters, I am sure they would love to receive a "care package" filled with home baked cookies or whatever you might like to send. If you have any questions about our seminarians, ask Juan Lezcano. Also, if you are available, Juan is tentatively planning a visit to Mount Angel Seminary on the 12th of March. If you would like to join him, give him a call or drop him an e-mail.

As many of you know, our Council has a First Degree Team. Because we have our own team, we can conduct an exemplification when it is convenient for us and not be limited by another's schedule. This is one of the things that really helps us to be as successful as we are. However, our team can use some additional members. There are short parts and long parts, and every role can use a back-up. If you are interested in helping here, contact me.

And in order to keep our team in good form, all of us must remember and continue to recruit, recruit, recruit!

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 March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005.

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## Family of the Month

January – the Jim Freyberg Family

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## Knight of the Month

January – Thaoi Nguyen

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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" last Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. 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.

David Caton, Jr., Health Director/ Blood Drive Coordinator for St. Vincent Parish

## Membership



By Dave Caton - Membership Chairman

Brother Knights! We are in not in the best shape this year as far as recruitment, partly due to a couple of transfers out of our Council.

Folks, we need to continue recruiting to continue the wonderful legacy started 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 now back to 52% of our quota for membership for this Fraternal Year.

On a positive note, our two newest Knights, Thoai Nguyen and Eddie Ross, are both actively involved in council activities. Please make them feel welcome when you work side by side with them.

We have 4 more excellent opportunities for recruitment at our remaining Lenten Fish Fries. Remember that some Catholic Men in our midst are just waiting to be asked to join our ranks. If we don't invite them to join, then we have lost opportunities



## A Widow Writes

by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

Dozens of pieces of correspondence cross my desk daily.

Some letters come from Church and government leaders seeking the Order's involvement or our input in the pressing issues of the day. Other letters relate to the workings of our top-rated insurance company or to our investments.

The correspondence I linger over is that which comes from the widow of a member. These letters remind me that after 123 years the vision of our founder, the Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney, remains strong. Recently, I heard from Mrs. Madeleine Belanger, wife of our recently departed brother, Wilfrid, a member of St. Matthew Council 9534 in Surrey, B.C. She wrote to acknowledge my letter informing her that Brother Belanger would be remembered daily at the Mass offered for all deceased Knights, spouses and Columbian Squires at St. Mary's Church, our birthplace.

Mrs. Belanger noted that the Order's reassuring fraternal

and insurance arms were extended to her at her husband's passing. She complimented Field Agent Robert Douglas on how he helped her complete the paperwork on the Knights of Columbus life insurance policies Brother Wilfrid had in force. "It was so hard to think about and to talk about receiving the proceeds from those policies," she wrote.

Mrs. Belanger also said that a Fourth Degree honor guard took part in the funeral Mass for her husband. "It was so beautiful to see," she said.

"I write to thank the Knights of Columbus and all its members for all the good works they do, but most of all because this widow and her sons were comforted by their involvement at the funeral of a good and faithful Catholic."

To that I would add "a good and faithful brother Knight," a man who truly lived up to the ideals of our faith and our fraternity, and shared those with his wife, his family and his brother Knights.

*Vivat Jesus!*

*(Article taken from www.kofc.org website)*

## The Chancellor's Corner



By Mike Fay, Chancellor

I can't believe it is already March. The first two months of 2005 have been like a swift breeze in winter. The kind of breeze that takes your breath away giving you just a short moment to catch your next breath. That's how it has been with the brothers of Council #7528. Finishing up with one service activity they move right to the next service opportunity with hardly a moment of rest in between.

Our focus this month on a major service area is working with Youth. The council supports the Columbian Squires Circle, a forum that shows young boys how to be of service to others. Hopefully when they turn 18 years of age they may choose to join the Knights of Columbus and continue serving others. Brother knights provide guidance and leadership for programs such as the annual Free Throw contest, leading youth to serve breakfast at Nativity House in Tacoma, Grapevine and Faithways, Scouting, Lifeteen, and CYO sports teams. Your presence provides an excellent role model because you are giving your time in service to others. Your gain is in knowing that the young of this parish are being given the best possible example of Catholic men in service to others.

