

The Cross and Compass

Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Council #7528



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From The Grand Knight

- The Planning Meeting began with a prayer and thanks.
- After a three-year absence, the Knights sponsored the Warriors breakfast on November 12th. It was a successful breakfast, and parishioners were thankful and complimentary.
- The Spaghetti Dinner on November 18th was successful, with many members pitching in to help.
- The Knights Friends and Family Christmas Party will be on the 9th in the Social Hall. Set up will be at 3:30 p.m., dinner will be at 6:15 p.m. The council will provide coffee, tea, beer, and wine. Our Grand Knight will prepare roast pork and fixings as well as egg rolls and noodles. Bring a dish! A-J = Please bring a side dish. K-O = salads, and P-Z = desserts.
- December 2nd, Light Vigil led by Bill Shell

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From Your Lecturer

ADVENT

As we go beyond the celebration of Thanksgiving, we look with anticipation for the coming of Christmas. It may be that we forget to properly prepare ourselves for that momentous day by ignoring the Advent season. If it is because we are not informed enough, then perhaps the following will be of use.

Advent is a four-week season in the Church calendar dedicated to anticipating the arrival, or "advent," of Jesus of Nazareth, the long-awaited Messiah and King. It is not just the birth of Jesus that we anticipate but also His Second Coming at the end of time. Christians from many backgrounds celebrate this time and while their practices may look different, all focus on the hope-filled arrival of Jesus.

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FS Notes

Maureen and I wish you and your family a joyful Advent season and a Merry Christmas.

At the November 7 general business meeting the members in attendance approved a motion to increase the annual member dues from \$32.00 to \$40.00. The increase in dues is a result of an increase in the Washington State Council per capita occurring, in steps, over the next seven years. The new member dues will be reflected in the 1st notice letters that will be mailed on December 15, to all the regular members.

Honorary members will see an increase in their annual dues from \$13.50 to \$15.50. The \$2.00 increase is a result of an increase in the Washing-



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Advent usually starts on the Sunday closest to November 30th to allow for four Sundays to observe the season leading to Christmas Day. Often this sets the beginning of Advent between November 27th and December 3rd. This year Advent starts on Dec 3 and ends on Christmas Eve, Dec 24th.

Advent can be a simple and fun tradition of counting down to Christmas. But for those of us who believe Jesus to be the incarnation of God and the long-awaited Messiah, Advent is a shared experience of meditation and prayer that celebrates the arrival of Jesus.

Advent marks the beginning of the Catholic Church's liturgical year or an annual set of days and observances in the faith. Some of the readings during the Advent season hearken to the history of the Jewish people returning from exile and making way for the King; others are post-Jesus teachings of the Second Coming of the Lord. Both deal with the themes of preparation, purifying the heart, and allowing God a place. The Gospel readings tell the story of the Nativity and the journey and struggles of Joseph and Mary to bring Jesus safely into the world.

The origins of Advent wreaths are not entirely known. However, there is documentation of Germanic peoples using candles and wreaths during the winter as a sign of hope for Spring before the days of Christianity. Likewise, Scandinavians in the winter also used candles on a wheel in prayers to the god of light to bring back the sun. Like with many of these early winter seasonal observances, early Christians used their practices to teach the story of Christ and incorporate the traditions into the new faith.

By the 1600s, Catholics and some Protestant denominations used the Advent wreath as part of their preparations for Christmas. In 1839, German Lutheran minister Johann Hinrich Wichern invented an Advent wreath that most resembles the ones used today. He used white and red candles to countdown to Christmas mass. Historically, various denominations have used other colored candles in the Advent wreath. The traditional liturgical color for Advent is violet. The third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday, is commonly marked by the use of rose-colored vestments and candles. We use four candles to represent the four weeks of Advent. The candle colors are often three purple and one pink and traditionally represent the themes of hope, love, peace, and joy.

The wreath is typically made from evergreen, as this tree symbolizes continuous life, a parallel to Jesus's teachings on ever-lasting life.

There are different types of evergreens. Over the years, Christians have placed different meanings on each kind. Cedar signifies healing and strength; holly and pine represent immortality; laurel represents victory over suffering. Holly is the most often used evergreen in Christmas decor because its sharp leaves symbolize the crown of thorns worn by Jesus during His Passion, and its red berries signify the blood He shed as a sacrifice for all mankind.

Pope Benedict XVI released his encyclical letter, "On Christian Hope," Nov. 30, just two days before the beginning of Advent, because Advent, more than any other season of the year, is rooted in the virtue of hope.

The Holy Father reminds us that for Christians, the virtue of hope enables us to face the burdens of daily life, no matter how heavy. He writes that "the present, even if it is arduous, can be lived and accepted if it leads

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- December 5th, General meeting. Rosary at 7 p.m. and meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- December 16th, Nativity House Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Ted Colby
- December 21st, Christmas Tree Lighting from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Led by Mike Fay
- Coffee and Donuts, date TBD, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- December 19th, Planning meeting 7 p.m.
- Our worthy Grand Knight needs help completing the rest of the Social Hall after the holidays.
- Wilson Berano is to be our council's next Chancellor. He will be filling large shoes.
- December 23rd, Sim Bang Gabi, 5 p.m. Party at the Social Hall at 5 p.m.

