

# The Cross and Compass

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## Letter from The Grand Knight

### The Second Half

Nothing shows the strength of our great council more than all the smiling faces at the Council Potluck this last month! Once again we are reminded why we became Knights – the fellowship and opportunity to work alongside some of the neatest folks you could possibly be blessed to know!

I enjoyed another great afternoon of cooking with the crew in the kitchen and again learned some new cooking tricks from Tim and Tony. The Ladies Auxiliary did a fantastic job decorating the tables beautifully, and providing the cookies, candy and icing for all of the kids to decorate with. And then we were all blessed by all



MATT TAVARES GRAND KNIGHT

of you who made it one of the greatest potlucks that we've had in a while.

St. Nicolas was the main attraction and reminded us all of the hope and excitement for life that we felt as kids. We all got a chance to sit on Santa's lap and make a wish.

Now as we head into the New Year, I hope you all will take the opportunity to join in the fun with the rest of us and take away a lot of good memories for this Fraternal Year. Don't worry about details, just jump in with us and we'll show you the way!

We have several big upcoming events:

**Jan 17<sup>th</sup> – Nativity House:** I'm reasonably sure that the new location will be open this month. There are expected to be more of our brothers and sisters to serve at this new location, so please show your support and show up at the parish to carpool at 7:45 AM sharp!

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

Vivat Jesus!

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### Nativity House

Brother Knights,

Come help feed the homeless Saturday January 17th!! 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](mailto:nhb@kofc7528.org)**

### Meeting Raffle

Brother knights, the raffle was not won last month. The pot is up to \$77 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

### January Birthdays!

1 Joe Penwell	7 Roger Gallagher	19 James Freyberg	25 Winn Michaelson
2 Joseph Staab	10 John Fleck	19 Bruce Hyde	28 Robert Orlosky
2 Godday Igwala	11 Dan Longpre	19 Nguyen Tran	28 Norman Robinson
4 Andrew Cataldo	13 Lawrence Weigel	20 Tom Skoda	29 Gerald Duhamel
4 Tito Alfiler	15 James Miles	22 Andrew Chiedu	29 Gregory Nakata
4 Joseph Wolleat	19 Franklin Seatz	24 David Antonelli	30 Robert Butzerin
7 Ryan Stopper	19 Peter Roach	25 Richard Gonzalez	

### WIVES

8 Christine Molina	13 Ramona Granger	18 Lisa Alfiler	27 Megan Burgess
10 Anita Mayor	17 Franchesca Henderson	23 Pam Ross	29 Mary Seatz
12 Trish Ellingson	18 Leeanna Caldera	26 Lynda Sandschulte	30 Mary Czuk

### January Anniversaries!

2 Thomas and Carrie Beyke	15 Steven and Pat Gentry
4 Edward and Crystal Ross	20 Bill and Diane Shell
8 Jeffrey and Megan Burgess	27 David and Mary Seatz
12 Julius and Helen Rabara	30 Adam and Stacey Werner

### 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](mailto: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

Protecting families and their financial security has been part of Knights of Columbus' mission since 1882. From our humble beginnings in a Church basement in Connecticut, we've grown to become an insurance industry leader.

Each Knight of Columbus agent is more than a brother Knight. Her is a dedicated, knowledgeable, and experienced professional who can help you obtain exceptional financial protection for you and your family, and he offers more than personal service; he provides the peace of mind that comes from knowing your families' future will be secure.

See for yourself why you can trust your insurance needs to the Knights of Columbus. Call Ron Scholz, your field agent today 253-804-9147 or email [ronald.scholz@kofc.org](mailto:ronald.scholz@kofc.org)

## Pennies for Heaven

Pennies for Heaven is a fund managed by the State council to support the seminaries so cost to the seminarians is lower. To raise the money for this fund, the State Council assesses each council an amount per member, which is the goal each year. This year our Grand Knight has challenged our council to at least double the goal set by the state council. Each year in January, the State Council gives each council its goal for PFH to reach by the state convention. We believe that we have surpassed the goal which will be set next month by the state.

A good reason for continuing to donate to PFH, remember when Fr Bill was considering having to reduce the number of masses on Sunday to three. The only way this probably will not happen in the future is getting more men ordained. The knights can help entice more men to the priesthood by financially supporting the seminarians in the seminaries. PFH fund are used by the three bishops in the state to support the seminaries used by their diocese. The donations by the bishops help reduce the cost for every seminarian in that seminary. The second and possibly more important way the Knights can help is by praying for vocations daily. Our prayer for vocations is to inspire young men to accept their call to the priesthood and consecrated life.

