



The Cross and Compass

St. Joseph Council #7528

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The Knights of Columbus...a Catholic, Fraternal, Service Organization

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A Message from the Grand Knight



Michael White is the Council Program Chairman this year and has done an excellent job even as his health is deteriorating. I would like to suggest that you try to find an opportunity to visit him. If you know him, you know what a terrific guy he is. As the Council Chairman, he has expressed his desire to remind all our brothers to wear their name badges to council meetings. I ask each of you to

try to be present at the April 4th meeting and wear your name badge in his honor.

By the time you read this, we will probably have just one Fish Fry left. They have been excellent so far! If you can, come out and help with either the preparation or the clean up. See Tony Robinson for details. Of course, don't forget to invite your family and all your friends to come and eat a delicious fish and chips dinner or superb krab salad or clam chowder. Also, remember the Stations of the Cross are held in the church beginning at 7:00 p.m. immediately following the Fish Fry.

I am always trying to encourage you to recruit a new Knight, and it would be great to see several new applications for membership at our April meeting on Tuesday the 4th. So, I will continue to suggest that you ask all of your friends, relatives and acquaintances to become Knights and share in the camaraderie and fraternal benefits that we experience now. The only prerequisites are that they be Catholic men and at least 18 years old. We do have a lot to offer, and their membership is mutually beneficial.

However, I would like to take this opportunity to mention the Squires again. We have a great group of young men in Squire Circle # 4571 – Apostle Circle. Hopefully, every one of them will become a Knight when they turn 18. Just as we recruit, so do they. If you have a son, or know of a young man, between the ages of 10 and 17, talk to him about becoming a Squire. If you prefer that someone else speak to your candidate, refer his name to Eddie Cooper. Also, if you or any Knight you know would be interested in becoming a Squires Counselor, contact myself or Eddie Cooper.

There was a small crowd that turned out for the rosary on the Day of the Unborn Child. We must be ever vigilant of opportunities to awaken the world to the importance of choosing life! There is progress being made with the recent legislation in South Dakota. This will be challenged, but hopefully it will not be overturned. With the new Supreme Court Justice selections, we have a chance to make real strides towards correcting some of the legal wrongs in our society. Contrary to what some believe, abortion is not a victimless crime.

This year we celebrate the 124th anniversary of the founding of the Knights of Columbus. March 29th was Founder's Day which commemorates the date that the state of Connecticut granted our Order its status as a legal entity. The early days of our history have been brought to life in "Parish Priest," the biography of Father McGivney that I hope you have had a chance to read. Our founder's persistence and his optimism about the fraternal order he was establishing shine brightly in "Parish Priest." Despite ill health and the demands of running a parish, Father McGivney persevered and inspired our first brother Knights to do likewise. If you have not yet had the opportunity to read this book, I encourage you to locate a copy and read it.

Vivat Jesus!

Kevin Buck, GK

From the Deputy Grand Knight



By Mike Fay

Ah. Spring is in the air. Cut the lawn for the first time and sensed the odor of fresh cut grass on my clothes as I walked back into the house. The smell brings back memories of time spent in the yard during previous growing seasons. I grow lots of grass and cultivate weeds in my yard. I am looking forward to working in the yard with the warm air and the sun at my back. How about you?

Many thanks to Vi McGregor for her efforts in marketing and selling Columbus Charities tickets during the Friday Fish Fry's. Vi only needs to ask "Have you bought a Columbus Charities ticket yet?" The customer has replied, "No" and within a period of seconds, Vi has made a sale. Columbus Charities support the Special Olympics and Cancer Care & Kidney Centers in Washington State.

April marks the final month of selling Columbus Charities raffle tickets. I encourage all brother knights to make the effort to sell the tickets. Thanks for your participation.

If you haven't purchased your tickets to support Columbus Charities, please contact me.

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 4th, 2006.

