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Newsletter of The Knights of Columbus ~ Council 971

September 2016

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

Sept. Events

- 5..... Labor Day
- 14..... **BUSINESS MEETING,**
Our Lady Star of the Sea
Parish Hall, 7:00 pm.
1st Degree Exemplification
- 11 World Day of Prayer for
Peace hosted by 971
- 18..... Donuts at Holy Cross
- 18..... Rosary at HC, 10am
- 28 **MONTHLY SOCIAL**
*(See below and inside for
details.)*

Oct. Events

- 12..... Business Meeting
- 9..... Rosary/Donuts at HC.
- 13..... Fatima Pilgrimage
- 26..... Monthly Dinner Social

Nov. Events

- 9..... Business Meeting
- 13..... Rosary/Donuts at HC.
- 16..... Monthly Dinner Social
- 24 Thanksgiving Day

Monthly Social Italian

Wednesday, Sept. 28
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights and Families,

Where did the summer go? The first two months of this new Columbian year has been very hectic, and I want to thank and congratulate us all on a very successful July and August! September will also see our council heavily involved with our parishes and out at the Shrine (Oblates).

We begin with our 4th Annual "World Day of Prayer for Peace" gathering/program out at the Shrine on Sunday the 11th with 10 a.m. rosary, 11 a.m. mass, then we'll do a memorial/peace prayer gathering, and veneration to conclude the event—refreshments will also be served.

There will be a Pancake Breakfast



at Star of the Sea the 18th, and I encourage all knights and their families to attend both of these events.

Your participation in our ministry

is highly encouraged. When you can, please contact me and let me know what you'd like us to do, and we'll work on making it a reality.

– Blessings!
Jeff Knapp
Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

Brother Knights,

Once again our Beloved Church will make another official proclamation at the start of this month with the Canonization of Blessed Mother Teresa (1910-1997). The tiny figure of Mother Teresa, her fragile body curved by strain, her face furrowed with many wrinkles, are already well known in the whole world. Those who met her only even once, can never forget her: the light of her smile reflected her immense love. To be looked by her, by her deep, loving, limpid eyes used to give the curious sensation of being looked by the eyes of God himself.

Once a journalist who wanted to photograph her eyes told the Mother: "I want to take the photo of those eyes, because I never saw eyes so happy. One way or other, I would like to discover the secret of the joy of these eyes". And the Mother replied: "That secret is so simple. My eyes are happy because my hands wipe off a lot of tears. You too do so; have happy eyes like mine". In Mother Teresa there were idealism and concreteness; she was active and contemplative at the same time. She liked to define herself as the small pencil of God, a small and simple instrument

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Chaplain

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held by God's hands. She recognized humbly that when the pencil would become too small to use, the Lord would have thrown her away, entrusting someone else her Apostolic Mission: "Also those who believe in me, would accomplish the things that I do, and would do even greater things" (John 14:12)



By means of her example and prayer, Mother Teresa inspires many to offer the heart to pray and the hands to serve, starting from those who are next to us. The message of Mother Teresa is always valid: let everyone search his own Calcutta which is present also on the streets of the rich West, in the frantic rhythm of our cities: "You can find Calcutta all over the world – she used to say –, if you have the eyes to see. In every place there are the people who are not loved, not wanted, people who are not cared for, who are forgotten.

Already during her life, Mother Teresa was an icon of loving Mercy of God and has spread the light of His love on many people, through the works of bodily and spiritual Charity. From heaven she continues to realize her Mission and brings light to those who live in darkness on the earth. With her Canonization on September 4, 2016 in St. Peter's Square, the Church proposes her as an example and help to those who, like her, wish to enlighten the flame of love and of peace in the whole world.

Fr. Paul McDonnell, OSJ
Chaplain

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Social

Come join us for our council dinner social on Wednesday, September 28 at our Lady Star of the Sea Church Hall on Frederick Street in Santa Cruz.

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

Our host will be Ken Lazier Jr. All-You-Can-Eat spaghetti dinner, with garlic bread and green 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 Ken Lazier Jr. at (831) 423-1252 or by email at Seneter@aol.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 Lazier, 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.

Thanks!

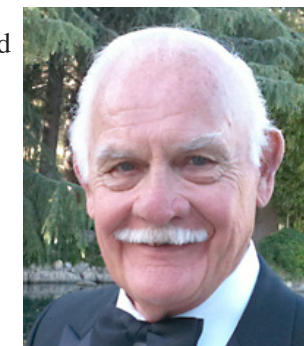
Thanks to those who made our July dinner social an excellent event!
Appetizers/Dessert: Jack Kemmerling
Door: Daphne Lariviere
Cooks/Helpers: Hiro Tani, Ken Lazier Jr., Frank Benko, Robin Lazier, Edwin Tonkin, Jim Franks
Bar: Edwin Tonkin, Ken Lazier Sr.
Set Up/Clean Up: Edwin Tonkin, Jeff Knapp, Ken Lazier Jr., Frank Benko, Ken Lazier Sr., Hiro Tani, Richard Marshall
Music: Brandon Lazier
Raffle: Daphne, Ken Lazier Jr.
We look forward to seeing you all at our next social!



Membership

Our Council has a busy schedule for the next two months.

As knights, we need to get busy and support our home parish in a way in which men will be attracted to the work that our busy knights provide. Many thanks for those active men who have worked hard to bring some good men into our Order.



Columbus Day weekend, the 8th & 9th of October will bring another big recruiting effort at Holy Cross Church. Please plan to come by and support our effort.

Council 971 hopes to bring in 3 or 4 new knights as we continue moving forward in our new Columbian year. Stay the course to success.
Doug Gallagher
Membership Director



A number of Council 971 members participated in the 4th Degree Assembly Color Corps at the celebration of 25th anniversary of our council chaplain Fr. Paul McDonnell's ordination to the priesthood on Sunday, August 21, 2016.

Left to right: Edwin Tonkin, Andrew Lenz Jr., Color Corps Commander Rudy Quijance, Fr. Paul McDonnell, Larry Young (Aptos Council 9580), Mike Baker (Watsonville Council 11804), GK Jeff Knapp.

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.



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

Please contact me with questions (831) 428-4494 or fmbenko@comcast.net.

Fraternally,
Frank Benko
Council 971 Pro Life Advocate