



The Knights of Columbus
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Over 113 Years of Local Service!

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Birthdays

- Jim Franks—1st
- Jerry Lenz—6th
- Ron Kerney—10th
- Robert Tracy—12th
- Frank Caso—17th
- Carlos De Lara—17th
- John Maloney—21st

Happy Birthday!



Council 971 recognized our Past Grand Knights at our August social. From left: Ken Lazier Sr. (2015-16), Rudy Quijance (1989-90, 1990-91, 2004-5), Andrew Lenz Jr. (1998-99), Jeff Knapp (2016-17, 2017-18), Jason Nielsen (2009-10, 2010-11), Ken Lazier Jr. (2013-14, 2014-15) and current Grand Knight Frank Benko presenting certificates.



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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September 2018

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

September

- 3..... Labor Day
- 8..... Habitat Build
- 9..... Coffee/Donuts at HC
- 11 World Day of Prayer for Peace (Oblates)
- 12..... **BUSINESS MEETING,** Star of the Sea, 7:30 pm.
- 28 **DINNER SOCIAL,** 7:30 pm. (See below and inside for details.)
- 30..... Star of the Sea Day

October

- 10..... Business Meeting
- 12..... Monthly Social (Friday)
- 13..... Fatima Pilgrimage
- 13..... Chapter Meeting held in Soledad.
- 14..... Coffee/Donuts at HC



Monthly Social Spaghetti

Friday, September 28
Holy Cross Hall

Grand Knight's Message

My brother Knights,

I was thinking about how well our Council 971 seems to be connected with our churches and community. In looking at all of the activities scheduled for the month of September, we will be connecting with the Oblates of St Joseph for the World Day of Prayer for Peace; with Habitat for Humanity for support which we have now been providing over these past few years; with Holy Cross for our monthly coffee social which I know is very well received and greatly appreciated; with the ICF with whom we will be co-hosting our monthly dinner social in support of the Holy Cross 8th Grade spring trip; and, finally, with Star of the Sea where we will be cooking burgers and hotdogs for their parish fundraiser.

I have to believe we are one of the most active councils and provide



tremendous support for our churches, community, families, and the unborn. None of this could happen without the continuous support from all of you.

While I know there is a core group of knights who are directly involved, I also believe that all of our members continue to offer up prayers in support of what we do! I hope and pray that we will continue to have the energy, the health and the support to continue to do so many good works! Thank you as always for all that you do to help make our council successful!

Vivat Jesus!
Frank Benko
Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

Greetings, Brother Knights,

Comfort and prayers from Rome, as I am here during this month of August participating in the XVII General Chapter of the Congregation of the Oblates of Saint Joseph. It is ironic that I find myself here just a few miles from the Vatican with my brother Oblates from all around the world for this international meeting. Our world and Church were rocked forever upon the release of

the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report on August 54, 2018 providing detailed proof of over a 1,000 victims from child sexual abuse caused by over 300 priests spanning a period of 70 years. The report contained explicit cases of abuse by trusted Catholic priests and the intentional cover up by past and current bishops and other ecclesiastical authorities.

Hearing these details and clear

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Chaplain

proof of such tragic negligence brings tremendous pain to our hearts for the victims and the internal anguish they have endured or continue to endure because of priests who preyed upon their innocence and trust.

As a Church we bow our heads in shame for what occurred and was allowed to be perpetrated without considering the moral and emotional consequences of such actions. May God forgive those within the Church, founded by His very Son, Jesus Christ, with the divine mandate that the Church be the principal channel of saving grace in the world.

These despicable acts are completely contrary to what a servant of God is called to be and they have now shattered the greatest gift they can offer the world: TRUST! This gift may never be regained, no matter the extent of justice served or public apologies offered by Church officials with the promise that all possible safeguards will be in place to keep this from ever happening again.

You, our dear faithful, are forced to deal with these deep feelings of hurt, anger and resentment. Bishops, priests, deacons, religious sisters/ brothers and dedicated laity who have sought to faithfully serve God's people are also



dealing with these similar feelings.

Our main priority now is helping all victims and their families to work through their pain, shame and loss of self worth.

I truly trust that the Holy Spirit will eventually help all of us heal our minds and hearts as we work through these dark and harsh feelings that we now vent towards all members of the Church. Only the grace of God and through good, holy examples within the Church that can help begin the very long and needed process of healing and restoration of trust. Required above all is the need for profound prayer, fasting and countless hours of reparation before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. These scandals are a call to conversion for major renewal within the Church, a Church that has become all too comfortable, complacent and careless in their words and deeds.

May we never lose hope in the God who loves and saves us! Let us turn to our Blessed Mother, the Queen of Purity, as we ask her to "pray for us sinners now" that all of an may experience healing on whatever level we may need it in our lives. We entrust all our pain and as well as our desire for a brighter tomorrow to St. Joseph, Patron and Protector of the Holy Church, so we may be preserved from all future sin and scandal and the salvific work of the Redeemer may continue to flow into our hearts and into this sinful and broken world.

Faternally yours,
Fr. Paul A. McDonnell, OSJ
Chaplain

[By request of Fr. Paul, abridged from his full August 24, 2018 letter found on the Shine of St. Joseph website and Facebook page.]

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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, 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

The Italian Catholic Federation Santa Cruz Branch 21 and Knights of Columbus Santa Cruz Council 971 are hosting a spaghetti dinner on Friday evening, September 28, in Holy Cross Hall to benefit Holy Cross School. You can reserve your seat and pre-purchase tickets after masses at Holy Cross until September 23.

Proceeds from the event will help fund the school's 8th grade students planned April trip to Washington D.C. Please come support our youth and school!

Please RSVP to Jeff Knapp (KofC) at jrknapp77@yahoo.com or (253) 298-1143 or RSVP to Roseann Costabile (ICF) at (408) 266-9176 or via email at roseanncostabile@yahoo.com.

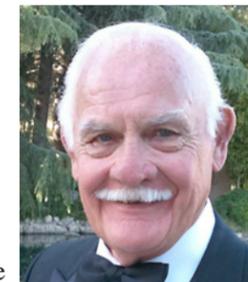
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Membership

Brother Knights,

Thanks for all the work on Recruiting this Summer. Now that we are into fall and back to school let us gear up for some Membership activity. October will be one of our key



times for outreach to the various parishes in our area. Any time that we are doing activities we need to show effort to gather more Knights to our council. At the Holy Cross coffee days we can keep up the enthusiasm and recruit men. Also on our schedule is a UCSC recruiting effort for the Newman Center. We need to show up for this BBQ in October. With a strong effort we will reach our goals this year.

Doug Gallagher
Membership Chairman

Thanks

Thanks to those who made our August dinner social a success. Especially Robin and Ken Lazier Jr. who were the hosts and cooks for dinner. Many other contributed their time, talents, and treasure to this ongoing key activity for our council.



Day of Prayer

Please come to the Shrine of St. Joseph, Guardian of the Redeemer on Tuesday, Sept. 11 (Patriot's Day) for our annual World Day of Prayer for Peace gathering.

The evening will begin at 6:30pm with a Rosary for Peace, followed by reflections, song and prayer to memorialize those who perished during the terror attacks in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania September 11, 2001.

Light refreshments will be served following the event.

"One Nation, Under God..."

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The Pledge of Allegiance
by
The Knights of Columbus

Eagle Scout



Grand Knight Frank Benko and committee chairman for troop 604 along with PGK and eagle scout Jeff Knapp present an award to newly installed eagle scout Wesley Jones at a recent Eagle Scout Court of honor.