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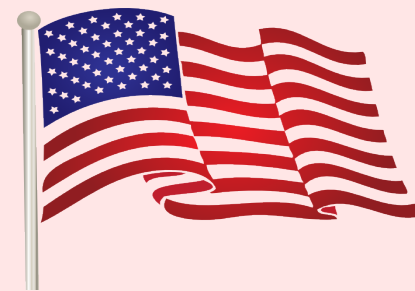
September 2011

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

September Events

- 5..... Labor Day.
- 11 Patriot Day.
- 14..... **BUSINESS MEETING**,
Our Lady Star of the Sea
Parish Hall, 7:30 pm.
- 13..... Fatima rosary after the 11
a.m. mass at the Oblates.
- 23..... Autumn begins
- 28 **MONTHLY SOCIAL**
(See below and inside for
details.)

Our Planning Meeting (originally scheduled for September 7) has been canceled due to the Grand Knight's wife fracturing a bone and needing care. It will be re-scheduled soon for a later date.



Monthly Social Chicken

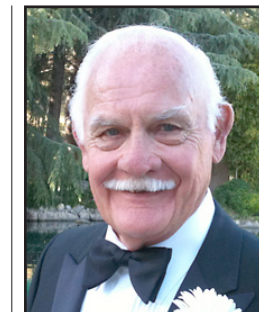
Wednesday, Sept. 28
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and Families,
Last month the Social was hosted by Chris Bordner and myself. Many thanks to all the men who offered their support. Jade Steck was at the door, Larry Rothfuss and Ed Tonkin at the bar, Ken Lazier and Sasha helping with the raffle and Jason Nielsen MC.

We have not been able to complete our planning and budget work into the Columbian Year. We do expect to be able to keep all of our funding at the same level as in the past.

We were able to help out the St. Vincent DePaul Church with a donation and we are on schedule to help Siena House with their upcoming dinner in October.



We find our thoughts with all the parents and teachers who support at Holy Cross and Good Shepherd Schools. We should keep in mind that all

of our churches have a youth education program in place and can use our support.

We offer our prayers and healing thoughts to all our brothers and loved ones in need.

Blessings,
Doug Gallagher
Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

PRAISE AND APPLAUSE

One of the most natural things which we experience in our lives in the need for appreciation and recognition on the part of others. It gives us a sense that what we are saying and doing will be confirmed by those around us. It also encourages us to continue on the same course when we know that people really like what we are doing. Parents encourage their children and teachers encourage their students... "well done"... which can lead our young people to continue on the same road. Therefore we have public ceremonies of appre-

ciation, certificates of achievement are offered and trophies consigned to recipients. Well done and good. The natural desire to receive support from others is obviously laudable and praiseworthy. I propose the following question: is human and natural motivation alone sufficient? Should there be a more lofty motivation in play as well? Should we simply pay people to do the right thing? Should students be paid to read a book with financial remuneration as was suggested and actually done in some quarters? I

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think not. We should do things simply because it is the right thing to do no matter the cost or difficulty. Selfish interest should not be the main motivation.

Our Lord Jesus Christ in Chapter 6 of the Gospel according to St. Matthew makes reference to the fact that when we give alms we should not blow a trumpet. When we pray we should not stand on the street corner to be observed or when we fast to put on a gloomy face so that people know that we are fasting. We should do these things in secret and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Otherwise, you hypocrites, you have already received your reward.

Let us give thanks to the Lord for His gifts, His mercies and generosity. If the heavens proclaim the goodness of the Lord, we should too. Let us first give Him recognition in all things so that our reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia – praise the Lord in all things, amen.

God bless.

Fr. James Catalano, OSJ

Membership

We are planning for the next Second Degree exemplification. If you are First Degree member who is interested in taking the Second Degree, please contact me.

Jason Nielsen, DGK
Membership director

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Thank you!

We'd like to thank all those who made our August 24 Family BBQ social dinner a success.

