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Newsletter of The Knights of Columbus ~ Council 971

August 2017

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

Aug. Events

- 9.....BUSINESS MEETING,
Star of the Sea, 7:30 pm.
- 12.....Chapter Meeting
- 13.....Rosary/Donuts at HC
- 23.....MONTHLY SOCIAL
*(See below and inside for
details.)*

Sept Events

- 4..... Labor Day
- 10.....Rosary/Donuts at HC
- 13..... Business Meeting
- 24 Pancake Breakfast at Star
of the Sea Church
- 27..... Monthly Dinner Social

Oct. Events

- 8.....Rosary/Donuts at HC
- 11..... Business Meeting
- 25..... Monthly Dinner Social
- 28.....Casino Trip to Cache
Creek

Grand Knight's Message

Happy summer to all – I hope all are enjoying this time of year! I am using this space to share the message I made at the July social following the Installation of officers because it bears repeating (in my humble opinion):

I came across this passage from the Book of Sirach, and felt it needed to be repeated to my Brother Knights:

“My child, when you come to serve the Lord, prepare yourself for trials. Be sincere of heart and steadfast, and do not be impetuous in time of adversity. Cling to him, do not leave him, that you may prosper in your last days. Accept whatever happens to you; in periods of humiliation be patient. For in fire gold is tested, and the chosen, in the crucible of humiliation. Trust in God, and he will help you; make your ways straight and hope in him.” When I first read this, I thought immediately of the challenges and frustrations we Knights face – especially in our



Council. Now that might seem at first negative, but it's really more of an affirmation that there will be times of trials and tribulations, missed dead-

lines, over-commitments, and lack of enthusiastic participation – and that's just how I feel sometimes! The 2016-17 Columbian year- my first as your Grand Knight – was very challenging, yet very rewarding. I'm grateful for the successes and even the failures we all experienced together. It tested us and I believe it strengthened us for an even more challenging and rewarding 2017-18 Columbian Year. The bar was set years ago by Grand Knights of this Council to do well within in our

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Chaplain's Message

With the recent passing of fellow Oblate Fr. Aldo Grasso, Fr. Paul McDonnell is busy with the arrangements. (Please pray for repose of Fr. Grasso's soul.) Fr. Paul has asked for an excerpt of Pope Francis' words shared with the Knights' Supreme Convention, so a portion is shared here:

His Holiness is especially appreciative of the unremitting efforts of

the Knights of Columbus to defend and promote the sanctity of marriage and the dignity and beauty of family life. In his Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia, echoing the concerns expressed by the 2015 Synod of Bishops, he linked healthy family life to the health of society as a whole, and emphasized the special

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Monthly Social Chicken

Wednesday, Aug 23
Star of the Sea Hall

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communities we serve – with fervent dedication to Charity, Unity and Fraternity. I am but a blip in that long line and proud to be among such dedicated and faithful men. Let's re-commit ourselves today to continue the good works we've been doing together for years, challenge ourselves to do more great works, and with the guidance of our Worthy Chaplain Fr. Paul and the Pastors of our parishes, strive to live out our days as close to the Gospel teachings as possible, and to be shining examples to men who have yet to realize the call to service in the Order.

- Blessings!
Jeff Knapp
Grand Knight

Please help us keep current with your address and telephone number. This information is vital to allow your council provide you important service that is consistent with K of C.



Our Officer Installation on July 26 at the Shrine of St. Joseph was held in conjunction with Resurrection Council 9580 of Aptos. Left to right: Edwin Tonkin, Jason Nielsen, GK Steve Bogner (15705, guest), Ken Lazier Jr., GK Jeff Knapp, Larry Young (9580), Rev. Paul McDonnell, Doug Gallagher, GK Larry Gonzales (9580), Paul Buse (9580), DD Andrew Lenz Jr., Patrick McMenemy (9580), Rudy Quijance, and Richard Marshall.

Thanks!

Thanks to those who made our July Officers Installation and dinner social a great success!

—MASS/INSTALLATION—

Presider - Very Rev. Paul McDonnell OSJ, Council 971 Chaplain;

- **Acolyte**: Patrick McMenemy (Council 9580)

Lector: Jason Nielsen (971)

Intercessory Prayers: Jeff Knapp (971)

Gifts: Rudy & Virginia Quijance (971)

Installing Officer: Andrew Lenz Jr., District Deputy

—DINNER SOCIAL—

Grill master: Todd Acker

Appetizers/Dessert: Jack Kemmerling

Opening Prayer: Fr Paul McDonnell

Kitchen Help: Hiro Tani

Bar: Edwin Tonkin, Rudy Quijance

Door: Ken Jr. & Robin Lazier

Raffle: Ken Jr. & Robin Lazier, Jeff Knapp

Closing Prayer: Jeff Knapp

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, 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.

Social

Please come support our monthly social, Wednesday, August 23 at the Star of the Sea Parish Hall. Social hour with no-host bar begins at 6 p.m. with dinner served at 7 p.m. Our hosts will be the Ken Lazier Jr. Family.

The menu includes appetizers, a green garden salad, Robin's famous 'Corn Flake' Chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, hot veggies, and dessert.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to a local charity.

Raffle donations gladly and accepted and appreciated.

Please contact Ken Lazier Jr. at 419-3753 (or by email at seneter@aol.com) to RSVP.

We strongly encourage attendees to bring their own table settings (but not mandatory) to ease the burden of cleanup.

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Membership

The new officers of the Santa Cruz #971 are in place as we begin another Columbian year.

We need to bring our Knights to our socials and business meetings. Here in Santa Cruz we intend to work hard on the young families who have young children at Holy Cross and Good Shepherd Schools.

During the coming months we will have some new recruiting efforts to bring in more men to help with our charitable works. We will ask our Knights to reach out and show up at the various parish recruiting events. Let us make this a fine year of progress as we advance in numbers.

Thanks to our Knights for a award-winning recruiting effort in the last year. We will keep the momentum and have a strong effort as we swing into the fall.

Doug Gallagher
Membership Director



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Casino Trip - October 28, 2017
See Rudy & Virginia Quijance

..Chaplain

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task of education that, in God's plan, is entrusted to Christian parents (cf. Nos. 274-279). It is in the family that we come to see that the larger world is also our home, in which we are called to live together, to learn closeness, care and respect for others, and to value the God-given gifts that each of us has to offer for the good of all. The strengthening of sound family values and a renewed vision of our responsibility for the moral health of the greater community will contribute to overcoming the polarization and general coarsening of the social fabric that is an increasing source of concern even in the most prosperous of our societies.

Finally, and in a very particular way, Pope Francis has asked me to express his gratitude for the commitment of the Knights to supporting our Christian brothers and sisters in the Middle East in their witness of fidelity to the Lord, often borne at great personal cost. None of us can be blind to the sufferings of those whom fratricidal violence and religious fanaticism have left homeless or forced to flee their ancient homelands. The Knights of Columbus Refugee Relief Fund is an eloquent sign of your Order's firm commitment to solidarity and communion with our fellow Christians. The Holy Father once more asks the Knights and their families to pray for those in need, for the conversion of hearts, and for an end to the spiral of violence, hatred and injustice in that region.

The full text of the Pope's greeting can be found online at:

<https://shar.es/1TEZ8X>

