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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, St. Vincent de Paul.

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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*

## March Events

- 5..... Ash Wednesday
- 9..... Daylight Savings starts
- 12..... **BUSINESS MEETING**,  
Our Lady Star of the Sea  
Parish Hall, 7:30 pm.
- 25..... Solemnity of St. Joseph,  
Husband of Mary
- 25..... Solemnity of the  
Annunciation
- 26 ..... **MONTHLY SOCIAL**  
(See below and inside for  
details.)

## April Events

- 9..... Business Meeting
- 20..... EASTER
- 23..... Monthly Social

## May Events

- 14..... Business Meeting
- 15-18. Annual California State  
Knights of Columbus  
Convention in Santa Clara
- 28..... Monthly Social
- 29..... Ascension of the Lord

## Monthly Social

# Irish

Wednesday, March 26  
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

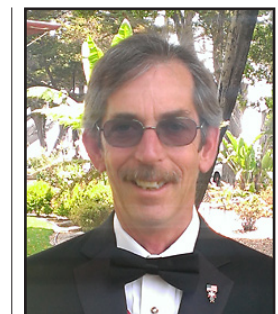
## Grand Knight's Message

Hello Brother Knights and families and Friends,

As we continue to move forward, we continue to make our presence known in our churches and our communities. We need to continue our efforts of support and presence to increase membership and insure we can fulfill the requests of our parishes.

We have a new Chaplin for our Council, Rev. Paul McDonnell O.S.J. Fr. Paul is from the Oblates of Saint Joseph. I had the privilege of meeting with Fr. Paul in late February and I have no hesitation that he will fit in with our council.

Some of our brother knights helped out at the Crab Feed at The Oblates



of Saint Joseph on March 2; thank you for being there and showing your support.

Thank you all that were at our February social and

helped out. I look forward to seeing you at our March social. Please see the write up in this bulletin for further information on the March social.

As always, stay happy and healthy, and active in your council.

Kenneth Lazier Jr.  
Grand Knight

## Chaplain's Message

### LENT - A DESERT EXPERIENCE

There are many ways of looking at the season of Lent, but I would like to reflect upon one aspect which is often overlooked. In the Scriptures we will find what we will focus upon in these thoughts. One very interesting and appealing aspect of Lent is that of the desert - its importance and significance in the Old Testament as well as in the New Testament. Moses spends years in the desert of Sinai until the call of God. Elijah spent time alone hiding from Jezebel. He then travels to Mount Sinai to encounter the Lord at the entrance of the cave in the gentle breeze - he is alone with

the Lord. The Forty Years of the Jewish people in the desert precedes the aforementioned incidents. When all the comforts are taken away and we see direful desert surrounding us; the emptiness, the lack of many things, the importance of food and water, and the void expansiveness, our minds then turn automatically to what is really essential and important: "Oh God help us" or "only God can help us" when all other things fail.

In the New Testament we have the example of John the Baptist who is in the desert until the time of his mis-

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## ...Chaplain

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sion. Jesus Christ is led into the Judean desert by the Spirit in preparation of his public ministry. Jesus spent time



alone with his Father in prayer and communication, praying alone far into the night and into the morning. During Holy

Thursday night he prays alone before his passion. During Lent we are asked to participate with Christ in this aspect of His life. We enter the desert of our churches, our room, the beach or them mountains, or our inner sanctum to find ourselves - or rather, to find ourselves in the Lord. In this desert we try to see what our priorities are, who we really are, to reflect and polish again the image and likeness of God in which we were created. We invite each and every one of you during this Lent, this period of opportunity, to enter into this desert led by the Spirit to find ourselves again spiritually and with the Lord. Happy hunting season. God bless.

Fr. James Catalano, OSJ.

Please note that Fr. James has left the area and has been replaced by Fr. Paul McDonnell as our Chaplain. Fr. James very kindly has provided a number of columns until Fr. Paul is ready to provide his own.

### Council 971 Newsletter

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## Thanks

A big "Thank You!" to those who helped make our February dinner social a success!

MC: Ken Lazier Jr.

Opening Prayer: Fr. Manny

Cook: Tony LeBourveau

Kitchen crew: Tony's children, relatives and friends; including Jason Nielsen

Presentation on the Knights: Jeff Knapp, Ken Lazier Jr., Doug Gallagher, Rudy Quijance

Bar: The usual really good looking men

Door: Robin Lazier & Ken Lazier Jr

Appetizers: Jack Kemerling

Table Settings: Brandon Lazier

Raffle: Jeff Knapp & Ken Lazier Jr

50/50 Raffle: Jeff Knapp

Closing Prayer: Fr. Ron Green

Thanks to those others who also donated to our raffle. Thanks to all!

## Dues

### 2014 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE OVERDUE

It cost council money to send you repeated notices to pay your dues— money that would otherwise go to charities. If you have not sent in your dues payment, please do so immediately. Please contact Financial Secretary Rudy Quijance for more information, 458-9169 or raquija@pacbell.net.

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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, Francisco Garza, Frank Giaimo, Gary Phariss, Robert Walter, Gerald Zieber, Lynnette de Lara and Arline D'Sabato.

Your call or e-mail to the Bulletin Editor (Andrew) if you know of any changes to the above list will be appreciated.

## Insurance

If you haven't scheduled an insurance review with our KofC Field Agent, Jim Misa, he will to meet your difficult schedule. Give Jim a call at 384-0764 or email him at james.misa@kofc.org. He can make recommendations regarding your insurance program and see if it truly meets your future needs.

Trivia: Did you know that Jim was a high school band director for many years?

### 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.

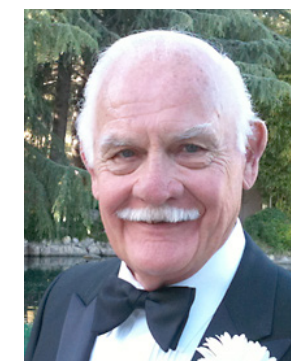
## Membership

During Lent we need to make some personal contacts that will help in finding new members.

We need our Knights to help add to our numbers by supporting the officers and asking men to join our Council.

Our exposure has been excellent this year as we have been able to have a recruiting effort at Our Lady Star of the Sea. A strong effort is now in the works to drive our membership throughout our Santa Cruz Parishes.

Your membership director,  
Doug Gallagher



## GOD BLESS AMERICA!

We celebrated our council's 109th anniversary at our February social with a birthday cake, of course! And it was quite yummy! 109 years of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism!



## Social

We will be having this month's social on Wednesday, March 26 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church Hall. The event will be hosted by Ken Lazier Sr., Deputy Grand Knight. The theme will be in line with St. Patrick's Day. The menu for the evening will be, an Irish salad, mouth-watering Irish beef stew, Irish soda bread, and for dessert we will be having shortbread and ice cream.

We will be providing live entertainment. We will have Michelle Tolnay (granddaughter of Ken Lazier Sr.), an Irish step dancer from San Jose, doing Irish step dancing, and our own Sir Knight Andrew Lenz Jr., belting out a few Celtic tunes on the bagpipes.

We will have a raffle and a door prize. The cost of the social is \$13, with fun to be had by all.

Social hour starts at 6 p.m., dinner starts at 7 p.m. with raffle to follow. Please R.S.V.P. to Ken Lazier Sr. (831) 423-1252. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Holy Cross School.

We personally want to encourage families to attend, and especially men interested in learning more about the Knights and how to become a member.  
Ken Lazier, Sr.  
Program Coordinator