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# Today's Knights

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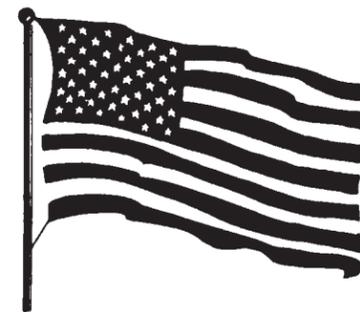
**Newsletter of The Knights of Columbus ~ Council 971**

**October 2009**

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

## October Events

- 12..... Columbus Day
- 14..... **BUSINESS MEETING.**  
7:30 p.m. Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall.
- 13..... Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrimage at the Oblates of St. Joseph. 7 p.m. Details inside.
- 28 ..... **SOCIAL & DINNER** at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall. Social hour starts at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. See inside for details and menu of the dinner.

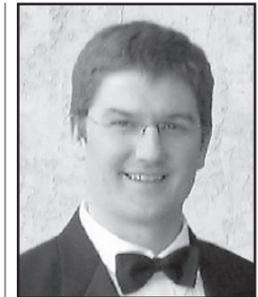


## Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and families,

I noticed a few weeks ago that our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson's book about Our Lady of Guadalupe had risen to the top ten list of best-sellers. Clearly such a volume taps into the desire for insight into Catholic history and our faith itself. Could it be that we are seeing a rising national interest in religion and deeper meaning? A recurring curiosity about symbolism and ritual?

And it reminded me: for a couple of years I have had a copy of "Parish Priest: Father Michael McGivney and the American Catholicism" on my shelf. This book, by Douglas Brinkley and Julie Fenster, traces the early days of Fr. McGivney's founding of the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, Connecticut. I have reread the book many times, and I recommend it as an excellent history and background of our fraternal order. It is at once refreshing and reassuring to see the foundations of the order through the eyes of 19th-cen-



tury America. After reading this book, many answers fell into place in a way they did not when I considered our modern era alone.

We are now fully in the fall season, with its rich liturgical calendar. At the beginning of November we will celebrate All Souls' Day. It is a chance for us all to remember family members and fraternal members who have passed before us and consider their contributions to our families, our nation, and our order.

I would like to acknowledge all of our Brother Knights who have generously donated their time and talents this month for the good of the order.

Fraternally yours,  
Jason Nielsen, GK

## Chaplain's Message

### The God of Surprises

One thing we know about God, is His thoughts and His actions are not really what we expected of Him. We always see things in terms of our plans and actions, often without Him. We come ultimately to see that His thoughts are not our thoughts and His actions are not ways ours. He often does not sim-

ply ratify what we expect or want. He does the unexpected and the unforeseen. He is the God of surprises. In the Psalms we have man complaining of his frustrations, nonfulfillment of his plans, the apparent victory of his enemies, his loneliness in a cold unforgiving universe, the silence of God, the success of others and the

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## Monthly Social Italian

Wednesday, Oct. 28  
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

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equalizing death of all, the just and the unjust. The myopic view of life without God being taken into consideration. The persistent thought and complaint uttered, but not directed to God: Where are you God? Why don't you intervene? Do you really exist? When man turns to God, the light goes on. Faith happens, hope revives, love comes into play. The Surprise happens. God's way are not our ways. We consciously become relational again. Now we see, really see and are astounded at the awesomeness of God in our lives. He is alive and so are we. Without Me you are nothing and can do nothing.

We replicate in our live the thoughts and feelings of the Psalms: anguish, the frustrations, nonfulfillment of our plans, the apparent successes and prosperity of the wicked and the same death seemingly of the just? Then the light goes on. Faith happens, hope revives and love begins to clarify. Now we see through the eyes of God our lives. He was always here for us, but we did not know it. He sustains our creation and chose us because He loves us. His forgiveness is unconditional and His love is unending and infinite. All this is surprising, but what awaits us in Heaven is even more so. How surpassingly great is our God!

Father James Catalano, OSJ.  
Chaplain.

### Council 971 Newsletter

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## Social

Our October social will be an Italian theme and will benefit the St. Francis Soup Kitchen.

