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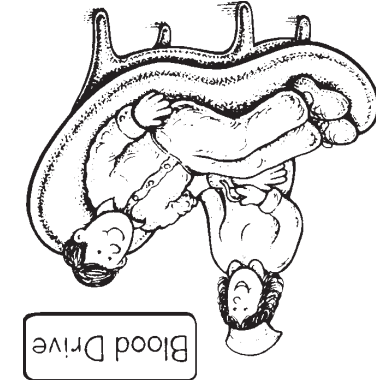
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- Virgil M. Kester, Jr—7th
- Terry Crovo—15th
- Ted Mendoza—20th
- Noel McDermott—21st
- Richard Lee—26th
- David Scargill—27th
- Blaine Halley—28th

Birthdays

MEMBERSHIP DUES

By the first week of next month, you will be receiving the annual membership dues statement from our Financial Secretary Rudy Quijance. By remitting your \$40 dues NOW and not waiting for this statement you will be saving the Council the cost of postage, which we could otherwise be donating!

Thank you!



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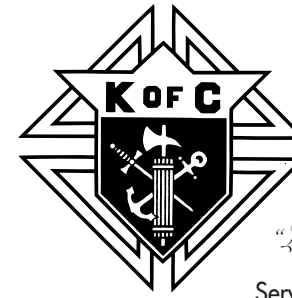
Mention you are a Knight!
First Presbyterian Church
 350 Mission St., Santa Cruz
 12:30 - 5:30 p.m.
 Or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to schedule an appointment.



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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.

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

December Events

- 2..... Light Up for Christ
- 8..... Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (Holy day of obligation.)
- 12..... Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. (See inside for Council participation.)
- 17..... CHRISTMAS Family Gathering at the Shrine of St. Joseph, Guardian of the Redeemer Hall.
- 21..... Mass for deceased members at St. Joseph's Church, Capitola, 9:00 a.m.
- 25..... CHRISTMAS DAY. Nativity of Our Lord. Holy day of obligation.
- 28..... Holy Innocents Day. Blessing and Dedication of the Memorial to the Unborn. Shrine of St. Joseph. (See inside for details.)

Monthly Social Christmas

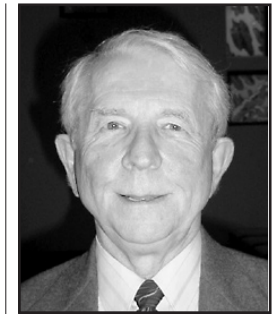
Weds., December 17
OBLATES HALL!
 See inside for details.

Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights & Families:

Thanksgiving has come and gone and advent is upon us. Giving of thanks is an essential part of our Catholic faith now and throughout the year. Advent is a time of preparation for the greatest gift of all – Jesus Christ. The holiday season provides us with the opportunity to celebrate with family and friends all our gifts from God. It is also an opportunity to share our gifts with our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Consider putting a few extra dollars in the Alms Box, a few coins to the Salvation Army volunteer, or a special gift to your favorite charity.

Plan to attend our December Social and celebrate the coming of Christ



and the life of Mother Teresa. She is an amazing example of what one person can accomplish with the guidance and help from God. Christmas

Social information is enclosed.

Please say a special prayer for the safe return of all our brothers and sisters who are traveling during the holidays.

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

Karl Coffield, Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

Brother Knights,

Thanksgiving has again been celebrated in the truly wonderful way that only we Americans know how to do it with family, friends, great food, and hopefully some time in church to thank our truly Great Giver of all good things, Almighty God.

And now we are into the liturgical season of Advent. Every Catholic Church will have a beautiful Advent wreath in or near the sanctuary, and every parish will have some kind of program and prayers for the purpose of trying to instill in parishioners the

true spirit of Advent, an appropriate preparation for the celebration of the birthday of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Religious communities throughout America will also be celebrating Advent, but generally in a more intense way such as special community prayers and programs to collect food and clothing for the thousands of people in our land who are out of work and can barely afford the bare necessities of life let alone sumptuous meals and gifts.

