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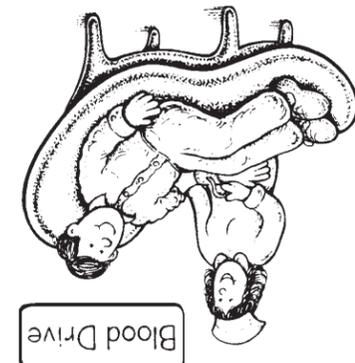
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Happy Birthdays!

- Roy E. June—1st
- Philip A Bogner—3rd
- Joe Barilati—4th
- Andrew Mekis—4th
- Tearlach Sinclair—10th
- Robert Walter—12th
- Celedonio Celebrado—14th
- Gerald Zieber—17th
- Thomas Holdridge—27th
- Mmanuel Gomez—27th
- Rev. Roland Bunda, S.M.—28th
- Dion Dangzalan—31st

**Birthdays**

**WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU GAVE BLOOD TO SOMEONE TO JOIN?**



**GIVE BLOOD!**

*Mention you are a Knight!*

First Presbyterian Church  
 350 Mission St., Santa Cruz  
 12:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
**March 25**

Or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to schedule an appointment.



# Today's Knights

*"Lady of Victory, Pray for Us."*

Serving Star of the Sea, St. Joseph's Parish, Holy Cross, The Shrine of St. Joseph, San Agustin, St. John's, St. Michael's.

**Newsletter of The Knights of Columbus ~ Council 971** **March 2004**

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

## March Events

- 10..... **BUSINESS MEETING, Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall, 7:30 p.m.**
- 13..... 2nd & 3rd Degree Exemplification, Notre Dame High School, St. Patrick's Gym, Watsonville.
- 17..... St. Patrick's Day.
- 19..... Feast of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary.
- 24 .... **MONTHLY SOCIAL, Irish Night. (see below).**
- 28..... Mass for deceased members, 9:00 a.m. St. Joseph's Church, Capitola.



## Monthly Social Irish

Weds., March 24  
 Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall  
*See inside for details.*

## Grand Knight's Message

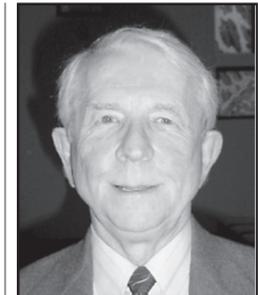
Dear Brother Knights & Families:

I had the opportunity to attend my parish retreat presented by the Dominicans. They presented a beautiful prayer service focused on the Light of Christ. Each of us held a candle and drew the light toward our head, mouth and heart while saying Christ's Light in my thoughts, Christ's Light in my word, Christ's light in my heart. I find myself continuing this prayer throughout my days.

Last month I wrote about Love and this prayer is a practical way to focus our Love or Light on those around us. I also encourage each of you to participate in a prayer service or "Stations of the Cross" during Lent.

### Announcement

We are very fortunate to have a new Chaplin to replace Fr. Russo. It is a



great pleasure to announce that Fr. Brian Crawford of the Oblates of St. Joseph has accepted the Office of Chaplin for our council. If you haven't

met Fr. Crawford, I encourage each of you to attend our business meeting or social next month.

Please attend our St. Patrick Day social and support our Star of the Sea Breakfast on Sunday, February 29th. These are important fund-raisers for our council. The social will be held on Wednesday, March 17th.

May God's blessing be with you and your families!

Karl Coffield, Grand Knight

## Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

Greetings and peace in our Lord Jesus Christ. First, thank you all so much for your condolences and good wishes as regards the death of my confrere, Fr. Tom Russo, OSJ, your Chaplain these past years. His death was sudden but not unexpected, since his health had

been declining these past years. He was very happy and proud to be your Chaplain and I thank you for your kindness and goodness to him over the years. May he rest in peace.

That kindness and goodness continues toward our community because you have now asked me

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## Chaplain

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to be your Chaplain! It is indeed an honor for me. As I shared with some of you, I was Chaplain of my previous council, 4540 in Roseville, for three years and it was a great experience. The dedication and fidelity of the Knights of Columbus are very impressive and very supportive of me in my priesthood and life as an Oblate of St. Joseph. I look forward to working with you and for you.

My first duty as Chaplain, I feel, is to make sure that you are making use of one of the most powerful tools that we have in our faith as Catholic gentlemen: the intercession of St. Joseph, the just man. Yes, Jesus is the Savior and Mary his mother and we are lost without either one of them. That is why Joseph is so important; there is no one closer to these two than him! He also serves as a model for husbands, fathers, workers, and the list goes on. We are in his month, March, and so I encourage you all to say a prayer to him daily and ask for an increase in faith, hope and love. And, feel free to come to his Shrine here on West Cliff Drive to make those prayers! Hope to see you all soon.

