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Newsletter of The Knights of Columbus ~ Council 971

December 2017

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

December

No Business Meeting

3.....First Sunday of Advent

13.....MONTHLY SOCIAL

*(See below and inside for
details.)*

25.....Christmas Day

31.....KofC 5th Sunday Rosary
at Oblates.

January

1.....New Years Day

10.....BUSINESS MEETING,
Star of the Sea, 7:30 pm.

14.....Rosary/Donuts at HC

24.....Monthly Dinner Social

February

11.....Rosary/Donuts at HC

14.....Business Meeting

28.....Monthly Dinner Social

**KEEP
CHRIST IN
CHRISTMAS!**

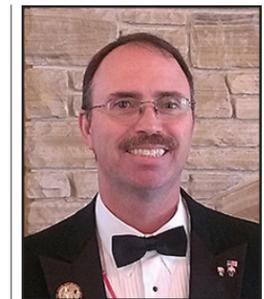
**Monthly Social
Mexican**

Weds, Dec. 13
Star of the Sea Hall

Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

December is here and now it's time to relax a little bit, spend time with our loved ones, and look back at the year about to end and give thanks for all we Knights have accomplished. I am grateful to know and have worked side-by-side each of you this past calendar year—it's been challenging at times, but mostly rewarding. As we reach the half-way point in the Columbian Year, we need to take this month to regroup and prepare for the next 6 months—are you ready?



Please enjoy the Advent season, be active in your faith and most importantly... have a Merry Christmas!

Blessings to you and your loved ones now

and always throughout the year!

Jeff Knapp
Grand Knight
Santa Cruz Council 971

Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

Peace and blessings to you and your families as we ready our hearts to welcome our Newborn King! Once again we enter into this sacred season with great expectation as we hope that Jesus will bring us those true gifts that the world cannot offer: authentic peace, joy and love. The world unfortunately offers us a false version of these gifts through materialism, decadent living and promoting a selfish style of living. We know very well that the ways of the world often lead to heartache, loneliness and desperation as there are many people who have lost themselves as well as their families, marriages and friends after a vain pursuit of seemingly false joys.

The Christian tradition has come to call the "Incarnation" in which the God of Love becomes one of us so

that we might become one with God. But the Incarnation – God becoming man – is not just an historical or theological event but a practice, a way of life, where we embody the love of God for the sake of others. May this Christmas season be the beginning of our own way of living the Incarnation: to leave our own self-centered world to travel humbly in the world of those in need and, through our patience, understanding and generosity, to make the compassion and peace of God a reality in their lives. When we truly live the Christmas experience it is then we truly acquire those gifts of peace, joy and love. It is not enough to say it, wish it or write it on a Christmas card...those gifts are only received when we give to others the

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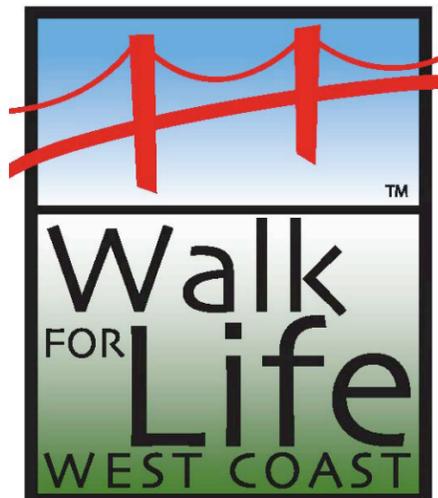
best version of ourselves.

May the warmth and love that is all around us during this holy season of Christmas fill your hearts and your homes with joy that lasts all throughout the coming new year!

Merry Christmas!
Fr. Paul A. McDonnell, OSJ
Chaplain



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Social

Please come support our monthly social on Wednesday, December 13 at the Star of the Sea Hall.

Social hour with no-host bar and appetizers begins at 6 p.m. with dinner served at 7 p.m., prepared by our own Tim Proulx! The menu consists of Salad, Green Chile Chicken and vegetarian Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, followed with a delicious dessert.

All for only \$13! A portion of the proceeds will be used to help support a family in need during this holiday season, and to help the soup kitchens/pantries within our area, so we encourage all to join us! Please RSVP by Monday, December 11 by email at jrknapp77@yahoo.com, or by calling (253) 298-1143. Donations for our raffle gladly accepted and encouraged!

I.A. Drive

Intellectual Disability Drive. Thanks to Tim Proulx for heading up this year's Intellectual Disability Drive (also known as Tootsie Roll Drive). This activity raises monies in support of local organizations and individuals with intellectual disabilities. Thanks to all the Knights who have been involved and support this worthy activity!

Contest

Keep Christ in Christmas! This year's essay and poster contest, sponsored by our council, has been expanded to include both Holy Cross and Good Shepherd elementary schools. Winning essays and posters will be displayed in local churches throughout the Christmas season.

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.

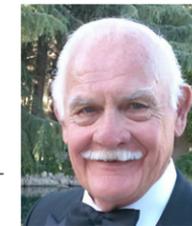
Your call or e-mail to the Bulletin Editor (Andrew) if you know of any changes to the above list will be appreciated.

WE NEED YOU!

Soon, we'll be collecting your service hours for the Annual Fraternal Survey which is due January 31. Please be on the lookout!

Membership

This month brings recruiting back into focus as we will have some great chances to increase our numbers. This is a wonderful opportunity to extend our reach to all our churches as we continue to bring the Columbian "Tootsie Roll intellectual Disabilities Drive" to local parishioners.



Please try to attend as many of our activities as possible.

Again, it has been a fine effort this last year so let's keep up the good work.

Doug Gallagher
Membership Chairman

Thanks!

We held a very successful Dinner Social on November 15. Our thanks to the following for making this event a great evening:

Turkeys: Ken & Robin Lazier; Jim & Marianne Franks

Bar: Edwin Tonkin & Ken Lazier Sr.

Appetizers/Dessert: Jack Kemerling

Raffle: Ken & Robin Lazier

Kitchen Crew: Edwin Tonkin, Ken Lazier Jr., Robin Lazier, Frank Benko, Andrew Lenz Jr.

Thanks to all who attended and brought a potluck item to share!

Insurance

Please give our agent, Jim Misa, a call for a free review of your existing plans or talk about long term care and annuities: 663-9232, james.misa@kofc.org.



Our knights in action at the Habitat for Humanity build site last month. A great activity for our knights with support from our Community Activities director, Tim Proulx! On the ground: Edwin Tonkin (left), Frank Benko (red shirt), Jeff Knapp (chop saw); on the scaffold: Tim (in white Knights T-shirt in the shadow).