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"Lady of Victory, Pray for Us."

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Newsletter of The Knights of Columbus ~ Council 971

February 2016

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

February Events

- 3.....BUSINESS MEETING,
Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall, 7:30 pm.
- 10.....Chapter Meeting
- 14.....Rosary at Holy Cross
- 14.....Donuts at Holy Cross
- 20.....3rd Degr. Exemplification
- 24.....MONTHLY SOCIAL
(See below and inside for details.)
- 25.....Homeless Dinner
- 27.....2nd Degr. Exemplification
- 27.....4th Degr. Exemplification

March Events

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

April Events

- 10.....Rosary at HC 10am
- 10.....Donuts at Holy Cross
- 13.....Business Meeting
- 27.....Monthly Dinner Social

Monthly Social Pulled Pork

Wednesday, Feb. 24
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

Grand Knight's Message

Good Day To My Brother Knights,
Well, we are into another new year with many things in the works. The Walk for Life was a great success, thanks to Frank Benko and his hard work organizing our participation.

We had a great social at Holy Cross hall as well, which was hosted by Jeff Knapp and Ken Lazier Jr. Jeff was the cook and was assisted in the kitchen by Edwin Tonkin, Ken Lazier Jr., and Andrew Lenz Jr. Dinner was served by Ken Lazier Jr., Andrew Lenz Jr., Angelina Lippy and Daphne Lariviere. The raffle was led by Ken Jr. and Daphne. Music was played by Brandon Lazier. The door was covered by Ken Jr. and Daphne. The bar was covered by myself and Edwin. Fr. Rudolfo led the opening prayer



and Jeff Knapp led the closing prayer. Door prize was won by Doris Burke—a floor-standing world globe! Appetizers and dessert was provided by Jack

Kemerling. I want to apologize Jack, that I missed your name in the credit announcement at the end of the social. Please excuse me as I was preparing to have an angiogram a few days after the social and the possibility of open heart surgery soon. My mind was racing in many different directions.

I look forward to another great month.

My best to my Brother Knights,
GK Ken Lazier Sr.

Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

On Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10, we embrace once again the sacred season of Lent; the annual observance within the Church year that beckons us to acknowledge the brokenness of our lives, to accept anew God's healing love and to respond to God's call to proclaim his promise of salvation and new life for all.

While we, as faithful followers of Jesus, are traditionally encouraged to honor the sacred season of Lent by embracing the three pillars of Lenten observance – prayer, fasting

and almsgiving – the key to a fruitful appropriation of these practices is to recognize their link to baptismal renewal. We are called not just to abstain from sin and to perform certain external actions, but to a true conversion of our hearts and to a poverty of spirit that enables us, as Saint Paul asserts, to know and reflect the life-giving grace of Jesus in and through our lives.

One of the great opportunities given by the Church to assist us in our response to the Lord's

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invitation to conversion is found in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, especially during this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy.

In his reflections upon Saint Paul's letter to the Corinthians, Pope Francis asserts that the goal of our Lenten observance is not merely a sense of personal satisfaction that emerges from adherence to certain rituals,



gestures, or even a spirit of charity "that costs nothing." To authentically enter into the journey of Lent is to open our lives to the presence of God and to, in turn, "confront the

poverty of our brothers and sisters, to touch it, to make it our own and to take practical steps to alleviate it." In short, Lent calls us to recognize that forgiveness of our sins is possible, that God freely loves us at all times, and that because of God's love, we are called to serve and reflect his life in the midst of our broken world.

Lent is a wonderful season of hope. It is also a demanding time that compels each of us to confront the reality of our lives as Christians. Please know how grateful I am to each of you, my brother Knights, who daily seek to embrace the true spirit of this sacred season. May we support one another and discover the true reason for our hope as we journey together to Easter joy.

Yours in Christ, Crucified & Risen....

Fr. Paul A. McDonnell, OSJ
Chaplain

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Social

Come join us for our council dinner social on Wednesday, February 24 at Star of the Sea Parish Hall.

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

This month's meal will consist of Appetizers, Green Goddess Salad, Slow-Cooked Pulled Pork Sliders, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Ice Cream with Blueberry-Cappuccino Mocha Syrup.

Price for mouth-watering dinner is only \$13, 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!

R.S.V.P.s are encouraged and can be done by calling either Ken Lazier Jr., 419-3753 or Jason Nielsen, 621-6281.

We look forward to a great turnout!

Homeless

Council 971 will be hosting a dinner for the homeless at the Oblates on Thursday, Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. If you'd like to participate and help, please contact Ken Lazier Jr. at 419-3753.

Manning

There will be a council program planning meeting following the homeless dinner at the Oblates on Feb. 25. Please contact DGK Jeff Knapp for more information.

Thanks!

Thanks to those who made our January dinner social an excellent event! Please see the Grand Knight's message for a list of 'thank you's.'

Illness & Prayers

Let us continue with our prayers for our sick list of brother knights and families and their caregivers.

Ken (Sr.) & Kathy Lazer, Midge Ehrman, Francisco Garza, Gary Phariss, Robert Walter, 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.

Condolences

Jerry (Gerald) Zieber, Past Grand Knight (1957-58) of Council 971, passed away on February 8 in Turlock after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. A Santa Cruz native, Jerry



earned his 1st, 2nd and 3rd degrees in 1952 in our council.

He was a strong advocate of Knights giving blood, leading the way by donating over 27 gallons of blood in his lifetime.

He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Marjorie Zieber.

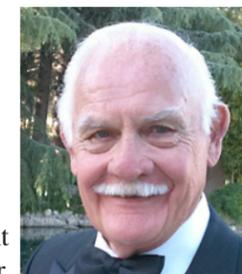
The mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Friday, February 19, 2016 at Our Lady Star of the Sea. The committal ceremony will follow at Holy Cross Mausoleum in Santa Cruz, followed by a reception in the church hall, where we will continue to celebrate his life.

All brother knights are encouraged to attend and honor our fallen brother.

Membership

Our first quarter needs to bring some more good men into our Santa Cruz Council. To

start this year we moved the Holy Cross school fundraiser to the Holy Cross hall and the next step is to ask for participation and recruiting support to gain more good men. We are in the process of getting a big information night together for recruits at Holy Cross on St. Patrick's Day.



We would have a corned beef sandwich and beer on Thursday, March 17 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If this works well we could think about another event later in the year for Good Shepherd School later in the Spring. We look ahead to a good year for recruiting.

Membership Director
Doug Gallagher

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.

Walk for Life

About half a dozen 971 knights, wives, families, and friends drove up and participated in the annual Walk for Life held in San Francisco on Saturday, January 23.

Our attendance more than doubled from last year and we're hoping to double it again next year. A big "thank you" to Frank Benko for being the driving force behind this event for our council. And thank you to Ken Lazier Jr. for driving.

