

Happy Birthdays!

George A. Delucchi—1st
 Peter L. Ehrman—5th
 Virgil M. Kester—7th
 Terry D. Crovo—15th
 Ted Mendoza—20th
 Noel D. McDermott—21st
 David Scargill—27th

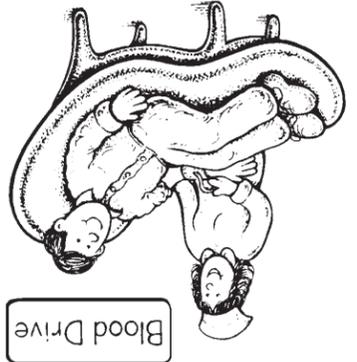
WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU SOMEBODY TO JOIN?

GIVE BLOOD!

Mention you are a Knight!

First Presbyterian Church
 350 Mission St., Santa Cruz
 12:30 - 5:30 p.m.
December 23

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 **December 2004**

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

December Events

5..... Mass for deceased members at St. Joseph's Church, Capitola, 7:15 am

8..... Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the B. V. M. Holy day of obligation.

12..... Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

15..... **CHRISTMAS FAMILY Gathering/Social**, 7:30 pm, Parish Hall of Our Lady Star of the Sea. (See below and inside for details.)

25 **CHRISTMAS DAY** - Feast of the Nativity of our Lord Holy day of obligation.

No December Business Meeting!

Grand Knight's Message

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Virginia and I wish you and your family the very best for Christmas. And that this Holiday and the coming New Year bring you good health and happiness throughout the coming years!

As we prepare to celebrate our Lord's Birthday, let us also set aside some moments of Thanksgiving for His gift of Love and for Peace here at home and around the world.

To help us to a good start this Holiday, come and join us at the Hall for



our traditional Christmas Family Dinner on Wednesday, December 15th. If you wish to bring a friend (with family), please do.

Fraternally,

Rudy A. Quijance
Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

Greetings and peace to you and yours as we enter the Season of our Lord's Birth. What a wondrous time of year it is when we are called to remember the great love and mercy of our God shown to us in the face of the baby Jesus. How much does God love us? He takes on our life, with its pain and suffering, which ultimately leads to his death on the cross...and then, resurrection to eternal life. What a blessed gift of our loving God!

This loving gift of God moves us to love him and to love each other. To express our love we give gifts and exchange greetings of "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year." Let us remember that this is the purpose of these activities and may they really show our love for God and others.

May God bless you all and fill your hearts and minds with Christmas Joy and Peace.

In Jesus, Mary, Joseph and McGiveney,

Fr. Brian Crawford, OSJ

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!


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Celebrating Almost 100 Years of Local Service!

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Centenary

CENTENARY CELEBRATION
On February 26, 2005 our Council will observe and celebrate its 100th Charter Presentation Anniversary. Yes, we have survived 100 years and to celebrate this very rare milestone, we give below a summary of the activities and programs we have planned for the event. Please mark these in your calendar and make an extra effort to attend, participate and be involved in all of them.

1. Saturday, February 19 - At 7:00 a.m. a Thanksgiving Mass will be offered at the Shrine of St. Joseph, The Redeemer. A simple breakfast will follow at the hall. (Any volunteer to host this event?).

2. Saturday, February 26 - Dinner (and Dance?) at the Seascope Golf Course Clubhouse, 610 Clubhouse Dr., Aptos.

Menu - Trip tip roast or sea bass.
Donation - \$40.00 per person
We are seriously considering having a dance after the dinner - we have the place reserved to include dancing. As of date of this bulletin, however, we have not yet found the dance music we can afford.

3. To help defray the cost of the celebration and to record for posterity this important event we are publishing a souvenir program. We are asking you to help solicit ads, sponsors, patrons for publication in the program.

4. We are displaying a pictorial exhibit at the entrance of our dance floor at Seascope of the history of our council. We therefore need materials for this exhibit. If anyone has materials for this purpose, please get in touch with our Grand Knight, Rudy, 458-9169.

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Insurance

Designations.
My Brothers, the designations (Letters) you see after Agents names are very special. We have many questions about them, and, you should know that these are special designations. These are educational achievements, you see our Field Agents must, by state law, keep educating himself, all insurance agents must do this. These continued educational programs are a must by the State. Now the programs your Field Agents take are designated to be Fraternal in format. We must learn the programs that benefit a fraternal organization, and not just for the commercial public, we learn them, too. So, you see we go a step further. The FIC designation is Fraternal Insurance Counselor, a very thorough program a year long, to educate the Agent on Fraternal programs and management. The FICF is another step further. It is a full Fellowship as a counselor.

From then on, the designations are LUTC. Life Underwriters Training Counselor and then another fellowship LUTCF. Then we move on to other designations. But my Brothers, the first designations are the most important of all. They virtually say WE (Field Agents) will learn everything about servicing our Brotherhood to the very best of our ability. If your Field Agent does not have a designation yet (mainly a newly recruited man), he is in class daily to achieve these honors. You should be proud of your Agents, they learn to serve you and your families only. Our education program goes on forever and it goes on for you. If we fail to do this we cannot work for our Order and we fail you. You should know how much we care.

Vivat Jesus
Frank Maranzimo, FICF, MORT
General Agent.

Thanks!

To all those who brought their share of the Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner last November 17, appetizers and prizes for the raffle, our heartfelt thanks. Special mention to Rudy & Virginia Quijance, Tom and Peg Davis and Ramon and Pintang Belleza who provided the turkeys for the evening. Food was plenty that guests went for "seconds" and one whole cooked turkey was donated to St. Francis Catholic Kitchen the following day. We did not break any record for turnout but those who came had an evening of delicious dinner, fellowship and camaraderie. Let's make an extra effort to attend these monthly socials once again.

Newman

NEWMAN CATHOLIC DINNER

The 8th Annual Fund Raising Dinner of the Newman Catholic Center will take place on Saturday, January 22, 2006 at the Parish Hall of St. Joseph's Church in Capitola. As in previous years, there will again be a raffle that evening.

This event is being held to honor our member, Bro. Anthony Young, SM. who is now unfortunately disabled. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Tickets are available from Bros. Rudy Quijance, Tom Davis, Gary Phariss and Ramon Belleza, all members of the Advisory Board.

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 assist us 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.

Social

CHRISTMAS FAMILY GATHERING.

This coming Wednesday, December 15 will have Deputy Grand Knight Mike and Diana Seixas as hosts. The menu for the Christmas Family Gathering: Green salad with dry cranberries and citrus dressing; Ham with orange glaze; Roast sweet masked potatoes; steamed broccoli. Dessert - delicious creamy pineapple.

We need donations of appetizers and prizes for our raffle that evening. Bring your family, friends and invite prospective members. Let us make this gathering a truly Christmas Family Gathering.

Please furnish your own table setting.

Illness & Prayers

Another feast of the Nativity is soon coming, and we still have brother knights who are not in the best of health. Let us make a special request of the Child Jesus for the recovery of these brother knights, the sick members of their families and those that provide for their care:

Frank Giaimo, Carlos Lopez, Lawrence Perry, Dr. Frank Quartararo, Anthony Salciccia, John Ludd Shea, Bro. Anthony Young, SM and Robert Walter. Also Aurora Lopez, Mary Martin and Chris Silva.

If you are aware of any changes to the above list, please call Ramon at 426-0618.