

The Cross and Compass

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From The Grand Knight

I hope your Christmas holiday was a wonderful time with family and friends. Let us use the momentum of the hope of what the birth of Jesus means to us as Brothers in the Knights of Columbus.

We will be having a Philly Cheesesteak dinner on Saturday, January 18th. We need to change the way money is collected, this is essential for funding of all our charities. This will be the first time that we will charge by the head vs donation only. The prices will still be family friendly, our dinners will be a lot less than going to a restaurant.

As we approach the second half of our fraternal year, we need to focus on our upcoming fundraising activities. The biggest one of these is our Lenten Fish Fry's. The success of this six week event will determine how many of the worthy causes we will be able to contribute to. One of the easiest ways to accomplish this is simply by attending one or more of the fish fry dinners, with your family and friends. There will also be

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From Your Lecturer

Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis

This is (I promise) the final of the articles which comprise my summary of the book titled Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis in which he offers his views on then basic tenets of Christianity that led to his own conversion from atheism to belief in Christ. This last article delivered to the people of Britain during the Second World War concludes the fourth book or collection of these speeches.

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

Let's Pretend. In this chapter Lewis asked everyone to consider prayer. Whatever else

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FS Notes

Dear Brother Knights of St. Joseph Council #7528,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

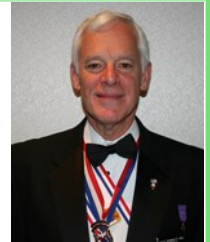
January is typically a busy month for the FS. Here is a description of two primary functions occurring in January.

2025 Membership dues

The dues first notice invoices were mailed to billable members Dec 16, 2024. As of Dec 23, I had received payments from 13 members.

There are a few options in how to submit your payment:

Mail your check as noted on the payment coupon attached to the invoice letter.



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plenty of opportunities for all of us to volunteer to make the fish fry's an overwhelmingly success.

Remember if we as Brother Knights do not attend the fundraisers, how can we expect the parish to be there. We need to lead by example, being present and showing that we are committed to helping those who most need our help and support.

Vivat Jesus,
Vince
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Pay using a credit card. Contact me to obtain a QR code.

Deliver your payment to me at the Jan 7, 2025 general membership meeting.

Upon receipt of your payment, I will mail the 2025 membership traveling card.
A 2nd notice will be mailed to members if their payment does not reach me by Jan 14, 2025.

Annual Survey of Fraternal Benefits

Form 1728 Annual Survey of Fraternal Benefits is due Jan 31, 2025.

Members' hours of service performed during 2024 will be reported on the form along with the councils financial support of charities. If you have hours of service, whether with the Knights or when volunteering with a different organization or for your parish, please send the information to me at mwfay@comcast.net.

The primary categories of service are Faith, Family, Community, and Life Activities.

Fraternally,
Mike Fay, FS, PGK

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is prayed, one will probably pray the Our Father. The very first words mean that we are putting ourselves in the place of a son of God. A place occupied by Christ. We are pretending to be Christ. Of course, we are a being not at all like the Son of God for we "are a bundle of self-centered fears, hopes, greed, jealousies, and self-conceit." What is the good at pretending to be what we are not? Because pretending can lead us to be the real thing. If we seriously try to be like Christ, then we cannot continue to act in the contrary. With Christ at our side, we begin to turn into someone like Christ. The tin soldier begins to turn into a real person. If we do not rely on Christ then we shall be relying on human beings, who will always disappoint because we are fallible, make mistakes, and will die.

The New Testament speaks of 'being born again', 'putting on Christ', about Christ 'being formed in us' etc. This means that a real Person, Christ, is in the very room where we are praying, transforming us into His likeness. If we are faithful, we can become a new creation, a new little Christ

Is Christianity Hard or Easy. The whole of Christianity involves our becoming this new creation. The Christian way is both harder and easier. Christ tells us to give all to Him. Not money or works that we but He wants our very selves. As Lewis puts it, "No half measures are any good. Hand over the whole natural self, all the desires which you think innocent as well as the ones you think wicked." He asks this because He gives His very self to us. This is both harder and easier than what we may be trying to do. For Christ said, "Take up your cross". But He also said, "My yoke is easy and my burden light."

It seems like an impossible thing - to hand over our whole self to Christ. But it is far easier than trying to remain as we are, seeking personal happiness in possessions, pleasure or ambition, yet hoping to remain honest, chaste and humble. "The real problem of the Christian life comes where people do not usually look for it. It come the moment you wake up each morning. All the wishes and hopes for the day rush at you. And the first job each morning consists simply in shoving them all back; in listening to that other little voice." If we take moments like this throughout our day, then we will be slowly transforming ourselves into little 'Christs'.

