



The Cross and Compass

St. Joseph Council #7528

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February 2007

A Message from the Grand Knight



2007 started off appropriately with the general membership meeting on Jan 2. Prior to the meeting the brother knights gathered in the Holy Family Chapel to pray the Rosary. That activities that were planned and executed during January were well attended by the brother knights of Council #7528. Thanks to all for your participation.

On Jan 12 Brother Knight John Vance (Pat) Patterson, Jr. passed away. All those who met "Pat" have very fond memories of him. Please keep his wife Jackie and his family in your prayers.

Sunday morning Jan 14 the council served a delicious breakfast to 40 couples at the 4th annual Marriage Renewal Weekend. The menu included scrambled eggs, sausages patties, pancakes, and fruit.

Congratulations to the newest member of Council #7528 that participated in a first-degree exemplification on Jan 16. Welcome to Greg Biersack to our council.



A very successful 4th annual crab feed was served on Jan 20 in the parish hall. 408 tickets were sold making this the largest attended council event of the fraternal year. The success of the crab feed was in no small part by the many brother knights that pitched in to setup, prepare, serve, sell tickets, motivate the crowd, and clean up. Thanks to the Mothers and Others and the Mission Trekkers for their support.

A new round of free throw shooters met on Jan 27 when the council hosted the annual K of C free throw contest. A report will be forthcoming in the March Cross & Compass. Council winners advance to the District 12 competition on Feb 3 and those winners

move on to the Regional competition on Feb 24. All the free throw events will take place in the parish activities center. Your support to score and judge would be greatly appreciated by the event directors.

The annual Pro Life Poster and Essay contest Spaghetti dinner was held the evening of Jan 27. Thanks again to all those who worked to make this a successful dinner. Contest winners will be announced in the March Cross & Compass. The dinner took place at the beginning of Catholic Schools Week (Jan 28 – Feb 2).

Mark you calendars for the upcoming events in February. Hopefully you can plan time to support the events with your time and talents.

Plan on attending the next general membership meeting on Feb 6 at 7:30 pm in the South Narthex. Early arrivals gather in the Holy Family Chapel to pray the rosary at 7 pm.

Tom Appleton has announced that the next 2nd/3rd degree exemplification is scheduled for Feb 11 in Seattle. All 1st degree members are encouraged to attend this exemplification to complete your journey to become a 3rd degree member. Call Tom at (253) 945-1338 or send him an email at tjappleton@aol.com.

Mardi Gras for the youth in religious education is planned for Monday Feb 12 at 5 pm. Contact Leo Herrera at luckyleoh@hotmail.com if you can help barbeque.

The council is hosting coffee and donuts after all masses on Sunday Feb 18. John Holter is the contact person for this event. Contact John at jtholter@aol.com.

The next planning meeting is schedule for Feb 20 in the Willenborg Center, Room A.

Ash Wednesday is Feb 21. That means that the first Friday Fish Fry is on Feb 23. Many repeat customers look forward to the Friday Fish Fry's. Tony Robinson will be asking for all able hands to be on hand during the six fish fry evenings.

Have you been recruiting a new member? The date and time of the next 1st degree has yet to be finalized. An email will be sent announcing the date.

Vivat Jesus!

Mike Fay, GK

Council Goals for 2006-2007

	Goals for 2006-2007	YTD
New members	12	8
New Insurance members	6	7
Pennies for Heaven (PFH)	\$950.00	\$488.00

From the Deputy Grand Knight

By Ken Baune, DGK



Columbus Charities raffle tickets, as you know are now being sold. We will have them available during the Lenten Fish Fries and after Mass for several weekends. When completed we will collect \$3,600 for the charity and receive approximately \$1,400 for St Joseph Council 7528.

Please take some books and sell!

February is also the month we need to consider who wants to serve the council and represent all brothers in a formal position. In June, I will accept the nomination for Grand Knight and, if elected, I will need many brothers to step forward and help. The positions are listed on the back page or every Cross and Compass. Please request what you would like to do and we can work out the best for everyone. Call me or let me know the next time we meet.

Family of the Month

December - the Kevin Buck Family

Knight of the Month

December - Dave Toby

From the Council Youth Director

By Leo Herrera, Youth Chairman



Brothers, this month we have the opportunity to be of service to the Grapevine families. Grapevine is the religious education for 1st thru 5th grade children that do not go to catholic school. Some of you may have kids of your own that do Grapevine. We will be holding our 2nd annual Mardi Gras dinner. We call it Fat Monday! It is a meal geared specifically

for the kids; corn dogs, chicken nuggets, tatar tots and everything a kid would love. The dinner will be held on February 12 (Mon) from 5pm-6pm. I will be bringing a signup sheet to our next meeting. We will need help preparing, serving and cleanup. If you want to help but can not attend the meeting to signup, simply email me at luckyleoh@hotmail.com and let me know your intentions.

