

**Happy Birthdays!**

John Raffetto—4th  
Richard Ronzano—6th  
Edgar Veit—8th  
Thomas J. McNamara—15th  
John Cernac—18th

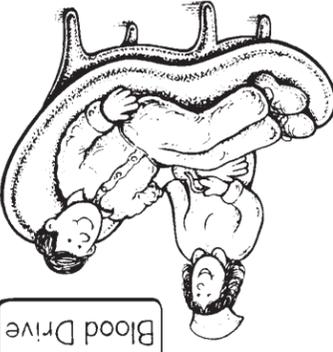
**Thanks!**

To all who supported and attended our Family Christmas Dinner and Party at the Parish Hall of the Star of the Sea last December 21st. We had gifts for the children and band for dancing and singing. and yes, some much-needed funds for our treasury. Special thanks to a member who graciously made a donation that evening, but who wishes to remain anonymous. All these celebration and merry-making service of our Grand Knight Mike and his partner-in-service, Diana Seixas.

**GIVE BLOOD!**

*Mention you are a Knight!*

First Presbyterian Church  
350 Mission St., Santa Cruz  
12:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
(Please call for date.)  
Or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to schedule an appointment.



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# 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**      **January 2006**

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

- ### January Events
- 1..... Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.
  - 8..... Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord.
  - 8-15... National Vocations Awareness Week.
  - 11..... **BUSINESS MEETING**, Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall, 7:30 p.m.
  - 16..... Dr. Martin Luther King Day.
  - 16..... Mass for deceased members, Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel, 436 Effey St., 8:00 a.m.
  - 18-25. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
  - 23..... Annual March of Life, Washington, D.C.
  - 25 ..... **Monthly Social.**
  - 28..... Newman Center annual Fund raising dinner.
  - 29..... Pancake/French Toast breakfast after all morning masses, Star of the Sea Parish Hall.

**Monthly Social**  
**B.B.Q.**

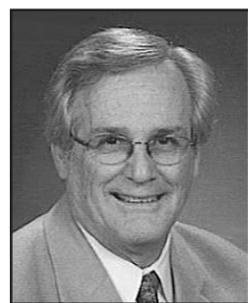
Weds., January 25  
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

## Grand Knight's Message

A BLESSED NEW YEAR 2006

If you take a few moments and read the article from our Chaplain, Fr. Brian Crawford you will join with me in thanking God for the gift of this wonderful Priest; and yes, the vocations of many of our Priests throughout the Diocese of Monterey. Counting our Blessings for the past year and New Year 2006 we must remember never to forget our Priests and those we have committed themselves to the Consecrated Religious Life. We are so fortunate to live in a country that allows us religious freedom and for that we should remain always thankful.

We should also be thankful for the camaraderie of fellow Brother Knights and their families. At our Christmas social, banquet and dance this was ever so prevalent. We had a terrific time with 69 adults and children enjoying the Christmas spirit with Fr. Brian giving a wonderful spiritual message. The



highlight for the children was Santa Claus appearing with a bag full of gifts for each and the band of Velzoe Brown and the Upbeats playing music we all

enjoyed listening to and dancing to. Singing "O Little Town of Bethlehem" made us all aware of the real meaning of this season. Let us pray that the spirit of Christmas will be with our Council throughout the New Year and that we will continue to work together for the good of the Order and for Love and Peace throughout our families, parishes, communities and the world.

Happy New Year!

In His Service,  
Mike Seixas  
Grand Knight

## Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,  
Greetings and peace.

As we begin the new year, let us not forget to look back on the old one to give thanks to God for all his blessings. Also, let us not forget to look back on our faults and failings and seek forgiveness and resolve not to fall back into them. Most likely, you are all in agree-

ment that these are good and, necessary, things to do. However, what about looking back on the past year, seeing all the sufferings and pains we went through...and giving thanks to God for those!? Now, we might say, just hold on there!

We understand, of course, that suffering and pain are part of life and

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# ...Chaplain

we can accept that and even endure it by the grace of God. But, to be thankful? That is just too much and maybe even not a good thing to do. After all, if we are thankful for them does not that mean we enjoyed them? I mean, enjoying pain and suffering, Please!

Perhaps it would help to look a little more closely at what is being said and what is not being said. We all know, as mentioned above, that we are going to encounter suffering and pain. They are part of life. We are, certainly, thankful for our life and, I would hope, our entire life. After all, it is only with a complete life that we can live at all. If not, we run the risk of missing out on some aspect of our life that will bring us closer to God and to each other; that makes us more who we are. So, if we look to eliminate suffering and pain altogether, we are going to miss out on that part of our life which can also bring us closer to God, etc. So, we are thankful that God is coming to us and strengthening us even in this aspect of our life. What a blessing!

