

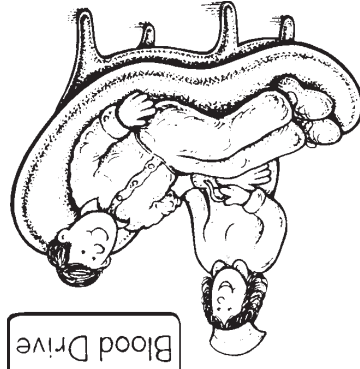
Happy
Birthdays!

Rev. Geronimo Cuevas—30th
Gary Pharris—19th
Walter Sife—15th
Anthony Saliccia—14th
Robert Tracy—12th
Ron C. Kerney—10th
Karl E. Coffield—10th
George Wischer—8th
Jerome Lenz—6th
Reinhart Steck—3rd

Birthdays

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

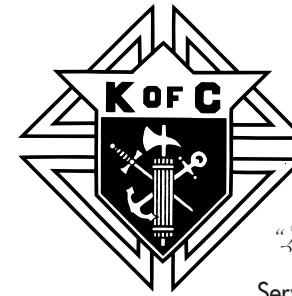
GIVE BLOOD!
Mention you are a Knight!
First Presbyterian Church
350 Mission St., Santa Cruz
12:30 - 5:30 p.m.
September 23
Or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to
schedule an appointment.



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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

September Events

- 1..... Labor Day.
- 8..... Feast of the birth of the Virgin Mary. **BUSINESS MEETING**, Parish Hall of Our Lady Star of the Sea, 7:30 p.m.
- 10..... Installation of Rev. Alberto Cabrera, as Pastor of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish by Mons. Sylvester Ryan, Bishop of Monterey. 6:00 p.m. Reception follows the installation in the Parish Hall.
- 12..... Our Lady Star of the Sea Day. *(See inside for possible membership recruitment opportunity).*
- 13..... Our Lady of Fatima devotion at the Shrine of St. Joseph after the 11:00 a.m. mass.
- 22 **MONTHLY SOCIAL.** *(See below.)*
- 26..... Mass for deceased members at St. Joseph's Church, 5:15 p.m.

Monthly Social Mexican

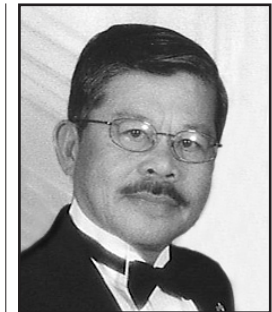
Weds., September 22
Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall
See inside for details.

Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

On February 26, 2005 our Council will observe it's 100th charter anniversary. Our plan is to celebrate this momentous event. In the meantime, while significant preparatory work is being done by the planning committee, all we ask is that you commit yourself to attend and get yourself involved in all aspects of our observance and assist in any way you can to have a successful celebration.

As I think of this forthcoming event, I wonder how much contribution our membership has made during this 99 plus years for our Church, Community, Council, Family and the Youth. The untold man hours and the money donated must be of significant amount that all of



us can be proud of.

At the same time, I also wonder how and what we, members of this council, can do to equal or surpass the

above achievement and one answer keeps coming back: membership growth. While this subject matter is not new, nevertheless it is one that each one of us should take seriously. Recruit at least ONE member this year.

In the meantime my curiosity was aroused what our membership profile looks like and it lead me to the follow-

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Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights:

Perhaps you have seen recently on television the World Series of Poker. I was at my brother's house watching it one night and I noticed that whenever a player felt that he had a particularly strong hand, he would attempt to weaken the other players or player, or even get them out of the game outright, by, and this is the phrase they used, "going all in." It was a risk, because if the other player had a better hand then the one going all in would be severely

weakened himself or even out of the game.

Reflecting on this in light of the Gospel, I am reminded that we are asked to "go all in" with Jesus. He does not ask for half of our heart or part of our life. He wants it all! He even goes so far as to say that if we do not put him ahead of our own families, then we cannot enter the kingdom of God. Either we "go all in" with Jesus or nothing. After all, God has "gone all in" for us in Jesus;

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if we do not respond in kind, then God cannot respond in us.

If this is true for Christian living, then it is obviously true for our commitment in the Knights of Columbus. If we think that we can be a faithful Knight, but not give of ourselves in service of the goals of our Council, then we are mistaken. The Knight is asked to give entirely of himself in service of family, Church and nation. Half-measures will not do! Those who do give in this way have experienced the wonderful results: an inner peace and satisfaction that come from knowing that God is working in and through me and that, because I have "gone all in" for God, God has done the same for me and so I am not lacking anything! It is when we hold back that we suffer the most!

This is one way that the players of Texas-hold-em in the World Series of Poker differ from us Christians and Knights (there are no doubt many other ways as well!): when they "go all in" they run the risk of losing everything; when we "go all in" as followers of Christ and as Knights of Columbus, we know that anything we might lose will come back to us a hundred-fold because we are in the hands of our loving God who cannot lose.

God bless.

