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Newsletter of The Knights of Columbus ~ Council 971

January 2012

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
- 8..... Feast of the Epiphany
- 9..... Baptism of the Lord
- 11..... **BUSINESS MEETING**,
Our Lady Star of the Sea
Parish Hall, 7:30 pm.
- 16..... Martin Luther King Day
- 21..... Walk of Life, San Francisco
(See details inside.)
- 25..... **MONTHLY SOCIAL**
*(See below and inside for
details.)*
- 29-5 .. Catholic Schools Week.



Monthly Social Lasagne

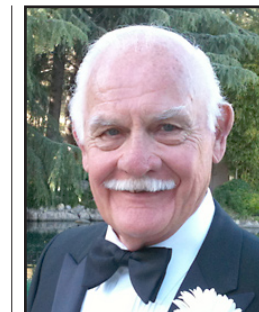
Wednesday, Jan. 25
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights and Families,

At the December Social, a special Grand Knight's Award was given to Ramon Balleza for his leadership roll and his dedication in service as a Knight of Columbus officer. The rock with a cross and the word "Faith" inscribed reminds us of his valuable work and his daily attendance at Mass to show his good example.

With the dawning of a new year the Council is looking forward to some good growth with some new members on schedule to be on board in this first quarter. Jason Nielsen's excellent work has us on target to reach our goals. The new year will bring us some more outreach as we are active in the Youth Basketball Free Throw Contest and other new efforts to help our parish connections in Santa Cruz. The Lasagna Dinner this month will offer some support to Holy Cross School as we continue our dedicated effort to help.



As we completed the work in December it was noted that we had a good deal of support from our Knights making an effort to come to the

monthly dinners. We did have a few of our brothers "pass on" this year and a few of our brothers' wives pass on. Your prayers are requested for these folks. At our regular meetings we take time to pray for them and ask that you keep them in your prayers as well.

As always, we ask for your prayers for those who are ill or family members needing prayers. Andrew Lenz Jr. keeps that list up to date and can add a name if you call him or send him an e-mail.

Fraternally yours,
Doug Gallagher

Chaplain's Message

NO LOVE—NO GOD

As we come to the beginning of a New Year, we would like to reflect hopefully on that thing or person who urges us on, which is love. One of the things which we know about God is that He is of love and is love. The perfection of being, persons and things is goodness. The goodness in things

comes from love which is the most sublime and perfect of anything or any person including God Himself. We can say many things about God and His qualities, but the perfection of all virtues and to which all things find their culmination is love. If God, therefore, were not love, He would

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not be perfect, and therefore, would not be God. God is an infinite perfect spirit. God is perfect because He is Love Itself. The Book of Wisdom, Chapter 11 says, "For you love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made; for what you hated, you would not have fashioned. And how could a thing remain unless you willed it; or be preserved, had it not been called forth by you? But you spare all things, because they are yours, O Lord and lover of souls."

Since we are begotten in love we must strive during this coming New Year to grow in love for God and for each other. For St. John tells us in his First Letter that God is love and those who love are begotten of God and know Him. He who does not love does not know God. All the other virtues that we may practice are imperfect and incomplete unless we love. Love is the end of all virtue and efforts. All works, thoughts, and desires have a void in things unless they are inspired as a cause and as an end by love. As Our Lord's stated, love is fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. All the commandments can be summarized in the two: you shall love the Lord your God...and you shall love your neighbor as yourself. This is the change for which we pray and work during this New Year.

Happy and Blessed New Year to all,
Fr. James Catalano, OSJ
Chaplain

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Thank you!

Our Christmas Dinner was well attended. We'd like to thank the people who helped us make this go:
Opening Prayer: Fr. Jim Catalano
Closing Prayer: Fr. Ron Green, Pastor Star of the Sea Church
Hosts: Jason Nielsen and Edwin Tonkin -- Jason cooked the main entrée while Edwin did exceptional job as co-host/cook.
MC: Doug Gallagher
Door: Doug Gallagher
Centerpieces: Virginia Quijance (flowers courtesy Ramon & Ruperta Belleza)
Christmas Decorations: Arnold Reyna
Appetizers: Jack Kemerling and Arnold Reyna
Bar: Rudy Quijance and Larry Rothfuss (Ken Lazier, Sr. assisted)
Kitchen Helpers/Servers: Carlos de Lara and sons Christopher and Joshua, Ken Lazier, Jr., Brian Salah and Louis Bitonti (from Holy Cross Church and potential member).
Raffle: Carlos de Lara, Ken Lazier, Sr., Ken Lazier, Jr., Sasha (Ken Sr.'s granddaughter).
GK Doug Gallagher shared that his doctor discovered cancer in his throat. Fortunately, it's an early detection, but please keep Doug in your prayers.

Membership

Dear Brothers, As we begin the new calendar year, one great way to meet and invite new members to join our Order is through our community and church activities. We have some great opportunities this month to get started -- our local free throw contest and our church activities. Let's take up the challenge to get the word out about our Order and its good works.
Jason Nielsen
Membership Director

Illness & Prayers

Let us continue with our prayers for our sick list of brother knights and families and their caregivers.
Barry Earl, Doug Gallagher, Francisco Garza, Frank Gaiamo, Timothy Hanifin, Gary Phariss, Robert Walter, Gerald Zieber, Arline D'Sabato, Maryann June, 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.

Insurance

The one thing we can never change is the relentless march of time. Consider that this new year is the mark of another year gone...and you're another year older. If you have been putting off a discussion with a qualified adviser about your finances, I recommend another resolution: Resolve to do just

March for Life

MARCH For LIFE - This is the 39th Annual March for Life that will be held in Washington, D.C., January 23rd. This march commemorates the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's infamous Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion on January 22nd 1973. Another demonstration, The Walk for Life will be held nearer to us in San Francisco on January 21. All Knights and their families, particularly those in these areas are urged to join these events.
Visit the marchforlife.org (East) and www.walkforlifewc.com (West) websites for more information.

that, and soon.
An appointment with your Knights of Columbus insurance representative is painless. We value your time, so we won't waste it. Consider meeting with him. And Happy New Year!
Thomas P. Smith Jr.
KofC, Executive VP

Social

Our January 25th dinner social will be a delicious catered lasagne dinner. The menu will include:
• *Appetizers*
• *Lasagne*
• *French Bread*
• *Salad w/Italian Dressing*
• *Ice Cream Sundae*
Dinner will be held at Star of the Sea Parish Hall. Social Hour begins at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Table service will be provided. We would sincerely appreciate donation of raffle prizes. Invite your friends. Any profits from the dinner go to various charitable uses such as our parishes, schools and ministries.
Jason Nielsen, DGK
Program Director



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 the 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 assistus in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members during this past calendar year.

- Number of visits you made during this past year to:**
Sick—caring for the sick/nursing homes/hospitals
Bereaved—visits of condolence.....
- Number of time you served as a blood donor during this past year.**
- 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
- Number of hours of fraternal service during this past year:**
Sick/disabled members and their families—household chores, transportation, tutoring, counseling, etc.