



The Cross and Compass

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A Message from the Grand Knight



I trust that each of you enjoyed Christmas with your family and loved ones. This is a special time of year. If we can keep from getting too caught up in the secular and commercial side of the holiday, it gives us an opportunity to contemplate the real reason for this season. It is about others.

And that is about our relationship with our God. Our connection with God, as well as with other humans, is developed and nurtured through the sacraments of the Church.

Holy Communion is one excellent way to share in the divinity of Christ and to grow in the life of the Church (the body of Christ). Another way is through the sacrament of Matrimony. For those of us that are married, we have an opportunity to grow in the Grace of this sacrament by participating in the Marriage Renewal Weekend. It will be conducted the 13th through the 15th of January. Contact the parish office if you would like to participate. Anyone of you that would like to be involved in another way, please consider helping your brother Knights prepare the breakfast on Sunday January 15th.

This breakfast is just one of the many ways in which we Knights of Columbus provide a service to our parish and community. There will be numerous opportunities in the next few months, and I certainly hope you will continue to participate as you always have. Our annual "Respect Life" spaghetti dinner will be on Saturday, February 4th.

Of course, as you know, our council supports numerous charitable causes. In order to be able to do this and to finance all of the activities of the council, we conduct several fund raisers throughout the year. The two largest of these are our annual Crab Feed and the Fish Fry's on the Fridays of Lent. The Crab Feed will be held on January 21st. If you haven't signed up to help out yet, contact David Myers to see where he can best use your help. This is an "All Hands" effort. I want to thank you in advance for participating and assisting the council in making these events successful.

On numerous occasions in the past, I have been an

advocate of the "McGivney Guild." If you are interested, contact me. I can provide you with information and an application for membership. You are not automatically a member of the Guild just because you are a Knight. In fact, you don't have to be a Knight to be a member of the Guild – but you do have to apply. Also, it is free.

This month, a new biography of Father Michael J. McGivney will be published. The title is "Parish Priest: Father Michael McGivney and American Catholicism." It was written by *New York Times* bestselling author Douglas Brinkley and Julie Fenster. It is only right, that we as Knights of Columbus should seek to learn as much as possible about our founder. Also, by purchasing this book we will help in the effort to make Father McGivney's name a household word beyond Knights of Columbus households. As Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said, "Father McGivney's life story is a relevant story for the Catholic Church today."

Now as we move into Calendar Year 2006, we are half way through our Fraternal Year. It is time to assess our progress and make some resolutions for the coming months. The longer I am involved in this council, I am continually amazed – but no longer surprised – by the accomplishments of this group of Catholic gentlemen. Several of the officers will be meeting to complete our "Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity." I suspect that you will hear a little more about this next month.

My personal wish for each of you is that you Greet the New Year filled with the Peace of Christ. May you and your loved ones experience holiness, happiness, health and prosperity throughout the year.

Vivat Jesus!

Kevin Buck, GK

From the Deputy Grand Knight



Happy New Year! As we continue to experience the Spirit of Christmas until the Epiphany, I hope that you and your family are enjoying the time to be together and are thankful for all the blessings God has bestowed on us.

As the volunteer coordinators for Hospitality House, a shelter for homeless women in Burien, my wife and I would like to express our thanks to the brother knights and their families and other parishioners that worked at the gift wrapping table at the Commons the week before Christmas to support Hospitality House. All tips and approximately 70% of the sales for the two days will be donated to Hospitality House. This is an annual event and we hope to see you at the table next year.

Several brother knights and the family of Mike Hemmer toiled and enjoyed each other's company the morning of Dec 23 to decorate the two Christmas trees with lights and poinsettia's. Based on the comments I received at Christmas day mass, the trees were beautiful. It seems that lights on the branches in addition to the trunk is the preference of all. Thanks also to Fr. Tom for authorizing the replacement of the old light strings with new ones. There will be a request to remove the lights after the Christmas season. Please consider volunteering your time for this task.

The council has received 300 books of Columbus Charities tickets. I encourage you to purchase at least one book, 12 tickets, when you renew your membership this month. I will have the books of tickets available at all council general membership and planning meetings, to sign over to the brother knights who will be asked to sell them to other parishioners and friends. This is a fundraiser for Columbus Charities and the council. The council is refunded about 40% of the ticket sales that is used to support the council charities.

Pay close attention to the calendar of events on the last page of this issue of the Cross & Compass for opportunities to support the council and parish events. It will be a busy month.

Let's look forward to a great 2nd half of the fraternal year and our involvement in the many service opportunities.

Mike Fay, DGK

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 3rd, 2006.

Family of the Month

November – the Mike Fay Family

Knight of the Month

November - Ken Baune

The Chancellor's Corner

By Ken Baune, Chancellor

A wonderful time of year is now in our memories. With the blessing of the birth of Christ, we are able to renew our commitment to the Catholic faith. As Knights, we strive to help the needy, pray rosaries, and do the necessary work that will provide a better spiritual and meaningful life for many people. We are midway through our fraternal year and every program and volunteer opportunity we have completed with success. The Knights either provided or assisted with the following activities for our church in December. We ushered, counted the donations, decorated the tree, parked cars, prayed rosaries for the sick, made personal visits to the sick, packed food baskets and bags of toys then delivered to the families needing help this year, gathered for a fraternal potluck dinner to wish each other the best in health and happiness, and let's not forget the Knights that do good work but choose to remain silent.

