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June 2016

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

June Events

- 3..... Information Nite BBQ
- 4..... Old Holy Cross Cemetery
Tour at 10 a.m.
- 8..... **BUSINESS MEETING,**
Our Lady Star of the Sea
Parish Hall, 7:30 pm.
- 12..... Rosary at Holy Cross
- 12..... Donuts at Holy Cross
- 22..... **MONTHLY SOCIAL**
(See below and inside for
details.)

July Events

- 4..... Independence Day
- 10..... Rosary at HC 10 a.m.
- 10..... Donuts at Holy Cross
- 13..... Business Meeting
- 23..... Officer Installation 6pm
- 27..... Monthly Dinner Social

Aug Events

- 10..... Business Meeting
- 14..... Rosary at HC 10 a.m.
- 14..... Donuts at Holy Cross
- 24..... Monthly Dinner Social

Monthly Social Tri-Tip

Wednesday, June 22
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

Grand Knight's Message

*[The Grand Knight's message was
not available by press time.]*



Kenneth Lazier Sr.
Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights:

One of the greatest honors of being a priest is being called "Father". I have always felt a warm feeling within me when people of all ages and backgrounds call out to me with this title as I feel exceptionally close to that individual and their particular needs. I see it not as an honorary title that sets me above the people, but as a call of service to express paternal love, mercy and understanding to God's loving children as many questions, problems and worries are placed before us each day. I also see this title as a humbling extension from our Heavenly Father and of Saint Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus, who cared for all of His temporal needs.

It seems paradoxical that we men of the Church who are not married and have no biological children are called "Father", yet we see all of the people that we serve as our extended family. The point of my reflection for this month is not about us "Fathers of the Priesthood", but about you, my brother Knights, who live out faithfully the vocation of fatherhood in your

lives. Our society will acknowledge your love and sacrifices on Father's Day, June 19th, but this is something we should do everyday no matter how old or young we are, whether our Dads are living or have already entered into the joy of their heavenly reward.

Pope Francis in his recent post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation "Amoris Laetitia" speaks directly about fatherhood in #177 of the document: " God sets the father in the family so that by the gifts of his masculinity he can be close to his wife and share everything, joy and sorrow, hope and hardship. And to be close to his children as they grow - when they play and when they work, when they are carefree and when they are distressed, when they are talkative and when they are silent, when they are daring and when they are afraid, when they stray and when they get back on the right path.... children need to find a father waiting for them when they return home with their problems."

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...Chaplain

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You men, my brother Knights, do much for your families as husbands and fathers, but most of all it is your stable, holy and guiding presence that you offer to them on a daily basis,



even though it may on occasion be taken for granted or at times left unappreciated. Your grounding in God our Father, and imitating the patron

of fathers, Saint Joseph, allows you to be the direct channel for your families between heaven and earth, making your individual family to also be a "Holy Family". Remind yourself daily of this privilege and continue to live it with grace and holy pride of what you are called to be and your daily faithful response to such an exalted vocation.

Thank you for allowing me and all priests to share in your sacred privilege by being called "Father", a title we hope to live up to each day as you inspire us with your unconditional paternal love and sacrifices for your families.

Happy Father's Day, Gentlemen!!!

Fr. Paul A. McDonnell, OSJ
Chaplain

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Social

Come join us for our council dinner social on Wednesday, June 22 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church Hall on Frederick Street in Santa Cruz.

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

The main course will consist of mouth-watering BBQ Tri-Tip, Portuguese Beans, and Potato Salad—all homemade! Dessert will follow the main meal. Cost of dinner is only \$13.

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 Jeff Knapp at (253) 298-1143 or Frank Benko at (831) 428-4494. See You There! Thank you for your support!!

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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.

Pro-Life

Brother Knights, we have yet another opportunity to pray for the sanctity of human life especially for unborn babies by participating in a weekly prayer group outside of the Santa Cruz Planned Parenthood office.

While this weekly prayer group occurs every Saturday from 7:30 - 9 a.m. outside of the Planned Parenthood back alley, it is especially meaningful on the 4th Saturday of the month which is a scheduled abortion Saturday.



The next abortion Saturday will be June 18th.

Respect Life is a Knights activity which is strongly supported by our Supreme Knights Council.

I hope you will consider spending some time in communal prayer to support this very worthwhile cause.

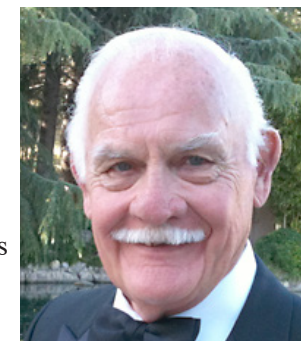
Fraternally,
Frank Benko
Council 971 Pro Life Advocate

Membership

Our long-awaited Information Night BBQ is on for June 3. Brother Knights hope to bring in some fine Catholic men to join our council.

Andrew Lenz fashioned a great poster for the churches and schools. At press time we have a possible First Degree on the 13th of June out of town and we are also prepared to offer another First Degree at our July 13 business meeting. We will be able to act

quickly as we seek to share Santa Cruz #971 Council with these recruits. Our Knights who are hosting our BBQ are



ready to offer their views on the vital support that each one brings to our community and churches. In just the last year we have helped the following charities: Habitat for Humanity, Relay for Life, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, Holy Cross School, Good Shepherd School, The Bay School, Sienna House, St. Francis Kitchen, Holy Cross Kitchen and other Catholic charities. As you can see, it will be easy for a new Knight to fit into our good works. We welcome new men and their families as they support our efforts to improve our churches and community.

Doug Gallagher
Membership Director

Prayers

Please say prayers for our Grand Knight Ken Lazier Sr. as he continues to recover from his successful heart surgery. Ken and we have been blessed! Ken is doing extremely well!

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.

Donuts

Council 971 provides refreshments after masses at Holy Cross Church on the 2nd Sunday each month.

This is a great faith community builder and also serves as a recruiting opportunity.

Would you like to help? Please contact Frank Benko at 831.428.4494.

Thanks!

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

Cemetery

Fellow knight, Jim Franks, will be showing off his handiwork, and labor of love, with a tour of the Old Holy Cross Cemetery on Saturday, June 4 at 10 a.m. All are encouraged to attend, especially members of our council.

