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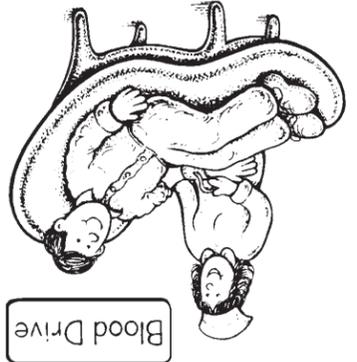
**Birthdays**

Happy Birthday!

Jose Cisneros—3rd  
John J. Lenz—4th  
Mark Penniman—5th  
Rev. Hector Cruz, S.M.—7th  
Patrick Eastman—13th  
Thomas Davis—14th  
Rev. Rene Iturbe, S.M.—17th  
Vincent Quartararo—21st  
Timothy Hanfin—26th  
Brian McMahon—29th

**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.



# 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** **May 2007**  
*Business Meetings are normally held the second Wednesday and Socials the fourth Wednesday at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall*

- ### May Events
- 9..... **BUSINESS MEETING.**  
Nomination of candidates for officers for the Columbian Year 2007-2008.
  - 13..... Devotional prayers for Our Lady of Fatima begins today. See inside for details.
  - ..... **MOTHER'S DAY.**
  - 17..... Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord.
  - 23..... **MONTHLY SOCIAL**  
(See below and inside for details.)
  - 27..... Mass for deceased members, Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, 8:00 a.m. mass.
  - 27..... Pentecost Sunday.
  - 28 ..... **Memorial Day.** Fly the flag.
  - 31..... Feast of the Visitation of the BVM to her cousin, Elizabeth.

**Monthly Social**  
**T.B.A.**  
Weds., May 23  
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

## Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,  
As much as I know I will miss my Brothers in Council 971, I have to face the reality of my tenure as your Grand Knight is approaching an end. I will miss being a member of this Council as I now live in Los Gatos, as many of you are aware, and will be transferring my membership to a Council closer to my home.  
I mention this fact, as this Council needs to be recruiting a Grand Knight to take over in July. Although that seems like a long time away, it is really right around the corner. We have been without a Deputy Grand Knight for



the majority of this last year and therefore we have no one in the position to take over as Grand Knight.  
Karl Coffield is the Nomination Committee

Chairman and if you have a desire to serve your Council in this capacity or for that matter in any of the Officer positions, please contact Karl at (831) 685-1438. Speaking of Karl he is the  
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## Chaplain's Message

**Mary Our Mother.** This month is dedicated in a special way to our Blessed Lady. The month of May is also dedicated in a special way to all mothers. Jesus Christ gave us His mother while He was dying on the cross. In this way, He gave us His most precious possession, His mother.  
Woman, behold your son and son behold your mother and he took her into his home from that moment. The church has always understood that in the person of John, the beloved disciple, who Jesus love, that all humanity and all persons were included. So we refer to Mary not only as our blessed Lady, but more consolingly as Our Blessed Mother. Mary gave birth to Christ in

faith and in the flesh, our head. We are the body of Christ, not separated from head and not, therefore, separated from His body, which is the Church. She loves her son with an undying love and us as her children in Christ. The lover of Christ by His mother cannot be separated from the love that she has for us as well. When she sees her son, she sees us as well. A mother loves all her children. She cannot and will not see us apart from the love she has for her son Jesus.  
Therefore, Holy Mother the Church, contemplates this month especially the Blessed ever Virgin, our Blessed Mother. As Christ loves His  
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## ...GK

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sponsor of our newest member, Jack Kemerling. Welcome, Jack. Karl and I attended his First Degree in Watsonville last week. Jack was one of five new Knights who were initiated. Needless, to say again, we need more new members. We can not continue to recycle our former Grand Knights, we need new blood. The Watsonville Council has volunteered to help us recruit Hispanic Members from our parishes. We could also place a recruitment table at the Oblates of St. Joseph's 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 13, 2007. Immediately following the Mass is the observation of Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrimage. What an opportune time to ask Our Lady for help in making our Council even stronger to do work in Her name.

