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A Message from the Grand Knight

What a wonderful and glorious day Dec 21 was! The Knights and members of this St. Vincent de Paul community came together under the direction of Tony Robinson, to distribute over 100 plus baskets and toys to the less fortunate in the Federal Way area. It is a remarkable demonstration of human kindness that says Charity is our focal point. Great job! This is the most special time of the year when we as Christian men and families celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior! My hope and prayer for all of you is that you and your loved ones have truly enjoyed and cherished this time, shared in giving and made lasting impressions your children and grandchildren will always remember.

We are blessed with loving spouses and children that know our works and contributions make a meaningful and significant difference in the lives of so many people.

On behalf of Connie and me....we pray that your Christmas was memorable and rewarding and that you can all loosen your belt buckle at least one notch.

Recapping our Pot Luck dinner and get together....deep fried turkey and Jambalaya, salads, breads and out of this world desserts....thanks go to Eddie Cooper, Chris Vaughn and Dan Reeb for the time and effort the "chefs" put into this fun event. We had over 50 plus members and children with a special visit from Santa. On Dec 16th we held a First Degree bringing in Sean Lezcano, a former Squire, in a special exemplification honoring Juan Lezcano, Sean's father and our Deacon.

And we're off.....to a fantastic new year! We have our first annual Crab feed scheduled for Feb 21 with dinner tickets and raffle tickets on the

move. Our planning meetings are energized by you, our steadfast members, looking for ways to strengthen our membership and develop avenues of new and creative ways to increase revenues. This allows us to continue to contribute to the charities we provide for. After all, isn't that what we are all about? As I've said before, you, my fellow knights make me proud to serve this council. You are remarkable. I'm looking forward to an exciting and prosperous New Year with more events for our families to get together and get to know each other. Please join me in making this a fantastic 2004. God bless you all.

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Myers, GK

The Chancellor's Corner

By Kevin Buck, Chancellor

Brother Knights, I hope each of you had a wonderful Christmas with your family. Now that we are in the new calendar year, it is time to knuckle down and get to work because we have lots of activities on our slate. It's also time to start thinking seriously about recruiting... Ask that friend of yours that you have been meaning to for years, but haven't yet. Or invite the gent that you have seen at church and thought "he would make a good addition to our Council." Maybe all it would take would be to ask him. Invite them to join our ranks and bring the filled out form 100 to our General Meeting on January 6th.

As a sample of some of the upcoming events: Mel Longley is setting up the Free Throw competition for January 17th. Al Larpenteur is coordinating the poster and essay contest for Right to Life month the week of the 19th through the 23rd. And the Council will be conducting its annual fund raising Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, January 24th where the posters and essays will be displayed. On the weekend of January 31st, the parish will be sponsoring Marriage Renewal and our brother Knights will be providing a meal or two. Mothers and Others will be holding their annual Lover's Celebration on Valentines Day, February 14th. Dave Caton will be organizing the

next Blood Drive on Thursday, February 19th. Chris Vaughan is coordinating our first annual Crab Feed, scheduled for February 21st. Contact me or one of the other ticket captains to get your tickets before they are gone! The Fish Fry's begin February 27th and go every Friday until April 2nd. We are already beginning to plan our next Council Pot Luck for the 17th or 24th of April. Your participation in any or all of these activities is welcome. There is plenty more to be involved in, so come on out! And don't forget to invite Fr. Clarence or Fr. Tom to share a meal with you and your family.

Please don't forget to give me your personal service hours report. I have to submit to the State Program Chairman by the 10th of January, so please try to have yours to me before then. This report helps us to accumulate points towards the State Deputy's Award "1000 Point Club." When we do this, we do a lot of the things that are necessary to be "Star Council." I know that we as a council do a large amount of service in each of the areas listed below. However, in order to report it, I need to hear from each of you every month. At the end of the month, or the first few days of the following month, provide me with your personal report of what you did during the previous month. The categories are listed below with some examples of things that would qualify, but they are just examples.

List anything you do that provides service in these areas. Those of you that hold offices or do work at District, State and Supreme - all that time counts, too.

It would be just impossible for me to remember everything that is told to me, so I really need to have the information written down. The best way is if you have e-mail, just send it to me at kbuck55@comcast.net. Or you could hand it to me at the monthly meeting. I plan to have forms available to make that easy. Another means by which you could submit this report would be to mail it to me at: 2205 SW 306th Place, Federal Way, WA 98023.

SERVICE HOURS REPORT

Name:

For Month:

CHURCH

Invite a priest to dinner with your family, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Usher, Pray Rosary, Choir, Money Counter, Clean Church, Work on Church Grounds...

COMMUNITY

St. Vincent de Paul Society, Hospital Volunteer, Habitat for Humanity, VA, Kairos Prison Ministry, Rotary/Kiwanis, Nativity House, Public Office, Offer free Healthcare...

