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A Message from the Grand Knight

As I write this message, I'm thinking of another successful Pot luck dinner held Saturday, April 24th, and the great food but more important the fellowship and camaraderie we all enjoyed.

The month of April was memorable with the significance of our Council celebrating 2 special occasions....the first was the Star Council Award presented by Immediate Past State Deputy, Wayne Hogan to Marc Gonick last years Grand Knight . The second was the presentation to Jim Miles the District Deputy Award for his leadership with the 4 councils (St. Theresa, St. Philomena, Holy Names, and our own St. Joseph). It was a celebration of accomplishments, made special by the style and detail Wayne brought to our meeting. For new as well as seasoned knights, the recap of circumstances as well as particular events, clearly painted a picture of our year in chronological detail. The feedback from our fellow knights ranged from..." I now see the connection between committee's and what we accomplish"...."I didn't realize what seemed small and insignificant to me played out to a bigger picture for our Council""this was an educational eye opener for all of us with the style and impact our past year was recapped". A special thanks to Wayne for his time and energy, and the standing ovation to both Marc and Jim for their fine work.

We held a Rosary on the 6th honoring The Divine Mercy Icon, which depicted the image of Jesus as revealed by St. Faustina in 1931. We welcomed two new members in the First Degree, Jim Yokum and Walter Backstrom, both eager to help our Council with their commitment to assist and their desire to move on in the degrees.

We will again suit up in our aprons May 9th, for the annual Knights Mother's Day Breakfast. We'll have a sign up sheet for pancake flappers, egg and ham cookers, and the likes at our general meeting on the 4th of May.....and as always it will be a success because you wouldn't have it any other way.

As you all know by now when I find something that fits a special occasion or "opens your mind or heart" to the things we sometimes take for granted, I like to pass it on. This is one I'd like you to share with the wonderful women in your lives.

Happy Mothers Day

This is for all the mothers who have sat up all night with sick toddlers in their arms, wiping up barf laced with Kraft dinner and wieners, birthday cake, and cherry Kool-Aid saying, "It's OK honey, Mommy's here."

Who have walked around the house all night with their babies when they kept crying and wouldn't stop.

This is for all the mothers who have shown up at work with spit-up in their hair and milk stains on their blouses and

diapers in their purse.

For all the mothers who have run carpools and made dozens of cookies for school teas and sewn Halloween costumes. And all the mothers who HAVEN'T because they're at work trying to keep on top of the bills.

This is for the mothers who gave birth to babies they'll never see. And the mothers who took those babies and gave them homes and all their love.

This is for all the mothers who have frozen their buns off on metal bleachers at hockey, baseball or soccer games any night of the week instead of watching from their cars, so that when their kids asked, "Did you see me?" they could say, "Of course, I wouldn't have missed it for the world," and meant it.

This is for all the mothers who have yelled at their kids in the grocery store and swatted them in despair when they stomped there feet like a tired 2-year old does, who wants ice cream before dinner, and then hated them- selves for "losing" it.

This is for all the mothers who sat down with their children and explained all about making babies. And for all the mothers who wanted to but just couldn't.

For all the mothers who read "Goodnight, Moon" twice a night for a year. And then read it again. "Just one more time."

This is for all the mothers who taught their children to tie their shoelaces before they started school. And for all the mothers who opted for Velcro instead.

This is for all the mothers who taught their sons to cook and sew and their daughters to be brave and strong (and sink a jump shot.)

This is for all mothers whose heads turn automatically when a little voice calls "Mom?" in a crowd, even though they know their own offspring are at home.

This is for all the mothers who sent their kids to school with stomach aches, assuring them they'd be just FINE once they got there, only to get calls from the school nurse an hour later asking them to please pick them up right away. And they do.

This is for mothers whose children have gone astray, and who can't find the words to reach them.

For all the mothers who bite their lips sometimes until they bleed when their 14 year olds dye their hair green.

What makes a good Mother anyway? Is it patience? Compassion? Broad hips? The ability to nurse a baby, cook dinner, and sew a button on a shirt, all at the same time?

Or is it the heart? Is it the ache you feel when you watch your son or daughter disappear down the street, walking to school alone for the very first time?

Or the terror in your heart at 1 AM when your teenager with the new driver's license is an hour late getting home.

The jolt that takes you from sleep to dread, from bed to crib at 2 A.M. to put your hand on the back of a sleeping baby? Or to feel the dull ache as you look in on your sleeping daughter or son the night before they leave for a college in another city.

The need to flee from wherever you are and hug your child when you hear news of a fire, a car accident, a child dying?

