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*Over 113 Years of Local Service!*

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## Birthdays

Jose Cisneros—3rd

Fr. Justin Bianchi—3rd

John Lenz—4th

Hector Cruz—7th

Jim Dirck—9th

Rene Iturbe—17th

Happy Birthday!



*A sampling of the knights and families enjoying each others' company after a recruiting BBQ at the Oblates of St. Joseph on the evening of Friday, May 4. The more knights in our ranks, the more charitable works that we can accomplish!*



# 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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May 2018

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

## May

- 4..... Prospective member BBQ at Oblates, 6:30 p.m.
  - 9..... **BUSINESS MEETING**, Star of the Sea, 7:30 pm.
  - 13..... Coffee/Donuts at HC
  - 13..... Rosary at HC, 11:55 a.m.
  - 13..... Fatima Rosary & Mass Oblates, 6 p.m.
  - 13..... Mother's Day
  - 17-20. Calif. State Convention
  - 20..... Pentecost
  - 31 ..... Memorial Day
- NO MONTHLY SOCIAL**

## June

- 2-3 .... Relay for Life, Scotts Valley (*See Edwin Tonkin*)
- 2..... 4th Degree Exemplification in Lancaster
- 10..... Coffee/Donuts at HC
- 13..... Business Meeting
- 23..... 4th Degree Exemplificat. in San Jose
- TBD.. Monthly Dinner Social

## Grand Knight's Message

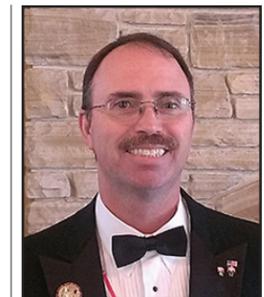
Brothers & families!

This is a special month in the year (liturgical and otherwise) as the Knights celebrate so many wonderful events—and Our Blessed Mother Mary is at the heart of many of those celebrations!

We begin though celebrating her “silent spouse” Joseph, with *St. Joseph the Worker Day* on May 1.

In an effort to build on our active members, we'll hold a Family BBQ at the Shrine of St. Joseph on “Star Wars Day” (May the 4th...be with you!). Thanks to our Membership Director Doug Gallagher (PGK) for his organizing this event. We hope many will heed the call to knighthood.

We will celebrate our Mother's—earthly and heavenly—on May 13 with many activities: Coffee & Donut Social followed by a Bilingual Rosary at Holy Cross, which will include the Cristeros de Santa Cruz Assembly presenting a Chalice to transitional Deacon Dat Nguyen. Then, at 6 p.m.,



our council will participate along with the Cristeros Color Corps at the Shrine of St. Joseph for the 10th anniversary of the Blessed

Virgin Mary's apparitions at Fatima, Portugal. Mass will be held at 6:30 p.m. followed by light refreshments.

The Knights of California will gather in Sacramento for the annual state-wide convention May 17 to 19. I will represent the Council and look forward to the events planned for this great gathering of Brother Knights.

Sadly, we remember with our fallen Brothers PGK David Hengesbach and Robert “Bob” Walter. May God have mercy on them, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

Jeff Knapp  
Grand Knight

## Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights:

I remember as a young boy growing up it was always an honor when our parish priests (all natives of Italy) would come across the street to visit our home, usually for a game of cards with my parents or to enjoy a delicious Italian dinner prepared by my mother. One particular summer

evening I was playing Scrabble with my brothers with all sorts of excited chatter and animated laughter coming from the living room when the priests rang the front door bell. After a few polite welcoming statements, they asked me and my brothers what we were doing and who was winning.

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Monthly Social  
**No Social**

Normally the 4th Weds.  
Star of the Sea Hall

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# ...Chaplain

Through our kiddish laughter, we told the good padres that we really weren't keeping score and it was more for the fun and we were actually helping each other when required. It wasn't long before our dear priests joined in as they started learning new words in English (some I think made up by the McDonnell brothers). It came to a certain point in the game where we all were winning.



