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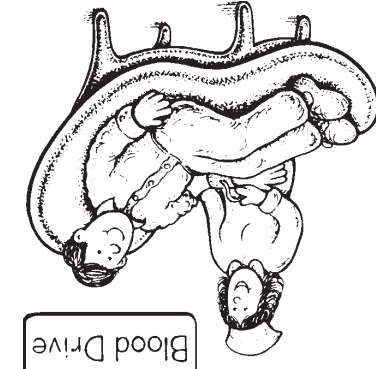
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Happy Birthday!

- Francisco Garza—2nd
- David G. Jones—12th
- Raymond Ripley—17th
- Joseph Tierney—19th
- Steven M. Leuck—20th
- Michael Seixas—22nd
- Benedict Musich—24th
- Gary Benito—25th

**Birthdays**

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



Blood Drive

**GIVE BLOOD!**

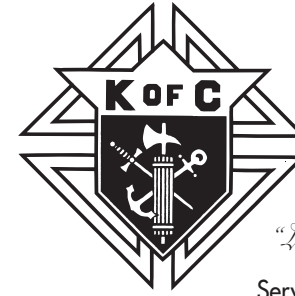
*Mention you are a Knight!*

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.

**Newsletter of The Knights of Columbus ~ Council 971** **October 2006**

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

## October Events

- 1..... Respect Life Sunday
- 7..... Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary
- 9..... Columbus Day
- 11..... **BUSINESS MEETING**, Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall, 7:30 p.m. Exemplification to the first degree of a prospective member.
- 13..... Our Lady of Fatima devotional prayers at the Shrine of St. Joseph, after the 11 a.m. mass.
- 18..... Knights of Charity Meeting.
- 25..... **MONTHLY SOCIAL**, see below and inside for details.
- 28..... Likely Tootsie Roll Drive
- 29..... Daylight Savings Time ends. Turn clock back one hour.

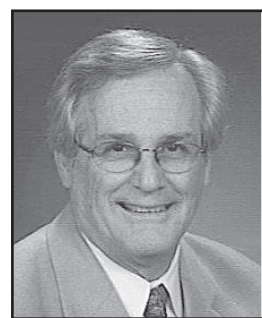
## Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

The message this month is fundraising, operating budget and membership.

At the end of last month business meeting when all the bills were paid, the treasury of our council was in a critical state. Our operating budget right now is running about twice as much as our income, not counting donations. Our operating income comes mainly from two sources, our dues and our socials. The bottom line is that all the members need to support our social every month by showing up and bringing in good raffle prizes. I believe we must increase our dinner prices (\$12 to \$15) and as well as the minimum for the drink donations. Now there are councils that do not have their socials at the church hall, they have them at restaurants with private rooms or areas and everyone orders off a menu.

The other main income is our dues, but we won't see any of it until after January. We should be doing more, but



we don't have enough active members who are willing to take on fund raising activities. Last year I tried the "Keep Christ in Christmas"

card sale, but after all our hard work, we were only able to earn a little over \$150, so I do not think this is a very good money maker either. As we approach the end of the year we would ask members to examine their annual gift giving for tax purposes and include the Knights of Columbus Council 971. We thank those members who have in the past years have been most generous to our Council.

We obviously need more members, as the current membership has gotten burned out over the years. That is why it is so important to recruit new members. Along with new members comes dues income, and extra hands to do the

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**Monthly Social**  
**B.B.Q.**  
Weds., October 25  
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

## Chaplain's Message

**The Rosary - People's Prayer**

The Rosary is a prayer which has been in existence since the time of St. Dominic, Founder of the Dominicans. It was used at the time to combat the Albigensian heresy during the 12th and 13th centuries. Dominic used prayers and

the rosary as well as the evangelical witness of poverty to combat it successfully initially. Then - unfortunately, a military crusade stamped it out in the Provençal area of southern France.

After more than seven hundred

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## ...Chaplain

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years it has maintained its popularity among the high and lowly in the Catholic Church. It is a concentrate of many prayers together: the Apostles Creed, Our Fathers, Hail Marys and Glory Be. The joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries of our faith are meditated upon as well as the luminous mysteries recently added by Pope John Paul II. Indulged by popes down thru the centuries, it is highly encouraged and recommended by the Church.

