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A Message from the Grand Knight



January 2005 has been a very busy month for us. Our second annual Crab Feed was a tremendous success, we conducted the Free Throw contest the next day, we took down the Christmas trees in our church, we will provide our annual poster and essay contest with a Spaghetti Dinner on January 22, two of us will participate in the March for Life in Washington, DC on January 24, and, finally, we will provide the Sunday breakfast at the Marriage Renewal Retreat.

All these activities require many hours of volunteer time, and I appreciate all those who have been so generous in offering their time and talents. With Lent around the corner, many of us will continue to put in a lot of effort for the six Lenten Fish Fry dinners that we will offer. We'll also have an opportunity in February to donate blood.

If you hear about one of our brothers or a member of a brother's family who has died, is sick or is having hardships, please let me or Tim Philomeno know promptly. We have a very strong Council because we enjoy doing things together. It's also very strong because we take care of one another.

Vivat Jesus!

Al Larpenteur, GK



From the Deputy Grand Knight

By Kevin Buck, DGK



We have started the new year at a brisk pace and there is no sign of slowing down on the horizon. Our second annual Crab Feed was extremely successful as you will no doubt hear from Dave Myers when he makes his report. The Free Throw contest went off with out a hitch, even though Mel Longley wasn't able to be there to personally direct the efforts. And the Respect Life benefit Spaghetti Dinner coordinated by Mike O'Connell was the most successful spaghetti dinner (I believe) since I have been a Knight. None of these feats would have been possible without each of you jumping in to help out in whatever way you could. My Brother Knights of St. Joseph Council have done it again! You guys never cease to amaze me! Together, we make up the most dynamic, wonderful group of catholic gentlemen this side of Idaho.

Well, maybe I am a little prejudiced.

That brings up another topic that I would like to briefly discuss. Around the Martin Luther King holiday, we hear a lot of talk about diversity and how we must constantly be on the look out for bigotry. This is all well and good, and maybe that is how we get to this point. However, when I was on active duty in the Marine Corps, we were all one color - GREEN. I believe that what is really important isn't whether or not we are diverse, but whether or not we respect each other. If we treat every human life with respect, then it won't matter what color the person is.

Enough of my philosophical ramblings, as I am not qualified to go there.

So, I want to remind all of you that we have a number of activities coming up and your time and effort is still needed. If you get this before the Marriage Renewal weekend of January 29th and 30th, the council is preparing the breakfast on Sunday January 30th and your assistance in the kitchen that morning will be appreciated by everyone associated with the weekend.

February 11th is the first of the six Lenten Friday Fish Fry's. This is an "ALL HANDS" event. Everyone that is available is needed to ensure the continued

success and growth of this annual event. On the 17th of February, our next Blood Drive will be held. The District Free Throw contest is scheduled for the 19th and if my records are accurate, our council is hosting Coffee & Donuts on the 20th. And don't forget the general meeting on February 1st and the planning meeting on the 15th. Your presence and participation in any and all of these is appreciated by your fellow Knights.

The more of us that share in the work, the easier it is and no one person has to do it all. It works, and it works well when we all DO WHAT WE CAN DO.

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 February 1st, 2005.

Family of the Month

December – The Eddie Cooper Family

Knight of the Month

December – Dan Reeb

Blood Drive

By Dave Caton - Blood Drive Chairman

The next Knights-sponsored blood drive will be on February 17th, 2005. Thanks for your help in the past, but remember that giving the "Gift of Life" is an on-going and constant, essential necessity in our community, everyday.

Membership

By Dave Caton - Membership Chairman

Gentlemen, we are still a bit short of our membership goals. As you all know, new members are the life-blood of our Order. Unlike other fraternal organizations, the Knights of Columbus sets forth the virtues of Charity, Unity, and Fraternalism before anything else. And it is in keeping our membership new and fresh that allows us to keep the dream of Fr. McGivney alive.

Is there someone you know that would enjoy participating in all of the good works we do? If so, give them a Form 100 and invite them to join.



The Chancellor's Corner

By Mike Fay, Chancellor

Mike has been very busy at work so he had no submission this month. We all know that he needs our service hours, so please call or email them to him. Thanks! (Tim P)

We look forward to his article next month.