Many monastic communities will be observing an Advent fast and absti-

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Social

If you enjoyed last year's Christmas social, you're going to love this year. To Keep Christ in Christmas, we are holding our gathering in the social hall of the Oblate's Shrine of St. Joseph, Guardian of The Redeemer, 544 West Cliff Dr. Our dinner will be catered by 5-Star Caterers on Wednesday, December 17 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Dinner is \$10 per person and will include Spinach Salad with Pears, Walnuts, Bleu Cheese and Balsamic Vinaigrette, Sliced Roasted Turkey with Cranberry Sauce, Sliced Honey Baked Ham, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Baked Yams with Pecans and Brown Sugar, Green Beans with toasted Almonds and Shallots, Fresh rolls and butter, and Fresh Baked Apple and Pumpkin Pie for desert. We need an accurate count of reservations for the affair. Please contact Diana / Mike Seixas 464-3113

You need not bring anything but a good holiday spirit. We will have Christmas Caroling as last year, so bring a strong voice. All china and flatware will be provided. We will be selling poinsettias again this year, so plan on buying them for your home, friends, gifts, and relatives. Our program will be a film message from Blessed Mother Teresa, one you won't want to miss! Join us for this great evening of caroling, good food, and spiritual nurturing.

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Chaplain (cont.)

nence period slightly less than that of Lent. Why so? One of the first things any member of a religious community learns in that first year of basic training in the meaning of the religious vows and the rule of the community, a year called the novitiate, is that in order to begin a life of total consecration to God, a religious must learn to gradually strive for perfection in the observance of all of the religious virtues. As one who has been through novitiate and everything following it, I can tell you that it was the most intense year of my life, second in stress only to my preparation for ordination to the priesthood.

Generally God does not expect the same effort from the laity whose vocations as spouse, breadwinner, mom or careerist require a different way of practising virtue, but I can tell you that in the brief time I have been your chaplain, I am absolutely amazed and humbled by the obvious depth of charity and zeal I have seen on the part of so many Knights and their spouses.

This is the work of the Holy Spirit and I am privileged to behold it.

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

Newman

The annual major fund raising dinner of the Newman Catholic Center is Saturday, January 17, 2004 at St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Capitola. A delicious prime rib dinner is on the menu plus an evening of entertainment performed by the students from U.C.Santa Cruz. Tickets are now available from the Advisory Members: Ramon Belleza, Rudy Quijance, Tom Davis, Gary Phariss and Isidore De Rego. You may also get them from Fr. Roland Bunda, S.M. and Bro. Tony Young, S.M.

Illness & Prayers

Please continue to include in your prayers the recovery of our sick Brother Knights and members of their families, including those who provide for their care:

Matt De Luna, Geno Preschutti, Dr. Vince Quartararo, John Ludd Shea, Bro. Anthony Young, S.M., Rev. Tom Russo, O.S.J., Mary Lira, Mary Martin, Sharrom Fernandes, Gail Penniman, Chris Silva and Virginia Walz.

MEMORIAL TO THE UNBORN
Sunday, December 28, will be a memorable day for our Council. On that day, the Memorial to the Unborn, a project almost entirely funded by our Council at the Shrine of St. Joseph Guardian of the Redeemer, will be blessed and dedicated. Mass be offered at 10:30 a.m. and followed immediately by the dedication at the grounds. An honor guard of the Padre Palou Assy., will add dignity and color to the occasion. We urge as many members attend the ceremony. Bring your family and invite friends.

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.

- Number of visits you made during this past year to:**
Sick—caring for the sick/nursing homes/hospitals.....
Bereaved—visits of condolence.....
- Number of time you served as a blood donor during this past year.**
- 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
- Number of hours of fraternal service during this past year:**
Sick/disabled members and their families—household chores, transportation, tutoring, counseling, etc.

Thanks!

THANKSGIVING DINNER
Thanks and gratitude to Tearlach "Charlie" Sinclair and his wife, Siubhan, for the delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings they prepared for us last month and to all of you who "pot luck" the food that evening. Everyone had a grand time. Likewise our thanks go to the perennial volunteer couple, Carlos and Aurora Lopez and Dick Turner who helped in the kitchen, Gary and Joan Phariss, Tom Davis, Mike and Diane Seixas, and Karl E. Coffield. Some of our "senior" members who have not attended any of our social in recent memory were present that evening: Bob Tracy and wife, Irene, Frank and Angelita Giaimo and Ruth Gallagher. Come and enjoy our camaraderie and fellowship more often.

To all who brought the appetizers and prizes for our raffle, likewise our thanks.

Guadalupe

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
Friday, December 12, is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and will be observed and celebrated at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church with Las Mananitas at 5:30 a.m., and Masses in Spanish at 6:00 a.m., in English at 8:00 a.m. and bilingual at 7:00 p.m. The Knights has sponsored a light refreshment social at the Parish Hall after the evening mass.

Volunteers are needed - please call our Grand Knight.

Live musical entertainment will be furnished by our member Narciso de Leon and his wife, Betty.

Meeting

NO BUSINESS MEETING!
As in previous years we wish to give our members and their families more time to spend together during this holiday season.

We wish everyone a Blessed and Joyous Holiday Season!