



The Cross and Compass

St. Joseph Council #7528

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A Message from the Grand Knight



I am in total awe! You are one terrific bunch of Catholic gentlemen. You continue to renew my faith by your selfless acts of charity and your support of the Church and our community. You are the Church, the Body of Christ, and you live the Gospel on a daily basis through all that you do. I am very proud to be one of your brothers.

I would like to welcome three new members into our brotherhood. On February 21st, we brought Victor Ducusin, Edmund Molina and Dave Toby into the First Degree. Take the opportunity to introduce yourself and welcome them to our council.

Please continue to share Father McGivney's vision – invite your fellow Catholic gentlemen to join us as Knights. What we have to offer prospective new members is a tremendous gift. What it does for you as the sponsor of a new member is to provide a whole new dimension of growth. The rewards are out of this world. Also, the practical benefit of recruiting new members to the council is that we will be able to accomplish so much more and the workload on each existing member will be less. All the while, our list of fellow Catholics that we can truly call friends, because we are interacting and socializing with them, will grow.

We have another opportunity fast approaching for any of our brother Knights that haven't yet been to the Second and Third Degree. It is scheduled for March 11th in Tukwila. That is close enough to be convenient, so if you are a First Degree Brother, check to see if you can make this. If you would like more information,

contact your sponsor or myself or our Membership Director, David Myers. If you are a sponsor of someone that has not yet attended the 2nd & 3rd Degree Exemplifications, please contact them about this opportunity. Please keep in mind that any Third or Fourth Degree Knight may attend as an observer if you would like to refresh your recollection of the lessons contained in those Exemplifications.

Closer to home (within our council), a number of events have just completed and even more are about to take place. We had a very successful Poster and Essay contest which culminated at the annual Respect Life Spaghetti Dinner. Our young basketball players have progressed through the council, district and regional Free Throw Competitions. We sponsored a successful Blood Drive and conducted a Sunday Coffee & Donuts. By the time you are reading this, we will have put on a Mardi Gras dinner for the Grapevine families. Thank you to everyone that helped and participated so that these events "happened." It is absolutely amazing what you can and do accomplish.

Coming up, Lent starts on March 1st with Ash Wednesday. So, the next six Fridays is our annual Fish Fry's. These are an "All Hands" effort. If you haven't already, see Tony Robinson to find out where your assistance can be used. Of course, supporting the cause by purchasing Fish & Chips for your family dinner is good also. For anyone who is not staying to help clean up, Stations of the Cross will be conducted in the church immediately following at 7:00 p.m. The Fish Fry's are an excellent opportunity for us to recruit new members and to sell Columbus Charities Raffle Tickets. See DGK Mike Fay to get some books of tickets to sell.

The weekend of March 4th-6th is the Parish Mission. It looks like there will be some very interesting sessions the evenings of

March 5th and 6th. If you can, I would encourage you to attend, so check your calendars. I have often commented on how we lead such busy lives and find it difficult to take time to enjoy the moment. Well, it seems that the Mission is going to address this issue. Hope to see you there.

Try to attend our general business meeting, which for this month will be on Tuesday, March 7th. As always, we will conduct the rosary in the chapel at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting will start promptly at 7:30 p.m. in the Narthex.

Later in the month, the "Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn" will be observed throughout the country on Saturday, March 25th. We are planning for a group reciting of the rosary for the memory of the unborn. It is tentatively planned for that evening after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. All will be welcome to join us for the rosary and more information will be disseminated as it becomes available.

Kennewick Council #8179 will be hosting a conference titled "It's About Life" on Saturday, March 18th. One of their guest speakers will be Norma McCorvey. She is the woman who is internationally known as "Jane Roe", the central figure in the infamous case of "Roe v. Wade." This promises to be a very interesting conference as Ms. McCorvey became a pro-life Christian in 1995 and in 1998 was initiated into the Catholic Church. If you are interested in attending this conference, or would just like some more information, contact me.

