



The Cross and Compass

St. Joseph Council #7528
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A Message from the Grand Knight

The Rosary is one prayer we must remind ourselves to say. It can be consoling, inspiring, meditative, relaxing and good for our souls.

Brother Knights please remember to say the rosary as often as you can. If you remember your 1st degree you know why and those that may have forgotten please attend our 1st degrees this year. We have one every 3rd Tuesday. The ceremony has a better feel if we have a respectable amount of brothers observing our new candidates.

Every 1st Tuesday at 7PM (before the general meeting) in the Chapel we gather as Brother Knights to say a rosary for your special intentions and one that is chosen by our leader Dave McArdle. Please attend.

The Knights of Columbus is promoting the devotion to Our Lady of Charity in the Marian prayer service being held order-wide through September 8, 2008. For more information visit our web site www.kofc7528.org.

Vivat Jesus!

Ken Baune, GK

	Goals for 2007 – 2008	YTD	% of goal
New members	12	1	8%
New insurance members	6	1	17%
Pennies for Heaven	\$	\$	



From the Chancellor

By Jeffrey Lee, Chancellor

The New Year is off to a big start. I worked the Seahawks Game helping the St Theresa Council with their fund raising booth. I am still sore two days later. After working their fundraiser I am very appreciative of our council on how we generate funds. We have the opportunity for camaraderie during our events at the hall serving fellow parishioners. Thank you all.

Jim Yantzer has volunteered to take over for Leo as Youth Program Director. Thank you Jim.

Family

By Victor Ducusin, Family Chairman

Brothers, we all know how quickly the Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas festivities come and go. Lots of different lawn and house decorations that get put up in our neighborhoods. We have to applaud the effort some folks put forth, changing their homes from "scare-fest" to "light-show." Wow!

For me it's all a blur running through a corn maze, then coming home to eat a big turkey, then making sure the kids are asleep before Santa Claus fills up our living room. I feel like when January comes around, I always say in disbelief, "it's a new year already?" Let's buckle up and get some quality time with our family traditions this year.

We cannot deny the strong influence of tradition this time of year brings. To think we can come together as a community and celebrate our Catholic tradition is a gift indeed. There is so much fun that could be had, and much love we can give this time of year. If you have family in the area, start spending time with them now. If you have friends in the area, invite them over to your place or to go out somewhere.

And please join us for a Knights of Columbus Family Pot Luck - on Sunday, Dec. 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Stay tuned for details on meal and beverage assignments for the pot luck.

Family of the Month

September - the Craig Patrick Family

Knight of the Month

September - Dan Reeb



Council Website News

By Kevin Buck, PGK, Assistant Webmaster

If you are a member of St. Joseph Council #7528 you can use your membership number and create an account on our website: <http://www.kofc7528.org>. When you do that, you will then be able to log in to the "Members Only" portions of the site.

The "members only" pages include the Council Roster, Seminarians, Good of the Order pages and access to some forms like the Service Hours reporting spreadsheet. The Council Roster provides the contact information of all of your brothers in the council. It is as accurate as the information that has been provided to us. If your information is incorrect, please contact us at webmaster@kofc7528.org with the corrections.

Also, there are several pages available without the need to log in. One of these is the Council Calendar. This is always a work-in-progress, so it changes frequently. If you click on an item that is listed on the calendar, a page opens with more in-depth information about the event.

As information that is posted on our site does change from time to time, it is a good idea to check back often. One option to help you to see some of the changes would be to make our site your browser home page. Then each time you open your Internet browser, you would at least glance at our council home page.

Vocations

By Deacon Juan Lezcano, Vocations Chairman



Our Lady of Charity of Cobre Virgen de la Caridad del Cobre Patron of Cuba

The ORIGIN of the statue now venerated at Cobre in Cuba is lost amid legends and confusion. What most probably is the history of the statue is this. A young officer, Alfonse Ojeda, who accompanied Columbus on his second voyage to America, was in command of a group of Spaniards sent to explore the coast of Central America. Ill with fever, he and his companions were captured by the pirate Talavera. They were finally released in a tempest off Cuba, and drifted in half-dead to find that the natives would not help them at all. Many of the men died. Finally a Christian chief came upon them. For his kindness, Ojeda gave him his most treasured possession, a statue of the Our Lady which he had brought with him from Spain.

