

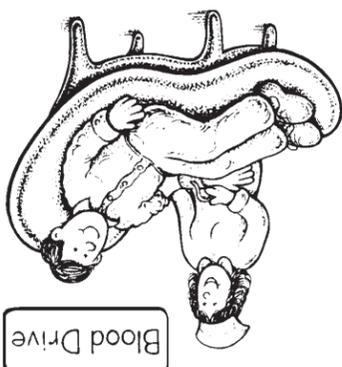
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Happy  
 Birthday!

# Birthdays

WHEN WAS THE  
 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.  
 September 29  
 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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September 2005

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

## September Events

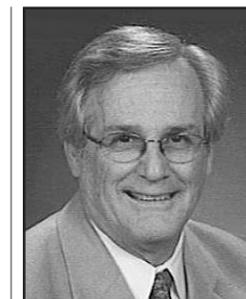
- 5..... Labor Day
- 8..... Birth of the Blessed Vir-  
gin Mary
- 11..... Our Lady Star of the  
Sea Day. (See inside for  
details.)
- ..... Grandparents' Day.
- 13..... Our Lady of Fatima  
devotional prayers at the  
Shrine of St. Joseph after  
the 11 a.m. mass.
- 14..... Mass for deceased mem-  
bers at 8:00 a.m., Star of  
the Sea chapel, 436 Effey  
St. 2005
- ..... Sale of Christmas Cards  
begins.
- ..... **BUSINESS MEETING,**  
Our Lady Star of the Sea  
Parish Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 18..... California Gold Rush  
Membership Blitz ( see  
insert ).
- 28 ..... **MONTHLY SOCIAL**  
for the Hurricane Katrina  
Relief Efforts.

## Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina sweep through Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama after hitting the southern tip of Florida and President Bush has declared these four federal disaster areas. Supreme Councils reports that there are 95,000 members of the order living in these effected area and many of them are victims of this tragedy. The Knights of Columbus are embarking on the largest disaster relief program in their history and the details are described below in an email from Gary Nelson, State Deputy. To this end, our September social dinner on the 28th will be dedicated to this relief effort.

On September 2, 2005, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson conducted a conference call with the State Deputies of all of the Jurisdictions of the Knights of Columbus regarding relief for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. The Supreme Knight announced the following seven



initiatives:  
 1. 2.5 Million Dollars are being released by the Supreme Council for the disaster relief. Of this money, \$250,000 is being dispersed

immediately to Catholic Charities. 1,250,000 will be released in the immediate future to assist families who have become homeless with first priority being given to Brother Knights. 1,000,000 is designated to assist in the rebuilding of the 130 to 150 Catholic Schools severely affected in the three state region.

2. Every Council, Assembly, and Squires Circle in the United States and Canada is being urged to take an active part in providing financial resources or volunteer efforts to assist in the disaster recovery.

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## Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

Greetings and peace in our Lord Jesus Christ. May he continue to give us grace and strength as we strive to follow him faithfully.

Following Jesus is no easy task! We know that at times were tried severely. We think of the people who have been devastated by Hurricane Katrina and might ask

ourselves: what if I was in their place? As a follower of Jesus, no doubt, our faith would be tested by such devastation. Certainly, there must have been those who said, "What good did it do me to give my life to Jesus since I am in the same situation as those who did not?" Or are they?

In fact, it is in trying times that the reason for our faith can be so much

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## Monthly Social Hurricane Relief!

Weds., September 28  
 Star of the Sea Parish Hall

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## ...Chaplain

clearer. When we are able to be in control and dictate what is going to happen in our lives, we are less inclined to turn to God, except maybe to thank him for how good we are doing! That might sound familiar to you. It is the premise of the parable of the Rich Man and the Publican. The Rich Man "prays" to God, thanking him for not making him like that sinner over there (the publican, or tax collector) since he pays tithes and fulfills his duties as a faithful child of Israel. The problem is that his "prayer" is really no prayer at all since it is more directed to praise him than to praise God! In contrast, the publican dares not even raise his eyes to heaven but, beating his breast, says to God, "Be merciful to me, a sinner." Jesus says his prayer is a real prayer because it comes from his humility and need. When we are overwhelmed by the circumstances of our lives, as the people in the Gulf Coast, we might be more inclined to recognize our need for someone mightier, someone who is never overwhelmed: God.

On the 28th of this month, we will be having a dinner to help the victims of the hurricane and hopefully we will respond generously to this very important task. God does not desire devastation! However, let us also take the opportunity to bow humbly before our God, thank him for all he has given us and does for us, and then with great faith and trust give our lives over to him, recognizing that only he can bring us through this life into the life that will never end.

May God bless you and St. Joseph watch over you.

