

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 March 2003

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

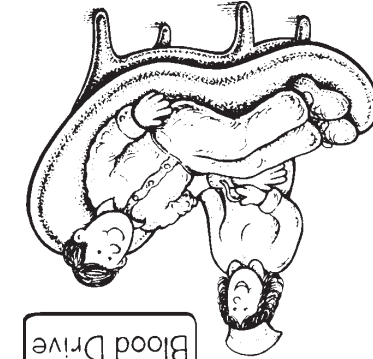
Happy Birthdays!

Roy June — 1st
Phillip Bogner — 3rd
Joe Bartlatti — 4th
Andrew Mekis — 4th
Tearlach Sinclair — 10th
Robert Walter — 12th
Paul J. Wood — 13th
Celedonio Celebrado — 14th
Gerald Zieber — 17th
Manuel Gomez — 27th
Thomas Holdridge — 27th
Rev. Roland Bunda, S.M. — 28th
William Dalmadge — 31st

Birthdays

Novena

A 54-Day Rosary Novena for world peace, strengthening of the family, and for personal petitions began on Ash Wednesday, March 5 through Divine Mercy Sunday April 27. This consists of praying five decades of the Rosary each day for 27 days for petitions and 27 days for thanksgiving (whether or not the petitions were granted in the way they were sought). All are invited from around the diocese.



Blood Drive

GIVE BLOOD!

Mention you are a Knight!

First Presbyterian Church
350 Mission St., Santa Cruz

12:30 - 5:30 p.m.

March 27

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



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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

March Events

- 2&3 . Last two days of K.C. closed retreat in Los Altos.
- 5..... Ash Wednesday, start of the Lenten season. Fast and Abstinence. Start of the 54-day Rosary Novena for world peace.
- 11..... **Business Meeting. Tuesday!** Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall. 7:30 p.m.
- 17..... St. Patrick's Day
- 19..... Feast of St. Joseph, Guardian of the Redeemer.
- 25..... **Monthly Social. Tuesday! See Below.**
- 30..... Mass for deceased members, Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, 8 a.m.
- 30..... Pancake Breakfast, after all masses, Star of the Sea Parish Hall

Monthly Social Irish

Tuesday, March. 25
Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall
See inside for details.

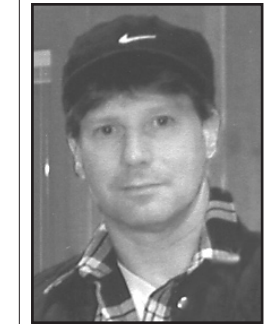
Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and Families:

My heartfelt sympathies and prayers go out to our brothers Henry Hyman and Dr. Pau Weiss and their families for the loss of their sons, our Past Grand Knight John Hyman, and Keith Weiss. Our Lord Jesus has gone ahead to make a place for them in his Father's House...

Once again, the season of lent is upon us—a time for prayers, meditation, penitence, fasting and almsgiving. I always give up something trivial, like ice cream or chocolate, that my family knows about. But, I also give up two or three things that only God and I know about. You know, things like selfishness, pride, road rage, malice, contempt, lust, envy, etc. Things that have been around since the beginning of humankind, that get in the way of our relationship with God. I don't believe that ice cream or chocolate were

invented yet when Christ walked the Earth...



What I like about lent is that it charges my batteries for the year to come, as the Eucharist charges my batteries for the week. Forty days in the desert to reflect on my

relationship with Christ, how I treat the people around me, striving to be a better person, yet always falling short of my own expectations.

May the Lord grant us the patience, love and fortitude to follow the narrow lenten path as we prepare for the resurrection.

Your brother in Christ,

Ernest Clement McCoy II
Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

Ash Wednesday began the Lenten Season. All of us (I hope) received the sacramental anointing of the ashes from burned palm leaves on our foreheads and thereby proclaim to the world that we are Christians, and in some places in our USA today, Catholic Christians because there are no other Christians. I hope all of you have planned to make some kind of sacrifice, however small,

during lent because the American Catholic Church, the Body of Christ in the USA, is in great need of such sacrifices, of such penance, Our Lord told his disciples who had difficulty driving certain demons out of possessed people they encountered, that some demons can be cast out only with much prayer and fasting.

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Chaplain...

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Almost ten years ago a Catholic Army Chaplain, a fine theologian and an expert in church canon law, after much research, wrote to both the American Conference of Catholic Bishops and to each bishop warning them that unless they took immediate steps to stop priestly sexual misconduct, that the Church was headed for a crisis that had not been experienced since the middle ages. He was ignored and we now know the rest of the story.

