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Hood Hosts Knight's Ball

Howard Hood, recently elected Grand Knight of the Los Crusados council, will act as host for the annual New Year's Eve Ball to be presented by the Knights of Columbus on Thursday, Dec. 31st, at their council hall, 214 Ave. I, Redondo Beach.

Planning for the year-end major social event is under the direction of Frank Artusio, chancellor of the Los Crusados council. He is assisted by Hood, Ed Olson and James McDonald. The evening's program will include music for dancing by the "Cop Connor's Quartet," and a buffet breakfast at about 1 a.m.

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K. of C. Council Entertained at Holiday Party

Members of the newly formed Torrance chapter of the Knights of Columbus and their wives were entertained at a holiday party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Butterfield last Saturday.

Highlight of the event was a surprise birthday cake for Mrs. Marvin Rush.

The evening concluded with a community sing of seasonal carols. Men over 18 interested in joining the new group are being requested to call DA 9-6088 or DA 6-2242.



DANNY RICKARD
Press Photo by Art Willey

Scout Member Receives the Eagle Award

Danny Rickard, 12, member of Scout Troop 815, recently received the Eagle Award, scouting's highest laurel.

Danny, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rickard, 1577 W. 210th St., is one of the youngest scouts in the country to be so honored.

Although a member of the troop for only a little over a year, he has held the offices of senior patrol leader, patrol leader and quartermaster.

Danny has also completed the 70 mile golden arrowhead hike and has earned the title of Mr. Swim in a competition sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department.

In aquatic rivalries sponsored by the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation, he placed first for Torrance, second in the South Bay area, and fourth for Southern California.

A student at Stephen M. White Junior High, he is now working for his God and Country, religious award.

In many European countries, gifts are exchanged on New Year's Day. The custom originated with the Romans, according to World Book Encyclopedia. Back in 747 B.C., reportedly, they presented the king of the Sabines with branches of bay and palm trees consecrated to Strenia, the goddess of strength. The "strenae," or gifts, became more elaborate, in expectation of royal favor, and the emperors came to regard them as deserved tribute.

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