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Over 113 Years of Local Service!

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Birthdays

- Edwin Tonkin—1st
- Fr. Paul McDonnell—2nd
- Edgar Veit—8th
- J McNamara—15th
- John Cernac—16th
- Wayne Kruchowski—25th

Happy Birthday!



KofC 971 Trustee Andrew Lenz Jr. (left) presents the Council's "Keep Christ in Christmas" awards at the Holy Cross School morning assembly on December 20 with Fr. Martin Cain (right) observing.



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.

Newsletter of The Knights of Columbus ~ Council 971

January 2018

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

January

- 1..... New Years Day
- 10..... **BUSINESS MEETING**,
Star of the Sea, 7:30 pm.
- 14..... Rosary/Donuts at HC
- 24 **MONTHLY SOCIAL**
(See below and inside for details.)
- 27..... Walk for Life (S.F.)

February

- 3..... 4th Degree
Exemplification in
Rohnert Park, CA
- 10..... Chapter Meeting
- 11..... Rosary/Donuts at HC
- 14..... Business Meeting
- 14..... Ash Wednesday
- 28..... Monthly Dinner Social

March

- 11..... Rosary/Donuts at HC
- 14..... Business Meeting
- 25..... Passion Sunday
- 28..... Monthly Dinner Social
- 30..... Good Friday

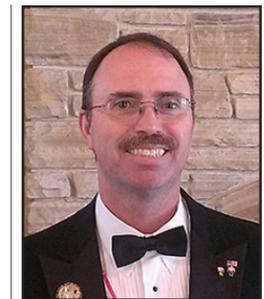
Monthly Social Linguini

Weds, Jan. 24
Star of the Sea Hall

Grand Knight's Message

Happy New Year Brothers & families!

I hope all had a wonderful Christmas and are now refreshed and ready to continue the good works we are called to help with. Our attention is turned to service and prayer – this month's focus is on the family and preserving life. On January 27, many of us will travel to San Francisco to participate in the Walk for Life event. This event is very close to my heart as I come from an adopted mother – if it was not for the faith of her birth mother, I would not be writing this message now. Please consider



participating and showing support for life. We had many successes in 2017, and with the group we have here in Santa Cruz, I'm certain we will continue

building momentum towards greater success in helping our parishes and community! Jeff Knapp

Grand Knight
Santa Cruz Council 971

Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights:

I spent a good part of the Christmas holiday reading Victor Frankl's World War II memoir **Man's Search for Meaning**. Victor Frankl writes that when he first arrived at the concentration camp at Auschwitz, he managed to hide the pages of a scientific manuscript he had been writing. The idea of trying to hide anything was futile, but Frankl said to a fellow prisoner who had been at the camp for some time that this manuscript was his life's work and he could not part with it.

The man just laughed at him and mocked him. He uttered just one word (a word that cannot be written in a K of C newsletter) - as if to say, *You think that bunch of papers*

matters? It's all meaningless here.

Of course, the manuscript was discovered and destroyed. Frankl was devastated. Now nothing would survive him, no legacy would live on. Did his life have any meaning at all?

Some months later, Frankl was ordered to surrender his clothing. He was given the torn and tattered clothes of a man who died in the gas chamber. Frankl put on the man's overcoat. In a hidden pocket (like the one Frankl had hidden his manuscript), the deceased owner of the coat hid a single piece of paper: a page from a Jewish prayer book with the words of the *Shema*, the prayer offered everyday by all faithful Jews: *Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is*

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Website: KofC971.org

...Chaplain

One... (Deuteronomy 6:4)

Frankl remembered: "How should I have interpreted such a 'coincidence' other than as a challenge to live my thoughts instead of merely putting them on paper?"

