



# 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 January 2003**

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

## January Events

- 1..... Feast of the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. New Year's Day.
- 5..... Feast of the Epiphany.
- 12-18 National Vocations Awareness Week.
- 15..... **BUSINESS MEETING**, Star of the Sea Parish Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 20..... Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King observed.
- 22..... **Monthly Social** (see below). Priests Appreciation Night.
- 26 .... Catholic Schools Week begins.
- 25-26 Fourth World Meeting of Families in Manila.
- 27..... Mass for deceased members, Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, 7:00 p.m.

## Monthly Social Clam Chowder

Wednesday, Jan. 22  
Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall  
*See inside for details.*

## Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and Families:

Happy New Year to All! I am very excited, if somewhat anxious, about the year to come. With all that is going on in the world—the threat of terror, the possibility of war with Iraq, etc.—life as we know it is uncertain. And it seems that the moment we set our sights and make plans, God has other ideas for us...which brings me to some joyful news! My wife, Cathy, is pregnant with our third child. This is great, as want more children, but also scary, as this could be a complicated

pregnancy and delivery. This may tax my time with the Knights as I take on more home duties.

So, please pray for our family, and for a safe delivery of this little one. And ... may your plans be

God's plans in 2003!

Your Brother in Christ,  
Ernest Clement McCoy, II

## Chaplains's Message

Last Wednesday, January 1, 2003, besides being New Year's Day, a national holiday, was also the Feast of Mary, Mother of God.

Yes, many of you were looking forward to great football games, which is perfectly understandable. But as Catholics, and members of the Knights of Columbus we should have considered very seriously this magnificent feast of our Blessed Mother. Getting ourselves and the family to Mass that day was a good way to start the New Year, but let us not forget that this is truly our Blessed Mother's greatest feast here on earth.

We should therefore make every effort to show our grateful apprecia-

tion for her love by praying the rosary together with our family. Recitation of the rosary would even be more meaningful especially for our children as they do learn from our example.

Having said this I wish each and every one of you a truly blessed New Year!

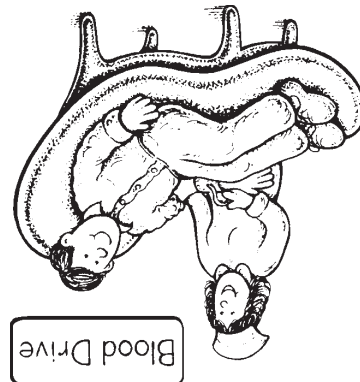
Your Chaplain,

Fr. Tom Russo, O.S.J.

# 2003

**WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU TOOK A BLOOD DRIVE TO JOIN?**

**GIVE BLOOD!**



Blood Drive

*Mention you are a Knight!*

First Presbyterian Church  
350 Mission St., Santa Cruz

12:30 - 5:30 p.m.

January 23

Or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to schedule an appointment.

- John M. Raffetto—4th
- Richard Ronzano—6th
- Geno Preschutti—7th
- Edgar Veit—8th
- John Ludd Shea—10th
- Thomas Dadant—10th
- Thomas McNamara—15th
- John D. Cernac—16th
- Matthew Kelly—16th
- Lloyd J. Colombini—19th
- Rhett Day—20th
- Rev. Philip Massetti O.S.J.—22nd
- Joe E. Novo—24th
- Henry Hyman—27th

**Happy Birthday!**

# Birthdays



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# World

**WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES.** This world-wide event, is scheduled to take place in Manila on January 25 and 26. We may not be able to be present in person, but let us offer our prayers for its success. This meeting which is convened at the request of Pope John Paul II, has as its theme "The Christian Family: Good News for the Third Millennium" which was released at the close of the Great Jubilee Year 2000.

A series of reflections on this theme have been published monthly since last August, with the last appearing in the January, 2003 issue of Columbia magazine, which was prepared by the Pontifical Council for the Family. The Council promotes pastoral care of families and fosters their rights and dignity in the Church and society. Previously published columns are archived under the Columbia link www.kofc.org.

