

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.

Advent and Christmas are over. Hopefully, a great time was had by all. The day-length is slowly, but surely, increasing; our wet, windy, and cold winter continues. We will persevere. Thanks to Bill Shell, Mike Fay, William Lie, Casey Stiles, and others for helping take down the Christmas decorations in the church. Thanks also to Mike Fay, Paul Savino, and Rick Lowman for making our semi-annual audit go so smoothly.

Lent is quickly approaching, and with it, our Lenten Fish-Fry Fridays. Upcoming activities will include: a Life Vigil, on S. 348th St on Saturday, February 4th, at 10 am, the Culture of Life Dinner on Saturday, February 11th, after the 5 pm Vigil Mass, The Nativity House on Saturday, February 18th, and the first Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, February 24th.

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From Your Lecturer

Sacrificial Love

This past summer we were privileged to have Rev. Michael Williams, SJ serve in our parish while we awaited the arrival of Fr. John Patrick DePalma as our new parochial vicar. I was especially impressed by Fr. Michael's homilies which he usually gave without written notes. Just before he left us to return to Alabama, Fr. Mike offered to provide any parishioner who requested a copy of his book, "Building Your Jerusalem", which is a compilation of many of his homilies. The secondary title is "Fr. Mike's Simple Truths to Guide Your Faith". The chapter titled Sacrificial Love provides an interesting viewpoint on the Feast of Epiphany which falls on Jan 6th. We routinely just remember this feast as the arrival of the three Wise Men to honor the newborn Jesus. But Fr. Mike had a deeper insight that I thought would be helpful to provide to you.

[Today] is the Feast of the Epiphany. It is the 12th of the traditional Twelve Days of Christmas, also called "Little

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FS Notes

Dear Brother Knights of St. Joseph Council #7528,

2023 Membership dues

Second notice letters were mailed Jan 14, 2023 to many members that had yet to submit their dues payment.

As a reminder here are the available options in how to submit your payment:

Mail your check as noted on the payment coupon attached to the invoice letter.

Pay by Zelle. From your online banking app, use phone number 253-455-9789 to link your payment to the council's Key Bank checking account.

Upon receipt of a dues payment, a 2023 membership traveling card will be mailed to the member.



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Don't forget to pay your annual dues for the Knights. Thank you to all who have, and, hopefully, everyone else will pay up soon.

How are your New Year's resolutions going? I've undertaken the Catechism in a year, and am reading the Bible in a year for the second time. Both are courtesy of Fr. Mike Schmitz and the folks at Ascension. Preparation and reflection for making both Lent and, especially, Easter, more meaningful to you and yours are very important now. As I asked last month, what are you doing to make God more directly, specifically, and passionately important in your life? How will you show your family, your parish, your community... your neighbors, that they, as well as you, are made in God's image? The Knights can help to make the "narrow way" even more meaningful if you help us help others. Volunteer for one of our upcoming activities.

Don't forget that our February general meeting will be Tuesday, February 7th, starting at 7:30PM. A Rosary, starting at 7 pm, will precede the general meeting. Our monthly planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 21st, starting at 7 pm.

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 our members. 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.

SAVE THE DATE

The baseball season is just around the corner. We will be having a Knights night on Thursday, June 15th at Cheney stadium, Tacoma with the Tacoma Rainiers. Tickets are around \$15 for general seating (no suite this year). We will be providing tickets for the clergy so the price maybe \$1-2 more depending on how many tickets we sell.

Please contact me prior to May 1.

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Affiliate Member Initiative (AMI)

The Affiliate Member Initiative was developed by Supreme in the spring of 2022 to transfer members who had not paid their annual membership dues to the AMI roster. Transfer to the AMI roster will remove a member from the active council roster, and from the associated 4th degree roster, if applicable.

Members of St. Joseph Council #7528, who do not pay their 2023 membership dues by Feb 28, will be considered to be assigned to the AMI during March. If a member, assigned to the AMI roster, later pays their dues, the financial secretary can reinstate the member to the active roster through Member Management.

Thank you for paying your annual membership dues.

Fraternally,
Mike Fay, FS, PGK

From Your Field Agent

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

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Christmas", and on this day in many countries, children receive their gifts. It is also the formal close of the Church's liturgical season of Christmastide.

The meaning of today's feast and of the Christmas season is contained in a beautiful story, written by the American author, O. Henry. The story is about a young newly married couple living in the city of Chicago. They are very much in love and also very poor. Each has a treasured possession. The husband has a precious pocket watch, handed down to him from his grandfather. The wife has long luxurious hair of which she is justly proud.

Christmas approaches and each spouse wants desperately to purchase a special gift for the other. But there is no money. So, the young man goes to the pawnbrokers and pawns his most prized possession, his pocket watch, and with the money buys a pair of enameled brushes for his wife's hair. But, at the same time, the young woman has gone to the wig makers and had her treasured long hair cut off, in order to earn the money to buy a watch chain for her beloved husband. And so, on Christmas morning, the young man with no watch receives a watch chain, and the young woman with little hair receives a set of brushes. The story ends with these words: "No couple in the whole city of Chicago celebrated Christmas better than these young people. They are the Magi". The story is titled, "The Gift of the Magi".

