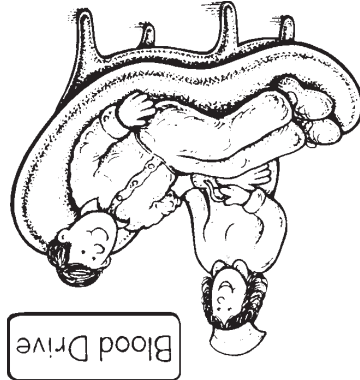


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LAST TIME YOU
GAVE BLOOD
TO JOIN?**

GIVE BLOOD!
Mention you are a Knight!
First Presbyterian Church
350 Mission St., Santa Cruz
12:30 - 5:30 p.m.
January 22
Or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to
schedule an appointment.



- John M. Raffetto—4th
- Richard Ronzano—6th
- Geno Preschutti—7th
- Edgar Veit—8th
- John Ludd Shea—10th
- Thomas McNamara—15th
- John C. Cernac—16th
- Rev. Phillip Massetti, O.S.J.—22nd
- Joe V. Novo—24th
- Wayne Kruchowski—25th
- Henry Hyman—27th

**Happy
Birthdays!**

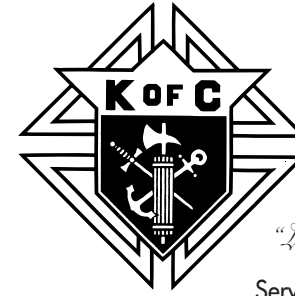
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Today's Knights

"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

January Events

- 1..... The solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. New Year's Day.
- 4..... Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord.
- 10..... Free Throw Contest.
- 11-17 National Vocations Awareness Week.
- 14..... **BUSINESS MEETING, Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall, 7:30 p.m.**
- 17..... Newman Catholic Center fund raising dinner.
- 19..... Martin Luther King Day.
- 22..... Annual March for Life, Washington, D.C.
- 25..... Mass for deceased members, Our Lady Star of the Sea, 8:00 a.m.
- 28 **MONTHLY SOCIAL, Priests' Appreciation Night. (See below).**

Monthly Social Clam Chowder

Weds., January 28
Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall
See inside for details.

Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights & Families:

I hope that each of you had a very Merry Christmas celebrated with family and friends. By the time you receive this newsletter, it will be 2004 and again the Council wishes you a Happy New Year.

Christmas and the coming of the new-year are times of new beginnings. For our council, we are kicking off 2004 by providing service to our youth. On January 10th, we invite all of our children, grandchildren and their friends to compete in the Knights of Columbus Free-Throw contest. It is open to all boys and girls between age 10 and 14 and awards will be presented to the best boy and girl free-throw shooter in each age group. See the notice enclosed for more information.

Also on January 17th, the Catholic Newman Center is hosting their annual dinner at St. Joseph's Church in Capitola. This is there major fund-raiser for



the year. The Center is currently serving 200 students from our local colleges. Contact Fr. Roland Bunda at the Newman Center or Rudy

Quijance for more information. Our Council annually provides contributions to the Newman Center and this is an opportunity for each of us to support this very worthy cause.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our January social.

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

Our Faithful Chaplain, Rev. Tom Russo, O.S.J., has requested to be excused from his monthly message this time. His physical condition prevents him from this monthly commitment

and he deeply regrets his inability to perform this duty. Let us continue to remember him in our prayers so he could resume his normal functions as Faithful Chaplain of our council.

Happy New Year!

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Social

JANUARY SOCIAL. Yearly in January our monthly social consists of a delicious Clam Chowder dinner and this month is no exception. Mark your calendar: fourth Wednesday, January 28th. Cocktails begin at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. We would appreciate your donations of appetizers and raffle prizes that evening. For those who can not have clam chowder, some chicken chowder will be available. Salad and home bake bread and dessert are also on the menu.

Please furnish your own table setting and bring your family, friends and invite prospective members.

Free Throw

FREE THROW CONTEST - Every year the Knights of Columbus, on a national level sponsors a free throw contest open to boys and girls between the ages of 10 to 14. It starts on the council level and gradually moves to the district level, area level, etc. until the national level. This year it is scheduled to start on the council level on January 10th. The site will be the Good Shepherd Catholic School gym between 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Call G.K. Karl Coffield, 831-726-1360 for more details and info.

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Thanks!

Christmas Social. Just a note to thank everyone who supported the Christmas social which was held at St. Joseph's shrine this year. We had lots of accolades about how good the food was, thanks to Five Star Catering.

