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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. Vincent de Paul, St. Michael's.

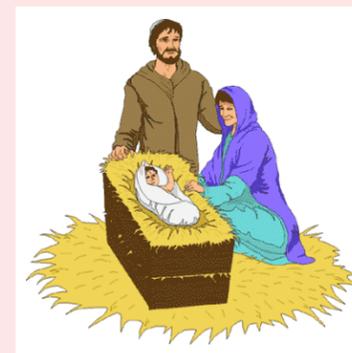
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Business Meetings are normally held the second Wednesday and Socials the fourth Wednesday at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall

December Events

- 2..... Advent Begins
- 8..... Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. (Holy day of obligation.)
- 12..... Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- 12..... **K. C. ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER**
- 25..... **Feast of the NATIVITY OF JESUS, CHRISTMAS DAY!**
- 30..... Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

No business meeting this month!



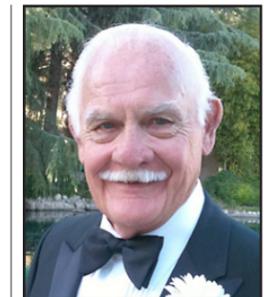
Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights and Families,

The Advent Season is now with us. The excitement is all about the Birth of Jesus as our families join in the weekly message in our Sunday Masses.

Throughout the past year we have done our best as a council to address the needs of our Catholic community. This outreach has had an impact on parishes from Davenport to Scotts Valley, as well as, Holy Cross and Our Lady Star of the Sea here in Santa Cruz. Last month, we shared in some Wheelchair donations to Dominican Hospital. Our brother Knights have come forward to offer time and sacrifices in support of our projects and charitable efforts.

Our monthly socials have been an excellent way for all our friends to join the Knights in this effort. The December social is the "Thank You" social this year. We will supply the



turkeys and each family brings a dish (see the "social" column inside) and a gift for the raffle gift, preferably valued around \$10. Please remember those Knights and their family members on our prayer list. We need to keep them in our prayers so the blessings and healing brings peace of mind. I am asking to be removed from our prayer list in the new year. I thank all my brothers and family members for your prayers during this last year. All the cancer is in remission and I am feeling good.

Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Yours in Christ,
Doug Gallagher. GK

Chaplain's Message

CHRISTMAS AND THE ANIMALS

We have spoken about all the characters that were present around the event of Christmas in other articles in the past. But now I would like to say something about the animals, which were present there as well. Isaiah in Chapter One makes this prophetic statement about two animals: "An ox knows its owner and an ass its mas-

ter's manger." Since Christ was born in a manger, we might as well say that the animals were present as well. The devotion of the crib of Bethlehem places the oxen and the donkeys in the manger, with sheep and lambs as well. If you have a manger, there must be animals about. We saw the adoration of the angels, Mary and Jo-

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Monthly Social

Potluck

Wednesday, Dec. 12
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

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seph, the shepherds and the Magi. The animals were there as well as silent sentinels that stood in awe at the great event they had been privileged to witness and participate in. St. Paul in the



letter to the Romans says that nature itself groans as it awaits human redemption. In their inimitable way, animals know their creator and they sense his presence in their

lives. They adore with their moans, neighing and bleating. The heavens and the earth declare the glory of God.

In the New Testament, Our Lord makes reference to animals in his parables - the sheep, the birds, etc. When he enters Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, he rides triumphantly on the back of a donkey. Gilbert Keith Chesterton wrote a beautiful poem about that happening, which is entitled:

The Donkey
*When fishes flew and forests walked
And figs grew upon thorn,
Some moment when the moon
was blood Then surely I was born.
With monstrous head and sickening
cry And ears like errant wings,
The devil's walking parody On
all four-footed things.
The tattered outlaw of the earth,
Of ancient crooked will;
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am
dumb, I keep my secret still.
Fools! I also had my hour; One far
fierce hour and sweet:
There was a shout about my ears,
And palms before my feet.*

Merry Christmas everyone...animals included.
Fr. James Catalano, OSJ

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Insurance

Long Term Care Answers Tough Questions

Did you know the average stay in a nursing home lasts three years and that cost could quickly surpass \$200,000? How would you pay for this? How would this affect your family? Can your family handle the responsibility and do you want to place that burden on them? Are you relying on government subsidies to take care of you?



Do you want peace of mind and security? Do you want to maintain your dignity and choice of care options? Do you want to preserve your lifetime earnings/savings? Have you minimized the risks against your estate?

Yes, I know there a lot of questions here, and many are difficult to answer. But I can help provide some insight into one of the best options available to you and your wife through the Order.

Long-term care insurance can protect you against the ever-rising costs of care. An LTC policy can keep the burden of care off of your family. This allows your wife to remain your wife and not become your caregiver (or you to remain her husband and not patient or caregiver). With an LTC policy, you remain in control of your dignity and how and where you get care.

The Knights of Columbus can serve as a valuable resource for long term care planning, providing answers to questions you might have and affordable coverage options tailored to your needs.

Contact me to learn more today.
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Illness & Prayers

Let us continue with our prayers for our sick list of brother knights and families and their caregivers.

Ramon, Belleza, Barry Earl, Francisco Garza, Frank Gaiimo, Timothy Hanifin, Gary Phariss, Arnold Reyna, 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.



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.

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.

Social

The Knights of Columbus Social and Dinner for December is a Potluck and Gift Gala.

We ask each family to bring a gift for the Raffle Table. The Council will supply three Turkeys for the Entree. We are asking that each family to bring a dish based on your last name: A-J (Salad), K-P (Vegetable), Q-Z (Dessert).

There is no charge at the door as we give thanks for another year of support to our priests and religious communities. Your support does make a difference. Come and celebrate with us on Wednesday, December 12th.

Charity

Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Donates \$500,000 to Hurricane Sandy Relief

With regions of the East Coast still reeling from Hurricane Sandy, the Knights of Columbus announced Thursday, Nov. 15, that its donations

Membership

We've all seen them. The men who you see at mass every week. Sometimes they are ushers, sometimes lectors, sometimes greeters, sometimes canors, sometimes simply participating in the pews. Have you asked one recently to consider joining our brotherhood of the Knights of Columbus?

If not, think about making it a practice of yours. Without recruiting, our council will shrink. We need all of our members to "beat the bushes" for our council to stay strong and even grow. We need fresh blood and fresh ideas to continue our good works in our local community and parishes. Let's go!

to the affected area total more than \$500,000. The amount includes the nearly \$350,000 raised by the Knights via online contributions. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson announced the amount at the annual meeting of the Texas KofC state leaders in Dallas.