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"Lady of Victory, Pray for Us."

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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.
- 9..... **K. C. ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER**
- 12..... Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- 25..... **Feast of the NATIVITY OF JESUS, CHRISTMAS DAY!**
- 27..... Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

No business meeting this month!



Monthly Social Christmas Dinner

Wednesday, Dec. 25
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

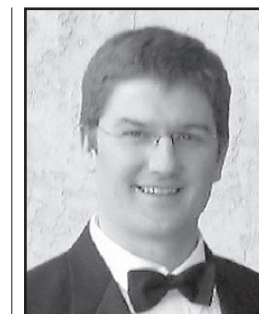
Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and families,

As the calendar year draws to a close, we both reflect on the activities of the past year and look forward quietly to celebrating the birth of Jesus. The Advent season offers a chance for peaceful meditation and prayer, and the Christmas season brings with it a joyful celebration.

Thanks to all of those who participated in the annual Thanksgiving potluck social meeting. We enjoyed seeing familiar faces and some new faces, too. I would like to thank Rudy Quijance and Ramon Belleza for cooking the fine turkeys that night.

I would also like to offer, on behalf of the council, our best wishes to Fr.



Mark Stetz, a brother Knight who is moving away from our council. Fr. Mark has been a strong supporter of the Knight of Columbus during his tenure

at Holy Cross Church, and we pray for him as he begins his new assignment at Santa Rosa Church in Cambria.

May the peace of Christ and the blessings of the Holy Spirit be with you and your family this Christmas season.

Fraternally yours,
Jason Nielsen
Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

No Room In The Inn

One of the facets of Christmas which is worth reflecting on is that expression in the second chapter of St. Luke describing the birth of Jesus Christ: "no room in the inn". John mentions something quite similar when he makes the comment that He (Jesus) came among His own and His own received Him not. The Creator of all is not mentioned, but removed from sight and mind. The Creator has no room in the inn of the world society, schools, political sphere, family, marriage, and home. We try to

save creation and the environment, without the input of the Maker. He is persona non grata in His own world. He need not apply. What happened in Bethlehem with the no vacancy signs was an expression of the times by the people who were there. Herod had his palace, the Pharisees and the Scribes were ensconced in the minutia of the Law with its entanglements, the people were going about their businesses and the Romans were try to keep order and see that the taxes were collected. Each in his own way

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Thank you

Our November Thanksgiving-themed event was a success! Thank you to GK Jason Nielsen who was master of ceremonies and conducted the raffle with the help of Larry Rothfuss.

Also to Ramon & Ruperta Belleza (cooked 2 turkeys) and Rudy & Virginia Quijance (cooked 1 turkey).

Ruperta & Virginia also arranged the table centerpieces.

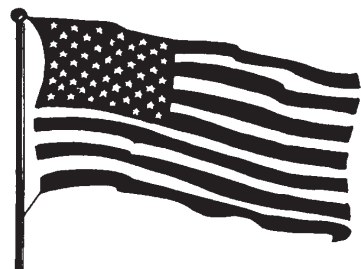
Jack Kemerling prepared mashed potato, stuffing and gravy and hors d'oeuvre... Jack was very helpful!

Patrick Eastman worked in the kitchen and helped carved the turkeys.

Gary Phariss manned the bar.

Thanks to everyone who attended and brought their assigned items for the potluck.

Ramon Belleza arranged for the hall setup and clean-up services by Sylvia P. Sanchez and family.



GIVE BLOOD!

Mention you are a Knight!
The Red Cross Blood Drive is now being held at the Church of the Latter-Day Saints at 220 Elk St., SC. The entrance to the parking lot is off Pacheco between Rooney St. and Prospect Heights. The hours are from noon until 5:00 p.m. Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE for info.

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had the no vacancy signs up. For these there was no Christmas joy and hope, but just another common ordinary day, with yesterdays, todays, and tomorrows with no change, only to survive another day.

As we celebrate Christmas, we must take down from our minds and hearts, "no room in the inn signs" and put up the sign that there is room in the inn, vacancy, welcome and blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. He always makes room for us and we should also for Him. St. John reminds us, that those who receive Him, He gives that power to become the sons of God. Let us really celebrate Christmas this year. Let us welcome Him and love Him with generosity of heart. He comes loaded with gifts of peace and joy. In His inn there is always a welcome sign, day or night and the light is always on. Come Lord Jesus in my mind and heart. Come into my work, my family, my home, my country and world which you made. Bless us with the tremendous Gift of Your Presence. Fill my life and my Christmas for there is always room in the inn for You.

Merry Christmas.
Fr. James Catalano, OSJ

Condolences

Former 971 member Lester J. Cuneo passed away December 4th in Santa Cruz. Les left our council some time ago, but we nonetheless wish to extend condolences to his family and friends. May God rest his soul.

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, Zizi Rothfuss, 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.

A Blessed Christmas to All!

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.

- Number of visits you made during this past year to:**
Sick—caring for the sick/nursing homes/hospitals.....
Bereaved—visits of condolence.....
- Number of time you served as a blood donor during this past year.**
- 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
- Number of hours of fraternal service during this past year:**
Sick/disabled members and their families—household chores, transportation, tutoring, counseling, etc.

Social

CHRISTMAS DINNER. We celebrate this annual festive dinner event this year on the date we would otherwise hold our business meeting, the second Wednesday, December 9.

As we go to press, the editor has not been notified of the menu. It's believed that it will be either identical or similar to last year and be 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 23, 2009 at the Parish Hall of St. Joseph's Church, 435 Monterey Ave., Capitola. Dinner will consist of prime rib with all the trimmings. Special Guest: Most Reverend Bishop Richard Garcia, Bishop of Monterey. No host cocktails begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner served at 7 p.m.

\$35 tickets and more information may be obtained from the following: Newman Center, 423-9400; Rudy/Virginian Quijance, 458-9169.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!