The chief was very pleased with the little Madonna, and helped to build a small chapel for it. He and his people decorated the shrine, and danced and sang for the entertainment of the little Queen. But soon after Ojeda's departure, other chiefs, who were pagan, chal-

lenged him to prove the powers of his God against theirs. There are various conflicting accounts of the contest, but in any case, the Christians won it.

Probably because of rumors about the contest between the chiefs, the next group of Spaniards to arrive told the chief were going to remove the statue to one of the Spanish settlements. The following morning, the chief and the statue had disappeared into the swamp. They stayed there until every Spaniard was safely gone. Even the famous Father Las Casas, whom the Indians loved and trusted, had no more success when he asked the chief to trade statues with him; once more the little Lady was taken into the swamp to hide.

It is thought that the chief was drowned during a flood when he had hidden in the swamp with his beloved statue and that statue was washed out in a flood sometime later. That is one theory advanced for the presence of the statue floating in the Bay of Nipa in the part of the story that is best known. But no one knows for sure.

What is known is that in the early seventeenth century there was a shortage of salt in the Spanish dominions, and a royal order went out that several shiploads should be obtained from the salt beds of Nipa Bay. Among those sent out to help raise the quota were three men in a small boat with three days' provisions and were well out of reach of land when a hurricane struck them. Terrified, they prayed to Our Lady to help them, and were amazed and delighted when the hurricane abated and they were left to go on their way. After the darkness of the storm had passed, the little black boy caught sight of a white object floating in the distance. They watched it for a while and then decided that it must be a pelican, washed out to sea by the storm. However, it followed them until finally they abandoned their course and rowed over to see what it was. As they drew nearer they could see that it was a small and very lovely statue of Our Lady, standing upright on a plank which floated easily on the water.

They pulled the plank in and removed the statue into the boat. On the plank was carved a legend; "I am the Virgin of Charity." They decided among themselves that they had best

put in at the nearest port and leave the statue in safe keeping while they went on their errand, so they did this. They delivered her into the keeping of the Spanish officer there, and explained to him that she was a Lady of Miracles, because she had ridden out the storm without even one drop of water dampening her white silk dress.

The officer was impressed with the story, and set up the little statue in a temporary chapel. At some time after this, when the excitement had died down somewhat, someone discovered that the statue was gone. It was known that the little black boy felt a special ownership for the statue because he had been the first to see it; he was tied to a post to be whipped, but as the first blow was struck someone came running to say that the statue was back in its place.

There was some dispute over where the statue would finally be placed. Some time after the episode of the disappearance, a child by the name of Appolonia saw a vision of Our Lady on top of a rock at Cobre. The statue, which was destined for Santiago de Cuba, was being carried there when by some mistake the bearers took the wrong way and arrived at Cobre. Several other signs indicated that this was the place of Our Lady's choice, so it was here that the church was built.

The Church of Our Lady of Charity is today a place of pilgrimage. The little statue, about sixteen inches high, has a copper-colored face which pleased her Indian friends of Cuba. Her face is very beautiful, her expression kindly, and her baby winsome. The main feast of the shrine is kept on December 8th, and Our Lady under this title is patroness of Cuba and the Antilles.

Nativity House

Nativity House is a Christian-sponsored drop-in center for the homeless community of Tacoma. It is Tacoma's only day-time drop-in, and the center provides guests with meals, clothing, referral to social services, and a warm and dry place to gather with friends. Nativity House has a very small staff, and relies on the consistent support of volunteer groups. St Vincent de Paul Parish has committed to prepare one breakfast a month,

on the third Saturday of each month. Council 7528 provides the financial backing for this service, which is open to all parishioners and their friends. Every third Saturday, we travel to Tacoma with ham, pancake mix, butter and syrup, and we cook until they are done eating. If you are looking for a fun and rewarding way to spend a Saturday morning, please join us. We gather at the Parish Youth Center at about 7:50, and leave at 8:00; we are usually back to the parish by 11:30. Also, Nativity House always welcomes any donations of clothing, travel-size toiletries, coffee cups, and of course food items. If you have any questions, please call Mike Hemmer at 253-874-1192. I hope to see you on the next third Saturday!

families can stay while their children are being treated at the hospital.

