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# Today's Knights

*"Lady of Victory, Pray for Us."*

Serving Star of the Sea, St. Joseph's Parish, Holy Cross, The Shrine of St. Joseph, St. Vincent de Paul.

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December 2016

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

## December Events

No Business Meeting

7.....MONTHLY SOCIAL  
*(See below and inside for details.)*

8.....Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

10.....Habitat Build

11.....Rosary/Donuts at HC.

25.....Christmas Day

## Jan. Events

1.....New Years Day

8.....Rosary/Donuts at HC.

11.....Business Meeting

25.....Monthly Dinner Social

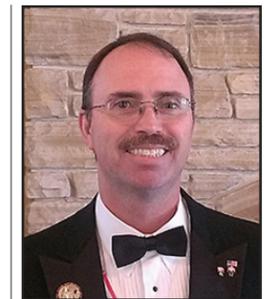


## Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights and Families,

Merry Christmas! November flew by—and as we enter the final month of the calendar year, we celebrate Advent and our journey with the anticipation of the coming of our Savior and Redeemer through the Blessed Mother, Mary. Christmas celebrations will take place...whether with family or with co-workers and friends, and I want to encourage all my brother knights and their families to take a moment to reflect on all of the accomplishments from the past year, and find time to pray for a great 2017—it'll be here before we know it!

On the first Sunday of Advent, the homilist proposed three questions to ponder, provided by St. Ignatius, which are: 1) what have I done for Christ (in the past)? 2) What should



I be doing for Christ? 3) What am I doing for Christ (here and now)? For many of my Brother Knights, the answer is clear – but it's always a good idea to

stop and reflect, remember, and use the answers to prepare for the New Year.

As always my prayers are with each of you and your families and I look forward to the season and the how we'll walk together towards success with our Knightly endeavors in 2017 (and beyond!) Blessings!!

Jeff Knapp  
Grand Knight

## Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

Ready or not here it comes.... another Christmas season is upon us that can either bring us closer to the Christ Child whom we seek to daily love and serve; or it can be a time of stress, worry, anxiety and chaos. For many, unfortunately, the holidays brings out the worst in us. However, we have the choice to make the best use of this Advent season as a time of fruitful preparation and useful waiting as we prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus once again into our hearts,

homes, marriages and family life.

Our beloved Church, that we serve so faithfully as dedicated Knights, offers us the liturgical seasons of Advent & Christmas so that we not only focus on the historical and Incarnational coming of the Second Person of the Most Blessed Trinity into the world, but we acknowledge the daily coming of the Lord into our broken and sinful lives. Every time we participate in a Holy Mass it is another "Christmas Day" for it is a manifestation of the

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## Monthly Social Enchiladas

Wednesday, Dec. 7  
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

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# ...Chaplain

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Coming of the Lord through His life-giving Word and the gift of His most precious Body and Blood. When we extend our hands out for the humble reception of Holy Communion our hands become another "manger" where rests the Divine Child as we then receive Him into our bodies and souls.



The gifts of Christmas are not found in a store or online shopping, but rest deep within us as we seek to share our love, compassion, understanding and time with one another. These are the forgotten gifts and yet the most important that impact the human heart. I challenge each of you to spend less time in frantic shopping for material gifts that are often exchanged on Dec. 26th or never used and seek to discover within your souls and find those imperishable gifts God has given each of us to be shared with one another. May they be gifts that last throughout 2017 and forever treasured by those with whom we share them.

May the Lord we await to welcome on Christmas Day be the same Lord that we welcome everyday into our lives until we enter into His sacred presence for all eternity. Our entire life is an Advent season as we prepare to meet our Redeemer at the end of our earthly journey. Jesus is not only at the end of our journey but He is IN the journey!

