



# The Cross and Compass

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## A Message from the Grand Knight



As I am writing this, we are all preparing to some degree, for Thanksgiving. The holiday has most likely just past, now that you are reading our newsletter. I certainly hope that each of you experienced a pleasant and enjoyable holiday with your family and loved ones. This is an opportunity for us to reflect on the gifts that we have been given, and as the name implies, give thanks.

This time of year reminds us of those less fortunate than ourselves. I hope that many of you helped the St. Vincent de Paul Society with the annual Thanksgiving Baskets. This can be a very humbling experience. I think that it is good for the soul to keep our perspective oriented on how good God is to us. And it doesn't hurt to share some of our abundance either. Don't forget the Christmas Baskets coming up on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December.

We are coming into the busy part of the year. For the next several months, we will only have a few opportunities to come up for air from our schedule of events. I am counting on each of you to support the council in whatever way you can. So, enjoy the holidays with your family and friends and share some camaraderie with your brother Knights and their families at the council pot luck on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Eddie Cooper and his crew are promising some good food and a great time.

Some of the events coming up include a Blood Drive on December 8<sup>th</sup>, the annual Marriage Renewal Weekend breakfast, the Crab Feed, the Respect Life Spaghetti Dinner, and the Free Throw Contest. For those of you familiar with the Free Throw Contest, next year we will be adding the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge. You can

find out more information about these and other events at our meetings. The General Business meeting is on the first Tuesday of the month, December 6<sup>th</sup> in this case, in the Narthex at 7:30 pm. Be there by 7:00 pm and join us for the rosary.

On the third Saturday of each month, we support the homeless shelter in Tacoma, "Nativity House", by serving a breakfast. Mission Trek is actively involved in this, but they can always use some assistance from Knights. Contact Leo Herrera for details and to volunteer.

Here is something that I wholeheartedly recommend to each of you. As a matter of fact, there is no requirement to be a Knight, so your wives, family members and friends can do this too. That is to join the Fr. McGivney Guild. This is an organization for the cause of sainthood of the Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney. It is free and you will receive information about Fr. McGivney, as well as the newsletter every couple of months. If you haven't joined yet, you can go on-line to the KC website (<http://www.kofc.org>) and click on The McGivney Guild. Or, you can fill out the simple form that can be found in most issues of the Columbia magazine. You can call or e-mail me and I will mail you a form if needed. Also, near the back of November's Columbia magazine, there is an order form for a 2006 Father McGivney Calendar – cost 10 dollars.

Many of you have had the pleasure of meeting our Chaplain, Father John Horan. He is delightful. If you haven't had that opportunity, introduce yourself to him the next chance you get. While you're at it, invite him to dinner with your family. Give him a call and work out a time that is mutually agreeable. His phone number is listed at the back of this bulletin. He is retired and lives at the Palisades. I am sure that he enjoys getting out and meeting the Knights from the council, but I know that it will be a special time for you.

As Knights of Columbus, we are obligated to defend the Catholic Church from the onslaughts of the anti-Christian world. We must stand up for

what we know to be right. The best way that I know to do this is by building up our organization. Tell the community and the world what we are about by letting our activities be seen. We believe in family, support our Church and religious orders, and do good works and support charities in our community. We must constantly revitalize and strengthen our ranks and one excellent method of accomplishing this is to recruit a new Knight. You may know of a former Knight, someone who once was a member of our order and for whatever reason has put down his sword and shield. Speak to him and invite him to come back.

I sincerely hope each of you will have a joyful Christmas with your family and may you experience Christ's peace throughout the New Year.

Vivat Jesus!

**Kevin Buck, GK**

### From the Deputy Grand Knight



I hope that you and your loved ones enjoyed a happy Thanksgiving Day. Every thing on our dinner table was delicious. Thanks to the brother knights that pitched in on Sunday Nov 20 to pack and deliver food baskets to needy families in the area, hopefully they too experienced a happy day on Thanksgiving.

As you receive and read this copy of the Cross & Compass, the new liturgical season began with the First Sunday of Advent. May we now turn our hearts to the coming of Jesus at Christmas. We are in a period of waiting and anticipation for His arrival.

Keep a look out for the annual dues notice and your opportunity to purchase the long anticipated raffle tickets for the support of Columbus Charities. I should be receiving the books of tickets this month and will then ask for your help is selling them.

Mike Fay, DGK

### Rosary

Please note that we say the rosary before each General Meeting of the year. This month, we will be starting at 7:00 pm in the Chapel before the General Meeting on December 6th, 2005.

