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Newsletter of The Knights of Columbus ~ Council 971

May 2010

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

May Events

9...... Mother's Day

12..... BUSINESS MEETING,

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall, 7:30 pm.

- 13..... Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrimage at Oblates.
- 16..... Ascension Sunday
- 20-22 KofC State Convention in San Jose
- 23..... Pentacost Sunday

26 MONTHLY SOCIAL

(See below and inside for details.)

- 30..... Trinity Sunday
- 31..... Memorial Day



Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and families,

With May, the Columbian year is almost drawing to a close. One of the important events in the yearly calendar is the Knights of Columbus California State Convention. Our Council delegates will make the short trip to San Jose this month and participate in the business of the state organization. Watch this space for the report from the convention.

Our recent membership blitz in April was successful in getting our council some extra visibility in the local parishes. We reconnected with several Brother Knights who were impressed by our active council. I would like to thank our volunteers and Doug Gallagher, in particular, for the tremendous amount of work to put the blitz to gether. Please let us know if you know a Catholic gentleman who is interested in learning more about the order.

Many of you were in attendance at our April social, at which we welcomed Sir Knights from the Padre Palou Assembly. Mass was held beforehand,



with a special chalice presentation on behalf of recently departed members of the fourth degree. Brother Knight Tony Lebourveau outdid himself,

as usual, with a fantastic crab cioppino feast. We had a number of guests and dignitaries who enjoyed the fellowship. Thanks to Tony and all of the volunteers for the evening.

I would like to encourage all active members to attend our business meetings in May and June, when we will be undertaking the important task of electing officers. Please give us your input.

Finally, please join me in praying for fellow Knights and family members who are in poor health.

Fraternally yours, Jason Nielsen, Grand Knight

Monthly Social Mexican

Wednesday, May. 26 Star of the Sea Parish Hall

Chaplain's Message

The Second Letter to Mary

Dear Mom,

It has been a long time since I wrote to you the last time. I did not write to you during the month of May last year, but I did mention you in the Sign which appeared in the sky from the book of Revelation, Chapter 12. You may recall

that I mentioned you as a sign which appeared in the sky, clothed with the sun, with a moon under your feet and a crown of twelve stars over your head. I know that it is not enough for you. I am terribly sorry that I do not write more often to you personally.

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Hatima

Santa Cruz Council 971 sponsors the annual devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. For this year, we begin the Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrimage on Thursday, May 13th, 2010 and every 13th day of each month thereafter until October 13, 2010.

Place: the Oblates of St Joseph Guardian of Our Redeemer in Santa Cruz.

Fr. Jim Catalano, celebrant Time: 7:00 p.m. procession 7:30 p.m. Mass

Refreshments after Mass. We encourage ALL brother Knights and their relatives to please come and

The Knights of Columbus Color Corps from the Padre Palou 4th Degree Assembly will lead the procession.

Memoriam

Member of Council 971, Henry Hyman passed away peacefully last Thursday, April 22, 2010 in his sleep at home, according to his wife Anna. Henry turned 90 in January.

Henry held the position of Inside Guard in our council for several years and is the father of the late John Hyman, Past Grand Knight. Henry made his first degree on June 1, 1946. Henry was always good at very politely getting us to speak up during the meetings! He will be missed. May God rest his soul.

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You probably know that I write very few letters during the whole year to anyone. It is certainly not an excuse, but you understand me better than I do myself. I know that you care for me and love me just the same as you do all my brothers and sisters. Since this month of May is especially dedicated to you, this month of flowers, which you love so much, I decided to put in print how I feel about you. You are always in my mind and heart, even though I may not always express it in writing. Our minds and hearts think together and beat together. I remember you every day as you do of me. We both remember and love your son Jesus and want to serve Him and glorify Him in our lives and words and actions. You were never apart from Him, may you never be apart from me.

As I grow older, and wiser I hope, you seem to me to be more of part of my life. My earthly mom gave me one life and I thank her for it every day of my life, but you gave me much more. You gave me Jesus your son as my brother and yourself as well as my heavenly mother, the inheritance of the Cross: son behold your mother and mother behold your son. Well, I have to end this letter now, but not my feelings for you. Those can never end. Happy Mother's month and day.

Your loving Son, James



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, Carlos Lopez, Timothy Hanifin, Roy & Maryann June, Andrew Mekis, Gary Phariss, Tony Salciccia, Robert Walter, Dr. Paul Weiss, Gerald Zieber, Mary Martin, Arline D'Sabato, 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.

Social

Our cook for the May Mexicanthemed Social will be our very own Carlos De Lara. Carlos and helpers will be serving mouth-watering Chicken and Pork Tamales along with Cheese Enchiladas. Dinner will be rounded out with green salad and rice and beans. Dessert will yummy Tres Leche Cake.

As always, we'll gather at the Star of the Sea Church Parish Hall. Our no host bar and social hour begins at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. Table service will be provided.

We would sincerely appreciate donation of raffle prizes. Please invite your friends!

Please help us keep current with your address and telephone number. This information is vital to allow your council provide you important service that is consistent with K of C.

Membership

The Knights of Columbus passed a significant milestone on April 30, 2010, when its membership exceeded 1.8 million.

At the end of the last day of April, the official tally of Knights of Columbus around the world stood at 1.800.445.

"Achieving this milestone in membership is a testament to the high regard in which the Knights of Columbus is held among Catholic men everywhere," Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said. "We offer a unique opportunity to serve our church and our communities as one of the most active service organizations anywhere in the world.

"We truly offer the 'experience of a lifetime,' to join brother Knights in a common effort to become better fathers, better husbands, better citizen and better Catholics, together with the opportunity to provide financial protection for their families."

Membership in the Knights of Columbus grew from 1.7 million to 1.8 million in less than five years (59 months), and continues a growth trend in which the number of Knights has grown every year since 1973.

Convention

Knights of Columbus 108th Annual California State Convention

May 20 - May 23, 2010 San Jose, California

The Convention Committee, under the leadership of Convention Chairman Vince Perpetuo has worked assiduously to provide you with a weekend of events that will ensure that everyone will have something enjoy.

For more information, point your internet browser to: www.kofc-ca.org

Thank you!

Our social last month was a combined gathering of the Padre Palou (4th Degree) Assembly and our council. Annually, a chalice is engraved with the names of Assembly members who passed away in the last 12 months. The chalice is presented to a new priest and is used in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Thank you to Fr. Jim Catalano, our celebrant for the Chalice Presentation Mass before our social dinner last month and for his regular presence at our meetings and socials.

Thanks to Ramon Belleza for arranging the church availability for our Mass. A HUGE thank you to our incredible chef Tony LeBourveau (and his family) for the amazing seafood menu that was created. Thanks also to Patrick Eastman and Doug Gallagher who helped serve. The door was manned by Larry Rothfuss. And the evening was MC-ed by Jason Nielsen, who also provided the centerpieces. Hors d'oeurves were provided by Jack Kemerling. Tickets were sold by Jason, Carlos De Lara and Charlotte Lenz (11-years-old). Ken Lazier's granddaughter Sasha helped Jason pull raffle winners. The bar was tended by Gary Phariss and Rudy Quijance. Also thank you to the host of folks who brought raffle prizes and enjoyed the exceptional meal.

Insurance

By now, you should have received a letter from our new Insurance Field Agent Dan Ellis. Dan is hoping to meet all of our members and explain the free benefits which come with membership in our Order.

His contact information will be available every month in the "Council 971 Officers" column at the left. It's also available on the Officers page on our council website kofc971.org.