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# Today's Knights

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Newsletter of The Knights of Columbus ~ Council 971

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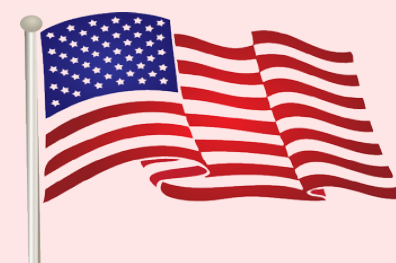
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## September Events

- 3..... Labor Day.  
11 ..... Patriot Day.  
12..... **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.  
22..... Autumn begins  
26 ..... **MONTHLY SOCIAL**  
(See below and inside for  
details.).

## October Events

- 1..... 1st Degree ceremony  
by Madonna Del Sasso  
Council #5140 at The  
Ranch, Salinas. 7 p.m.  
Information: Reyes Gala-  
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Monthly Social  
**Italian**

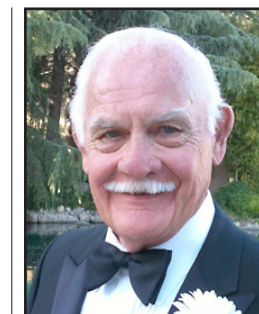
Wednesday, Sept. 26  
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

## Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights and Families,

Our new Officers are challenged to make recruitment of new members a priority as we move into the fall. We want to go out into the local parishes and make some progress. If each of the officers just brought in one new knight we would make our quotas for the 971 Council. Arnold Reyna plans to concentrate on the San Agustin Church in Scotts Valley as we get together a team effort. We want all of our knights active and participating when we promote our Order to each parish or community.

As knights we need to show visible support to the individual parishes in our Santa Cruz area. Please keep up with your church calendar and try to be supportive to your pastor. Over



the years we have tried to keep up this tradition. September brings back-to-school activities at Holy Cross and Good Shepherd schools. October

will have our fundraising "Tootsie Roll" promotion for the local churches to help our local community non-profits helping those with mental disabilities.

Please keep in mind our brothers or their family member in need of prayers.

God Bless,  
Doug Gallagher, GK

## Chaplain's Message

### EXCUSES

There are many reasons why people do not come to Christ. The Gospel according to Matthew in Chapter 22 gives three or four excuses. The Father is preparing a wedding feast for his son, and he sends out invitations to all. Some receive the invitation and ignore it, while others have no time because they must work on their farm. Others insist they have no time because of their businesses. Others finally insult those who bring the invitation. Some they insult, others

they persecute and others they finally kill. The invitation is sent to all. We can accept it or refuse to accept it according to our free will. The invitation is to Christ and His Church and is freely given, and likewise must be freely accepted. The consequences are not free. They flow necessarily from our acceptance or refusal. We can either share the joy of the wedding feast or the emptiness of absence. Of course, there exist many modifications of these excuses.

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## ...Chaplain

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During my years as a priest I have heard of many excuses for not coming to the marriage feast of the mass, the sacrifice of Christ. Some say that they really do not need it, others state that those who go are hypocrites, and others proclaim they are too busy. Others insist their family and marriage are sufficient while some say that religion is for the weak, or for crises, death, Christmas and Easter, or that we can pray at home. Finally, they say "I want to do my own thing." Christ did not excuse himself for coming and dying for us. The Father invites and the Son comes to those who accept his invitation. When death comes, the invitation will no longer be available for those who refuse. The refusal will become final. Now really is the acceptable time, the time of salvation.

God bless,  
Fr. James Catalano, OSJ



### Council 971 Newsletter

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## Membership

Dear Brother Knights,

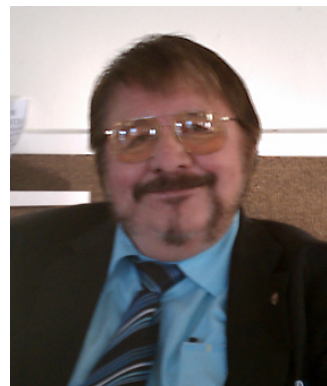
Membership is a concern to all of us and we should all be involved. The Supreme Council is challenging all officers to bring in at least one new member each. Last year with 78% councils reporting, \$158 million was donated to charity by the Knights and volunteers

gave 70 million hours. \$7.5 million was given to those studying for the priesthood and religious life. \$515,000 was given to the Coats for Kids Foundation. About 1,000 wheelchairs were donated to those in need. These are just a few of the activities that the Knights can be proud of.

