

# The Cross and Compass

Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Council #7528



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## From The Grand Knight

Dear Brother Knights,

Tempus fugit continues.

Summer has ended. We are back to meeting, planning, and doing the work of the knights for our parish, and for our community. Knights were there in force at the St. Vincent parish picnic. The picnic is yet another example of St. Vincent De Paul's return to our pre-Covid past. Thanks to all who helped make that event a real success.

Our September meeting was well attended, and our September calendar included a Council-sponsored Rosary, serving the homeless at the Nativity House as well as the Life Vigil on S. 348th St. near the Planned Parenthood facility.

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## From Your Lecturer

### National Eucharistic Revival

The Solemnity of Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ -Corpus Christa- was celebrated on June 19th. But it also marked the beginning of a multiyear initiative by the bishops of the United States to renew the Church by encouraging the faithful into a deeper relationship with Jesus in the Blessed Eucharist. This initiative is known as the National Eucharistic Revival.

This first year of the initiative is termed the Diocesan Year. In this phase the focus is on diocesan leaders who will be invited to renew their own understanding of the Eucharist so they are equipped for the second year, the Parish Year, where the focus will be on reviving understanding of the Eucharist in parishes. That year will culminate in the National Eucharistic Congress, July 17-21, 2024 in Indianapolis where Catholics from all over the country will be invited to come together around the Eucharist.

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## FS Notes

### Introducing LEAST OF ALL MY BRETHREN (LAMB) 1882 PROGRAM

Delegates to the 2022 WSC Annual Meeting voted to approve a new program under Columbus Charities, Inc.

Brother Kim Washburn, State Deputy, Washington State Council, provided information on this program in a letter dated August 25, 2022.

"The LAMB Program will help support organizations that aid those who most need our help in our local communities: housing the homeless, feeding the hungry, aiding the disabled, providing education, promoting pro-life, and several other efforts.



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The Covid pandemic distanced all of us from receiving the sacrament of the Eucharist to be sure. And while most of us have returned to regular attendance at mass, there are still some who have not come back. It is apparent that to many, reception of the Eucharist is not a priority in their lives. In my own case, I volunteered as a "Covid" usher so I would have the opportunity to be one of the few who could have a reserved seat at the limited number available when mass first resumed.

More disturbing than simple indifference is that according to a 2019 study by the Pew Research Center as many as 70% of American Catholics do not believe, or at least do not understand, the Church's teaching on Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist. It is no wonder that the US bishops see the need for a revival in the celebration of the Eucharist.

The first response to this crisis by the bishops was to publish a document titled "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church". The goal of this document is to show the faithful the wonderful gift that we have in the Eucharist. Over the next two issues of the Cross & Compass, I will summarize the most important aspects of the Eucharist that are presented in this document.

## From Your Field Agent

Our new Insurance Field Agent is Stephen Fickenscher. You may reach him at [stephen.fickenscher@kofc.org](mailto:stephen.fickenscher@kofc.org) or by phone at 206-492-1014

## A Note from PGK David B. Myers



What's love got to do with it?

Was Tina Turner talking about character?

As in every endeavor, in our daily activities it sure helps if you have the aptitude and character with which to build an outstanding life. In plain words, we understand a person's character to be that combination of qualities, beliefs, tendencies, and attitudes that builds his/her behavior.

It's a combination of characteristics that define who the person is. The stories and teaching concepts I write about are to share with you and hopefully help you to make your personal lives more enjoyable and fulfilling.

I don't claim to have the last word on this, but, from my perspective, here is an observation of the essential character trait of a wonderful person. In fact, it's so important that I thought I'd spend my time telling you this story.

After 21 years of marriage, this sweet and caring wife asked her husband to take another woman out to dinner and a movie. She said, "I love you, but I know this other woman loves you and would love to spend some time with you."

The other woman that his wife wanted him to visit was his MOTHER, who had been a widow for 19 years, but the demands of his work and three children had made it only possible to visit her occasionally. That night he called to invite her to go out for dinner and a movie. "What's wrong, are you well?" she asked.

His mother is the type of woman who suspects that a late night call or a surprise invitation is a sign of bad news. "I thought that it would be pleasant to spend some time with you," he replied. "Just the two of us." She thought about it for a moment, and then said, "I would like that very much."

