



# The Cross and Compass

St. Joseph Council #7528

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## A Message from the Grand Knight



The month of March began with a great 1st degree exemplification on March 6. A total of 10 strangers became members in the 1st degree. Six of the new brother knights are members of Council 7528. Welcome to Chris Anderson, Bill Arens, Bob Bowell, Gary Fredrickson, Andrew Cataldo, and Bosco D'Souza.

Fourteen new members have entered the ranks of Council 7528 this year. Because of retentions we are very close to reaching our goal of a net 12 new members. Supreme is challenging each council to recruit enough new members to reach 125% of the goal (15 for us) in commemoration of the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Knight of Columbus in 1882.

As of this writing the council has completed it's fifth Lenten Friday Fish Fry meal. A lot of activity goes on behind the scenes to yield a well-executed event that is enjoyed by all who attend.

Planning starts for the next meal immediately after the completion of a dinner. Inventory is taken, replacement items are purchased, and the cod is cut and refrigerated. All this is accomplished by Thursday. At 2 pm the day of the meal, a team arrives to begin preparations such as battering fish, preparing the deep fat fryers, setting tables, filling the cash register, setting up the "free refill" beverage table, and making coffee. Coffee making is an art in that one machine requires a double start and the other requires a single start. "Did I push the start button twice or once?" If you don't recall, quickly grab the mop.

Sharply at 5:00 pm, the ticket sellers receive the high sign from Tony Robinson, the FFF chief of operations, to start. All knights perform their assigned tasks with military precision and during the next 90 minutes manage to prepare and serve from 370 – 400 meals. This level of performance could not take place without the involvement of the Mission Trekkers. This great group of young people has the important roll of customer service, i.e. greeting customers and learning where to deliver the meals (customer states, "I'm the one wearing the hat" or "I'll be at a table near the window" or "I need a table for ten"). The youth are also responsible to bring back customer concerns to the cashier. "Mr. Smith received a bowl of seafood chowder but he ordered the Big Krab Salad." The success of this evening happens when all knights and trekkers work together to

do a good job and provide excellent customer service.

Dave Caton, Health Director, informed me when I showed up to donate blood on March 22nd that there could be a record turnout this time. I would like to extend a thanks to Dave and his cafeteria staff for organizing and supporting this "life giving" event.

At the next general membership meeting on April 3 we will have two guest speakers: Sarah Hertsted McCrary, ChIPP Recruitment & Outreach Coordinator for Big Brothers Big Sisters serving King, Pierce & Jefferson Counties and a representative of Mother's and Others to talk about the Jun 2 Golf Tournament. Come and participate in the meeting. All new 1st degree knights can qualify for the Shining Armor Award by in part, attending three business meetings within the first year of membership. Additional requirements are listed on the back of the Shining Armor card.

At the request of Hospitality House, a shelter for homeless women, Council 7528 will be preparing the dinner for their annual Spring Swing on Friday, April 13. As many knights will be needed to prepare and "plate" approximately 300 meals. Contact is Tony Robinson.

Have you been recruiting a new member? The council's next 1st degree exemplification will be April 17 beginning at 7 pm in the Willenborg Center Room A.

Squires Circle and St. Joseph's Council 7528 are hosting the State Squires Convention April 20 - 22. In our roll of host we will be preparing and serving meals to the convention attendees. Contact is Eddie Cooper.

I encourage all brother knights to try to take time out of your busy schedule to witness the events of Holy Week and to participate in the Easter Triduum beginning on Holy Thursday April 5.

Vivat Jesus!

**Mike Fay, GK**

### Council Goals for 2006-2007

	Goals for 2006 – 2007	YTD	% of goal
New members	12	14	117%
New insurance members	6	7	117%
Pennies for Heaven (PFH)	\$950.00	\$600.50	63%

## From the Deputy Grand Knight

By Ken Baune, DGK



Our Columbus Charity Ticket promotion is progressing at a steady pace. We have 50 books to sell. Vi has been selling about 15 books at each fish fry. History tells us the last few fish fries that sales will drop. In order to wrap up this promotion before Easter and avoid selling them after the Masses I have a deal

for you. If a Knight purchases 5 books (12x5=\$60.00) I will sell them for \$50.00 and pay for the additional two tickets per book to keep us legal with the State Gaming commission. Bill Martin told me at one time it was a dozen for 10 bucks, so I will adjust the rule a little and end the tickets sales quickly. Call me at 253.638.6811 or see me at the Fish Fry.

I need 10 Knights to take up me on this deal.  
God Bless

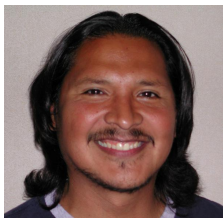
## Family of the Month

**February** - the Chris Gruber Family

## Knight of the Month

**February** - Ben McGregor

## From the Council Youth Director



By Leo Herrera, Youth Chairman

We will be hosting the annual Altar Servers Dinner in June. Stay tuned for further details.