PRO-LIFE

Respect Life Poster Contest, March for Right to Life, Volunteer at a Clinic or Adoption Center...

COUNCIL

Use Telephone Tree or Email Tree, Prepare Knight of the Month or Family of the Month Recommendation, Operate Council Webpage, Attend Meetings, Coordinate or work on Council Events...

FAMILY

Provide Transportation to Church / Shopping / Doctor for those in need of it, Visit the Sick / Shut-ins, Participate in Family Oriented Events...

YOUTH

Support Grapevine, Faithways, Lifeteen, Confirmation Team, Mission Trek, Scouting, Free Throw Contest, Squires, CYO, School Activities, Parents Club...

VOCATIONS

Letters / Emails / Care Packages to Seminarians...

The Lecturer's Corner

By Greg Vicars, Lecturer

Our Guest Speaker this month is Brother Al Larpentuer, he will share information on Habitat for Humanity and The Community Supper, he has been working on.

Recruiting/Membership

By Dave Caton - Recruitment Chair, Third Year Trustee

We brought in 1 more new member in December. Please join me in welcoming Sean Lezcano. Sean is the son of Deacon Juan Lezcano and a former Squire. Be sure to say hi to him when you see him at the General Meeting.

Don't forget to keep on recruiting. We are doing well this year but you all know what happens. So keep a Form 100 handy and ask someone if they are interested in joining.

Blood Drive News!!!

By Dave Caton - Blood Drive Chairman

Our next Blood Drive will be Thursday, February 19th, 2004. Please mark your calendars for that date and sign up to give the gift of life.

1st Degree Team

By Joe Penwell - Degree Team Captain

Remember your 1st degree? Remember how it felt hearing those words for the first time? Why not join us as a Degree Team Member? Please contact me at 941-6339 for further information.

Rosary

Please note that we say the rosary before each General Meeting of the year. This month, we will be starting at 7:00pm, in the Chapel before the General Meeting on January 6th, 2004.

Family of the Month

December – The Chris Vaughan Family

Knight of the Month

December –Eddie Cooper

A word from the Financial Secretary

Gentlemen, please be sure to inform candidates that there is a \$10.00 initiation fee due at the time of their 1st degree. This is a nominal amount to cover the current quarter's dues and to get them a name badge. It wouldn't hurt to let them know that our dues are \$30.00 per year payable quarterly. Thanks Tim P.

2004 Spaghetti Dinner and Respect Life Poster Contest

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 24th, 2004 after the 5:00pm mass. We will be judging posters and essays during the day and will be displaying all posters in the Hall during our Annual Spaghetti Dinner. We will need plenty of help for this event so be sure to sign up at the January Meeting. Please call me at 253.941.8539 or email at AllenLarp@comcast.net if you have any questions or wish to sign up.

Al Larpenteur DGK – Respect Life Chairman

Free Throw Competition

The date for the council free throw competition is Saturday January 17, 2004. We will need help setting up and monitoring this event. If you are free that day and can help please E-mail me at mel_longley@hotmail.com or call me at 253.278.5579

Mel Longley, Youth Chairman

GET YOUR CRAB FEED TICKETS!

On Saturday evening, February 21, 2004, starting at 6:30PM in the Parish Hall, we will be having our First Annual Charity Crab Feed to benefit the Knights of Columbus Charities. Tickets are \$25.00 each, and include one free alcoholic beverage (beer or wine) or a soft drink and a coupon for \$1.00 off any entrée at the local Ivar's Seafood Bar in Federal Way. FRESH Dungeness crab will be the featured entrée for the event.

The tickets are sold in books of 24 tickets each, as there will be 24 seats at each table, so your whole group can sit at the same table! We also have \$1.00 Raffle Tickets for advance sale as well. We are selling to our Brother Knights and their families first, so get your tickets now by calling one of the following Brother Knights who have graciously volunteered to serve as Ticket Sales Captains for this event:

Wayne Moritz	(253) 941-0354
Ken Baune	(253) 946-6811
Eddie Cooper	(253) 946-9067

Kevin Buck	(253) 874-1370
Mark Busch	(253) 943-3894
Mike Hemmer	(253) 874-1192
Matt Siverly	(253) 941-8253
Chris Anderson	(253) 838-5831
David Seatz	(253) 946-4989
Kramer Seatz	(253) 951-9511
Greg Vicars	(253) 941-3722
Ted Gimlin	(253) 852-1128
Tim Philomeno	(253) 661-2296
Tony Robinson	(253) 839-1084

Tickets will also be available at the next General Meeting on January 6th. We will also have an insert going into the Sunday Church Bulletin starting December 28th regarding the event and we will start selling tickets that weekend at the Masses. If you have any questions on the event itself, please call me at (253) 261-4550.

GET YOUR CRAB FEED TICKETS NOW BEFORE WE'RE SOLD OUT!