Although the Mission Trekkers are not Knights, I feel, as your Youth Director, the need to acknowledge the outstanding support we get from them every year. I write this article the day after our successful Crab Feed followed by a carwash the next morning before, during and after every mass by the Trekkers. With the support of the Trekkers and many of you Brother Knights we could not have asked for a better run dinner. As many of you know I am one of the adult leaders for Mission Trek so I would like to share with you that the tips we made from the Crab feed was over \$1100 (and the council contributed another \$550 at the end of the night), we also advertised our carwash at the Crab feed and drew around 60 cars to wash. The car wash earned an additional \$1,071 a new record!!! From all the Trekkers and myself, Thank you for your support and it was OUR PLEASURE TO SERVE YOU AS PART OF OUR MISSION.

Membership

By Kevin Buck, Membership Chairman



Please join our Grand Knight, Mike Fay, in welcoming the newest member to the council. Greg Biersack became a First Degree Knight on January 16th. We are very happy to have Greg join us and look forward to his involvement in the council.

Now that 2007 is here, we should continue our recruiting momentum. Take advantage of the numerous events that we will be involved in, for the next few months. Share the "Experience of a Lifetime" by recruiting a Knight at one of our activities. I would very much like to see each of you to recruit at least one new member in the next month or two. We can have a large crowd at every exemplification if each of us will actively recruit new members.

Any Knight in this council that personally sponsors three or more new Knights during this fraternal year will be awarded a quality microfibre Knights of Columbus jacket. You have till June to make this happen, but I suggest you not put it off.

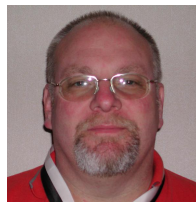
Start by making a list of all the eligible men you know. Eligible men are all practical Catholic men 18 years of age and over. Contact these gentlemen, one at a time, and tell them about the Knights of Columbus. Tell them about the benefits of membership in our order and about the good that we do for the Church and our community. And don't forget to tell them how much fun we have and the camaraderie we experience while on our journey of faith. Be sure to invite them to join us. Ask them to fill out an application. Are you carrying a Form 100 right now? Then, bring the completed Form 100 with the candidate's signature to me at the next meeting.

The next scheduled 1st degree exemplification is February 20th. Let's make it a full house.

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.

Council Programs

By Jeff Markwith, Chancellor and Program Chairman



I would like to thank all my Brothers and Sisters of the council for your thoughts and prayers for the passing of my Mother. It has been a tough three months with losing my brother in October and mom in January. All of you have given my family and me the strength to fight the good fight. On the last 1st degree, Ken's readings as the Chancellor helped put me in perspective. I encourage all of you to please Love, pray, praise, hug, kiss, and smile as if it is your last. My Mom always prided herself in being Father Tom's favorite protestant Catholic.

We are just rolling along this year. Before you know it we will be celebrating Easter. I thank you all for getting your hours into me. I can't tell you how proud I am to see those

emails or copies of your time you devote to our church and our faith. We have a great council and I'm proud to be part of it.

What a great time we have during these times of service. I can't think of anyone I would rather be either elbow deep in clam chowder or knee high in sauce with.

Peace be with you all

Council Website News

By Kevin Buck, PGK, Assistant Webmaster

If you have not been to the Council's Web Site in a while, it is time to take a look! There have been big changes and it has a new look and feel. All members are encouraged to follow the instructions which are given on the "Before you try to login" page. The address is: <http://www.kofc7528.org> and link to the "Before you try to login" page is at the upper left. 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 me at kbuck55@comcast.net.

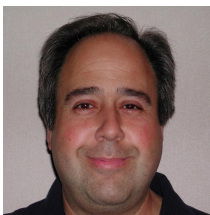
Among these is the council roster that will provide you the names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses of all your brother Knights in the council. Check this information and make sure that yours is correct and send any corrections to Tim Philomeno at tphilomeno@sparling.com. In fact, anytime this information changes, please send the new information to Tim so that he can keep the council records up to date.

There are also links to forms that you may find useful, such as the "Service Hour" report. We report our service hours to the Program Chairman each month. He in turn, compiles a report from the council to send to the State Deputy each month. This information is also used each January to complete our "Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity" which is sent to the Supreme Council. This information is used in many ways, but it is the primary method of collecting and tracking some of the data used in the Order's Annual Report, which is published in the October issue of the Columbia Magazine.

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. Feedback and suggestions are welcome. Just send an email with your ideas to: webmaster@kofc7528.org.

Pro-Life

By Nestor Fernandez, Pro-Life Chairman



Greetings Fellow Knights, I invite all of you and your families to attend our Spaghetti dinner on Saturday January 27th after the 5:00 pm mass. We will be displaying all the posters in our Pro-Life contest.

The anniversary of Roe v Wade January 22, 1973 is once again upon us. To this day it still cast a long shadow over our society. We in the Pro-life movement observe this date with marches and rallies throughout our nation

calling for an end to the practice of abortion. Unfortunately for many it has become an issue of Left vs. Right. Blue vs. Red. We must always keep protection of life as the central issue. Those in society that are weakest are always the most at risk. Whether it be the elderly, sick or unborn. These are the people that Jesus has asked us to care for.

