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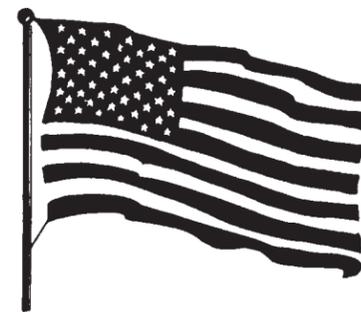
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February 2011

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

February Events

- 2..... Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.
9..... **BUSINESS MEETING**,
Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall, 7:15 pm.
21..... President's Day
23 **MONTHLY SOCIAL**
See below and inside for details.
26..... 3rd Degree Exemplification at Ford Ord.



Monthly Social Clam Chowder

Wednesday, Feb. 23
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

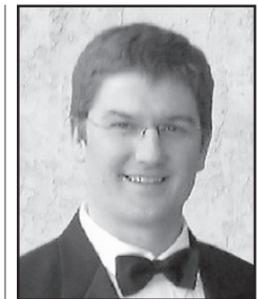
Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and families,

Recently, we heard the lessons of the Beautitudes at Mass—very simple teachings that have a profound impact on the way we live our lives. Our commitment to the faith is the foundation of our fraternal order and the strongest common tie of our membership.

I am happy to congratulate our Brother Knights Christopher Bordner and Jade Steck, who were recently exemplified in the 1st degree, and extend a warm welcome to them as they begin to contribute to the work of our council. They have already attended our business meeting and social in the past two months.

I would also like to thank here Fr. James Catalano, who continues to challenge, inspire, and support us as fellow Knights through his words and deeds. Even if I thanked him every month in



this space, it would not be enough.

We are looking forward to seeing you (yes, you, reading this bulletin!) at the monthly meetings. Come by

and see what has been happening and get to know our new council members. There is a lot of energy there!

As always, I am sure that your prayers for our fellow Brother Knights and family members in poor health continue to be appreciated. May God bless you all.

Fraternally yours,
Jason Nielsen
Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY AND THE SACRED HEART

The month of February is dedicated in secular society to the heart, Valentine's heart. It is the custom to send and receive heart-shaped cards and boxes of chocolate candies on this day. Though there does not seem to be any connection between this festival and St. Valentine of the Third Century, the connection has been made. St. Valentine was a priest who was martyred in

Rome during the persecution of the Roman Emperor Claudius II in the year 269 on February 14th. Chaucer mentions the custom of joining St. Valentine with this pagan custom when he expressed and connected the two: when birds begin to pair on St. Valentine's Day, and that in pagan Rome love missives were sent and matches were made, both during the month of February. Thus the love

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Social

Our social this month features awarding-winning Clam Chowder (or Chicken) and is on February 23rd.

The menu will consist of:

Hors d'ouvre Main Course - served with home-made bread and butter

• *Shrimp Louie Salad.*

• *Tony's Award-winning* Clam Chowder.*

**Santa Cruz Clam Chowder Cook Off Winner!*

Dessert

Alternatively, a chicken breast dinner is also available for those who do not prefer the Clam Chowder.

Donations of raffle prizes are always welcome and appreciated. Table service will be provided.

No host bar will open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.

Masses

The following Sunday 11:00 a.m. masses, held at the Holy Cross Church, will be offered for the deceased members of Council 971: March 6, May 1st, and July 17.

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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of St. Valentine and the love of young men and maidens were forever joined. We have seen the heart inscribed on trees and walls of couples that publicly wished to declare to the whole world their love for each other.

Near the end of the 17th Century Jesus Christ appeared to St. Mary Margaret Alacoque in France complaining of the ingratitude that His heart was receiving from sinners. On His breast appeared a heart crowned with thorns and aflame with fire. With the promise of conversion of sinners and His eternal love for those who turn to Him, He declares His Eternal Love for us. This picture and statute are visibly seen in most Catholic churches today in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. He pleads with us with heart and message: I love you and become one with me as I wish to become one with you. Let us imprint on the heart of Christ our love for Him. Let this month of February be not only the time of human heart love, but also of Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ for us as well. Lord, be my Valentine.

Father James Catalano, OSJ



Illness & Prayers

Let us continue with our prayers for our sick list of brother knights and families and their caregivers.

Barry Earl, Frank Giaimo, Timothy Hanifin, Roy & Maryann June, Andrew Mekis, Roy June, Nadine Scargill, Gary Phariss, Robert Walter, Dr. Paul Weiss, Gerald Zieber, Nadine Scargill, 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.