Counting the Cost. God does not demand that we be perfect before he will help us. Instead, he promises to not stop helping us until we become perfect. We have free will and can push God away, but if we put ourselves in His hands, we are in for the duration. That is the cost of our surrender. God will not stop until we are perfect. Although for most of us we never intended to be saints, but that is what He intended for us from the time of our creation.

Nice People or New Men. The change in each one of us will not happen in this life, though that would be remarkable. Which brings up the question why are not all Christians nicer than all non-Christians? The reasonable explanation is if conversion to Christianity makes no improvement on one's life, then that conversion was largely imaginary. Another way of looking at the question may be illogical to the outside world. A world that is viewed as Christian and

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non-Christian ignores the fact that the world is more complicated. Some people are who are ceasing to be Christians though they will still live a Christian life. There are those that are becoming Christian but do call themselves that. There are those who do not accept all that Christianity teaches but are so strongly attracted to Jesus that they do not understand how deep in relationship to Him they are. There are those who profess other religions who are being led by God's influence to concentrate on those parts of their religion which agree with Christianity and thus belong to Christ without knowing it.

The conclusion is that we should not be surprised if we find among Christians those with a disagreeable disposition.

The New Men. The word that describes this changing is Transformation. When we think of the Evolution of man, we see not only the change but also a new method of producing the change. Evolution has taken place by nature taking new and surprising turns. The Next Step (as Lewis puts it) is more of something coming into nature from the outside than arising out of the natural process of events.

So it is with Christianity. Our Next Step has already appeared. The change for man is from being creatures of God to being sons (and daughters) of God. Though Christ is the "first instance" of the new man, He is much more than that. "He is the origin and center and life of the new man." He came into the created universe of His own will. He transmitted His new life not by heredity but by the personal relationship that He has with each individual. The transformation of man did not end with the crucifixion, but began with it. And it has spread over all the earth.

To become new men means losing "ourselves" and entering into Christ. His will becomes our will. His thoughts become our thoughts. However, the irony is that the more we get ourselves out of the way, the more truly ourselves we become. Our real selves are all waiting for us in Him.

"Look for yourself, and you will find in the long run only hatred, loneliness, despair, ruin and decay. But look for Christ, and you will find Him, and with Him everything else thrown in."

Clive Staples Lewis (1898–1963) was one of the intellectual giants of the twentieth century and arguably one of the most influential writers of his day. He was a Fellow and Tutor in English Literature at Oxford University until 1954, when he was unanimously elected to the Chair of Medieval and Renaissance Literature at Cambridge University, a position he held until his retirement.

Lewis wrote more than thirty books, allowing him to reach a vast audience, and his works continue to attract thousands of new readers every year. C. S. Lewis's most distinguished and popular accomplishments include *Mere Christianity*, *Out of the Silent Planet*, *The Great Divorce*, *The Screwtape Letters*, and the universally acknowledged classics in *The Chroni-*

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cles of Narnia. To date, the Narnia books have sold over 100 million copies and been transformed into three major motion pictures.

To learn more about Lewis' conversion from committed atheist to converted Christian read the story at: <https://www.cslewisinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/KD-2002-Winter-The-Most-Reluctant-Convert-593.pdf>

Birthdays and Anniversaries for January

Member		Member contd.	
2nd	George Tesoro	24th	Donald Mennie
4th	Tito Alfiler	25th	Winn Michaelson
5th	Wilson Bembo	28th	Norman Robinson
7th	Roger Gallagher	28th	Travis Spicer
9th	Rodolfo T Escobar	28th	Gerardo Rosas
12th	David Gonzalo	29th	Gerald Duhamel
13th	Lawrence Weigel	30th	Robert Butzerin
15th	James Miles		
16th	Selim Abounader		Anniversaries
16th	Crispin Reyes	12th	Julius and Helen Rabara
17th	Ron Marlo Malanao	14th	Richard and Mary Ann Peterson
18th	Kevin Robillard	15th	Steven and Pat Gentry
18th	Fapian Nimeias	20th	William and Diane Shell
19th	James Freyberg	27th	David and Mary Seatz
20th	Thomas Skoda		

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 Past

September—Bob Williams
 October—James Pouge
 November—Don Hall

Nativity House!

Come help feed the homeless Saturday January 18th. 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 Past

September—Vince and Bev Mansanarez
 October—Reuben and Waka Morales
 November—Tony & Carol Robinson

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!

January

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

February

1st Respect Life Bigil
 4th Council Rosary
 4th General Meeting
 8th Dinner
 15th Nativity House
 18th Planning Meeting

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