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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

April 2016

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

April Events

- 9..... Chapter Meeting in Salinas
- 10..... Rosary at Holy Cross
- 10..... Donuts at Holy Cross
- 13..... **BUSINESS MEETING**,
Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall, 7:30 pm.
- 23..... 4th Degree Exemplification
- 27..... **MONTHLY SOCIAL**
(See below and inside for details.)

May Events

- 7..... Senior Wish Day
- 8..... Rosary at Holy Cross
- 8..... Donuts at Holy Cross
- 11..... Business Meeting
- 13..... Fatima Devotion
- 28..... Monthly Dinner Social
- 30..... Memorial Day

June Events

- 8..... Business Meeting
- 12..... Rosary at HC 10am
- 12..... Donuts at Holy Cross
- 22..... Monthly Dinner Social

Monthly Social Italian

Wednesday, Apr. 27
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

Grand Knight's Message

Good Day To My Brother Knights,

My message for this month will be another short one. I want to thank you for all of the prayers regarding my heart surgery. They did the job and so far I am doing very well. I'd like to thank Ken Lazier Jr. and Robin Lazier for cooking and hosting last month's social, of which I was supposed to host. Unfortunately, I was in the hospital. Thanks also to Jack Kemerling and everyone else who helped make it a great night. I heard it was a great meal.

One of the main things coming up this month will be on April 27 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. There will be a mass and 4th Degree Chalice Presentation at 5 p.m. followed by our monthly social. Our Social hour begins at 6 p.m., with appetizers,



no-host bar (donations gladly accepted), followed by dinner at 7 p.m. featuring green salad, spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, and a vegetable,

cooked by my wonderful daughter-in-law Robin Lazier and son Ken Lazier Jr., followed by dessert. I hope to be able to attend and hope to see you all there.

I want to sincerely thank the Knights of 971. You have been just wonderful helping out throughout this challenging time. I would like to specially thank my Deputy Grand Knight, Jeff Knapp. You will make a fine future Grand Knight.

Fraternally Yours,
Ken Lazier Sr., Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights:

We have this entire month of April to celebrate and enjoy the beauty of the Easter season. With the Solemnity of Our Lord's Resurrection coming early this year on the calendar (March 27), we can use this month to focus completely on what the Resurrection means for us in our personal lives and as Knights of Columbus.

I felt your special presence at the Feast of Divine Mercy on the Second Sunday of Easter (April 3) at our Shrine of St. Joseph, Guardian of the

Redeemer. Not only did you add to the solemnity of the Feast Day, but you brought your gift of Easter faith into the sacred actions, particularly in expressing your devotion to the Risen Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist.

May the peace offered by the Risen Lord to His Apostles be the same peace we enjoy in our lives, in our marriages, in our homes and among us as fellow Knights. For the peace of the Risen Christ is more than just the absence of conflict, more than

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just the quiet, unchallenged acceptance of someone's behavior. Christ's peace is the hard work of loving when it is most difficult to love, of putting aside one's own disappointments and doubts



for the sake of the common good, of forgiving when we are too angry or disappointed, of reaching out even when we are almost certain that we will

be rejected. The Risen One's gift of peace is centered in no less than Christ Himself: to simply imitate his selflessness, his compassion, his joys in our own homes and hearts.

As we enjoy warmer temperatures, Spring flowers and the start of a new baseball season, let us also take time to breathe in the refreshing air of Easter that transforms our very hearts and souls.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Paul A. McDonnell, OSJ
Chaplain

Thanks!

Thanks to those who made our March dinner social an excellent event!

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Social

Come join us for our council dinner social on Wednesday, April 27th at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church Hall on Frederick Street in Santa Cruz.

We will be having mass with a 4th Degree Chalice Presentation starting at 5:00 p.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church.

Our social hour will begin after mass at approximately 6 p.m., with appetizers, no host bar (donations gladly accepted) with dinner served at 7 p.m.

Dinner will feature green salad, spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, and a vegetable, cooked by Robin Lazier. Dessert will follow. Cost of dinner is \$13.00.

Please consider donating items for raffle prizes which raise funds for charitable purposes. There will also be great door prizes!

R.S.V.P is strongly encouraged and can be done by calling Ken Lazier at (831) 419-3753 or Robin Lazier at (831) 419-3056. See You There! Thank you for your support!!

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.

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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.

Prayers

Please continue to say special prayers for our Grand Knight Ken Lazier Sr. as he recovers from heart surgery. May God bless him with quick healing.

4th Degree!

Are you a 3rd Degree knight who is ready to advance in our Order? The 4th Degree is the Patriotic Degree in the Knights of Columbus.

Being a 4th Degree Knight will allow you the opportunity to participate in the Color Corps, if you wish.

There will be a 4th Degree Exemplification on Saturday, April 23 near Modesto. The ceremony begins around noon so there is time to drive there in the morning and time to comfortably return to Santa Cruz afterward.

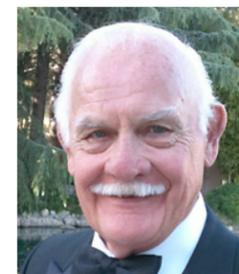
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Membership

Brother Knights,

Our information night has been rescheduled to a later date.

Please continue to do your best to keep our good works and activities in your plans and stay active. We



need to follow up and ask our friends and fellow parishioners to join our ranks. Before the end of this school year we will be inviting those Catholic parents to bring their family to our Information Night.

Spring brings us a strong list of activities to coordinate as we complete our many tasks for the Columbian Year. We ask that our brother Knights follow the lead and attend as many of our activities as possible. We will hope to grow our council by bringing in a good amount of recruits this summer. One of our possible dates for the Information Night is June 3 at the Shrine of St. Joseph on West Cliff Drive for a BBQ.

Membership Director
Doug Gallagher

Insurance

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Genocide

STATEMENT OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CEO CARL ANDERSON ON STATE DEPARTMENT'S GENOCIDE DECLARATION

Following Secretary of State John Kerry's finding of genocide being committed by ISIS against Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson released this statement:

Today's announcement [Mar. 17] by Secretary of State John Kerry is correct and truly historic. For one of the few times in our history, the United States has designated an ongoing situation as genocide, and the State Department is to be commended for having the courage to say so. By joining its voice to that of the House of Representatives, the American people, and the international community, the United States today makes clear to ISIS that its attempt to stamp out religious minorities must cease.

The United States and the world are united on this, and simply will not look the other way. The Knights of Columbus is pleased to have been able to work with the State Department in providing a nearly 300-page report filled with compelling evidence that genocide was occurring against Christians as well as other religious minorities. We thank Secretary Kerry for seriously considering the evidence, and commend the State Department staff for working closely with us in this endeavor.

Following this declaration, America must continue to focus on those being killed in this genocide, and our country, and the international community, must make sure the slaughter ends and that these innocent people are protected. There is much work still to be done, but this represents an important step forward.