Thank you!

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

Opening and closing prayer: Fr. Jim Catalano, OSJ

Host & MC: Andrew Lenz, Jr.

Hors d'oeuvres: Jack Kemerling and others.

Kitchen Help & Servers: Carlos deLara and Ken Lazier.

Door: Jason Nielsen

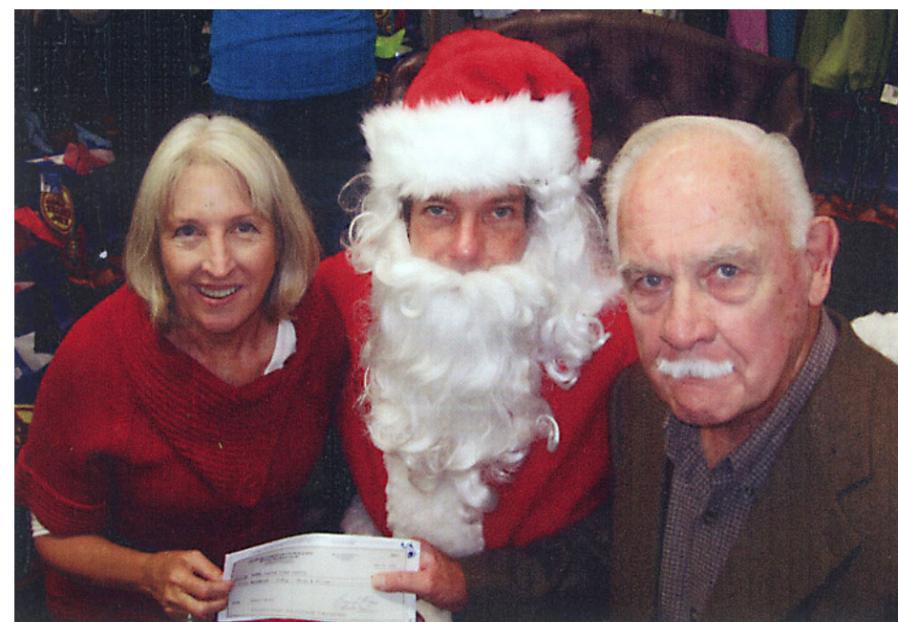
Raffle Ticket Sales: Ken Lazier, Carlos deLara, and Andrew Lenz

Raffle ticket puller: Larry Young, DD.

Bar: Hugo Zazzara & Ken Lazier

Set up & Clean up coordinator: Ramon Belleza

We encourage members to come our meetings and to our socials and be accounted for. You'll notice that the same often names appear month after month. Please consider pitching in and giving a helping hand.



Chairman of Columbian Foundation project (Tootsie Roll Drive), Doug Gallagher, presents a check on behalf of Council 971 to Carol Williamson of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Santa Cruz County on December 18. No Santa Clauses were injured in the taking of this photo.

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An ice road trucker brings his faith over frozen lakes and across borders.

A decal on the side of Alex Debohorski's big rig reads, "Trucking for Jesus." It doesn't hurt to be prayerful when you're hauling loads over frozen lakes and rivers to remote communities, mines and offshore drilling rigs. Debohorski has trucked for Jesus for more than 25 years, about the same amount of time that he has been a Knight of Columbus. In the past four years, his job, his faith and his wild, wooly character have made him famous. That's because Debohorski is not just any old trucker — he drives the ice roads of the north and is one of the main characters on the History Channel's hit reality series Ice Road Truckers.

"I've always been famous; it's just taken until now for everyone else to realize," said Debohorski, punctuating the joke with his signature hearty laugh. He added that his celebrity has given him the chance to share his faith and convictions with a huge audience.

Debohorski, 57, joined the Knights of Columbus at St. Patrick's Church in his hometown of Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada, in 1984 and has been an active member ever since. Surprisingly, his service as a member of Father Gathy Council 7725 (named after a priest who came north in the 1940s) is probably just as dangerous as his job hauling heavy loads over icy waterways. He does what is called "lock-up ministry."

"Alex goes into segregated areas of the prison and sits down with high-risk inmates," explained his council's financial secretary, Deacon Brian Carter. Carter added that Debohorski is good at reaching out to inmates because "with Alex, what you see is what you get. He lives his faith, and that's what we're all called to do."

Read more:

http://www.kofc.org/un/en/columbian/detail/2011_02_trucker.html