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October 23
12:30 - 5:30 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church
350 Mission St., Santa Cruz
Michael Seixas - 22nd

George Cabral - 20th

Raymond Ripley - 17th

Simon Terrenez - 8th

Francisco Garza - 2nd

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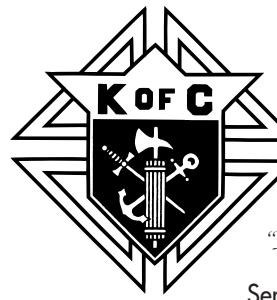
Blood Drive



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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

October 2003

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 & Families:

September provided me with the honor of sponsoring Joe Kremer for the 2nd and 3rd degree exemplification at the Fort Ord Chapel. Joe became a 1st degree Knight at the business meeting in September and is committed knight to serving the council. May we all welcome Joe to full knighthood!

I also received a membership application from Fr. Hector Cruz, S.M. and I am sponsoring him for his 1st degree. Please consider sponsoring a new member this fall. They could be initiated with Fr. Cruz.

Our council provided bar service for the Star of the Sea Day and for the Sienna House Fundraiser. There are many opportunities planned for the year to serve our churches, community, youth and council and I need

volunteers for these events and activities. I know are all busy but a few hours would really help. As the Bible says, "the harvest is great but the laborers are few."

I would like to honor knights who are providing exemplary service to their church, community or youth program. If you know of a deserving Knight, please contact me directly.

May God's blessing be with you and your families!

Karl Coffield
Grand Knight

VOLUNTEER!

Monthly Social Italian

Weds., October 22
Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall
See inside for details.

Chaplain's Message

Again, there is no "Chaplain's Message" for this month. Please continue to keep Fr. Tom Russo's continuing recovery in your prayers.

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Social

ITALIAN NITE. In observance of Columbus Day this month, our social will be an Italian Dinner, chaired by our Grand Knight, Karl Coffield. As of this writing no menu has been decided but be rest assured that this will be another memorable authentic Italian celebration.

We ask our members to furnish the appetizers and raffle prizes. Furnish your own table service.

Fatima

FATIMA DEVOTION. Monday, October 13 is the final day of our annual 6 monthly devotional prayers in honor of Our Lady of Fatima, commemorating the appearances of our Blessed Mother in Fatima, Portugal in 1919. This will be held at the Shrine of St. Joseph the Redeemer, 544 W. Cliff Dr. It will start at 7:00 p.m. with a procession, praying the rosary, and followed by a mass. Refreshments will be served after the mass. We urge our members to participate in this devotion which our Council has sponsored through these years.

Moving?

Please help us keep current with your address and telephone number. This information is vital to allow your council provide you important service that is consistent with K of C.

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God

TRUST IN GOD

The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him and every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming. Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect him from the elements and to store his few possessions. But then one day, after scavaging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, the smoke rolling up to the sky. The worst had happened; everything was lost. He was stunned with grief and anger. "God, how could you do this to me?" he cried.

Early the next day, however, he was awakened by the sound of a ship that was approaching the island. It had come to rescue him. "How did you know I was here?" he asked of his rescuers. "We saw the smoke signal," they replied.

It is easy to get discouraged when things are going bad. But we shouldn't lose heart, because God is at work on our lives, even in the midst of pain and suffering. Remember, next time your little hut is burning to the ground, it just may be a smoke signal that summons the grace of God. For all the negative things we have to say to ourselves, God has a positive answer to it.

E-mail?

If you have an e-mail address and would like timely information (like births and deaths in the council) and reminders for meetings and socials, please send your e-mail address to: [knights@kofc971.org](mailto:knightskofc971.org).

Illness & Prayers

Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of the Rosary, whose feast celebrated on October 7, and the whole month of October dedicated in her honor, we ask our Lord for the restoration to good health of the following sick members of our Council including their family members and those who provide for their care:

Matt De Luna, Geno Preschutti, Dr. Vince Quartararo, John Ludd Shea, Simon Terronez, Robert Walter, Dr. Paul Weiss, Bro. Anthony Young, S.M., Rev. Tom Russo, O.S.J., Mary Martin, Sharrom Fernandes, Gail Penniman and Chris Silva.

Again, we ask for our members to call your Bulletin Editor for any changes to the above list to make it current. Thank you.

News

Knights In Action. For the 2003-2004 academic year, the Knights of Columbus has provided grants totaling nearly \$1.3 million. More than 600 students are receiving scholarship assistance from the Supreme Council this Year. Most recipients are children of Knights or Knights attending Catholic colleges in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico and the Philippines.

Star Councils Awarded. A total of 1,270 councils earned the Star Council Award for the 2002-2003 fraternal year. The award recognizes excellence in volunteer fraternal and charitable activities, membership recruitment and insurance promotion.

Locally, we congratulate Mary, Help of Christian Council No. 11804, which our council sponsored some years back, for continuously receiving this award.

MR Drive

The Council will conduct the annual MR Drive on Saturday October 18. We have permission to solicit at three Safeway Stores: the one on Mission, the one on Morrisey and the one in Scotts Valley.

We will be working from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tom Davis is asking for enough volunteers that no one will have to work more than three hours. The shifts will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. If you can help, please call Tom Davis at 336-5703 or Charlie Sinclair at 462-4094.

**GOD
BLESS
AMERICA!**

Membership



Thanks!

Exemplified to the first degree of our order at our meeting last September 9th: Sean Conley, sponsored by Bro. Simon Dangzalan, Otmar Kremer and Sherman Jones, both sponsored by Bro. Blaine Halley.

Bro. Otmar Kremer took his 2nd and 3rd degrees at the exemplification at Ft. Ord last Saturday, September 27.

We extend our welcome and congratulations to these latest addition to our order and hope they will immediately take an active participation in our activities and spread the good word of the order in their respective communities.

Once again, Bro. Manuel Lira, and wife, Mary, treated us with authentic Mexican cuisine at our ladies night social last month—from appetizers to their main dishes of enchiladas, taquitos, refried beans and rice, including dessert. We owe them our gratitude and thanks and congratulate them for another job excellently done.

Also deserving our thanks are those who helped: Carlos and Aurora Lopez, Gary and Joan Phariss, Tom Davis, John Collins and Karl Coffield. To those who furnished appetizers and prizes for our raffle, likewise our thanks.