

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

March 2006

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

March Events

- 1..... ASH WEDNESDAY, start of the lenten season. Fast and abstinence.
- 4-5 ... Stewardship Fair at Holy Cross Church after masses. (Retructment)
- 6..... Mass for deceased members, St. Joseph's Church, 5:15 p.m.
- 8..... **BUSINESS MEETING, Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall, 7:30 p.m.**
- 17..... Feast of St. Patrick of Ireland.
- 20 Feast of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary.
- 22..... **MONTHLY SOCIAL, see below and inside for details.**
- 25..... Annunciation of the Lord.
- 29..... **FOUNDER'S DAY**

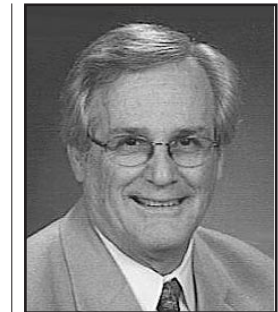
Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

As the Lenten Season begins let us meditate on the following **Prayer for Life** which was written by Pope John Paul II in his *Evangelium Vitae, 1995*:

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

Our Chaplain, Father Brian Crawford has been a wonderful example to us all in his faithfulness to life in his vocation. It was through his guid-



ance that our Council erected the beautiful statue holding the unborn on The Oblates grounds. It is with sadness that we will be saying goodbye

to Father Crawford this spring, but we should all let him know what an inspiration he has been to us, our wives and families.

As we meditate on the **Prayer for Life** during this Lenten season, we might ask ourselves, "How has our image and experience of God changed over our lifetime?"

During our membership drives, let us exemplify the spirit of the Knights of Columbus in their devotion to life. New members will certainly be a Blessing to our Council and as we mourn the passing of Lawrence Perry we realize that his "homecoming" leaves us with a vacuum in our membership. We must be vigilant in our quest for new members!

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Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

Greetings and peace.

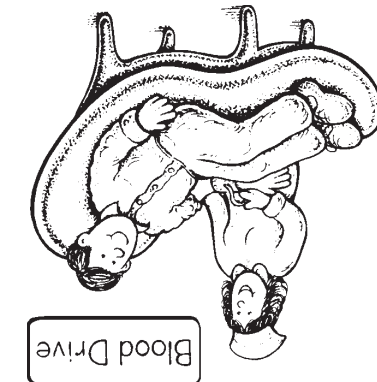
The month of March is known for many things: the beginning of Spring,

the season of Lent, sometimes Easter (though not his year), and, of course, March Madness! For me, however, the month of March means some-

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Monthly Social Irish

Weds., March 21
Star of the Sea Parish Hall



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.

LENTEN SEASON. This will begin Wednesday, March 1, Ash Wednesday, through Easter Sunday, April 16. The obligation of abstinence from meat commences on the 14th birthday, ceasing on the 59th birthday. Days of abstinence and fasting are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and all Fridays in Lent. Note - Bishop Ryan has granted a dispensation from the Lenten obligation to fast and abstain on Friday, March 17, the feast of St. Patrick. He requests you to perform another type of sacrifice or penance to replace the obligation.

Happy
Birthdays!

Birthdays

Roy June—1st
Ralph Bogner—3rd
Joe Barilati—4th
Andrew Mekis—4th
Robert Walter—12th
Celeonio Celebrado—14th
Gerald Zieber—17th
Thomas Holdridge—27th
Manuel Gomez—27th
Rev. Roland Bunda, S.M.—28th



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thing very special: the month of St. Joseph.

My middle name is Joseph. Now, my parents gave me that name because it is my father's middle name and they were beginning to run out of Irish male names, having already used the likes of Patrick, James, Kevin, Thomas, Sean and Michael (they left out Dennis, because of its "menace" overtones!). But, looking back, I know it was because God had chosen St. Joseph to be my special patron and guide. In fact, when I felt the call of God to become a priest, it was to a group of men dedicated to living their lives in imitation of the Guardian of the Redeemer and the Husband of Mary. The Oblates of St. Joseph were, and continue to be, a perfect fit for me. Our motto: serving the interests of Jesus in imitation of St. Joseph. We are called to do that most especially by working in a hidden and silent way, since Joseph did the same. No doubt, many of you may have never heard of the OSJ so we must be doing something right!

This same Congregation, has now asked me to be involved in a ministry that asks me to move from my country, family and friends, and go to Italy, Rome specifically. I have been elected a General Councilor, someone who is asked to counsel the Superior General of our Congregation as he seeks to lead and guide our family, like St. Joseph. It is a humbling election. In many ways, it seems to be too soon (after all, I am "only" 41 years old) and too demanding (after all, I am only 41, what kind of counsel can I give!). However, like St. Joseph, who was asked to take Mary as his wife and raise Jesus as

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his son (and what more demanding task could one have?!) at a very young age (perhaps as young as 19), my only choice was to quietly accept God's will and trust that God would provide whatever necessary to make sure this ministry will be fulfilled completely and adequately. St. Joseph turned out very well, so why not me?

