



The Knights of Columbus  
Santa Cruz Council 971  
P.O. Box 971  
Santa Cruz, CA 95061-971

*Over 100 Years of Local Service!*

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

## Birthdays

Rev. Dennis Steik, S.M.—2nd  
John F. Murphy—6th  
Ramon N. Belleza—8th  
Andrew T. Lenz, Jr—14th  
Larry Rothfuss—17th  
Rudolph Escalante, Sr—19th  
John Fernandes—24th  
Steve R. Crovo—26th  
John Martin—28th

Happy  
Birthday!

**EASTMAN ELECTRIC**  
Commercial • Residential  
Remodel  
Patrick Eastman  
Office: 831-469-3866  
Cellular: 831-419-4719

**LARRY ROTHFUSS DESIGN SERVICE**  
(831) 438-7545 - Since 1976  
• Custom Homes  
• Additions/Remodel/2nd Units  
• Red Tag Correction  
• Permit Processing  
• Site Plans

**Lenz arts**  
Artist Materials • Picture Framing  
423-1935 • LenzArts.com • Santa Cruz

**FIRST STEPS DAYCARE**  
OWNERS: DONALD & CELESTE SANTOS  
LIC. # 44406186  
831-477-0348  
FAX: 831-475-8636  
P.O. BOX 1536 SOQUEL, CA 95073

**Buccaneer Gifts**  
Building 17, Suite E  
Santa Cruz Wharf ~ 423-3132  
Gary & Joan Phariss

**APOLLO Drain Service**  
Don Davis  
Owner  
Santa Cruz 425-1378 So.County 763-3564  
P.O. Box 818, Aptos 95001

**Bokulich construction**  
Your Project Is Our Priority  
(831) 426-2950  
www.Contractormike.com  
License# 819371



# 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 July 2009

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

## July Events

- 4..... Independence Day. Fly the flag.
- 8..... **BUSINESS MEETING.** Our Lady Star of the Sea Classroom No. 1 (not the Parish Hall). 7:30 p.m.
- 12..... Mass for the deceased members of the Council at Holy Cross Church, 11:00 a.m. mass.
- 22..... **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS and DINNER.** Starts with the offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered by Chaplain Rev. James Catalano, OSJ at 6:00 p.m. Immediately followed by the installation. Coat and tie is requested for all officers to be installed. Dinner at the Parish Hall to follow. See below and on page 3 for details and menu of the dinner.

## Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

As we begin the new Columbian year, I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to Past Grand Knight Larry Rothfuss, Chaplain Fr. James Catalano, and all of the members for their service to Council #971 over the last year. I am looking forward to working with all of our faithful council members in service to the church and the community.

Our works of charity in the community are based on active participation in the council, and I encourage all members to attend regularly the meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. The initiation of the new officers will take place on July 22 before the monthly social. All are welcome to attend. The June social benefited seminarians in the Philippines. Ramon & Ruperta Belleza and Rudy & Virginia Quijance hosted the 16th annual event.



We were especially pleased to hear that many of the priests whom we have supported are now parish priests in the United States.

Your strong support of vocations is much appreciated. We remember Brother Tom Davis and Sal Celebrado, who passed away in June. Both were long-time members of Council #971 and were recently honored at the state convention for more than 50 years of faithful service. On behalf of the Council, I offer our condolences to their families.

Sincerely,  
Jason Nielsen  
Grand Knight

## Chaplain's Message

### Free At Last

Over forty years ago, a Baptist Minister stood near the Washington Monument and gave the speech which electrified millions in this country as well as many throughout the world. I was not present in Washington, D.C, at that time and I saw and listened to the address on television. His name was Dr. Martin Luther King.