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

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Insurance

Yes, the kids are going back to school, our Indian summer is upon us and our focus is on recruiting. This is also the early stage of the Columbian year of recruiting. Now is the time to focus on talking to Father about doing an invitation to the parish for new members. You have heard the State Deputy and his entourage speak about the importance of new men. We must be the best-kept secret in town because when each one of us joined we did not realize the wonder of the order until we got involved. Then we dove in and worked out Order needs. This must be shared with the community.

Now, of course, we are the governing body of our council and we need to slowly replace our positions. We do so much for the family that we should be proud to welcome new brothers with the voice of reason, faith and dignity. You all have many Catholic friends who should be by our sides in meetings and not at home. Use me to assist you in council recruitment invitations. I would be happy to address the parish in teaching them about one wonderful Order. Now is the hour of the Lay Faithful, That, my Brothers, is us. Let's not wait until the end of the year to speak with our Catholic brothers, let's invite them now. I am here to help.

God bless. Vivat Jesus,
Peter Hartman FICF

SoS Day

Star of the Sea Day will be on Sunday, September 19, after the 10 a.m. mass at the Star of the Sea Park. There will be games, raffle, entertainment, etc. As a response to the call by Supreme for a Membership Blitz this year, starting on September 12, it has been suggested that we could use this occasion to campaign for members. If enough members show interest in this undertaking, call Bro. Ramon Belleza, 426-0618, we will set a table at the park for this purpose.

Illness & Prayers

No calls or information has been received for any changes in our list of ill brother Knights since last month:

Carlos Lopez, Lawrence Perry, Dr. Vince Qartararo, John Shea, Dr. Paul Weiss, Bro. Anthony Young, S.M., and Robert Walter. Also include in your prayers Aurora Lopez, Mary Martin, Chris Silva and Virginia Walz and their care providers.

Bro. Bob Tracy suffered a broken hip as a result of a bad fall. Fortunately he has remarkably recovered. Thanks, God.

Thanks!

THANKS & A TIP OF OUR HAT to all the volunteers who helped in both our Scottish Dinner, August 25th, and French Toast Breakfast, August 29th.

At our monthly social: Andrew Lenz, Jr. who provided us with his bagpipe music; Joan and Gary Phariss, Tim Hanifin, Tom Davis, Mike Seixas and our host that evening: Rudy and Virginia Quijance.

At our French Toast Breakfast, a rare success in point of attendance, number and enthusiasm among volunteers, very favorable comments among those who attended and the amount we netted: Hosts Ernie & Cathy McCoy, Rudy & Virginia Quijance, Gary & Joan Phariss, Ramon & Ruperta Belleza, Mike Seixas, Andrew Lenz, Jr., Ellen Hanifin, Karl E. Coffield, and Anna Gruber, a faithful and constant supporter of the K.C.

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ing unscientific analysis using the official roster from the Supreme Office:

1. Only 20 of the 128 active members are regularly attending our business or social meetings. Their ages range from 37 to 91 years, with an average of 65 yrs. Average years of service is 17.
2. Our roster shows our age group ranges from 22 to 92 yrs. Among the 128 active members, there are 48 below 61 yrs. (18 of them are 49 years or younger). You will find that the other spectrum, which is the majority of us, the Social Security bunch, has 80 members.

What is the significance of these figures? We can arrive at many conclusions, but one fact is clear: we do have a lot of service experience, but we need to activate our dormant selves to help out the 15% doers among us. Another glaring fact is that we need new members (young or old) to get us started in the next 100 years. You may begin by asking your Catholic friend to join us TODAY!

Fraternally,
Rudy A. Quijance

Social

We are going South of the Border this month. You will be treated to a rare menu of Mexican dinner that has not yet been served at our socials before:

Caesar salad (choice of regular or spicy dressing).

Carnitas with beef, black beans, rice, corn tortillas.

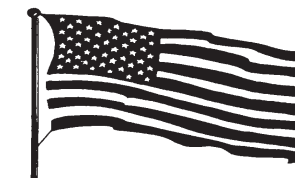
Dessert will be flan.

Please furnish your own table setting. Donation of appetizers and prizes for our raffle will be appreciated. Bring your family and prospective members and friends.

Devotion

EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION.

Perhaps few of us are aware that there are weekly devotions to the Holy Eucharist by exposition and benediction in some churches in our area. One of this is being held at the Blessed Sacrament chapel of Our Lady Star of the Sea, 436 Effey St. (behind the church). On Thursdays there is an exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:00 a.m. with a benediction at 9:00 p.m. There are certain times during the day, mornings and afternoons, when no one is in the chapel. Our Lord is left alone with no one doing Him homage. This is an appeal for our members to fill in during these hours.



Meeting

OCTOBER MEETING. At the August 31st officers meeting it was decided to move the October 13 Business Meeting to October 6, or a week earlier. Reason: Our Lady of Fatima Devotion also falls on October 13 and we wanted to give as many of our members the opportunity to attend the devotion, this being the last of these series this year. As mentioned several times in previous devotions, this is a project sponsored by the Council and it deserves the fullest participation of all members.