The only way we can do our share is by having active new members. All us need to participate. Those who are inactive members, we need for you to continue with your membership. We need the funds from your dues to run our council, but we also need you to encourage others to join the Knights of Columbus. Share with potential members what KofC is doing all around them.

This month, Fr. O'Brien of San Agustin in Scotts Valley will be making the announcement that he wants a council in his own parish. We want to support that effort as best we can.

Fraternally yours,  
Arnold Reyna  
Membership Director



## Illness & Prayers

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

Ramon, Belleza, Barry Earl, Doug Gallagher, Francisco Garza, Frank Giaimo, 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.

## Thank you!

Our annual Filipino Night held last month was hosted by Ramon & Rupeta Belleza and Rudy & Virginia Quijance.

All proceeds benefited seminarians in the Diocese of Legaspi, Bicol, Philippines.

MC: Rudy Quijance

Opening and Closing Prayers: Fr.

James Catalano, OSJ, Chaplain  
Table Preparation: Centerpieces from Belleza's garden and arranged by Raul Alvarez

Filipino Dishes by: Fannie Alvarez, assisted by Maricela Sanchez

Door: Robin Lazier

Bar & Raffle: Ken Lazier, Sr, Ken Lazier Jr, Carlos de Lara & Edwin Tonkin.

Raffle prices were donated by: Ramon & Ruperta (products of the Philippines) and from many members and friends.

We are grateful to our members and friends who came to dinner who continually gave support to the Philippine Seminarians. Their generosity will be in our hearts and prayers.

## Social

Our September social will be Italian Nite. Ken Lazier, Jr. will be our chairman and his assistants will be Robin Lazier, Ken Lazier, Sr. and Carlos de Lara. Appetizers feature Cheeses & Salami along with Taquitos—must be Italian-influenced Mexican Taquitos! The main course will be Spaghetti, Italian Salad featuring Avocado and Grated Cheese, Rolls and Butter. Dessert will be mouth-watering brownies, ice cream, and chocolate sauce.

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 and prospective members. Any profits from the dinner go to various charitable uses such as our parishes, schools and ministries.

Ken Lazier, Sr.  
Program Director

## Reunion

### ATTENTION GRADUATES OF HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL 1950s AND 1960s+

From the 1957 Graduating Class of Holy Cross High School to ALL Graduates of Holy Cross High School. We are having our 55th class reunion on Saturday, October 27 at Holy Cross Hall. We would like to invite you to our Reunion, so that you may have a reunion as well. Please join us for dinner and a time to meet up with old friends.

This invitation to our reunion is in anticipation of next year's celebration of the 150th Anniversary of Holy Cross School, which is set for January 6, 2013.

For more information contact:  
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## Insurance

### Raising Awareness About Life Insurance

Since 2003, each September has been designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. Like most awareness-raising campaigns, Life Insurance Awareness Month was created because there is an overwhelming lack of understanding of the product among the general public. Each year, the Life Insurance Market Research Association puts out the results from a recent survey, and unfortunately, the numbers they report continue to be discouraging.

A recent survey found that 76 percent of people polled did not have a personal financial advisor. Sixty-eight percent of that same survey group said their opinion of the current economic conditions was somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable.

In other words, a majority of those surveyed were uncomfortable with the economy

and the uncertainty it brings, yet they did not seek professional assistance. Maybe they spoke with their friends and family. Maybe they hoped the instability would go away on its own. Maybe they did not know to whom to turn.

If you fall into this category, please remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus, you have a full-time, professional agent you can call your own. My primary responsibility is the care and service of your family's life insurance, retirement, disability income and long-term care needs. I'll answer your questions because I want your decisions to be informed ones. I want to help.

Another LIMRA statistic said 43 percent of people did not buy life insurance because they worry about "making the wrong decision." Talk with me, and, afterwards, you'll understand that the only wrong decision was not protecting your family's future sooner.

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