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St. Joseph Council #7528

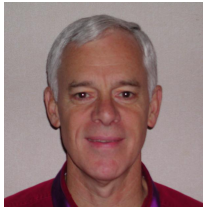
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March 2007

A Message from the Grand Knight



During February the council, on three different occasions, accomplished what it does best - prepare and serve food. A great Mardi Gras dinner was served to the Grapevine youth on Monday Feb 12. Coffee & donuts were served on Sunday Feb 18 and the first of six Fish Fridays was completed on Friday Feb 23. I

would like to extend my sincere thanks to all brother knights that organized, labored, served, and cleaned up to make each of these events successful.

On Feb 22, I had the opportunity to attend a presentation given by Frank J. Pulice, Jr, Supreme Regional Program Consultant Fraternal Services. His job is to promote the order by visiting with the leadership of districts and councils within his region. Frank extends his thanks to all brother knights for their service. He reminded those in attendance that the theme for the past 2 years has been "Experience of a Lifetime." To be a knight is an experience of a lifetime. The central message Frank talked about was his experience as a knight. He commented on how his participation in the knights affected his faith, fraternal acquaintances, volunteerism, ceremonials, personal development, and family security. New 1st degree members should complete the 2nd/3rd degree within the first year of membership and try to volunteer for at least one activity each year. 95% of knights that reach 4th degree will be members for life. In what ways has your participation as a Knight of Columbus been an "Experience of a Lifetime"?

Frank Pulice mentioned the progress of the cause for Father Michael J. McGivney. All required documents have been submitted to the Vatican. We are asked to continue to pray for Father McGivney's sainthood and Frank encourages all knights to become members of the McGivney Guild.

The council will be occupied with preparing and serving deep fried cod, French fries, cole slaw on all Fridays in March. Come and experience the sights, sounds, and smells of the evening. A warm welcome is extended to the Brownies of Troop 2309 as they sell their world famous Girl Scout cookies at the next three Lenten Fish Fries.

I ask you to consider giving the gift of life by donating blood on March 22 in the parish hall. To make an appointment contact Dave Caton, Health Director.

Have you been recruiting a new member? The council's next 1st degree exemplification will be March 6 begin-

ning at 7 pm in the South Narthex.

Vivat Jesus!

Mike Fay, GK

Council Goals for 2006-2007

	Goals for 2006 – 2007	YTD	% of goal
New members	12	8	67%
New insurance members	6	7	113%
Pennies for Heaven (PFH)	\$950.00	\$551.00	58%

Second Annual Mens' Night Out

What Every Catholic Man Should Know
featuring Fr. Bernhard Blankenhorn, O.P.

Presented by the Knight's of Columbus, Council 8079.

Thursday, March 29, 2007, 7 p.m.

St. Philomena Hall, 1790 So. 222nd, Des Moines, WA

This is a chance for men, (ESPECIALLY fathers and sons) to discover how God's plan for you is unique and vital for the future of the Church and your family.

Featuring a dynamic young Dominican theologian. Fr. Bernhard completed his M.A. in philosophy in 2002, as well as M.A. and M.Div. degrees in theology in 2006. He was ordained a priest on June 29, 2006. His interests are in systematic theology, especially St. Thomas Aquinas, the sacraments and the doctrine of God. He hopes to teach at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology in Berkeley (DSPT), at a university, or at a seminary, to publish books and articles, and to continue to teach adult catechesis.

From the Deputy Grand Knight

By Ken Baune, DGK



We are about a third of the way complete with selling the Columbus Charity Raffle Tickets. Pat Mahoney, IPSD for the State had this to say about who benefits from the sale of the tickets. "Organizations across the state that benefited over the years from our ticket sales and involvement in Columbus

Charities: They include:

Special Olympics - Washington
Kidney Centers in Spokane, Central Valley & Seattle
Camp Prime Time
Natural Family Planning
Washington State Association for the Blind"

The tickets will be sold during the Fish Fries again this year. Vi & Ben MacGregor have volunteered to do the selling. Please consider in helping to sell more or you can always make it easy and buy a few dozen books!

Family of the Month

January - the Eric Vogt Family

Knight of the Month

January - Nestor Fernandez

From the Council Youth Director

By Leo Herrera, Youth Chairman



Brothers, on February 12th we held our second annual Mardi Gras dinner for our Grapevine children. Thank you to all that helped. We fed just under 200 kids and parents. They all enjoyed the festive meal and atmosphere.

The festivities did not end at dinner.....during the game time period of the Grapevine program, everyone was entertained by a talent show put on by the talented children. We had singers, dancers, comics and even an appearance by our own Elvis "Dano" Presley. This has become an event the children look forward to and I'm proud our council can be a part it. See you at next year's Mardi Gras.