Indeed, why not all of us. Sometimes it seems as though too much is demanded of us and there is no way we can meet everyone's needs and desires. And, by ourselves alone, we cannot hope to do so. But, as St. Joseph knows so well, if we have the power of God behind, in front and all around us, we cannot fail, we can only succeed, because we are carrying out the will of the One who moves all things and brings all things to their good end. Therefore, my brother knights, let us follow the example of both our founder, Fr. Michael McGivney and the patron of all Catholic gentlemen, St. Joseph, and "put out into the deep", with the certain and sure hope that God will provide us with all we need to reach the other shore: eternal life and happiness in heaven.

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

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

Condolence

We mourn the death of a long-time Honorary Member, LAWRENCE "LARRY" PERRY, member for 51 years, for sometime included in our list of sick members. We extend our condolence to his bereaved widow, Louise, and the family. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Illness & Prayers

Our roster of sick brother Knights and sick members of their families remain constant. Let us renew our prayers for their recovery soon:

Bros. George Cabral, Tom Davis, Frank Giaimo Anthony Le Bourveau, Celedonio Celebrado, Tim Hanifin, Carlos Lopez, Gary Phariss, David Scargill, Richard Turner, Robert Walter, Aurora Lopez, Mary Martin, Arlene DiSabato, and Chris Silva.

Let us also include in our intentions those who provide for their care.

Please notify the editor of any changes.

Social

Traditional Celtic Dinner chaired by the Robertsons, Weds., March 22 at the Star of the Sea Parish Hall. Menu includes:

Ham and Pea soup, Dublin Coddleča (tasty layered casserole of potatoes, sausage, bacon and more), Carrots, Sodabread.

Gooseberry Crumble and Rhubarb Fool for dessert.

Drink Specials:
Cider, Irish Coffee

Bar opens at 6:00 p.m. and dinner served at 7:00 p.m. Bring your families and invite your friends and prospective members. Donations of prizes for our raffle and appetizers will be appreciated. Table service not required.

Thanks!

PHILIPPINE SEMINARY - To all those who attended the Filipino Dinner held last October 22, volunteers that evening and donors to this annual event, our heartfelt thanks and gratitude. We quote from a recent letter of acknowledgement from the bishop of the diocese, "your pastoral solidarity with our Diocese through your Council's continued financial support for our future diocesan priests, who are currently still under seminary formation, has been in effect your support for our Universal Church's mission around the globe. What a beautiful expression of your K C Council's sharing in and living out the Life of the Mystical Body of Christ for the growth and glory of its Kingdom! We have some twelve (12) priests who volunteered for the Dutch mission islands in the Carribean. While some 15 others are spending their temporary sabbatical priestly ministry (at most three years) out there in the U.S.A. for their cultural and pastoral exposures. I wish then to convey my sincerest fraternal greetings and congratulations to your Council members and once again also our deepest gratitude to all of you..." Jose C. Sorra, D.D, Diocesan Bishop of Legaspi.

Financially we raised a little over \$1,000 that evening. We have to mention names to thank in particular who made the dinner possible, Chefs and cooks: Fanny and Raoul Alvarez, Noemi Virgo, Silvia Pintor Rudy & Virginia Quijance and Ruperta Belleza; also Gary and Joan Phariss, GK Mike and Diana Seixas.

Over-Dues!

If you have not already sent in your due payment, mail your \$40 payment to Andrew Lenz Jr., 127 Westmoor Court, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

Insurance

With the volatility of the market in the regard to pensions, variable products, and retirement plans. It is time to consider the safety of your Brotherhood. The Knights of Columbus have been a safe haven for 124 years. You money, 401k, 403b, 457, IRA Etc, can safely be moved to your Brotherhood. This can be done in time to be effective for last year's income tax situation.

A famous person once said "I am not so much concerned about the gain of interest on my money as to the preserving of the principle". Will Rogers was that man. Your safety is important to all of us. Not only do we care about you and yours but also we will never threaten you hard earned money. Please call me to discuss how you can move your not so safe savings, to the safest place in the world. Don't expose your income to any more potential threats. At the Knights we stick together in unity in every respect, religiously, financially and in Brotherly love.

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Needless to say, we have much to offer to those who have not experienced the comradery of the Knights and their families. Our great socials, highlighted this past month by the wonderful Philippine night only emphasizes our multible cultures and brotherhood. We are so thankful for members like Ramon Belleza and Rudy Quijance and their wives who planned such a lovely evening of food and entertainment.

In His service for Life,
Mike Seixas
Grand Knight