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>
Al Larpenteur's Mother and Father	William Smith's wife passed away back last year and Bill wanted everyone to know.
Dave Ditter	Ken Baune's mother
Mike Hemmer's niece and nephew in Iraq	
Brian Beaulac's mother	
Taylor Freyberg (Dave Myers' Granddaughter)(Jim Freyberg's Daughter)	

Please keep these Knights and family members in your prayers. Thanks!

Tsunami Relief

The tsunami in Southeast Asia created immense devastation, killed over 150,000 victims, and created the potential for many more deaths through starvation, disease and lack of vital medical care. Many of us have made financial donations to Catholic Relief Services, Mercy Corp, World Vision, and other charitable organizations to help in relief efforts for the victims of this horrible act of nature.

The Knights of Columbus is not silent or standing idly by while others take action. The Washington State website, <http://www.kofc-wa.org> shows us that Knights of Columbus Supreme will donate \$250,000 toward relief efforts, and it encourages us to make contributions to Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc toward this purpose. Please consider making a donation for tsunami relief, and please continue in your other efforts, such as prayer, to help the victims of this tragedy.

2nd Annual Crab Feed Successful!!!

Thank you.....another job well done!

For those of you who participated in the Second Annual Crab Feed, you either helped, attended and ate, or both, you know what I mean. For those who didn'tyou missed a fantastic turnout of manpower.

A special thank you to our team leaders...Mike O'Connell (kitchen), Bill Martin (setup), Jeff Lee (bartending), Eddie Cooper and Tony Robinson (mission trekkers), and Ken Baune (raffle tickets and clean up). The feedback has been phenomenal....and it couldn't have been done without the effort you all provided.

We made over \$6000. And the mission trekkers with "tip jars" and satisfied diners received over \$1000. Not bad for a second year

So....wait till next year, our Third Annual Crab Feed with my appreciation to all of you for all you do.

Dave Myers
Crab Feed Chairman

And here are the pictures



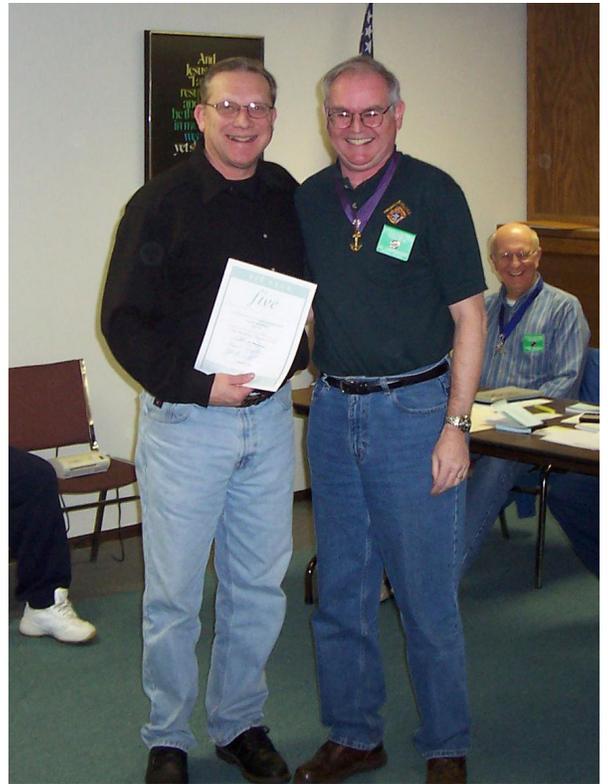
Joe Clemens attains Honorary/Life Member Status

Joe was presented with his Honorary/Life Membership card at our January General Meeting. Please give Joe your congratulations when you see him.



Dave Myers receives his 1st VIP Certificate

Dave Myers received his VIP Certificate for his 1st 2 members at the January General Meeting. Thanks Dave!



SCHOLARSHIPS

The long history of the partnership between the Knights of Columbus and Catholic education dates back to 1904. Over the years the Order has remained a staunch ally of institutions of learning, of parents and of students through a well-developed and well financed series of undergraduate scholarships and graduate fellowships. In addition to Supreme Council programs, some state and local councils offer independent scholarship programs.

