

# The Cross and Compass

Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Council #7528



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## From The Grand Knight

Brothers,

Brothers. Brotherhood. A team. A family. Common goals, working for the Church, working for the community, working for our collective family. This is only part of what I believe about the Knights. We are still in this pandemic, and will be for the next few months. We may not be able to meet as a Council until next summer. But, even in our separation, we are still together.

I would like to speak about our KOM, Ray Garcia, and the FOM, Ralph and Donna Osman. They have a lot in common. (OK, maybe not quite the same size). Quiet, unassuming, steadfast. Willing to take on responsibilities, and organize programs, but also part of the background. They are at all the events, working long hours, and getting the job done. They are always there when we need them. Now, they both have health issues. Please include them in our prayers. Gentlemen, we need you.

Please reach out to your fellow Knights. We seem to be trapped in our houses, isolated by necessity. Give someone a call. Check on neighbors. If anyone needs help, please let me know.



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## Lecturer

### YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST A Cosmic Mystery

As you read this we have endured the year 2020 (good riddance) and look forward to a better year when we can begin to enjoy those things we hold dear. Among these is regular reception of the Eucharist. This article continues to present Archbishop Etienne's pastoral letter entitled "The Work of Redemption: Eucharistic Belief and Practice in the Archdiocese of Seattle", this month we learn that the Eucharist is not just food of the earth but indeed unites with God across the entire universe. This part of Archbishop Etienne letter is especially beautiful prose.



There is something cosmic about the Eucharist. "Even when it is celebrated on the humble altar of a country church, the Eucharist is always in some way celebrated on the altar of the world. It unites heaven and earth. It embraces and permeates all creation." (Pope St. John Paul II, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*) The Eucharist is both human and divine, earthly and heavenly. In the Eucharist, as in the Incarnation, earth

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## A Christmas Note from PGK David B. Myers

As we celebrate Christmas...we give thanks to you and for all you've done and continue to do.

What an uplifting time, we celebrate Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ and a special time of the year to give thanks and count our blessings. It is especially important for everyone to pause, and consider what they are grateful for. At this time of year I hope you can carefully share time with family and friends. During this time don't forget to take the time to say "thank you" for what they've done and how much they mean to you. After you say thank you look at the person and notice the impact you just had on them...how their expression lights up, the smile you bring to their face and the warmth you create. It will enhance your relationship with that person forever. Pretty neat isn't it?



Today and every day, we need to say how thankful we are for each other and how much you appreciate their many special qualities and characteristics:

For our spouse, for everything they put up with and always encouraging us.

For our family that supports us even though we work long hours that sometimes takes us away from home.

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and heaven meet: "The Lord, in the culmination of the mystery of the Incarnation, chose to reach our intimate depths through a fragment of matter. He comes not from above, but from within, he comes that we might find him in this world of ours. In the Eucharist, fullness is already achieved; it is the living center of the universe, the overflowing core of love and of inexhaustible life. Joined to the incarnate Son, present in the Eucharist, the whole cosmos gives thanks to God. Indeed the Eucharist is itself an act of cosmic love." ([Pope Francis, \*Laudato Si'\*](#))

The Eucharist strengthens our interior life, while transporting us beyond ourselves into a profound relationship with the Lord. This heavenly food fortifies us for this earthly pilgrimage until we find our true home in heaven. I recently received a lovely note from one of our women religious who made this concise observation: "Our home is not here. Our home is in heaven, and heaven is found in the Eucharist."

There is nothing else like the Eucharist on earth: Comparisons cannot do it justice! This is food and drink, but different from any other food and drink. This is a shared meal, but different from any other meal. In the Eucharist, God takes the humblest of our earthly offerings — bread and wine — and transforms them into something extraordinary, the very Body and Blood of Christ. In the presence of this awesome mystery, all we can do is humbly approach the Lord to receive what he desires to give us.

