

The Cross and Compass

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From The Grand Knight

Gentlemen, the Christmas season is approaching, and we have started early with the Wounded Warriors Stocking Collection. Our Council is the largest contributor to this program statewide. This is a testament to the giving spirit of not only our Council, but the generosity of our parish community. Let us use this opportunity to continue to help those less fortunate than us and raise as much money as possible for all the charities we support. The first half the fraternal year has had a parish picnic, Summer Knights, Respect for Life Rosary, Oktoberfest Dinner, these have been successful. We also headed up the funeral reception for Father Tom and an online auction for the contents of his condominium, with all the proceeds going to the school tuition fund.

We will be having our Christmas Potluck on Saturday December 14th after 5:00 pm mass. This is an event for the entire family. Tony Robinson will send out an email with what everyone needs to bring to make this evening enjoyable for all.

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From Your Lecturer

Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis

I originally intended this to be the final of the articles which comprise my summary of the book titled Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis. But there is too much to include in the monthly newsletter. So, I have decided to break the summary of the fourth book or collection of Lewis' speeches into two articles. Book 4 Lewis delves into the theological underpinnings of Christianity including the doctrine of the Triune God.

Book Four: Beyond Personality or First Steps in the Doctrine of Trinity (Part 1 of 2)



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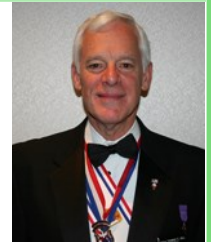
FS Notes

Maureen and I wish you and your family a joyful Advent season and a Merry Christmas.

1st notice letters, informing each member of the 2025 dues payment, will be mailed December 16, to all the regular and honorary members.

Honorary members will see an increase in their annual dues from \$15.50 to \$16.00. The per capita charged by the Washington State Council is increasing \$0.50 a year for the next several years.

Members that joined the Knights of Columbus during 2024, using the online form, will see a credit applied for the 2025 dues. For example, if a member joined April 1, 2024, his dues are waived for one year (April 1, 2024 –



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Following our potluck dinner, we will be having a Sunday breakfast following both masses. This will be the first time of us having a Christmas breakfast. Hopefully, Santa can make an appearance.

The Council online auction will be upon us very quickly. To have a successful auction we need to have all the members getting out and soliciting items to put online. Dinners are one of the better items that have brought in the most money in the past. Sporting tickets have also been a great item, but there are so many more items that can generate interest, so be creative in looking for items to contribute.

For those members that have recruited new members, it is your obligation to get them out to our meetings and fundraising functions. You recruited them to be part of the fraternal organization that on Charity, so get them out to see what we do to support our many worthy charities. This way they can feel the joy in giving of time and talent to others.

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March 31, 2025). A \$10.00 credit will be applied reducing the 2025 dues payment to \$30.00.

Every regular member is asked to support the Pennies for Heaven fund through a voluntary payment of \$3.65, a penny a day, to support seminarians.

When I receive your payment, your 2025 membership card will be mailed to the address on file.

Honorary Life members are not assessed for dues. Each Honorary Life member will be mailed a 2025 membership card (traveling card) in late December.

A majority of members will pay their dues with a check mailed back to the council PO box.

However, if you have a need to pay electronically, please contact me at mwfay@comcast.net or call 206-697-8252 to request a QR code to pay via the council's Square account.

When the monthly issue of the Cross & Compass arrives to your email inbox, please take time to read the articles. For married members the council wants to acknowledge your wife's birthday and your anniversary date. If you don't see either of these dates in the monthly issue of the C & C, and would like to have the dates published, please contact me. The non-reported dates indicate missing information in the member profile.

Please send me a note if you have any changes in your mailing address, email address, phone number, or family situation.

Vivat Jesus!

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Making and Begetting. While many reject the study of theology but still hold belief in an omnipotent God, Lewis points out that theology is like a map. It is based on the experiences of hundreds who were touched by God in a special way. One may have a pious feeling of God in our lives, but this is elementary when you want to have a real relationship with Him/Her. You need a map to guide you, if you want to go further. "But you will not get to (your destination) by studying the Atlantic. Neither will you get eternal life by simply feeling the presence of God in flowers or music"

Christianity teaches that Jesus is the Son of God, that we are children of God because of our belief in him, and that Christ died in atonement for our sins. The theology of Christianity goes deeper in teaching that Jesus was begotten not made, even as it also teaches that he was a man born of the Virgin Mary. To beget means that Jesus, the Son of God, was created as one who is the same kind as the Creator. What God has begotten is God. Man is made in the likeness of God meaning we have some semblance of God within us, but we are not God. Love in man evokes instinctive affection, but it is not the same thing as the love that exists in God.