# Meeting

Someone hopefully had contacted you (if you cannot be reached by e-mail) by telephone, or other means, that our Business Meeting this month was moved to WEDNESDAY, January 15 (instead of January 8). Sorry for any inconvenience.

We have scheduled an exemplification to the first degree of our newly accepted member, Mr. Steve Golay, at this meeting, so please come and witness this important ceremony.

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# Thanks!

If you missed the Christmas party this year held on December 18, 2002 you are probably kicking yourself because everyone is talking about how great it was. Our own Grand Knight, Ernie McCoy made the greatest Christmas ham ever and everyone enjoyed bringing their favorite dish. This time we left it up to the individuals to bring what they cooked for the holidays as a specialty and it worked out to be yummy!

We had beautiful new Christmas table clothes and colorful plates and decorations. The decorations were provided compliments of the Sisters of the Holy Names at the Villa Maria del Mar. The cutlery, plates and other decorations were provided by the monies raised selling poinsettias at a small profit. We want to thank RMC Pacific Materials, Inc. employees who helped us out by buying some of the flowers and the rest were sold to The Retired Officers Association of Santa Cruz.

Caroling was fun with Harriet Jaccoff as our pianist and we were lucky to have Knight Brian McMahon and wife Sherrie along with Barbara and Mike Ruhl lead the singing. Mike is a potential new member for 2003. They all sing in the noon choir at Our Lady Star of the Sea.

But everyone will agree the highlight of the event was Fr. John Farao, OFM Conv. a Franciscan priest who flew up from Riverside to deliver a talk on The Nativity that no one will soon forget. Thanks to the Seixas' who provided the figurines, the talk was made very real to us all. We also want to thank everyone who brought gifts and food for the less fortunate. Fr. Hector Cruz said they were greatly appreciated by deserving unemployed of the parish at Our Lady Star of the Sea.

Thanks to everyone who made this evening one to remember.

# Illness & Prayers

We ask our newly born Child Jesus for special blessings for our brother Knights and members of their families as they face the new year 2003 with uncertainty and anxiousness, that they be healed of their infirmities. We include in this prayer those who care for them:

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

# Prayers!

SPECIAL PRAYERS are requested for our Immediate Past Grand Knight, John Hyman, who as of the latest information we have on him, is at Rm #8, Grass Valley Convalescent Hospital, Tel. 530-273-4447. He is demonstrating a remarkable confidence and faith that he will overcome his latest bout with the same affliction he suffered a year ago. Let us show our love and appreciation to this hard-working brother Knight for the great work he has done for our council with prayers for an early successful recovery.

Also please offer special prayers for our brother FRED WEAR. Although he is only confined at home, he is still seriously ill.

# Social

Tony LeBourveau has again agreed to host our social this month, with his award-winning recipe of CLAM CHOWDER. His complete menu will include shrimp louie, home-baked sourdough bread and bread pudding for dessert. Show our appreciation by turning out in record numbers for this event.

This social will be a *Priest Appreciation Night*. As always, priests eat for free!

Donations of appetizers and prizes for our fund raising raffle will be appreciated. Invite friends and prospective members. Furnish your own table setting.

# Memoriam

BELATED CONDOLENCE to our Financial Secretary, Rudy Quijance, in the loss of his brother-in-law, Larry Rollo-Lazo, who passed away last month. We pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

# Paid Your Dues?

By the time you receive this Bulletin you may have received already a statement for your \$40 dues for this year. Please remit your dues NOW to avoid the mailing out of another statement saving our council much needed funds for our projects. Thank you.

**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 assistus in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members during this past calendar year.

### 1. Number of visits you made during this past year to:

Sick—caring for the sick/nursing homes/hospitals.....  
Bereaved—visits of condolence.....

### 2. Number of time you served as a blood donor during this past year. ....

### 3. 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.....

### 4. Number of hours of fraternal service during this past year:

Sick/disabled members and their families—household chores, transportation, tutoring, counseling, etc. ....