

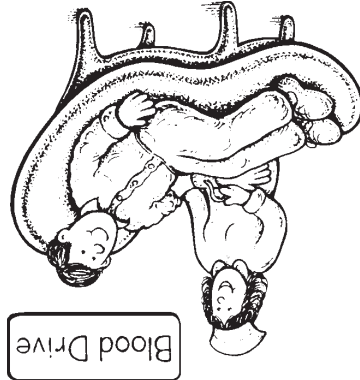
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Happy Birthdays!
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WHEN WAS THE
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 GAVE BLOOD?
 SOMEBODY
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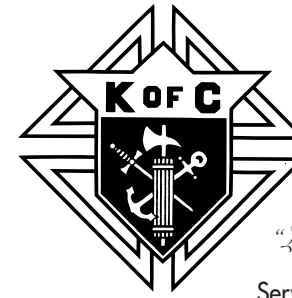
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 Mention you are a Knight!
 First Presbyterian Church
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 12:30 - 5:30 p.m.
August 26
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Today's Knights

"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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August 2004

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

August Events

- 11..... **BUSINESS MEETING**,
7:30 p.m. at Our Lady
Star of the Sea Parish
Hall.
- 13..... Our Lady of Fatima devo-
tion, Shrine of St. Joseph
the Redeemer, after the
11:00 a.m. mass.
- 7-15... Knights of Columbus
Family Week
- 15..... Feast of the Assumption
of Our Blessed Mother.
- 25 **Monthly Social** - Scot-
tish Night, see below and
inside for details.
- 27..... Mass for deceased mem-
bers at the Marist Chapel
on Effey Street, 8:00 a.m.
- 29..... **K. of C. breakfast at the
Parish Hall**, Our Lady
Star of the Sea, after all
masses in the morning.
See inside for details.



Monthly Social Scottish

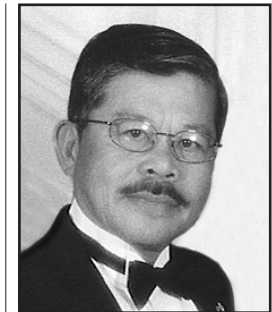
Weds., August 25
 Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall
 See inside for details.

Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights:

Last month's installation of officers went well. The ceremony was conducted in such dignity that I felt privileged to be part of such a time-honored event in our Council. That day I was also encouraged that although only 13% of our total membership attended (plus their spouses and/or other family members), those present were unflinching in giving their words of support to me and to our council for this fraternal year.

Our Chaplain, Fr. Brian Crawford, O.S.J., delivered a very inspirational homily at the mass before the installation that I shall ask him to have that homily his Chaplain's Message at the next issue of our Bulletin. He reminded us how good our Order is and how and



why each one of us should give support and participation to our fraternity.

Indeed, judging from the attendance at our previous meetings and

social functions, members' participation has been anemic at best. The same number of members give of their best time and time again. I shudder at the thought that at some point in time these people will show a decrease in interest in our council. We have much to do for our Church, Community, Council, Family and Youth to let this happen

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Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

"We believe in the resurrection of the body." We profess this belief every Sunday during the celebration of the Mass. At every celebration of the Eucharist and the other sacraments, we profess our belief in the Resurrection of Jesus, because we claim that he is there with us, especially as present body, soul and divinity in the consecrated bread and wine. "Jesus is alive", is our joyful proclamation every Easter Sunday. Jesus, we believe, died but then defeated death by rising to new life. When Mary Magdalene and others went to find his body in the tomb it was not there. It was not there because he was not there, he was and is alive! Death has no more power over him and he will live, eternally, human and divine, God and man, in heaven.

The implications of this belief, however, are not fully appreciated by many of us. I say this because of my experience

at funerals. The sadness and tears, anger and confusion, that often accompany these services are understandable. As we know, Jesus himself wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. However, one of the most consoling aspects of our faith, belief in the resurrection of the body is often misunderstood, not fully appreciated, and only adds to the sadness. That is, one gets the feeling that many of those present at the service feel as though they will never see the departed one again; that this is good-bye forever. And, that even if we do see each other again, it will be in some ghostly form or spiritual existence, not face-to-face like we do now. In other words, it seems as though many people believe that once we die, our bodies are gone forever. Yet, as we saw above, such a belief is contrary to the

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very center of our faith. As St. Paul said to the Corinthians,

If Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then neither has Christ been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then empty too is our preaching; empty, too, your faith....For if the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised your faith is vain; you are still in your sins. Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all.

Again, I believe this notion of the body being gone forever comes from a misunderstanding of what is meant by resurrection of the body. It seems that many think that resurrection only refers to our soul or spirit living forever, not our body. After all, the body just wastes away in the tomb becoming bones and eventually dust. Don't we say, "Ashes to ashes, dust to dust", precisely to refer to this fact? When Paul says resurrection of the dead, the thought goes, he means only the soul not the body. Popular movies and notions of life after death support this understanding. But, this is not what is meant by resurrection.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "In death, the separation of the soul from the body, the human body decays and the soul goes to meet God, while awaiting its reunion with its glorified body. God, in his almighty power, will definitively grant incorruptible life to our bodies by reuniting them with our souls, through the power of Jesus' Resurrection." (n.997)

This is resurrection: the reuniting of our soul with our glorified body. The body does decay but God, "in his almighty power", brings it back to new, incorruptible life. That is why we call the grave a "resting place", because the body will not be there forever. Everyone will be resurrected in the body and those who have done good in the Lord will go to eternal life in the heavenly kingdom, while those who have not...

