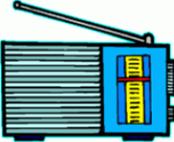




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January 2016

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

January Events

- 1..... New Year's Day
- 10..... Rosary at Holy Cross
- 10..... Donuts at Holy Cross
- 13..... **BUSINESS MEETING**,
Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall, 7:30 pm.
- 27..... **MONTHLY SOCIAL**
(See below and inside for details.)
- 31..... Pancake Breakfast at Star of the Sea Church

February Events

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

March Events

- 9..... Business Meeting
- 13..... Rosary at Holy Cross
- 13..... Donuts at Holy Cross
- 23..... Monthly Dinner Social
- 27..... EASTER SUNDAY

Monthly Social Pork Loin

Wednesday, Jan. 27
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

Grand Knight's Message

Good Day To My Brother Knights,
Another year has gone by, as they say "time flies and waits for no one". So true.

The December social hosted by Tim Proulx was a great success. The chicken enchiladas with green sauce were delicious as was all of the other food. Thank you to everyone involved in making this night a success.

Our council will be busy again this year. Ed Tonkin will be hosting a pancake breakfast once again on January 31, thanks Ed. Great Job!

We are also participating in "The Walk for Life" in San Francisco on January 23 to show our support of unborn babies.

Also our Bishop, Bishop Richard Garcia will be here to bless the new



Parish Pastoral Center Building at Holy Cross on January 10. Again our Fourth Degree will be his honor guard.

Also the knights have begun saying the rosary before the 10:30 mass at Holy Cross Church at 10:00 a.m. on the second Sunday of each month.

Oh, and last but not least, thanks again to Frank Benko for organizing our "Walk for Life" group and to Time Proulx for keeping us involved with Habitat For Humanity.

Thanks to all of the Knights in council 971 that help in so many ways of which there are too many to list.

Happy New Year,
GK Ken Lazier Sr.

Chaplain's Message

Last month on the threshold of Christmas, Pope Francis inaugurated the Jubilee of Mercy, reminding us that we are never beyond the reach of God's merciful love. "This Extraordinary Holy Year is itself a gift of grace," Pope Francis said in his homily just before opening the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica. "To pass through the Holy Door means to rediscover the infinite mercy of the Father who welcomes everyone and goes out personally to encounter each of them. This will be a year in

which we grow ever more convinced of God's mercy. ... We have to put mercy before judgment." Pope Francis continued. "God's judgment will always be in the light of his mercy."

My dear brother Knights, we are richly blessed through which God's mercy entered our world in a definitive way with the birth of His Son and through His ministry, passion, death and resurrection. Our faith in Jesus assures us that we are

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loved and forgiven, with a purpose and a place in this world. That same faith has the power to help us confront the worst that life can bring, while continuing to enfold us in God's peace.

In reflecting upon the fears that we confront throughout our lives, Pope Francis offered these hope-filled words in his proclamation of God's merciful love. "Let us set aside all fear



and dread, for these do not befit men and women who are loved. Instead, let us experience the joy of encountering that grace which transforms all things."

"Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." (Luke 2:10) ... My dear brother Knights, thank you for embracing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Thank you for living His gospel in your generous service of one another. And thank you for your openness to the merciful love of God, the one sure way to our salvation and peace.

With gratitude for the privilege of serving as your Chaplain and with prayers for a holy and blessed New Year for you, your family and all you hold dear, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Paul A. McDonnell, OSJ
Chaplain

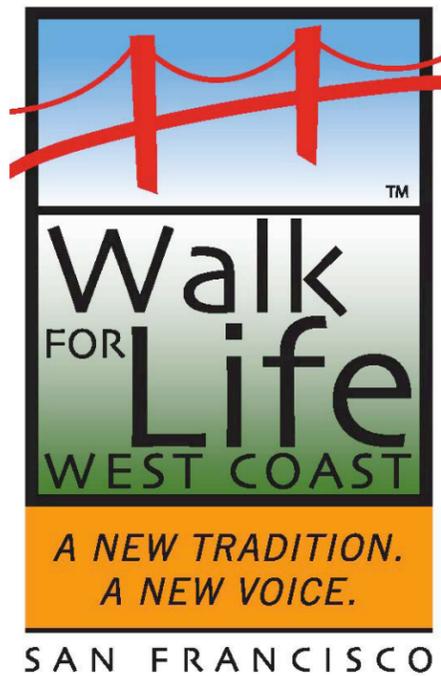
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Walk for Life



We invite you to join the rest of our council in this year's March for Life which will be held in San Francisco on Saturday, January 23.

This event is an annual rally and 1.5 mile peace march through downtown San Francisco on the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision and to support Pro-Life activities. All are welcome!

For further information, please contact Frank Benko 831.428.4494.



Thanks!

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

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

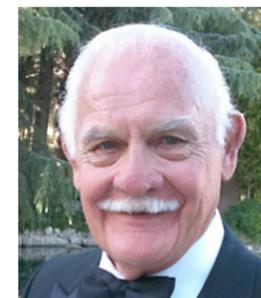
Council 971 hosts a monthly rosary service at 10 a.m. at Holy Cross Church on 2nd Sunday each month. We'd love to see you there! Questions? Please contact Jeff Knapp 253.298.1143 or Frank Benko, 831.428.4494.

Membership

This has been an active year for us and we expect to find ourselves at more church activities in the coming year.

We are planning on a recruiting effort at St. Joseph in Capitola and hope to bring in some good men. Our coffee & donuts at Holy Cross has been effective and we will continue as this activity is supportive to Fr. Joe and Holy Cross. Many thanks to all the Knights who made the effort to help at all the activities throughout the last year. Membership will be a priority for the new year with a strong effort to boost the Knights to reach the suggested goal in recruiting. With the new year comes new efforts from our Knights. Have a great New Year!

Membership Director
Doug Gallagher



Social

Come join us for our council dinner social on Wednesday, January 27 at Holy Cross Hall on High Street. (Yes, we've moved for the month to a different location!)

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

This month's meal will consist of tossed green salad, Pork Loin Roast, Potatoes Au Gratin, seasoned vegetables, and finished nicely with dessert. Price for dinner is \$13.00, and will be well worth it.

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

The beneficiary of this social will be Holy Cross School.

R.S.V.P is strongly encouraged and can be done by calling either Ken Lazier, 419-3753 or Jeff Knapp, 253-298-1143.

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.