

## Announcements

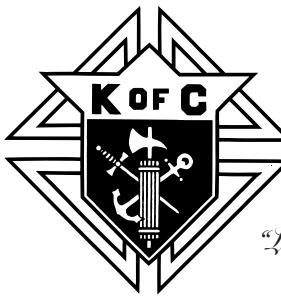
A 54-Day Rosary Novena for world peace, strength for personal petitions for family, and ending on Ash Wednesday began on Ash Wednesday.



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# Today's Knights

"Lady of Victory, Pray for Us."



**March 2003**

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

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

## 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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## Monthly Social Irish

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

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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. Benedict 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 highly 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.*

# 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 Quiance, 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	376.06
Pancake breakfasts	2,611.06
Sale of Christmas cards	776.00
Mentally Retarded fund drive	900.50
R. S. V. P.	397.26
	100.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$11,344.82</b>

**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	18.50
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$13,311.71</b>
Excess of disbursements over receipts	(\$ 1,966.89)
Add: Beginning balance (June 30, 2002)	7,429.51

BALANCE, December 31, 2002

Santa Cruz, California  
January 10, 2003

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