What expectations do we bring with us when we come to Mass on Sunday? We expect a warm welcome, good music, excellent homily and liturgy celebrated with dignity and reverence, style and grace. And rightly so, for all of these things are important. None of them, however, is as important as our Eucharistic encounter with Christ, which must always be the focus of our ministry, our parish life, and our daily lives of faith. In this way, the liturgy will truly be in our communities "the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the fount from which all the Church's power flows." The Eucharist strengthens us and "draws the faithful into the compelling love of Christ and sets them on fire," giving the impetus to all other parish activities, which in turn should direct us back toward the Eucharist in praise and thanksgiving.

## Insurance Corner

We seem to say it every year, "It's almost Christmas, where has the year gone?" As we look back, we measure the passing of the seasons,



from one holiday to the next, and see how our lives have changed over that time. Christmas and the end of the year mark a milestone for most of us. The season gives us pause to thank God for sending his only-begotten Son to redeem us and it is a time to reflect on all the gifts we've received from him. God's gift to us inspires the gift-giving so many of us enjoy at Christmastime. We certainly enjoy receiving those gifts but reflect for a moment of what the giving of gifts does for the gift-giver.

Some gift-givers aren't so good with words, so they use gifts: Remember "Say it with flowers," the slogan of FTD. Some get a sense of satisfaction in seeing the happiness of the recipient, some feel appreciation that they are able to share what God has given them. It seems to fulfill the need to please, encourage or help someone. It makes us feel good to give.

As I look back, 2020 was indeed a tumultuous time in all our lives. We all know of family, friends and co-workers effected by this terrible pandemic. However, I can't help but think of all the selfless members of the Order who gave gifts to help others especially considering the shut-downs and the forced isolations caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. As our Supreme Knight highlighted in his address at the last Supreme Convention, we are "Knights of Charity." And we prove this every day with the many people who give of themselves; give of their time, their talent or their treasure, to help those less fortunate and those in need.

Supreme Knight Anderson spoke this year about the COVID-19 relief provided by our Knights of Charity; The "Leave No Neighbor Behind". He stated "As the coronavirus pandemic continues, our duty is to lead our families, protect our parishes, and serve our communities, remembering always that where there's a need, there's a Knight. [We must] deepen our commitment the very principle which define us: charity unity and fraternity".

All the charitable acts by brother knights to help many others is what we are called to do, but don't forget about your own family...and I'm not talking about gifts that you'll put under the tree. This holiday season as we think of giving and receiving, when we think of all the good gifts we

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have been given and all we are able to give, make sure you give your family the gift of peace of mind. Secure in the knowledge that whatever challenges they may face, you have protected them.

The Knights of Columbus has the products that will do just that: Provide financially for your family if you aren't here, make sure you have enough for a comfortable retirement, give the care needed if you can't care for yourself and make sure all of this comes to pass if you are sick or hurt and can't work. It's painless to sit down with me to analyze your particular situation.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let us be thankful for all the graces God has showered on us, especially the gift of his Son, our Savior! As Isaiah 9:5 says: For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. (New American Bible, Revised Edition) Vivat Jesus!

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For our children and grandchildren that keep us humble and for the love they generate.

For our friends that make us laugh and allow us to share our personal thoughts about everything.

The freedom we have to make our own decisions, speak our minds, and to lead the kind of life we wish to lead.

I am sure after reading the list; you will think I left out several other things that should be on the list. So, then, put them on your own list and if it involves telling someone something...do it. With this special time of year, I'm reminded of this powerful story about the meaning of Christmas...enjoy and share it with your loved ones.

#### The Meaning of Christmas

Just a week before Christmas I had a visitor. This is how it happened. I just finished the household chores for the night and was preparing to go to bed when I heard a noise at the front of the house. I opened the door to the front room, and to my surprise, Santa himself stepped out from behind the Christmas tree. He placed his finger over his mouth so I would not cry out. "What are you doing?" I started to ask him.

The words choked in my throat, as I saw he had tears in his eyes. His usual jolly manner was gone. Gone was the eager boisterous soul we all know. He then answered me with a simple statement, **TEACH THE CHILDREN!** I was puzzled: What did he mean? He anticipated my question, and with one quick movement brought forth a miniature toy bag from behind the tree.