This young couple are truly the Magi-the wise ones-although in the eyes of the world they would seem to be foolish indeed. But God's values are not our values. That young couple understood the nature of all true love-not just married love. True love, by its very nature, is always sacrificial. True love is not concerned with the self, but with the welfare of the other. True love is a reflection of Christ's love who gave Himself for the ransom of many, as Scripture tells us.

We see inspiring examples of sacrificial love all around us: the parent who sacrifices his/her life to save the life of a child; the soldier who throws himself on a live grenade to save the lives of his comrades; the bystanders who put themselves in danger to rescue a stranger; the politician who jeopardizes re-election by telling constituents hard truths; the student who risks rejection by saying to a friend, "You drink too much and you need to seek help"; as well as all those who, in the words of The Beatitudes, suffer persecution in the cause of right. These examples of true sacrificial love are the opposite of narrow self-interest. It is only the recovery of the true understanding of love that can help heal our broken society.

The Christmas season reminds us each year of God's overwhelming love for humanity-true sacrificial love-as God became human in Christ to show us how to live and teach us, through his Passion and death, how to love. This is the great lesson of the Christmas season, and we, too, will be the Magi-the wise ones-if we understand the lesson and then live it.

But the Christmas season is also a time for family. It is family-centered and child-centered. And there is another important lesson for us here. We shower children with gifts of all sorts, but are we giving our children what they really need? The most important things are not material things. What our children need is, first of all, the gift of faith. Our children should be brought up in a true faith-filled home with a vibrant Christian family life. There should be family prayer and reading of Scripture.

There should be active engagement in parish life and ministry. There should be regular Christian service - feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, collecting clothing for the poor and homeless, supporting worthy charitable causes for the under-privileged - so that children might be set a good example. Children are very observant, especially of the example set by their parents. If the Christian faith is not taken seriously and practiced in the home, the message sent to the children is clear. Sunday-only Christians are poor role models for the next generation. Indeed, the next generation of either fervent Christians or lapsed Christians is being formed in families everywhere right now.

The second thing our children need-and need desperately-is clear moral teaching, clear moral values. Children must be taught Christian values in the home from their earliest age. The moral values taught to us by Jesus in the Gospels are the formula for a truly meaningful life. These values will guide children all throughout their lives, just as the star guided the Magi in the Epiphany story. Unfortunately, clear moral values are not taught in most schools, and parents must not leave this critically important task to others. So much of the educational establishment is infected with a false multiculturalism and moral relativism that denies the very nature of truth and views all ideas, preferences, and attitudes as equally valid. This is deadly and is the recipe for moral chaos and moral degeneration in our society.

If nothing is true, then anything goes. And so, at this close of the Christmas season, we must ask ourselves a hard question: what kind of family life are we creating, and are we giving our children what they truly need? The O. Henry story holds that young married couple up to us as examples to be imitated. They are the Magi, as the story says. Are we???

Valentine's Day isn't just a box of candy in a heart shaped box.....is it Rose?

February has Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day and Presidents Day So, I thought Valentine's Day would be the right one. Well, I was going through my assortment of stories and interesting facts that I've collected over the years, and I ran across what I'm going to share with you. The story is an uplifting look at a thoughtful husband who made a special resolution.....in fact, you might say, that resolution ultimately became a lifetime commitment. Maybe it caught my eye because of the closeness to Valentine's Day.....but after reading it, I was overcome with the tenderness and dedication of a loving relationship. You know.... all the happy sayings like "life's a bowl of cherries" and "true love is perfect love" or "marriages are made in heaven". Well I'm here to tell you that - that sounds great, and motion picture studios make movies to get you all lovey dovey and teary eyed. And that's ok. But in the real world, you need to work to make it work. (That's a whole article in and of itself) Never the less, the point I'd like to make is this: when you understand who you are, what your belief and values are, your reason for existence.....your level of comfort and consideration for the folks you come in contact with as well as the time and energy you put into your personal improvement.

Can you see why it is important to take the time to sit back and "smell the roses"? Knowing that in reflection, the journey may not have been all that smooth, but it was a well learned experience, and the journey was invaluable to the person you have become? That's why we resolve to do things....it also allows us to ask "Why did I want to do this? What will accomplishing it do to make me a better person? Do I feel I'm making progress and accomplishing my goals? How did they turn out? What did I learn? Can I share what I've learned in a positive way to help others?

Stories talk to us.....especially if we can see ourselves in them, that we can understand ourselves better, and perhaps even allow us to be proud of who we are, what we've achieved, and what we know can be attained going forward.

Once you read the story, I'm sure you will agree. It's titled Roses for Rose

Red roses were her favorites, her name was also Rose. And every year her husband sent them, tied with pretty bows. The year he died, the roses were delivered to her door. The card said, "Be my Valentine," like all the years before. Each year he sent her roses, and the note would always say, "I love you even more this year, than last year on this day." "My love for you will always grow, with every passing year."