This is for mothers who have tearfully placed flowers and teddy bears on their children's graves. Whose children have died from illness, accidents and the worst of all and hardest to comprehend, suicides.

This is for young mothers stumbling through diaper changes and sleep deprivation.

And mature mothers who have learned and are still learning, to let go.

For working mothers and stay-at-home mothers.
 Single mothers and married mothers.
 Grandmothers whose wisdom and love remains a constant
 for their grown children and their children's children.
 For Mothers with money, and Mothers without.
 This is for you all. So hang in there.
 May this be a special and blessed day for all mothers.
 Vivat Jesus!

Dave Myers, GK

The Chancellor's Corner

By Kevin Buck, Chancellor

Brother Knights, by the time you are reading this I will have already submitted the last Service Hour and Program Report to the State Program Chairman for this Fraternal Year. I want to thank you all for everything you did to make our programs a success this year! I also thank you for all the timely submissions of your service hours each month. It made my job much simpler with all the data for my reports provided to me the way you all did. Thank you!

Although the reports are done, I would like to challenge you all (my brother Knights) to not put your swords away just yet. We must always be working for the good of our brotherhood. Continue to recruit new members. Even during July and August you can be lining up new candidates for our first exemplification ceremony of the next fraternal year.

Don't forget that we still have two general meetings left this year. Join us May 4th and June 1st. We will be nominating and electing the council officers for next year. Turn out and vote! Or even better, run for office.

Grand Knight, Dave Myers, has promised to feed us at the June meeting. We have lots of other activities going on, and they are not all work - there is quite a bit of fun, too! Come join the fun. I hope to see you at the meeting.

A Note from the Advocate

By Greg Vicars, Advocate

Be sure to attend the May meeting and meet Duane Vincent. Duane is the State Pennies for Heaven and Vocations Chairman. He will be giving a presentation about PFH and will answer any questions you may have about the Pennies for Heaven program or Vocations Support.

Recruiting/Membership

By Dave Caton - Recruitment Chair, Third Year Trustee
 Brother Knights-

I'd like to invite any new (or old!) first Degree Knights to join me this coming Saturday (May 1st) at a 2nd and 3rd Degree at St. Monica's Church on Mercer Island. The Degree starts at 12 noon and we will need to leave St. Vincent's at 11:15 AM. I will meet all interested Knights in the North Parking lot by the Willenberg Center. Please let me know as soon as possible if you can attend this last semi-local Degree before this summer. Let's try to have another large contingent of

Knights from St. Joseph Council to attend and show our support for our new brethren. First Degree Knights and sponsors: please contact your candidates and encourage them to attend these enriching experiences.

I'd also like to welcome our newest First Degree Knights, Walter Backstrom and Jim Yokum who each made their First Degree on April 20th. Please come and welcome these two fine new Knights at our May 4th business meeting.

Brother Knights: we are again on track for Star Council with both membership (more than 120% of our quota for membership and at 200% of our quota for insurance!!) I, again, thank you all for your efforts and hard work and for the leadership of our officers as well as Dave Myers as our most excellent Grand Knight. It has been a real pleasure to serve you as Membership Chairman these past 3 years. Let's continue the impetus in the 3 months left in the Fraternal Year to ask our fellow brother Catholics to join us!

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 May 4th, 2004.

Family of the Month

March – The Chris Gruber Family

Knight of the Month

March – Mike O'Connell

For Sale

I have a 17" color computer monitor for sale. It is about 3 years old. I will sell it cheap(free). Call me at 253.661.2296. Tim Philomeno

It's that time of year again...

We will be voting on officers for the next Fraternal Year at the May meeting. The nominating committee would like you to consider the following:

Grand Knight	Al Larpenteur
Deputy GK	Kevin Buck
Chancellor	Mike Fay
Treasurer	Tom Skoda
Recorder	Gerry Duhamel
Warden	Bill Thomas
Inside Guard	Mel Longley
Outside Guard	Dan Reeb
Advocate	Joe Clemens

Awards Banquet

Please mark your calendars for June 26th, 2004. This is the date for our Annual Awards Banquet. This is a great Council event, time to reflect on the past year and honor those who have made this Council a success. We will have the event after the 5:00pm mass on the 26th in the Parish Hall. Stay tuned for further details.

Rich Gonzalez...