But what man in his natural Biological life does not have is Spiritual life which is the life that exists in God. Biological life comes to us through nature. Spiritual life comes to us from God. That is precisely what Christianity is about.

The Three-Personal God. Belief in a personal God is unique to Christianity. But what kind of being is it that is beyond what we understand as a person. Christians are the only ones who believe that after we die, our human souls are taken up to the life of God yet remain themselves, in fact, more than themselves. The theology of Christianity is practical in that it professes that the whole purpose of our existence is to be taken into the life of God.

Like our world of three dimensions in which we can imagine all sorts of things, Christianity espouses that there is the simple human level where one person is one being and two persons are two separate beings. On the Divine level personalities are combined in a way that is beyond our understanding. Think of a cube that is made of 6 squares while remaining a cube. But we cannot conceive of a being like that.

We pray to get into touch with God. But we are prompted to pray because our knowledge of God (the Father) comes from knowledge of Christ (the Son), God made man. God is both the thing to which we are praying and also that (the Holy Spirit) which in us is reaching out to God. The whole three-personal Being is involved in or prayers.

The Theology of a three-personal God came to be because man already had a notion of a supreme being. Then a man who claimed to be God came and could not be dismissed. He was believed, died and was met again. Then men discovered that something was inside them, directing them, and making them able to do things they could not do before.

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Our desire to know God lies in God's desire to be known. If He does show Himself then nothing we can do will enable us to find Him. The instrument through which we see God is our whole self. If our self is not kept clean (by sin), then our vision of God will be blurred as well.

Time and Beyond Time. When we pray, we are joining with hundreds of millions who are also praying to God. How can God attend to all of them at the same time. Our lives come to us moment to moment. We attend to one thing in the moment then comes the next moment. That is what time is like. We assume that God moves in the same way from past, present and to the future. But for God every moment from the beginning of the universe is always the present for Him.

Lewis presents an imperfect example by describing a situation where he is writing about a character in a novel but is interrupted. No matter how long the interruption, the time for the character in the novel does not change. God likewise does not exist in our time stream thus He has infinite attention for each of us. Christ died for all but He also died for each of us individually as if we were the only persons in the world.

God does not exist in our time stream. He sees the past, the present and the future. He is above our timeline so to speak looking at our entire existence. What we call tomorrow is visible to Him in the same way we call today. All days are the NOW for Him.

Good Infection. Imagine two books. One (book A) is on a table with the second (book B) on top of it. Imagine that they have been in this position forever. In that case book B's position was always the result of book A's. But book A's position would not have existed before book B's position. In other words, the result would not have existed before the cause.

By previously saying that God the Father begat the Son, it implies that the Father existed before the Son. But that is not so. There is no before and after. That is why it is important to note that one thing can be the source or cause of another without being there before it.

The Son is the self-expression of the Father. And there never was a time when He was not expressing it. The expression "God is Love" has no meaning unless God contains at least two persons. If God was but a single person then before the universe existed, He was not love. God is Love means that the living, dynamic activity of love has been going on in God forever and has created everything else.

What grows out of this intimate love between Father and Son is also a real Person who we call the Holy Spirit. As with Christ's disciples, the Holy Spirit is acting through us. "God is love, and that love works through men... But this spirit of love is from all eternity, a love going on between the Father and Son."

Good things as well as bad are caught by a kind of infection. If you want joy and peace in your life, you must get close to them so as to be infected by them. But how is it possible for us to be taken into this three-person life? The whole offer of Christianity is this: that we can,

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if we let God have His way and come to share in the life of Christ. "He came this world in order to spread to other men the kind of life He has – by what I call 'good infection'. Every Christian is to become a little Christ. The whole purpose of becoming Christian is simply nothing else."

The Obstinate Toy Soldiers. The Son of God became a man to enable men and women to become sons and daughters of God. We do not know how things would have worked out if humans had not rebelled against God. The present state of things is that there is the natural life which is self-centered, something that wants to be admired and to take advantage of others. It knows that with the spiritual life, all self-centeredness and self-will is going to die.