She knew this was the last time that the roses would appear.

She thought, he ordered roses in advance before this day. Her loving husband did not know that he would pass away. He always liked to do things early, way before the time. Then, if he got too busy, everything would work out fine. She trimmed the stems and placed them in a very special vase.

Then, she sat the vase beside the portrait of his smiling face. She would sit for hours, in her husband's favorite chair. While staring at his picture, and the roses sitting there.

A year went by, and it was hard to live without her mate. With loneliness and solitude, that had become her fate. Then, the very hour, as on Valentines before, the doorbell rang, and there were roses, sitting by her door. She brought the roses in, and then just looked at them in shock. Then, went to get the telephone, to call the florist shop. The owner answered, and she asked him, if he would explain, why would someone do this to her, causing her such pain?

"I know your husband passed away, more than a year ago," The owner said, "I knew you'd call, and you would want to know." "The flowers you received today were paid for in advance." "Your husband always planned ahead, he left nothing to chance." "There is a standing order that I have on file down here, and he has paid, well in advance, you'll get them every year. There also is another thing, that I think you should know, he wrote a special little card...he did this years ago."

"Then, should ever, I find out that he's no longer here, that's the card...that should be sent to you the following year." She thanked him and hung up the phone, her tears now flowing hard.

Her fingers shaking as she slowly reached to get the card. Inside the card, she saw that he had written her a note. Then, as she stared in total silence, this is what he wrote...

"Hello my love, I know it's been a year since I've been gone, I hope it hasn't been too hard for you to overcome." "I know it must be lonely, and the pain is very real. For if it was the other way, I know how I would feel. The love we shared made everything so beautiful in life. I loved you more than words can say, you were the perfect wife." "You were my friend and lover; you fulfilled my every need.

I know it's only been a year, but please try not to grieve. I want you to be happy, even when you shed your tears. That is why the roses will be sent to you for years." "When you get these roses, think of all the happiness, that we had together, and how both of us were blessed. I have always loved you and I know I always will. But, my love, you must go on, you have some living still." "Please...try to find happiness, while living out your days. I know it is not easy, but I hope you find some ways.

The roses will come every year, and they will only stop, when your door's not answered, when the florist stops to knock." "He will come five times that day, in case you have gone out. But after his last visit, he will know without a doubt, to take the roses to the place, where I've instructed him, and place the roses where we are, together once again."

Now, that's a story of resolution.....wouldn't you agree? Confidently you can see in order to get to that kind of loving relationship.....it takes a lot of things like time, trust, commitment, willingness to forgive and the ability to mutually plan for the life you want to live. Sure makes you think about taking things for granted.....Remember, it's in your hands.

Happy Valentine's Day. PGK David Myers

Birthdays and Anniversaries for February

Member Birthday		Member Wife Birthday	
3rd	Steven Drake	2nd	Barbara Skoda
6th	Richard Coe	3rd	Tracey Rockwell
7th	Randall Jarrell		
8th	Gilbert Gruber		Anniversaries
9th	James Clevenger	20th	Christine Zink
13th	Derek O Sullivan	20th	Linda Weigel
15th	Bradley Kingry	23th	Gabrielle Wright
17th	George Rutland	24th	Beth Philomeno
18th	Richard Schumacher	6th	Derrick and Shannon Foeller
25th	James Lezcano	14th	Robert and Sheri Howell
26th	James Yantzer	15th	Leo and Lydia Satriawan
		23th	Michael and Cindy Mansanarez

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, Margie wife of Gary Fredrickson, Mary Garcia wife of Ray Garcia, Ralph & Peggy Horner, Jerry and Kathy Koch, Katherine Myers mother of Dave Myers, Larry and Ann Neville, Ralph Osman, Joe Penwell, Mike Rutland Jr., Marianne Savino, Dean Smith, 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 - January

John Mills

Nativity House!

Come help feed the homeless Saturday February 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 - January

TBA

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](#)

Upcoming Events!

February

- 4th Life Vigil—348th St
- 7th General Meeting—Narthex — Rosary @7:00pm
- 11th Culture of Life Dinner—Social Hall 6:00pm
- 18th Nativity House—Meet in Church parking lot @ 7:30am
- 21st Planning Meeting—Narthex @ 7:00pm
- 24th 1st Fish Fry—5:00pm Social Hall
- 25th 40 Days for Life Starts—348th St—10am to noon

March

- 3rd Lenten Fish Fry—5:00pm Social Hall
- 4th 40 Days for Life—348th
- 7th General Meeting—Narthex — Rosary @7:00pm
- 10th Lenten Fish Fry—5:00pm Social Hall
- 11th 40 Days for Life—348th
- 17th Lenten Fish Fry—5:00pm Social Hall
- 17th 40 Days for Life—348th
- 21st Planning Meeting—Narthex @ 7:00pm
- 24th Lenten Fish Fry—5:00pm Social Hall
- 25th 40 Days for Life—348th
- 31st Lenten Fish Fry—5:00pm Social Hall

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