The feast of the Assumption of Mary, which we celebrate this month, should serve to remind us of this truth of our faith. That is because, Mary, our faith tells us through the infallible teaching of the pope and bishops, is the first to share in the "power of Jesus' Resurrection." Mary is already enjoying eternal life, glorified body and soul, in heaven. "The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians." (Catechism, n. 966) If we live our lives as she did her's, trusting in the mercy and goodness of God and doing his will in the Lord Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit; we also will share in that life. That is, after all, the goal of our lives: eternal union with God in heaven. Let us strive for that goal in faith, hope and love.

In Jesus, Mary, Joseph and McGivney, Fr. Brian, OSJ

Insurance

Someone once said, "How do you live your dash?" The dash between your birth and end that is on the stones we erect when we leave this planet. Born—Died. The dash in between is our lives. How well do you live your Dash? In that moment of time, that super brief microsecond in history, we live and do all we can. Part of our Dash is responsibility. The responsibility to care for the people we made, and found and developed and loved. We show them that our Dash made sense, that our dash was a good one, a caring one, and a complete one. Your Brotherhood cares about your dash. You can get your answers about your financial responsibility from the **Knight of Columbus WEB** site at www.kofc.org. At this site we have a Financial Calculator. This easy-to-use calculator will privately assist you to determine how you can protect your loved ones. Right now thousands and thousands of brothers are using the site to assist them in learning about things they did not know. You can be the best dash you can be to your family, with the assistance of this site. Please check it today.

We are the space in between those dates. Let live them to the fullest and to the most responsible. You can support our Faith and your Dash at the same time through your Brotherhood. I am happy to assist you in your endeavors. Please feel free to call me anytime.

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Illness & Prayers

On the feast of our Blessed Mother's assumption, let us ask her for special intercession for the recovery to good health to these brother Knights:

Carlos Lopez, Lawrence Perry, Dr. Vince Quartararo, John Ludd Shea, Dr. Paul Weiss, Bro. Anthony Young, S.M and Robert Walter. Please pray also for Aurora Lopez, Mary Martin, Chris Silva and Virginia Walz.

If you know of any changes to the above list, please call your Bulletin Editor.

Condolence

We send our belated sympathy and condolence to Margret, the family and friends of ISIDORE (IZZY) DE REGO, who passed away last month after a year's bout with cancer. May Our Lord in his infinite goodness and compassion, have mercy on his soul and grant him eternal rest.

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or could we?

So my brothers, our council has a need. It needs a big boost of confidence to be able to do the things that attracted you to join the Knights of Columbus in the first place. We need your active support and participation by attending our business meetings and social functions.

We need your ideas!

Faternally,
Rudy A. Quijance, Grand Knight

Thanks!

To all those who assisted in last month's mass, installation ceremony, and at the reception that followed afterwards, our sincere thanks and appreciation. Likewise to our caterer, Karla, of K's catering, thanks for a delicious dinner. Thanks to perennial volunteers: Gary and Joan Phariss, Rudy and Virginia Quijance, Ramon and Ruperta Belleza, Mike and Diane Seixas, Tom Davis, and Tim Hanifin.

Installation

In a simple but solemn ceremony last July 28, our officers led by G. K. Rudy Quijance were installed by District Deputy Edward Bystran, assisted by his District Warden, David Ambriz, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. A mass offered by our Chaplain, Rev. Brian Crawford, O.S.J. preceded the ceremony. In his homily, Fr. Brian exhorted the members to support the Order by actively participating in the Councils activities and projects.

Farewell

As of the first week of this month, our newest member, Rev. Fr. Hector Cruz, S.M., who had been serving the needs of the Catholic Community of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, for the last 5 years, first as Associate Pastor and the last 3 years as Pastor, will be leaving us, to return to Mexico. He will be the last Marist priest to leave the parish as it is reverted back to the Diocese from the Marists priests who took over 10 years ago.

We pray for him and wish him well. God be with you, Father, as you continue in your ministry as a shepherd of God's faithful.

Budgets

In last month's issue of "TODAY'S KNIGHTS" we mentioned that the proposed budget for the fraternal year 2004-2005 was being published. You may have looked for it and couldn't find it. We sincerely apologize for this error.

We don't have space for *Budget for Fraternal Year 2004-2005*, and *Budget for Donations and Charitable Contributions, 2004-2005*, which have been approved, so these will be available by three means:

1) On our website, www.KofC971.org, in the *Members Only* section (if you need the password, e-mail Andrew at alenz@alumni.cse.ucsc.edu).

2) At the next business meeting.

3) Contact the Treasurer, Ramon Belleza for special arrangements.

We appreciate your extra effort.

Social

This month our dinner will feature a traditional Scottish menu of:

Spicy meat loaf; salad; tomato provencale; garlic bread and dessert of chocolate whiskey cake.

As indicated last month our monthly dinners this year, except for a couple of times, will all be catered, in an effort to increase attendance. If you are contacted and give a positive respond please show up as we will be charged for "no shows."

Entertainment plans include a live bagpiper playing prior to dinner.

Please furnish your own table setting. Appetizers and prizes for our raffle that evening are requested.