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David Betz—10th

David Scargill—27th



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.

Newsletter of The Knights of Columbus ~ Council 971

December 2015

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

December Events

- 8..... Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Obligation)
- 9..... **MONTHLY SOCIAL**
(See below and inside for details.)
- 13..... Donuts at Holy Cross
- 25..... Christmas Day
< No Dec. Business Meeting >

January Events

- 1..... New Year's Day
- 10..... Donuts at Holy Cross
- 13..... Business Meeting
- 27..... Monthly Dinner Social
- 31..... Pancake Breakfast at Star of the Sea Church

February Events

- 3..... Business Meeting
- 10..... Ash Wednesday
- 14..... Donuts at Holy Cross
- 24..... Monthly Dinner Social

Merry Christmas!

Monthly Social Enchiladas

Wednesday, Dec. 9
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

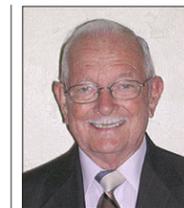
Grand Knight's Message

Good Day to my Brother Knights,

It is another month and a special one, Christmas. We have many different projects in motion. The Intellectual Disabilities drive—also known as the Tootsie Roll drive—did well. The Habitat for Humanity project is moving along under the leadership of Tim Proulx.

I would like to thank Frank Benko for his great job overseeing the coffee and donut socials at Holy Cross Church.

Through my many years of working, being a foreman and president of different associations, I feel that being the Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus has been the most rewarding. So far, I have felt very rewarded. It has been more than I had expected. All who have been a Grand



Knights probably knows what I am saying. The job is a lot of work and many times I ask myself "Is this worth it?" I have to say, yes it is!

There is much to be done over the next few years. The men that we have in our council coming up into positions of leadership will be very able to handle the challenges that come their way.

What I would like to see in the future is what every Grand Knight seeks to happen for his council. To become a "Star Council"! We can make this happen.

I wish all of you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
GK Ken Lazier Sr.

Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

In my many travels through airports one scene I often witness is the reuniting of family and friends as they come off the airplane and are greeted by hugs, tears, balloons and shouts of excitement. I love to see the reactions of these loved ones as it reminds me of when we return back into the arms of our Merciful Father after being away...not on a trip...but away because of our sinfulness. We have a double opportunity to experience a reunion with the Lord during this penitential season of Advent and now with the opening of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, called for by our Holy Father, Pope Francis, from December 8, 2015 to November

20, 2016.

We are all called into repentance by the Church that we love and serve. Repentance is not about feeling sorry or badly; it is not about regret or guilt. The word "repentance", as used in the Gospel texts, means "change"—not just feeling sad about a given situation or set of circumstances, but resolving to do something about it. Change can't happen, of course, if we believe there is no reason to change; change is not part of anyone's perfect image of Christmas. Repentance begins with the acknowledgment that everything isn't fine, that we've been blown off course and need to make

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a correction, that the geography of our lives is filled with crooked roads and steep mountains. So I urge you, my dear brother Knights, to make this season and this Year of Mercy to be a period of real repentance in your lives; recapture the serenity of



Christmas, repair the broken relationships, restore the meaning of Christ's birth in works of generosity and peace. John the Baptizer is one who speaks to us quite often during our Advent

preparation so let us heed his message and make a new, straight path for God to enter your home and heart this Advent that will lead us to Christmas joy and a new year of true inner peace.

This is also the season when families come together. But for many families, it takes more than a festive Christmas dinner. Bringing a family together requires the patience to listen, the selflessness to forgive, the commitment to heal and mend. To be a family is to seek out and bring back whoever is lost, putting aside one's own expectations to respect another's perspective. The Holy Family of Mary, Joseph and the Child understood all too well the struggles and challenges of staying together as a family in their time and place. May we give thanks this Christmas for the gift of family, and in the New Year, take on, out of love and care for those we love, the hard, Christ-like work of being family to one another.

May your Advent journey bring you into the fullness of Christmas joy that will follow you everyday throughout 2016!