Imagine a toy soldier that you wish to turn into a real man. But the toy soldier resists, he is not interested in exchanging his tin for human flesh. He thinks that would kill him. But the Son of God became human, and was born into the world. The result was one man, who was what all men were intended to be. Whom in the created life allowed Himself to be completely and perfectly turned into the begotten life. One tin soldier had come fully and splendidly alive.

But man did not see humanity spread out in time, as God sees it. Christ is not seen as a unique individual. Consequently, when Christ becomes man, it is not really as if He became a particular tin soldier. He is for all time, for all people. He is for those who lived before, and those who live after Him.

How then does He make a difference to the whole of humanity? "It is just this, that the business of becoming a son (or daughter) of God, of being turned from a created thing into a begotten thing, of passing from the temporary biological life into timeless spiritual life, has been done for us." We do not have to work to be in the spiritual life, because Christ has done it for us. All we have to do, is lay ourselves open, to be 'infected' by Him.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for November

Member Birthday		Member Birthday cont...	
1st	John Crowley	19th	Eddy Mccathren
4th	William Lie	20th	J Mansanarez
4th	Derrick Foeller	21th	Jesus Ortega
4th	Joseph Langlois	23th	David Myers
4th	Larry Neville	30th	John Czaplewski
5th	Wilson Berano	31th	Nicholas Callahan
6th	Matthew Zentner		
6th	Juan Lezcano		
			Anniversaries
7th	Charles Lasher	7th	Eddy and Ann Mccathren
10th	Tem Escobar	16th	Larry and Ann Neville
11th	Gary Fuller	17th	Theodore and Heidi Colby
11th	Joseph Phillips	18th	Steven and Sue Drake
12th	Thomas Naimo	23th	Gary and Laura Fuller
14th	Todd Hauge	27th	Jerry and Stella Nnanabu
19th	Kevin Gambill	31th	Walter and Dail Anderson

Good of The Order

The following is a list of those Brother Knights or family members who are sick or in distress that we have been asked to pray for:

Pete Anderson, Richard Coe, Dale Dietrich , Aurther DePalma father of Fr. John Patrick , Margie wife of Gary Fredrickson, Ray & Mary Garcia, Don Hall, Leo Herrera, Ralph & Peggy Horner, Kathy Koch wife of Departed Brother Jerry Koch, Bill Miller brother of Don Miller, Katherine Myers mother of Dave Myers, Larry and Ann Neville, Ralph Osman, Paul & Marianne Savino, Dean Smith, Anita Spicer Mother of Frank Spicer, Jim Yokum

- Pray for all people that are victims of war and persecution throughout the world especially Israel, the middle east and Ukraine and pray for a peaceful resolution to the hostilities.
- Pray for our Brother Knights of Columbus, Church members and families that we remain strong in our faith and pray that the Holy Spirit guides and protects us during these troubling times.
- Pray for all priests and clergy that the Holy Spirit strengthen them and help them cope with all the changes as they minister to the faithful.
- Pray for Our Country and leaders that the Holy Spirit descend upon us and lead us back to One Nation Under God for without Him we will not survive as a nation.

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Knight of the Month November

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Nativity House!

Come help feed the homeless Saturday November 21st. Everyone will be meeting in the church parking lot at 7:45 and leaving promptly at 8AM. From there everyone will be heading to the Tacoma Nativity House to feed the homeless pancakes and sausage! This is a great opportunity to help those in need!

Contact Ted Colby at nhb@kofc7528.org for any additional information.

Family of the Month November

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Pennies for Heaven

Our goal for this year, as always, is a penny a day for Vocations, \$3.65/yr. Please support our priests!

Contact FS Mike Fay

Upcoming Events!

December

- 3rd General Meeting—South Narthex 7:30pm
- 3rd Council Rosary
- 7th Respect Life Vigil
- 14th Christmas Potluck
- 15th Breakfast
- 16th Christmas Tree Lighting
- 17th Planning Meeting—South Narthex 7:00pm
- 21st Nativity House
- 25th Christmas

January

- 7th General Meeting—South Narthex 7:30pm
- 7th Respect Life Rosary
- 12th Coffee and Donuts
- 18th Nativity House
- 21st Planning Meeting—South Narthex 7:00pm

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