

The Cross and Compass

Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Council #7528

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Letter from The Grand Knight

My Brothers are the Greatest!

I can't believe it! Just yesterday it was August and 80°F outside. Now it's December and wintertime. Back in August I thought I had done a good job preparing for the year. Now, as we approach mid-year, I have learned that there is a lot more to being a Grand Knight than I anticipated. However, two things that I'm glad I did before I started the year are proving to be a real Godsend right about now.

First, I pared down my commitments to allow me to focus on the Knights of Columbus. That meant taking a sabbatical from several ministries that were really important to me. By prioritizing the Knights with my time



MATT TAVARES GRAND KNIGHT

I would be able to do a better job than I would have done otherwise.

Second, I anticipated that there would be challenges throughout the year, and in spite of these challenges I would strive to end the year feeling a sense of success in our work, having made more and deeper friendships, and wishing it were not over.

I am happy to report that both of these preparations have proven very useful so far.

As we enter Advent, our focus now turns to Christ coming to be with us more deeply. Like you, I am looking forward to re-centering my life and re-focusing on what's important. I look forward to serving alongside all of you in the months and years to come. And I am reminded how lucky I am to be a Brother Knight in St. Joseph's Council #7528. Let's make a commitment together to re-center our lives to Christ, to our families and to our Council.

We have several big upcoming events:

Dec 13th - Christmas Potluck – Visit from Santa Claus: Let's all put on our calendars the upcoming potluck. Bring your family along and have some great food. Tony and the gang will be cooking up turkey and ham and Santa will be dropping by again this year to take requests – so don't waste your time in those long lines at the mall, just stop on by the Potluck and enjoy a visit Santa in comfort and among friends!

Jan 24th – Free Throw Competition: On Saturday January 24th is the annual Free Throw Competition. This will happen in the Gym in the afternoon. Please help make this a great event by bringing your kids ages 9-14.

Jan 24th – Crab Feed: On Saturday January 24th is the annual Crab Feed. I love working the kitchen with all of you during this event, so I hope to see you there!

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Vivat Jesus!

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Nativity House

Brother Knights,

Come help feed the homeless Saturday December 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, the raffle was not won last month. The pot is up to \$68 dollars. You only need to be in attendance for a chance to win one of the raffles. Come out and try your luck!

Dave Toby

Warden

December Birthdays!

3 Ryan Clemens	8 Clarence Jones	14 Todd Hauge	22 James Duran
4 Derrick Foeller	9 Boyd Wilton	14 David Jacobsen	22 Joseph Meyer
4 Joseph Langlois	9 Edward Novak	15 Joe McQuiston	23 David Myers
4 Tim Pinney	9 Terry Lathan	15 Dave Toby	23 James Roten
5 Derrick Sanders	10 Edward Ross	17 Joseph Skillman	24 Bradley Alley
6 James Ellingson	11 Brian Cummings	18 Duane Parker	25 Paul Roque
6 Gerald Delafontaine	11 Gary Fuller	19 Roberto Lopez	27 Eric Hemmer
6 Juan Lezcano	11 Joseph Phillips	19 Kevin Brooks	27 Franz Hernandez
7 Charles Lasher	11 David Graddon	20 J Mansanarez	31 Nicholas Callahan

WIVES

1 Anna Patrick	12 Tina Gonzalez	20 Trese Graddon	28 Christine Anderson
3 Rita Yokum	13 Lydia Satriawan	21 Jenny Rossetto	28 Pamela Mesick
11 Clara Kachman	14 Elinore Alvarado	24 Carol Robinson	30 Theresa Duhamel
12 Mary Ann Arens	16 Ngoc D Souza	26 Connie McEachern	31 Peggy Novak

December Anniversaries!

6 Richard and Tina Gonzalez	27 Roy and Mary Saylor
17 Ted and Heidi Colby	27 Jerry and Stella Nnanabu
18 Steven and Sue Drake	31 Walter and Dail Anderson
23 Gary and Laura Fuller	

Council Rosary

On Sep 25th, 2014 our council gathered for a rosary to pray for our council and the parish. The attached prayer concluded our reflection. We would like all council members to continue praying this prayer regularly.