As I stood there bewildered, Santa said, Teach the Children! Teach them the old meaning of Christmas. The meaning that a now-a-day Christmas has forgotten!

Santa then reached in his bag and pulled out a FIR TREE and placed it on the mantle. Teach the Children that the pure green

color of the stately fir tree remains green all year round, depicting the everlasting hope of mankind. All the needles point heavenward, making it a symbol of man's thoughts turning toward heaven.

He again reached into his bag and pulled out a brilliant STAR. Teach the Children that the star was the heavenly sign of promises long ago. God promised a Savior for the world, and the star was the sign of fulfillment of that promise.

He then reached into the bag and pulled out a CANDLE. Teach the Children that the candle symbolizes that Christ is the light of the world, and when we see this great light we are reminded of He who displaces the darkness.

Once again he reached into his bag and then removed a WREATH and placed it on the tree. Teach the Children that the wreath symbolizes the eternal nature of love. Real love never ceases. Love is one continuous round of affection.

He then pulled out from his bag an ornament of HIMSELF. Teach the Children that Santa Claus symbolizes the generosity and good will we feel during the month of December.

He reached in again and pulled out a HOLLY LEAF. Teach the Children the holly plant represents immortality. It represents the crown of thorns worn by our Savior. The red holly berries represent blood shed by Him.

Next he pulled out a GIFT from the bag and said, "Teach the Children that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift. Teach the Children that the wise men bowed before the holy babe and presented Him with gold, frankincense, and myrrh. We should give gifts in the same spirit as the wise men."

Santa then reached in his bag and pulled out a CANDY CANE and hung it on the tree. Teach the Children that the candy cane represents the shepherd's crook. The crook on the shepherd's staff helps bring back strayed sheep from the flock. The candy cane is the symbol that we are our brother's keeper.

He reached in again and pulled out an ANGEL. Teach the Children that it was the angels that heralded in the glorious news of the Savior's birth. The angels sang 'Glory to God in the highest, on earth, peace and good will.'

Suddenly I heard a soft twinkling sound, and from his bag he pulled out a BELL. Teach the Children that as the lost sheep are found by the sound of a bell, it should bring people to the fold. The bell symbolizes guidance and return.

Santa looked at the tree and was pleased. He looked back at me and I saw the twinkle was back in his eyes. He said, "Remember, teach the Children the true meaning of Christmas, and not to put me in the center, for I am but a humble servant of the One who is, and I bow down and worship Him, our Lord, our God."

We are truly thankful for all of you for the relationships that have been built and things we've accomplished over the years.

Thank you and on behalf of Connie and myself we wish you and yours a Happy and joyful Christmas!

Remember, it's in your hands.

David, PGK

**Birthdays and Anniversaries for January**

Member Birthdays	Member Birthdays (cont'd)
1st Joseph Penwell	28th Robert Orlosky
2nd Joseph Staab	28th Norman Robinson
2nd Godday Igwala	29th Gerald Duhamel
4th Tito Alfiler	29th Gregory Nakata
6th Anthony Wanjiku	30th Robert Butzerin
7th Ryan Stopper	
7th Roger Gallagher	Wife's Birthday
10th John Fleck	8th Christine Molina
11th Dan Longpre	10th Anita Mayor
13th Lawrence Weigel	13th Ramona Gagner
14th Aric Tennant	17th Franchesca Henderson
15th Mark Hartman	18th Lisa Alfiler
15th James Miles	23th Pam Ross
16th Selim Abounader	27th Megan Burgess
18th Todd Reynolds	29th Mary Seatz
19th Franklin Seatz	30th Mary Czuk
19th Peter Roach	
19th Nguyen Tran	Anniversaries
19th Bruce Hyde	2nd Thomas and Carrie Beyke
19th James Freyberg	4th Edward and Crystal Ross
20th Thomas Skoda	8th Jeffrey and Megan Burgess
20th Siaso Lemisio	12th Julius and Helen Rabara
22th Andrew Chiedu	15th Steven and Pat Gentry
24th Donald Mennie	20th William and Diane Shell
25th Winn Michaelson	27th David and Mary Seatz