Speaking about human and civil discrimination, he talked about the moun-

tain which he was climbing and had not reached the summit and then he ended with those words of hope for black Americans and all Americans. Those words reverberate in mind and heart even today. "Free at last, free at last, God Almighty, I'm free at last." By nature and God we are born born free and should live free. The inalienable rights mentioned in the Declaration of Independence: life

*(Continued on page 2)*

## Monthly Social Tri-Tip

Wednesday, July 22  
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

## Council 971 Officers

### Chaplain

Fr. James Catalano, OSJ  
471-1702

### Grand Knight

Jason Nielsen  
621-6281, jasonanielsen@gmail.com

### Deputy Grand Knight

Herb Schuchard ("shoe-card")  
465-1674, schuchards@sbcglobal.net

### Chancellor

Jack Kemerling  
jhomer95003@aol.com

### Warden

Doug Gallagher  
DouglasKay@comcast.net

### Inside Guard

Hugo Zazzara  
<Phone number next month>

### Outside Guard

Barry Earl  
barryearl@houseofearls.com

### Recording Secretary

Andrew T. Lenz, Jr.  
469-9989, alenz@alumni.cse.ucsc.edu

### Advocate

Karl Coffield  
685-1438

### Trustees

Andrew T. Lenz, Jr. (1 year)  
469-9989, alenz@alumni.cse.ucsc.edu

Gary Phariss (2 year)

475-0254, gpip2004@earthlink.net

Larry Rothfuss (3 year)

438-7545, Fax: 438-5002

### Financial Secretary

Rudy Quijance ("key-hawn-see")  
458-9169, raquija@pacbell.net

### Treasurer

Ramon Belleza  
426-0618, monbell@webtv.net

### Lecturer

<to be appointed>  
<n/a>

### Membership Director

Larry Rothfuss  
438-7545, Fax: 438-5002

### K. of C. Insurance Agent

Manuel Alaya  
(650) 278-6891

### Star of the Sea Hall

Frederick St. 426-6716

Website: www.kofc971.org

## ...Chaplain

(Continued from Page 1)

liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Our freedom is God given.

Jesus Christ came in order to free us from the shackles and the slavery of sin. In Chapter Eight of the Gospel of St. John He makes certain declaration about freedom: if you keep my words you will know the truth and the truth will set you free...and again, if the Son frees you, you will truly be free. The freedom of which Jesus speaks, is more than social and civil freedoms, it is the freedom of the sons of God, freedom from the slavery of sin, of selfishness, of lust, or pride, of emptiness, darkness and fear of annihilation. We are free as sons and daughters and have the play of the house of God and the world which He gave us.

During this month of July we remember and cherish our national freedoms which were won at the cost of many during the War of Independence. Let us not forget the God given rights which as children of God we have, not from the state, but inalienably from the Creator. Let us live these freedoms and make sure that all our brothers and sisters throughout the world enjoy them as well. Let us remember again the closing words of Dr. Martin Luther King: "Free at last, free at last, God Almighty, I'm free at last!"

Rev. James Catalano, OSJ  
Chaplain

### Council 971 Newsletter

Editor Ramon Belleza  
(831) 426-0618

Design &  
Editor's Helper Andrew Lenz, Jr.

©2009 K. of C., Council 971

## Social

INSTALLATION DINNER - The evening will begin with Mass offered by Rev. James Catalano, OSJ at 6:00 p.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea, immediately followed by the installation in the church. (Coat and tie is requested for all officers to be installed.) After Mass, dinner will be served in the parish hall. This will be a catered affair by K'S Catering and this is their menu:

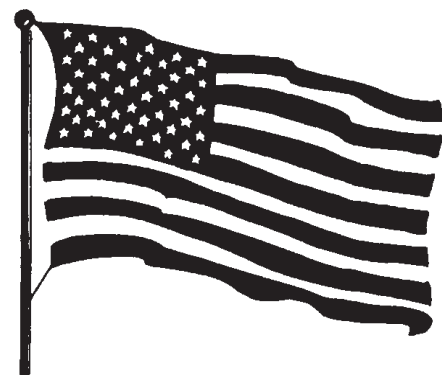
Hors d'oeuvre - Cheese and fruit platter and egg rolls.

Main Course - served with bread and butter. Tri-Tip Kebab with Grilled vegetables and baked potatoe and corn on the cob.

Dessert - Apple pie with vanilla ice cream

Bring your family and invite prospective members and friends. Table service will be provided.

Donations of raffle prizes and appetizers will be greatly appreciated.



## Condolences

For Bro. Celedonio "Sal" Celebrado, there was a vigil and rosary led by our Chaplain, Rev. James Catalano, OSJ, at the Pacific Garden Chapel in June and a Funeral Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Davenport, at 10:00 a.m. the following day, and likewise offered by our Chaplain. Reception followed at the church hall.