Cooks: Doug Gallagher and Chris Bordner

Servers: Elaine Bordner and Ed Tonkin

Door: Jade Steck

Bar: Larry Rothfuss, Ken Lazier and Ed Tonkin

Raffle: Ken Lazier and Larry Rothfuss

Opening Prayer: Fr. James Catalano

Closing Prayer: Fr. Ron Green

Talking up the St. Vincent De Paul

BBQ and Raffle: Jason Nielsen and Doug Gallagher.

Also, thank you to all who attended and anyone who helped that we missed!

Church

Members of the council joined our Chaplain, Fr. James Catalano, at the St. Vincent de Paul parish BBQ on Sunday, August 28. The annual event aids the historic parish in Davenport. Thanks to all who attended!

Insurance

Standard & Poor's described the Knights of Columbus financial strategy as "very conservative, as demonstrated by its capital structure, investment portfolio, and approach to business growth," and it said that the KofC capital adequacy "is among the strongest in the industry." The company's "investment portfolio has very strong credit quality," S&P declared.

S&P said that the Knights of Columbus "strong profitability is attributable, in our view, to high persistency rates, conservative underwriting practices, moderate expenses, and good investment returns."

Illness & Prayers

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

Barry Earl, Frank Giaimo, Timothy Hanifin, Roy & Maryann June, Andrew Mekis, Gary Phariss, Robert Walter, Gerald Zieber, Arline D'Sabato, Rose Gallagher, 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.

Condolences

Our council lost another long-time member this month, Roy June. Roy was born on March 25, 1930 in Sacramento. He joined the Knights of Columbus, Council 971 on July 1, 1966,



the year he moved to Santa Cruz, and was a 4th Degree Honorary Life Member of the Order when he died peacefully at home on August 11, surrounded by his family. Roy was an active member of the knights and was an attendee of our monthly socials. Roy attended mass at St. Joseph's in Capitola.

We extend our sincere condolences to Roy's wife, Marry Ann, and to the rest of his family. Rest in peace, Roy.

You can find a permanent tribute to Roy on our council website: <http://kofc971.org/deceased-members/RoyJune.shtm>



Social

Our September dinner social will be a catered chicken dinner.

The menu will include:

- Chicken with Artichokes and Olives. (Those with a special diet have the option of Plain Baked Chicken Breast.)

- Fresh Spinach Raspberry Vinaigrette Salad with Goat Cheese, Cranberries, Pine Nuts, and Mandarin Oranges.

- Pasta Penne with Marinara Sauce
- Dessert

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.

Additional council programs and activities are in the planning stages.

Jason Nielsen
Program Director

Fatima

Santa Cruz Council 971 sponsors the annual devotion to Our Lady of Fatima which runs from May to October. After the 11 a.m. mass on Sept. 13, there will be a Fatima rosary held at the Shrine of St. Joseph (Oblates). Everyone, especially knights and family are encouraged to attend.

KofC 9-11

Two steel girders from the World Trade Center, set in concrete blocks, adorn one hallway of the Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven, Conn. Distorted from the intense heat and retrieved from the Fresh Kills Landfill in New York, the brown girders look like a piece of modernist sculpture, the metal waving as if caught in an upward gust of wind. Nearby, a golden plaque lists the names of the 45 Knights who were killed in the attacks: 11 firefighters, six policemen and 28 civilians, including one member who was a passenger on American Airlines Flight 11, the first plane that hit the Twin Towers.

To be sure, Sept. 11, 2001, was not a K of C tragedy or even a New York tragedy — it was an American tragedy, one that brought out some of the best that U.S. citizens had to offer. Knights were among those who did their part, actively embodying the Order's principles of charity and patriotism. Across the country, K of C units sponsored prayer vigils, fundraisers and blood drives. One council in Sequim, Wash., even sought out and offered financial assistance to the family of a member who died at the World Trade Center.

On a national level, the Order's Board of Directors voted within one day of the attacks to create the Knights of Columbus Heroes Fund, a program wherein the families of any first responder who died in the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center or the Pentagon were given an emergency payment from the Order, regardless of the family's membership in the Knights or even of their religious tradition. The men responsible for delivering those stipend checks were the Knights' very own professionally trained insurance force.

Read the rest of this article in your September 2011 issue of COLUMBIA or online at:

http://www.kofc.org/un/en/columbia/detail/2011_09_september11.html