Knights of Columbus St. Joseph's Council #7528 FY 2020 - 2021 Proposed Budget			
Item	Expense	Income	
Beginning Balance 7/1/2020			3,975.00
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>			
Member dues		3,500.00	
Per capita to Supreme	700.00		
Per capita to State	2,700.00		
State Exemplification Fund	50.00		
Catholic Advertising	130.00		
Insurance	360.00		
Council supplies	1,000.00		
Welfare and Bereavement	200.00		
Mailing, postage, PO Box	400.00		
Bank Fees	100.00		
Microsoft 365 license	100.00		
Webpage license	365.00		
Subtotal	6,105.00	3,500.00	(2,605.00)
<b>CHARITY PROGRAMS</b>			
Pennies for Heaven	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Seminarians	2,500.00	500.00	
Brown Bear Car Wash tickets	300.00	2,000.00	
Sale of Lenten fish		630.00	
Priest gifts & M. Bararossa	200.00		
Ultrasound	500.00		
Other Donations		2,847.00	
FWCCN	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Subtotal	5,700.00	8,177.00	2,477.00
Carry over to Jul 1, 2021			3,847.00

Don't see your Birthday or Anniversary? Send the dates to our FS, Mike Fay, fs@kofc7528.org, he will update our database and next time, you will be included.

**Good of The Order**

The following is a list of those Brother Knights or family members who are sick or in distress that we have been asked to pray for:

Pete Anderson, Roland Anderson father of Chris Anderson, Susan Antoncich sister of Deacon Jerry Graddon, Sharon Beadle wife of Garnett Beadle, Jim Bianchi, Cash Burton Great Grandson of Don Miller, Linda Doherty, DJ Mansanarez nephew of Vince Mansanarez, Melaina Mansanarez sister-in-law of Vince Mansanarez, Margie Fredrickson wife of Gary Fredrickson, Mary Garcia wife of Ray Garcia, Ralph & Peggy Horner, Kathy Koch wife of Jerry Koch, Romeo Mayor, Joe Martinez, Fr. William McKee, Kristine Mallari wife of Ramon Mallari, Katherine Myers mother of Dave Myers, Larry and Ann Neville, Ralph Osman,

Joe & Robin Penwell, Jim Philomeno brother of Tim Philomeno, Jim Roten, Mike Rutland Jr., Dean Smith, Terry Toensfeldt, Jim Yokum

Pray for an end to this pandemic that the Holy Spirit gives us all the strength and grace to deal with the challenges and pray for our first responders, Police, Fire and all Medical personnel who are on the front lines daily protecting us.

Pray for all priests and clergy that the Holy Spirit strengthen them and help them cope with all the changes as they minister to the faithful.

Pray for Our Country and leaders that the Holy Spirit descend upon us and lead us back to One Nation Under God for without Him we will not survive as a nation.

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#### Knight of the Month for December

The Knight of the Month is  
Ray Garcia

#### Family of the Month for December

The Family of the Month is  
Ralph and Donna Osman.

#### Nativity House!

Come help feed the homeless Saturday January 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 at [nhb@kofc7528.org](mailto:nhb@kofc7528.org) for any additional information.

#### Pennies for Heaven

Our goal for this year, as always, is a penny a day for Vocations, \$3.65. Please support our priests!

## Upcoming Events!

January		February	
5th	Business Meeting (ZOOM)	2nd	Business Meeting (ZOOM)
19th	Planning Meeting (ZOOM)	16th	Planning Meeting (ZOOM)
23rd	Nativity House	20th	Nativity House

## Please Read and Respond

Printing and Postage are very expensive. This publication can be viewed on our website with full fidelity anytime. If you really want it mailed via USPS then email [CandC@kofc7528.org](mailto:CandC@kofc7528.org).

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