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June 2009

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

June Events

- 7..... Most Holy Trinity Sunday
- 10..... **BUSINESS MEETING.**
7:30 p.m. Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall. Nomination and election of Officers for 2009-2010. Your presence is urgently needed so please attend this meeting.
- 13..... Our Lady of Fatima rosary and devotional prayers after the 11:00 a.m. mass at the Shrine of St. Joseph 544 W. Cliff Dr., Santa Cruz.
- 14..... Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Sunday.
- Flag Day - Fly the flag.
- 19..... Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.
- 20..... Immaculate Heart of Mary.
- 21..... Fathers' Day.
- 24 **MONTHLY SOCIAL**
(See below.)
- 29..... Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul.

Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and Families, This month our Council will be electing new officers for the 2009-2010 Columbian Year. Please try to attend the next Business Meeting to show them your support. On behalf of the Council and myself I would like to take this opportunity to offer a warm welcome to the incoming Grand Knight, Jason Nielsen (who appears to be running unopposed), and his team of officers. I offer my support to the new officers and I'm confident the members will do the same. With this support the Council can accomplish its goals for the next Columbian Year. Please keep in your prayers these men who will faithfully lead the Council.

As I step down as your Grand Knight for the past two years, I would like to extend my appreciation to the current officers and members of our



Council. I offer special thanks to all the faithful officers who, year after year, provide their continued support to our Council. It's men like this,

who keep our Council alive and provide a continuous helping hand, so as to continue its charitable works.

I would also like to thank all the members and their wives who have hosted our socials. Also to the members who have provided us with the delicious appetizers and the continued support of the bartenders during the socials.

Thank you to the members, families
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Chaplain's Message

Divine Possibilities

Often times in life we find ourselves in situations where there seems no way out. Our intelligence, our physical weakness and the overpowering circumstances give us a sense of impotence and paralysis which make us declare that nothing can be done because it is impossible and I cannot do it. Alone we feel we cannot do it, so we ask help from others and many times we can succeed where alone we could

not achieve results. But often it happens that even with help from others, nothing can be done. So instinctually we turn to the Lord and ask for His assistance. We say: "Only God can help me," or "God help me." In dire circumstances we desperately turn to Him because we rightly believe only God can save us. In other words, if we are unable to do it ourselves, He can do with us and He alone often

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Monthly Social Filipino

THURSDAY, June 24
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

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...Chaplain

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times. Human impossibilities are opportunities for "Divine Possibilities."

Divine possibilities are found in Scriptures in the Old and New Testament: God creates out of nothing, God bridges infinity, creation of the soul, the resurrection, the end of death, our resurrected glorified bodies, our future timeless existence, the all knowing, the all maintaining, the all loving God, the all forgiving. Luke reminds us in the first chapters of Mary who is full of grace, a virgin who conceives and gives birth, the ever Virgin. Elizabeth in her old age and infertile conceives John the Baptist and informs Mary that she is now in her sixth month "for nothing is impossible with God." In other words, with God all things are possible. Our Lord reminds St. Paul in his weakness: my graces sufficient for you. God's power becomes manifest in human weakness. With St. Paul we can say: I can do all things in Him who strengthens me. Human impossibilities can become Divine Possibilities. With Peter on the stormy Lake of Galilee we can cry out: "Lord, save me, for I am drowning." The Lord extended His hand and saved him. Oh, you of little faith, why did you doubt?

God bless you all and trust in the Lord at all times.

Fr. James Catalano, OSJ
Chaplain

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Social

Another opportunity to help finance the studies of seminarians in the Diocese of Legazpi, Philippines, where there are 3 minor seminaries with this annual Filipino dinner. As we said last year, that was the 15th year of this annual event and we are really very proud that our council has helped the studies of these seminarians all these years, many have already been ordained and now serving the "vineyard of Christ", some even in this country now.

Menu for the evening:

Appetizers - Lumpia Shanghai, pork chicharon

Fruit salad (fruits in season)

Morcon and/or chicken adobo

Lumpia (egg rolls - always a favorite)

Pancit Canton (Filipino style)

Calabasa with shrimps and cooked in coconut milk.