The second half of the fraternal year is about to begin. You will read in this newsletter, the many programs planned. Please come and join your fellow Knights to make these a success and enjoy the good feeling of helping your fellow parishioners and community.

Every Knight has made the past special, come and volunteer with the programs we are about to embark upon.

See you soon!

From the Council Youth Director

By Leo Herrera

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It's a new year and if one of your resolutions was to do more with your Brother Knights....have we got a full plate for you. There are many ways you can help this year, but something you can do for your kids is help at the Annual Knights of Columbus Championship Free Throw Contest. I will need help officiating the event. The event is for ages 10 to 14 boys and girls, so please spread the word. Our event is scheduled for Saturday January 28th from 12 to 4pm. I ask you to show up at 11am in the gym so we can go over rules and setup. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at our next meeting, but if you can not make it there and still would like to help...you can contact me at luckyleoh@hotmail.com

Thank You

On behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, thank you to the Knights, Squires, Life Teen, middle school program, St. Vincent de Paul School, Fr. Tom, and the GREATEST parishioners of our Wonderful Parish. Because of your help and generosity, we were able to provide Christmas dinner for some 80 plus families and presents for over 200 children. Your great turnout made quick work of the assembly and delivery.

May you be showered with the grace of Our Lord for your true spirit of hearing "The Cry of The Poor".Tony Robinson

Blood Donor Stats

Here is our stats for numbers of donors for

Date	Signups	Actual
2/19/2004	43	36
5/8/2004	45	39
10/14/2004	51	42
2/17/2005	56	43
4/16/2005	44	26
10/13/2005	32	24
12/8/2005	44	40

2004-2005

David Caton, Jr., Health Minister for St. Joseph Council

Kurt and Nicole Karasuda-Downing receive Blessed Christmas Present:

I would like to thank all the Knights that were praying for Nicole and I and our adoption process. On Friday, December 16th, we



brought home Noah. He is 6 months old.

Thank you and God Bless you this Christmas and New Year, Kurt

Anthony Gittens receives 2nd and 3rd degree Certificates



**PGK Al Larpenteur Receives
Star Council Award**



State Treasurer, John Wallace was on-hand at the November General meeting to present the 2004-2005 Star Council Award to PGK Al Larpenteur. John's wife and mother-in-law were on hand for the presentation as was Al's Wife, Suzi. Great job Al!

**Roy Nelson receives Special
Knight Award**

PGK, Al Larpenteur awards Roy Nelson a special award for all of his service to the Knights of Columbus and St. Vincent de Paul Parish. Way to go Roy!



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>
Mike White	Dave Caton's mother
Alex Plys	
Ted Gimlin's mother	
Thoai Nguyen's mother	

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:

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

<i>January Birthdays</i>				<i>January Anniversaries</i>	
1	Joseph Penwell	19	Bruce Hyde	2	Thomas and Carrie Beyke
3	Roy Nelson	19	Jim Freyberg	4	Edward and Crystal Ross
7	Roger Gallagher	20	Remi Claeys	13	Feeman and Geraldine Wood
7	Gary Best	20	Thomas Skoda	15	Steven and Pat Gentry
10	John Fleck	24	David Antonelli	27	David and Mary Seatz
11	Dan Longpre	25	Richard Gonzalez		
13	Lawrence Weigel	28	Robert Orlosky		
15	James Miles	28	Tony Robinson		
19	Patrick Doherty	29	Gregory Nakata		
19	Franklin Seatz	29	Gerald Duhamel		
8	Geraldine Wood	26	Lynda Sandschulte		
10	Anita Mayor	26	Bunny Nelson		
12	Ida Beltran	29	Jeannie Best		
12	Trish Ellingson	29	Mary Seatz		
15	Nina Kornell	31	Shirley Longpre		
22	Mary Caton				

Council Calendar of Events

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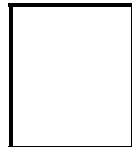
1st	Happy New Year	
3rd	General Meeting	7:30pm Narthex and Rosary 7:00pm Chapel
15th	Marriage Renewal Breakfast	St. Vincent's Hall
17th	Planning Meeting	7:30pm in Room "A" - 1st Degree at 7:00pm
18th	March for Life	Olympia, WA
21st	3rd Annual Crab Feed	6:00pm in St. Vincent's Hall
28th	Annual Free-throw Contest	St. Vincent's Activity Center

February 2006

4th	Pro-Life poster and essay Spaghetti Dinner	6:00pm in St. Vincent's Hall
6th	General Meeting	7:30pm Narthex and Rosary 7:00pm Chapel
16th	Give Blood	
19th	Coffee & Donuts	After all masses
21st	Planning Meeting	7:30pm in Room "A" - 1st Degree at 7:00pm

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