

The Cross and Compass

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Letter from The Grand Knight

I can't believe it is already April! It's just a few more months away and we will be into the next fraternal year! We sure have accomplished so much this year! It truly is amazing all we have done so far. I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful fish fry's we had this year and all of the hard work everyone put in! The fish fry's this year were very, very successful! I believe the ladies axillary really helped with that bringing in the aspect of serving Mac & Cheese and also offering a "Dessert of the Knight."

Faith community is such an important part of our parish that if it was not for all of our friends, family, and fellow parishioners, none of this would be possible. In today's world of politics, it's so easy to disagree with your fellow man on so many different issues. The best



JOSEPH WOLLEAT, GRAND KNIGHT

part of what we do as Knights is we bring EVERYBODY together under one roof to bring the sense of community together in the sense of having the same common beliefs in God.

Seeing everyone come together has meant a lot to me this year because I have felt a missing link in our community the last few years. This year I believe people are coming back together as one big happy family. We have broken records on money raised on our big events and the only reason I can think of, of why it happened, is because I believe our faith community has started growing again. When we have a fish fry and I look out into that hall and see 250 plus people talking amongst each other and eating dinner having a great time, it warms my heart because of all of Gods work that we are doing. Certain days after a long day at work, the last place I want to be is in that hall cooking fish in a hot kitchen. After that cleaning the fryers with my brother so we can do the exact same thing the next week. But then, after seeing all the people in the hall as one huge faith community, it just makes my heart melt with love.

I have learned something very important about life from football. My coach always used to say that, "If playing football was easy, everybody would do it." It goes hand in hand with so many things in life. The days when I am tired, and after work I know I have to go work 6 more hours that night at church, I remind myself that, if playing football was easy, everybody would do it. My point behind that is being a Knight is basically playing football. If being a Knight was easy, everybody would be a Knight. It really takes a special person to be a Knight. Sometimes it's not easy to be a Knight because it feels like there is so much going on and so much to do. But when you see the end results of what we accomplish as Knights, there is no better reward.

The next time you feel like being a Knight is a lot of work and you are feeling tired, remember that, if being a Knight was easy, everybody would be one.

Vivat Jesus!

Joseph Wolleat

Grand Knight

Perseverance in the Mission: Pilgrimage-Retreat to Guatemala and El Salvador

By Deacon Juan Lezcano, ofs

Last week I met a priest who lost 1000 parishioners in one day in a massacre in 1982.

Last week I met a priest who was put in a cage while a lieutenant in front of him radioed the colonel to ask for orders to shoot him. Since the colonel was out to lunch the lieutenant reluctantly let the priest go, ordering him to stop again at the checkpoint on his return downstream (the priest visited his communities by boat).

Last week I met a religious brother who spent three and a half years in a refugee camp organizing people and giving them hope until he accompanied them back to their homeland.

Last week I met a priest who learned at least three Maya languages and worked to translate the New Testament into one of these unwritten languages, Jacotec. He humbly claims to be the first catholic priest ever to celebrate mass in a Maya language back in the 1960s.

These men had fellow priests and friends tortured and murdered. These men were threatened constantly yet they did not flee to the safety of their native country, the USA. Hundreds of their catechists, church workers, church teachers and medics were murdered. In total, 200,000 civilians were executed in Guatemala between 1960 and 1996 (another 50,000 disappeared), most of them descendants of the Mayas, most of them Catholic, and almost all of them killed by their own government. One and a half million people were displaced and 676 massacres occurred. How did these priests persevere in the midst of such difficulty?

They persevered because they longed to participate in the mission of Jesus Christ, a mission proclaimed in Luke's Gospel (4:14-21): to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.

These men believed in the power of the Prince of Peace in a country plagued by war. They believed in the power of Christ to liberate captives and the oppressed. They believed in Christ's ability to bring glad tidings to the poor and to bring about a society acceptable to the Lord.

They taught their parishioners how to read and write.
They taught their parishioners how to farm better.
They taught their parishioners how to keep healthy.

And above all and most importantly, they showed their parishioners the love and compassion of Christ in the midst of their pain and suffering.

These brave men challenged sinful structures of society that though lawful, did not respect the dignity of the human person, in particular the poor and oppressed.

Certain parallels may be drawn to our present struggle in our country where millions have been massacred legally and under government supervision and approval for the past forty years. We need prophetic voices to rise up above the politics and political correctness to call society to conversion, repentance and reconciliation.

