

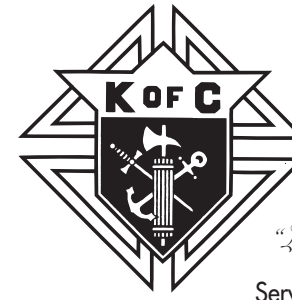


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Newsletter of The Knights of Columbus ~ Council 971 **September 2008**

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

September Events

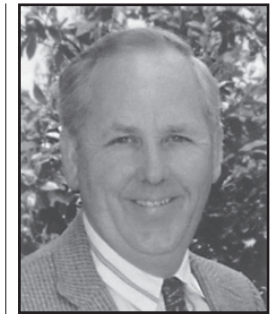
- 1..... Labor Day
- 7..... Grandparents' Day
- 8..... Feast of the birth of the Virgin Mary
- 11..... **BUSINESS MEETING**, Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall, 7:30 p.m. Important issues on agenda. Please attend.
- 11..... World Day of Prayer for Peace.
- 13..... Our Lady of Fatima devotional prayers.
- 14..... Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross.
- 18-20. Diocesan Marian Congress.
- 24..... **MONTHLY SOCIAL**. See below inside for details.
- 28..... Mass for deceased members, 8:00 a.m., Our Lady Star of the Sea Church.

Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights & Families. This September 11th marks the seventh anniversary of the terrorists attacks on the United States. As we recall the tragic events of that day and honor the thousands who lost their lives, we also pray for peace. Please offer your prayers and fly the flag on September 11, 2008 for all those who lost their lives and for world peace.

The social for August was prepared by Tom and Peg Davis. The food was excellent and well prepared. Thank you Tom and Peg for your efforts. Many thanks to those who provided raffle prizes. Special thanks to Brother Jack Kemmerling for his special appetizers each and every month.

The 1st degree was cancelled for



August. The Council will host a 1st degree on September 10, 2008. If you know of any men interested in becoming a Knight please let me know.

Don't forget September 13, 2008 is our Lady of Fatima devotional prayers at the Shrine of St. Joseph after the 11:00 a.m. mass. Mark this date on your calendar. Hope you can attend.

Sincerely,
Larry Rothfuss
Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

The Three Propositions
There are four principal Eucharistic Prayers which are used during the liturgy of the Mass and they all end with this powerful proclamation: "Through Him with Him and in Him in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever." I would like to concentrate, if I may, on the three propositions which help to express our oneness and centrality with Christ in everything which we ought to do with Him. There is nothing which we should do, say or think without Him. Christ is the beginning and

the end of all creation of my life and all life. Christ is all in all. We will take each proposition and give some reflections on them.

The first proposition is Through Him. It is through Christ that creation was created. Through Him all things came into being and are maintained. No one goes to the Father except thru Christ. Furthermore, all that I do and think and hope to be, comes through Christ. Christ reminds us that without Him we can't do anything.

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Monthly Social Tri-Tip BBQ

Wednesday, Sept. 24
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

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Insurance

Knights of Columbus investment portfolio has 'very strong credit quality.'

For the 16th consecutive year, the Knights of Columbus insurance program has earned Standard & Poor's highest rating: AAA (Extremely Strong). With more than 140 years experience, S&P is the financial industry's foremost independent rating bureau, providing investment, credit, and risk analyses of financial institutions around the world.

"K of C is achieving its primary objective of providing members and their families with high-quality, low-cost insurance products," the 2008 S&P rating report said. The Knights of Columbus insurance program has "a stable outlook," and in addition, its "capitalization is expected to remain extremely strong, and liquidity is expected to remain extremely strong also."

The report cited the strengths of the K of C's operational and financial management, calling its financial strategy "very conservative, as demonstrated by its capital structure, investment portfolio, and approach to business growth." It further claimed that "K of C's capital adequacy, as measured by Standard & Poor's capital model, is among the strongest in the industry."

Referring to the K of C's management of its assets, the S&P report stated, "the investment portfolio has very strong credit quality, with the majority of assets being invested in publicly traded investment-grade bonds. Management's strategy is to grow its business conservatively by offering profitable products and adhering to strict underwriting standards. Standard & Poor's expects this level of conservatism to continue."

"The company returned 87% of its earnings to its members in 2007," S&P added. "Its consistently strong profitability is attributable to high persistency rates, favorable mortality experience, and strong investment returns over the past 10 years."

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson welcomed the news from S&P, and noted that "despite the difficulties suffered by so many well-known financial institutions due to the sub-prime mortgage crisis, we have not only remained solvent but improved our financial stability, while continuing to provide top quality products and

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...Chaplain

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The second proposition is With Him. The Father looks on us always with the Son. The Father sees us with the Son and apart from Him He does not see us. The goodness, the pardon we receive and anything else we may accomplish in our lives are always see with Him, since without Him we are nothing. All that is the Father's is the Son's and that the Son has is of the Father. The Son is totally with the Father and the Father with the Son.