Matthew 18:4... "Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me."

Crab Feed another Success

Wow! Fantastic! What a terrific event! You always out do yourselves!

You see, most everyone who attended last night's Fourth Annual Crab Feed walked away saying that or something very close. But the best part of hearing that kind of feedback is that WE truly are an extraordinary group of ordinary men who come together for a wonderful event and make it look as easy as one, two, three. Thank you and job well done doesn't seem to be enough for me to say to all of you, so.....how about "that's like you". Because it really is like you to make a 408 seat, full spread, five-course dinner look so effortless.

Well my friends our "Annual Crab Feed" has become the best crab feed bar none, so says those who attend other "feeds" around the State. Ours is unique, take a look at the menu.....Appetizer Salad Ivar's Clam Chowder Dungeness Crab

And of course the NY Cheese Cake.....not a buffet stand in line, but an honest to goodness dining experience.

A huge thank you to my co-conspirator and accomplice in crab crime.....Ken Baune. Then on to the team leaders, the set up with Bill Martin and his hard working crew who transformed an empty hall into a precisely measured grouping of 17 long 24 person tables set and ready for business. The Kitchen leader and go to guy Tony Robinson and the chowder stirrers and salad makers and bread slicers and cheese cake swizzlers. Wow! The Raffle ticket sales group brought in over \$2,800 leaving enough money for the tip jars. Finally Ken Baune and the cleanup assault, making sure the hall was picked up and put back together. In between what sounds simple and easy is the manpower (and yes the women too) who made what could be called a long day into a seamless experience. And how about Leo Herrera and those fantastic Mission Trekkers? Perpetual motion!

I'm blessed to spearhead this yearly occasion and grateful for all of your support and effort. It's no wonder this Council continues to grow and make a name for itself.

A touching toast was made by Mike Fay as a final request by our departed and beloved brother John "Pat" Patterson. Pat couldn't have said it any better.

Thank you.....you all did another magnificent job.....it's just like you.

David Myers
Crab Chairman



Food Handler Cards

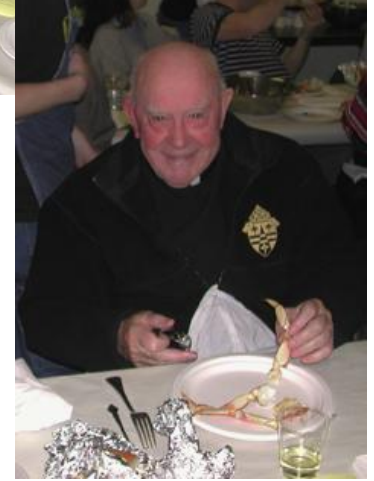
Brothers: Look at your food handler card, if it expires in the next six months you need to get it renewed.

Don't have a card, don't worry. We will be setting up a class to renew your card or get your first card in the next few weeks. We will send out an announcement. Watch your e-mail. The class and test only take about 1 hour so the time is well spent and the fee is \$15.00.

With all the events coming up we need to make sure that all of us have a valid food handler card.

Please take the time to attend the class when it is announced. Yes anybody can attend. Thanks for all you do.

Tony Robinson, PGK



Crab Feed Photos



Good of the Order

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

Deceased

Jeff Markwith's mother Betty	John (Pat) Patterson
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Sick

Gilson Neil	Dave Green
Alex Plys	Dave Paux
Kailynn Hyde	Nestor Fernandez's father
Bernie Price	"PJ" Partick Page
Suvi Caont, Dave Caton's daughter-in-law	Bill Michaud's brother

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
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Council Calendar of Events

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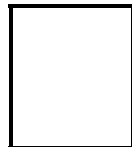
3rd	District Free Throw Competition	TBD...watch for email
6th	General Meeting	7:30pm Narthex and Rosary 7:00pm Chapel
11th	2nd and 3rd Degree	Seattle 676 (contact Dave Toby)
12th	Mardi Gras	5-6pm in the hall
18th	Coffee and Doughnuts	After all masses
20th	Planning Meeting	7:30pm in Room "A" - 1st Degree at 7:00pm
23rd	Lenten Fish Fry	5:30pm in the hall
24th	Regional Free Throw Competition	TBD...watch for email

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2nd	Lenten Fish Fry	5:30pmin the hall
6th	General Meeting	7:30pm Narthex and Rosary 7:00pm Chapel
9th	Lenten Fish Fry	5:30pmin the hall
16th	Lenten Fish Fry	5:30pmin the hall
20th	Planning Meeting	7:30pm in Room "A" - 1st Degree at 7:00pm
23rd	Lenten Fish Fry	5:30pmin the hall
22nd	Blood Drive	Parish Hall
30th	Lenten Fish Fry	5:30pmin the hall

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

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