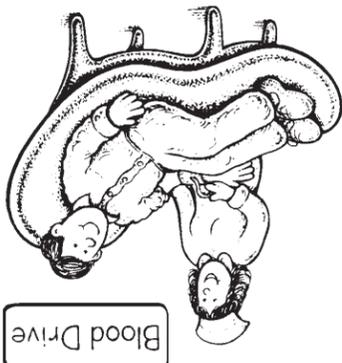


**WHEN WAS THE
LAST TIME YOU
ASKED SOMEONE
TO JOIN?**

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.



George Decluchi—1st
Peter L. Ehrman—5th
Bro. David Betz, S.M.—10th
Happy Birthday!
Terence Crovo—15th
Ted Mendoza—20th
Vincent Alexander—21st
David Scragill—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.

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December 2006

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

December Events

- 3..... 1st Sunday of Advent
- 8..... Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- 12..... Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 17..... Mass for deceased members, St. Joseph Church, 11 a.m.
- 20 **KofC Family Christmas Dinner (971 Social)**
- 25..... **Feast of the Nativity of Jesus. CHRISTMAS DAY.**
- 31 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

No business meeting this month.



Monthly Social Christmas

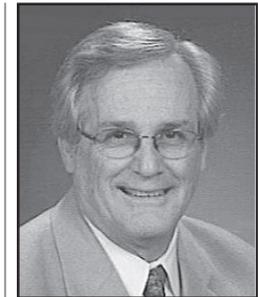
Weds., December 20
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

By now you all should have received an invitation to attend our Annual Christmas Dinner. This year we are holding it at Peachwood's which is just off of Highway 17 at the Pasatiempo exit. Welcome Reception begins at 6:00 p.m., Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 20, 2006.

Just in case your invitation got lost in the holiday mail and you need more information, please feel free to call me at my home (408) 358-1313 or my cell (831) 359-9975. A traditional Christmas dinner will be served. For those of you who were with us last year for Christmas you will remember the "Upbeats" a musical group under the direction of Velzoe Brown. Velzoe celebrated her 96th birthday earlier this year by playing for over two hours at the Kuumbwa with her band, to a packed house and a standing ovation. We are delighted that she and her group will be entertaining us again this year. We also need to know if you are bringing children or



grandchildren, their gender and their ages in order for us to pick gifts to give them at the party. We need to shop, wrap and label these, so please

help by letting us know in advance. We don't want any children left out of this joyous time of year. Remember the Knights are a family organization and this is one party you are encouraged to bring your children. If you haven't sent your check as yet (\$20 per person and \$50 for a family) please do so today. All checks should be made out to the Knights of Columbus, Council 971 and mailed to 14685 Oka Rd. #56, Los Gatos, CA 95032-1940. We would also appreciate it if you would either e-mail Diana and I (dianaseixas@AOL.com) or call us to let us know if you plan to attend. We need to have a head count before the dinner for the Res-

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Chaplain's Message

The Spirit of Christmas

There are so many spirits of Christmas in society today. Some take this holiday as a way to get away from the grind of work. Some take the opportunity to party and put on a few pounds of weight. Some consider it as something

akin to the winter solstice. Others take the opportunity to make fabulous profits or the opportunity to going on a buying binge which leaves us totally exhausted when Christmas finally arrives. Still others use this as an opportunity to come home or

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to visit and feast with relatives and friends. These reasons have some good in them all.

But...I think that we are missing the point of the celebration.

Christmas is a celebration of a Birthday. Its the birthday of Jesus Christ, who became man and dwelt among us. The Word became flesh and has dwelled among us as St. John tells us in the Prologue of his gospel, chapter one. Christ took our humanity and invited us to take His divinity. He took

the position of a humble servant in humanness so that He could share with us His divinity. Oh, remarkable exchange! We gave Him our humanity and He gve us His divinity . We share and give to each other the Gift, Jesus. This is the true spirit of Christmas.

Merry Xmas.

Fr. James Catalano, OSJ
Chaplain

Thanks!

A big thank you goes to you! The reader of these monthly bulletins. Thank you for informing yourself of events going on in and around our council.

May God bless you and your family this coming year.

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Insurance

My Brother Knights,

Throughout this year, I have been given the privilege to meet with some of you to get acquainted and review your insurance situation. I have been taken aback by some of the decisions that some of you have made to finances but of no fault of your own. Life insurance is not talked about, we know about car insurance when we first get our driver's license and home owners insurance when we purchased our home. These decisions are already made for us by law or loan requirements and for the most part we agree with the need for insurance in both cases, we want our automobile and our home to be protected with the right amount of coverage from any losses. I ask you, why is it not as important to protect the loss of income if we were to loose you sooner then anyone would ever dream of?