Steamed white rice

Dessert: Favorite leche flan (egg custard), fried sweet bananas, rice cake and/or puto.

Please bring your families and invite friends and prospective members. Remember the Philippines is still a rich ground of vocations to the priesthood and financial problems are the major obstacle for attaining their goals. So please make this evening another financial success.

We want
YOU
to be an
officer!

Illness & Prayers

We continue to pray for our Brother Knights who have been ill these past months, including ill members of our Council, and all those who provide for their care. As our Chaplain, Fr. James Catalano, OSJ, in his message this month indicates, "trust in the Lord at all times," and so we keep them in our prayers all the time.

Thomas Davis, Barry Earl, Frank Giaimo, Anthony LeBourveau, Carlos Lopez, Timothy Hanifin, Andrew Mekis, Gary Phariss, David Scargill, Robert Walker, Dr. Paul Weiss, Gerald Zieber, Mary Martin, Arlene Tracy and Joan Phariss.

Please notify our Bulletin Editor, 426-0618, if you are aware of any change in the above list. Thank you.

The Order

The results of the Order's annual Survey of Fraternal Activity for the year ending December 31, 2007, show that total contributions to charity at all levels reached \$144,911,781.

Volunteer hours by Knights for charitable causes grew to 68,695,768 hours.

There were 393,030 Knights of Columbus blood donors and Knights made more than 5.5 million visits to the sick and bereaved.

During the past decade, the KofC has donated nearly \$1.28 billion to charity, and provided in excess of 612 million hours of volunteer service.

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and friends for attending the socials which is our primary fund raiser.

In closing I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the members of the Council for allowing me the privilege to serve as your Grand Knight these past years. I would hope and pray our Council can maintain its growth and good works, in the coming years.

Please keep in mind "Our Lady of Fatima" devotional prayers on the 13th of every month (through October) at the Shrine of St. Joseph at 11:00 a.m.

Wishing all the Fathers a very blessed and "Happy Fathers' Day."

My sincere appreciation to all! May God bless and keep everyone in His care!

Sincerely,
Larry Rothfuss
Grand Knight

Election

This coming Business Meeting, June 10, is the annual nomination and election of officers of our Council. It is hoped that our members realize the importance of this meeting.

At last Business Meeting, May 14, our Grand Knight submitted the following candidates as submitted to him by the Nomination Committee:

Grand Knight Jason Neilsen
Deputy GK Herbert Schuchard
Chancellor Jack Kemerling

Warden Doug Gallagher
Recorder Andrew Lenz, Jr.

Treasurer Ramon Belleza

Advocate Thomas Davis

Inside Guard Barry Earl

Outside Guard.... Hugo Zazzara

Nominations are still open.

Thanks!

Despite a turnout that was not as good as we expected, the Mexican Night last month did fairly well, both in terms of attendance and financial. Food was plentiful and the menu was truly Mexican - enchiladas, frijoles, tamales, even drinks and dessert of leche flan. Even the hall had a Mexican atmosphere and decor.

Thanks are in order for this event: Silvia Sanchez, Raul and Fanny Alvarez, Clara Diaz, as usual Gary Phariss at the bar, GK Larry Rothfuss, all over the place, Jason Nielsen, Patrick Eastman, Ramon & Ruperta Belleza.

Fatima

Last month, May 13, we ushered in our annual 6-monthly devotional prayers to Our Lady of Fatima which we have been observing all these years with a procession around the grounds of the Shrine of St. Joseph followed by a mass with Fr. John Warburton, OSJ officiating. An Honor Guard, composed of Sir Knights Rolando Chan, Rudy Quijance and Andrew Lenz, Jr. led the procession. A simple but enjoyable and yummy reception after the mass concluded the celebration.

Thank you to Fr. John Warburton, OSJ, who officiated at the procession and the mass that followed and to those who organized and helped at the reception: Ellen Hanifin, Barry and Maureen Earl, Rudy & Virginia Quijance, Patrick Eastman and Ramon & Ruperta Belleza.

We hope that members attend the following months of devotional prayers to Our Lady of Fatima, on the 13th day of the months of June through October, after the 11 a.m. mass at the Shrine.