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# Today's Knights

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Newsletter of The Knights of Columbus ~ Council 971

June 2010

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

## June Events

- 6..... Corpus Christi  
9..... **BUSINESS MEETING**,  
Our Lady Star of the Sea  
Parish Hall, 7:30 pm.  
13..... No Fatima Pilgrimage  
this month since it falls  
on a Sunday.  
14..... Flag Day. *Fly the flag!*  
20..... Father's Day  
23..... **MONTHLY SOCIAL**  
(See below and inside for  
details.)



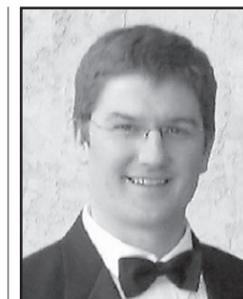
## Monthly Social Lemon Chicken

Wednesday, May. 23  
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

## Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and families, Summer is almost upon us, the time of family vacations that make us feel more busy than ever. I hope that you will also have a chance to reflect on the just-finished Easter season and the nearly-finished Columbian year. We will be electing our new council officers at our June business meeting and would love to see you there.

In May I attended the K of C California State Convention with DGK Herbert Schuchard, where we were pleased to participate in the business meeting and enjoy fellowship with other Knights from around the state. We came away extremely impressed by the capabilities of our state officers and the dedication of our fellow council officers. It was quite an inspirational event. I am happy to announce our new State Deputy will be Ivan Reek from Beaumont. Past State Chaplain Fr. John Grace asked all councils to be especially dedicated to educating members about the Catho-



lic faith. I am grateful to our Chaplain Fr. James Catalano, who has been an inspiration in bringing together the day-to-day aspects of Catholicism

with his knowledge of the faith.

I would like to thank Carlos de Lara and his family (Lynette, Joshua, and Christopher) for hosting the May social with a Mexican night theme. Many members helped out in the kitchen and throughout the event.

Finally, please continue to keep in your prayers our fellow Knights and family members who are in poor health.

Fraternally yours,  
Jason Nielsen  
Grand Knight

## Chaplain's Message

### Faith and Life Decisions

In the Scriptures it is made very clear that a just man lives by faith. Three or four messages in the Bible: Habakkuk, Romans, Galatians and Hebrews express the same idea that the just man lives by faith. Man can do things only if he has a certain amount of faith, which is human faith. But in our relationships with the Lord and life

eternal we need more than a human faith - we need a divine faith, faith in God, and faith in Jesus Christ, for without it we cannot be saved. The Letter to the Hebrews mentions that we cannot please God without faith. The patriarchs and the prophets lived it and proclaimed it. Jesus Christ insisted on it in the performance of

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## Thank you!

To all those who made last month's Mexican Dinner social a success!

Host/Kitchen servers: Carlos de Lara, his wife Lynnette, and his two sons (Christopher & Joshua)

Kitchen help & servers: Virginia Quijance provided direction in the kitchen and hands-on apportioning food on the plates. Doug Gallagher was hands on as well.

Hors D'oeuvre (sp ?) and desserts; Jack Kemerling

Bar: Gary Phariss & Rudy Quijance. Rudy conducted the "special "changing of the guard" ceremony was held transferring the keys from Gary to Larry Rothfuss who has stepped up to the plate to take over from Gary and to assist Rudy at the bar."

MC: GK Jason Nielsen

Raffle conducted by Jason Nielsen and Sasha (Ken Lazier's granddaughter)

Prayers: Fr. Rafael Lavilla, OSJ  
Table center pieces: Virginia Quijance

Door: Virginia Quijance

Thanks to all those who contributed raffle prizes.

## Insurance

Our Insurance Field Agent is Dan Ellis. If you have yet to meet Dan and have him explain the free benefits which come with membership in our Order, give him a call. His contact information is in the "Council 971 Officers" column at the left. It's also available on the Officers page on our council website kofc971.org.

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## ...Chaplain

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miracles. In a sense too, we cannot really know that we know and see what we see and do what we do without a certain amount of faith in our ability to do the aforementioned things. With family, spouses, business, and even in politics, trust is absolutely essential. Can I trust you?

One of the perplexing problems that we have in the Church and in Catholic education is the separation of faith and life decisions. We theoretically say that we believe certain things, but we do not wish to put them into practice. They do not enter into our daily lives or influence our decisions. The Creeds, the Mass, the Sacraments, Catholic education, etc. are objects of knowledge, but they do not enter into the will and our daily lives. Faith becomes something we think about and yearn for, but we never take the plunge. St. James in his letter says that faith without works is dead. It has no life. This gulf and abyss must be overcome. What can we do? We must take both life and faith seriously. We must pray and ask the Lord to give us His grace and strength each day to bring the two together. We must really want and love the Lord. Then we will be convinced that the just man lives by faith. Lord, make me whole again.