According to the Knights of Columbus Website, public television stations throughout the United States will telecast programs on famous Catholic shrines to Our Lady. The programs are part of Burt Wolf's Travels and Traditions series, which is carried on many public television stations. "The Knights of Columbus is honored and pleased to have been a part of the development team for the programs," said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. In February, public television stations began telecasting the first in the programs about the Catholic shrines, The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The program explained how the Virgin of Guadalupe became a symbol of hope and freedom for native Indians of Mexico as well as the Spanish settlers. "This is the first of a series of programs highlighting locations around the world that are sacred to the Catholic Church," Anderson said. Some programs feature Knights of Columbus visiting these well-known shrines.

As of now, I have not yet found any listing for these programs on our local PBS stations. Please contact your local station and request that they carry the series. It is just one more way to spread the word.

Vivat Jesus!

Kevin Buck, GK

From the Deputy Grand Knight

By Mike Fay



I certainly enjoy the extended daylight driving home from work in the early evenings. Only a few more weeks until spring arrives. As we are in the season of Lent the Church asks us to wait a little

while longer for the coming of the Risen Christ. Then all of life will be renewed again. During this time of fasting, prayers, and alms giving support to your Council by working at the Friday Fish Fry's at the parish hall.

Vi McGregor has graciously agreed to sell Columbus Charities tickets during the Fish Fry's. Thank you Vi.

The Knights of Columbus Annual Free Throw competitions for District and Regional levels took place at St. Vincent's activity center on Feb 18 and 25. The competitors, boys and girls, ages 10 – 14 demonstrated great skills in this sport. At the Regional competition the best boy made 23 out of 25 free throws and the best girl made 19 out of 25. Several youth sponsored by Council #7528 qualified for the Washington State finals in May.

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 March 7th, 2006.

Family of the Month

January – the Bill Martin Family

Knight of the Month

January - Peter Vetter

The Chancellor's Corner

By Ken Baune, Chancellor

Council #7528 again exceeded the previous year's monthly service hours. Thank you to everyone for the extensive community volunteer work. The Knights of St. Joseph Council continue to prove we care about our fellow man and charity is first and foremost on our minds.

Some of the more visible programs that were accomplished in February again proved we have an impact upon many people. Leo Herrera our Youth Director led the Free Throw Contest and several of our council's team are going to district. Leo also organized a Mardi Gras party to show support for the Grapevine students. The Pro Life Poster and essay contest was directed masterfully by Nestor Fernandez, Pro Life Director. Nestor handed out the awards for posters and essay to the winners at the special Knights ceremony held at St.Vincent. In addition to the contest, the Knights held a spaghetti dinner for the parish to view the posters. It was well attended with many children having the opportunity to show off their poster to their family and friends. Eddie Cooper, Family Director has taken the leadership position for Squires while Jeff Markwith is away on business. Mike White, Council Director was able to provide "direction" for the coffee and donut detail. Mike continues to heal from surgery. We need to continue praying for the cancer to "go away." Ralph Horner, Church Director, organized a work detail to transition the hall from Wendy Decker's reception to the Lovers Celebration being held in several hours. Glen Martin, Public Relations Chairman, is diligently attending the events and photographing our activities. Dave Caton, Health Director, organized another successful blood drive with 41 pints being donated.

February was a great Charity month for us. Please keep up the pace with the many programs you will read about in this bulletin.

From the Council Youth Director

By Leo Herrera

Brothers.....a big thank you and pat on your backs for all your support and assistance at our Free Throw contest. We sent 8 champions from our council contest to district and from there four to regional. At the time of press, I have not yet heard how our kids did, but as soon as I find out I'll make the info available to you. My Mardi Gras Dinner for the Grapevine kids was after press time, so I'll let you know about it in the next Cross and Compass. I know it's early, but I just want you to save the date of June 24th. That is the day we will be honoring our altar servers with a dinner.

Lenten Fish Fry

By Tony Robinson

Friday March the 3rd is the start of our Lenten Fish Fry. This is one of our major fund raisers, but more important, it is a Parish tradition that shows the Knights and our Council at its best. This is a great venue for recruiting new members and selling our Columbus Charities tickets. The fish fry is every Friday for 6 weeks and there is plenty of opportunity for each and every member to participate and help.

We have many jobs that need to be filled.