We were able to sell all of the poinsettias not only to the Knights and their ladies but also the Military Officers Association of America, Santa Cruz Chapter and at my cement plant RMC Pacific Materials, Inc. Thanks to everyone who helped in this project as it assists us in covering the expenses for the dinner. A special thank you also to the sisters at the Villa Maria del Mar for lending us the center pieces for the tables. Special appreciation goes to Harriet Jacoff who played the organ for our caroling. Fr. Roland Bunda did a yeoman's job of leading our carols.

We were happy that so many enjoyed the video of Blessed Mother Theresa. If anyone would like to borrow the video, there is a documentary of Mother Theresa on the end of the film that we didn't have time to share, but one well worth watching.

Hopefully the evening added to your holiday celebration. Have a happy 2004.

Mike Seixas

Newman

NEWMAN DINNER - Saturday, January 17th at the Parish Hall of St. Joseph's Church on Monterey Ave. in Capitola is the annual major fund raising prime rib dinner. Tickets are available from Fr. Roland Bunda, S.M., and members of the Advisory Board: Ramon Belleza, Rudy Quijance, Gary Phariss, Tom Davis, and Isidore De Rego, all K.C. members.

Illness & Prayers

We wish to start the New Year with fully recovered and healthy brother Knights who have been in our sick list for quite some time now, including their sick family members. We ask our newly born Baby Jesus for special blessings on them including those who provide for their care:

Matt De Luna, Geno Preschutti, Dr. Vince Quartararo, John Ludd Shea, Isidore de Rego, 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

MEMORIAL TO THE UNBORN. In a simple but solemn ceremony last Sunday, December 28, the Memorial to the Unborn was blessed and dedicated at the grounds of the Oblates' Shrine of St. Joseph, the Redeemer, 544 E. Cliff Dr., Santa Cruz, by Very Rev. Brian Crawford, O.S.J. Father Provincial of the Oblates of St. Joseph. Parents of unborn babies whose names are inscribed on stones on the wall of the memorial were among those who attended the dedication as well as members of our Council, led by our Grand Knight, Karl Coffield.

Participating as Honor Guard for the memorable occasion were Sir Knights Rudy Quijance, Ramon Belleza, Gary Phariss, Thomas Davis and Mike Seixas.

Membership

Reprinted below is the flyer sent out to all the parishioners of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish last October, 2003, in English and Spanish by Rev. Hector Cruz, Parish Priest.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF WHICH I AM A MEMBER From: Father Hector Cruz

The Order was founded in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney with the primary purpose of providing spiritual and physical support to Catholic families who migrated to the United States. Millions of Catholics faced extreme ethnic prejudice and religious persecution, resulting in the early loss of the family provider. The Knights is designed to protect our priests, churches, and families. The Knights are ambassadors of goodwill to the community.

From the simple beginnings of the gathering of a few men at the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut, the Order has grown to over 12,400 councils and 1.6 million members throughout the United States, Canada, Philippines, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Panama, the Bahamas, Virgin Islands, Guatemala, Guam, and Saipan. Last year, the Knights raised and donated a record \$128.5 million to charity, and performed an all-time high of 60.8 million hours of volunteer service. The Knights of Columbus is now the world's largest family fraternal service organization and the Vatican is currently studying the cause of sainthood for our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney.

Most of the charitable gifts were made in the following categories:

- * **CHURCH SUPPORT** - Assistance to Catholic parishes and schools, religious education programs, seminarians / seminaries, vocation programs, and other related projects. Over the past ten years, the Knights have given \$330 million to Church-related projects.
- * **COMMUNITY SUPPORT** - Special Olympics, program for people with mental retardation or other mental and physical disabilities, disaster relief, hospitals and related programs. The ten-year giving in this category is \$446 million.
- * **YOUTH SUPPORT** - Including World Youth Day 2002, youth athletics, scholarships and related programs. Over the past ten years the Knights have given \$138 million to youth programs.
- * The 2002 fraternal survey statistics also showed 389,379 Knights were blood donors, reported 9.4 million hours of fraternal service, making 5.8 million visits to the sick and bereaved.

Locally, our Knights of Columbus council support Special Olympics, Boys and Girls Club, St. Francis Soup Kitchen, St. Vincent de Paul, Hospice, Life Teen, Newman Center, Siena House, and many other charities and parishes. We are currently providing for the renovation of Our Lady Star of the Sea Church and the Star of the Sea Day festivities. We also plan to support the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration to be held at the Star of the Sea in December.

Therefore, I / We would like to extend an invitation to all of the Catholic men of the Star of the Sea Parish to apply for membership to the Knights of Columbus. We are striving for a council that represents the age and ethnic mix of our community. Please call our membership chairman, Simon Dangzalan at 525-1950 or send him an email to sdangzalan@sbcglobal.net. Welcome and God Bless.

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.