Family of the Month

February – the David Myers Family

Knight of the Month

February - Mike White

The Chancellor's Corner

By Ken Baune, Chancellor

We all knew that March would bring ample opportunity for service work in the church and public community. The hours reported exceeded last year. Your generosity of time is appreciated by the recipients and I hope that each of you sleep well at night knowing you have made a difference in someone's life for the better. Many programs were completed last month, the Fish Fry is on going, but there are more on the agenda as you will read in this issue of Cross and Compass.

Brothers Eddie Cooper, Ralph Horner, Mike White, Leo Herrera, Ted Gimlin, Nestor Fernandez, and Bill Martin are completing their program write ups for submittal to the State Council to brag about the good programs and support Council 7528 provides to the community. Please say a prayer to help them have no shyness in telling all other councils our achievements.

From the Council Youth Director

By Leo Herrera

Brothers, a final chapter to our freethrow champions of 2006. We sent 8 champions from our council to compete at the District and Regional level, they were: Alex Cruz, Jamie Hoffman, Patrick D'Angelo, Hayley Raquer, Tony Ruiz, Margarita Alvarado, Alex Williams and Lindsey Hendricks. Of those 8, we had two young ladies participate in the State Championships. They were 12 year old Hayley Raquer, daughter of Peter and Ann. And 11year old Jamie Hoffman, daughter of Dave and Heather. The State Championship was hosted by Council 6097 of Yakima, WA. I'm proud to announce that they represented us well. They both placed 3rd in State for their age brackets. If you know these young ladies or the families, be sure to let them know how proud we are of them and of all our champions.

From the Council Pro-life Director

By Nestor Fernandez

A big Thank you for all the Knights and parishioners that attended our rosary on Saturday March 25th. A special thank you goes out to our Chaplain, Fr. Horan for leading us in the rosary remembering all the unborn children. It is with your hard work and prayers that we as Knights of Columbus can change the current culture in our society. As the gospel according to St. Mark 10:27 says "All things are possible with God."

Meeting Drawing Winner

The Meeting Drawing Winner for March was Mark Mareko...sorry Mark, you need to be present to win....

Centennial Council Italian Dinner

Centennial Council, at St Philomena parish of Des Moines, is having an Italian dinner and dance on Saturday, April 22nd at 7:00 PM. The cost is \$14.50 per person which includes two bottles of wine per table.

Get some friends together and get a whole table. Please call Vic Avolio the GK @ (235) 941-5222. Order your tickets soon because they sold out last year.

Good of the Order

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

Sick	Deceased
Mike White	Gloria Audrey Martin, mother of Glenn Martin
Alex Plys	Urban Sweeney, father of Ed Sweeney
Bill Martin	
Horace Suinn	
Twi Nguyen's mother-in-law	

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

NOTE: Please contact Joe Penwell if you have knowledge of anyone sick or in distress.

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: Mike Fay, 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
PO Box 24763

Council Calendar of Events

April 2006

4th	General Meeting	7:30pm Narthex and Rosary 7:00pm Chapel
7th	Fish Fry	5:30pm to 7:00pm in the Parish Hall
16th	EASTER	
18th	Planning Meeting	7:30pm in Room "A" - 1st Degree at 7:00pm
29th	Hospitality House Dinner	Auction starts at 6:00, Dinner at 7:00, Music at 8:00

May 2006

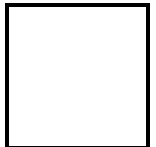
2nd	General Meeting	7:30pm Narthex and Rosary 7:00pm Chapel
14th	Mothers Day Breakfast	Parish Hall after the 8:00 and 9:00 masses
16th	Planning Meeting	7:30pm in Room "A" - 1st Degree at 7:00pm
19th-21st	State of Washington Convention	Kennewick, WA

June 2006

6th	General Meeting	7:30pm Narthex and Rosary 7:00pm Chapel
15th	Blood Drive	Parish Hall
17th	Annual Council Awards Banquet	After the 5:00pm Mass
20th	Planning Meeting	7:30pm in Room "A" - 1st Degree at 7:00pm
24th	Altar Servers Dinner	After the 5:00pm Mass

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