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"Lady of Victory, Pray for Us."

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Newsletter of The Knights of Columbus ~ Council 971

December 2008

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

December Events

- 8..... Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Holy day of obligation.
- 10..... **K. C. ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER**
- 12..... Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- 21..... Mass for deceased members, 8:00 a.m., Our Lady Star of the Sea Church.
- 25..... **Feast of the NATIVITY OF JESUS, CHRISTMAS DAY!**
- 28..... Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.



Monthly Social Christmas Dinner

Wednesday, Dec. 10
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

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". It also brings to mind a time for reflection for the wonderful blessings God has given to us, through out this past year. So as we close this year and begin a new year, keep in mind God's blessings and the efforts of the Brother Knights, so they can continue the good works of this Council with the help of God's blessings and your prayers.

I would like to offer my special thanks to all those this past year, who have given their time and effort to help



the council obtain it's many goals. Many, many, thanks!

In closing Zizi and I would like to wish each and everyone "Best Wishes for a

Blessed Christmas". We also would like to wish all of you prosperity and good health for the New Year!

Sincerely,
Larry Rothfuss
Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

Christmas and Giving

As we approach Christmas, we would like to speak of the spirit of Christmas which is that of giving. This is the reason when all want to give and to express the spirit of generosity toward all. It is not so much the spirit of receiving, but of giving which is predominant during this festive season of Christmas. Instintively we are imitating the giving spirit of God and of Christ in particular. God always gives even when we don't and even when we refuse the eternal giving of God. He gives to the good and to the bad, to those who appreciate and love Him, as well as those who do not. His sun continues to shine to the good and the bad, his rains come on all as well. St.

John tell us in his First Letter that God is love and is of love. Love always gives even though often it is unrequited and rejected. The being we have, the growth that we timely possess, the qualities and the very air that we breath, inspirations of mind and heart, the multiplicaion of creatures, universes, galaxies, birth and death of stars, angels, human beings, parents, children, grandchildren, plants, animals seen and unseen creation of all abundant forms of life proclaim the giving power of the Creator. After our sinning, God gave us a Redeemer, born among us and giving of Himself down through the Christian centuries continu-

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ally giving of Himself in Word and Sacrament, food and reconciliation, the Hound of Heaven in pursuit of the wayward sinner, the Prodigal Son with an anxious awaiting Father who gives. The psalms reiterate over and over again that His love and mercy are infinite and eternal.
So we come to Christmas and the spirit of giving. We imitate the Great Giver of all good gifts here below. Four weeks we go to stores and shopping malls. The hectic pursuit of gifts for those we love urges us on in maddening rush to buy and to give to those we love. In giving these material gifts we are also giving of ourselves as the Lord does with us. We believe and are convinced of the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi who stated in an astonishing way that when we give we actually receive in some mysterious way and when we surrender finally at the last moment of our lives, we gain eternal life. The hoarder is the loser and divine squanderer is the gainer. The moth and rust cannot destroy and the givers inherit the land.

Let us go to Bethlehem and what do we see? We see the Christ child who gave Himself to Mary and Joseph, to the Shepherds, to the Wise Kings who paid homage and love. We go to Bethlehem as well every year and every day and moment to give ourselves to the One who gives of Himself and His many gifts of body and soul. Let us give of ourselves constantly and not be simply givers. This is not only healthy and good, but godly and Christ-like. The spirit of Christmas reminds us that it is principally a spirit of giving first and foremost. A generous Merry Christmas to all.

Father James Catalano, OSJ
Chaplain

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Insurance

Dear Brother Knights,
My three plus years with the Knights of Columbus professionally has been the most challenging and rewarding period of my career, and I regret having to make a difficult announcement.

With the difficult financial market and future outlook of my local area's financial stability, financially I am no longer able to support my family as a KofC insurance agent. As a Catholic gentleman, I must take steps to protect my family's immediate needs and seek other employment outside the Knights of Columbus.

As a result, I've recently accepted another position and must inform you all that effective on December 15, 2008, I will be resigning from the Knights of Columbus in my capacity as insurance agent. I hope you can understand my decision to leave this role.

As a brother Knight, I will continue to support and promote our excellent insurance program and be an active member of our Catholic fraternal organization.

Sincerely,
Terence D. Crovo
FIC Field Agent, KofC

Thanks!

To all those who "pot luck" our Thanksgiving Dinner, most particularly to our Hosts, Rudy & Virginia Quijance, Tony LeBourveau, who prepared the turkeys, and Ramon and Ruperta Belleza, and all those who helped and assisted in many other ways, GK Larry Rothfuss, Karl Coffield, Patrick Eastman, Gary Phariss and others, our sincere thanks and appreciation.

Illness & Prayers

As we approach the birth of our Saviour, let us entrust to Him the healing of our sick Brother Knights and sick members of our Council families:

Tom Davis, Frank Giaimo, Tony Le Bourveau, Carlos Lopez, Tim Hanifin, Andrew Mekis, Gary Phariss, David Scargill, Robert Walter, Dr. Paul Weiss and Gerald Zieber. Let us include: Mary Martin, Christine La Francesca, Joan Phariss and Arlene D'Sabato.

There may be changes to the above list, so if you are aware of such changes, please call our Bulletin Editor. Thanks.

A Blessed Christmas to All!

Social

CHRISTMAS DINNER—We celebrate this annual festive event this year on the date we hold our business meeting as we do not meet on this day, on Wednesday, December 10.

Our Grand Knight has generously volunteered to host this event. Let us extend to him as much help and assistance that he may need.

Menu for this evening, catered by Five Star Catering:

- Classic Caesar salad
- Sliced Honey Glazed Ham with Dijon
- Potatoes Anna
- Green Beans Almondine
- Dinner rolls
- Coffee and Dessert

Since this is a catered event, we would appreciate that you call reservations to: Larry Rothfuss, 438-7545.

We ask you to bring your family, children in particular, friends, prospective members. Donations of prizes for our raffle and appetizers are always welcome and appreciated.

Newman

Newman Catholic Center for years has been the beneficiary of our charitable donations and labor so we ask you again this time to put your efforts for a successful annual fund raising dinner. The date is Saturday, January 24, 2009 at the Parish Hall of St. Joseph's Church, 435 Monterey Ave., Capitola. Dinner will consist of prime rib with all the trimmings. A benefit raffle of the statue of the Sacred Heart is also included in the fund raising.

Tickets may be obtained from the following: Newman Center, 423-9400; Rudy/Virginian Quijance, 458-9169; Tom/Peg Davis, 336-5703; Gary/Joan Phariss, 475-0254 and Ramon Belleza, 426-0618.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!

We're asking each member to please fill out the survey below and get it to Rudy Quijance soon! Either e-mail him with your figures (raquija@pacbell.net), or mail it to 108 McMillan Court, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, or give it to him personally at one of KofC events. Thanks!

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Individual Member Worksheet

Last year, the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$135 million to charitable and benevolent causes and 60 million hours of volunteer community service to aid the less fortunate. To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information request below. This information will assistus in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members during this past calendar year.

- 1. Number of visits you made during this past year to:**
Sick—caring for the sick/nursing homes/hospitals.....
Bereaved—visits of condolence.....
- 2. Number of time you served as a blood donor during this past year.**
- 3. Estimated hours of community volunteer service during this past year:**
Church Activities—service in all Church related activities
Community Activities—service in all community related activities
Youth Activities—service in all youth related activities
Miscellaneous Activities—service in areas not outlined above
- 4. Number of hours of fraternal service during this past year:**
Sick/disabled members and their families—household chores, transportation, tutoring, counseling, etc.