Death does not discriminate by age, I can witness to this as I am a licensed Funeral Director in California. I carried in my arms my 92-year-old grandmother from her home the day she passed away; a 19-year-old minding her own business standing on the side of the highway get hit by a truck while the driver adjusted his radio; a 12-year-old boy who is given the wrong dosage of medication in the hospital while staying overnight for observations from a fall off his bicycle; I carried out a 6-month-old baby that died of SIDS cradled in my arms—all those from the Medical Examiners facility.

Ask yourself, "What would happen if I passed away today, would my family be financially prepared? Will they be dept free and keep their home, money for their kids' college education, money for them to survive with?"

If insuring your car and your home with the right coverage are important to you, why not your own life so your

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Illness & Prayers

In this season of Advent and Christmas let us specially offer prayers for the return to good health of our sick brother knights and sick members of their families:

Bros. Tom Davis, Frank Gaiimo, Anthony LeBourveau, Timothy Hanifin, Carlos Lopez, Robert Walter and Dr. Paul Weiss. We also offer our prayers for those who provide for their care and for: Aurora Lopez, Mary Martin and Arlene Disabato.

Please notify our Bulletin Editor if you are aware of any changes to the above list.

Thank you.

...Insurance

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family doesn't suffer the loss of the income you would normally provide if you were still here. You have the best rated company to do this with, your Knights of Columbus Insurance.

No one is invincible. I can share more stories of how true that is.

Please accept my call when the phones rings, or call me today and let's sit down and make sure all your life insurance needs are in place to protect your family.

Fraternally,

Terry Crovo
Knights of Columbus
Insurance Field Agent

Terry really is a great guy, give him a call! He's a Knight first, agent second.

Social

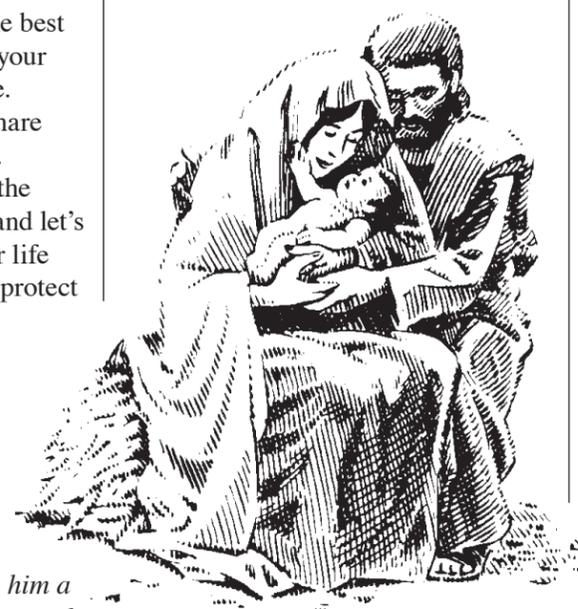
Please see the Grand Knight's message for details on this month's social.

Dues!

Membership bills for the coming calendar year 2007 have been mailed to those members without email address in our file. But for those members with email addresses that we know of, their bills will be sent electronically on December 5th.

The annual dues, as always are \$40.00 and you can send your payment to our Financial Secretary Rudy Quijance, whose address is: 108 McMillan Court, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. If you have any questions concerning the Knights of Columbus in general, or Council 971 in particular, please give Rudy a call at (831) 458-1051.

Please pay promptly and save the council postage and the time of our overloaded Financial Secretary!



...GK

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taurant/Resort. Deadline for RSVP is December 13, 2006. I want to thank those who have already responded and sent their checks. We look forward to celebrating the Birth of Christ with all of you.

KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS - A MUST SEE - THE NATIVITY STORY!!!

As most of you really get into the Christmas Season, may I recommend one of the finest movies my wife and I have ever seen. The Nativity Story is great!!! We were fortunate enough to receive free passes reserved for Catholic Leaders to a sneak preview of this wonderful film in San Francisco a week before its opening in this country. The weekend before it premiered in the Vatican to rave reviews. Being asked to review this film with other leaders of our faith; Bishops, Priests, Sisters, Religious Educators, and Lay Ministers was truly an honor. If you want a real treat this Christmas take the whole family to see The Nativity Story. It is now playing in your local movie theatre. You'll be awed by the performances of the actors, the beauty of the photography and inspired once again by the story of the beginning of our Faith.

Have a Blessed and Holy Christmas Season.

Mike Seixas, Grand Knight

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