The volunteer activities for which Joe is being recognized include numerous Knights of Columbus events and activities, driving truck for the Federal Way Food Bank, delivering food and vouchers to families in need as a member of the St Vincent De Paul Society and playing Santa Claus for children at the Boys and Girls Club during the Christmas season.

Joe says that when his son was suffering from severe asthma, the church paid for flights to Denver and for expenses so that he could receive special required treatment at the National Jewish Hospital and states that, "This is my way of paying back"



Joe Penwell honored by Target

Joe Penwell, long-time St Vincent's parishioner, Past Grand Knight and Past Faithful Navigator is one of 24 Target employees nationwide who has been honored with the Target "Best In Community Award" given to Target employees who are actively involved in volunteer activities in their community. Joe was nominated by a co-worker and selected by corporate officers as the most deserving of all nominees from the region which includes Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

On October 22nd Joe will be honored at a dinner for all award winners in Memphis, Tennessee. After dinner, Joe and his fellow award winners will don costumes and provide Halloween entertainment to children at Target House adjacent to St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis. Target House is a facility where

Good of the Order

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

Sick

Jeanne Hitchcock	Shane Philomeno
Taylor Freyberg	Karen Schiedermayer
Gilson Neill	Alex Plys
Dave Green	Lowell Larson
Kailynn Hyde	Taylor Freyberg
Joe Clemens	Bob Pirolo
Tony and Pam Frifcioni	

Deceased

Louis Kurtz

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: Jeff Markwith, 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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Birthdays and Anniversaries

November Birthdays

1 Thomas Beyke	16 Jerry Sandschulte	3 Suzie Shattock
4 Matt Robic	16 Kenneth Shattock	4 Christina Dowbiggin
4 Romeo Mayor	18 Robert Pirolo	15 Cindy Herrera
5 Sean Lezcano	19 Gregory Vicars	18 Anna Toby
6 Leonardo Herrera	20 Walter Anderson	18 Nancy Pinney
6 Robert Ward	20 Christopher Andersen	19 Maureen Hoyle
9 Maurice Tessier	21 William Smith	19 (Mary) Ann Martin
10 Rafael Contreras	22 Mark Busch	19 Jeanne Martin
10 Vernon Johnson	22 Gilson Neill	21 Kirsten Baune
11 Juan Favela	24 Mareko Mareko	23 Karen Schiedermayer
12 Duc Nguyen	26 David Green	25 Meschelle Miloscia
14 Craig Schiedermayer	27 Dante Cabasco	25 Darlene Jowell

November Anniversaries

2 Jerome and Mary DeGagne	24 Jerome and Kathleen Koch
11 Timothy and Faye McClain	26 Theodore and Betty Medina
17 Michael and Maureen Fay	26 Glen and Janet Knowlton
20 William and Linda Herbert	28 Juan and Karen Lezcano
21 Michael and Pam Ross	29 Lawrence and Linda Weigel
24 Robert and Joyce Pirolo	

Council Calendar of Events		
November 2007		
6th	General Meeting	7:30pm Narthex and Rosary 7:00pm Chapel
11th	Veterans Day	
18th	Thanksgiving Basket Delivery	Meet in the Hall after the 11:30am Mass
20th	Planning Meeting	7:30pm in Room "A" - 1st Degree at 7:00pm
22nd	Happy Thanksgiving	
December 2007		
4th	General Meeting	7:30pm Narthex and Rosary 7:00pm Chapel
9th	Annual Council Potluck	Parish hall
16th	Christmas Basket Delivery	Meet in the Hall after the 11:30am Mass
18th	Planning Meeting	7:30pm in Room "A" - 1st Degree at 7:00pm
25th	Christmas	
Check out our website at http://www.kc7528.org for all of these events and more!		

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