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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.

Newsletter of The Knights of Columbus ~ Council 971

February 2008

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

February Events

- 2..... Presentation of the Lord.
- 3..... World Day of Prayer for consecrated Life.
- 6..... **ASH WEDNESDAY.**
- 10..... Mass for deceased members, Holy Cross, 11 a.m.
- 11..... Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.
- 12..... Abe Lincoln's birthday.
- 13..... **BUSINESS MEETING,** Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall, 7:30 p.m. First degree exemplification of new members.
- 14..... St. Valentine's Day.
- 18..... George Washington's birthday observed.
- 22..... Feast of The Chair of St. Peter.
- 27..... **MONTHLY SOCIAL.** See below and inside for details.
- 29-3/2 Knights of Columbus Retreat at the Jesuit Retreat House in Los Altos.

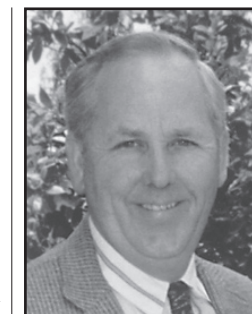
Grand Knight's Message

(We are rerunning last month'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 information 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 Clam Chowder

Weds., February 27
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

Chaplain's Message

Sin and Separation.
Lent is the season in which we recollect ourselves and try to find ourselves after periods of confusion and fragmentation have taken part in our lives during the year . There is always a movement within us to corruption and divisiveness both in mind and body. The imbal-

ance and instability of our thoughts and emotions and our ideals have become confused. We have become misdirected and the fog of passion and pride have detoured us from the peace of soul. Sin again has entered into our lives. Separation has fol-

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Exemplification

At this month's Business Meeting, we have scheduled a First Degree Exemplification for new members. We urge members to attend as we want to demonstrate to these incoming members that we need and welcome them.

Dues

We have only received a little over half of the dues from our members for this year. If you have not yet done so, please send your checks to our Financial Secretary, Bro. Rudy Quijance, 108 McMillan Ct., Santa Cruz, CA. 95060.

Thanks!

To all those who helped in making last month's social a success: THANKS! Andy Lenz Sr. did all the cooking and was assisted by Andrew Lenz Jr. and Jason Nielsen. Attendance was excellent. We added much needed funds to benefit our charitable projects. Thank you to all who brought raffle prizes and appetizers.

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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lowed and meaning titters on the brink of nothingness. Our separation from God leads necessarily to our alienation from each other and we become strangers again to one another. Our emotions are out balance and unconquered. The war in our members intensifies: the spirit against the flesh and the flesh against the spirit. We were someone and now we feel nothing. Everything and everyone is against us. We have become blind to meaning and purpose, fugitives in our own land failing aimlessly.

So we come providently to lent, taking stock of our lives in the presence of Christ through prayer, penance and fasting. We hear again the powerful words of Scripture confronting our nothingness with meaning and value of Christ. Man does not live on bread alone. You shall not tempt the Lord your God. Him alone shall you adore and worship. We, therefore, have these Forty Days to reflect, to ponder, to rediscover ourselves in Christ and His fullness in us. We have sinned and separated ourselves from Him thinking that there be a better way and have instead experienced emptiness and meaninglessness. We have come back home. We have confessed our sins and separation has come to an end. We have heard the invitation of Lent and the balance has been restored. We have found Him and we have found ourselves again. God bless.

Father James Catalano, OSJ
Chaplain

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Illness & Prayers

These knight members have been ill for a long period of time and we will continue to pray for their recovery especially at this lenten season of prayer and sacrifice.

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

This month we regret to include in this list the name of JOAN PHARISS who will be undergoing a series of treatment for a serious illness. We hope and pray for her complete recovery.

Condolences

Our Council wish to extend its deepest sympathy and condolence to Bro. Ben Musich, his family and friends, in the death of his wife, CLARICE.

We also extend our deepest sympathies to Bro. Mark Esposito, his sister Dr. Monica Seffinger and their families, whose mother, DOLORES ESPOSITO, passed away in January. Her funeral was concelebrated by three priests and was attended by a number of knights.

We pray that our Lord, in His infinite goodness and mercy, grant them eternal rest and happiness in the company of the saints and angels in heaven.

Appeal of our Bishop

Excerpts of
"An Appeal From Our Bishop"
published in our Parish Bulletin.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Children who have a parent incarcerated are some of the most forgotten members of our community. Additionally these children live with much insecurity, fear and the stigma of having one or more of their parents in prison. At this time, I am asking you to collectively cherish these children by supporting GET ON THE BUS, a program that reunites them with their incarcerated mother and/or fathers.

This year *GET ON THE BUS* will take more than 800 children on 40 buses to visit their mother or father in prison. Children will visit their mothers on May 9th, the Friday before Mother's Day, and another set of buses will take children to visit their fathers at Salinas Valley State Prison on June 13th and to the California Men's Colony in San Luis Obispo on June 20th, the Friday nearest Father's Day. The program will provide free transportation, meals, activities and goody bags for each child, as well as a family photograph taken during the visit.

Get On The Bus helps families maintain the important bond that research has shown to decrease the negative impacts of parental incarceration on children, as well as decrease the rates of recidivism for offenders once they are released. *Get On The Bus* provides children and their guardians with free transportation and an unforgettable day, but also with personal support and technical assistance in completing the require prison paperwork and preparing for the visit.

Please consider how you can support children who wait all year to see their parents through *Get On The Bus*.

There are many ways to get involved. Could your community financially sponsor a bus or provide funds for a meal served at the prison during the children's visit?

Sincerely,

Bishop Richard J. Garcia
Bishop of Monterey

This program is sponsored by the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Carondelet and coordinated locally by Sister Theresa Harpin, CSJ.

For more information, visit or contact:

www.getonthebus.us

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Social

If after all these years you have not had a taste of Clam Chowder as prepared by our own Chef Tony LeBourveau, do not miss this one on Wednesday, February 27! As usual this will take place at the Parish Hall of the Star of the Sea. He promises to duplicate again his award-winning* recipe for this dish including his home-baked bread with side dishes and dessert.

Bring your family and friends and invite prospective members. Table service will be provided. Bring appetizers and prizes for our raffle which is always a good source of funds for our local charity projects.

*1st Place at the annual Clam Chowder Cook-off held at the Santa Cruz Beach!