During this month of October, dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary, we are encouraged to recite it with more sincere and faith filled devotion for the needs of the Church and personal and familial necessities. I urge the Knights to make it a daily form of prayer and petition. Through Mary, we can come closer to her Son, Jesus Christ. It is a devotion, a meditation and an education into the mysteries of our Faith. Once we use this prayer faithfully and humbly we will enter more fully into the life of Mary and her Son. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you .....

Father James Catalano, OSJ  
Chaplain

*"One Nation, Under God..."*

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The Pledge of Allegiance  
by  
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## Insurance

### WAKING UP ALONE

Some day we will all be in this position. This lonely stressful position of waking up alone, facing the world and the day without your life partner, is an emptiness that will haunt everyone. The countless nights of falling asleep alone and thinking of how you will make it can be very stressful on the mind and the body. The last thought is survival.

The survival phase of losing a loved one is usually the toughest. Imagine how it will be for them when you leave and all that they have must be slowly given up to survive. Father McGivney new this position well. He lived it with his family and watched thousands of others go through it daily. His design was to put an end to this suffering. You Brotherhood does this through our protection packages offered to you from you very first day as a Knight.

Please think again about your commitment to you loved ones and how you can protect your assets and their waking moments without you. Waking up alone is tough enough; it is much tougher when they are not prepared to survive in this world. Financial preparation takes the edge off their hurt and puts you in a long lasting position of responsibility. I can assist you in determining the need with a budget friendly system you can enjoy for years. I am at your service.

You Brother and Field Agent,  
Terry D. Crovo  
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# GOD BLESS AMERICA!

## Illness & Prayers

This month being dedicated to our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of the Rosary, we ask for her special intercession before our Gracious Father for the healing of these long time sick members of our Council, and include those who have been taking care of them:

*Thomas Davis, Frank Giamo, Anthony Le Bourveau, Celedonio Salvador, Timothy Hanifin, Carlos Lopez, Robert Walter and Dr. Paul Weiss. Also Aurora Lopez, Mary Martin and Arlene DiSabato.*

Please call your Bulletin Editor for an update of this list. Thank you.

## Fatima

OUR LADY OF FATIMA devotional prayers and rosary will take place for the final day this year on Friday, October 13 at the Shrine of St. Joseph after the usual 11:00 a.m. mass. We urge our members to please attend.

*Please help us keep current with your address and telephone number. This information is vital to allow your council provide you important service that is consistent with K of C.*

## Socials

**MONTHLY SOCIAL.** It was rather unfortunate that we had to cancel at the last minute our September social due to "only 8 or 9 made reservations." As far as this writer can remember making reservations for our social was never a requirement, whether we had enough reservations or not. As we emphasized at the last meeting this social gathering is to foster camaraderie and fellowship. We have not yet heard the end of this unfortunate happening.

**OCTOBER SOCIAL.** On Wednesday, October 25, Bro. Patrick Eastman, will host this month's social and he has submitted the following menu, to be prepared generously, "gratis et amore" by Lori Shaw: Bar B. Q. Extraordinary Mesquite smoked marinated steak with meatless pasta, green salad, garlic bread and dessert. (Yummy!)

Please bring friends, family and prospective Knights to our social. Tickets for the raffle will go to your choice of prize. Feel free to bring "white elephants" as donations for the raffle. Please bring your own table service this month.

### PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN

*Heavenly Father, You created us in Your own image, and You desire that not even the least among us should perish. In Your love for us, You entrusted Your only Son to the Holy Virgin Mary. Now, in Your love, protect against the wickedness of the devil, those little ones to whom You have given the gift of life.*

## ...GK

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work of fund raising.

Our primary source of income from donations has come from The Knights of Charity and they have regulations as to where the monies can be delegated that they must follow. In the past several years the Knights of Charity have not been able to fund us as before. I understand that as of the 21st of September the Knights of Charity have once again given us a generous donation. These funds however, cannot be used for our operation expenses, only donations, so we need the help of each and every member.

Yours in Christ,  
Mike Seixas  
Grand Knight

