



# 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** **December 2018**

*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

- 1..... Chapter Meeting.
- 1..... Habitat for Humanity Build
- 9..... Coffee/Donuts at HC
- 12..... **DINNER SOCIAL,**  
6 pm. (See below and inside for details.)
- 20..... *Keep Christ in Christmas* Awards Presentations.
- 25..... **Christmas Day**
- 30..... 5th Sunday Rosary

## January

- 1..... **New Year's Day**
- 9..... **Business Meeting**
- 13..... Coffee/Donuts at HC
- 23..... **Monthly Social**



## Grand Knight's Message

My brother knights,

My brother Knights, 'tis the season of giving! My hope is that it is more than giving nicely wrapped presents under a tree but extends to giving of time, talent, and/or treasure to worthy causes.

Of course, the Knights of Columbus are very well positioned as a recipient of your time, talent and treasure with the multitude of charitable activities in support of faith, family, community and life! I get feedback from any of a number of people who are concerned with the number of activities which our very own council supports. My standard response is to find just one item where you may have some passion whether it be faith, family, community or life and strive to make a contribution. I fully appreciate so many of our brother Knights who



are so involved in so many of our activities and I pray that they will continue to have the strength and time to continue.

I am always so proud to say that Council 971 is an award winning council (Columbian Award past two years) by virtue of our contributions across all of the four activity areas!! My further hope is that more of our members will find a way to be involved and make a contribution of their time, talent and treasure to our "Award Winning Council 971"! Merry Christmas....

Vivat Jesus!  
Frank Benko, Grand Knight

## Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

*O Little town of Bethlehem, How still do we see thee lie!*

The American clergyman Phillips Brooks wrote those words in 1868, three years after visiting Bethlehem. But the village he visited was a much different place than the bustling commercial hub where Jesus was born.

Nicholas Blincoe tells the fascinating story of Jesus' birthplace in

his book Bethlehem: **Biography of a Town.** When the future king David was born there, it was only a settlement of shepherds and herdsmen. But Bethlehem came into prominence 200 years before Jesus' birth when the Greeks built an aqueduct from the springs near the Bethlehem hills to supply water to the city of Jerusalem, seven miles away. Bethlehem instantly became a center of commerce as a well a strategic military location.

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## Monthly Social Enchiladas

Weds., December 12  
Star of the Sea Hall

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# ...Chaplain

Blincoe writes that Mary and Joseph probably spent the night in the open garden in the center of Bethlehem. "Mary and Joseph would see tough-looking traders strike deals, count profit, write contracts, and exchange their sheep and wool for fruit or olive oil. To visitors from the Galilee,

this might make Bethlehem a wild and strange kind of town. Nevertheless, it was clear that Bethlehem was far less free

than the Galilee. There were soldiers everywhere. [Rome's] Tenth Legion was charged not only with protecting the many miles of aqueducts, but also with policing the desert, the empire's international border, as well as the profitable trade in livestock and Dead Sea chemicals...Bethlehem was supposed to be part of the Jewish ancestral homeland. Yet, as the scriptures tell us, it was not a place where one was likely to find many Jews."

It was here, Matthew and Luke write, in this busy, bustling, godless exchange that God entered human history.

Every day, Jesus is born in the Bethlehems of our lives: lives overwhelmed by responsibilities and expectations. Sometimes Christ comes to us in poverty that we might

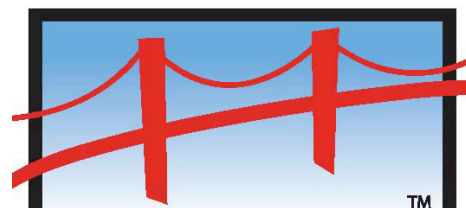


know the riches of God; he comes in simplicity that we might realize the presence of God in all things; he comes quietly so that we might hear the music of God amid the clamor of our noisy world. This Christmas, may the wellspring that is Christ bring new hope and joy into our Bethlehem wildernesses; may the light that is Christ illuminate the darkness of our manglers with wisdom and peace in this season and in every season of the new year.

Wishing you and your families a blessed & Merry Christmas!

Fr. Paul A. McDonnell, OSJ  
Chaplain

## Walk for Life



Walk  
FOR  
Life  
WEST COAST

A NEW TRADITION.  
A NEW VOICE.

SAN FRANCISCO

Saturday, January 26, 2019

Mark your calendar now for this annual event promoting life! Grand Knight Frank Benko will again lead our council's effort to participate in this march in San Francisco.

## Council 971 Newsletter

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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

Please come support our monthly social, Wednesday, December 12 at Star of the Sea Hall. The evening will begin with social hour at 6pm and include appetizers and no host/donation Bar; dinner will be served at 7pm and consist of Salad, Green Chile Chicken Enchiladas, Spanish Rice and Dessert will complete this delicious dining experience all for only \$15!

A portion of the proceeds will be provided to Families in Transition Santa Cruz!

Please consider donating an item for the raffle.

Please RSVP by Monday, December 10 to Tim Proulx at (831) 535-2022 or email [tim.proulx1@gmail.com](mailto:tim.proulx1@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you there and Merry Christmas!

**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

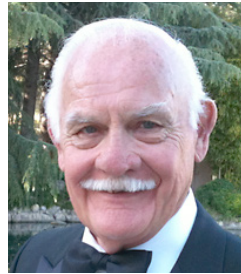
Brother Knights,

Our council is looking forward to a strong finish to the calendar year.

Keep in mind any prospect to bring in as new Knights to our active group. The officers are very thankful for all

the support we have seen in the past few months. Please look at the schedule of monthly and weekly events in the bulletin to see how you can help us reach our community and parish churches in their effort. Thank you for your efforts this year.

Doug Gallagher  
Membership Director



## I.D. Drive

**Intellectual Disability Drive.** Thanks to Tim Proulx for heading up this year's Intellectual Disability Drive (also known as Tootsie Roll Drive). Our 2018 drive raised over \$1,000 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 includes both Holy Cross and Good Shepherd elementary schools. Our plan is to have winning essays and posters displayed in local churches throughout the Christmas season. A presentation of winners will be held on Dec. 20 at both schools.

## Thanks

Our council held our November potluck dinner social at Our Lady Star of the Sea Hall. A big "thank you" to all those who helped make it a success! A few cooked the council-provided turkeys and many brought dishes to share. It was an entertaining and enjoyable evening of fellowship.

## Rosary

A "5th Sunday Rosary" will be sponsored by our council and held at St. Joseph's Church in Capitola on Sunday, December 30 immediately after the 11am Mass. For additional information contact our chairman for this event, Aaron Clark.

## Anniversary

Congratulations to PGK Rudy Quijance and his wife Virginia who are celebrating 54 years of marriage on December 12! Rudy and Virginia have been and continue to be a backbone of our council. Thank you and congratulations, you two!

## Insurance

If you are looking to protect your family should the Lord call you home unexpectedly, please give our agent, Jim Misa, a call for a free review of your existing plans or to discuss new plans. Jim can also talk to you about long term care and annuities. Jim may be reached by phone at 663-9232 or by email at [james.misa@kofc.org](mailto:james.misa@kofc.org).





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## Birthdays

Louis Bitonti—1st

Peter Ehrman—5th

David Betz—10th

David Scargill—27th

Happy Birthday!



The late bishop Richard Garcia was an ardent supporter of the Knights of Columbus, as evidenced by this photo taken at a confirmation in Soledad in 2015. May he rest in peace. Council 971 members present: Rudy Quijance (purple, right) and Andrew Lenz Jr. (very right).