God bless.

In Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,

Fr. Brian Crawford, OSJ  
Chaplain

## Welcome to Fr. Brian!

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## Degrees

**EXEMPLIFICATIONS.** At our regular Business Meeting this month, March 10, we will exemplify Rev. Hector Cruz, S.M. to the first degree. Please come and attend this important meeting.

Councils 958 and 11804 of Watsonville are jointly sponsoring the 2nd and 3rd degrees on Saturday, March 13th. at Moreland Notre Dame School, 133 Brennan St. in Watsonville. (Parking entrance is directly across from St. Patrick's Church at the intersection of Main St. and Freedom Boulevard, behind the convent.)

- Registration for those taking the 2nd degree: 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- 2nd degree exemplification: 10:00 a.m. to noon.
- Lunch & 3rd degree registration: Noon to 1:00 p.m.
- 3rd degree exemplification: 1:30 p.m.

There is no charge for candidates taking their 2nd degree, but 3rd degree candidates pay a fee of \$12.00.

Coffee, donuts and juice will await the morning arrivals. A skirt steak lunch is available for an \$8 donation.

We have quite a number of candidates for these degrees and this is an excellent opportunity for these members to move up to these degrees. Do not miss out on this one! Contact our Financial Secretary, Rudy Quijance, 458-9169.

# GOD BLESS AMERICA!

## Illness & Prayers

As we begin the season of Lent, let us include in our prayers and sacrifices the healing of our sick brother knights and sick members of their families. We pray that with the celebration of the resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday, they will be blessed with the gift of good health:

*Matt de Luna, Frank Giaimo, Dr. Vince Quartararo, John Ludd Shea, Isidore De Rego, Bro. Anthony Young, S.M., Mary Martin, Chris Silva and Virginia Walz.*

Please contact our Bulletin Editor for any changes in the above list.

## Prayer

### PRAYER TO OUR MOTHER Mary, Queen of the Knights

by Rev. Robert F. Hopkins

Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our order. Keep us true to the pledge to extend the Kingship of your Divine Son on Earth. Through your intercession, win for us the grace ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues which should characterize those specially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Make us always aware that as your Knights we are constantly observed, our faith judged, and our order appreciated. Accept O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion of your servants, the Knights of Columbus. Amen.

## Breakfast

### FRENCH TOAST BREAKFAST.

Our initial try to serve french toast breakfast instead of the traditional pancake one has obviously met with surprising success, both in terms of acceptance by those who attended and financially as well.

Here are those who made this project possible: Chairman and Chef: Ernie McCoy, Jr, with the help of: Andrew Lenz, Jr., Tearlach "Charlie" Sinclair, Aurora & Carlos Lopez, Vera & Ric Ronzano, Mary & Manuel Lira, Ruperta & Ramon Belleza, Margy Wear, and Ellen Hanifin.

We owe these volunteers our thanks and gratitude especially to PGK Ernie who arrived at 5:30 a.m. and remained to clean up the place long after his helpers had gone home.

## Social

**IRISH NIGHT.** To prepare our traditional Irish Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner this year are Tom Holdridge and John Collins. Donations of the hors d'ouvres and "white elephant" raffle prizes will be appreciated.

The event will be held on Wednesday, March 24 at the Parish Hall of Our Lady Star of the Sea. Please bring your family, invite prospective members and friends. Also bring your own table service.

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.

## Thanks!

**FILIPINO NIGHT.** Our Lady of Salvation Major Seminary in the Diocese of Legaspi in the Philippines will again be happy to learn that our annual fund raising Filipino Dinner held last February 18 will enable our Council to send them a modest donation to help finance the studies of poor but deserving seminarians.

Thanks go primarily to Virginia and Rudy Quijance and Ruperta and Ramon Belleza who have over the years been generously donating the raffle prizes and preparing the menu for the evening. Thanks likewise go to Fr. Bunda for inviting a group of students from U.C.S.C. who performed the "Tinkling" dance for the entertainment of the guests that evening. To these students we owe a debt of gratitude. A special thank you to Margy Wear for the flower arrangements and other items making the tables look so nice. Finally, we also wish to thank Fanny B. Alvarez, who prepared most of the dishes served that night and to Carlos and Aurora Lopez, Gary & Joan Pharriss, George Stagi, Jr., Tim Hanifin and Karl Coffield.

## E-mail?

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