

Joseph McKenzie—30th
Nelson Miranda—30th
Mark Esposito—30th
Enrique Hernandez—24th
Rodney Atchison—14th
Louis Paolino—9th
Dominic Massetti—7th

Happy Birthday!

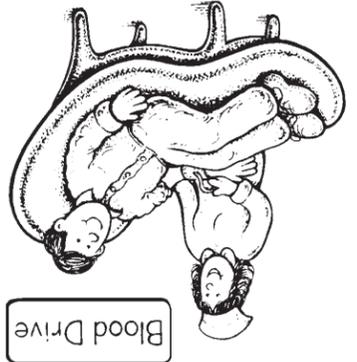
Birthdays

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU GAVE BLOOD TO 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.



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The Knights of Columbus
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Today's Knights

"Lady of Victory, Pray for Us."

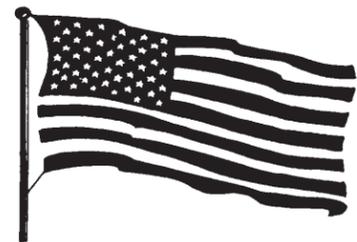
Serving Star of the Sea, St. Joseph's Parish, Holy Cross, The Shrine of St. Joseph, San Agustin, St. John's, St. Michael's.

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

November Events

- 1..... Feast of All Saints, Holy Day of obligation.
- 2..... All Souls Day.
- 5..... Mass for deceased members, Holy Cross Church, 11:00 a.m.
- 8..... **BUSINESS MEETING.** Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall, 7:30 a.m. Please make it a point to attend - Council's budget is part of the agenda.
- 11..... Veterans' Day. Demonstrate your patriotism - fly the flag.
- 23..... Thanksgiving Day.
- 26..... Our Lord Jesus Christ the King!
No social this month.



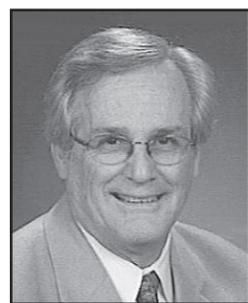
Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

November is the month of Thanksgiving. We begin with the opportunity to vote on November 7th and be thankful for the privilege of living in this wonderful free land. We follow that on the 11th with being Thankful for our Veterans and then on the Fourth Thursday of November being Thankful for all our many Blessings; of our wonderful country, our family and friends and most of all for our Faith. Let me share with you this Thanksgiving Prayers that I have received from the Marianist Mission:

"Good and gracious God, we come before You today united with all who give You thanks and praise. Fill us with gratitude for Your many blessings, both physical and spiritual.

We thank You in particular this day for the gifts of food and family. Bless this food, Lord, that it may nourish our bodies. Bless our family, especially those who can't be with us today. Also today, we remember those of our fam-



ily who have gone to be with You.

Grant us Your spiritual blessings and help us pray daily for the grace to serve You in response to Your bountiful gifts to us. Bless all who serve You throughout the World.

We pray this in the name of Jesus, You Son, Our Lord, who gives all things freely according to our needs. Continue to bless us and give us Your Peace. Amen"

I hope you will consider using this prayer at your Thanksgiving meal. As most of you are aware we will not be having a social this month as our regular day would fall the day before Thanksgiving and most of us will be with family or traveling. Also we would hope that everyone will attend the Christmas Dinner at Peachwood's on Wednesday, December 20th. This

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Monthly Social

Christmas

Weds., December 20
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

Chaplain's Message

The Saints - Our Friends

The saints are those human beings graced by God to exemplify in their lives the love and goodness of God. They are, therefore, at the same time the friends of the community, of our families and ourselves. They call to the attention of society that God is alive,

providential and loving to all His creatures. They pray for us, offer their sufferings for us and love us. They maintain their contact with us even though they are in heaven. This oneness, and unity and care of love which they manifest is expressed in

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the doctrine in the Apostles Creed: we believe in the communion of saints. Just as God is never far from us because of His love, so, too, the saints are united to us not only by the bonds of humanity, forgiveness and love, but as part of the Mystical Body of Christ.

As members of the Mystical Body of Christ, they share Christ and His grace with us. They intercede for us, care for us and await with joy our presence in the Beatific Vision where we will share fully and completely the communal life of the Blessed Trinity. Just as in the Trinity each Divine Person lives in the other so do the saints of God. It is this fullness of life and of love they wish to share with us, the church Militant. We are part of them and they of us. They are our friends. God bless them and us as well.

Fr. James Catalano, OSJ
Chaplain

Thanks!

OCTOBER SOCIAL was a highly successful affair—attendance breaking, financial raising, entertainment, food served—thanks mainly to our host, Patrick Eastman and his volunteer Chef, Lori Shaw, and a host of other volunteers that evening. To them we take our hats off and say: **THANK YOU!**

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Insurance

Happy November my Brothers, this begins the season of giving, from thanks (giving). To the holiday that created our existence, Christmas. This is the season for giving. We as Knights give all year long. We give our time, energy, money, love, compassion and strength. We are givers, that is our nature. At this time of the year we have an opportunity to give something else. We have the opportunity to approach other Catholic men and give them the opportunity to become part of our Brotherhood. We see Catholic families in good moods, excited for the upcoming Holidays. People will be hustling and bustling about and we can be part of their holiday spirit simply by asking a man to join us in our Order.