## Illness & Prayers

Our sick list of brother knights and families has not changed except for the death of **Tom Davis**. Let us continue with our prayers for them and their caregivers.

Barry Earl, Frank Giaimo, Anthony LeBourvelau, Carlos Lopez, Timothy Hanifin, Andrew Mekis, Gary Phariss, David Scargill, Robert Walter, Dr. Paul Weiss, Gerald Zieber, Mary Martin, Arlen D'Sabato, Ellen Hanifin, Irene Tracy and Joan Phariss.

Your call to the Bulletin Editor if you know of any changes to the above list will be appreciated.

## Election

The following officers were elected by their peers to lead us for the 2009-2010 Columbian year:

Grand Knight ..... Jason Neilsen  
Deputy GK ..... Herbert Schuchard  
Chancellor ..... Jack Kemerling  
Warden ..... Doug Gallagher  
Recorder ..... Andrew Lenz, Jr.  
Treasurer ..... Ramon Belleza  
Advocate ..... Ramon Belleza  
Inside Guard ..... Barry Earl  
Outside Guard .... Hugo Zazzara  
Trustee 1 year ..... Andrew Lenz, Jr.  
Trustee 2 year ..... Gary Phariss  
Trustee 3 year ..... Larry Rothfuss  
Congratulations!

## GIVE BLOOD!

Mention you are a Knight!

First Presbyterian Church  
350 Mission St., Santa Cruz  
Or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

## Insurance

**Knights of Columbus Insurance Receives Highest Ratings**  
6/19/2009

Two top rating firms have reaffirmed giving their highest ratings for the Knights of Columbus insurance program. Both A.M. Best and Standard & Poor's concluded this week that the 127-year-old Catholic fraternal order's financial strength and stability remains strong despite a slumping economy.

This marks the 34th consecutive year in which the Knights of Columbus has earned A.M. Best's A++ (Superior) rating, and the 17th successive year the Order has earned the AAA (Extremely Strong) rating from S&P.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson declared that renewal of the Order's top ratings is especially significant in the current economic environment. "Our history of careful management and our conservative investment practices made all the difference when last year's severe downturn punished virtually every financial services company. The wisdom of that approach is now affirmed by the decision by A.M. Best and Standard & Poor's to reaffirm their highest ratings for us. Our mission, to provide financial security for our members and their families with top-quality insurance products, remains our number one priority."

Over the past decade, the amount of Knights of Columbus insurance in force has more than doubled, to \$71 billion. The Knights of Columbus is also certified by the Insurance Marketplace Standards Association (IMSA) for ethical and honest business practices. It is one of only four U.S. insurers with both IMSA certification and top ratings from S&P and A.M. Best, and the only insurance company in Canada to do so.

## Thanks!

To all those who attended the dinner, helped and gave donations to the Filipino Dinner last month, please receive our heartfelt thanks and debt of gratitude. We especially want to mention those who prepared the food, helped serve that night, sold raffle tickets, conducted the raffle, and those prepared, set up and cleaned up after the dinner.

Because of your help we were able to raise a significant amount to donate to the seminaries we mentioned that night in the Diocese of Legaspi, Philippines. Again, our thanks and appreciation.

## Tom Davis

**FUNERAL SERVICES** - The family of Thomas D. Davis extends its appreciation and heartfelt thanks to the members of the Knights of Columbus for their participation at the Friday night vigil and the Funeral Mass at St. John's Church in Felton on Saturday, June 13, 2009 for Tom.

Participating as Honor Guards at the Vigil were: S.K. Rolando Chan, Color Corps Commander, S.K. Rudy Quijance, S.K. Gary Phariss, S.K. David Ambriz, S.K. Andrew Lenz, Jr., S.K. Carlos Rico and S.K. Ricardo Muruato.

Pallbearers at the funeral mass were: from Council #971: S.K. Ramon Belleza, S.K. Jason Nielsen, S.K. Ernest McCoy and John Murphy; and from Council #9840: John Collins and Steven Cove.

Chalice Presentation at the Vigil Night was performed by S.K. Ed Bys-tran, Chapter President, FN, assisted by S.K. Larry Young, DD., PFN.

GK Larry Rothfuss presented the Resolution of Congratulations and Appreciation for 55 years of service by Tom.