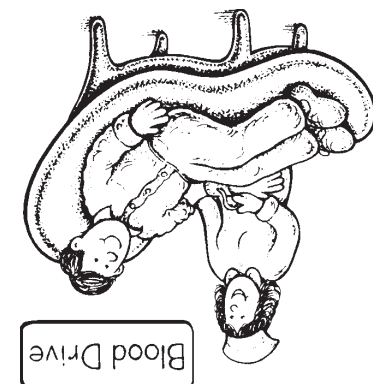


Happy  
Birthdays!

Dominic Massetti—7th  
Louis Paolino—9th  
Rodney Atchison—14th  
Manuel Lira—15th  
Joe English—18th  
Bruce Brough—22nd  
Mark Esposito—30th  
Nelson Miranda—30th

Birthdays

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



**GIVE BLOOD!**

*Mention you are a Knight!*

First Presbyterian Church  
350 Mission St., Santa Cruz

12:30 - 5:30 p.m.

**November 27**

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



# 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**

**November 2003**

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

## November Events

- 1..... Feast of All Saints (*Not a Holy Day of Obligation.*)
- 1..... Children's All Saints Party, St. Joseph's in Capitola after 5:15 Mass.
- 2..... All Souls Day.
- 11..... Veterans' Day. (Fly the flag)
- 12..... **BUSINESS MEETING**, at the Parish Hall, Our Lady Star of the Sea, 7:30 p.m.
- 19..... **Annual Memorial Mass for deceased members, Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, 6:00 p.m. followed by Monthly Social. (See below.)**
- 23..... Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King.
- 27..... **THANKSGIVING DAY**

## Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights & Families:

I was amazed at the giving hearts of our fellow citizens of Santa Cruz. Standing in front of the Safeway on Morrissey, I encountered people with a special look in their eyes and a willingness to help our disabled brothers and sisters. Groups of pre-teens giving the change after buying some small treat to senior citizens stopping their care provider to open the purse and their hearts. All of them combined with our fellow Knights and students from the Newman Center made the Mentally Disabled Fund Raiser a resounding success. A special thanks to all involved and the Safeway Stores who provided a welcoming space for our members and students. (Look inside for detailed information.)

Our October social was also a success. The menu of delicious lasagna and exotic Italian dessert challenged the pallet of all. A special thanks to



Karla of K's Catering for giving of her time and talent in preparing the delightful dinner and to Carlos and Aurora Lopez for their help in the

kitchen.

I am looking for Knights and families committed to serving our youth. Our Council needs a Youth Director and others to help in special events such as the Free Throw Contest and the Essay Contest. These are activities that support and recognize our budding athletes and our more academic Catholic students. They are the future of our faith and Council.

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

Karl Coffield, Grand Knight

## Chaplain's Message

My Fellow Knights,

I decided it was about time to do my job as chaplain and offer a few thoughts about our Catholic spirituality for your consideration.

The liturgical calendar for the month of October has given us the opportunity to celebrate feasts of several

wonderful saints—that of St. Luke the Evangelist, being one of them; born and raised a pagan, he converted to Christianity during it's very infancy and ends up writing both one of the gospels and the Acts of the Apostles; not bad for a new convert. And just before the end of October, we celebrated the feasts

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## Monthly Social Turkey Potluck

Weds., November 19  
Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall  
*See inside for details.*



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## Social

THANKSGIVING DINNER - Chairing this annual event, after the Memorial Mass on Wednesday, November 19 (remember this is the third Wednesday of this month), is Past Grand Knight Tearlach Sinclair. He will prepare the traditional turkey with the trimmings. The rest of the dinner (side dishes) will be "pot luck" as follows:

**A - G** - Salad  
**H - Q** - Vegetables  
**R - Z** - Dessert

Tearlach is request assistance in the preparation of some of the turkeys, either in volunteers' homes or at the Parish Hall kitchen. Please give him a call at 462-4094.

Bring your families, invite friends and prospective members. Please furnish your own table service.

Donations of appetizers and raffle prizes will be very much appreciated.