As you may know, Rich Gonzalez, a member of our council, is currently serving in the military. Rich has been a member of our council since December 2000. He was sent to Iraq last month and is stationed in Bagdad. The following is an email that was forwarded to us by his wife sent by another soldier:

Hi all. Thought I'd share a moment of bravery with you. My fellow compadre here in Iraq, SFC Richard Gonzalez proved himself about a week ago. He was walking out of the PX(store) when our base came under a rocket attack. He was approximately 25 feet from where the rocket exploded. He was blown to the ground like all the others nearby. He then ran back into the PX when he noticed 9-10 people lying on the ground injured and bleeding. He then ran out from building and began dragging the injured back into the building. While he was doing that he heard the "whzz" of another incoming rocket and jumped to the ground. Luckily that rocket did not explode and the attack ended after that. He then assisted ambulance crews in loading the injured. He came back covered in blood and shaken but what he did was heroic and worthy of note by others. That is why I share this with you. He suffered a perforated eardrum and remained shaken for a few days after but otherwise unscathed. As for me, I was at a dining facility eating chow the whole time. Over here it's all about not being at the wrong place at the wrong time. Alex

PLEASE keep Rich and in your prayers.....

BALANCE

Once upon a time, God was missing for six days. Eventually, Michael, the archangel, found him, resting on the seventh day.

He inquired of God. "Where have you been?"

God sighed a deep sigh of satisfaction, and proudly pointed downwards through the clouds, "Look, Michael. Look what I've made."

Archangel Michael looked puzzled, and said, "What is it?"

"It's a planet," replied God, "and I've put Life on it. I'm going to call it Earth and it's going to be a great place of balance."

"Balance?" inquired Michael, still confused.

God explained, pointing to different parts of earth. "For example, northern Europe will be a place of great opportunity and wealth, while southern Europe is going to be poor - Over there I've placed a continent of white

people, and over there is a Continent of black people.

Balance in all things." God continued pointing to different countries. "This one will be extremely hot, while this one will be very cold and covered in ice."

The Archangel, impressed by God's work, then pointed to a land mass and said, "What's that one?"

"Ah," said God. "That's Washington State, the most glorious place on earth. There are beautiful streams, hills, and forests. The people from Washington State are going to be handsome, modest, intelligent and humorous, and they are going to be found traveling the world. They will be extremely sociable, hardworking, and high achieving, and they will be known throughout the world as diplomats, and carriers of peace."

Michael gasped in wonder and admiration, but then proclaimed, "What about balance, God? You said there would be balance!"

God smiled, "Wait until you see the idiots I put in the other Washington."

Author unknown

Last Chance for Columbus Charities

Al Larpenteur, DGK – Columbus Charities Chairman

Gentlemen, please be sure to bring all of your unsold tickets and money to the May meeting. I will not be there but Tim Philomeno will be available to collect any tickets and money. It is very important that all tickets be accounted for so please plan on attending. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who participated in the selling and buying of tickets this year. You are indeed a generous council.

St. Joseph Council Receives Star Council Award

If you attended the April general meeting, you were witness to the presentation of the Star Council Award to our council by Immediate Past State Deputy Wayne Hogan. Wayne always does a superb job of recapping the effort that went into making this award a reality and recognizing those brother Knights that were directly involved in the effort. It was great that PGK Marc Gonick was on hand to receive the award on behalf of the Council. Congratulations to Marc and all of our members for making this achievement a reality.





Wayne grills the chairmen...



Does the Insurance Guy know the answers...

Our own Former District Deputy Receives Star District Award

If you attended the April General meeting, you were also witness to the presentation of the Star District Award given to FDD Jim Miles. This award was presented by IPSD Wayne Hogan. Congratulation to Jim on his efforts to achieve this prestigious award.



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:

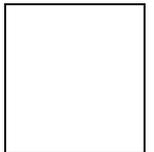
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Calendar of Events

May 2004		
4th	General Meeting	St. Vincent de Paul Narthex @7:30pm with the Rosary in the Chapel at 7:00pm
9 th	Mother's Day Breakfast	St. Vincent de Paul Hall after the 8:00am and 9:30am masses
14 th -16 th	WSC Convention	Spokane, WA
18th	Planning Meeting and 1st Degree	Room "A" at 7:30pm...1st Degree starts at 7:00pm sharp!
June 2004		
1st	General Meeting	St. Vincent de Paul Narthex @7:30pm with the Rosary in the Chapel at 7:00pm
5 th	Alter Server Appreciation Dinner	After the 5:00pm Mass in the Parish Hall
15th	Planning Meeting and 1st Degree	Room "A" at 7:30pm...1st Degree starts at 7:00pm sharp!
26 th	Annual Awards Banquet	St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall after the 5:00pm mass
27 th	Coffee & Donuts	After all the Sunday Masses
July 2004		
4 th	Happy Birthday America	
8 th	Blood Drive	St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall

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

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