

The Cross and Compass

Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Council #7528



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From The Grand Knight

Dear Brother Knights,

Tempus Fugit, Momento Mori. The admonition we all heard when we first joined the Knights of Columbus rings loud today. We buried two noble gentlemen in the last month. Brother Knights John McMahon and Jim Bianchi. Both active Knights with years of service to their credit. Among their many contributions, Jim founded a home health agency that is still serving the Federal Way community. John helped the Federal Way Police Department with special projects. Times like this remind us in an unsubtle way that we too will die, often with little warning, and that time on this earth is brief.

A life of Christian service like these men lead is a good way for any of us to work toward redemption with our Lord, serving our communities and families. Service with the Knights of Columbus is a gift, an opportunity, and an honor. Many Knights have been my mentors. As your new Grand Knight, I find myself feeling in over my head, yet comforted by the advice and help from many older, wiser, and more experienced Knights.

Bearing in mind the short time we may have, and our Christian desire to atone for our failings and help those we can, our service should be a great comfort to us all. Under the leadership

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The Truth About Saint Joseph Encountering the Most Hidden of Saints, Saint Joseph in the Life of Christ (Part 1 of 2)



In the last issue of the Cross and Compass for the 2020-2021 council year, I expressed my personal affection for St. Joseph, the patron of our council. It is my hope that every council member then appreciates that our patron and approaches our ministry in his spirit. In these last few months of the Year of St. Joseph, I stated that my articles would be based on excerpts from a book I am reading this summer titled, "The Truth about Saint Joseph" by Fr. Maurice Meschler, S.J. The book is divided into

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From your Financial Secretary

Brother Knights of St. Joseph Council #7528,



The membership in Council #7528 consists of Regular, Honorary, and Honorary Life Members. The regular members are classified as either Associate or Insurance.

Annual member dues for the Regular members is \$32.00 per calendar year and \$9.00 for the Honorary Members. By June 30th I have received dues from 134 of the 251 regular members and from 4 of the 7 Honorary members. For those members that have not yet mailed their dues I encourage you to do so. A portion of each members dues is paid to Supreme and the Washington State Council in the form of per capita assessments. The council is obligated to pay the per capita assessment for each member, whether or not we have received the dues payment. The remaining

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Here it is August already...and the summer is more than halfway over. I hope that you are enjoying some rest and relaxation!



I can't seem to pick up anything to read, whether it's a newspaper, some type of news feed on my computer, or a periodical, without finding articles about retirement. With so many baby boomers getting to that age I guess I should expect it. Articles tell me how to boost my retirement, how to save for retirement, how to use certain plans to have a successful retirement. Some of these articles talk about maximizing the money that I've saved, some talk about maximizing my government benefits, some talk about how I can lower my taxes in retirement. Some articles talk about retirement without even retiring, they say keep on working or take on a new job in the gig economy. Frankly, that doesn't seem like much of a retirement to me.

When I retire I want to do some of those things I've put off over my working years: spend more time with family, travel, get immersed in my hobbies...those kinds of things. I've begun a bucket list to keep track of all the things I'd like to do when I retire. What's on your bucket list?

Another hot topic is the state's new Long Term Care (LTC) payroll tax. Starting January 2022. All W-2 employees will have \$0.58 per hundred or \$5.80 per thousand withheld from of their income. The state plan benefit is \$100 per day, \$3,000 per month and a maximum lifetime benefit of \$36,500. The WA State Legislature has enacted this payroll tax to ease the burden on the state's LTC burden to MEDICAIDE. There is a one time opt-out period from October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022. To take advantage of this opt-out period you must have a private LTC plan in place before November 1, 2021. This leaves only three more months for you to act. My calendar is filling up with appointments for brothers wanting something better than what the state is offering. Don't wait until the last minute, give me a call and let's talk.

Vivat Jesus!

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amount is used for the administration activities of the council. When a member pays his dues I then mail the member the current membership traveling card. None of the member dues supports any of the designated charities that the council supports each year.

If you have any questions regarding your balance due, please contact me at fs@kofc7528.org or 206-697-8252.

Please mail your dues to St. Joseph Council #7528, PO Box 4097, Federal Way, WA 98063.

Thank you for your support of the council.