That Friday after work, as he drove over to pick her up he was a bit nervous. When he arrived at her house, he noticed that she, too, seemed to be nervous about the date. She waited in the door with her coat on. She had curled her hair and was wearing the dress that she had worn to celebrate her last wedding anniversary. She smiled from a face that was as radiant as an angel's. "I told my friends that I was going to go out with my son, and they were impressed," she said, as she got into the car. "They can't wait to hear about our meeting."

They went to a restaurant that, although not elegant, was very nice and cozy. His mother took his arm as if she were

the First Lady. After they sat down, he needed to read the menu to her because she couldn't read the small print. Half way through the entrees, he lifted his eyes and saw Mom sitting there staring at him. A nostalgic smile was on her lips. "It was I who used to have to read the menu when you were small," she said. "Then it's time that you relax and let me return the favor," he responded. During the dinner, they had a delightful conversation – nothing extraordinary but catching up on recent events of each other's life. They talked so much that they missed the movie. As they arrived at her house later, she said, "I'll go out with you again, but only if you let me invite you." He agreed.

"How was your dinner date?" asked his wife when he got home. "Very nice. Much more so than I could have imagined," he answered.

A few days later, his mother died of a massive heart attack. It happened so suddenly that he didn't have a chance to do anything for her. Sometime later, he received an envelope with a copy of a restaurant receipt from the same place he and his mother had dined. An attached note said: "I paid this bill in advance. I wasn't sure that I could be there; but nevertheless, I paid for two plates – one for you and the other for your lovely wife. You will never know what that night meant for me.....and words cannot describe how much I love you, son."

At that moment, he understood the importance of saying as often as possible: "I LOVE YOU" and to give our loved ones the time that they are entitled to. Nothing in life is more important than your family and close friends. Give them the time they deserve, because these things cannot be put off until "some other time."

You see, as I started this article, the most important characteristic you can possess is that of sharing your love and showing concern for those who make an impact on your life. And that's done by simple acts of kindness every day. For years I've said "catch people (wife, children, associates, you get the picture) doing things right.....and then tell them." Everyone loves to be told something nice about themselves. Don't you? You are all a terrific group of people who do what you can to serve and help as many people as we can. That's like you! Keep up the good work and make it a habit of telling others how much they mean to you and how they've made a difference in your life. Talk about character building. Yes Tina, Love has a lot to do with it. Remember, it's in your hands. David Myers PGK

P.S. Think Crab Feed, get ready, it's coming.

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Our October monthly meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 4th, starting at 7:30PM. Please check our website for our calendar, which includes the start of "40 Days for Life," feeding the needy at Nativity House and the start of the Christmas stocking collection for wounded warriors.

A special note about an important event occurring Saturday, October 1st. This will be the first Spaghetti Dinner for the support of Seminarians. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Contact Tony Robinson as soon as you can to volunteer to prepare food, serve, clean up... oh, I almost forgot, please make a donation to support this worthy cause. We also need more spaghetti eaters, com on down to the Social Hall.

We are planning more activities such as Lenten Friday Fish Frys, the Crab Feed and others that have been sorely missed for almost three years. What the Knights of our Council #7526 can do, with each of us doing our part, is greatly needed in our parish.

We need to help bring our parish back to the old normal, mixed with some new normal as well. This can only happen with the help of more of the nearly 200 members we have in our Council. We will reach out to you, please respond. Don't wait for us to beg, please show up whenever and wherever you can to help bring our parish family back together. They need you, and so do we.

I will sound the clarion call once again! Come to our meetings. Bring someone new to an event. Let them see what we can do to make a difference. Pray for St. Joseph to intercede on our behalf. Bring your enthusiasm, your time, your talent and your treasure in service of others. Share yourself as a gift to others, because you are willing to answer that call.

God Bless you.

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"Currently, charitable giving occurs primarily at the Local Council and supreme Council levels. There is no major funding mechanism for the Knights at the State Council level to pool efforts towards common state goals or programs other than our partnering efforts for causes such as Special Olympics, Ultrasound and the Global Wheelchair Mission. The LAMB program's funding objective will be to pool financial resources in Columbus Charities so that together we can support game-changing initiatives that extend our reach across the state."

