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July 2016

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

July Events

- 4..... Independence Day
- 9-10... Relay for Life
- 13..... **BUSINESS MEETING**,
Our Lady Star of the Sea
Parish Hall, 7:00 pm.
1st Degree Exemplification
- 10..... Rosary at Holy Cross
- 17..... Donuts at Holy Cross
- 23..... Officer Installation 6pm
- 27..... **MONTHLY SOCIAL**
(See below and inside for details.)

Aug. Events

- 10..... Business Meeting
- 14..... Rosary at HC 10 a.m.
- 14..... Donuts at Holy Cross
- 21..... Fr. Paul 25th Anv. Mass
- 24..... Monthly Dinner Social

Sept. Events

- 5..... Labor Day
- 11..... World Day of Prayer for
Peace hosted by 971
- 14..... Business Meeting
- 28..... Monthly Dinner Social

Monthly Social Mexican

Wednesday, July 27
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

Grand Knight's Message

Happy New (Columbian) Year Brother Knights and Families!

This being my first message as Grand Knight, I'd like to say simply thank you—thank you to my Brother Knights for your vote of confidence in me to lead this 111-year-old Council—I am honored and humbled by this distinction.

July is the beginning of a new year for the Knights of Columbus in which we will install new officers at a special Mass and Installation Ceremony to be held Saturday, July 23rd at 6 p.m. at the Shrine of St. Joseph, Guardian of the Redeemer.

It is also gratifying to be part of a group of men dedicated to our Catholic faith that want to help make this a year of growth and challenge—together we'll add more men and families to our Order and (God willing) do more projects. The Monthly Social will be the cornerstone of our efforts in build-



ing community, and continuing our devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, our monthly Rosary (2nd Saturday of the Month at the Shrine of St. Joseph and the 2nd Sunday of the Month at Holy Cross) will help increase our faith. We have new projects in the pipeline and we'll be highlighting those in future editions of this newsletter.

Finally, I'd like to acknowledge and thank Ken Lazier Sr. for his dedication and leadership this past year as our Grand Knight, and all you and your family does to support our ministry!
— Blessings!
Jeff Knapp
Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights:

As we prepare for the Canonization of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta (Sept. 4), she often told this story in her talks and reflections:

"Some time ago a man came to our house and said: "Mother, there is a Hindu family that has eight children. They have not eaten for a long time. Do something for them." So I took some rice and went. When I ar-

rived at their house, I could see the hunger in the children's eyes. Their eyes were shining with hunger. I gave the rice to the mother. She took it and divided it in two, and then she went out. When she came back, I asked her, "Where did you go?" She said, "They are hungry also." Her neighbors were also hungry. What struck me most was not that she gave

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Chaplain

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the rice but that she knew they were hungry. Because she knew, she shared. I did not bring more rice that night. I waited until the next morning so that they could experience the joy of sharing and loving."

One of my favorite Gospel stories is when Jesus visits the home of



Martha and Mary (Luke 10:38-42). We can all associate ourselves with the busy Martha and the attentive Mary with their Divine Guest. "The

better part" does not deny the "Martha" side of our lives that seeks to provide for ourselves and our families but consciously "sees" the needs of others and responds with the generosity and compassion that Jesus inspires in our "Mary" side. We are all like Martha in our own anxiety over details; we worry about the peripherals at the expense of the important and lasting. "The better part" is to see beyond our demands and needs at the moment; the "better part" is to maintain a perspective of gratitude for the blessings and gifts of our lives and to hear God calling us to share those blessings and gifts with our sisters and brothers in need.

In the midst of this summer season, which affords us some time to slow down a bit from our frantic lives and schedules, may it allow us to enjoy the

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"Mary" dimension within us which we choose "the better part" by entering into daily conversation with Jesus and the people with whom we share our lives.

Happy Summer!
United in prayer & service,
Fr. Paul A. McDonnell, OSJ
Chaplain

Social

Come join us for our council dinner social on Wednesday, July 27 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 chicken enchiladas, rice, and salad. 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 by email at jrknapp77@yahoo.com. 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.

PGK

Dear Brother Knights,

This is my last message to you. Worthy Knight Jeff Knapp is our new Grand Knight for the 2016-2017 Columbian Year. As we support and work with him our council will be even stronger this coming year.

I wanted to update you on a few things that we have been involved with recently. We took a check with the proceeds from our Intellectual Disabilities Drive also known as the "Tootsie Roll Drive" as a donation to the Bay School. This school supports children with autism. Doug Gallagher, Edwin Tonkin and myself met with the director Andrea Gold. She gave us a tour of the school and we got a first hand look at how the teachers and other staff help the students of all ages. They do great work with these children. The children are blessed to have such wonderful people working with them. Don't forget to make a donation to this drive in the coming year. The proceeds go to great causes.

As Roy Rogers, who all of us over 75 remembers would say and I will say it to you, "Happy trails to you."
Ken Lazier Sr.
Past Grand Knight

Membership

Bringing in some new knights this summer will have our council on track for a year of good progress. Many thanks to our knights for stepping up and working to attract men to our council. This year we have had some great transfers from other councils and this will benefit us throughout the year.

Brian Nordman and family have joined us from southern California and are attending Our Lady Star of the Sea church. Special Thanks to Ed

Tonkin for outstanding work in recruiting new men to join us in our charitable and spiritual works. July 13 brings us some knights for a 1st Degree Exemplification and thanks go out to the great support by all the officers under PGK Ken Lazier Sr.

We look forward to Jeff Knapp directing our efforts as our new Grand Knight.

Doug Gallagher
Membership Director

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Pro-Life

We have a continuing opportunity to pray for the sanctity of human life 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 July 23.

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



Thanks!

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

Hosts: Jeff Knapp & Frank Benko
MC: GK Ken Lazier Sr.

Cooks: Jeff Knapp, Frank Benko, Robin Lazier

Opening & Closing Prayers: Rev. Rudolfo Contreras

Appetizers & Dessert: Jack Kemerling
Servers: Daphne Lariviere, Nick Nicosi, Andrew Lenz Jr.

Door: Daphne Lariviere & Nick Nicosi
Bar: Edwin Tonkin, Ken Lazier Sr.

Raffle: Daphne, Nick, Ken Lazier Jr.
Pledge of Allegiance: Frank Benko

Entertainment: Branden Lazier