Fraternally, Mike Fay, PGK, FS

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of Grand Knight Paul Savino, we met all of our traditional financial objectives for 2021. As Covid took away our primary funding opportunities, like the Fish Fry and the Crab feed, Paul and others applied creativity, tenacity and love to compensate for this. The online auction was very successful, and many Knights donated large sums early on when things seemed the bleakest. My thanks and congratulations to all of you.

As we claw our way back from the limitations Covid placed on us, I would like us to all help rally our Brother Knights. We will start live meetings again in September at St Vincent's. We will plan fish fries and we will do the Crab feed. We will have our Seminarian dinner and other events. The auction worked well and warrants a repeat performance. We will likely expand the Parish Rosary to four events a year and rename them Family Prayer Nights.

Please check in with brother Knights you know, rally to the Cross and the mission. Join our monthly General meeting Rosary if you can. Let's come together in service to others and be able to look back, having no doubt of the good we were able to do, and the redemptive power of such service. God bless all of you, and your families.

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two main parts – Saint Joseph in the Life of Christ and Saint Joseph in the Life of the Church. This month's article is the first of two on Part 1, Saint Joseph in the Life of Christ.

Saint Joseph's home was in the Land of Promise, the Holy Land. The scenes in which Saint Joseph's life played out were in Nazareth, Bethlehem and Jerusalem. He was a descendant of King David and Solomon, whose reigns represent the zenith of greatness attained by the people of Israel. The singular honor to be the source of the coming of the God-Man was conferred on the Davidic line. Though not a true father, nevertheless he is a legally recognized parent. Thus the prophesy is fulfilled. But the glory of his family heritage was not seen in the humble workshop of Saint Joseph the carpenter. What could he offer to Christ the Lord other than the doubtful prestige of a great but now obscure ancestry? However, life's poverty and abasement belonged to God's plan for the redemption of mankind and were embedded in the vocation of Christ.

Joseph was betrothed to the Virgin Mary having been told by an angel to take unto himself Mary as his wife though she was with child. Mary was also of the Davidic line. Perhaps relatives or priests responsible for maintenance of the legal status of old families had obliged Mary to give her hand to a man of her own kinfolk. Or perhaps their espousals are to be considered the work of Divine Providence in order to fulfill the sublime purpose of the Incarnation of the Son of God. Mary is believed to have been fifteen at the time and Joseph older than Mary, likely in the prime of life, but by no means an old man.

According to Jewish law and custom the matrimonial contract was essentially sealed with the espousals. The solemnization of the betrothal was to take place on a later occasion and not without a painful episode full of deep anguish of heart for Joseph and Mary. After the Incarnation of which Joseph had no intimation, Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth in Ain Karem at the behest of an angel. It was there that the first manifestation of the Incarnation occurred. Apparently, St. Joseph was not present at this visit. Upon her return to Nazareth the reality of this fact was surely visible. It would have been natural to expect his trust and honor betrayed. In spite of this Joseph remained convinced of Mary's holiness and virginal integrity and remained silent. It is evident what a good choice God had made for Joseph to be the spouse of Mary, the legal father of Jesus and the head of the Holy Family. Thus God sent an angel to Joseph in a dream conveying to him that Mary bore the Messiah and that he should take Mary as his wife, and name the child Jesus.

As the days for Mary's expectation neared, the Roman emperor Augustus decreed that all of the subjected kingdoms which included the Jewish provinces were to be enrolled with their inhabitants. Herod in turn adhered to the ancient custom that the citizens be registered according to tribes, houses and families to the place of its origin. Joseph and Mary set off for Bethlehem, a journey of about three and a half days. Scripture records that they came to a public inn (khan) but it was completely occupied. They were forced to find shelter outside the town in a cave-like shelter that served as a stable. It was in such humble surroundings that Mary brought forth her

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firstborn, the Messiah, the Son of God. Joseph assumed the role of caretaker and Father at this critical time wrapping Him in cloths to keep Him warm. Later on another Joseph (of Arimathea) would assist Mary in wrapping Him in the burial shroud.

This holy night brought Mary and Joseph a second surprise. Shepherds came to visit and give homage relating a story of how they were visited by an angel while watching their flocks. This event must have brought intense joy to Joseph because it was recognition of the divine Child and His Mother, and a marvelous strengthening of his faith.

