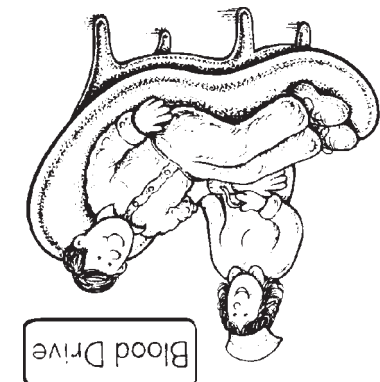


WHEN WAS THE
LAST TIME YOU
GAVE BLOOD?
TO JOIN?
TO JOIN?



Blood Drive

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.



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

May Events

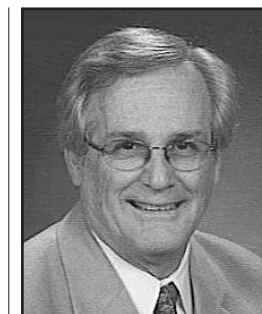
- 7..... World Day of Prayers for Vocations.
- 10..... **BUSINESS MEETING.**
Nomination of candidates for officers for the Columbian Year 2006-2007.
- 13..... Devotional prayers to Our Lady of Fatima begins today. See inside for details.
- 14..... MOTHER' S DAY.
- 19-20 104th Annual State Convention of the Knights of Columbus in San Jose.
- 24 **MONTHLY SOCIAL.**
See below and inside for details.
- 25..... Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord.
- 30 Memorial Day. Fly the flag.
- 31 Feast of the Visitation of the BVM to her cousin, Elizabeth.

Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,
We have experienced the loss of several of our Brother Knights these past months and I wanted to share this e-mail that I recently received with you all:

~DEATH~
WHAT A WONDERFUL WAY TO EXPLAIN IT!!!!

A sick man turned to his doctor, as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side." Very quietly, the doctor said, "I don't know." "You don't know? You, a Christian man, do not know what is on the other side?" The doctor was holding the handle of the door; on the other side came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness. Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before.



He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear. I

know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing... I know my Master is there and that is enough. May today there be peace within you. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

We also hope that you are meant to be on our Council. The nominating committee is seeking those who wish to serve their fellow Knights, our Church, Community, Family and our Youth! Ask yourself, is this where God means for me to be?

In His Service,
Mike Seixas, Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

The Mary Month of May.

May is the month of flowers and a variety of colors. It is also the month of our Blessed Mother. All nature comes alive in a burst of colors and life. We celebrate the first communions and Mother's Day and the culminating day

of the crowning of Mary. We reflect on motherhood and the motherhood of Christ. We meditate on the words of Christ: "Woman behold thy Son and Son behold thy Mother."

From that time John took Mary into his house and we, at the same

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Happy Birthdays!

Birthdays

- Jose Cisneros—3rd
- John J. Lenz—4th
- Rev. Hector Cruz, S.M.—7th
- Patrick Eastman—10th
- Thomas Davis—14th
- Rev, Rene Iturbe, S.M.—17th
- Doc Vincent Quartararo—21st
- Tim Hamlin—26th
- Norman Benito—29th
- Brian McMahon—29th



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time "took Mary into the home of our hearts." This woman, the New Eve, by her obedience 'overturned the sting of death in her Son, Jesus Christ. By her maternal heart took us in the Home of Nazareth and to her home in Heaven. Mother of all women, Bearer of Fount of Life, Active participant in the restoration of life in us, Ever Concerned down through the centuries in apparition and Forever standing in our churches at the side of Christ and at our beck and call. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and especially at the hour of our death, amen. God bless.

Father James Catalano, OSJ

New Chaplain

To Rev. Fr. JAMES CATALANO, OSJ, welcome and thank you! Without any hesitancy whatsoever Fr. James positively responded to our invitation to take back his leadership position in our Council replacing Fr. Brian Crawford, OSJ who was moved to Rome.

To those new in our order, Fr. Catalano was our Chaplain in the '80s (I could not find old issues of our Bulletin). Again, thank you, Father, your positive response is gratefully appreciated.

