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Newsletter of The Knights of Columbus ~ Council 971

February 2009

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...... Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.
- 8...... Mass for deceased members, Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, 8:00 a.m.

11..... BUSINESS MEETING,

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall, 7:15 pm. First degree exemplification is scheduled at this meeting. Please attend this meeting and note the early start of the meeting.

14..... Junipero Chapter Meet-

18..... MONTHLY SOCIAL, IMPORTANT- You MUST

RSVP for this event! Tickets are being sold and remaining seats will be sold on a first come, first! Don't lose out!

See below and inside for details. **25..... Ash Wednesday.** first day of lent. Fast and abstinence day.

Monthly Social Clam Chowder

Wednesday, Feb. 18 Star of the Sea Parish Hall

Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and Families: The following months proves to be very busy for the Knights.

The upcoming events are listed below for your review:

- 1 Junipero Serra Chapter meeting, Feb. 14, at 10:00 .m.
- 2 Bishop's Burse for Seminarian Fund Raiser at Seascape Gold Club, Aptos, no host bar at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m. \$40.00 per person.
- 3 Silent Retreat at Los Altos Jesuit Retreat Center, March 6 - 8, 2009.
- 4 State Convention in San Diego, May 14 - 17, 2009.
- 5 15th Annual Bishop's Gold Tournament, May 8, 2009. This fund rasier is to benefit needy families.



If any Brother Knight or family member would likfe further informtion concerning these eventss, please give me a call, (831-438-7545).

The Council will host a 1st degree on February 11 (at our regular Business Meeting). To all my Brother Knights, please show the incoming new members our gratitude by attending this 1st degree and business meeting. I would like to start the meeting at 7:15 p.m. So (Continued on page 3)

Chaplain's Message

February is the shortest month of the year. Once every four years, leap year, one day is added to the 28 days, to 29 days, yet it still remains the shortest month of the year. It is a quick month, the rush month, the hurry month, because emotionally and psychologically, it ends even before we can begin to taste it and enjoy it. It only has four weekends and they hurl through before we know it. It expresses more than any other month the shortness of life, the quickened pace required, it comes crashingly to end with the beginning of the month of March. It expresses the frantic acceleration of time and of life inexorably moving and not stopping for

no man. We all know that life is short and we try to get as much as possible into the life given us until the grim reaper cuts us down. We must make hay while the sun is shinning. "Don't put until tomrorow which you can do today."

"Grab opportunities while they are here, because tomorrow might be too late."

"Time waits for no man". We can go on and on .. but the point has been made.

Life is short and we must grasp the silver ring while we can. This helps us to explain the quickening

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...Chaplain

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pace and the concentration of events in a shorter period of time. It does explain the divided television screen where we can at the same time view different pictures for we "only live once."

The month of February is also the month when we celebrate and are admonished that this life is short and we must susbtantially and quickly review the direction of our lives. We celebrate during this month liturgically Ash Wednesday "Remember man that you are dust and to dust you shall return." The short month is the month of Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent which is an anglo-saxon word which means "a quickening." The Church reminds us of the shortness of life and urgency of repentance today and not tomorrow. Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand. The Cry of John the Baptist and of Christ Himself. Now is the time for repentance, now is the favorable and aceptable time. We are reminded that there will be a time for all of us when time will be no more. This time will end for us, but we will not. We will enter once and for all in the timeless life of God Himself.

Time will be no more, but we will go on in the everlasting love of God the Father, the redeemed love of Christ in the eternal gift of love and love. So let us reflect and not waste the time and life that God has given us here. Let us now turn to the Lord and "do penance for the Kingdom of God is at hand." Let us love and forgive one another now so that we can later enjoy our fullness later. God bless.

Fr. James Catalano, OSJ, Chaplain

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Social

Our social this month feaures awarding-winning Clam Chowder (or Chicken) and is on February 18th, the 3rd Wednesday, not the 4th.

Because this dinner will be a benefit for Holy Cross School and will be heavily publicized and advance tickets are being sold, if you wish to attend, you must RSVP!

Hors d'ouvre

Main Course - served with homemade bread and butter

- Shrimp Louie Salad.
- Tony's Award-winning* Clam Chowder.

*Santa Cruz Clam Chowder Cook Off Winner!

Dessert

Alternatively, a chicken breast dinner is also available for those who do not prefer the Clam Chowder.