*"One Nation, Under God..."*

Brought to  
The Pledge of Allegiance  
by  
The Knights of Columbus

## 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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## Chaplain (cont.)

of the Apostles, Simon and Jude; all of these apostles, if you stop to think about it, are spiritual heavyweights in the deepest sense of the term. Jesus chose twelve very ordinary, working class men and turned them, with the help of the Holy Spirit into incredible spiritual juggernauts who plowed into the Jewish and pagan worlds and mesmerized hundreds of thousands of these people into following Jesus even at the expense of accepting death rather than reverse course. This month, November, finds us celebrating both the feasts of All Saints and then All Souls; All Saints is a poignant reminder that not all the saints in heaven have been or will be declared blessed such as a Blessed Theresa of Calcutta, or saints such as St. Joseph Marelo, the founder of my community, the Oblates of St. Joseph. I haven't the least doubt that my own mother, Margaret Russo, is among the saints in heaven and that she is always praying for me. All Souls is also a great reminder that many souls have to be completely purified from detachment to worldly things before being allowed into heaven; my dad said his rosary every day and practiced great charity, but he had a southern Italian-sized temper and may have been sidetracked for it.

Near the end of November we will celebrate the great feast of Christ the King, another dramatic reminder of just who is running this world even though the members of the United Nations including the U.S.A. may sincerely believe they are the only true movers and shakers of our planet.

I see many of you at daily Mass and I know that you have great faith and are constantly praying for the whole world; and kindly pray for you chaplain who sorely needs to gain several pounds.

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

## Illness & Prayers

Our sick list for this month is unchanged. No one has called to make any changes to this list as we have requested repeatedly. So please continue to include in your daily prayers the following:

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

## Supreme

The Supreme Council has recently revamped the Order's web site, www.KofC.org to include more timely news, press releases, lots of forms, guides and assorted support materials.

The new site is easy to navigate and is impressive with regard to the amount of available information. For instance, you can download PDF versions of each of the last year's worth of *Knightline* newsletters!

There is also a user-friendly search to find a council web site by ZIP code, city or state. Our council's site (kofc971.org) is already available in Supreme's listing.

Supreme's site also includes insurance information, Knights in Action, there's even an online catechetical course to learn more about our faith.

Needless to say there's hours of material available. Check it out!

## Prayer

THANK YOU, LORD.

*Even though I clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm rings, thank you Lord, that I can hear, there are many who are deaf;*

*Even though I keep my eyes closed against the morning light so long as possible, thank you Lord that I can see, many are blind;*

*Even though I huddle in my bed and puff off rising, thank you Lord that I have the strength to rise; there are many who are bedridden;*

*Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned and tempers are short, my children are so loud, thank you Lord, for my family; there are many who are lonely;*

*Even though our breakfast table never looks like the pictures in magazines and the menu is at times unbalanced, thank you Lord for the food we have, there are many who are hungry; Even though the routine of my job oftentimes is monotonous, thank you Lord for the opportunity to work, there are many who have no jobs;*

*Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day and wish my circumstances were not so modest, thank you Lord for LIFE.*

## 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: [knight@kofc971.org](mailto:knight@kofc971.org).

## ARR Drive

One of the more successful fund raising drives we have had for years took place last October 18th. Students from the Newman Catholic Center, plus a few dedicated members of our Council including their spouses, participated in conducting this annual drive, in Safeway Stores in the county and at the St. Joseph's Shrine. As of last October 20th a total of \$1,129.98 was deposited from the drive.

## Thanks!

It may not have attracted a record turnout, but our Italian Dinner was an enjoyable night for those who wanted to share a deliciously prepared meal of meat lasagna with mozzarella cheese, green salad with tomatos, carrots and balsamic vinegar, roast vegetables, garlic bread and cakes for dessert. Thank you Karla of K'S Catering for preparing the dinner.

Likewise we thank those involved in making the affair a success - Grand Knight Karl Coffield, who chaired the event, Gary & Joan Phariss, Thomas Davis, John Collins, Rudy Quijance, Carlos and Aurora Lopez and Ruperta Belleza.

To those who furnished the appetizers and prizes for our raffle, thank you.

# GOD BLESS AMERICA!