- Set up starting at 2:00pm
- Kitchen help for prep starting at 1:30pm
- Ticket selling, food serving and dish-washing starting at 5:00pm
- Columbus Charity ticket sellers starting at 5:00pm
- Clean up after the event starting at 7:00pm

The more help we get the better it goes and the sooner we get cleaned up. Please consider being part of this great event. If you can't come and work, then at least bring your family and friends and come to eat. See you at the Fish Fry.

From the Council Pro-life Director

By Nestor Fernandez

This month we held our annual respect life Essay and Poster contest. It coincided with National Catholic Schools week. St. Vincent de Paul students, grades 1-6 participated in the poster contest. Grades 7-8 participated in the essay contest. All submitted posters were hung in the Parish Hall on Saturday February 4th and judged. All essays were read and judged the previous evening. That Saturday evening we hosted our annual spaghetti feed and showcased the posters. It was a great event and we received many compliments from Faculty and Parents. Many excellent essays were submitted and the judges were very impressed by the entries. All students that participated received a handsome Certificate of Participation. The 1st place posters & essay will be taken to our State Convention to be judged and entered in the statewide competition. Good luck to all of our winners!

Essay Contest Winners

1st place Kelsey Hallahan (\$50.00 prize)
2nd place Steve Lambert

Poster Contest

Division 1 (1st & 2nd grade)
1st place Kyna Hammond
2nd place Ryan Sanchez

Division 2 (3rd & 4th grade)
1st place Madeline Lilley
2nd place Natalie Monahan

Division 3 (4th & 5th grade)
1st place Brooke Jordon
2nd place Maegwyn Sehestedt

A big thank you to all that helped with the posters and essays! Without your help and dedication this would not have been such a success. It speaks volumes about our council when so many answer the call to help.

May God bless you all,

Welcome new members....



Left to right front row
Victor Ducusin, Dave Toby, Edmund Molina

Good of the Order

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

Sick/Remember

Mike White	Glen Martin's Parents
All Disabled Members of Council #7528	Diane Pence DD Stan's wife
Cliff Owns Family	Alex Plys
Bill Martin	

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.

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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: _____

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

March Birthdays				March Anniversaries	
3	Gerald Wilson	17	Les Stokes	1	Ricardo and Cynthia Herman
3	Steven Gentry	18	Jeffrey Lee	3	Kevin and Pamela Buck
5	George Fetter	18	Michael McDonald	5	Roy and Bunny Nelson
5	Maximilian Hallenius	19	George Horsham	10	Dan and Shirley Longpre
7	James Yokum	21	Thomas Vandenberg	19	Thomas and Barbara Skoda
7	Benjamin McGregor	22	Keith Hurn	31	Tony and Carol Robinson
7	Matthew Tavares	24	Scott Baukol		
8	Gary Hunter	28	Aleiandro Paves		
9	Nestor Fernandez	31	William Herbert		
12	Tony Cristofaro	31	Michael Erwert		
15	Daniel Dornoff				
6	Zora Fernandez	26	Mary Owen		
7	Shirley Hemmer	27	Marilyn Courtney		
13	Vi McGregor	29	Cindy Vicars		
15	Lois Moritz	30	Nicole Karasuda-Downing		
26	Teresa McDonald				

Council Calendar of Events

March 2006

3rd	Fish Fry	5:30pm to 7:00pm in the Parish Hall
7th	General Meeting	7:30pm Narthex and Rosary 7:00pm Chapel
10th	Fish Fry	5:30pm to 7:00pm in the Parish Hall
11th	2nd/3rd Degree	Tukwila, St. Thomas Church, 11:45
17th	Fish Fry	5:30pm to 7:00pm in the Parish Hall
21st	Planning Meeting	7:30pm in Room "A" - 1st Degree at 7:00pm
24th	Fish Fry	5:30pm to 7:00pm in the Parish Hall
25th	Rosary for the "Day of the Unborn"	After the 5:00pm Mass in the Church
31st	Fish Fry	5:30pm to 7:00pm in the Parish Hall

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
18th	Planning Meeting	7:30pm in Room "A" - 1st Degree at 7:00pm
29th	Hospitality House Dinner	TBD

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