One last thing: the Founder of the Oblates of St. Joseph, St. Joseph Marello, was found of telling us Oblates that we did not have to go out and look for sufferings and pains, each day would bring enough to us! Instead, we must concentrate on accepting those which come to us with faith, hope and love and as opportunities to know, love and serve God better each day.

Thanks be to God!

In Jesus, Mary, Joseph and McGiveney,  
Fr. Brian Crawford, OSJ  
Chaplain

## Council 971 Newsletter

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# Condolences

We send our belated condolences and prayers to the families and friends of the following Brother Knights who passed away recently before the holidays,

- Bro. Knight Joe English
- Bro. Knight Harry Frank Ferrari
- Bro. Anthony Young, S.K.

May the Infant Jesus, in his love and infinite mercy grant eternal rest to these fallen comrades of our Council and give them eternal rest and happiness.

# Insurance

Happy New Year to all my Brother Knights. As Catholics our new year begins at Advent. We have our own special start then. As citizens we celebrate the annual festivities of a new calendar year. I want to wish you all the safest of New Years and to remind all my Brothers that the safest way to start the New Year is protect all we own. Our loved ones cling on to our support and love, and when we leave they lose them both. We can show them the responsibility we have by leaving them with Catholic Protection, and I might add the finest of Catholic protection. This will enable them to weather the storms of survival through your love and your intelligent management of your assets.

Our annuities can be obtained in 2006 for tax obligations of 2005, but you must act quickly. This is a time sensitive decision. Our Long Term Care is budget friendly and you can modify the plan to create you own affordable premium. Of course the finest of Life Insurance is available and this is the time to look at the safety of a plan from you Brotherhood. Wishing you and yours a responsible start to the New Year leaves me open to your availability. I am here for you my Brothers and you only. Please call me for a quick review and some tax saving advice for 2006. Drive safely and may the Good Lord be with you this new season.

Your Brother and Agent  
Terry D. Crovo, (831) 662-2244

# Illness & Prayers

May this new year bring back to health these sick brother Knights who have been suffering for these past months, including sick family members of our Council and all those who provide for their care:

- Brothers George Cabral, Tom Davis, Frank Giaimo, Lawrence Perry, Tony Le Bourveau, Carlos Lopez, Gary Phariss, David Scargill, Richard Turner, Robert Walter, Aurora Lopez, Mary Martin, Arlene Disabato and Chris Silva.

Please help keep the above list current by calling our Ramon, Bulletin Editor at 426-0618, if you are aware of any changes. Thank you.



# Happy New Year!

## Social

Have your western outfits and appetites ready for the coming Western B.B.Q. social scheduled for Wednesday, January 25, at the Star of the Sea Parish Hall. In charge of the event is Patrick Eastman and his menu includes:

*Tri - tip bar-b-que, Caesar salad, red potatoes, garlic bread and dessert - carrot cake.*

Bar opens at 6:00 p.m. and dinner served at 7:00 p.m. Bring your families and invite your friends and prospective members. Donations of prizes for our raffle and appetizers will be appreciated. Table service not required.

## Dues!

Annual membership \$40 dues are due! Please save the council a 39¢ stamp and mail your \$40 payment to Andrew Lenz Jr., 127 Westmoor Court, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. Today! Thank you!!

## Newman

NEWMAN BENEFIT DINNER. This annual benefit dinner for funds to operate the Newman Catholic Center in the campuses of Santa Cruz (UCSC), Cabrillo and Monterey Bay is scheduled for Saturday, January 28 at the Parish Hall of St. Joseph's Church in Capitola. As in previous years menu is Prime Rib with all the trimmings. Donation is \$25.00. This will be the last benefit dinner with our own Fr. Roland is hosting—he is due for re-assignment later part or early next year. We hope our Council members will attend the affair—silent auction, raffles, private dinner auction and entertainment numbers are in the schedule of events that evening. Tickets are available from Bro. Knights Rudy Quijance, Tom Davis, Gary Phariss and Ramon Belleza.

*Photos from our December Social are available at: [www.kofc971.org/xmas-social-2005.shtm](http://www.kofc971.org/xmas-social-2005.shtm)*

**We're asking each member to please fill out the survey below and get it to Andrew Lenz Jr. soon! Either e-mail him with your figures (alenz@alumni.cse.ucsc.edu), or mail it to 127 Westmoor Ct., 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 \$100 million to charitable and benevolent causes and 50 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. ....