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Today's Knights

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Newsletter of The Knights of Columbus ~ Council 971

December 2010

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

No business meeting this month!



Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and families,

We are all involved with Advent preparations, awaiting the coming of Christ at Christmas. Nowhere is this more evident than in the readings at Mass, which lead us through the events leading up to the birth of Christ. You may also note the anticipation and excitement of children and grandchildren as they open each door in their Advent calendars. I would like to take this chance to encourage all of us to "keep Christ in Christmas." I hope that you have a chance during this season to take time off and reflect upon the miracle of His birth. This month we have planned a social meeting on Wednesday, December 15. The unusual date (third Wednesday) allows



us to avoid any conflict with the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. It is a chance for us to honor the true meaning of Christmas with our "Council

family" of 971.

Please continue to keep in your prayers our fellow Knights and family members who are in poor health. You will find the complete list inside these pages.

Fraternally yours,
Jason Nielsen
Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

CHRISTMAS – THE WHOLE POINT

This month we are again celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. Gradually during each year we seem to see slip-page as to what we are really celebrating when Jesus Christ was born among us after being conceived in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We now call it winter break or Happy Holidays or winter solstice. Very diplomatically we have diluted or adulterated the meaning of this great event in human history. AD has become the Common Era. The inclusive attitude has led to the fading away of Jesus and the substitution of lesser meanings in the name

of making it meaningful to millions who do not believe as we do. Now Santa Claus has become center stage. Every Christmas we fight the war of the crib of Christmas, where to put it or not put it in the name of separation of church and state.

Gradually the attitude is developing that any religious manifestation should be kept hidden, private in the church building, in the home or in the privacy of the mind and heart. Christmas has become an anachronism, out of date, something which probably had a purpose and

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Monthly Social Christmas Dinner

Wednesday, Dec. 15
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

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Social

CHRISTMAS DINNER. We celebrate this annual festive dinner event typically on the date we would otherwise hold our business meeting, but this year, due to the conflict with the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on the second Wednesday, we are holding our diner social on the third Wednesday, December 15.

Our menu will be as follows and will be catered:

- Spinach salad with raspberry vinaigrette and goat cheese
- Chicken with artichokes and olives
- Medley of roasted sweet, red, and Yukon potatoes
- Sauteed Vegetables
- Coffee and Dessert

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.

UP TO DATE?

The Financial Secretary is responsible for, among other things, maintaining members record as accurate as is possible. Any change regarding your; home address; home/cell phone number(s) and email address, as well as name and address of your next of kin should be reported to FS when possible.

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Thank you!

Thank you to all of you who made our November social a success.

Our hosts were Ramon & Rupert Belleza and Rudy & Virginia Quijance.

Our master of ceremonies was our Grand Knight, Jason Nielsen.

Turkeys were provided by the Council and cooked by Ted & Marcia Belleza (Ramon's son & daughter-in-law) and Virginia Quijance. Jack Kemerling brought the gravy, stuffings, mashed potatoes and much more!

Members and predominantly guests brought desserts and their other favorite foods.

Kitchen helpers included Carlos de Lara, Hugo Van Zazzara, Edwin Tonkin and Arnold Reyna.

The bar was manned by Larry Rothfuss and Ken Lazier.

The raffle tickets were sold by Ken Lazier and Carlos de Lara, with Sasha (Ken's granddaughter) calling the winning numbers.

Table centerpieces were arranged by Virginia Quijance.

Comments by most of our guests: "Good food!"

We definitely miss our council members who don't attend our meetings and our socials. We encourage everyone to come and join us once again. Bob Walter, as always, attends our functions. It's always a good feeling for all to see him there. Keep coming, Walter!

KEEP
CHRIST IN
CHRISTMAS!

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, Timothy Hanifin, Roy & Maryann June, Andrew Mekis, Gary Phariss, Robert Walter, Dr. Paul Weiss, Gerald Zieber, 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.

*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 assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members during this past calendar year.

1. Number of visits you made during this past year to:

Sick—caring for the sick/nursing homes/hospitals
Bereaved—visits of condolence.....

2. Number of time you served as a blood donor during this past year.

3. 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

4. Number of hours of fraternal service during this past year:

Sick/disabled members and their families—household chores, transportation, tutoring, counseling, etc.

...Chaplain

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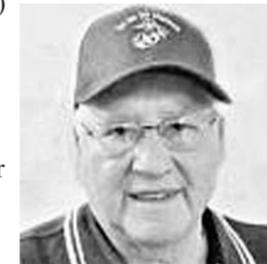
meaning in the past, but we have gone beyond that now. Like all other historical events, we can read about it in our history books, but now we have overcome. We are in the new age and time: let us all get along and get rid of everyone and everything that may be controversial and embarrassing to some. Parties, vacations, commercialism, and winter break are the new "ins". The whole point of the season has become the no point of the season.

As Catholic Christians we must revitalize and reconfirm the whole point of the season and the event, lest the season become meaningless and vapid, insipid and bland. Let us again put the spirit of Christmas into Christmas by putting Christ back into the season. He is the reason for the season and joy of yuletide, source of our joy and hope fulfilled. Jesus Christ is born. Joy to the world. Have a Merry Christmas.

Father James Catalano, OSJ.
Chaplain

Condolences

One of our brother knights, Anthony Francis (Tony) Salciccia, passed away on November 16th. Tony was a member since February 8, 1995.



and he made his 3rd Degree on March 23, 2002. Passed away peacefully in his home in San Jose after a year long battle with lung cancer, with his wife of 52 years Rosalba at his side.

Members may remember Tony (and wife Alba) as the owner/founder of Tony & Alba's Pizza here in Santa Cruz. Both Tony & Alba were active with our Council, hosting several "Italian Night Dinners" during our monthly socials until they sold their business and moved to San Jose. Tony had served in the Marines and was a Purple Heart recipient.

We missed him.
May he rest in peace.