



The Cross and Compass

St. Joseph Council #7528

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January 2007

A Message from the Grand Knight



Happy New Year!

Having experienced a couple of days in December without electricity caused me to be "hopeful" for the return of the power to the home. We were also hopeful as we waited for the birth of Christ during the season of Advent and now we look forward to the celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord on Jan 7.

It amazes me how much this council takes on each month. As I review what we have accomplished each month and what we are scheduled to accomplish during the next month makes me proud to be a member of St. Joseph's Council #7528. I thank all the brother knights for your commitment and participation that leads to the success of this council and the events we sponsor.

Congratulations to our Immediate Past Grand Knight Kevin Buck for receiving the Star Council Award. John Wallace, State Treasurer, presented the award to Kevin at the general membership meeting on Dec 5. Kevin thanked the complete council from whom dedication and support by the brother knights lead to qualifying for the award.

A very successful blood drive was held on Dec 7 at the parish hall. The demand for blood continues to be high. Consider donating the gift of life at the next blood drive. Thanks to David Caton and those who assisted during the drive.

Unfortunately due to the power outage the annual family potluck dinner on Dec 16 was cancelled. Plans are being considered to reschedule the potluck in the near future. Stay tuned.

Tony Robinson, President of the local chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is very thankful for the help provided by the knights and fellow parishioners on Sunday Dec 18 in preparing and delivering the food baskets and bags of Christmas gifts to many needy families in the Federal Way community. Wondrous things happen when individuals pitch in for a common cause.

Congratulations to the newest member of Council #7528 that participated in a first-degree exemplification on Dec 18. Welcome to Chris Lezcano, son of Deacon Juan Lezcano, to our council.

Fr. Tom and all parishioners appreciate the decorations placed in the church for the Christmas season. The decorations aren't complete until the Christmas trees are decorated in lights and flowers. Thanks to the knights and families that spent time just before Christmas Eve to make the trees sparkle with the radiance of Christmas joy.

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

We kick off the 2nd half of the fraternal year with the general membership meeting on Jan 2. Please plan on gathering with the other knights in praying the rosary at 7 pm in the Holy Family Chapel. The membership meeting begins at 7:30 pm.

The parish is hosting the 4th annual Marriage Renewal Week-

end Jan 12 - 14. The council will be preparing breakfast for the married couples Sunday morning. Tony Robinson will be asking for assistance at the Jan 2nd meeting.

Have you been recruiting a new member? Our next 1st degree and planning meeting will be Jan 16.

Are you ready for some crab? David Myers has indicated that the 4th annual crab feed, Jan 20th has been sold out. This marks the third straight year that we have sold all 400 seats. This is a major fundraiser from which the proceeds support our majority charities. Please schedule time to support the preparation, serving, or clean up activities.

Our family director, Vince Manzanarez, has organized a great event for the family. The knights and their families are traveling to Key Arena on Friday Jan 26 to attend an NBA game between the visiting Minnesota Timberwolves and the home team Seattle Supersonics. Contact Vince at jmmta-coma@comcast.net or 253.719.0202 for more information.

The annual K of C Free Throw contest is schedule for Saturday Jan 27 in the parish activities center. Leo Herrera, youth director, needs the support of many knights to run this well attended event. The council has offered the use of the activities center for district and regional competitions is the weeks that follow.

Catholic Schools week, Jan 28 – Feb 2, gets a great start with the annual Poster and Essay Contest Spaghetti Dinner scheduled for Jan 27 following the 5 pm Mass. Yes this is the same day as the free throw contest but you will get to recover the lost calories from your efforts on the court by enjoying a great meal that evening. This is a change in date from the original posted council calendar. Nestor Fernandez, Pro-Life Chairman will need knights to judge the posters and essays submitted by the youth of the parish. Contact Nestor at casanezo@earthlink.net or 253.529.0253.

As you have read January will be a busy and productive month for the council. I look forward to continue serving with you in these upcoming activities.

Fraternally yours,

. Vivat Jesus!

