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LAST TIME YOU  
SAW SOMEONE  
TO JOIN?

**Birthdays**

Rev. Dennis Steick, 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—26

John Martin—28th

*Happy Birthday!*



**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 2007**

*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.
- 11..... **BUSINESS MEETING.**  
Initial meeting of our new Grand Knight. Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall at 7:30 p.m.
- 13..... Our Lady of Fatima  
Devotional Prayers at the Shrine of St. Joseph, after the 11 a.m. mass.
- 18..... Knights of Charity quarterly meeting, Star of the Sea Hall, 7:30 p.m. 3rd degree members in good standing are invited to join. Please attend.
- 22..... Mass for deceased members at the 8:00 a.m. mass at the Star of the Sea Church.
- 25..... **Installation of Officers and Dinner.** Mass officiated by our Chaplain, Rev. James Catalano, OSJ at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at the Hall.

**Grand Knight's Message**

Dear Brother Knights & Families, As your new Grand Knight (Larry Rothfuss), I would like to say thank you to the Brother Knights who have given me the opportunity to lead the Council through the next Columbian year.

I'm looking forward to working with the Officers and Members and to provide my support towards the works of the Council.

As for a brief history of myself, I have been a knight in the third degree for 22 years and a fourth degree night for 21 years. I served as Grand Knight in 1988, District Warden in 1991 and have held several other positions within the Council, these past years.

The following is a brief outline of improvements for the Council I would like to achieve this coming year:

- 1) Work with the Council to improve its financial picture,
- 2) Improve the socials (ideas still to come),
- 3) Mem-



bership. On behalf of the Council and myself, I would like to extend our many thanks and appreciation to our outgoing Grand Knight Mike

Seixas. His efforts and leadership has been a real asset to the Council over these past two years.

Also at this time we would like to say thank you to Mike's wife Diana for her support and help these past two years. Thank you Mike and Diana for your time spent, in working with our Council, so as to further its good works and charities.

My wife and I would like to wish my Brother Knights and Families a

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**Chaplain's Message**

FREEDOM. The freedoms which we all desire are basic and fundamental to us as human persons. Some which we prize are: freedom from fear, freedom to pursue our individual dreams, freedom to travel, to live where we want and to worship as we wish, are some of the long list which we cannot be expressed here. Added to the Constitution of the United States are some freedoms or amendments: freedom of

speech, freedom of assembly, freedom of religion, etc. The Declaration of Independence speaks of "certain inalienable rights" among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. God given they are given by our Creator. We should read the Constitution and the Declaration annually lest we forget our dignity as free human beings as free children of God.

During the month of July, we celebrate

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**Monthly Social Installation**

Weds., July 25  
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

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## ...GK

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safe and happy Fourth of July. Come join us at the monthly social for some good food and friendship!

As I write this message, I couldn't help but think of the past and present Knights and Families who have helped make this Council a pillar of strength all these years. Keep them in your prayers and pray for the incoming Officers and Members to continue the good works of this Council.

Sincerely,  
Larry Rothfuss  
Grand Knight

## Thanks!

One of our newest members, Jason Nielsen, and his wife, Stephanie, did a marvelous job in hosting last month's social. They had very little help, but we had a delicious meat loaf and pasta dinner. Not as many members and guests attended but those in attendance had a great time of fellowship and camaraderie.

Helping out that evening were Karl Coffield, Jack Kemerling, Gary and Joan Phariss, Kevin Gugat, Patrick Eastman, Rudy & Virginia Quijance and Ruperta and Ramon Belleza.

To all of you, Thank you!!!!

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## Insurance

First of all, I'd like to thank all those officers who are stepping down from their annual efforts and congratulate those men stepping up in their place. Your responsibilities are numerous and I am here to help. Let's have a great year.

### WORRY:

Worry often gives a small thing a big shadow. Our families must live in our shadows when we leave. Our families must either, worry or rejoice in our parting. As we age we tend to worry about the things we should have fixed, modified or created. Commonly called "I should'a, would'a, could'a."