Chris Vaughan
Crab Feed 2004 Chairman

Vocations

By Deacon Juan Lezcano, sfo - Vocations Chairman

Here is a recent letter from one of our Seminarians, Deacon Thomas Nathe

Dear Knights,

This is my last year of seminary. I was ordained to the transitional diaconate last July and (God willing) will be ordained to the Priesthood in June with three classmates. It is fair to say that I have senioritis as I have barely been doing my homework. I definitely feel ready for Priesthood and find it difficult to humble myself for this last year of seminary. The Good Lord finds ways to help me with that though, like if I don't do the work then I guess I will get to "repeat" the year. Motivation enough!

On the weekends I travel up to Vancouver, Washington from the seminary (a good hour drive one way) and serve at Holy Redeemer Parish there. I couldn't have gotten a better assignment as I really enjoy the pastor and the two of us share much the same vision for the Church. I have been preaching a couple weekends a month and that has been a real learning experience for me. The homilies are getting better (I think) yet don't seem any less stressful to prepare. The people at Holy Redeemer are great as they are just about anywhere. Holy Redeemer is a new parish, established just three years ago from nothing. They are yet to build a Church and are currently using a rented space in a strip mall to worship in. The Knights Group here is very aggressive in helping the Pastor establish the parish and in recruiting. I don't think a weekend goes by without at least one of them asking me if I am a Knight.

God is certainly good and has blessed us all. All Glory to Him.

In the Peace of the Lord.

Thomas Nathe

A Woman and a Fork

There was a young woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So as she was getting her things "in order," she contacted her Pastor and had him come to her house to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes.

She told him which songs she wanted sung at the service, what scriptures she would like read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in.

Everything was in order and the Pastor was preparing to leave when the young woman suddenly remembered something very important to her.

"There's one more thing," she said excitedly.

"What's that?" came the Pastor's reply.

"This is very important," the young woman continued.

"I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand."

The Pastor stood looking at the young woman, not knowing quite what to say.

That surprises you, doesn't it?" the young woman asked.

"Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request," said the Pastor.

The young woman explained. "My grandmother once told me this story, and from that time on I have always tried to pass along its message to those I love and those who are in need of encouragement. In all my years of attending socials and dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, 'Keep your fork.' It was my favorite part because I knew that something better was coming...like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie.

Something wonderful, and with substance!

So, I just want people to see me there in that casket

with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder "What's with the fork?" Then I want you to tell them: "Keep your fork ...the best is yet to come."

The Pastor's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the young woman good-bye. He knew this would be one of the last times he would see her before her death. But he also knew that the young woman had a better grasp of heaven than he did. She had a better grasp of what heaven would be like than many people twice her age, with twice as much experience and knowledge.

She KNEW that something better was coming.

At the funeral people were walking by the young woman's casket and they saw the cloak she was wearing and the fork placed in her right hand. Over and over, the Pastor heard the question, "What's with the fork?" And over and over he smiled.

During his message, the Pastor told the people of the conversation he had with the young woman shortly before she died. He also told them about the fork and about what it symbolized to her. He told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them that they probably would not be able to stop thinking about it either.

He was right. So the next time you reach down for your fork let it remind you, ever so gently, that the best is yet to come. Friends are a very rare jewel, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. They lend an ear, they share a word of praise, and they always want to open their hearts to us.

Show your friends how much you care. Remember to always be there for them, even when you need them more. For you never know when it may be their time to "Keep your fork."

Cherish the time you have, and the memories you share ... being friends with someone is not an opportunity but a sweet responsibility.

And keep your fork.

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: Al Larpenteur, 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: _____

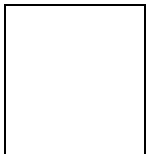
Address: _____ City: _____

Mail your check to:

The 365 Club
Knights of Columbus, Council #7528
PO Box 24763
Federal Way, WA 98093-1763

Calendar of Events		
January 2004		
1 st	Happy New Year	
6 th	General Meeting	St. Vincent de Paul Narthex @7:30pm with the Rosary in the Chapel at 7:00pm
17 th	Council Free-throw Competition	St. Vincent de Paul Activity Center
20 th	Planning Meeting	Room "A" at 7:30pm
24 th	Poster Contest and Spaghetti Dinner	St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall after the 5:00pm Mass
30 th	Help with Marriage renewal weekend	Cooking on 31 st and 1 st in the parish hall
February 2004		
3 rd	General Meeting	St. Vincent de Paul Narthex @7:30pm with the Rosary in the Chapel at 7:00pm
14 th	Lovers Celebration	Call the Church Office to obtain tickets
17 th	Planning Meeting	Room "A" at 7:30pm
19 th	Blood Drive	St. Vincent de Paul Hall all day
21 st	1 st Annual Crab Feed	St. Vincent de Paul Hall starting after the 5:00pm Mass
27 th	1 st Lenten Fish Fry	St. Vincent de Paul Hall starting at 5:30pm
<p align="center">Check out our website at http://www.kc7528.org for all of these events and more!</p>		

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