The menu will be as follows:

### Appetizers

*Penne pasta with red sauce and meatballs*

*"Bow-Tie" pasta Alfredo*

*Roasted Italian vegetables*

*Caesar salad*

*Garlic bread*

*Dessert*

Social hour with appetizers starts at 6 p.m. with dinner following at 7 p.m. The usual, much fun, raffle will conclude the evening. Donation is \$12.

Bring your family and invite prospective members and friends. Table service will be provided. Donations of raffle prizes and appetizers will be greatly appreciated.

## Degrees

A Second & Third Degree Exemplification will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2009 in San Luis Obispo.

Second Degree Candidate Registration will be 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. and the Second Degree Exemplification will be held at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will follow at about noon.

Third Degree Candidate Registration will be 12:45 to 1:30 p.m. and the Third Degree Exemplification will be at 2:00 p.m. A tri-tip dinner will be held after the Third Degree Exemplification

For more information, contact:

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## Illness & Prayers

Our sick list of brother knights and families has not changed from last month. Let us continue with our prayers for them and their caregivers.

*Barry Earl, Frank Giaimo, Anthony LeBourvelau, Carlos Lopez, Timothy Hanifin, Andrew Mekis, Gary Phariss, David Scargill, Robert Walter, Dr. Paul Weiss, Gerald Zieber, Mary Martin, Arlen D'Sabato, Irene Tracy and Joan Phariss.*

Your call or e-mail to the Bulletin Editor (Andrew) if you know of any changes to the above list will be appreciated.

## Thanks!

Thank you to those who helped make the September social a success. The menu featured chicken with wild rice, broccoli, salad, and carrot cake for dessert.

Our cook for the evening was Jason Nielsen. Servers were Patrick Eastman and Jack Kemerling. The bar was tended by Rudy Quijance and Gary Phariss. Rudy Q. also served as the Master of Ceremonies. Flowers for the table settings was arranged by Rudy's wife Virginia Quijance. Many contributed to raffle—thank you!

## GIVE BLOOD!

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## H.C. BBQ

Holy Cross School Carnival was held last October 4th at the Church playground. Chicken & Hot Dog BBQ led by "Grill Master" Bill Schroeder, and manned mostly by our council members: Jack Kemerling, Hugo Zazzara, Jason Nielsen & Rudy Quijance. Parishioners who assisted in the BBQ and potential council members are: Ken Lazier and Carlos de Lara. Doug Gallagher manned the recruiting booth. Thanks to all who assisted.

## Flood

### Knights Mobilize to Help Philippine Flood Victims

The Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus has sent an emergency donation of \$50,000 to the Philippines to help in efforts to recover from record flooding caused by Tropical Storm Ketsana (known locally as Typhoon Ondoy).

At least 140 people died in flooding in the capital of Manila, where more than 80 percent of the city was under water at the height of the storm, which affected 27 provinces in seven regions of the country. Hundreds of thousands have been displaced, and are without electricity or clean drinking water.

The president of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines, Archbishop Angel Lagdameo, issued a statement Sept. 29 that expressed his "profound gratitude to the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council and the U.S. Bishops' Conference - Catholic Relief Services. They were among the first to respond."

## Fatima

We will have the last of this year's annual six 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.

Co-chairs are: Ellen Hanifin, Ramon & Ruperta Belleza, Rudy & Virginia Quijance  
President: Fr. John Warburton, OSJ  
Place: Oblates of St. Joseph  
Date: October 13, 2009  
7:00 p.m. Rosary  
7:30 p.m. Mass  
Refreshments follow Mass.

We hope that members attend these devotional prayers to Our Lady of Fatima.

## Insurance

### Knights of Columbus insurance: once again, highest ratings, stable outlook

Two top financial research and analysis companies recently reaffirmed their highest ratings for the Knights of Columbus insurance program. Both A.M. Best and Standard & Poor's concluded that the 127-year-old Catholic fraternal order's financial strength and stability remains strong despite a weak economy.

This marks the 34th consecutive year in which the Knights of Columbus has earned A.M. Best's A++ (Superior) rating, and the 17th successive year the Order has earned the AAA (Extremely Strong) rating from S&P.

Over the past decade, the amount of Knights of Columbus insurance in force has more than doubled, to \$72 billion. The Knights of Columbus is also certified by the Insurance Marketplace Standards Association (IMSA) for ethical and honest business practices.