Karl and I will be going to the State Convention for the Knights of Columbus in Ontario in two weeks, as your delegates, remember us in your prayers, as we will remember you in ours.

Yours in service,  
Mike Seixas  
Grand Knight



### Council 971 Newsletter

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## 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 four 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  
A Letter from Supreme...  
Call me I can help,  
Terry Crovo  
Your Brother and Field Agent

## Illness & Prayers

As we have learned from our Chaplain's Message, May is the month especially dedicated to our Blessed Mother. Thru her powerful intercession we earnestly pray for our Lord's blessing on these sick members that they may soon be restored to complete health:

*Tom Davis, Frank Giaimo, Tim Hanifin, Carlos Lopez, Tony LeBourveau, David Scargill and Robert Walter, including Aurora Lopez, Mary Martin, and Arlene D'Sabato.*

For the following ill members of other Councils, namely: *G.K. Horacio Chaves of St. Rose Council, Past Chapter Presidents: Paul Thornburg and Daniel F. Beck, Jr.,* we include them in our prayers and intentions for their recovery.

## Condolences

CONDOLENCES and prayers for the repose of the souls of these Brother Knights who passed away recently: **Francis J. Weiler, Past State Deputy; Richard Jufiar, Past State Deputy** and a very dear friend of our Council, who died very unexpectedly just a couple of weeks ago. Council 971 was well represented at his funeral and rosary with Color Guards S.K. Rudy Quijance. S.K. Gary Phariss and S. K. Ramon Belleza. We extend our deepest sorrow and sympathies to his surviving spouse, Aurora, family members and numerous friends.

May Our Lord, in His infinite mercy and compassion grant these Brother Knights eternal peace and happiness.

## Social

This month our social dinner will be Wednesday, May 23 at Star of the Sea Parish Hall.

At presstime, the menu was not announced. This will be a catered event, and we would like to furnish 5 Star Catering with as accurate a count as possible of those attending, so please call our chairman IG Herb Schuchard, 465-1674 or e-mail him at schuchards@sbcglobal.net for reservations. Thank you.

Donations of raffle prizes and appetizers will be much appreciated. Table service is provided. Invite prospective members and friends and bring your family.

## Thanks!

Last month's social which we held in combination with the Padre Palou's dinner reception after their chalice presentation was one of the better attended affairs this Columbian Year.

Thank you to the host of the evening: Larry Rothfuss with the help of Gary Phariss, Rudy Quijance, Patrick Eastman, GK Mike and spouse Deana Seixas and a wonderful meal for the evening catered by 5-Star Catring.

## Dues!

There are still a number of members that are in arrears with their year 2007 dues. In the interest of fraternity, the due date had been extended for several months already to give members generous time to comply. The final due date is the 31st of May, 2007. Regrettably, a letter of suspension shall follow, thereafter. If you haven't paid your dues, you need to get on it right away. Please contact Rudy Quijance ASAP. at (831) 458-9169 or raguija@pacbell.net. Thank you!

## Fatima

To commemorate the appearances of our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Fatima, in Portugal, our Council, has for years sponsored special devotional prayers in her honor from the month of May to October.

This year it starts on Sunday, May 13 with a 11:00 a.m. mass at Shrine of St. Joseph, Guardian of the Redeemer, 544 W. Cliff Dr., Santa Cruz. After the mass a select group of Honorary Guards of the Padre Palou Assembly of the Knights of Columbus will lead a procession of the statue of the Blessed Mother around the grounds of the Shrine while reciting the rosary. Light refreshments will be served.

We urge our members to participate in this beautiful devotion to our Blessed Mother - a special project of our Council.

## ...Chaplain

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Mother, He loves us also in her with a special love and concern. Children, behold your Mother, Mother, behold your children. With love and confidence, we take her into our homes, into our minds and into our hearts.

Dear Mom, helps us to love your as Jesus did. Bring us to Him when we wander off and are fearful to return. Show us the way to the heart of Jesus, so that just as your hearts were always one, so also ours may be.

Dear Mom, we love you.

Father James Catalano, OSJ

"One Nation, Under God..."

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