Worry doesn't help tomorrow's troubles. Stop worrying about what you should have done and do something now while you still can. A worry weakens the mind, a worry takes and does not give. Worry steals your energy, enthusiasm, your health and sometimes personality.

You are the key to reducing worry, and Knights of Columbus protection products are the conduits to worry solutions, and all it takes is a phone call. Acting now can remove a troublesome time in the future. What you fix now can eliminate severe worry and disappointment later. Let me show you how you can eliminate worry about family protection with your own Brotherhood, and how to stop worrying about the ups and downs of the market, especially, how to stop worrying about your future medical care. Properly placed protective plans reduce your worry and boost your conscience. Life gives us enough to worry about. Please let me help you reduce future worry. Many of your answers have been here all the while. A few minutes and you will be enlightened. We have the finest of Catholic plans that solve a variety of problems.

Fraternally,  
Terry D. Crovo  
Insurance Field Agent  
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## Illness & Prayers

Please continue our prayers, thru the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima, for these sick members of our Council and family members, including those that provide for their care:

Thomas Davis, Frank Giaimo, Anthony LeBourveau, Tim Hanifin, Carlos Lopez, David Scargill, Dr. Paul Weiss and Robert Walter; also Mary Martin, Arlene DiSabato and Sue Rebro.

We request special prayers for Patrick Seixas, son of our PGK Mike, who had a serious accident had been in a coma when reported to us last week.

## Condolence

Aurora Lopez, wife of our member, Carlos Lopez, recently passed away. Our condolence and sympathy to Carlos, his family and friends and offer our prayers for the eternal repose of her soul.

Likewise please include in your prayers the eternal repose of the mother of our former member, Tearlach "Charlie" Sinclair who died June 28th. May our Lord in His infinite love and compassion grant her eternal rest.

## 971 Elections

At the June meeting, we voted in our slate of 2007-2008 officers. The list of officers is located in the far left column. We thank these men for stepping forward to serve our council and our community.

## Social

**INSTALLATION & SOCIAL.** As mentioned earlier, this month we will install the newly elected officers of this council at a ceremony to be presided by our District Deputy, Ed Bystran, after a mass to be officiated by Rev. James Catalano, OSJ, at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 25th at the Star of the Sea Church.

It is urged that all officers to be inducted come in coat and tie.

Following the installation, dinner will be served the hall to be catered by 5-Star Catering: Menu: classic Caesar Salad, Chicken with artichoke, lemon, tomatoes, grilled vegetable platter, rolls and dessert.

Since this is a catered dinner, we again request that reservations be made by calling Larry Rothfuss, 438-7475.

We also request donations of raffle prizes and appetizeers. Table service will be provided. Invite prospective members and friends and bring your family.

Our incoming Grand Knight, Larry Rothfuss will host the affair.

### PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN

*Heavenly Father, You created us in Your own image, and You desire that not even the least among us should perish. In Your love for us, You entrusted Your only Son to the Holy Virgin Mary. Now, in Your love, protect against the wickedness of the devil, those little ones to whom You have given the gift of life.*

## ...Chaplain

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celebrate our independence from tyranny and our acceptance of the freedom of others as well. We are all free children of God and the Declaration is simply reaffirming this inalienable dignity, which neither the majority or the minority of the citizenry can remove. Mutual respect and mutual love are at the basis of our American idea of liberty. One enslaved endangers all of us. One protected protects us all. We stand together or we fall together.

There are other freedoms which are also fundamental which our Christian religion teaches us: freedom from pronography, freedom from hate and deceit, freedom to love and forgiveness and to start anew, and freedom to know the truth which sets us all free.

Let us all remember those thousands or maybe millions who have died and sacrificed down thru the centuries here and elsewhere, who gave their lives of whom we don't know, but known to God alone. We honor their sacrifices and their lives. In our generation, the torch has been passed. Let us do now for future generations which past generations have done for us. Lord, keep us free and help us to free others.

Fr. James Catalano, OSJ  
Chaplain

## Fatima

This month's devotional prayers in honor of Our Lady of Fatima will be on Friday, July 13th at the Shrine of St. Joseph, The Redeemer, 544 W. Cliff Dr., after the 11 a.m. mass.