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# Today's Knights

*"Lady of Victory, Pray for Us."*

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

**January 2008**

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

## January Events

- 1..... New Year's Day. Mary, Mother of God.
- 6..... Feast of the Epiphany.
- 9..... **BUSINESS MEETING, Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall, 7:30 p.m.**
- 13..... Baptism of the Lord.
- 13-29. National Vocations Awareness Week.
- 18-25. World Day of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 21..... Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday observed.
- 22..... Day of Penance for the violation of the dignity of the human person committed thru acts of abortion, and prayers for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life.
- 23..... **MONTHLY SOCIAL - See below and inside for details.**
- 27..... Catholic Schools Week.

## Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the following events for the next few months:

- 1 - World Day fo Prayer for consecrated life, February 3, 2008.
  - 2 - World Day of Prayer for Vocations, April 13, 2008.
  - 3 - The Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos is holding a silent retreat for the K of C from Febrary 29 to March 2, 2008.
  - 4 - Pope Benedict XVI will visit the United States on April 15 thru 20, 2008.
  - 5 - 106th Annual State Convention will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in San Jose on May 16 & 17, 2008.
- If you would like any further infor-



mation on these events please contact me.

For 125 years, the Knights of Columbus has established an unparalleled record of

service to church and community. A total of 1,421 new members (statewide) have joined the order from July through November, 2007.

We (as a Council) need to join in, and bring in new members as well. All you need to do is ask!

Zizi and I wish from our our Family to yours a very Blessed and Happy New Year. Our Lady of Victory, pray for our faithful, charitable family.

Sincerely,

Larry Rothfuss  
Grand Knight

## Monthly Social Vocations

Weds., January 23  
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

## Chaplain's Message

*Epiphany - All Invited*  
Epiphany is a feast which seems for many Christians to have an importance and significance a little higher than Christmas itself. There seems to have some truth to it. Christmas is the event when the shepherds came to adore the King of Kings. They hap-

pened to be Jewish. The Feast of the Epiphany has been understood to be the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the nations. The people of God have instinctively understood the meaning of Epiphany in a more universal invitation given mysteriously through  
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## Insurance

*Note: We are re-running the December insurance column from Terry Crovo this month.*

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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*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.*

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## ...Chaplain

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the coming of the Magi as an invitation to all to come to Christ and adore Him. Matthew narrates that these mysterious personages came from the East to also worship the New King of the Jews, recently born. The star appears to them in the East and guides them to Bethlehem where they offer Him their treasures and their homage. How many there were and what their real names were, we don't know. They came invited and were accepted by the New King. Human tradition makes them three: one white, one black and one oriental!

Jesus Christ is Lord of Lords and King of Kings. He created all men and all kingdoms which rule. He is the creator and the Lord of all. He calls all to life, to faith and the same hope, Jew and gentile alike. They have the same heritage, receivers of the same promise in the same Body which is the Church. The Epiphany is the Tower of Babel in reverse. Babel separated the nations and Epiphany is the beginning of all the nations invited to come together in Christ. The trickle commenced by the Magi two years after the birth of Jesus has become a mighty river, a flood of millions up to our days and into the future. All have been invited, the invitation has been offered to all men until the end of time. It will come to an end when Jesus comes again in His glory to judge all nations and every person. The great gathering will have its culmination in the Father's House, where there are many mansions for the many. The God of all continues to gather us in every age and every generation. Epiphany—an invitation to all—all are invited. Let us all confidently accept the invitation. A blessed Epiphany to all God's children.

Father James Catalano, OSJ  
Chaplain

## Illness & Prayers

In this period of rejoicing through the birth of our Saviour, let us not forget to include in our daily prayers the recovery to good health these sick brother Knights, including sick family members of our Council and those who provide for their care:

*Brothers Tom Davis, Frank Gaiimo, Anthony Le Bourveau, Carlos Lopez, Tim Hanifin, David Scargill, Robert Walter, Dr. Paul Weiss, Mary Martin and Arlene D'Sabato.*

We would like to have this list current, so if you know of any changes to the above, please notify your Bulletin Editor. Thanks.

## Newman

NEWMAN CATHOLIC CENTER annual fund-raising dinner and raffle is scheduled for Saturday, February 2nd at the Parish Hall of St. Joseph's Church on Monterey Ave. in Capitola.

We have actively participated in this event since it was first held more than 10 years ago and it is hoped that our enthusiastic support has not waned.

Prime rib dinner, silent auction, raffle of the statue of the Pieta, and entertainment numbers are on the schedule of the evening. Silent auction donations are still being solicited - call Bro. David Betz, SM 423-9400 if you can help.

Tickets are available from Bro. David, and KC members Ramon Belleza, Rudy Quijance, Gary Phariss and Tom Davis.

## Social

The regular dates for our monthly socials, will be observed with the start of the New Year., 4th Wednesday of the month. Wednesday, January 23rd will be the first social of this year, and will be hosted by Andy Lenz, Sr. and PGK Andrew Lenz, Jr. along with help from Jason Nielsen. The theme is Vocation - Clergy Appreciation Night. Money raised will help go toward our council's support of vocations and seminarians.

*Menu:*

Andy's Roast Beef

Andy's Mouth-Watering Chicken

Green Salad

Muffins/Biscuits

Dessert

—Yes, appetizers will be appreciated!

As normal, the social will be held at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall with ho host cocktails at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.

Table service will be provided.

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.

## Thanks!

To all those who helped in making last month's Christmas Dinner a success: THANKS ! Grand Knight Larry did a marvelous job in hosting the affair. Attendance improved considerably and we added much needed funds to our finances for our charitable projects. We hope this trend will continued for the rest of the year.

## News

### Knights of Columbus Incarnation Dome

Nearly 100 feet above the marble floor of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, a work of art is unfolding on a ceiling dome as workers install a mosaic of approximately 2.4 million tiles of colored glass.

Though their work is hidden from public view by an elaborate scaffolding structure, an ascent up an elevator, then up two sets of staircases reveals a partially completed mosaic, named the Knights of Columbus Incarnation Dome.

The dome has been transformed from plain gray to a jigsaw puzzle of glass, composed of every imaginable hues of colors.

The mosaic was shipped via FedEx from Italy to the United States. The 346 boxes arrived on May 29, and the next day mosaic installers from Ruga Stone began the process of installing the mosaic.

Once completed, the mosaic will show images of the Nativity, the Wedding Feast at Cana, the Transfiguration and the Annunciation.

The mosaic installation represents another step in completing the vision of the original founders and architects of the shrine, said its rector, Msgr. Walter R. Rossi.

The Knights of Columbus donated \$1 million to the Incarnation mosaic creation and installation process. The total cost of the project will be approximately \$3 million, Msgr. Rossi said.

In November, Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl of Washington will preside at a Mass to dedicate the dome. Msgr. Rossi hopes, tentatively, that the third dome will be completed in 2009.