We had a dinner and two coffee and donut sessions. Plus a member refused to be paid for some work but asked for a large donation to PFH. As of today we have a little over \$1,300.00 in the fund. To reach the Grand Knight's goal, I need every brother knight to pay the requested \$5.00 or more on everyone's dues bill which they will be receiving soon. The only other fund raiser scheduled for PFH is a coffee and donuts in April. So please do not forget to add a donation for PFH to your check for dues.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Joe Penwell

**Upcoming Events!**

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

February -

- 3rd - General Meeting 7:30 PM Rosary 7 PM
- 17th - Planning Meeting/1st Degree 7PM
- 19th - Fish Fry Prep 7 PM
- 20th - Fish Fry 5 PM
- 21st - Nativity House 7:45 AM
- 26th - Fish Fry Prep 7PM
- 27th - Fish Fry 5 PM

**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
- Jeff Lee

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 6th of January. Make sure you come out and see the fun we have in store.

Vivat Jesus!

Matt Tavares, Grand Knight

## The Gold Wrapping Paper

Despite the stress and commercialism of the holiday season, what most of us enjoy most about Christmas is spending time with family and friends. I heard this story and was touched by its message. So, let me share it with all of you.....Here we go.....

Once upon a time, there was a man who worked very hard just to keep food on the table for his family. This particular year a few days before Christmas, he punished his little five-year-old daughter after learning that she had used up the family's only roll of expensive gold wrapping paper.

As money was tight, he became even more upset when on Christmas Eve he saw that the child had used all of the expensive gold paper to decorate one shoebox she had put under the Christmas tree. He also was concerned about where she had gotten money to buy what was in the shoebox.

Nevertheless, the next morning the little girl, filled with excitement, brought the gift box to her father and said, "This is for you, Daddy!" As he opened the box, the father was embarrassed by his earlier overreaction, now regretting how he had punished her.

But when he opened the shoebox, he found it was empty and again his anger flared. "Don't you know, young lady," he said harshly, "when you give someone a present, there's supposed to be something inside the package!" The little girl looked up at him with sad tears rolling from her eyes and whispered: "Daddy, it's not empty. I blew kisses into it until it was all full. Since I didn't have any money to buy you a present the only thing I have to give you is my love and kisses."

The father was crushed. He fell on his knees and put his arms around his precious little girl. He begged her to forgive him for his unnecessary anger.

A short time later, an accident took the life of the child. It is told that the father kept this little gold box by his bed for all the years of his life. Whenever he was discouraged or faced difficult problems, he would open the box, take out an imaginary kiss, and remember the love of this beautiful child who had put it there.

You know, in a very real sense, each of us has been given an invisible golden box filled with unconditional love and kisses from our children, family, friends and God. There is no more precious possession anyone could hold. On behalf of Connie and I, we wish you a meaningful and love-filled Christmas season and prosperous and successful New Year ahead. May your days be filled with love, joy, growth, and inspiration...and remember, if we intend to make things happen, with the help of our Heavenly Father, it's in your hands.



David Myers, PGK

## **The Advocate's Corner**

### **Commitment**

What is commitment? The word commitment can be described in different ways. Commitment can be a promise or a pledge. Commitment can also be an engagement or involvement. Many people think that the word commitment refers to a relationship or goal. These are correct but commitment means so much more. I submit that commitment is a choice to be constant with a certain goal.

Commitment can be a way to describe marriage. Marriage commitment is when two people strive together to achieve on a day-to-day basis. The commitment is to ensure the continued growth of each other and the relationship. Commitment can be personal. Personal commitment is an act or the quality of a voluntary action taking on full obligations. The voluntary aspect makes the commitment personal. There are many examples of a personal commitment. A personal commitment can be training for a certain sport. A personal commitment can also be to an organization.

As Knights of Columbus we have committed ourselves to our faith, our family and to each other. Think back to when you first became a Knight. What promises did you make to yourself? What was it that drew you to our order? Was it fellowship, belonging or was it service to our community? Regardless of the reason, we all from time-to-time need to reflect on our commitments to our brother knights and reexamine what it means to be a Knight.

As we move into the New Year, I ask each brother knight to reflect on what it was that brought you into our order. Finally, I ask you recommit yourself to our faith, family and each other.

### **Did you know?**

Before the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century society especially in the Northeastern states was marked by the growing hostility toward Catholic immigrants. This growing animosity and hatred was compounded by deplorable and dangerous working conditions in factories resulting in fatherless families. Recognizing need in his community, Father Michael J. McGivney, the 29-year-old assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn., gathered a group of men at his parish on Oct. 2, 1881. He proposed establishing a lay organization, the goal of which would be to prevent Catholic men from entering secret societies whose membership was antithetical to Church teaching, to unite men of Catholic faith and to provide for the families of deceased members. Together with this small group of men, Fr. McGivney chose as their patron Christopher Columbus emblematic of their allegiance to both their faith and country. So it was the Knights of Columbus came to be incorporated in 1882.

In an article in The Columbiad future supreme knight Edward Hearn suggested that brother knights live their lives with loyalty, charity and modesty with respect for the feelings of others. These guiding virtues were grounded in the founding principles of charity and unity. In 1885 fraternity was added to our founding principles followed by patriotism in 1900. These four principles have defined who we are as Knights of Columbus for over 100 years and will continue well into the future.



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