Advent & Christmas blessings to you & all those nearest to your hearts!  
Your brother in Emmanuel,  
Fr. Paul A. McDonnell, OSJ  
Chaplain

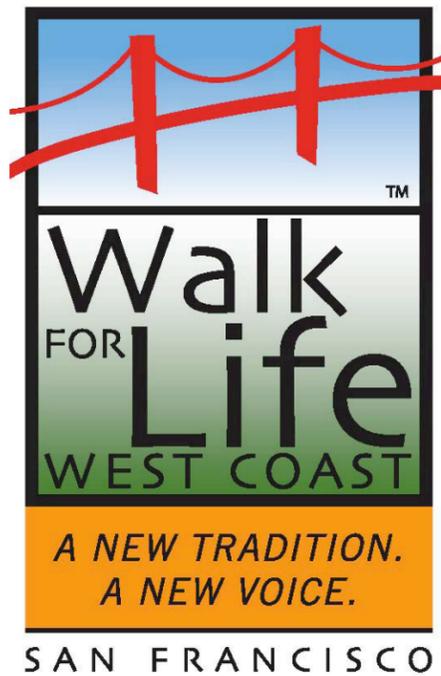
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# Walk for Life



Our council will be participating in the West Coast Walk for Life on Saturday, January 21, 2017!

For more information, please contact Frank Benko at 428-4494.

# Thanks!

Thanks to those who made our November dinner social a great success!

Host: GK Jeff Knapp

Turkeys: Andy Lenz Sr., Ken Lazier Sr. and Ken Lazier Jr.

Kitchen Helpers/Set-up & Clean up Crew: Ken Lazier Jr., Robin & Brandon Lazier, Ken Lazier Sr., Hiro Tani, Edwin Tonkin, GK Jeff Knapp

Bar: Edwin Tonkin and Ken Lazier Sr.  
Raffle: Brandon Lazier, Ken Lazier Jr., Jeff Knapp

Opening & Closing Prayers: GK Jeff Knapp

Thank you to all who brought side dishes and desserts! And thanks to all those others who donated to our raffle. Thanks to anyone we forgot to mention. Thanks to all!

# 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.

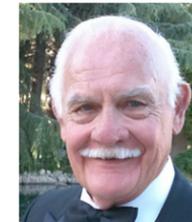
Your call or e-mail to the Bulletin Editor (Andrew) if you know of any changes to the above list will be appreciated.

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 over two dozen who have already done so.

Details will follow, but for now contact PGK Rudy Quijance or his wife Virginia at 831-458-9169 or email: [raquija@pacbell.net](mailto:raquija@pacbell.net).

# Membership

Thanks to all the Knights who have made this a banner year. As Knights, we need to reach out daily so our message of support to the Mother Church has a greater impact on family and friends. Many of our friends look up to us to find the key to success. Our officers are in a position to affect the decision to join the Knights in their active support of our council.



As Knights, we want expand our reach and ask all our friends to come join the Knights and support our charities in the future. This Christmas season is a perfect time to approach your fellow parishioners and talk up the Knights of Columbus and ask these men to join this admirable effort.

Doug Gallagher  
Membership Director

# Social

Come join us for our council dinner social on Wednesday, December 7 (held early due to the holidays) 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.

This delicious meal will be prepared by tim Proulx and will delight the taste buds with appetizers, garden green salad, enchilada casserole, served with rice and beans, followed by a yummy dessert. Cost of dinner is \$13.00.

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

R.S.V.P is strongly encouraged and can be done by calling Tim Proulx at (831) 535-2022 or Jeff Knapp at (253) 298-1143.

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

We're asking each member to please fill out the survey below and get it to Rudy Quijance soon! Either e-mail him with your figures ([raquija@pacbell.net](mailto:raquija@pacbell.net)), or mail it to 108 McMillan Court, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, or give it to him personally at one of the KofC events. *Thanks!*

## Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Individual Member Worksheet

Annually, the Knights of Columbus donate more than \$135 million to charitable and benevolent causes and 60 million hours of volunteer community service to aid the less fortunate. To help prepare our council's Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information request below. This information will assistus in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our Council 971 members during this past calendar year.

### 1. Number of visits you made during this past year to:

Sick—caring for the sick/nursing homes/hospitals .....  
Bereaved—visits of condolence.....

### 2. Number of time you served as a blood donor during this past year. ....

### 3. Estimated hours of community volunteer service during this past year:

Church Activities—service in all Church related activities .....  
Community Activities—service in all community related activities .....  
Youth Activities—service in all youth related activities .....  
Habitat for Humanity Activities—service in all related activities .....  
Culture of Life Activities—service in all related activities .....  
Miscellaneous Activities—service in areas not outlined above .....

### 4. Number of hours of fraternal service during this past year:

Sick/disabled members and their families—household chores, transportation, tutoring, counseling, etc. ....