Mike Fay, GK

Council Goals for 2006-2007

	Goals for 2006-2007	YTD
New members	12	7
New Insurance members	6	4
Pennies for Heaven (PFH)	\$950.00	\$193.00

From the Deputy Grand Knight

By Ken Baune, DGK



2006 has gone away and we can look forward to more joy, calmness and unfortunately sadness at times in 2007. It seems easy to accept the joy and calmness in our lives, but this sadness is never wanted. We as Catholic's do have a Celebration we can attend daily or the very least once a week. It is the Celebration of Mass. This party or celebration as it is called can help us enjoy

the good times but especially prepare us for the sadness. This coming year we will most likely experience a loved one with health problems or leaving us to be with God. The Mass gives us all the necessary internal fortitude to help us accept what we cannot control everyday. Let us treat each other and our fellow parishioners with joy at every Mass. Make a special attempt to nod, say hello, or wave to those we know and those that are currently strangers but will be known soon. Consider Mass a Party so let us enjoy it as much we did our New Years Party!

Family of the Month

November - the David B. Myers Family

Knight of the Month

November - John Holter

From the Council Youth Director

By Leo Herrera, Youth Chairman



Brothers, first I would like to thank the Trekkers and Squires that assisted in preparing the Christmas Baskets. They worked very hard and we should all be proud of them. Should you pass by a Trekker or Squire, be sure to personally thank them for all the support they give us Knights.

Now new business. On January 27th (Sat) we will be holding our annual Knights of Columbus Freethrow Challenge. It's a contest open to all boys and girls age 10-14. I will be seeking help with the scoring and judging of the event. A sign-up sheet will be passed out at the general meeting on January 2nd. If you are unable to attend the meeting but still would like to assist, you may contact me at luckyleoh@hotmail.com or (206)992-2918.

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: _____

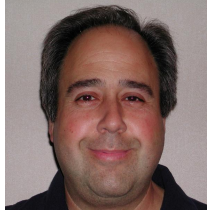
Address: _____ City: _____

Mail your check to:

The 365 Club
Knights of Columbus, Council #7528
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Pro-Life

By Nestor Fernandez, Pro-Life Chairman



Greetings Knights,

I just wanted to let you know of some upcoming Pro-Life events. The Washington State March for Life will be on Monday January 22nd. The march will be held at the state Capitol in Olympia. Transportation is available from St. Vincent's parking lot. The bus

will leave at 11:00 am and return by 2:30 pm. Please call the parish office at (253) 839-4333 to register for the ride. I know that it will be difficult for many of our Knights to attend the march due to it being during the work week. If you can not attend, we ask for your prayers. We hope to be a voice for all those who can not speak.

I will also be needing volunteers to help hang and judge poster for our annual contest. If you are able to attend, please come by the parish hall on Saturday January 27th at 9:00 am. That evening at our spaghetti dinner, parents and student will be able to admire their work. Last year it took less than 2 hours to hang and judge the posters. I will have sign up sheets at the next General meeting on Tuesday January 2nd.

Good of the Order

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

Sick

Kailynn Hyde	Taylor Freybert
Jose Bolanos	Ted Gimlin's mother
Jim Bianchi's sister-in-law	Bob Pilrol
Alex Plys	Lowell Larson
Gilson Neil	Dave Green
Deacon Juan Lezcano's father-in-law	

All those were sick and ailing this year

All those who have joined Our Lord in Heaven this year

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.

Council Calendar of Events

January 2007

2nd	General Meeting	7:30pm Narthex and Rosary 7:00pm Chapel
14th	Marriage Renewal Breakfast	6:00 am in the Parish Hall
16th	Planning Meeting	7:30pm in Room "A" - 1st Degree at 7:00pm
20th	Crab Feed	After 5:00 mass in Parish Hall
26th	NBA game - Seattle Sonics vs. Minnesota Timberwolves.	Game time is 7:30 pm.
27th	Council Freethrow Contest	Parish Activity Center, time TBA
27th	Pro-Life Spaghetti Dinner	After 5:00 mass in Parish Hall

February 2007

3rd	District Freethrow Contest	Parish Activity Center, time TBA
6th	General Meeting	7:30pm Narthex and Rosary 7:00pm Chapel
10th	Regional Freethrow Contest	Parish Activity Center, time TBA
18th	Coffee and Doughnuts	After all Sunday Masses
19th	Mardi Gras	5:00 pm in the Parish Hall
20th	Planning Meeting	7:30pm in Room "A" - 1st Degree at 7:00pm
23rd	Lenten Fish Fry	5:30pm to 7:00pm in the Parish Hall

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