



# Today's Knights

"Lady of Victory, Pray for Us."

Serving Star of the Sea, St. Joseph's Parish, Holy Cross, The Shrine of St. Joseph, San Agustin, St. John's, St. Michael's.

**Newsletter of The Knights of Columbus ~ Council 971 December 2002**

*Business Meetings are normally held the second Wednesday and Socials the fourth Wednesday at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall*

## December Events

- 1..... First Sunday of Advent
- 3..... Light Up For Christ.
- 9..... Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (*Not a holy day of obligation this year.*)
- 18..... CHRISTMAS Family Gathering. (See below and elsewhere in this issue.)
- 25..... CHRISTMAS DAY. Nativity of Our Lord. *Holy day of obligation.*
- 29..... Pancake Breakfast, Star of the Sea Parish Hall; after masses that Sunday.

### NO BUSINESS MEETING!

As in previous years we wish to give our members and their families to spend more time together during this holiday season. We will not have a business meeting this month.

## Monthly Social Ham Potluck

Wednesday, Dec. 18  
Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall  
*See inside for details.*

## Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and Families:

As we enter into advent and the new liturgical year, let us stay focused on our duties as Knights. With a couple of pancake breakfasts, family fest, Octoberfest, Tootsie Roll drive and Christmas card sale behind us (just to name a few of this year's activities), I would now like for us to concentrate on membership and one new, big fundraiser on top of our other commitments this

Columbian Year. So, for the January business meeting, bring your ideas for getting new members and for fundraising. Let's have some productive dialogue.



Your Brother in Christ,  
Ernest Clement McCoy, II

## Chaplain Update

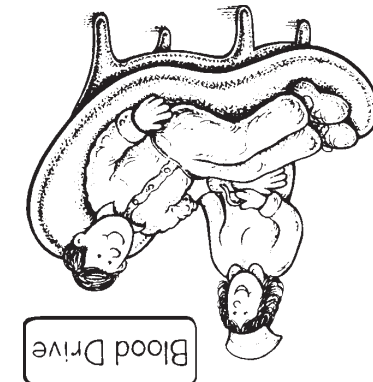
Dear Fellow Knights:

Your Chaplain is back again, believe it or not! We are rapidly approaching the holy season of Advent wherein Christians prepare for the feast of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. But first permit me a digression. In the last edition of Columbus magazine there was a wonderful story and photo of the gathering of over 1000 Knights from all over North America in full regalia attending a special Mass in honor of the victims of 9/11 at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception on the campus of the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. This gathering was of special interest to me because I attended the seminary section of Catholic University or C.

U. as we used to call it. The seminary section was in McMahon Hall where the American Conference of Catholic Bishops met last month. Construction on the Basilica began while I was a seminarian. Huge pre-cut numbered stones were being lifted into place by giant cranes as they built up the walls. Many of us seminarians used to walk over to the building area to watch them lift these big stones. One day a photographer from the Washington Post was taking pictures of the work being done. He decided he needed two local people to stand in the foreground in order to give a better perspective of the size of the stones and cranes. I and a classmate who belonged to the Pallotines, an Or-

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**WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU GAVE BLOOD TO JOIN?**



Blood Drive

**GIVE BLOOD!**  
*Mention you are a Knight!*

First Presbyterian Church  
350 Mission St., Santa Cruz  
12:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
December 26  
Or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to schedule an appointment.

- George Deluchi - 1st
- Bob Scarpace - 2nd
- Peter Ehrman - 5th
- Virgil M. Kester, Jr. - 7th
- Dennis Heimer - 8th
- Terry Crovo - 15th
- Ted Mendoza - 20th
- Brian McMahon - 21st
- Noel McDermott - 21st
- Augustine Gomes - 24th
- Richard Lee - 26th
- David Scargill - 27th
- Blaine Halley - 28th
- James Russell - 31st

**Happy Birthday!**

**Birthdays**



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# ...Chaplain

(Continued from Page 1) der of priests and brothers located in the mid-west, were asked to be in the photograph. There was a lot of teasing when our pictures showed up on the front page of the Washington Post.

Back to the point, in monasteries, religious communities and parishes through the U. S., the liturgical celebration of Advent will begin in December. Parishes and many homes will have various kinds of Advent wreaths with appropriate prayers to help the faithful prepare for the birth of Christ. Many monasteries and religious communities will have solemn celebrations to this same end, including severe fasting and other penances as if it were Lent instead of Advent. I strongly suggest that every Knight especially those with children at home have some form of evening prayer in preparation for a truly spiritual celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Your Chaplain,  
Fr. Tom Russo, O.S.J.