Membership

By Kevin Buck, Membership Chairman



I would like to call your attention to the incentive that our Grand Knight has authorized for the remainder of this fraternal year. Any Knight in this council that personally sponsors three or more new Knights during this fraternal year will be awarded a quality microfiber Knights of Columbus jacket. You have till June to make this hap-

pen, but I suggest you not put it off.

This year, the council recruiting goals have been printed in this publication and I would like to take a moment to explain a few things that may not be commonly known. This information is not secret, but it has not been openly discussed for the last few years. Supreme assigns a recruiting quota to each council each year. It is 5 per cent of the number of members on the roles. This is a net gain goal and must be reached to earn the Father McGivney Award, which is one of the prerequisites for the Star Council Award.

Net gain means that we must have that many new members after subtracting any losses. When a member dies or transfers to another council, that does not count against us. However, when a member decides to not be a member any more, that number must be subtracted from our gains. The most frequent way that this happens is for a member to move away and not stay in touch with the council. Without current contact information (address, phone number and email address), we have no way to keep in touch with that member.

As long as that member is on our roles, we must pay per capita taxes to both the State Council and Supreme. Our council dues just covers those per capita taxes. We do not like to rush to do it, but we are forced to suspend members that we can no longer contact.

This year, we had close to 240 members on the roles at the beginning of the fraternal year. Therefore, Supreme assigned us a quota of 12 net new members for the year. We have just suspended 5. Most of those five are members that we have lost contact with and have not collected dues from for a few years. So, that means we need to bring in 17 new members to meet our quota. Our wise Grand Knight has set a stretch goal for the council of 20 new members for this fraternal year to cover any unforeseen situation. I believe that we can do that and exceed it.

The last report that I have received from Supreme said that we had 8 new members and we have several candidates coming to the First Degree on March 6th. We are well on our way to accomplishing the goal! Please continue your recruiting efforts and let's break all the records.

Please contact me and tell me about your potential candidate(s). If you would like some assistance talking to a qualified man, call me at (253) 874-1370 or email me at kbuck55@comcast.net.

Council Website News

By Kevin Buck, PGK, Assistant Webmaster



If you have not been to the Council's Web Site in a while, it is time to take a look! There have been big changes and it has a new look and feel. All members are encouraged to follow the instructions which are given on the "Before you try to login" page. The address is: <http://www.kofc7528.org> and link to the

"Before you try to login" page is at the upper left. You will need your membership number to create your account and log in, but once you do, there will be additional material available to you. If you have any ques-

tions, don't hesitate to contact me at kbuck55@comcast.net.

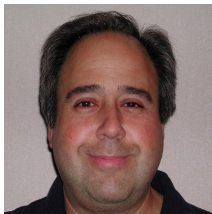
Among these is the council roster that will provide you the names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses of all your brother Knights in the council. Check this information and make sure that yours is correct and send any corrections to Tim Philomeno at tphilomeno@sparling.com. In fact, anytime this information changes, please send the new information to Tim so that he can keep the council records up to date.

There are also links to forms that you may find useful, such as the "Service Hour" report. We report our service hours to the Program Chairman each month. He in turn, compiles a report from the council to send to the State Deputy each month. This information is also used each January to complete our "Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity" which is sent to the Supreme Council. This information is used in many ways, but it is the primary method of collecting and tracking some of the data used in the Order's Annual Report, which is published in the October issue of the Columbia Magazine.

Feel free to explore the site and come back often to see what has changed. The information will be updated as quickly as we can get to it, and new items will be added as fast as we can think them up and create them. Feedback and suggestions are welcome. Just send an email with your ideas to: webmaster@kofc7528.org.

Pro-Life

By Nestor Fernandez, Pro-Life Chairman



This Ash Wednesday after mass, I had the pleasure of announcing our Poster & Essay contest winners to the St. Vincent's student body. I would like to share the results with you.

Poster Contest Winners

1st & 2nd Grade

1st Emily McCathren
2nd Delany Ochs
3rd Seraphina Kwan

3rd & 4th Grade

1st Kaylee Kebba
2nd Alec Waltos
3rd Juan Bernal

5th & 6th Grade

1st Michael Bingcang/Emily Fuller
2nd Nicholas Dorsett
3rd Taylor Freyberg

Essay Contest

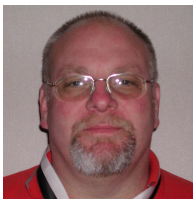
1st Kyle Karalus (\$50.00 prize)
2nd Amanda Bell

Our two winning essays will be printed in the church bulletin in the near future. Please keep an eye out for

them. Winning posters will be taken to our State convention for Statewide judging. I would like to thank everyone who helped hang and judge posters and essays. The abundance of volunteers speaks volumes about our council.

