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Newsletter of The Knights of Columbus ~ Council 971

August 2015

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

August Events

- 1..... Habitat for Humanity, Council Build Project
- 9..... Donuts at Holy Cross
- 12..... **BUSINESS MEETING**, Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall, 7:30 pm.
- 26..... **MONTHLY SOCIAL**
(See below and inside for details.)
- 29..... Habitat for Humanity, Council Build Project

September Events

- 7..... Labor Day
- 9..... Business Meeting
- 13..... Donuts at Holy Cross
- 23..... Monthly Dinner Social

October Events

- 11..... Donuts at Holy Cross
- 14..... Business Meeting
- 28..... Monthly Dinner Social

Grand Knight's Message

Good Day Brother Knights,

Congratulations to brother knight Michael Pilacik for making his 3rd Degree on July 25! Michael was joined by Financial Secretary Rudy Quijance and me.

Thanks to all that helped at the July social on July 22. A special thanks to Hiro Tani and his family. Hiro cooked an excellent dinner with his family on hand to help in the kitchen and serve. Brother helping brother.

Thanks to all that attended the 2015-2016 Installation of Officers which was held at the Oblates of Saint Joseph with our Chaplain, Fr. Paul McDonnell, in attendance. A small reception was held afterward in the hall.

The first of four officers meetings



was held on July 15 at the Oblates hall. We scheduled and assigned knights to host the socials for the next 12 months.

Our next business meeting is on August 12, with our next dinner social on August 26.

I am out of the area starting Tuesday, July 27 and I'll be returning 10 days later. If you need to reach me, I can still be reached by cell phone.

Fraternally Yours,
Kenneth Lazier Sr.
Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

Greetings to each of you and your families, hoping that your summer is filled with many moments of fun and relaxation. It seems that when we arrive at the month of August we are already beginning to think about "Back to School" and gearing up for a new social year packed with meetings, events and activities. Jesus challenges us to use our gifts and talents to build up His kingdom on earth by getting involved on so many levels within the world of which we live.

Unfortunately, this summer has brought great shock and pain of what we just recently experienced here in Santa Cruz, right in our own community, the horrific tragedy of the brutal murder of a little 8-year-old girl, Madyson Middleton, by a 15-year-old boy. Entrenched in a world such as this can be very discouraging for all of us, yet it is crises such as these that our faith needs to shine. In the hurts, indignities and injustices perpetrated against us, against humanity,

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Monthly Social Pot Roast

Wednesday, Aug. 26
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

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...Chaplain

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what is often worse than the act itself is what the act does to us as persons: we respond with anger, hatred, vengeance, suspicion, cynicism and self-absorption. One of the most difficult



challenges of being a disciple of Jesus is not to let those things "outside" of us to diminish what we are "inside" ourselves, not to let such anger or vengeance displace the things of God in

the sacred place of our hearts but to let God's presence transform the evil we have encountered into compassion and forgiveness. As Nelson Mandela wrote in his autobiography, "Long Walk to Freedom", "man's goodness is a flame that can be hidden at times but never extinguished."

The kind of human beings that we are as Christians—particularly as proud members of the Knights of Columbus—begins in the values of our hearts, the place where God dwells inside of us; however, the evil we are capable of, the hurt we inflict on others, the degrading of the world that God created also begins "within" as well: this occurs when God is displaced by anger, hatred, selfishness and greed.

May God open our spirits and con-

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sciences to listen to the voice of God speaking in that sacred space within every heart, calling us to understand instead of judgment, forgiveness instead of vengeance, respect instead of ridicule, reconciliation instead of division. Let us journey together living out our Christian vocation in a world that often shocks and crushes us. May we never be defeated but Christ be our "Spes Unica"... Our Only Hope!

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Paul A. McDonnell, OSJ
Chaplain

Thanks!

Thanks to those who made our July dinner social a great success!

MC: Ken Lazier Jr.

Cook: Hiro Tani

Kitchen Assistants: Jeff Knapp, Tani Family, Edwin Tonkin

Appetizers: Jack Kemerling

Desserts: Jack Kemerling

Bar: Ken Lazier Sr., Edwin Tonkin

Door Prizes/Raffle Prizes: Ken Lazier

Sr., Daphne, Ken Lazier Jr., Robin Lazier, Tim Proulx.

Music Coordinator: Brandon Lazier

Thanks to those others who donated to our raffle. Thanks to anyone we forgot to mention. Thanks to all!

Insurance

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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, Midge

Ehrman, Francisco Garza, Tony LeBourveau, 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.

Social

Come join us for our council's August dinner social on Wednesday, August 26 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church Hall on Frederick Street. Social hour begins at 6 p.m., featuring yummy appetizers, followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

This delicious meal will treat us to green salad, mouth-watering pot roast with potatoes and vegetables, bread rolls, and yummy dessert.

Cost of dinner is \$13.00 which includes a chance to win a great door prize.

Please consider donating items for raffle prizes.

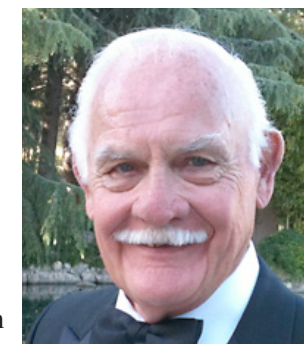
See you there!

Jeff Knapp
Program Coordinator



Membership

Here we go into another Columbian year. We need to bring our Knights into our socials and business meetings. The Supreme leadership wants us to spend time on retention and recruiting.



Here in Santa Cruz we intend to work hard on the young families who have young children at Holy Cross and Good Shepherd schools. During the coming months we will have some recruiting efforts to bring in some Knights. We get a chance to keep our name at the top of community support to the Church and the Faithful.

Let us make this a fine year of progress.

Doug Gallagher
Membership Director



Council 971 knights in action! After a hard day's work helping building a home for a needy family though Habitat for Humanity are Frank Benko, Andrew Lenz Jr., Jeff Knapp, and Tim Proulx (left to right). It was a very rewarding effort. This program is coordinated by Tim.

Habitat

Spearheaded by Tim Proulx, four of our council were onsite at a local Habitat for Humanity building project on Saturday, August 1.

Helping with construction were Tim, Jeff Knapp, Frank Benko and Andrew Lenz Jr. Tim spent the day working on framing the second floor with 2x4s while Jeff, Frank and Andrew dug a deep drainage ditch using picks, shovels and two jackhammer-style electric digging tools. For Jeff, Frank and Andrew, the break at lunch time couldn't come soon enough! It was hard work!

Our second council day is on Saturday, August 29. Tim Proulx is again coordinating this activity. Please confirm with Tim if you would like to pitch in and help with this great cause. (Tim's contact information is in the officer column on Page 2.) You will need to register on the Habitat website beforehand and complete a waiver to hand deliver on your first day.

Contact Tim for more information.