Your brother in Christ, our Infant King,
Fr. Paul A. McDonnell, OSJ
Chaplain

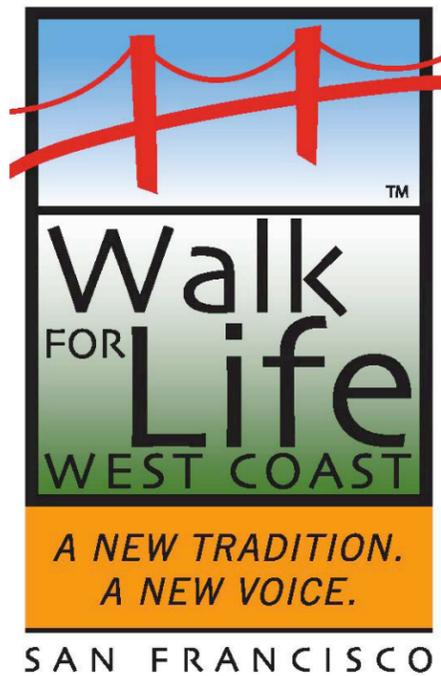
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Walk for Life



Our council will be participating in the West Coast Walk for Life on Saturday, January 23, 2016!

For more information, please contact Frank Benko at 428-4494.

Thanks!

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

MC: Ken Lazier Sr. and Ken Lazier Jr.

Hosts/Cooks: Ken Lazier Jr. and wife Robin, Rudy and Virginia Quikance, and Ken Lazier Sr. and wife Kathy.

Bar: Edwin Tonkin, Jeff Knap, Ken Lazier Sr.

Raffle: Max Wong & Daphne Lariviere

Appetizers & Dessert: Jack Kemerling
Music: Brandon Lazier

Thank you to all who brought side dishes and desserts! And thanks to all those others who donated to our raffle.

Thanks to anyone we forgot to mention. Thanks to all!

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, 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.

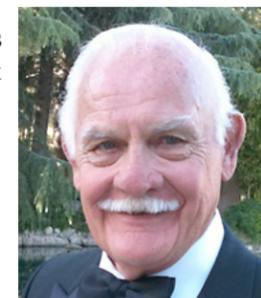
Rosary

We will be initiating a monthly rosary service starting December 13 at 10 a.m. at Holy Cross Church. The rosary service will be conducted on the 2nd Sunday each month. Questions? Please contact Jeff Knapp 253.298.1143 or Frank Benko, 831.428.4494.

Membership

Many thanks for all the work on membership by our Knights. Over the year we have made some progress and we expect to do more in the new year. Rudy Quijance has done a terrific job to keep our council organized and on track to grow with the new guidelines from our state leaders. Much of the energy in the new year will be to increase the participation of the members who have not been attending meetings or other activities we have on our schedule. Many new programs are available to bring onboard some new Knights. We hope to have a great year with a boost in membership.

Doug Gallagher
Membership Chairman



Social

Come join us for our council dinner social on Wednesday, December 9 (held early due to the holidays) at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church Hall on Frederick Street.

Social hour begins at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

Our menu will feature green salad, homemade "Christmas" Enchiladas (Chicken and Chile versions filled with cheese and smothered in Green sauce), Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, and followed by dessert. Cost of dinner is \$13.00.

Please donate items for raffle prizes which raises funds for charitable purposes. There will also be great door prizes!

R.S.V.P is strongly encouraged and can be done by calling Tim Proulx at (831) 535-2022 or Jeff Knapp at (253) 298-1143.

Thanks to all who support us throughout the year—we look forward to a great turnout!

We're asking each member to please fill out the survey below and get it to Rudy Quijance soon! Either e-mail him with your figures (raquiija@pacbell.net), or mail it to 108 McMillan Court, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, or give it to him personally at one of the KofC events. Thanks!

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Individual Member Worksheet

Annually, the Knights of Columbus donate more than \$135 million to charitable and benevolent causes and 60 million hours of volunteer community service to aid the less fortunate. To help prepare our council's Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information request below. This information will assistus in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our Council 971 members during this past calendar year.

1. Number of visits you made during this past year to:

Sick—caring for the sick/nursing homes/hospitals
Bereaved—visits of condolence.....

2. Number of time you served as a blood donor during this past year.

3. Estimated hours of community volunteer service during this past year:

Church Activities—service in all Church related activities
Community Activities—service in all community related activities
Youth Activities—service in all youth related activities
Habitat for Humanity Activities—service in all related activities
Culture of Life Activities—service in all related activities
Miscellaneous Activities—service in areas not outlined above

4. Number of hours of fraternal service during this past year:

Sick/disabled members and their families—household chores, transportation, tutoring, counseling, etc.