However, these were not the only visitors to the Holy Family. Wise men from the Orient, perhaps astronomers or tribal rulers in possession of sacred books, arrived in Jerusalem and inquired as to where they could find the Messiah. This threw Herod and the entire city into a fit of excitement and terror. Herod inquired from the Sanhedrin concerning where the birthplace of the Messiah. He communicated the town of Bethlehem to the three and bade them inform him when they found the Child so he could pay Him homage. They journeyed to Bethlehem where they were told of the location of the dwelling of the Child. There according to custom they presented the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Having paid homage they departed for the return home but did not return to Jerusalem having received in a dream a divine command to avoid Herod who was determined to bring ruin to the Child.

About forty days after the birth of Jesus the time had come for Him to be presented to the Lord in the Temple. As an acknowledgement of God's sover-

eignty over the Chosen People, it was ordained that every first born child be presented to Him and redeemed with five shekels. The presentation had to be performed by the father while the mother was obligated to free herself from legal stain by offering a lamb or, in the case of the poor, two doves. At the Temple they were met by an old man who seemed to be waiting for them. It was Simeon who was enlightened by the Holy Spirit to greet the Savior. So too came Anna, a woman venerable in age who had dwelt in the Temple amid fasting and prayer from her youth. She too recognized the Child as the Savior.

Though needing neither consecration nor sanctification, Jesus admitted to the ceremony while His father pronounced the words of benediction. St. Joseph is another Abraham offering his son but one incomparably more just and more pleasing to God than the first Abraham.

To be continued....

Birthdays and Anniversaries for September

Member Birthday		Wife's Birthdays	
2nd	Michael Kragten	6th	Sarah Moore
2nd	Dylan Frombach	7th	Betsy Robinson
3rd	James Lewis	21th	Dail Anderson
5th	Andy Dena	24th	Amy McGuire
5th	Patrick Ndungu	30th	Bridget Orlosky
7th	Robert Knutson		
9th	Zachary Markwith		Anniversaries
10th	Sialevani Vakauta	1st	Randall and Louise Haydon
11th	Steven Noakes	5th	Victor and Marcia Ducusin
12th	William Thomas	5th	Richard and Laurel Schumacher
13th	Mark Miloscia	7th	Craig and Anna Patrick
13th	Victor Ducusin	9th	David and Shirley McArdle
15th	Raymond Garcia	13th	J Robert and Sunee Ward
15th	Marvin Torres	13th	Joseph and Marjorie Martinez
16th	Michael Mansanarez	13th	Mike and Chelley Marvin
17th	Sean Kimmel	14th	Rj and Kim Sanchez
18th	Jose Vaquero	15th	Samuel and Kati Schroeder
20th	Douglas Strauss	17th	James and Rita Yokum
23th	Ralph Osman	19th	Jack and Patty Winch
25th	James Stiles	21th	Joseph and Sharon Conner
28th	John Holter	23th	James and Mary Miles
30th	Nathaniel Carasa	23th	Thomas and Jenny Rossetto
30th	Kenneth Baune	24th	Robert and Judy Gonzalez

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, Susan Antoncich sister of Deacon Jerry Graddon,
 Sharon Beadle wife of Garnett Beadle, Cash Burton Great Grandson of Don Miller,
 Dave Caton PFN , Linda Doherty, Melaina Mansanarez sister-in-law of Vince Mansanarez,
 Margie wife of Gary Fredrickson, Ray & Mary 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, Jackie Spicer sister of Frank Spicer, 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 the safety of 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.

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Knight of the Month

July is Rick Lowman
August is Matt Robic

Nativity House!

Come help feed the homeless Saturday September 18th. 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 for any additional information.

Family of the Month

July is Paul and Marianne Savino
August is Patti and Don Miller

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!

September		October	
7th	General Meeting—Room A— Rosary @7:00pm	5th	General Meeting—Room A— Rosary @7:00pm
18th	Nativity House—Meet in Church parking lot @ 7:30am	16th	Nativity House—Meet in Church parking lot @ 7:30am
21st	Planning Meeting—Room A @ 7:00pm	19th	Planning Meeting—Room A @ 7:00pm

Please Read and Respond

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Thanks, Tim Philomeno, Editor.

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