Cardinal Bernardin, previous archbishop of Chicago, asked that if the value of human life is not upheld, how can any other human value or right be upheld? He said, "the more one reverences human life at all stages, the more one becomes committed to preserving the life of the unborn, for this is human life at its earliest and most vulnerable stage."

We need men and women who recognize their unique role in the body of Christ as the church continues to make present today the mission of Christ on earth. We need men and women who will stand up for the dignity of human life.

Our desire as Christians must be to stand in solidarity with the whole church to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.

Archbishop Romero, the slain archbishop of San Salvador, once said it was difficult to be a "man of the magisterium" because it is not easy to be always consistent in our proclamation of the Gospel. He firmly believed he had to accept and live out the wholeness of the teachings of the Church and her bishops. Romero would challenge us today to be men and women of the Church, to be faithful and loyal to the teachings of Christ and his church, be it by showing compassion and mercy towards the poor, condemning abortion, calling for immigration reform and, as the bishops very recently stated, call for gun control in order to build a culture of life and to confront the culture of violence.

This challenge is an invitation for us to live out the Paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of Christ into which we have all been baptized. To die to ourselves so that Christ may shine brightly through us.

Though these four men serving in Guatemala persevered by the grace of God and survived, they have also given their lives by dying to themselves so that others may have life. That is our calling, may God give us the grace to desire it and live it.

Tu hermanito,
Deacon Juan

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Nativity House!

Brother Knights,

Come help feed the homeless Saturday April 20th! Everyone will be meeting in the church parking lot at 7:45 and leaving promptly at 8AM. From there everyone will be heading to the Tacoma Nativity House to feed the homeless pancakes and sausage! This is a great opportunity to help those in need! Contact Ted Colby for any additional information.

Contact Ted Colby at nhb@kofc7528.org

Meeting Raffle

Brother knights! Dominic McPherson was the winner of our General meeting raffle! Remember, aside from the normal drawings, we also do a name drawing and if the winner is present he wins the pot. I hope to see you at our next general meeting on April 2nd!

Richard Wolleat

Warden

March Birthdays!

MEMBERS

1 Ruben Caldera	13 Glen Knowlton	22 Christopher Miles
2 Louis Baker	19 Michael O'Connell	24 Peter Farrow
3 James Bianchi	19 Mark Czaplewski	29 Millard Longley
3 Thomas Batterberry	19 Matthew Siverly	29 Kevin Buck
5 Don Miller	20 Dale Dietrich	30 Roy Nelson
11 Felipe Salazar	21 Dominic Ogazi	30 Michael Silvernagel
	21 William Martin	

WIVES

4 Crystal Ross	10 Pam Buck	21 Shirley McArdle
7 Dona Fernando	11 Cindy Anderson	26 Kristen Strauss
8 Janice Delafontaine	11 Theresa Gruber	29 Amy D'Angelo
8 Norma Anderson	12 Laura Fuller	30 Trang Koch
	13 Diana Buss	

March Anniversaries!

4 Eric and Angie Vogt	13 Jeffrey and Paula Mayfield	25 Raleigh and Linda Wolleat
9 Matthew and Lisa Siverly	16 Anthony and Betsy Robinson	26 Raymond and Mary Garcia
12 Juan and Genoveva Favela	19 Vince and Mary Walton	30 Joe and Lorraine McQuiston
	20 Randall and Ramona Gagner	

Relay For Life Captain Needed!

I have been involved with Relay for Life for nearly eight years. I began as an early morning walker, then went to work at Target, I enjoyed that a lot. I was refreshed and ready to work when I got there. A few years later I became the team captain for Target. We were successful for a couple of years but then the Executive staff did not give us the support we needed. After the support went away I quit trying to get a Target team going. So I convinced the Scoreboard Pub to sponsor a team and the owner donated \$250.00 to support the Relay. The money he donated went to the lunch for the survivors. And the Scoreboard sponsored a Relay for Life night where I was planning on selling the right to shave my beard off. My good friend Tim, all of you know him, asked me a couple of days before the event how much are you hoping to raise with cutting the beard off. I said I would be happy with \$100.00. He reached in his wallet and put \$100.00 on the table. Then he said how much to keep it off until August? Before I could say anything Robin said another hundred and Tim repeated his action so that year I raised \$200.00 for Relay for Life. Last year I had two jars set-up on the bar one for shaving it off, another one for keeping the beard. Everyone was excited by the competition and people came from Weyerhaeuser, ST. Vincent, Food Bank, and etc, all came to see the competition. I raised a total of \$1,600.00 that night plus the \$250.00 to support the Relay, No one has to do anything remotely like that. I am crazy and will do anything to support something I believe in. As the captain all you have to do is raise a \$100.00 from friends, coworkers, knights, neighbors, etc. Then help team members raise the same amount by getting commitments for pledges by sharing your communication to your friends, and family. I actually use e-mail to my family and relatives. If you are good at garage sales you can make the \$100.00 easily that day alone. Only one year did I have sufficient walkers to have someone on the track at all times. No one keeps track of which team has a member on the track and what team does not. But if the captain sets a schedule maybe more people will decide they will walk, because they know a beginning time and an ending time. I was not a good captain; I believe a lot of you can do better than me. This is going to be my last year being involved with Relay. Since my health has not been good we may not be able to participate as much. I need help this year and I will train you to the best of my abilities what you have to do as a Captain. A Captain's job is easier then you think; all you have to do is require each team member to ask for donations from friends and family. Funding can be made extremely easy if your company or a team member's company matches what you raise all you have to do is raise \$50.00 and you can do that very easy.

