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# Today's Knights

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September 2015

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

## September Events

- 7..... Labor Day  
12..... **BUSINESS MEETING**,  
Our Lady Star of the Sea  
Parish Hall, 7:30 pm.  
11 ..... World Day of Prayer  
for Peace (at Oblates)  
(See inside for details.)  
13..... Donuts at Holy Cross  
23..... **MONTHLY SOCIAL**  
(See below and inside for  
details.)

## October Events

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

## November Events

- 8..... Donuts at Holy Cross  
11 ..... Veterans Day  
11 ..... Business Meeting  
18..... Monthly Dinner Social  
26..... Thanksgiving Day

## Monthly Social Spaghetti

Wednesday, Sept. 23  
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

## Grand Knight's Message

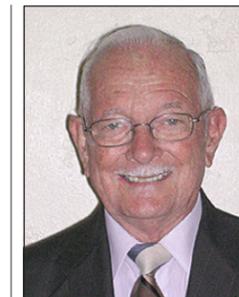
Brother Knights,

Much has happened this past month. I want to thank all who helped at the social on August 26th. It was a great success with much of our appreciation going to Ken Lazier Jr. and his wonderful wife Robin who made an excellent meal.

Here is a little information for you to think about. I didn't realize all we do. Did you know?

Our council—under the direction of Tim Proulx and his crew Jeff Knapp, Andrew Lenz, and Frank Benko—are working with "Habitat for Humanity". They are framing, digging trenches for utilities and many other tasks for projects benefiting this charity.

Our council hosted a pancake breakfast on Sunday, August 30. It has been 15 years since we have done a breakfast like this. It turned out great. I would like to recognize Edwin Tonkin, the head master of the cooking, planning, and organizing of this event. He had an amazing crew consisting of Jeff Knapp, Tim Proulx, Ken Lazier Jr., Ken Lazier Sr., Robin Lazier, Michael Pilacik, Douglas



Gallagher, and Mary Story (the mother of Ed Tonkin) who all did a great job cooking, manning the door, cleaning tables, etc. Great job 971 and Edwin

Tonkin!

In case you did not know, the Knights of Columbus contributed to the "Culture of Life" that helped more than 118,000 children to receive warm winter coats through "The Coats for Kids" program. The Knights of Columbus also created a 20 million dollar "Knights of Columbus Vacarius Chaisti Fund" which is conveyed annually to the Holy Father for his charities. We have supported many more charities which will be recognized in upcoming messages.

Any misspelled words or mistakes, please blame on Andrew Lenz.

*[Editor's note: I'll do my best!]*

Ken Lazier Sr.  
Grand Knight

## Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

Ready or not here he comes... POPE FRANCIS! We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the Vicar of Christ this month here to the USA

(Sept. 22-27), particularly to my native state of Pennsylvania to conclude the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia and for the Canoniza-

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# ...Chaplain

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tion of Blessed Junipero Serra in Washington, D.C. This is an exciting time for our American society, particularly for us Catholics and in a very personal way as Knights of Columbus.



Pope Francis, in a simplified definition of his ministry, is seeking to reinvigorate the faith that exists here, but he will also be casting

the net far and wide. He will seek to intensify in the American Catholic agenda the need for greater outreach, especially to people who have lost their connections from the Church or are in the process of letting them fade away. After a recent survey this summer, it was discovered that only a minority of persons whom identify themselves as Catholics attends Mass every weekend. Another alarming issue is that the Church has a massive problem with drawing in our youth. Plus the culture is hardly helping us as well with the decayed state of marriage and the family. Families are dismembered, literally in millions of cases, by

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divorce. Children are rarely with their parents and everyone is running in a different direction. Then there is the instability of cohabitation and soon we will have to deal with the effects of same-sex unions.

However, these pastoral challenges should not scare us or send us into despair. Our shepherd is coming to inspire us and show us the face of Jesus through his own merciful and tender ways. Our history of the Church in the United States is extremely rich with the foundation of countless hospitals, universities, social agencies, etc....all this magnificence rose up when Catholics overwhelmingly were poor and respected by no one, without political power and without cultural acceptance. If the papal visit to the United States in the next week or two inspires us American Catholics, to see Jesus in the same powerful sense, then we will begin the process of getting back on track and addressing the challenges that harm the spiritual well-being of our society that claims to be "under God".

The term "pontiff" means "bridge"...may Pope Francis be that spiritual and moral connection for us that we so desperately need with the God we have systematically removed from our homes, our school classrooms, our society, and from our hearts. The God of Mercy is waiting for us to welcome Him back into our lives and that invitation will come to us through the words and humble smile of His representative on earth, Francis!

Vivat Jesus!  
Fr. Paul A. McDonnell, OSJ  
Chaplain

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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 September dinner social on Wednesday, September 23 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, All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti, french bread, 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!

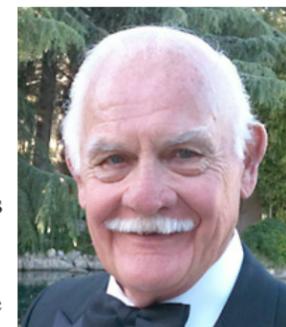
Jeff Knapp  
Program Coordinator



# Membership

With all the Back to School activities in the fall, we are at work on retention of our

brother knights and an active effort to bring in new knights to our council. We plan to have more of our local parishes supported by Knights of Council 971.



For the rest of 2015, we plan to help Holy Cross, Star of the Sea, Saint Joseph's, The Oblates of Saint Joseph, and Good Shepherd School. The idea is that we are a service and support men's group that brings help to the faith community. Our visibility and effort needs to connect at all groups so we can add to our numbers. With new officers in place, we each want to make it a point to recruit one new knight for the new Columbian Year. That would give us a good opportunity to expand our efforts and serve more churches and their needs. Get out there and bring in a few good men.

Doug Gallagher  
Membership Chairman

## 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.*

# Peace

Our 3rd annual "World Day of Prayer for Peace" gathering, honoring those whose lives were lost on September 11, 2001. The gathering is on Friday, September 11, 2015 at the Shrine of St. Joseph, Guardian of the Redeemer, located at 544 West Cliff Dr., Santa Cruz, and will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The ultimate mission of the gathering is to reflect upon the opportunities we collectively and individually can create to bring a greater sense of peace within our homes, communities, nation, and world.

The program features community leaders reflecting on 9/11 and how it changed our world, but also on patriotic support in song and stories including building a peaceful community and home, for our nation's safety, and how we can all be better world citizens. One of our featured speakers is Santa Cruz City Mayor Don Lane.

# Thanks!

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

*MC: Ken Lazier Sr.  
Cooks: Ken & Robin Lazier Jr.  
Servers: Max Wong, Brandon Lazier, Sasha Lazier, Jeff Knapp  
Appetizers: Jack Kemerling  
Opening and closing prayers: Jeff Knapp  
Bar: Edwin Tonkin  
Door: Sasha Lazier, Max Wong, Daphne Lariviere.  
Dessert: Jack Kemerling  
Raffle: Ken Lazier Sr., Max Wong, Daphne Lariviere  
Music: Brandon Lazier*

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