Fr. Benedic Groeschel, C.R.F., in his recent small book, "From Scandal to Hope," shows how God's permissive providence can bring great spiritual good out of even the most tragic situations. During the past few years the press and TV media have attacked the American Catholic Church with everything in their journalistic arsenal. Recently our own state legislature suspended the statute of limitations on sexual crimes so that a small group of angry people and an army of litigation hungry lawyers can go after any of our senior priests and bishops who made terrible mistakes. But what inspires me the most is the incredible fact that despite all the terrible publicity there are still hundreds of people who are becoming Catholics through our parish R.C.I.A. programs. Just recently a well-educated Protestant told me that he wanted to become a Catholic. I know what I'm giving up for lent. Hopefully, many of you have given your sacrifice some thought.

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

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Memoriam

Our high appreciated Past Grand Knight JOHN FRANCIS HYMAN, was finally called by his Creator (and delivered from further pain and suffering) last week. A memorial mass was offered for the eternal repose of his soul at St. Joseph's Church in Capitola Saturday, March 1st by Rev. Patrick Dooling and concelebrated by our Chaplain, Rev. Tom Russo, O.S.J. A large gathering of his family, brother Knights and friends attended the eucharistic offering. As a member of the Padre Palou Assembly of the Fourth Degree of our order, he was honored with an Honor Guard with Sir Knights and Past Faithful Navigators Ramon N. Belleza, Richard Ronzano and Sir Knights Mike Seixas and Guillermo Flores participating.

Council 971 and Padre Palou Assembly wish to extend their deepest sympathies and condolences to Brother Knight Henry Hyman and his wife Anna, the family and friends. May our Lord in His infinite love and compassion, have mercy on his soul and grant him eternal joy and happiness.

Condolences

Our council extends its condolence to Brother Knight Dr. Paul Weiss and his wife, Elizabeth, their family and friends, in the sudden death of their son, KEITH, who was entered into rest this past week.

May our Lord comfort them in their grief and sorrow and may they find consolation in His infinite love and mercy. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Illness & Prayers

We continue to pray for those who are sick that through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, they will be able to endure their sufferings and be comforted so they will be restored to good health and we ask this through Christ Our Lord:

Matt and Florence De Luna, Bill Dohrer, Dennis Heimer, Geno Preschutti, Vince Quartararo, John Ludd Shea, Simon Terronez, Robert Walter, Bro. Anthony Young, S.M., Mary Ann June, Mary Lira, Mary Martin, Gail Penniman, and Chris Silva.

Lent Dates

As in previous years, because of the Lenten Dinners served at the Parish Hall of Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, our business meeting dates are Tuesday, March 11 and Tuesday, April 8th and our Irish Dinner is on Tuesday, March 25th.

Matt Update

As most of us know by now, MATT DE LUNA suffered a mild stroke last February 10th. He was hospitalized and transferred to Dominican Rehab Services where he was been since. Hopefully by the time you read this, he will be enjoying the comfort of his home. Please continue to pray for his recovery.

Thanks!

Maraming Salamat Po! (Thank you!). Our Filipino Dinner held last month raised sufficient funds to enable us to send our annual donation to help in the education of poor but deserving seminarians in the Philippines. Our thanks to all of you who made this possible, particularly to our hosts, Virginia and Rudy Quijance, Ruperta and Ramon Belleza; and to these kind volunteers: Joan and Gary Phariss, Carlos and Aurora Lopez, Ernie McCoy, Manuel Lira, and Siubhan Sinclair.

Social


Our Grand Knight, Ernie McCoy is calling for volunteers to prepare and serve us with the traditional St. Patrick's Irish Dinner on Tuesday, March 25. Please call him at 427-2940. (Remember he has a pregnant wife!) We are also asking our members to help with appetizers and prizes for our raffle that evening. The raffles that we hold during our social goes a long way in meeting our budgeted expenses. Please invite your friends and prospective members. Furnish your own table service (and pass this information along to your guests).

Financial Statement

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS
for the period from July 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002
(unaudited)

RECEIPTS:			
Membership dues		\$ 60.00	
Donations		6,500.00	
Socials:			
Dinner	\$1,758.00		
Raffle	477.00		
Bar	<u>376.06</u>	2,611.06	
Pancake breakfasts		776.00	
Sale of Christmas cards		900.50	
Mentally Retarded fund drive		397.26	
R. S. V. P.		<u>100.00</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$11,344.82
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Donations		\$ 7,075.00	
Cost of socials & fund raisers		1,961.84	
Council dues and per capita		1,865.78	
Bulletin printing & postage		566.01	
Hall rent		500.00	
Hall set up & clean up		500.00	
Habitat for Humanity meals		325.50	
Financial Secretary expense / box rental / badges		155.87	
Our Lady of Fatima devotion expenses		150.00	
Telephone		112.46	
Attendance prizes / Catholic advertising		80.75	
Miscellaneous		<u>18.50</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			13,311.71
Excess of disbursements over receipts			(\$ 1,966.89)
Add: Beginning balance (June 30, 2002)			<u>7,429.51</u>
BALANCE, December 31, 2002			\$ 5,462.62

Santa Cruz, California
January 10, 2003

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Ramon N. Belleza
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