Fr. James Catalano, OSJ  
Chaplain

## Fatima

Santa Cruz Council 971 sponsors the annual devotion to Our Lady of Fatima which runs from May to October. Because the 14th this month falls on a Sunday, there will be no Fatima devotion, but will resume next month.

## Illness & Prayers

Our sick list of brother knights and families has not changed from last month. Let us continue with our prayers for them and their caregivers.

Barry Earl, Frank Giaimo, Carlos Lopez, Timothy Hanifin, Roy & Maryann June, Andrew Mekis, Gary Phariss, Tony Salciccia, Robert Walter, Dr. Paul Weiss, Gerald Zieber, Mary Martin, Arline D'Sabato, and Joan Phariss.

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

## Social

This month's social is being hosted by Ken Lazier, who joined our council in January. The meal will be catered.

- *Hors d'oeuvre - cheese & fruit platter*
- *Main course (served with butter and bread)*

- *Mix greens with balsamic dressing*

- *Roasted Lemon Chicken with white rice and roasted vegetables.*

- *Dessert - carrot cheese cake*

As always, we'll gather at the Star of the Sea Church Parish Hall. Our no host bar and social hour begins at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. Table service will be provided.

We would sincerely appreciate donation of raffle prizes. Please invite your friends!

Again, this is a catered dinner. We, therefore, URGENTLY URGE that you please make your reservations with host Ken Lazier 423-1252 or GK Jason Nielsen, 438-7545.

## Supreme

### Received and Given

by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

Charity is never a one-way street. It is not simply something that flows from the giver to the receiver. With true charity, something is given, certainly, but something is also received.

In fact, anyone who has ever engaged in charitable work knows the truth of the words St. Paul attributed to Christ in the Acts of the Apostles: "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

We see this theme in many places because it is so universally true. Anyone who saw the recent Academy Award-winning film *The Blind Side* will remember the moment when Leigh Anne Tuohy, the woman who took a homeless youth into her own home, is told by her friends that she has done a great deal of good for that young man.

She replies that the young man has done even greater good for her and her family.

Every act of charity, in fact, is an opportunity to not only give, but also to receive.

I experienced this in a very special way this past April during a trip to Haiti. There, fellow Knights and I distributed wheelchairs to those affected by the devastating earthquake that struck in January.

Haiti – one of the poorest nations in the world – is still struggling to recover. People who had little now have nothing. And those I met had lost even their ability to move freely.

The scene of devastation was incredible. At a tent hospital run by the University of Miami and Medishare in Port-au-Prince, we distributed the first of what will ultimately be 1,000 wheelchairs to injured Haitians.

What struck me most was not the suffering or the terrible conditions, but the joy that radiated from these injured, impoverished people. What we were giving them was an expression of God's love, and what we saw in them was God himself – as Mother Teresa of Calcutta

used to refer to Christ "in the distressing disguise of the poor."

First hand, on that trip, I also saw what Pope Benedict XVI discussed in his most recent encyclical, *Caritas in Veritate*, when he wrote: "Charity is love received and given. It is 'grace' (ch aris).

... Love comes down to us from the Son. It is creative love, through which we have our being; it is redemptive love, through which we are recreated.

Love is revealed and made present by Christ (cf. Jn 13:1) and 'poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit' (Rom 5:5). As the objects of God's love, men and women become subjects of charity and are called to make themselves instruments of grace so as to pour forth God's charity and to weave networks of charity" (5).

As an institution with charity as its first principle, the Knights of Columbus strives always to be a "network of charity." But we are giving what we have first received. Love – caritas – is not a gift that originates with us.

As Pope Benedict noted: "Truth, and the love which it reveals, cannot be produced: they can only be received as a gift.

Their ultimate source is not, and cannot be, mankind, but only God, who is himself Truth and Love" (52). Love is a gift that we are first given by God, which we return to him by our worship and way of living, and which we are called to share with each other.

This is why Christ's two commandments to us are to love God completely and to love our neighbors as ourselves. This is why so many saints and blessed – Brother Albert Chmielowski for one, Mother Teresa for another – chose to live with the poor, to be close to "the least" of their brothers and sisters (cf. Mt 25:40).

They thereby chose to be closer to Christ himself and were better able to give his love to others. This is the reason that as Knights we focus on a strong spiritual life and a prominent place for charity.

In doing so, we can fulfill Christ's two commandments: of loving God completely, and of sharing his gift of love with our neighbor, whomever that neighbor may be.

Vivat Jesus!