



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 **March 2018**

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

March

- 10..... Chapter Meeting
- 11 Coffee/Donuts at HC
- 21..... **BUSINESS MEETING**,
Star of the Sea, 7:30 pm.
- 24 Habitat for Humanity
Build (See chairman Tim
Proulx for more details.)
- 25..... Passion Sunday
- 28 **MONTHLY SOCIAL**
(See below and inside for
details.)
- 30..... Good Friday

April

- 1..... Easter Sunday
- 8..... Coffee/Donuts at HC
- 11 Business Meeting
- 25..... Monthly Dinner Social
- 28..... Habitat for Humanity
Build

May

- 9..... Business Meeting
- 17-20. Calif. State Convention
- 23..... Monthly Dinner Social

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers & families!

There is a saying about the month of March "coming in like a lion, and out like a lamb". Weather-wise, I see how that is somewhat true—we have had some wet weather to start the month! If all goes well, our water supplies will be replenished from rains we receive.

March is also a very special month for all Knights as we celebrate the founding and chartering of our Order (March 29). This month is dedicated to increasing our numbers: MEMBERSHIP! What can you do to help build up our Order and especially Council 971? Good question! Here are some suggestions: Wear your badge to Mass—let your fellow parishioners know you belong to one of the oldest fraternal organizations dedicated to defending our faith. Encourage a man you are familiar with to join—all you



need to do is start a conversation about your experience in the Order. Attend our upcoming recruitment effort at Holy Cross Church on March 11—we'll be serving cake in honor of our founder's birthday, along with coffee and juice. This is a great time to talk one-on-one with someone who is deserving of being a Knight! If you're a wife or mother of a member, you can help too—talk to a wife or mother of a practicing Catholic man about how your husband or son has benefited by being a member. Let's make March a great month to be a Knight!

Jeff Knapp
Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights:

The events of Holy Week reveal as much about us as they are about Jesus. In the sacrifice of Jesus we realize the foolishness of our own selfishness, the absurdity of our greed, the senselessness of the injustice and hurt we countenanced to maintain the illusion of our crazy lives. May we see in the cross of Holy Week the very worst we fail to see in ourselves; that part of us we deftly justify in or-

der to rationalize the crucifixions we execute. As we journey with Jesus this upcoming Holy Week, may we seek to wipe away the deception from our faces and take away our false selves to put on the spirit of humble servanthood of the Christ of compassion and mercy. May we echo the words of the centurion at the foot of the Cross—who participated in the crucifixion of Jesus—"Truly this was

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Monthly Social Irish

Weds, March 28
Star of the Sea Hall

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...Chaplain

the Son of God". May we try to let the light of God's selfless love illuminate our own vision to see the face of the Crucified Jesus in every crucified face. We reach out to grasp the crosses of those weighed down by the greed and prejudice of the world. We take up our own crosses determined that how we live our lives will give witness to the Crucified One who now walks among us as the Risen One. We go on to live our lives in the hope that our every act of love and compassion, our



every offering of forgiveness and justice will resonate with our confession of faith: "He truly is the Son of God".

May each of you and your families have a blessed Holy Week so that every week of your life may in turn be always holy!

Your brother in Christ, Crucified & Risen....

Fr. Paul McDonnell, OSJ
Chaplain



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Habitat

Brother Knights,

We are scheduled for several Habitat for Humanity build dates through April. All on Saturdays from 8:00AM to 2:30PM on the following dates:

- Mar 24
- Apr 28

Please let me know if you are interested in helping on any of these dates and I'll book you. You do not need any experience to help. You will need to complete a liability waiver for 2018 (even if you have completed one before), so let me know and I'll send it to you.

I will have more information for the rest of the year later. They are not booking too far in advance at this point.

Best regards,

Tim Proulx

971 Chairman, Habitat for Humanity



Do a good deed

Do you get the print version of this bulletin? Would you be willing to receive an digital version instead? If everyone converted to digital versions, we'd have about \$1,000 freed up every year for charity work. Please contact Andrew Lenz Jr. (see column at left) to provide your email address and receive a digital version instead of a print version.

Illness & Prayers

Let us continue with our prayers for our sick list of brother knights and families and their caregivers.

Ken (Sr.) & Kathy Lazier, Dave Scargill, 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.

Condolences

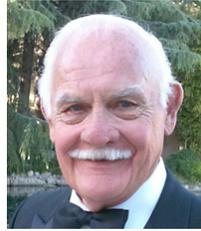
Jack Kemerling's very good friend Grace Greer—who regularly attended our monthly socials as Jack's guest—passed away on February 5 at the age of 100.



A celebration of Grace's life will be held on Saturday, March 17 at Holy Eucharist Church in Corralitos with a mass at 11 a.m.

Membership

We need a good effort in our recruiting to bring in some good men to Council 971. Our volunteer work and support has given us a strong position and we want to see some men inspired to follow up and join the Knights.



As Knights we want to make sure our message gets out to all our churches in the Santa Cruz area. Every Knight needs to attend one of our many events this spring. Many thanks to all who help and know that we pray for you and your family every time we gather and that keeps us inspired to reach our goals.

Doug Gallagher
Membership Chairman

Thanks!

Council 971 would like to thank all who attended our successful social in February. And thanks to...

*Appetizers & dessert: Jack Kemerling;
Cooks: Edwin Tonkin & Jason Nielsen
Door: Robin Lazier;
Host: Ken Lazier Jr.;
Bar: Ken Lazier Sr. and Richard Marshall;
Servers/clean up: Frank Benko, Stephanie Nielsen, Andrew Lenz Jr., Anthony Felder and family.
Raffle: Ken Lazier Jr. & son Brandon Lazier.*

A big thank you to anyone we missed! Because of you, our community is much enriched with your acts of selflessness and charity—THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Social

Our monthly social will take us to the Emerald Isle! As we celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17, we'll delay to keep St. Paddy in our midst with a traditional Guinness (beef) stew and Irish Soda Bread dinner!

The social will be held on Wednesday, March 28 at Star of the Sea Hall beginning at 6pm with social hour, appetizers and drinks (donations gladly accepted). Dinner will be served at 7pm and will also include green salad paired with the stew and soda bread, and followed up with dessert.

All for only \$15! Donations for our raffle gladly accepted and encouraged! A portion of our proceeds will go to a charity. (In January, we were able to help the Paisley Grace Memorial Fund with \$1,200!!)

Please RSVP to Grand Knight Jeff Knapp at jrknapp77@yahoo.com or by calling (253) 298-1143 by Monday, March 26.



GIVE BLOOD!

Mention you are a Knight!

A Red Cross Blood Drive is being held in our area on a regular basis. Visit redcrossblood.org and type in your ZIP Code to find one nearby or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE for more information. Please consider giving blood. It really does save lives—maybe your own!



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Birthdays

Michael Pilack—6th

Francisco Garcia—10th

Bob Walter—12th

Dennis Baluyut—17th

Richard Marshall—18th

Greg Limandri—21st

Michael Burns—23rd

Ken Lazier Jr.—27th

Happy Birthday!



A little piece of history. Council 971 Installation of Officers in July 2005. Can you spot a few current members of our council? PGK Gary Phariss, PGK Rudy Quijance, PGK Larry Rothfus (inactive—moved away June 2015), PGK Andrew Lenz Jr., and Mike Croghan.