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Newsletter of The Knights of Columbus ~ Council 971

December 2013

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

December Events

- 1..... Advent Begins
- 9..... Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. (Holy day of obligation.)
- 12..... Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- 11..... **K. C. ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER**
- 25..... **Feast of the NATIVITY OF JESUS, CHRISTMAS DAY!**
- 29..... Feast of the Holy Family
No business meeting this month!

January Events

- 8..... Business Meeting
- 22..... Monthly Social



Monthly Social Roast Beef

Wednesday, Dec. 11
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights and Families,

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving holiday filled with family and friends. There is no Council meeting this month, however we did have an officer's meeting on December 4, and we are having our December social on December 11.

This season is a time to reflect on the less fortunate that we, as knights, are helping throughout the year. A few council members delivered food to the homeless dinner on Thanksgiving and will be scheduled soon to host a dinner for the homeless in January or early-February.



Please take the time to help those less fortunate, and try to attend our December social at Star of the Sea Hall. I look forward to seeing you

at the social or in the near future, and, if not, have a great and spiritual Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Kenneth Lazier, Jr.
Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas is the most interesting period of my life. It was for me as a child and it is more so now. It is a period in which reality and fantasy come together in a special mix. There is, of course, a wrong way of preparing for this great event and a right way. The wrong way is the following: It is a period of winter break alone, a time to celebrate with interminable parties, to put on a few pounds and then feel guilty in the new year, a time to see friends and participate in family gatherings, to spend long hours at airports, to madly shop, to wish everyone we meet "Happy Holidays" or to greet everyone with "Seasons Greetings"

in private or public encounters and, by the way, to avoid God as much as possible, especially the birth of His Son Jesus. Slowly, but surely, the true meaning of Christmas is disappearing from the landscape and the minds of people.

The true spirit of Christmas has a biblical, liturgical and personal spiritual preparation basis: the expectancy period: the Prophets of the Old Testament, especially Isaiah, Micah. In the New Testament Matthew and Luke, which reference the Virgin birth and Bethlehem. Liturgically, we get into the spirit of preparation by attending Mass during the four weeks of Advent

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which is expressed each week in the lighting of the Advent wreath with the enhancement of light as the joy of



expectation and arrival grows. The most important is the personal spiritual preparation which must follow each one of us as we prepare

for the coming of the Lord: internal spiritual cleansing with confession and the Eucharist with Advent and Christmas readings, prayers and works of charity. Let the external decorations go up, the Christmas tree, holly, special sweets and the crib, but let us remember that we await who is coming to fill the empty crib and the empty hearts: it is the Lord, it is the babe, it is Jesus of whose fullness we have received grace upon grace. Therefore, I dare to say to each one of you: "Merry Christmas" for the child is born to us and a son has been given to us.

God bless,
Fr. James Catalano, OSJ

Note: Unfortunately, Fr. James Catalano has been reassigned by the Oblates of St. Joseph to a parish in Madera and moved last month. Fr. James will be greatly missed. He was honored with only one of three state Father Juan Perez Awards for the 2011-2012 Columbian year for his service to the Knights of Columbus.

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Thanks

A big "Thank You!" to those who helped make our November potluck social a success!

- MC: Ken Lazier Jr
Opening Prayer: Ramon Belleza
Cooks: Rudy Quijance-Ramon Belleza (turkeys), Jack Kemerling (gravy - Dressing)
Bar: Jim Dirck, Ken Lazier Sr, Edwin Tonkin, Ken Lazier Jr.
50/50 Raffle: Jeff Knapp
Prizes Raffle: Ken Lazier Jr., Jeff Knapp, Jim Dirck, Bob.
Flowers: Virginia Quijance
Appetizers: Jack Kemerling
Closing Prayer: Doug Gallagher
Thanks to those others who also donated to our raffle. Thanks to all!

Social

Our dinner social will be on December 11 at Our Lady Star of the Sea parish hall. Yes, this is the night typically reserved for our monthly business meeting. (There will be no business meeting this month.)

The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with a no-host bar and appetizers. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and will include salad, roast beef, potatoes, vegetables, and dinner rolls folled by dessert. We will have a door prize, 50/50 raffle, and our regular raffle as well. The proceeds from the event will help support the many charitable causes of our council. Please consider bringing a "white elephant" item for the raffle.

Dinner will be \$13 per person. Please RSVP to Ken Lazier Jr. at 831-419-3753. Let us all celebrate together!

Ken Lazier, Sr.
Program Director



Illness & Prayers

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

Ramon Belleza, Francisco Garza, Frank Giaimo, Gary Phariss, Robert Walter, Gerald Zieber, and Arline D'Sabato.

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

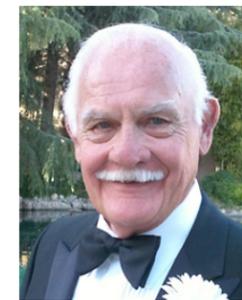
Insurance

If you haven't scheduled an insurance review with our KofC Field Agent, Jim Misa, he will to meet your difficult schedule. Give Jim a call at 384-0764 or email him at james.misa@kofc.org. He can make recommendations regarding your insurance program and see if it truly meets your future needs.

Membership

Thanks to all the Knights who helped during the past year to keep our numbers on target while bringing the new San Augustin council into the chapter. The upcoming calendar year will find us on the offensive to recruit from the local churches. We will be having some events to recruit and supplying each church with materials to post in their vestibules for men to see. With the help of our Color Guard we are a very big presence in our churches. A strong effort in the first quarter should bring some new men on board. Please follow our lead and ask if anyone is interested in becoming a knight.

Doug Gallagher
Membership Director



Disaster

Looking for an opportunity to help our Brothers' their families, friends and neighbors in the Philippines? Please step up and show them that they are loved and that we wish to help rebuild their lives.

Please make your check payable to "California State Council", in the memo write "Disaster Relief" and mail it to the California State Council, 15808 Arrow Blvd., Ste A, Fontana, CA 92335.

The money will be collected then sent to the Supreme Council and added to funds being collected from KofC councils around the world. Material items will be shipped and relief provided to those in desperate need of our assistance.

Bro. Salvatore Di Marco III, PGK
State Second Responders Program Chairman

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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 the KofC events. Thanks!

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Individual Member Worksheet

Annually, the Knights of Columbus donate 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 council's 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 Council 971 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
Habitat for Humanity Activities—service in all related activities
Culture of Life Activities—service in all 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.