Council Programs

By Jeff Markwith, Program Chairman



No article submitted this month :-)

Community

By John Holter, Community Chairman



I want to thank my brother Knights, Ken Baune, Nestor Fernandez, Bill Thomas, Greg Vicars, and Dave Toby for the valuable help with the Knight's Donut Ministry on February 18th. We served about 18 1/2 dozen donuts to the hungry parishioners. We had another three dozen to give to the kids later that night. I am sure they needed the calories.

Do you know anyone who is poor, and fallen on hard times. If they need a hot meal, many of our fellow Christians are serving hot meals Monday through Saturday. Here is a list:

Mondays 4:30 - 5:15 PM	First United Methodist Church 100 N. St. SE, Auburn (253)-833-8925
Mondays 4:30 - 5:30 PM	Steel Lake Presbyterian Church 1829 S. 308th St., Federal Way (253)-661--0505
Mondays 5:00 - 6:00 PM	Kent Lutheran Church 336 2nd Ave., Kent (253)-852-2057
Tuesdays 6:00 - 7:00 PM	Riverton Park United Methodist Church The Tuesday Table 3118 S. 140th St., Tukwila (206)431--8293
Wednesdays	Kent Seventh-Day Adventist Church 25213 116th St SE, Kent (253) 852-3883
Thursdays 5:00 - 6:00	Calvary Lutheran Church 2415 S. 320th, Federal Way(253) 661-0505
Thursdays 5:30 PM	Hill Crest School The Friendly Kitchen 1800 Index Ave. SE., Renton (425) 255 - 6106
Saturdays 4:30 - 5:30 PM	Kent Seventh-Adventist Church 25213 116th Ave. SE, Kent (253-) 852-3883
Saturdays 1:30-2:30 PM	Church of the Good Sheppard 345 S. 312th St., Federal Way

This is not an inclusive list. Many other of our brothers and sisters in Christ may be serving hot meals as well. If you know of any, please let me know. Many of the hungry are working poor, living in apartments, out of sight. When one is going through hard times, even one hot meal a day can make a difference. If you know or meet someone in need, pass on this list. Also, remember our brothers and sisters in Christ in your prayers as they too serve the needy.

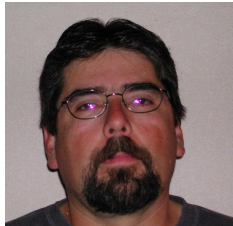
Council

By Dave Toby, Council Chairman

No article submitted this month :-)

Family

By Vince Mansanarez, Family Chairman



No article submitted this month :-)

Vocations

By Juan Lezcano, Vocations Chairman

No article submitted this month :-)

Insurance News

By Ron Scholz, Council Agent



No article submitted this month :-)

A Note from the Advocate

By Greg Vicars, PGK, Council Advocate

Brother Knights we need to make some changes to our Bylaws and I need your input. There are some specific items that we need to change they are:

Article I

Section 2 change our Initiation fees

Section 3 change to \$30.00 for regular and \$10.00 for Honorary Life and should we increase our State per Capita?

Article VII

Section 6 This is our building fund; do we strike it? If we do what shall we do with the funds that have been set aside to build a Knights Hall? I would like to have a meeting with any interested brothers to review this and see what should be proposed to General Assembly.

I would like to have recommendations completed so we can vote before the end of this Fraternal year.

Please contact me so we can establish a meeting time. (206) 919-3359

Good of the Order

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

Deceased

Margaret Mosley, Glenn Martin's mother-in-law	Francis Marie Reeb, Dan Reeb's mother
Juanita Gimlin, Ted Gimlin's mother	

Sick

Taylor Freyberg	Mary Miles
Jerry Graddon	Olga Fernandez, Nestor Fernandez's aunt
Gilson Neill	Alex Plys
Dave Green	Kailynn Hyde

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: Ken Baune, 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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Council Calendar of Events

March 2007

2nd	Lenten Fish Fry	5:30pm to 7:00pm in the Parish Hall
6th	General Meeting	Rosary 6:30, 1st degree 7:00 with the General Meeting starting there-after
9th	Lenten Fish Fry	5:30pm to 7:00pm in the Parish Hall
16th	Lenten Fish Fry	5:30pm to 7:00pm in the Parish Hall
20th	Planning Meeting	7:30pm in Room "A" - 1st Degree at 7:00pm
22nd	Council Blood Drive	Parish Hall
23rd	Lenten Fish Fry	5:30pm to 7:00pm in the Parish Hall
30th	Lenten Fish Fry	5:30pm to 7:00pm in the Parish Hall

April 2007

3rd	General Meeting	7:30pm Narthex and Rosary 7:00pm Chapel
13th	Hospitality House Dinner	5:00 till clean-up
17th	Planning Meeting	7:30pm in Room "A" - 1st Degree at 7:00pm
21st	Squires State Convention	Lunch and Dinner

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

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