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Today's Knights

"Lady of Victory, Pray for Us."

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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

December Events

- 2..... First Sunday of Advent.
- 5..... **K. C. Annual Family CHRISTMAS DINNER.**
- 8..... Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Holy day of obligation.
- 9..... Mass for deceased members, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church, Capitola.
- 12..... Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- 25..... **Feast of the NATIVITY OF JESUS. Christmas Day!**
- 30..... Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

NO BUSINESS MEETING THIS MONTH

A Blessed Christmas to All!

Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

As we enter this Christmas season it becomes a very special time of the year, in which we celebrate the "birth of Christ." Its also a time for our families and friends to join together to celebrate this special day. During this season, its also a special time we can give to those in need by means of donation, preparing a meal, prayers etc. which is truly a blessing in giving. I would like to share with you a Christmas prayer before meals. *(See right.)*

In closing I would like to extend my thanks to all those who have given their time and support this past year. My wife and I would like to wish each and everyone "best wishes for a blessed Christmas."

Sincerely,

Larry Rothfuss
Grand Knight



"A Christmas Prayer Before Meals"

Heavenly Father,
You sent us Your Son
so that we may have eternal life.
We give You thanks for
Your great love for each of us.
Bless us and the food
which we are about to receive.
We ask You this
through Jesus Christ,
your son and our Lord.

Amen

Chaplain's Message

Whenever we go on a trip, it often happens that things happen which we did not anticipate. We cannot always control situations which may arise which often forces us to change plans and our scheduling. Mary and Joseph made that now famous trip to Bethlehem to register since Joseph was of the house of

David, they had to go to their home of Bethlehem. Tiberius Caesar had decided that a census of the whole world was supposed to be taken. So this young couple went to Bethlehem to register. They set out from Nazareth, about one hundred twenty

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Monthly Social Christmas

Weds., December 5
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

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miles to the north of Bethlehem. When they arrived with no reservations, with lodging at a premium, if it could be had at all, they found a manger cave to settle. During this trip so hectic, the time of her deliverance happened and she gave birth to her first born son whom they would name Jesus.

From that initial trip began a series of events: the circumcision, the visit of the shepherds, the Magi with gold, frankincense and myrrh, other trips. The anger of King Herod and the trip to Egypt, in exile. A return trip to Nazareth. Then followed the trips of the Christ up and down Palestine. The final trip to Calvary. Resurrection, Ascension, Pentecost and then the missionary trips of two thousand years of the travels all over the world. All the events of then and now continue to multiply with encounters with all peoples, millions of them today. And these trips will continue until the end of time, when all will take the final trip to the Father's House in glory. In spirit we take the Bethlehem trip in our day. Some stupendous things will happen to us. We start the travel of life alone and on the way we meet deliverance. We meet Mary and Joseph and their gift, Jesus. We birth Him in baptism, confirmed we grow with Him and are daily fed. We then travel to Calvary, we die and rise in glory. It all started when a young couple took that journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem and everything changed for them and for us.

God bless. MERRY CHRISTMAS.
Fr. James Catalano, OSJ
Chaplain

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Well my Brothers, another year (calendar year) is concluding for the Agency Department. We are proud to announce another record year. The final figures should be over Six Billion Dollars issued in Catholic Protection. I hope you are part of this number. I want to thank each one of you for your support this year, and wish all of you, a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful Happy New Year.

Remember to keep Christ in Christmas and devote your earthly time to your loved ones. You should have the confidence that if anything should happen to you, your Brotherhood and myself will be there for your family. My General Agent, the entire Agency Department and myself wish you safety, prosperity and health for the Holiday season and the upcoming year. God bless my Brothers, and be well.

Fraternally,

Terry D. Crovo
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*A Blessed
Christmas to
All!*



Illness & Prayers

During this season of Advent and Christmas, let us specially ask the Infant Jesus, through the intercession of Joseph and Mary, that these brother Knights may be blessed with the gift of healing, including sick members of our brother Knights:

Tom Davis, Frnk Giaimo, Anthony LeBourveau, Carlos Lopez, Tim Hanifin, David Scargil, Robert Walter, Dr. Paul Weiss, Mary Martin and Arlene D'Sabato

If you aware of changes to the above list, please call your Bulletin Editor. Thanks.

Social

This year we have moved this tradition K. C. event for reasons beyond our control to Wednesday December 5 at the usual venue, Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall. No host cocktails at 6:00 p.m., and an hour of Christmas Carols singing, camaaderie and fellowship and catered dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Below is the Christmas Dinner (Catered) menu:

- Baby Greens with Dried Cranberries, Walnuts, Cucumber & Light Vinaigrette
- Slice Honey Glazed Hamm with Dijon
- Cheese Tortellini with Pumpkin CreamSauce
- Green Bean Casserole
- Baked Candied Yams
- Fresh Rolls with Butter
- Dessert

We urge our members and guests who are coming to please call our G.K. Larry, 438-7545, to enable us to have the number for our caterer. Table service will be provided.

This is the last social of this year and we urge and appeal to our members to respond with your attendance. Please bring your families, invite prospective members and your friends. Your donations of prizes for our raffle and appetizers will be greatly appreciated.

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Thanks!

To all of you who participated in the Thanksgiving Dinner last month with your generous "Pot Luck" dishes and/or monetary donation, our heartfelt thanks and appreciation. We had a variety of delicious side dishes with the turkeys prepared by members Tony LeBourbeau and Ramon Belleza. Likewise our thanks to those who donated appetizers and prizes for our raffle which makes this monthly event a regular source of needed funds.

Newman

NEWMAN CATHOLIC CENTER - This may unusually be an early announcement of this very worthy Catholic organization at the UCSC of their 11th Annual Benefit. They are inviting us to celebrate love of Christ and One Another to this Prime Rib Dinner on Saturday, February 2, to take place at St. Joseph's Parish Hall, 435 Monterey Ave., Capitola. We ask you to mark your calendars this early so you wont miss this event. Council 971 is deeply committed to ensure its success and your participation is needed.

A raffle of the statue of the "PIETA" is part of the fund raising. Tickets for the dinner and raffle are available from: Newman Center - 423-9400, Rudy Quijance, 458-9169, Gary Phariss, 475-0254, Tom Davis, 336-5703 and Ramon Belleza, 426-0618.

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CHRISTMAS!