Requests for information or applications, regarding United States and Canadian scholarships, should be directed to: Director of Scholarship Aid Knights of Columbus

PO Box 1670
New Haven, CT 06507-0901
(203) 752-4332

Requests can also be sent to: info@kofc.org

Scholarship applications are sent via postal service, so please be sure to include a current mailing address.

If you are entering your freshman year of college, considering attending a catholic college or university within the United States and are a member, child of a member, wife of a member or a Columbian Squire, you should apply for a scholarship. Applications are available after October 1st of each year and are to be filed by March 1st, to be considered for the coming school year.

Free Throw Contest Produces 7 Champions

by Mel Longley, Youth Chairman

Council #7528 held it's annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship on Sunday, January 16th, yep the day after the Crab Feed!! We had 11 boys and girls shoot and everyone enjoyed the experience. Thanks to Tim Philomeno, Greg Vicars, Ken Baune, Mike White, Thaoi Nguyen, Dave Catons and Mark Mareko for helping.

Congratulations to our Champions Mac Gridley, Angel M. Mareko, Margarita Alvarado, Timothy A.

Runez, Sabrina Anderson, and Malcolm White. They will all advance to the District Contest held on February, 19th at St. Vincent de Paul's Activity Center.

The Fish Frys are Coming

Tony Robinson, Fish Fry Chairman

Gentlemen, it's that time of year again. Friday February 11th, 2005, marks the 1st of our 6 weekly Fish Frys. We will begin serving at 5:30pm and finish up in time for the Stations of the Cross beginning at 7:00pm. This is a very man-power intensive event so please try to make some time to help setup starting at 2:00pm and serving and cleanup from 5:30pm-8:00pm.

I thank you in advance for all the work you do.

Poster and Essay Contest/Spaghetti Dinner a Great Success

January 22nd, 2005 marked our annual Respect Life Poster and Essay Contest and Spaghetti Dinner. There were some marvelous entries and it was very difficult to pick the winners. The winners will be announce at the School Assembly in February.

Many thanks to all who participated, especially Mike O'Connell, Bob Pirolo, and Joe Penwell and all brother Knights that were able to help out. Your devotion and commitment to the Knights of Columbus and what we stand for, Charity, Unity, and Fraternalism, is certainly a model for others to follow.

Long term member take note:

If my calculations are correct, there are a number of you that will be eligible for Honorary/Honorary Life Memberships this year. I will be following up on those as the year progresses. We will continue to recognize you each General Meeting as is appropriate. I will let you know when we are done and at that time, if you believe that you have been overlooked, please let me know.

Tim Philomeno, FS

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: Kevin Buck, 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
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Calendar of Events

February 2005

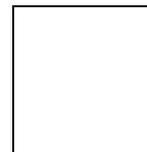
1st	General Meeting	St. Vincent de Paul Hall @7:30 pm with the Rosary in the Chapel at 7:00 pm
11 th	Fish Fry	Parish Hall 5:30 pm-7:00 pm
15th	Planning Meeting and 1st Degree	Room "A" at 7:30 pm...1st Degree starts at 7:00 pm sharp!
17 th	Blood Drive	Parish Hall
18 th	Fish Fry	Parish Hall 5:30 pm-7:00 pm
19 th	Free throw Contest (District)	Parish Gym
20 th	Coffee and Donuts	Parish Hall after all Sunday Masses
25 th	Fish Fry	Parish Hall 5:30 pm-7:00 pm

March 2005

1st	General Meeting	St. Vincent de Paul Hall @7:30 pm with the Rosary in the Chapel at 7:00 pm
4 th	Fish Fry	Parish Hall 5:30 pm-7:00 pm
11 th	Fish Fry	Parish Hall 5:30 pm-7:00 pm
15th	Planning Meeting and 1st Degree	Room "A" at 7:30 pm...1st Degree starts at 7:00 pm sharp!
18 th	Last Fish Fry	Parish Hall 5:30 pm-7:00 pm
27 th	Happy Easter	

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

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