If you remember, on February 12th we held our second annual Mardi Gras dinner for our Grapevine children. Below is a picture of the "Mardi Gras" crew. Thanks again to

all who participated!



## Membership

By Kevin Buck, Membership Chairman



Recruit, Recruit, Recruit! We must never let ourselves become content with the membership level of our council or the Order as a whole. The moment we allow ourselves to become complacent and ignore this most important aspect of our brotherhood, we will begin to wither on the vine.

Remember that new members keep our council fresh and alive. There is excitement in the air when we are sharing our Faith and our Fraternity with new brother Knights. It is one way that we can live our mission as Christians – to evangelize the Gospel. Just as charity begins at home, evangelization begins in our own Church. We should always work toward the goal, Fr. McGivney's vision, of every Catholic man becoming a Knight.

Another major reason that we must continue to recruit is so our increased ranks can be a support network for our priests. As the world's largest Catholic lay service organization, we proudly stand "In Solidarity with our Priests." The Holy Father has repeatedly stated that we are the "strong right arm of the Church" and we must continue to live up to that challenge.

Our membership numbers in St. Joseph council are looking good for this year, but we must still recruit so that we can continue to be a "force for good." Do not put off to next year, or even next month, sharing the "opportunity of a lifetime."

You do have till June to qualify for the incentive that our Worthy Grand Knight has authorized for the remainder of this fraternal year, but do it now so it doesn't slip through your fingers. Any Knight in this council that personally sponsors three or more new Knights during this fraternal year will be awarded a quality microfiber Knights of Columbus jacket.

Please contact me and tell me about your potential candidate(s). If you would like some assistance talking to a qualified man, call me at (253) 874-1370 or email me at kbuck55@comcast.net. I will provide you with any assistance that I am able to, in order for you to sponsor your prospective new Knight.

## Council Website News

By Kevin Buck, PGK, Assistant Webmaster



All members are encouraged to create an account at the council's website. The address is: <http://www.kofc7528.org>. Follow the instructions which are given on the "Before you try to login" page. There is a link to that page at the upper left of the home page. You will need your membership number to create your account and log in, but once you do, there will be additional material available to you. If you have any

questions, don't hesitate to contact Tim Philomeno or me at [webmaster@kofc7528.org](mailto:webmaster@kofc7528.org).

One of the pages you will be able to access after you log in is the council roster, and it will provide you the names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses of all your brother Knights in the council. Check this information and make sure that yours is correct and send any corrections to us at [webmaster@kofc7528.org](mailto:webmaster@kofc7528.org). In fact, anytime this information changes, please send the new information so that we can keep the council records up to date.

Feel free to explore the site and come back often to see what has changed. The information will be updated as quickly as we can get to it, and new items will be added as fast as we can think them up and create them. There are several new pages in the works, and will be added as time permits. Feedback and suggestions are welcome. Just send an email with your ideas to: [webmaster@kofc7528.org](mailto:webmaster@kofc7528.org).

## Pro-Life

By Nestor Fernandez, Pro-Life Chairman



I want to make you aware of a very important public hearing. On Thursday March 29th at 9:15 am at the Renton Community Center  
1715 SE Maple Valley Highway  
Renton, WA 98057  
(425) 430-6700

There will be hearing about repealing the law that protects medical professionals from forcibly performing abortions (RCW 9.02.150). This is squarely aimed at Pharmacist that refuse to fill life ending prescriptions. If you are unable to attend please submit your comment via email to [wsbop@doh.wa.gov](mailto:wsbop@doh.wa.gov) or fax them to (360) 586-4359 I urge you to

REJECT The Draft Rule proposal &  
SUPPORT a pharmacist's right to follow his/her conscience.

For more information please visit <http://www.humanrighttoconscience.com/>

## Council Programs

By Jeff Markwith, Program Chairman



Greetings Brothers in Christ

I have had a few brothers come to me that are on some of our committees and say that they are feeling bad that they were not as involved as they believe they should have been. My answer to them is look at what we all have done. We sponsor a Squires group that is going to host the 6th annual Convention. We help serve our communities with food, toys and more food. We give rides to Knights that have no way to come to meetings. Our parish priest know that the Knights will be there anytime any-

where we are needed. We usher and make sure that Masses are running smooth with no distractions to all that come to worship. The community knows that they can come to us to help organize and serve at fundraiser events. Support our youth in this parish, so they to can feel the accomplishments of serving God. Support our order in making sure that we as an organization is strong and very alive in this world that needs roll models. Help support each other in our needs of prayer and comfort when we are at our lowest. Support our own community family's when all hope and faith seems to have gone from them. We give our blood to help others to sustain life. We are there in support to other groups of the church with Prayer and even with a working Barbecue. We help with things we know that we will never be thanked or praised, because that is who we are.

