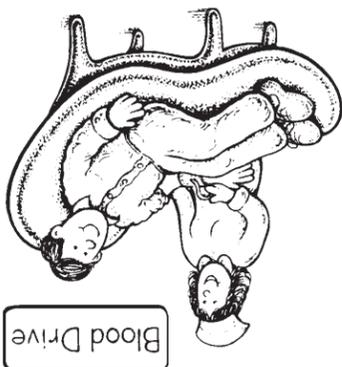


**WHEN WAS THE  
LAST TIME YOU  
ASKED SOMEONE  
TO JOIN?**

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



**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

**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.

**Newsletter of The Knights of Columbus ~ Council 971**

**December 2005**

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

## December Events

- 21..... Christmas Dinner & Dance Social.
- 25..... Christmas Day.

**No Business meeting in December!**

## January Events

- 1..... New Years Day.
- 12..... Business Meeting.
- 16..... Martin Luther King Day.
- 22/23 Second Membership Blitz.
- 26..... Monthly Social (A host is still needed for this event. Please volunteer!)
- 29..... Catholic Schools Week

**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!**

## Monthly Social Christmas Theme

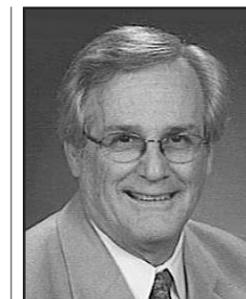
Weds., December 21  
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

## Grand Knight's Message

*"The Greatest of These is Love"*

Brother Knights,  
In 1st Corinthians Chapter 13 verses 1-12, it is worth rereading at this Advent time of year. As you recall Paul is telling of an excellent way to show and express love. He says, ... "if I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ... (Love) does not seek its own interests, It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things... So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love".

As many of you recall in the older translations of scripture the word love was written as, "charity"—the watchword of the First Degree. This year, my brother Knights, you have shown great charity as we have looked after our



brother Knights in Louisiana, the mentally disadvantaged with our work and donations through the Tootsie Roll drive and in selling and

purchasing Christmas Cards "Keeping Christ in Christmas." This last endeavor has proved to be most important this year as many retail stores have asked their salespeople to wish everyone a "Happy Holidays" rather than a "Merry Christmas." As you write those Christmas cards to family and friends you make a statement that you honor the birthday of Our Lord. Remember that the word itself comes from the fact that a "Mass" was held for "Christ's" birthday and thus "Christmas."

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## Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

Greetings and peace in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the child born for us.

As we prepare to celebrate another Christmas it is good to reflect on what it means for us lest we forget. That is to say, why is it important to celebrate the birth of Jesus? In his birth, we find the

plan of salvation revealed to the eyes of men. What God had planned for centuries was finally made visible, as St. John says, "The Word became flesh and dwelled among us." Of course, the plan was revealed even more as Jesus grew "in wisdom and grace", began his public ministry of healing, preaching and teaching, and,

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## ...Chaplain

ultimately, went to the cross and rose from the dead. But, this plan of salvation, the mystery of God, was revealed to human eyes in the child Jesus for the very first time. This we celebrate.

Further, in the birth of Jesus in humble and poor conditions, we are told of what is truly important and of value in this life: not wealth, not position, not prestige, not worldly power. No, none of these is the goal of life. Instead, the goal of life is service and sacrifice; to give, rather than to receive. This is what God did for us in Jesus and his humble, poor beginnings let us know of this in a very visible way. Christmas, as we here even from the popular culture, is a time for giving - but so is everyday!

Let us keep this in mind and we give and receive gifts: the best gift that we can give is the gift that we have all received, the gift of Jesus and of faith in him. The best way to give this gift, of course, is to follow his example of give of ourselves out of love. May God bless us all and fill our hearts with his joy and peace.

In Jesus, Mary, Joseph and McGivney,

Fr. Brian Crawford, OSJ  
Chaplain



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And so I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your generous contribution of your time, talent and treasure to Council 971. Please express my appreciation to your wives as well. We Knights know that we depend on them to, "be about Our Father's business."

HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!!  
Mike Seixas,  
Grand Knight

## E-mail?

If you have an e-mail address and would like timely news (like births and deaths in the council) and reminders for meetings and socials, please send your e-mail address to:  
knights@kofc971.org.

## Editor Sick

Ramon Belleza is under the weather and was unable to contribute his editing and writing skills to this issue. Please forgive any omissions or errors.



*A Blessed  
Christmas to All!*

## Illness & Prayers

### ILLNESS & PRAYERS.

We continue to keep in our prayers the recovery of our ill brother Knights including members of their families and those who provide for their care.

*Bros. George Cabral, Tom Davis, Frank Giaino, Lawrence Perry, Tony Le Bourveau, Carlos Lopez, Gary Phariss, David Scargill, Richard Turner, Bro. Anthony Young, S.M., Harold Veith, Robert Walter, Aurora Lopez, Mary Martin, Arlene DiSabato and Chris Silva. Also Ramon Belleza.*

If you are aware of any changes to the above, please notify our Bulletin Editor. Thank you.

## Thanks!

Our annual Thanksgiving Dinner took place on November 16. The Council provided the turkeys. Thanks to Rudy & Virginia Quijance and Ramon & Ruperta Belleza for Co-Chairing the event and also thanks to the Bellezas, the Quijances, and Tony Le Bourveau for preparing the turkeys. Thanks to Rudy & Virginia for the hall decor. Thanks to everyone for bringing potluck dishes and those who helped make this a successful event in other ways.

## Social

### Santa Claus is Coming to Town

Our December social will be held on Wednesday, December 21, 2005. A social hour will be held beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a lovely catered dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Fr. Brian Crawford, our Chaplain will have a Christmas message for us before dinner so please arrive before 6:00 p.m.

Five Star Catering will provide our buffet with Christmas Ham, Turkey, Yams, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, String Beans, Salad of Baby Greens with Cranberries and Feta Cheese, Rolls and Butter. All plates and utensils will be furnished.

A visit from St. Nicholas will highlight the evening for the children of our Knights. Santa will have gifts for "good little boys and girls".

We are asking everyone to bring a bottle of wine or liquor to have on our raffle table. We saw this done at a recent affair with the Bishop and it was a great success. Let's give it a try for our Council.

Our special treat will be Velzoe Brown and the Up-beats who will play Christmas music during the social hour and dance music following dinner. Velzoe, at about age sixteen, was working as a musician, before some of us were even born. Some of the others in the group have worked as professional musicians while others hold day jobs. Nonetheless, they are professional in all respects when it comes to music. The dancers will enjoy dancing to the music of the Up-beats. Others will just enjoy sitting back and enjoying the music for the holidays. This is an event that you don't want to miss.

Please R.S.V.P to Mike and Diana Seixas 464-3113, we will need a head count for the caterer. Feel free to bring family and friends for this special Christmas celebration. You can't beat the price of \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children or \$30 per family.

## Insurance

Happy New Year to all my Brother Knights. As Catholics our new year begins at Advent. We have our own special start then. As citizens we celebrate the annual festivities of a new calendar year. I want to wish you all the safest of New Years and to remind all my Brothers that the safest way to start the New Year is protect all we own. Our loved ones cling on to our support and love, and when we leave they lose them both. We can show them the responsibility we have by leaving them with Catholic Protection, and I might add the finest of Catholic protection. This will enable them to weather the storms of survival through your love and your intelligent management of your assets.

Our annuities can be obtained in 2006 for tax obligations of 2005, but you must act quickly. This is a time sensitive decision. Our Long Term Care is budget friendly and you can modify the plan to create you own affordable premium. Of course the finest of Life Insurance is available and this is the time to look at the safety of a plan from you Brotherhood. Wishing you and yours a responsible start to the New Year leaves me open to your availability. I am here for you my Brothers and you only. Please call me for a quick review and some tax saving advice for 2006. Drive safely and may the Good Lord be with you this new season.

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