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# Today's Knights

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October 2016

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

## Oct. Events

- 8..... Chapter Meeting: Soledad
- 9..... Donuts at Holy Cross
- 9..... Rosary at HC, 10am
- 12..... **BUSINESS MEETING**,  
Oblates of St. Joseph conference room, 7:00 pm.  
*1st Degree Exemplification*
- 13..... Fatima Pilgrimage at Oblates
- 26 ..... **MONTHLY SOCIAL**  
*(See below and inside for details.)*

## Nov. Events

- 8..... Habitat Build
- 9..... Business Meeting
- 11 ..... Veterans Day
- 13..... Rosary/Donuts at HC.
- 16..... Monthly Dinner Social
- 24 ..... Thanksgiving Day

## Dec. Events

- No Business Meeting
- 10..... Habitat Build
- 11 ..... Rosary/Donuts at HC.
- 14..... Monthly Dinner Social

## Monthly Social Lasagna

Wednesday, Oct. 26  
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

## Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights and Families,

A recap of September would be characterized by two words: "Life changing", but that's exactly how I feel September was for me personally. With the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady of Fatima (IHMS) statue on mini-tour within the Santa Cruz area of the Monterey Diocese, I saw firsthand how her presence impacted many lives, especially my own, in just a short time. Many members of our council were blessed to have participated in veneration and meditation on peace, and to be an instrument of that peace. I felt a conversion within me that I consecrated myself to her and now feel a centering in my life that will help me personally be a better person, better knight, and a better Christian.

I hope others can also feel the



same, and with our October 'Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrimage' coming October 13 at the Shrine, I encourage all to participate in the Rosary recitation and special Mass the Oblates of St. Joseph offer us twice a year (May 13 & October 13).

Later this month, we'll enjoy a great Lasagna feast hosted by PGK Doug Gallagher and his wife Rose—the Lasagna master chef! I encourage you to RSVP now as there is limited seating for this social! Blessings!

— Blessings!  
Jeff Knapp  
Grand Knight

## Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

We are in the month in which we pay special honor to the man to whom we bear his name: Christopher Columbus. We, the Knights of Columbus, seek to continue that adventurous religious spirit that guided the great explorer from Genoa, Italy, and continues to guide all of us as soldiers in the fight for Christ and His Church.

The events of 1492 could have transpired far differently. Modern historians conclude that it was simply

by chance that events unfolded as they did. This hardly explains the fact that Spain was the poorest nation in Western Europe at the time, bankrupt from its completion of the Reconquista. Yet not only did Spain successfully go about colonizing and evangelizing the Americas, it also had the intention of keeping the Muslims out of the Americas.

Columbus believed he was specially chosen by God to bring the

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## Chaplain

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Gospel to a people who were living in darkness and the shadow of death. He believed his given name, Christopher, signified the mission he was destined to carry out, as his son Fernando would later explain: "Just as Saint Christopher bore Christ over the waters, so too was he to bear the light of the Gospel over the vast oceans."

Currently in our modern society there is much opposition in celebrating Columbus Day as more localities within the USA, such as the state of Vermont and cities like Denver and Phoenix, are shifting to a celebration called "Indigenous Peoples Day". However, we as Knights of Columbus, must give and promote due honor to this great discoverer simply because he was a man of deep faith and convictions. He faced many challenges with great bravery knowing that God, through the intercession of "Santa Maria" (the Blessed Mother), would not abandon him, his followers nor deter him from his goals. Yes, we can enter into controversy about his life, which has happened lately about any famous historical iconic figure.... our Founding Fathers, Presidents, Popes, royal figures, etc...however, we bear the name Columbus because of the inspiration of our own venerable founder, Father Michael J. McGivney. He had originally suggested the "Sons of Columbus" as a name for the Order. This would bind Catholicism and Americanism together through the faith and bold vision of the New



World's discoverer. However, the word "Knights" replaced "Sons" because key members of the organizing group who were Irish-born Civil War veterans felt it would help to apply a noble ritual in support of the emerging cause of Catholic civil liberty.

May we be proud and courageous Knights of Columbus, continuing to fight for the cause that this land of America always remain under the guidance and protection of God.

Fraternally yours,  
Father Paul A. McDonnell, OSJ  
Chaplain

## 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](mailto:fmbenko@comcast.net).

Fraternally,  
Frank Benko  
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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!

MC: Jeff Knapp, GK

Appetizers/Dessert: Jack Kemmerling

Door: Virginia Quijance

Opening Prayer: Jeff Knapp

Flag Salute: Rudy Quijance

Cooks: Robin & Ken Lazier Jr.

Kitchen Help: Hiro Tani

Bar: Edwin Tonkin, Ken Lazier Sr.

Music: Brandon Lazier

Closing Prayer: Fr. Justin Bianchi

We look forward to seeing you all at our next social!

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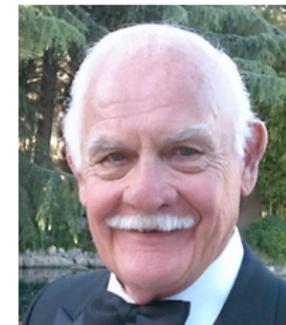
## Membership

The Holy Cross parish recruiting drive on the October 8,9 weekend will continue our strong effort to bring in additional new knights. Come and support your brother knights in this cause.

We scheduled this on the same Sunday that we are having coffee and donuts. Please try to come by on Sat. 5:00 p.m. or any of the Sunday Masses (7:00, 8:30, 10:30, 12:30pm).

A big thank you is in order for the good support so far this year to bring new knights into our Order. With a good push over this last quarter of 2016 we are projected to be right on target to meet and exceed the quota set for our council. Keep up this good work we appreciate your dedication.

Doug Gallagher  
Membership Director



## Social

Come join us for our council dinner social on Wednesday, October 26 at our Lady Star of the Sea Church Hall.

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 delicious Italian lasagna meal will be prepared by Rose Gallagher wife of Past Grand Knight Doug Gallagher and also include appetizers, Green Salad, French Bread & Dessert.

This event is a fundraiser for one of our newest Community Activities, maintaining the Old Holy Cross Cemetery. Our focus is to offer help to the effort of brother knight Jim Franks as he improves this 300-year-old venue.

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!

We ask that you please call in a reservation to Doug or Rose at 831-425-0764 or Jeff Knapp at 253-298-1143.

See You There! Thank you for your support!



The Knights of Columbus Council 971 "Family of the Month" recognition for September 2016 goes to the Lazier Family! Left to right: PGK Ken Lazier Sr., PGK Ken Lazier Jr., Brandon Lazier, Robin Lazier and our current Grand Knight Jeff Knapp.