These are just a few things that we, as strong Catholic men do. We know that with God as our Sheppard, we will not be alone and shall not want.

We collectively do our part to make this council a success. Whether you are there at every function or there in spirit and prayer. We all play a part in our service to God as a Knight of Columbus. I guess I am just all worked up due to writing the submissions of awards for this council. We do so much more than what can be written on a piece of paper. I know that for me I get so much more out of life being a Knight.

We could always be more involved with things that we feel are important. There is always a place with Knights to lend a hand, ear or heart. If you feel you have not done as much as you feel you should have there is always the next event, or the one after that or the one after that. There will always be a place the Knights will be needed, and as always we will be there in force. We do amazing things in this council. We should all be proud that we are strong Catholic gentlemen from Knights of Columbus Council 7528.

God bless you all

## Community

By John Holter, Community Chairman



No article submitted this month :-(

## Council

By Dave Toby, Council Chairman

No article submitted this month :-(

## Vocations

By Juan Lezcano, Vocations Chairman

Listed below are the Seminarians we are supporting this year. Please feel free to drop them a note, invite them to dinner, call, and offer words of encouragement. The path they have chosen is not an easy one and they need all of the support we can give them.

Seminarian	Seminary	Address
Francisco Can- cino	St Patrick Seminary	320 Middlefield Road Menlo Park, CA 94025- 3563
Mark Guzman	St Patrick Seminary	320 Middlefield Road Menlo Park, CA 94025- 3563
Brian Ochs	St John Seminary	5012 Seminary Road Camarillo, CA 93102
Ricardo Padilla	Mt Angel Seminary	One Abbey Drive Saint Benedict, OR 97373
J.D. Shrum	Mt Angel Seminary	One Abbey Drive Saint Benedict, OR 97373

## Another Note from the Advocate

By Greg Vicars, PGK, Council Advocate

Brother Knights we need to make some changes to our Bylaws and I need your input. There are some specific items that we need to change they are:

### Article I

Section 2 change our Initiation fees

Section 3 change to \$30.00 for regular and \$10.00 for Honorary Life and should we increase our State per Capita?

### Article VII

Section 6 This is our building fund; do we strike it?

If we do what shall we do with the funds that have been set aside to build a Knights Hall? I would like to have a meeting with any interested brothers to review this and see what should be proposed to General Assembly.

I would like to have recommendations completed so we can vote before the end of this Fraternal year.

Please contact me so we can establish a meeting time. (206) 919-3359

## Blood Drive News

By Dave Caton, PGK, Health Chairman

Brother Knights of St. Joseph Council #7528

I'd like to thank the support many of you gave to our parish, community and to those in need by providing the Gift of Life last Thursday. We had 55 potential donors and of those donors, about 50 gave a pint of blood which will help up to 150 patients in our community hospitals. This was an OUTSTANDING drive. Please read the message below from Kevin Roache, the Donor Recruitment Representative for the Puget Sound Blood Center-south King County:

David-

Thank you so much for the successful blood drive yesterday! We had 55 donors, 7 of whom were first timers! What a dedicated group of donors!

Since each unit donated helps save 3 lives, your efforts yesterday helped save 165 patients in the community. This includes cancer survivors, burn patients and trauma victims at hospital like Group Health, Children's and Harborview.

On behalf of these patients: THANK YOU!

Please share this good news with Father Tom and all your parishioners. St. Vincent's is truly a community of givers!

Please mark your calendars, our next K of C sponsored blood drive will be Thursday, June 28th, 2007.

### Good of the Order

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

### Deceased

Jeff Lee's step-dad

### Sick

Nicole Karasuda-Downing

Dale Dietrich

Matt Siverly

Taylor Freybert

Gilson Neill

Alex Plys

Dave Green

Kailynn Hyde

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: Ken Baune, 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  
Federal Way, WA 98093-1763



## Council Calendar of Events

### April 2007

3rd	General Meeting	7:30pm Narthex and Rosary 7:00pm Chapel
8th	Happy Easter	
13th	Hospitality House Dinner	5:00 till clean-up
17th	Planning Meeting	7:30pm in Room "A" - 1st Degree at 7:00pm
21st	Squires State Convention	Lunch and Dinner

### May 2007

1st	General Meeting	7:30pm Narthex and Rosary 7:00pm Chapel
13th	Mothers Day Breakfast	After the 8:00am and 9:30am Masses
15th	Planning Meeting	7:30pm in Room "A" - 1st Degree at 7:00pm
18th- 20th	State Convention	Bellevue

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

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