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November 2016

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

Nov. Events

- 8..... Habitat Build
- 9..... **BUSINESS MEETING**,
Star of the Sea Parish
Hall, 7:00 pm.
- 13..... Donuts at Holy Cross
- 13..... Rosary at HC, 10am
- 16..... **MONTHLY SOCIAL**
(See below and inside for
details.)
- 24 Thanksgiving Day
- 27..... 1st Sunday of Advent

Dec. Events

- No Business Meeting
- 8..... Feast of the Immaculate
Conception
- 10..... Habitat Build
- 11 Rosary/Donuts at HC.
- 14..... Monthly Dinner Social
- 25..... Christmas Day

Jan. Events

- 1..... New Years Day
- 8..... Rosary/Donuts at HC.
- 11 Business Meeting
- 25..... Monthly Dinner Social

Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights and Families,

November is a very special month for me, mostly because of the tradition of celebrating Thanksgiving with family and friends. I find one month dedicated to giving thanks most appropriate – especially for Knights, as we wouldn't be here if Columbus hadn't discovered the New World; and Fr. McGivney had not founded our Order based on Columbus' discovery!

As the next two months wind down the calendar year, Council 971 will still be busy with Habitat for Humanity (Nov. 5), our Second Sunday Rosary and Coffee Social at Holy Cross (Nov. 13), where we hope to also begin the collection of donations for People with Intellectual Disabilities ('Tootsie Roll hand out'), and because of Thanksgiving taking place on the



gravy).

Let's remember to be thankful for our family members, those who have passed, but more so for those who are still present today.

And I'm thankful to be a member of this ministry and for all you men and your families! Blessings!!

Jeff Knapp
Grand Knight

4th Thursday, we've bumped up our Monthly Social to Nov. 16. (Remember: potluck – you bring the sides, we provide turkey, mashed potatoes and

Chaplain's Message

"To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything He has given us -- and He has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of His love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense graces from Him."

Dear Brother Knights,

The above quote from the famous Thomas Merton, an American Catholic monk and spiritual writer (1915-1968), provides the framework of what we are about to celebrate this month: Thanksgiving. It has been

celebrated as a national holiday every year since 1863, when, during the American Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens". However, we as Christians are called to live each day as an act of thanksgiving living our lives always in humble gratitude for all the graces and blessings we have received, even the crosses and sufferings that we experience as an

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Monthly Social
Potluck

Wednesday, Nov. 16
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

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opportunity to grow in greater trust of God by being intimately united to His Suffering Son.

This national holiday, as we traditionally gather with family and friends, is an ideal opportunity to remind us of what we need to do not just one day out of the year but every day of the year. Often times life has a way of making us lose focus on the things that ultimately matter:



our relationship with God, our relationship with others, good health, living in peace and sharing with those who are less fortunate than us. Unfortunately, we seem to only wait for the holiday season to temporarily change our attitudes and ways of life. Jesus is inviting us to be Him in all our daily actions and may we be like the Samaritan in the Gospel who is the only one who returns to thank Him for his healing grace (Luke 17:11-19). Jesus wants to hear our "Thank You" so that in turn He may empower us with His love so that we can in turn transform the hearts of others.

In this month of November we will also conclude the Jubilee Year of Mercy (Nov. 20); however, we never conclude in being merciful to others. May the Beatitude, "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy", remind each of us daily of what we are called to share and in turn ultimately receive.

Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving to you & your families!

Fr. Paul A. McDonnell, OSJ
Chaplain

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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.

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

Coming Up!

Mark your calendars for the Council's Fundraiser to Cache Creek Casino Resort on March 11, 2017. You may reserve your seat now in a 56 passenger bus for \$35 per person and join the 24 who have already done so.

Details will follow, but for now you may contact PGK Rudy Quijance or his wife Virginia at 831-458-9169 or email: raquija@pacbell.net.

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!
Host: GK Jeff Knapp;
Door/Raffle Tickets Sales: Virginia Quijance & Robin Lazier;
Primary Cook: Rose Gallagher;
Kitchen Crew: Pat & Lonnie Schwartz, Patty Fickett, Bill Heiss, Bella Reitano;
Appetizers & Dessert: Jack Kemerling;
Bar: Ken Lazier Sr. & Edwin Tonkin;
Prayers: Fr. Rodolfo Contreras
Entertainment: Brandon Lazier;
Door Prize: Ken Lazier Jr.
Regular Raffle: GK Jeff Knapp & Brandon Lazier;
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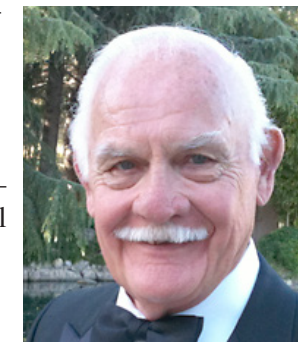
We look forward to seeing you all at our next social!

Each year our Order does a survey of activities by every KofC council. We are going to need your input! Start thinking about what charitable activities you've done in 2016—hours spent at 971 activities, visits to the sick, church work, etc.

Membership

Many thanks for all the good work this year to support the recruiting of new Knights. We are on track to reach our official goal for the first time in years.

Although the schedule has been full we have done a good job staying on track. In order to keep the excitement and momentum up at a positive level all our officers need to encourage all of our new Knights to support all our activities as we finish out this calendar year.



A strong finish to our 2016 activities will give the council a renewed effort to bring more good men into our ranks. This recruiting effort will help the council stay in line for some Columbian Award as well as Star Council Award. Thanks for all of your support this year.

Doug Gallagher
Membership Director

The Knights of Columbus Council 971 helped in the kitchen at the All Saints Day kids event at St. Joseph's in Capitola on Oct. 30.

Photo left to right: Tim Proulx, John Adams, GK Jeff Knapp and Richard Marshall. Assisting knights not shown are Frank Benko, Anthony Felder, Doug Gallagher, and Gabriel Vega. Thanks guys!



Social

Come join us for our council potluck dinner social on Wednesday, November 16 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church Hall on Frederick Street.

Social hour begins at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

The council will supply turkey as the entree, while we ask our attendees to supply a dish based on your last name: A-J=Salad, K-P=Vegetables, Q-Z=Dessert. The usual \$13 will not be collected as the item you bring to share is your contribution to our event!

Please donate items for raffle prizes which raises funds for charitable purposes. There will also be great door prizes!

Our favorite magician, Mr. Domino, will be back with an all new act!

Please RSVP by November 14 to Rudy & Virginia Quijance at 458-9169 so we'll know how many turkeys to roast!

Thanks to all who support us throughout the year - we look forward to a great turnout!