Specifics from kofc-wa.org:

The goal is to build the LAMB Program fund to at least \$2.5 Million with the Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors. During the initial build up to \$1 Million we intend to grant 5% of the donated funds back to the top five donating councils each year and 5% to approved council applications for distribution to qualifying 501c3 organizations. After reaching \$1 Million, more grants will be awarded.

To get this program going, we ask for a donation of \$18.82 per member per year, in honor of our Order's founding in 1882 by Blessed Michael J McGivney. For every dollar donated, a matching donation, up to \$200,000.00, will be made to the LAMB Program.

The program is voluntary for councils. Individuals may donate as well.

The LAMB Goal amount for St. Joseph Council #7528 is \$3,575.80 (190 members x \$18.82 per net member).

I anticipate placing a voluntary miscellaneous assessment in the 1st dues notice, which is mailed Dec 15, 2022, to ask each member to include a donation of \$18.82 to the LAMB Program.

Fraternally, Mike Fay, FS

### Birthdays and Anniversaries for October

Member Birthdays		Member Birthdays cont...	
5th	Jean-Paul Yafali	31th	Joseph Rockwell
6th	Jerome Koch	31th	Dennis Robb
7th	Paul Savino		
9th	Jeffrey Markwith		Wife's Birthdays
11th	Terance Toensfeldt	2nd	Sheri Howell
12th	Frank Zink	6th	Stella Nnanabu
14th	C Anderson		
16th	Martin Rewa		Anniversaries
16th	Timothy Philomeno	4th	Michael and Marilyn Courtney
19th	Reuben Morales	5th	David and Gina Sakamoto
20th	Joseph Armstrong	12th	Garnett and Sharon Beadle
24th	Michael Rutland	19th	James and Kimberly Freyberg
26th	John Mills	20th	Tito and Lisa Alfiler
29th	Richard Peterson	20th	Nicholas and Teenamarie Callahan
30th	Siyagunekosgodeg Fernando	24th	Michael and Shirley Hemmer
		30th	Thomas and Clara Kachman

### 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, Mel Frank, Margie wife of Gary Fredrickson,  
 Mary Garcia wife of Ray Garcia, Ralph & Peggy Horner, Jerry and Kathy Koch,  
 Kristine Mallari wife of Ramon Mallari, Katherine Myers mother of Dave Myers,  
 Larry and Ann Neville, Ralph Osman, Joe Penwell, Mike Rutland Jr.,  
 Marianne Savino, Dean Smith, Mark Watling, Jim Yokum

Pray for the people of Ukraine and an end to the strife.

Pray for our Brother Knights of Columbus, Church members and families that we remain strong in our faith and pray that the Holy Spirit guide and protect us during these troubling times.

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 - September**

**Mark Czaplewski**

**Nativity House!**

Come help feed the homeless Saturday October 15th. 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.

**Family of the Month - September**

**Bev and Vince Mansanarez**

**Pennies for Heaven**

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

Contact [FS Mike Fay](mailto:FS Mike Fay)

## Upcoming Events!

### October

1st	40 Days for Life Starts—planned parenthood on 348th ST—@10:00-12:00am
1st	Seminarian Dinner—Social Hall after 5:00pm Mass
8th	40 Days for Life—planned parenthood on 348th ST—@10:00-12:00am
4th	General Meeting—Narthex — Rosary @7:00pm
10th	Christmas Stocking Collection for Wounded Warriors begins
15th	40 Days for Life—planned parenthood on 348th ST—@10:00-12:00am
15th	Nativity House—Meet in Church parking lot @ 7:30am
18th	Planning Meeting—Narthex @ 7:00pm
22nd	40 Days for Life—planned parenthood on 348th ST—@10:00-12:00am
29th	40 Days for Life—planned parenthood on 348th ST—@10:00-12:00am

### November

1st	General Meeting—Narthex — Rosary @7:00pm
5th	Veterans Day Parade—Auburn
5th	40 Days for Life Ends—planned parenthood on 348th ST—@10:00-12:00am
15th	Planning Meeting—Narthex @ 7:00pm
19th	Nativity House—Meet in Church parking lot @ 7:30am
21st	Wounded Warriors Stocking Collection Ends

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