Though in far less devastating circumstances, we fall into the same trap at Victor Frankl: We focus on protecting and upholding things rather than the lasting values of God. What are we willing

to stand up for? What values and beliefs are important enough to us, not just to die for, but to live for? What "crosses" are we willing to take up,

come what may - ridicule, isolation, rejection? As Victor Frankl discovered in the pocket of a dead man's coat, God is not an abstract concept but a reality to be lived. Our Christian discipleship calls us to trust in the reality of God's compassion and mercy that is vindicated in the crosses we refuse to lay down, but take up in the sure and certain hope that they can be the means to peace and reconciliation in our homes and hearts.

May in this new year 2018 we truly live our hopes, dreams and desires to create a better world....one day at a time!

Fraternally yours in Christ,
Fr. Paul McDonnell, OSJ
Chaplain



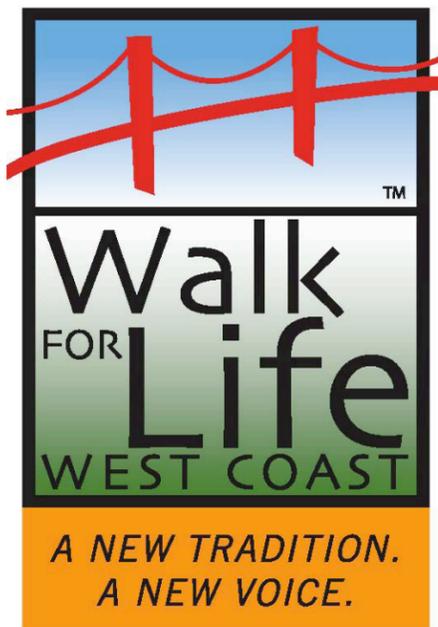
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Walk for Life



SAN FRANCISCO

Saturday, January 27, 2018

Our council will again be supporting the annual Walk for Life to be held in San Francisco on January 27.

We will be meeting at the Holy Cross parking lot at 9 a.m. and carpooling to Daly City at which point we will catch BART to/from downtown San Francisco.

This is a very visible and worthwhile activity in support of Pro-Life. All are welcome! For additional information please contact either Jeff Knapp 253-298-1143 or Frank Benko 831-428-4494.

Thanks!

We held a very successful Dinner Social in December. Our thanks to the following for making this event a great evening especially Tim Proulx (social chairman) and Jack Kemerling (appetizers and dessert).

Thanks to all who attended this fun-filled event!

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.

Insurance

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

Membership

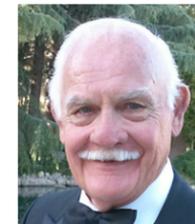
Thank you for such a successful 2017 in recruiting for the Knights. As a Council we were

able to hit the mark for first time in years. Good work, Jeff and Frank who have put in valuable hours of programming and hustle to keep us in the spotlight.

Thanks to the entire officer group for dedicated work. Special thanks to Fr. Paul and Rudy for the strong messages to keep us in a constant spirit of dedicated support. I thank Andrew Lenz for his guidance as our District Deputy.

We need about 10 new knights in the next year to keep this momentum as we move forward with the knights agenda of progress. Your goal is to find a friend and ask him to join.

Doug Gallagher
Membership Chairman



Social

Please come support our monthly social on Wednesday, January 24 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 Anthony and Bridget Felder! The menu consists of Salad, Linguini with Chicken in White Marinara Sauce, and Garlic Bread, followed with a delicious dessert.

All for only \$15! Donations for our raffle gladly accepted and encouraged! A portion of the proceeds will be provided to help assist a very worthy parish family - more information can be provided when you call or email to RSVP to: Jeff Knapp at (253) 298-1143 (jrknapp77@yahoo.com), or Anthony Felder at (831) 430-8122 (anthonyfelder79@yahoo.com). Thank you for your support!

IMPORTANT!

We're asking each member to please fill out the survey below and get it to Rudy Quijance well before Jan. 31! Either e-mail him with your figures (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

Over the last ten years, the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$1.5 billion to charitable and benevolent causes and more than 682 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 questions below. This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of 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.