Upcoming Events!

<p>April-</p> <p>2nd- General Meeting– 7PM Rosary– 7:30PM General Meeting</p> <p>16th- First Degree and Planning meeting 7PM</p> <p>20th– Nativity House</p> <p>21st- Parishioner Appreciation Breakfast</p>	<p>May-</p> <p>7th– General Meeting– 7PM Rosary– 7:30P General Meeting</p> <p>11th– Ladies Appreciation Dinner</p> <p>12th– Mother’s Day Breakfast</p> <p>18th- Nativity House</p> <p>21st– First Degree and Planning meeting 7PM</p>
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Opportunity to Serve for Community Supper

The Community Suppers at Good Shepherd Started in February of 2004 with Al Larpenteur starting the show; Bonnie Nowicki resigned as coordinator of the Saturday suppers in January of 2008; Jackie Blair took over the coordinator job in November of 2008. Jackie is looking for more volunteers to help with the meals and with bring food from St Vincent’s to Good Shepherd on meal days. Please contact Jackie Blair 253-952-6988

Membership Recruitment

We are in the 3rd quarter of our fraternal year and need your support to finish strong. Do you know a potential practical Catholic gentleman that would make a great 1st degree candidate? Please let myself or anyone on the membership team know of a potential candidate we can consider for our council. We appreciate your support.

	Goal for 12’ – 13’	YTD
New Members	22	10
Insurance	8	3

Membership Team:

- Cary Wright
- Greg Vicars
- Kevin Buck
- Matt Tavares
- Joseph Wolleat

Advocate's News

Several years ago our council began the process of modifying our Bylaws. Due to some complications and issues beyond our control, the process was not completed. The bylaws of this council do need to be updated. There are some portions of the bylaws that can easily be modified to suit our preferences and there are portions that cannot be changed because they are defined by the Supreme Council's Bylaws. I am in the process of gathering that information so that we can address the items that can and should be corrected in our by-laws.

I would like to recruit some members to form a committee with me to review the proposed changes before we submit them to the entire council for a vote. If you would like to participate in this process, please contact me at advocate@kofc7528.org.

Kevin Buck
Advocate

Wives Message!

This year has been very successful for both the Knights and the Wives. Getting the Wives together is new this year and we have been having a blast. This Lent, the Wives decided it would be fun to add two new items to the Fish Frys; Mac & Cheese and Dessert of the Knight. Both new items were a big hit each week. Between the Mac & Cheese and the Dessert of the Knight, the Wives raised an extra \$800+ for our council! Each wife took turns making dessert and sitting at the dessert table. Robin Mead is the master of the Mac & Cheese!

The Wives are going to be getting together sometime in April to plan the end of the year awards banquet. When the date, time, and location are nailed down, then we will sound out an email to let everyone know.

We are looking for anyone who would like to participate! This is not an exclusive club or invitation only. Any Wife of a Knight is welcome to join. If you'd like to join us, please email me at mrsgek@kofc7528.org.

Thank you again to all the Wives for all your hard work and dedication so far this year! And thank you to the Knights for allowing the Wives to help out at the Fish Frys this year!

Vivat Jesus,

Erin Wolleat

Community Director Report!

City of Federal Way a small micro loan grants to help start small business in Federal Way.

FWPS are a part of the Race to the Top Education Grant; this should have major impact in FWPS over the next 3-5 years.

