



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.

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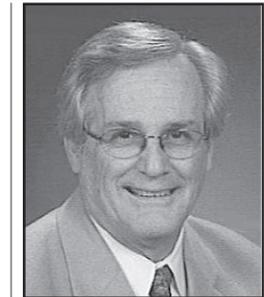
Business Meetings are normally held the second Wednesday and Socials the fourth Wednesday at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall

January Events

- 1..... New Year's Day. Mary, Mother of God.
- 7..... Feast of the Epiphany.
- 7-13... National Vocations Awareness Week.
- 8..... Baptism of Our Lord.
- 10..... BUSINESS MEETING.**
Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall, 7:30 pm.
- 14..... Mass for deceased members, Our Lady Star of the Sea, 8:00 a.m.
- 15..... Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday.
- 18-25. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
- 24 Monthly Social.**
(See below)
- 27..... Newman Catholic Center annual Fund Raising dinner.
- 28..... Catholic Schools week.

Grand Knight's Message

No Grand Knight's Message this month.



Chaplain's Message

New Beginnings

January is the first month of the new year. It is time of opportunity and fresh start. A time to review the past and make the corrections for the future. God has given us this new year to show us that we can change with his grace, with his patience and infinite mercy. We need not remain stuck in the past. It is a time to start anew with the precious gift of time and the love which God extends to us. We can move from sin to grace and despair to hope and from death to life. We are surrounded by the ocean of God's love. There is nothing in our lives which are absent from God and His providence.

We begin anew in the hope that God wishes it and shepherds us thru the dark valleys of life with His crook and staff to guide us. We are known and we are loved. We forget what is behind us and we look ahead to Him who forgave our past and points us to the future.

Repent, the Kingdom of God is nigh. It is within you. I love you, says the Lord. I will never abandon you. I was with you last year. I will be with you this year and all the years of your life, until the end of time. Begin anew in January of the year 2007. The new beginnings are here. Grasp the opportunities for growth, love, enrichment and forgiveness. God is with us.

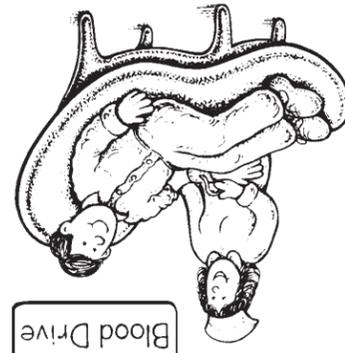
Happy and a Blessed New Year.

Fr. James Catalano, OSJ, Chaplain

Happy New Year!

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU TOOK SOMEONE TO JOIN?

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.

Henry F. Hyman—27th

Rev. Philip V. Massetti, OSJ—22nd

John D. Cernac—16th

Thomas McNamara—15th

Edgar E. Veit—8th

Richard E. Ronzano—6th

John M. Raffetto—4th

Happy Birthday!

Birthdays



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Joy From Children

If you're like me, you derive great joy from your children. It's a great feeling when a teacher, coach or fellow parent compliments you on your child.

We all know that raising children these days is no easy task, especially when the values we're trying to instill in them – concern for others, accepting responsibility for their actions, saving money rather than spending it – seem to run counter to what society is trying to teach them. Yet these are exactly the values that tend to draw compliments from teachers, coaches and fellow parents.

We also know that the best way to teach is by example. If you carry enough life insurance to protect your family - and if you share with those of your children old enough to understand why that's important, you're exhibiting and imparting many of the values you hope your children will absorb.

You'll show them by example that you love them and are concerned about their welfare. You'll show them that you take your responsibility to provide for your family seriously, and that you want to make sure that they're provided for even if you're not around. And you'll show them that investing money in your life insurance protection is more important than the new set of golf clubs you might want, the newest and best home theater system you've had your eye on, or whatever else you might be sacrificing to pay the premiums.

Sure, they'll probably roll their eyes at you as you're explaining this, and they'll certainly moan and groan

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if they can't get the newest CD, video game or piece of clothing. But they learn from what you do – just like they learn from what you don't do. What lessons do you want to teach them?

I want to meet with you to review your existing coverage. Based upon that review, and on the comprehensive needs analysis that I'll perform, free of charge, we'll be able to put a plan in place that will meet your needs, goals and budget. Give me a call.

Terry Crovo
Brother Knight and Insurance Field Agent

Thanks!

A big thank you goes to Mike and Diana Seixas for their organizational work and fundraising for the Christmas Social which was well attended, delicious, and a success!

Social

Our January social on Wednesday evening, January 24th, will be hosted by chef Tony LeBourveau who will be serving his award-winning clam chowder and his sensational bread along with side dishes and dessert to round out the evening's delicious meal. Trust us, Tony is a great cook!

Social hour begins at 6 p.m. at the Star of the Sea Parish Hall with dinner served at 7 p.m.

Please bring friends, family and prospective Knights to our social. Tickets for the raffle will go to your choice of prize. Feel free to bring "white elephants" as donations for the raffle.

Illness & Prayers

We continue to ask the newly born Christ for blessings of good health to these sick brother Knights who have been afflicted with disease of the body these past months, including sick family members of our Council and those who provide for their care:

Brothers Tom Davis, Frank Gaimo, Anthony Lebourveau, Timothy Hanifin, Carlos Lopez, Robert Walter and Dr. Paul Weiss; also Aurora Lopez, Mary Martin and Arlene Disabato.

If you are aware of any changes to the above list, please inform your Bulletin Editor. Thank you.

Dues!

Membership bills for the coming calendar year 2007 have been mailed to those members without email address in our file. But for those members with email addresses that we know of, their bills will be sent electronically on December 5th.

The annual dues, as always are \$40.00 and you can send your payment to our Financial Secretary Rudy Quijance, whose address is: 108 McMillan Court, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. If you have any questions concerning the Knights of Columbus in general, or Council 971 in particular, please give Rudy a call at (831) 458-1051.

Please pay promptly and save the council postage and the time of our overloaded Financial Secretary!

REFLECTIONS FOR VOCATION WEEK

Adults - Inspire by the example of Mary, what action will I take this week to become more aware of God's plan in my life?

Children - How can I listen to God this week?

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. _____

Newman

NEWMAN CATHOLIC CENTER annual fund raising dinner is scheduled for Saturday, January 27th at the Parish Hall of St. Joseph's in Capitola. This is the first year of this annual affair that will be headed by our own Council member, Bro. David Betz, S.M. (Fr. Roland Bunda, S.M. has been reassigned elsewhere). Donation is \$30.00. It is hoped that Council members will head the list of those who will attend - silent auction, raffles, private dinner auction and entertainment numbers are in the schedule of events of the evening. Tickets are available from Bro. Knights Rudy Quijance, Gary Phariss, Tom Davis and Ramon Belleza.