Look for an upcoming email requesting your service hours for the month of February. 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, Leo Herrera. Leo and a gentleman from St. Theresa's council attended the 1st degree exemplification held on Tuesday, February 15.



Pictured from left to right Al Larpenteur (Chancellor), Dave Myers (music), (St. Theresa's Gent), Rick Gendron (DGK), Leo Herrera, Tim Philomeno (Warden), Dave Caton (FS), Tony Robinson (GK)

### 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>
Al Larpenteur's Mother and Father	Harold Youngchild (1 <sup>st</sup> degree in 1952 and a long time member of our council)
Dave Ditter	Brian Bealac's Mother
Greg Vicars Mother-in-law (stroke)	

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



## Council Cooks Breakfast for Marriage Renewal

On January 30<sup>th</sup>, we hosted the St. Vincent's Marriage Renewal Breakfast. We cooked breakfast for some 60 folks attending the Renewal weekend. Thanks to all the helped!! It was very much appreciated.

Here are some pictures from the event...



## General Meeting Drawing Winner (Almost)

Did you know that at our general meetings we draw names to win \$\$\$ as a door prize? The winner for February was, Patrick Doherty. Of course you have to be present to win ☺. Sorry Patrick....

## Interested in being a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Team?

Did you know our council has a 1st Degree Team? Well, we do. Kevin Buck, DGK, is the Team Captain. Members include, Tony Robinson, Al Larpenteur, Joe Penwell, Tim Philomeno, Dave Caton, Dave Myers, Horace Suinn, and Mike Rutland.

Working on the degree team has been a great experience for me personally. Until you attend several 1st degrees, you don't really understand the lessons and challenges that are set forth. Being a member of this team allows me to be involved in the Knights of Columbus at the "grass-roots" level. This is where a member begins the rest of his life as a Knight.

If you think you would like to join the Team, please give Kevin Buck a call at 253.874.1370 or email at kbuck55@comcast.net. Kevin can give you all the information you need to get started.

Tim Philomeno, FS (ceremonial Warden)

## Mark Busch is Back

I have it on good authority that Mark Busch, PGK FDD, is back in Federal Way. Most of you remember that Mark was our District Deputy for 2003-2004 and is a member of our council. Hope to see him soon.

Welcome back Mark!!

## PGK Marc Gonick

Marc was back for a visit this past weekend. He is doing great at his new job in Tennessee. Marc was our council's Grand Knight in 2002-2003 and moved to Tennessee last year. He hopes to come back to the Pacific Northwest permanently sometime in the future.

### 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

#### March 2005

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>St. Vincent de Paul Hall @7:30 pm with the Rosary in the Chapel at 7:00 pm</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>	Fish Fry	Parish Hall 5:30 pm-7:00 pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	Fish Fry	Parish Hall 5:30 pm-7:00 pm
<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<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>
18 <sup>th</sup>	Last Fish Fry	Parish Hall 5:30 pm-7:00 pm
27 <sup>th</sup>	Happy Easter	

#### April 2005

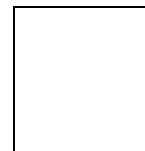
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>St. Vincent de Paul Hall @7:30 pm with the Rosary in the Chapel at 7:00 pm</b>
17 <sup>th</sup>	Potluck	TBA
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Planning Meeting and 1<sup>st</sup> Degree</b>	<b>Room "A" at 7:30 pm...1<sup>st</sup> Degree starts at 7:00 pm sharp!</b>
30 <sup>th</sup>	Hospitality House Dinner	TBA

#### May 2005

<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>St. Vincent de Paul Hall @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
<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<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>

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

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