Communities and Schools are looking for mentors for students. Commitment 1 hour a week for 1 year, anyone interested in helping our kids?

Habitat for Humanity's major project in Federal Way Westway neighborhood, anyone interested in helping out they have a several remodel jobs they are presently working on.

Jewish Family Services provides services to care providers. Are you or someone you know taking care of a love one, and need some help call Stephen UY at 206-861-3141 this is for anyone supported by King County.

-Greg Vicars

Council Website!

The address is: <http://www.kofc7528.org>. While you are browsing through the public pages, take a moment to create your account. All members of our council are encouraged to create an account at the council's website. If you haven't already done so, just click on the link at the upper right hand corner, "Create an Account" and fill in the blanks. You will need your membership number to create your account and log in, but once you do, you will have access to the "members only" pages. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us at webmaster@kofc7528.org.

Quite a few pages already exist and new pages are being developed. If you have material that should be incorporated or ideas for new pages, please submit that to us. There is a new link in the menu on the left side of the home page. It is "Programs" and will take you to a page that will have links to any program pages that we develop. If you are a Chairman, please contact us about developing pages for your program. Right now, there is only one page incorporated to the new website, and that is "Seminarians". Please visit this page to see the names and contact information for the seminarians that our council is supporting this fraternal year. Don't hesitate to contact these fine young men to give them your personal words of inspiration. Their mailing addresses are provided, or if you prefer to e-mail, click on their names to link to compose an email.

On the subject of email, we have council email aliases setup to allow you to contact almost any officer or chairman in our council. There is a page listing these aliases and you can get to it by clicking on "Contact Us" in the left hand menu. There you will find a link to the alias page and each alias is a link to compose an email to that person.

Please keep in mind that a website is never a finished product, but is always growing and being updated. Please give us feedback and assist us in making our council website the best in the Knights of Columbus.

2012-2013 Seminarians

St. Joseph's Council #7528 is sponsoring the following Seminarians for year 2012-2013:

<u>Seminarian</u>	Type	Seminary	Address
<u>*Peter Guthrie</u>	(D)	Bishop White Seminary	429 E Sharp Avenue Spokane, WA 99202
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<u>Dean Mbuzi</u>	(D)	St. Patrick's Seminary	320 Middlefield Road Menlo Park, CA 94025-3563
<u>Nicholas Pak</u>	(D)	St. Patrick's Seminary	320 Middlefield Road Menlo Park, CA 94025-3563
<u>*Ahn Tran</u>	(D)	Mount Angel Seminary	1 Abbey Drive St. Benedict, OR 97373

*St. Vincent de Paul Parish Seminarians

Good of the Order

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

- Bill Martin
- Joe Penwell
- Jose Bolanos
- Trang Koch
- Ben McGregor
- Darryl Fox

All those who have joined Our Lord in Heaven this year
Please keep these Knights and family members in your prayers. Thanks!

Next Business Meeting!

Brother Knights,

Just a friendly reminder. We will be having our next general meeting Tuesday, April 2nd. Come down and see the fun we have in store.

Vivat Jesus!

Joseph Wolleat

Grand Knight

Knight of the Month- March**Dave McArdle****Not Pictured****Family of the Month- March****The Fay's****Not Pictured**

Council Jackets

REDUCED PRICE on Jackets and shirts

New members I have at the request of Past Grand Knights have purchased Winter Jackets, and easy care shirts. To get the cheapest price. I needed an order of twelve items To get the quantity I ordered extra item hoping they would sell quickly once members saw members wearing their jackets. That didn't happen so I am now trying to get rid of the inventory. I have. I am not planning on ordering any more items.

I have a small inventory of Council Jackets and a shirt both have the Order's Emblem and Council name embroidered on it to sell quickly. I have reduced each price by over \$5.00.

Item SIZE Original Price New Price

2 Challenger Jackets (Winter) XLG \$55.00+ shipping \$50.00

1 EZ care Shirt M \$30.00+ shipping \$25.00

I plan on having the inventory at the April meeting.

With my medical problems I do not feel up to trying to sell anything at this time. So once the inventory is gone I am done. A few people have come up to me to see if I would order a vest for them. I will tell each of you who the others are. I would recommend waiting until you get twelve items otherwise the price goes up approximately \$10.00 depending on the item. You can get a jacket which looks the same from Lynch and Kelly thru the Financial Secretary but the jackets are not quite the same quality. At one time a member's wife offered to do the same job. So there are some options out there if someone wants to get a jacket or shirt.

Vivat Jesus

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