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

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3. *The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council is urging every Council and every Knight to actively support the collections planned by the Catholic Conference of Bishops in every diocese and parish in the United States.*

4. *The local Knights are being encouraged to continue their relief efforts in the affected areas.*

5. *The Supreme Council has suspended premium notices in all affected areas*

6. *The Supreme Council has suspended second half per-capita payments from the councils in the affected costal areas.*

7. *The possibility of establishing a job bank for those who will be without employment is being investigated.*

In addition to the above, the Supreme Knight has challenged the members of the Order to donate funds to match the 2.5 million dollars being donated by the Supreme Council. To this end, the California State Council is asking each Council, Assembly and Circle to consider a \$100.00 minimum donation to assist in this relief effort. Councils, Assemblies and Circles are also strongly encouraged to support the Catholic Conference of Bishops' appeal which will be forthcoming very shortly. The Council checks should be made out to the California State Council. Donations should be mailed to 15808 Arrow Blvd. Suite A, Fontana, CA 92335 and should be clearly marked "KATRINA RELIEF." Individuals wishing to make contributions are encouraged to make them payable to Knights of Columbus Charities, USA, Inc. P.O. Box 9028, Pittsfield, MA 01202-9028 Attn: Katrina Relief. Knights of Columbus Charities, USA, Inc. is a 501-c3 organization. All donations are tax deductible.

Michael Seixas  
Grand Knight

## Illness & Prayers

Lord, our God, for the following servants who are sick, we ask for your blessing that will give them strength to overcome their weakness through the power of patience and the comfort of hope and that with your aid they will soon be restored to health:

*George Cabral, Tom Davis, Frank Giaimo, Joe English, Lawrence Perry, Tony LeBourbeau, Carlos Lopez, Gary Phariss, David Scargill, Michael Seixas, Richard Turner, Bro. Anthony Young, S.M Robert Walter. Also, Aurora Lopez, Mary Martin, Arlene DiSabato and Chris Silva and all those who take care of them.*

Please help update the above list by calling our Bulletin Editor if you know of changes thereto.

## M.R. Drive

OCTOBER SPECIAL EVENT - Mark this down in your calendar - October 21, 22 and 23 - Annual Tootsie Roll Drive to raise funds for People with Mental Retardation, Inc.

## Fatima

This month's devotional prayers will be the fifth of a series of six annual prayers commemorating our Blessed Mother's apparitions in Fatima, Portugal towards the end of World War I. If you can, please attend - Tuesday, September 13 at the Shrine of St. Joseph the Redeemer, 11 a.m. mass.

## Social

### HURRICANE RELIEF!

The September Social will be held to benefit the victims of the Katrina Hurricane. Cocktail Hour will begin Wednesday, September 28, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. with a mouth-watering dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. Ernie McCoy will host this event, with award-winning cook Tony LeBourveau. The menu as follows:

*Creole Salad with Smoked Salmon Flakes, Gumbo with Shrimp, Chicken, Sausage and Fish, Southern Corn Bread and finally, a Southern Belle Dessert provided by a caterer.*

Depending on food donations, dinner will cost between \$10 - \$12 per person. Please invite and encourage as many people as you can—workmates, friends, relatives, whoever. We would appreciate appetizers and raffle prizes. We will also be accepting additional donations for Hurricane Relief.

It is IMPORTANT that you RSVP for this event. Please call Ernie and Cathy McCoy at 427-2940. We need an accurate count by Monday, September 26, 2005, but mark your calendar and call early!

*Remember: RSVP! We're hoping for upwards of 200 people attending! So please invite those people!*

## SOS Day!

**Our Lady Star of the Sea Day.** Do not forget this annual special event on Sunday, September 11. It starts with mass at 10:00 a.m. and will be followed by a whole day of fun, exciting raffle, excellent food and wonderful music to continue throughout the day.

## Membership

### California Gold Rush Membership Blitz

On Sunday, September 18, 2000, the State Council has asked all local councils to conduct a Membership Drive at all parishes covered by each council. As your Grand Knight and Chairmen of the Membership Committee, I would like our membership to cover the parishes at which most of our members belong. This would include two of the English Masses at each parish and one Spanish Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea. I have volunteered one member who attends each parish to be the coordinator of the SEPTEMBER BLITZ.

At our next business meeting I will have a rough draft of an "end of mass" presentation that one member (the coordinator or someone he assigns) working each parish should deliver during the announcements. I will have sent out a letter to each pastor asking permission to conduct the K O C membership drive and I will also include an insert for their bulletins. I will be making this commitment before our next business meeting on the 14th, since the Blitz is the next Sunday, and it would be too late to get an insert in the bulletin. I will follow up with a phone call to the Pastors verifying that we have permission to speak.

Here are the parish assignments of our most active members:

*Our Lady Star of the Sea, coordinator is Mike Seixas assisted by Ramon Belleaz and Patrick Eastman the two English masses (I am looking for a Spanish speaking member to do the 1:00 PM).*

*St. Joseph's, coordinator is Ernie McCoy assisted by Terry Crove, Andrew Lenz, and Gary Phariss.*

*St. Johns, the coordinator is Tom Davis assisted by Larry Rothfuss.*

*Holy Cross, the coordinator is Timothy Hanifin and assisted by Karl Coffield and Rudy Quijance if he is back from Russia.*

*St. Joseph's Oblates Shrine, the coordinator is Brian McMahon assisted by our Chaplin Fr. Brian.*

One thing we might want to consider about these parish assignments is this would be a way to start Parish Round Tables at Holy Cross, St. Joseph and St. Johns to extend our services to these parishes and their pastors.