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towards a goal, if we can be sure of this goal, and if this goal is great enough to justify the effort of the journey". Advent can indeed be thought of as our own journey towards eternal life with Jesus as our guide and friend.

I hope this brief explanation will help use the four weeks of Advent to truly prepare your hearts for the coming of Our Lord.

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ton State Council per capita for 2024.

When I receive your dues payment, I will mail your 2024 membership card to the address on file.

Honorary Life members do not pay any membership dues. Each Honorary Life member will be mailed a 2024 membership card (traveling card) in late December.

The newest council members that joined the Knights of Columbus, through the online portal, since July 1, 2023, will not have to pay dues for 2024.

A majority of members will pay their dues with a check mailed back to the council PO box.

However, if you have a need to pay electronically, please contact me at mwfay@comcast.net and I will work with you to submit your payment via the council's Square account. It is my plan to have a URL link to send to you to use for the Square payment.

When the monthly issue of the Cross & Compass arrives to your email inbox, please take time to read the articles. Also please confirm that your anniversary date, for those married members, has been reported during the month of your anniversary. In addition, your wife's birthday, if you are married, will also appear during her month of birth. If you don't see either of these dates, please contact me. The non-reported dates indicate missing information in the member profile.

Please send me a note if you have any changes in your mailing address, email address, phone number, or family situation.

Vivat Jesus!



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2023 Christmas Gift Cards for a Wounded Warrior

It is time for our annual Christmas Gift Card program for Wounded Warriors. Please consider supporting this program to support those who have given so much. Our Christmas Program to serve our Wounded

Warriors is designed to empower the Warrior to purchase food for Christmas dinner, goods for family needs, or gas for medical appointments. This give a gift card program targets specific needs. Our Gift Card Program is a way to say Thank You for ALL they have done to keep us free. GIFT cards in amounts of \$20, \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100 or even more are greatly needed! GIFT cards to Fred Meyer, Safeway, Walmart, Target, Amazon, or gas cards to ARCO and Chevron are requested by our Wounded Warriors. Please stay to this list as these stores are in most areas and give the most amount for your dollar! Please do not use prepaid Visa or Master cards, they have been a source of fraud.

How can you help? Starting October 28, 2023, through December 4, 2023, you can purchase gift cards and mail them to the address listed below or drop them off at the Parish office during business hours.

Why do we do this so early? So, you have time to help without the pressure of your holidays and so we can get your donations to the troops in time. Please be generous. Our goal is to provide 300 Warriors with gift cards. It means so much to those who have so bravely served. If you have any questions, please contact Tony Robinson at Advocate@kofc7528.org

Thank you for your generous support.

Mail your gift cards to: Tony Robinson 31219 4th Ave SW Federal Way, WA 98023 or drop them off at the Parish office during business hours.



Birthdays and Anniversaries for December

Member Birthdays		Member Wife Birthdays	
1st	John Crowley	1st	Anna Patrick
4th	Joseph Langlois	4th	Sharon Beadle
4th	Larry Neville	11th	Clara Kachman
4th	Derrick Foeller	13th	Lydia Satriawan
4th	William Lie	20th	Trese Graddon
5th	Wilson Berano	21th	Jenny Rossetto
6th	Matthew Zentner	22th	Candy Spicer
6th	Juan Lezcano	24th	Carol Robinson
7th	Charles Lasher	28th	Christine Andersen
9th	Edward Novak	30th	Teresa Duhamel
10th	Tem Escobar	31th	Peggy Novak
11th	Gary Fuller		
11th	Joseph Phillips		Anniversaries
14th	Todd Hauge	16th	Larry and Ann Neville
15th	David Toby	17th	Theodore and Heidi Colby
19th	Kevin Gambill	18th	Steven and Sue Drake
20th	J Mansanarez	23th	Gary and Laura Fuller
21th	Jesus Ortega	27th	Jerry and Stella Nnanabu
23th	Christopher Carette	31th	Walter and Dail Anderson
23th	David Myers		
30th	John Czaplewski		

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:

Tom Amato son of Tim Amato, Pete Anderson, Dale Dietrich , Margie wife of Gary Fredrickson, Ray & Mary Garcia, Bruce Graddon brother of Deacon Jerry Graddon, Leo Herrera, Ralph & Peggy Horner, Jerry and Kathy Koch, Bill Miller brother of Don Miller, Katherine Myers mother of Dave Myers, Larry and Ann Neville, Ralph Osman, Mike Rutland Jr., Marianne Savino, Dean Smith, Anita Spicer Mother of Frank Spicer, Fr. Tom Vandenberg, 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 November

Ted Colby

Nativity House!

Come help feed the homeless Saturday December 16th. 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 November

Ted Colby Family

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!

December

5th General Meeting—South Narthex 7:30pm
16th Nativity House
19th Planning Meeting—South Narthex 7:00pm
25th Merry Christmas

January

2nd General Meeting—South Narthex 7:30pm
16th Planning Meeting—South Narthex 7:00pm
20th Nativity House

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