While we may not sell out, there is a possibility that we may not have enough seats and will have to turn people away, so RSVP with your reservations to Andrew Lenz Jr., 469-9989 or by e-mail to alenz@alumni.cse.ucsc. edu.

Donations of raffle prizes are always welcome and appreciated. Table service will be provided.

No host bar will open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., not 7:00 p.m. when it is typically served.

Degrees

Please contact our Financial Secretary, Rudy Quijance, 458-9169, if you are a candidate and wish to be exemplified to the 2nd and/or 3rd Degree. These degrees are scheduled for March 28, 2009 at Fort Ord.

Illness & Prayers

The season of Lent which starts on Ash Wednesday, February 25, is a period of prayers, repentance and sacrifices. Let us remember our deceased members during this period and let us include those sick Council members and their families who are living in these prayers and intentions.

Thomas Davis, Frank Giaimo, Anthony LeBourveau, Carlos Lopez, Timothy Hanifin, Andrew James Mekis, Gary Phariss, David Scargill, Robert Walter, Dr. Paul Weiss, Gerald Zeiber, Mary Martin, Christsine La Francesca, Joan Phariss, and Arlene D'Sabato.

You may be aware of any changes to the above list. If so, please give our Bulletin Editor, 426-0618. Thanks.

Dues!

OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

apologizes for the delay in getting membership cards out. Due to a computer problem, these have been temporarily held-up. Rudy promises they will be sent out shortly.

If you still have not paid your dues, please mail them in immediately (Rudy Quijance, 108 McMillan Court, Santa Cruz, CA 95060) Or contact Rudy with an questions by phone (458-6169) or e-mail (raquija@pacbell.net). Thank you!

... **BK**

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mark your calendars and come early. I would like to offer my special thanks to the members attending the last meeting. It was the best turnout in several months. Also special thanks to Ramon & Ruperta for hosting the January social. The dinner was excellent and the table decorations were very nice.

The February social will be hosted by our famous chef, Tony LeBourveau and Brother Knight. The social will be held on February 18th (due to Lent on the 25th). Please see Bulletin for additional information.

Sincerely, Larry Rothfuss Grand Knight

Pape Pray

HOLY FATHER'S Prayer Intentions - As indicated at last month's issue, we will publish the Monthly Intentions of the Holy Father so we could them in our prayers.

General - That the Pastor of the Church may always be docile to the Holy Spirit in their teaching and in their service to God's people.

Mission - That the Church in Africa may find adequate ways and means to promote reconciliation, justice and peace efficaciously, according to the indications of the Synod of Bishops' Special Assembly for Africa.

Thanks!

Again our gratitude and thanks to all those who were instrumental in making our January social a success - volunteers helping serve, tend bar and door, sell raffle tickets, donate raffle prizes—thank you!

On-line

The Knights of Columbus has launched a brand-new Internet-based news and information service for Catholics everywhere – Headline Bistro. The new Web site provides a quick digest of daily news of interest to Catholics. Whether it relates to world affairs, politics or news specifically about the Catholic Church, you'll find links to the original sources here. You'll also find video clips, detailed state-by-state information about voting and public policy, and recommended books. The Web address is headlinebistro.com.

In keeping with a longstanding commitment to build stronger marriages and families, the KofC launched a new initiative called Fathers for Good. The centerpiece of the initiative is an interactive Web site, www.fathersforgood. org. The theme for the launch of the Web site is "A Father's Identity," which offers men resources on how to build a strong, loving and confident identity in a culture that often does not value fatherhood or masculine virtues. The Web site also offers sections on male spirituality and building a better relationship with God, topics that are often overlooked on other male-oriented sites.

The Catholic Information Service of the KofC has produced a podcast version of the popular Luke E. Hart catechism course. The Luke E. Hart series, written by Professor Peter Kreeft, gives an introduction to the Catechism of the Catholic Church in 30 easy-to-read booklets. Now you can listen to them on your computer! Or you can download each program to your iPod or other mp3 player, so that you can listen while driving or jogging. You can subscribe to these podcasts on iTunes. To listen to these programs, go to www.kofc.org/cispodcasts. Now there are three easy ways of learning about your Catholic faith: order a free copy of a booklet from the CIS Web site, www.kofc.org/cis, read it on the same Web site, or listen to at www.kofc.org/cispodcasts.