Most holy and Immaculate Virgin, we place ourselves under your motherly protection. Throughout the Church's history you have helped Christians in times of trial, temptation and danger. Time and time again, you have proven to be the Refuge of sinners, the Hope of the hopeless, the Consoler of the afflicted, and the Comforter of the dying. We promise to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, your Son, to proclaim His Good News of God's love for all people, and to work for peace and justice in our world. With faith in your intercession, we pray for our council, our parish, and the Church; for our family and friends, for the poor and abandoned, and all the dying. We especially pray for our brother knights who have gone before us to your heavenly council. Grant, O Mary, the graces of which we stand in need. Infuse our council members with a new spirit of service and mission. Bless our council with new men willing to serve Jesus with fidelity and love.

Help us and our loved ones to attain the boundless joy of being forever with our Father in heaven.

Amen.

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.

Some of the pages available to you once you log in include the membership roster, so you can contact your brothers in the council. Also we have the meeting minutes and the council budget.

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.

Insurance Benefits

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Pennies for Heaven

I am back, just like a bad penny. Poor council, instead of just a few months of hearing me begging for Pennies for Heaven I will be bugging you for donations all year long. You can blame Matt for that because he asked me to do it again. Well I am trying to get us off on a good foot this Fraternal Year. Tim hosted a meeting of new officers and chairmen at his house late July. So I gathered up my loose coin and wrapped them for Tim. It was a little over \$30 and Vince Mansanarez put a twenty dollar bill on top so we are starting the year with at least \$ 50.00 That is an outstanding start for the new Fraternal year, but we shouldn't rest on our laurels. I will tell you how I raise my PFH, every time I come home I empty my pockets, all my loose change goes into a special Jar I got for PFH. That works for me it might not work for you. Just trying to help with an idea so it might strike an idea for you to use. This year I am predicting that we will have extra in the PFH pot when the state convention comes around. Don't forget to drop your loose change in the barrel at the general meeting. You be surprised how much that adds up to, if everyone who can afford it does it.

PS. I want to thank whoever put the large donation in the PFH barrel, at the September meeting. Beside what the GK put in the barrel..

Joe Penwell PFH chairman

Upcoming Events!

December -

2nd - General Meeting 7:30 PM, Rosary 7 PM

13th - Christmas Potluck - 5 PM

16th - Planning Meeting/1st Degree 7 PM

20th - Nativity House - 7:45 AM

21st - Christmas Baskets - 1 PM

January -

6th - General Meeting, 7:30 PM Rosary 7 PM

17th - Nativity House - 7:45AM

20th - Planning meeting/1st degree 7 PM

24th - Free Throw Challenge - 9 AM

24th - Crab Feed

Opportunity to Serve for Community Supper

Our Saturday Community Supper effort is in need of additional workers. During the last year we have noted the retirements of a few; illness and other activities have waylaid some. We have four teams, one to work each Saturday of the month.

Needed:

Second week of every month - dishwasher and help preparing meals at about 11:30 and then serving the meal and finishing about 2:30. A food handler's permit, which is easy to obtain on-line is required for these positions see the following link: (<http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/ehs/foodsafety/FoodWorker.aspx>)

Third week of every month – person(s) to pick up weekly supplies at St. Vincent's at 10:45, and deliver them to the Church of the Good Shepherd on 312th, and then to reverse the pickup/delivery at 2:30.

Also needed week 3 are set-up help, some meal prep support and help serving meals, beginning at 11:00 finishing about 2:30. Again, a food handler's permit is required.

Fourth week team needs set-up, meal prep and meal serving help (with food handler's permit), starting at 11:00 and finishing at 2:30.

Please call Jackie Blair 253-952-6988 a parishioner of St Vincent's if you can help with any of these jobs.

Good of The Order

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

Sue Drake

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,

Our next business meeting will take place on the 2nd of December. Make sure you come out and see the fun we have in store.

Vivat Jesus!

Matt Tavares, Grand Knight



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