The third proposition is In Him. Not only must we do everything through the instrumentality of the Son, Through him, but also in association With Him. Instrumentality and association are not enough. The perfection of these aforesaid is to be achieved In Him. Only in this third aspect, In Him, what I am and what I do and what I think removes the last vestiges of separation, but not distinction. To the proclamation of the priest, the People of God answer with a resounding "Amen" - Yes! May it be soon, Lord.

Father James Catalano, OSJ
Chaplain

service to our members."

The Knights of Columbus recently received an A.M. Best Company rating of A++ (Superior) for the 33rd consecutive year. The K of C is one of only five insurance providers in North America to receive the highest ratings from both Standard & Poor's and A.M. Best, as well as certification from the Insurance Marketplace Standards Association (IMSA) for ethical business practices.

Founded 126 years ago, the Knights of Columbus is a fraternal benefit society and is the world's largest lay Catholic organization with more than 1.75 million members. Last year members of the Knights of Columbus donated more than 68 million hours of volunteer service for charitable causes, and contributed more than \$144 million to charity.

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Illness & Prayers

As we offer our prayers for the those who died in the September 11 massacre of innocent lives, let us likewise remember these sick brother knights, sick members of their families and those who provide for their care:

Thomas Davis, Frank Giamo, Timothy Hanifin, Anthony LeBourveau, Carlos Lopez, Andrew James Mekis, Gary Phariss, Robert Walter, Dr. Paul Weiss and Gerald Zeiber. Also Mary Martin, Arlene D'Sabato and Joan Phariss.

If you know of any changes to the above list, please inform our Bulletin Editor. Thank you.

Social

PGK Ernie McCoy and family and Patrick Eastman are hosting the Labor Day Social which will take place on Wednesday, September 24th at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall. Theme for the month is "Honoring Labor".

Menu: Tri Tip Barbeque, including vegetables, salad, garlic bread and dessert.

Time: 6:00 p.m., hors d'oeuvres with dinner served at 7:00 p.m.

Proceeds to be donated to the Jesus, Mary and Joseph Home.

As always your donation of prizes for our raffle and appetizers are welcome and appreciated. Bring your family and invite prospective members and friends. Please bring your own table service.

Church

MARIAN CONGRESS - Reprinted below is a letter from our Bishop Richard J. Garcia, Bishop of Monterey.

My Dear People of the Diocese of Monterey,

I am most pleased to invite you to attend and participate in a Marian Congress to be celebrated in our Diocese in Salinas. The dates for this celebration are Sept. 19th and 20th, Fri. evening and all day Saturday. The location is Madonna del Sasso Parish at 320 E. Laurel Dr., Salinas. For info call Madonna del Sasso parish: (831) 422-5323, In the sacred Documents of the 2nd Vatican Council we read: "The entire body of the faithful pours forth urgent supplications to the Mother of God - who may now intercede before her Son - until all families may be happily gathered together in Peace and harmony into one People of God."

May our Mother intercede for us that Christ my form and mold us into God's family. Mary brought forth the Word of God, Jesus. Now, when Jesus is more deeply needed in our lives and our society than ever, Mary offers us her Son, her gift, so that we may have life and Hope in Him Please join us Sept. 19th and 20th.

With Christ's love,
Most Rev. Richard J. Garcia
Bishop of Monterey

Fatima

FATIMA DEVOTION is scheduled on Saturday, Sept. 13th. at the Shrine of St. Joseph, Guardian of the Redeemer Church, after the 11:00 mass. Please come and join us in this devotion to our Blessed Mother which our Council originated years ago.

Thanks!

AUGUST SOCIAL - Although not as well attended and financially successful affair as anticipated, we had an enjoyable gathering of members, veterans and friends with their families last Wednesday, August 27th. Our Bro. Tom and his wife, Peg, prepared and served us with a very delicious MINER STEW (beef stew) served in a specially prepared home baked bread bowl. With fresh garden vegetable salad and delicious cake for dessert, everyone had a hearty appetite.

Billed as an evening to honor our veterans we were surprised with a good turnout of veterans from among our own members and the community, one from World War II, and headed by our own retired Lt. Col. Rudy Quijance, PGK. We give them our sincere thanks for the service they gave our country. God bless them!

We likewise thank those who helped in making this affair an evening to remember particularly the members of the clergy. For the first time we had four of them: our own, Chaplain James Catalano, OSJ, Rev. Alberto Cabrera, Pastor of Star of the Sea, Rev. John Warburton, OSJ and our soon-to-be exemplified member, Rev. Roy Margallo. Additionally, we had newly inducted member, seminarian Fredy Calvario. Here is hoping that they attend our socials more often.

Thank you, too, to the volunteers: bartenders Gary Phariss, Rudy Quijance and Karl Coffield; helping Peg serving dinner, Virginia Quijance; selling raffle tickets and conducting raffle; Patrick Eastman and G. K. Larry Rothfuss and those who donated hors d'oeuvres and raffle prizes, and all those who, in one or another contributed to the success of the evening affair.