This magical time of year is the best time to ask fellow parishioners because they are filled with the Holy Spirit and will be open minded to our request. Never put off recruiting until after the holidays it will only be delayed again. We must grow and never stop thinking about growth. All new members who complete the first degree should then be on the membership committee. This first year of their membership should be to obtain their shining armor awards pin. To do so, they must bring in a new man. Why not have them recruit for you when they are still fresh, excited and willing to talk to anyone in the parish.

After all, this is how we grow our membership and strengthen our committee. After the first year they can join any committee they want. Now our membership chairman will have a larger staff to recruit with and build the council faster. Now is the time, now is the season. Most councils grow faster when they work in groups than one man at a time. This is the opportunity to do so. The Season, the feeling and the giving of an opportunity to other Catholics is beckoning. WE have 2.5 million registered Catholic men in California and about 62,000 Knights. We have work to do. Let's let the momentum of the season assist us.

God Bless, Vivat Jesus
SK Frank Maranzino, FICF
General Agent

Illness & Prayers

Our list of brother knights who are ill has not changed since last month. We continue to have them in our prayers as we celebrate All Saints day.

Tom Davis, Frank Giaino, Anthony Le Bourveau, Timothy Hanifin, Carlos Lopez, Robert Walter, and Dr. Paul Weiss. We also pray for Aurora Lopez, Mary Martin and Arlene Di Sabato and those who provide for their care.

If you are aware of any changes to the above list, please call your Bulletin Editor, 426-0618. Thank you.

MR Drive

TOOTSIE ROLL fund raising drive for the intellectually disabled, a state wide annual project of the Knights of Columbus, had these brother knights occupied last Saturday, October 21st.

At the Scotts Valley Nob Hill store: Tom & Peg Davis and Brian McMahon; Shopper's Corner in Santa Cruz: Karl Coffield, Patrick Eastman and Jason Nielsen and Patrick Eastman at the Oblates of St. Joseph Church.

A few boxes were sold at the October 25th dinner. Over \$500.00 was raised in this worthy endeavor which will benefit a local charitable organization.

KEEP
CHRIST IN
CHRISTMAS!

Socials

As announced by our Grand Knight at the social last October 25th, the traditional Thanksgiving dinner has been cancelled in favor of a Nov/Dec combined family Christmas dinner will be held on Wednesday, December 20, 2006 at the Peachwood's Steakhouse, Hwy. 17 & Pasatiempo Drive. The event will run from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and will offer a delicious traditional holiday dinner with all the trimmings. RSVP by December 13, 2006 by calling Mike or Diana Seixas (408) 358-1313.

KofCharity

Brief History of Knights of Charity

1968 - Council 971 was renting the Native Sons Hall which was too small for social events.

1968 - Discussion about buying a hall but Council voted not to.

1968 - Nine members decided to buy hall on their own and make it available to the council. Formed a corporation called "Knights of 971". Borrowed money using the credit of the nine men. The building on Walk Circle purchased without use of the Knights of Columbus money. Paid mortgage on building by renting building and bingo.

1981 - Making mortgage payments. Upkeep and maintenance of hall became too much of a chore. Knights of 971 decided to sell hall and invest money for charity. Most of the money distributed was done through the Knights of Columbus Council 971, allowing the Knights of Columbus to take credit.

1985 - To clear up confusion the corporation voted to change the name to Knights of Charity. The certificate officially changing the name filed with the State of California on June 27, 1985.

2005 - Members are informed that the corporation has not met all of the reporting requirements of the IRS and was advised not to conduct any business until the discrepancy is corrected. Board immediately started corrective action, but working with the government bureaucracy takes time.

Note - Since 1982 to the present the Knights of Charity has contributed over \$190,000.00 to various charities.

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year has found the Knights of Columbus Council 971 in financial straits and we needed to combine our holiday socials with just one celebration. Those of you who attended our Christmas party last year know what a wonderful event it was. We want to have as many children and grandchildren as possible. We are planning to give gifts to all of the children. Please let us know their names and gender when you RSVP so that we might have a gift for every child attending.

Yours in Christ,
Mike Seixas, Grand Knight

Raffle

STAR OF THE SEA fund raising car raffle.

To raise funds to complete the renovation of the parish hall, a 2004 Nissan Sentra, beautiful and gently used, donated by Fr. Alberto Cabrera, is being raffled at 4 p.m. on December 10th. Second prize of \$1,000.00 and 3rd prize of \$500.00 are also offered.

Tickets priced at \$10.00. Need not be present to win. Tickets are available by calling Parish Office, 429-1018 or through our Treasurer, PGK Ramon Belleza. Council members are urged to participate to complete the much needed renovation of the hall which we have been using through these years.

1st Degree

A 1st degree will be in Aptos on November 13th at 7:30PM (during the Council 9580 regular meeting). If you have any prospects, please RSVP to Dave Boggini at 688-8285.