# Membership

Unanimously approved at our last Business Meeting was the application of Mr. Steve Golay and the transfer from Council 1903 (Folsom) of Bro. Marcello Di Nardo, O.S.J. to our Council.

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# Social

Let's "Keep Christ in Christmas" this year at our Christmas social. This is one you won't want to miss. Father John Farao, OFM Conv. from Riverside, CA., Pastor of Queen of Angels Parish and the Regional Chaplain for Serra International will be our speaker. Fr. John's reflections on the Nativity will give you a whole new outlook on that special night over 2,000 years ago.

Harriet Jacoff, pianist from Our Lady Star of the Sea, will play for us during the social hour which will begin at 6 p.m. and we ask you to bring your best voices—and Hors d'oeuvres—and sing Christmas Carols along with Harriet.

A Christmas Ham entree will be provided by Grand Knight Ernie McCoy. Let's bring our favorite Christmas side dishes, and deserts for all to share. There will be no raffle for this social, rather please bring canned goods for the needy or a wrapped Christmas gift for a less fortunate child.

Mark your calendar for the Third Wednesday, December 18th since Christmas falls on the fourth Wednesday. For further information, please feel free to contact Mike or Diana Seixas at 464-3113.

# Memoriam

Council #0971 extends its deepest sympathy to the Order of Saint Joseph community, the family and friends of REV. SIRO DAL DEGAN, OSJ, who was called by his Master a few days ago.

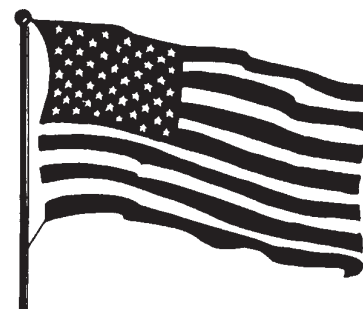
We offer most sincere condolences to the family of our brother knight LUDWIG BREILING, M.D., who also left this earth in November.

We offer our prayers for the eternal repose of their souls.

# Illness & Prayers

We continue to remember in our prayers and intentions at mass, especially at this time of the year, these Brother Knights and members of their families, who do not have the blessings of good health:

*Matt & Florence De Luna, Bill Dohrer, Dr. Vince Quartararo, John Ludd Shea, Simon Terronez, Robert Walker, Fred Wear, Bro. Anthony Young, S.M., Sharrom Fernandez, Mary Ann June, Mary Martin, Gail Penniman and Chris Silva.*



# Breakfast

**COMMUNION BREAKFAST.** Council 971 attended St. John's Church in Felton last Sunday, November 22, for the quarterly communion. Approximately 20 Knights and their ladies participated at the mass and then drove up Highway 9 to the Senior Center at Highland Park for a hearty breakfast of pancakes, eggs, ham and hash brown potatoes.

# Dues!

By the first week of January our Financial Secretary will be sending out the annual membership dues statement. Remitting your dues NOW and not waiting for this statement will save our Council postage cost—remember, this is over a \$1 for every three members! Thank you.

# Thanks

**Thanksgiving Dinner.** We are very grateful to the Hyman brothers (PGK John and Tony) who prepared the food served at our Thanksgiving Dinner. They labored hard and long to prepare this annual feast for us. Likewise our thanks and gratitude to: Carlos & Aurora Lopez, Ric and Vera Ronzano, who helped serve; Tim Hanifin, Gary Phariss tending the bar; Joan Phariss and Virginia Quijance, at the door and counting our receipts that night; Ramon Belleza and Tony Le Bourveau selling raffle tickets; Ruperta Belleza for table decor and Tom Davis, who MC'd that evening with the assistance of Rudy Quijance. Everyone had an enjoyable evening of fun and fellowship.

# GOD BLESS AMERICA!

We're asking each member to please fill out the survey below and get it to Rudy Quijance soon! Either e-mail him with your figures (his e-mail address is listed in the officer's column), or send it to P.O. Box 971, Santa Cruz, CA 95061-971, or give it to him personally at one of KofC events. *Thanks!*

## Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Individual Member Worksheet

Last year, the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$100 million to charitable and benevolent causes and 50 million hours of volunteer community service to aid the less fortunate. To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information request below. This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members during this past calendar year.

- Number of visits you made during this past year to:**  
Sick—caring for the sick/nursing homes/hospitals.....  
Bereaved—visits of condolence.....
- Number of time you served as a blood donor during this past year.** .....
- Estimated hours of community volunteer service during this past year:**  
Church Activities—service in all Church related activities.....  
Community Activities—service in all community related activities.....  
Youth Activities—service in all youth related activities.....  
Miscellaneous Activities—service in areas not outlined above.....
- Number of hours of fraternal service during this past year:**  
Sick/disabled members and their families—household chores, transportation, tutoring, counseling, etc.....