### Family of the Month

October – the Dave Caton Family

### Knight of the Month

October - Joe Penwell

### The Chancellor's Corner

By Ken Baune, Chancellor

During the month of November, we are reminded many times to give thanks for the good things that happen to us throughout the year. Council 7528 has over 200 members with multiple talents, offering many gifts of time and treasure. As Chancellor and Program Director, I wish extend a big Thank You to every Knight that is involved with our events by volunteering to work or attending, thus providing the necessary dollars to make each event a financial success. The functions we have are necessary to earn the dollars needed to fund the many charities we hold dear to our heart. We should be sure to thank every Knight for their participation, whether it is putting on the function or enjoying the event.

Thank you Brother Knights,

### From the Council Youth Director

By Leo Herrera

Brothers, it is that time of the year once again. A time to spend with your loved ones and share God's love. Soon our Christmas tree will be up with its doves. This year I'm going to suggest each of you to take a dove. Take your children, grandkids, nephew or niece and explain to them why we have the doves and whom they are for. Then take them shopping and let them pick the gifts and place them at the tree. You are never too young to learn about Charity.

We had our Thanksgiving baskets on the 20th of November. If you were there, thank you for all your help. If you missed out, don't worry. On December 18th, we will be doing the Christmas Baskets. If you have never done it in the past...Please join us. Here again, I'm going to ask you to bring your children or grandkids to help you. This will make a great family experience. There is so much to do. Help your kids to choose toys from the tables that will be set up for the families in need. And then if you are able to, I encourage you to deliver the baskets. To

see the expressions from the families is very rewarding. I have done it with my girls the past 4 years and it is very fulfilling. Explain to them what we are doing and how we can all serve the Lord.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas

### Thank You

On behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, thank you to the Knights, Squires, Life Teen, middle school program, St. Vincent de Paul School, Fr. Tom, and the GREATEST parishioners of our Wonderful Parish. Because of your help and generosity, we were able to provide Thanksgiving for 262 people in 54 families. Your great turnout made quick work of the assembly and delivery. May you be showered with the grace of Our Lord for your true spirit of hearing "The Cry of The Poor". Thank you again and we hope to see you on December 18th for the Christmas baskets. ....Tony Robinson

### Knights To Decorate Church on 12/23

Every year, the Knights have actively participated in decorating the church for Christmas. The good news is that we will do it again this year. And, the even better news is that we are going to do it on Friday, December 23. This gives us Christmas Eve Day with our families!!

Plan to join us and give a hand to Father Tom. We'll plan to start shortly after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on that day.

Please let Ralph Horner know if you can help by calling him at 927.3678 or e-mailing him at [ralph.horner@weyerhaeuser.com](mailto:ralph.horner@weyerhaeuser.com). We're going to have the best looking church ever for Christmas this year!!

Ralph Horner, Church Director

### Christmas Potluck Dinner December 17, 2005 After 5:00 p.m. Mass

The Christmas Potluck Dinner will take place after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Once again this year, Dan Reeb and I will cook our world famous fried turkeys along with a few other dishes. Please bring your dish according to the following guide:

- Last names A-D: Vegetable dishes
- Last names E-I: Salad and Pasta dishes
- Last names J-N: Breads
- Last names O-S: Desserts
- Last names T-Z: Meat dishes

Soft drinks and coffee will be supplied.

I will need a hand or two in the kitchen. If you are interested in helping, please contact me @ 253-946-9067. Thanks..... Eddie Cooper, Family Director

### Knights on the Move...

Fourteen knights had the opportunity to visit one of the most unique parishes in Seattle. This parish was founded in 1911 and has stained glass windows from 1915. The three Sunday masses are said in three different languages: English, Laotian, and Mandarin. In my opinion, that makes the parish very challenging. One of the perks is that the priest does not have to go outside to get from the rectory to the church -- all the priest has to do is climb the narrow winding steps. This parish also has its own garden where parishioners grow vegetables and flowers.

These fourteen knights got this unique opportunity because our immediate past Chaplin, Fr. Clarence, got reassigned from St. Monica on Mercer Island to Our Lady of Mount Virgin in Seattle. On October 29<sup>th</sup>, Tony Robinson and Dave Myers picked up the truck in Kent (the only truck available in the area), and the rest of us met at St. Vincent and drove in several vehicles to St. Monica. We used every inch of space in every vehicle and completed the move in one trip. When we got to Our Lady of Mount Virgin, we had some Starbucks coffee to get our second wind. Poor Fr. Clarence was being pulled in three different directions, because he was the only one directing what went where in three different buildings. Fortunately, we didn't break anything and no one got hurt. Fr. Clarence provided fried chicken and drinks for the movers. After the fine meal, Fr. Clarence gave us a tour of the church and gave us his blessing. Then I heard one of the most profound statements I have ever heard, and I have to tell everyone. Brother Gerry Duhamel said, "Gentlemen this is what the Knights are about, and I am very proud to be a member of this council." I have to agree completely with him and echo his statement. I would be remised if I didn't tell you who the fourteen knights were. So here are their names:

Dave Myers	Tony Robinson	Mike Rutland
Greg Vicars	Gerry Duhamel	Dave Caton
Steve Gentry	Dan Reeb	Walter Backstrom
Mike Fay	Mike Hemmer	Roy Nelson
Jim Miles		Joe Penwell

Sincerely submitted by Joe Penwell, PGK

### Time for a new Council Directory

I will be updating data and printing a new council directory to be delivered with your Dues Billing. **Please let me know** if there are any changes to your information. You can call me at 253.661.2296 or email [tphilomeno@sparling.com](mailto:tphilomeno@sparling.com). Thanks for you help in keeping our Council Data up-to-date..... Tim Philomeno

### Meeting Drawing Winner

The winner for the November Meeting was  
 Ryan Clemens  
 (Remember, you must be present to win!)

### Gift Wrapping at the Federal Way Commons

Gift Wrapping at the Federal Way Commons takes place on Tuesday Dec 20 and Wednesday Dec 21 from 9 am to 10 pm each day. This fund raising event supports Hospitality House, a shelter for homeless women. Parishioners from St. Vincent de Paul Parish are being recruited to support this event. I invite you and your family to sign up for 1, 2, or 3 hour periods to wrap gifts. Please contact me or my wife, Maureen, at 253-838-6852 for information and to pick a time that is convenient for you. Those who participated last year had a great time.

Please welcome our 2 newest members, Logan Black and Nick Callahan pictured here with the 1st degree team.



Front row Dan Reeb, Tony Robinson, Logan Black, Nick Callahan, Tim Philomeno. Back row Ken Baune, Greg Vicars, Dave Caton, Joe Penwell.

### St. Vincent de Paul Yearly Donation Presentation



Grand Knight, Kevin Buck, presents St. Vincent de Paul Director and Past Grand Knight, Tony Robinson, with our Council's Annual Contribution to the St. Vincent de Paul Society; a check for \$1,500.

#### Good of the Order

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

<i>Sick/Remember</i>	<i>Deceased</i>
Mike White	Greg Vicars Family
Alex Plys	Maurice Tessier Family
Mary Garcia (Ray's wife)	
Dave Caton's mother	

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.

#### 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: Mike Fay, 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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 Knights of Columbus, Council #7528  
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## Birthdays and Anniversaries

<i>December Birthdays</i>				<i>December Anniversaries</i>	
2	Jose Irizarry	10	Edward Ross	5	Gary and Jeannie Best
3	Ryan Clemens	11	Joseph Phillips	6	Richard and Tina Gonzalez
4	Tim Pinney	11	Brian Cummings	6	David and Mary Caton
4	Joseph Langlois	14	Todd Hauge	18	Steven and Sue Drake
6	James Ellingson	15	John Nowicki	19	Dennis and Ann Huss
6	Gerald DeLaFontaine	18	Duane Parker	19	John and Joyce McMahon
6	Juan Lezcano	23	David Myers	27	Melvin and Vicki Studley
7	Charles Lasher	24	James Young	27	Jerry and Stella Nnanabu
8	Clarence Jones	27	Franz Hernandez	31	Walter and Dail Anderson
9	Edward Novak	31	Nicholas Callahan		
9	Boyd Wilton				
3	Rita Yokum	24	Carol Robinson		
7	Pam Ross	25	Mary Bolanos		
12	Linette Lasher	28	Christine Andersen		
12	Tina Gonzalez	30	Teresa Duhamel		
14	Elinore Alvarado	31	Peggy Novak		

## Council Calendar of Events

### December 2005

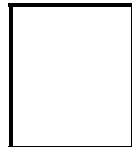
6th	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>7:30pm Narthex and Rosary 7:00pm Chapel</b>
8th	Blood Drive	St. Vincent's Hall
17th	Council Potluck Dinner	St. Vincent's Hall after the 5:00pm Mass
18th	St V de Paul Christmas Basket Delivery	St. Vincent's Hall
<b>20th</b>	<b>Planning Meeting</b>	<b>7:30pm in Room "A" - 1st Degree at 7:00pm</b>
20th-21st	Gift Wrapping	The Commons in Federal Way
23rd	Decorate Christmas Trees	St. Vincent de Paul Church
25th	Merry Christmas	

### January 2006

1st	Happy New Year	
<b>3rd</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>7:30pm Narthex and Rosary 7:00pm Chapel</b>
15th	Marriage Renewal Breakfast	St. Vincent's Hall
<b>17th</b>	<b>Planning Meeting</b>	<b>7:30pm in Room "A" - 1st Degree at 7:00pm</b>
18th	March for Life	Olympia, WA
21st	3rd Annual Crab Feed	6:00pm in St. Vincent's Hall
28th	Annual Free-throw Contest	St. Vincent's Activity Center

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

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