This everyone-wins Scrabble game is the ideal of Jesus "commandment" to His disciples gathered at table with Him the night before He died. The love that Christ "commands" of us finds its source in the heart and spirit, not in whatever "rules" we establish, not in our own "winning"—especially when our winning means that another "loses." Loving as Christ has loved us begins by putting aside our own hopes and wants to realize, instead, the hopes and wants of others; by caring for and about others with humility and understanding, regardless of the sacrifice demanded of us; by readily making the first move to forgive and to heal, no matter how undeserving. May we realize the powerful sense of resurrection as we conclude the Easter season during this month of May and how we can bring about it by embracing the spirit of Christ's love in our attitudes and relationships.

## Council 971 Newsletter

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Little did I think a Scrabble game on a hot summer night in the early 1970s would teach me about life and faith, a story that I now share with you all these years later. Don't limit your Easter to a season—make it a way of life!!!!

Faithfully yours in the Risen Lord,  
Fr. Paul A. McDonnell, OSJ  
Chaplain

# Condolences

Sorrowfully, we lost two of our council's brother knights in April.

— Bob Walter —

March 4, 1944 - April 19, 2018

Bob was a pro-life prayer warrior and we have been honored to have him as a member of our council. You'd see Bob in his wheelchair almost without fail at our Fatima rosary events.



Bob joined our council in 1996 and was also a 4th degree knight.

— David Hengesbach —

April 1, 1935 - April 23, 2018

David joined our council in 1979 and was Grand Knight of 971 for 1985-1986. While David moved away many years ago and resided in Grass Valley, CA, he maintained his membership in the local 4th degree assembly.



May both of our brother knights rest in peace. Please pray for the repose of their souls.

# 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.

# Fatima

Once again, Council 971 is sponsoring the annual Fatima Pilgrimage at the Oblates of St. Joseph on West Cliff. This event honoring the Virgin Mary will begin on Sunday, May 13 at 6 p.m. with a rosary procession around the beautiful grounds of the Shrine lead by the Knights of Columbus Cristeros de Santa Cruz 4th Degree Assembly Color Corps. A mass will follow the rosary and after mass, light refreshments will be served.

Photo: Fatima Procession in 2015 with Council Chaplain Fr. Paul McDonnell.



# 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.

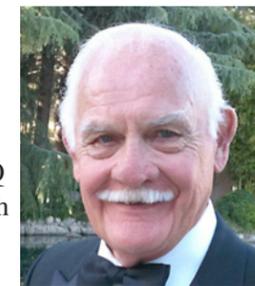
# Thanks!

Thanks to the Anthony Felder family for hosting and cooking our April dinner social. Robin Lazier also assisted in the kitchen. Jeff Knapp handled the door. Thanks to Jack Kemerling for the appetizers and desserts and thanks to Brandon Lazier and Josie Felder for conducting the raffle. The bar was run by Ken Lazier, Sr. and Edwin Tonkin. And thanks to all of YOU, for your continued support of our monthly dinners. These dinners drive the funds for much of our charitable works. Thank you!



# Membership

Our 2018 program will bring the family support into focus as we plan a summer BBQ to keep up the momentum gained on our May 4 recruiting BBQ event. Although we have many events scheduled this month, we are making a difference as we connect our parishes and the Oblates Community.



I appreciate the support of GK Jeff Knapp and DGK Frank Benko as we move forward toward another successful year for our Council.

We are doing some terrific work and that will make it easy to recruit in the future. Thanks for all your support it makes a difference.

Doug Gallagher  
Membership Chairman

# Social

Due to an assortment of personnel conflicts, for the first time in at least a quarter century, there is no social scheduled this month. See you in June!

# Relay for Life

The annual Relay for Life (benefitting the American Cancer Society) will be held at Skypark in Scotts Valley on Saturday, June 2 beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing until 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 3. Our council is involved. Please talk to Edwin Tonkin, our chairman, for more information about this worthwhile event.