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Condolences

Somehow, during the month of April, our membership suffers a devastating loss in members due to death, serious illness such as surgeries, heart attacks, etc. The past month was no exception. We lost 3 very valuable and dedicated members:

April 8 - **S.K. George Cabral, PGK, PFN.** with more than 65 years in the Order in both the 3rd and 4th degrees.

April 16 - **Francis "Mike" Devitt, PGK** and a 45 year member. A memorial mass will be held on Thursday, May 11 at 11 a.m. at St. Joshep's Church in Capitola.

April 18 - **Richard Turner**, a member since 1990, dedicated and active member.

To the surviving spouses, families and friends of these departed council members we express our condolences and sympathies. We pray for the eternal repose of their souls and may Our Lord, in His infinite love and mercy, grant them eternal happiness for their service to Him and their fellow man.

Over Dues!

Second notices have been mailed out to those who have failed to remit their annual dues. If you have not already sent in your dues payment, please mail your \$40 payment to our Financial Secretary:

Andrew Lenz Jr.
127 Westmoor Court
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Please *do not* mail your payment to the council's P.O. Box. Thank you!

Illness & Prayers

May is the month dedicated to our Blessed Mother. Thru her powerful intercession we ask our Lord to bless these sick members that they soon be restored to health:

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

Also Bro. Don McMorro of Council 9540 and very good friend of our Council, who had recent hip surgery.

We ask those who know of changes in the above list to please contact our Bulletin Editor to update this information.

Fatima

FATIMA DEVOTION. For years our Council has sponsored special devotional prayers to Our Lady of Fatima from the month of May to October to commemorate the appearance of our Blessed Mother to three children in Fatima, Portugal.

We begin these prayers on Saturday, May 13 after the 11:00 morning mass at the Shrine of St. Joseph, Guardian of the Redeemer, 544 W. Cliff Drive. While in previous years we had a special mass in the afternoon, it is not possible to have one this year.

We urge our members to participate in this beautiful devotion to our Blessed Mother—it is a special project of our council.

Thanks!

FOURTH DEGREE mass and reception which our Council hosted April 27 was a great success - almost filled up the hall with members and guests. Thanks to all who attended and supported our fund raising raffle and plant auction.

Social

Our next social, HAWAIIAN NIGHT, is Wednesday, May 24, to be hosted by PGK Ernie McCoy. Menu includes: Hawaiian chicken, rice pilaf, fruit salad, green salad, sweet Hawaiian bread with pineapple upside down cake for dessert.

We ask for donations of appetizers and prizes for our raffle. Table service will be provided. As always, please invite prospective members or anyone that would enjoy a nice dinner!

Prayer

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Beautiful God,
You are boundless with your blessings
And faithful to your promises.
Through our ancestors in faith
We have come to know and to trust
In your guidance on our life's journey.
At Jesus' baptism you confirmed him in his mission.
Commission us through our baptismal graces
To follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Open our hearts to recognize your holy calling.
Bless our church with devoted married couples.
Committed single men and women,
And dedicated deacons, priests, sisters and brothers.

Guide those who are discerning how best to serve you.
With your favor, we set out to proclaim your reign
Through Jesus, your beloved Son in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Insurance

A Letter from a Widow
"THE WORD "FOREVER" WAS ENGRAVED IN THE GOLD BAND I PLACED ON THE THIRD FINGER OF MY HUSBAND TOM'S LEFT HAND THE DAY WE WERE MARRIED... "TILL DEATH DO US PART WAS CLOSE TO THE TRUTH"

It is now fours years since my husband's death. In the interim, I have had opportunities to meet and talk with other widows, all of who were candid about their finances. I learned that these widows fell into three distinct categories: (1) those who were able to maintain the same comfortable standard of living they had known when their husbands were alive. (2) Those that found themselves even better off than before, and (3) those who were struggling to make ends meet." As different as the situations were, however, I saw a common thread. The financial status of each widow was a direct proportion to how much life insurance the husband had carried.

In the wake of my own badly shattered life, I have learned to pick up the pieces and to accept the fact that in spite of what has happened, life goes on. Happily, I can say that the quality of my life falls well within my comfort zone, and for the most part this is because my husband lovingly planned for my life by wisely allowing his insurance agent to give him direction to that end.

*Sincerely
A Widow*

Call me, I can help.
Your Brother and Field Agent,
Terry Crovo

We want YOU to be an officer!