



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 2019**

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
- 9..... **BUSINESS MEETING,**
Star of the Sea, 7:00 pm.
- 13..... Coffee/Donuts at HC
- 23..... **MONTHLY SOCIAL**
(See below and inside for details.)
- 26..... Walk for Life (S.F.)

February

- 9..... Cache Creek Casino Trip
Fundraiser
- 9..... Chapter Meeting
- 9..... 4th Degree Exemplification in Selma, CA
- 10..... Coffee/Donuts at HC
- 13..... Business Meeting
- 27..... Monthly Dinner Social

March

- 6..... Ash Wednesday
- 10..... Coffee/Donuts at HC
- 13..... Business Meeting
- 27..... Monthly Dinner Social
- 31..... 5th Sunday Rosary

Grand Knight's Message

My brother Knights,

Do you believe in "New Year's resolutions"? I've actually been occasionally successful with a few of them! (HINT: the more specific the resolution the greater the probability of success!) This year I was thinking (possibly inspired?) to do something a little different by way of a new year's resolution. I was thinking of trying to reintroduce one of the oldest Catholic Christian traditions back into my life; that is, try and sacrifice a bit more. Now, I'm not talking about anything close to what our dear Lord Jesus and many of the early and later saints did by way of sacrificing their lives for God, their religion, and their fellow man. However, I do believe in the 'power' of tradition and maybe a bit more self sacrifice...for example, fast and abstain on 'every' Friday during Lent. I'm also a firm believer in positive actions...maybe trying to be a bit



more patient. Or possibly, ensuring I am dedicating enough time and energy in support of the Knights—I really want to be successful with this one. So I'm

not sure if I've convinced anyone to try a new year's resolution or possibly to dedicate more of your time and energy to support our council activities. In any event, I hope you are successful with your new year's resolutions in the event you choose to go there and I would like to wish all of my brother Knights and their families health, happiness, and spiritual wellness in the coming year!

Vivat Jesus!

Frank Benko, Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

I write this message to you at approximately 35,000 feet above earth as I am flying from Los Angeles to Philadelphia. We are currently flying over the Colorado Rockies as I look out the window and witness God's masterpiece of creation. What a view!!! I tend to think that one needs to remove himself (literally) from the day to day craziness of life below

to take a breath, remove yourself from distractions and experience an intimate moment with the Lord. This trip affords me a few hours of re-connecting to the Divine in a way that is heart-moving, especially after a busy holiday season.

However, in this new year of 2019 hopefully we don't require a plane ride across country to experience God

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Monthly Social
Pulled Pork
Weds., January 23
Star of the Sea Hall

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...Chaplain

in all His sacredness and beauty. It can be found on the ground of daily interactions with people, beholding a sunrise or sunset at the start or end of our day, paying a visit to someone sick, alone or elderly, looking into the eyes of your spouse or children, and finding quiet moments to reflect on life and its meaning.

We, too, must be like the Wise Men, whom we focus on at the Feast of the Epiphany (Jan. 6), as they were in search of Jesus. It was a long and arduous



journey, but they were patient and persevering. Their determination led them to beholding God face to face in the Incarnate Son of Jesus in the company of His holy parents, Mary & Joseph. Their journey is our journey in this new year, not only finding Christ as the result of their venture, but feeling the power and presence of God IN the journey.

May we not get discouraged as we travel through this year, especially when the road gets difficult, rough, dangerous and long. My prayer is that you come to discover our Newborn King in ways and in places you least imagine, but be careful it is easy to miss Him. Keep your eyes and hearts open and you too will experience the masterpiece of God no matter our perspective.

May you and your families have a holy, happy and healthy new year!

Fr. Paul McDonnell, OSJ

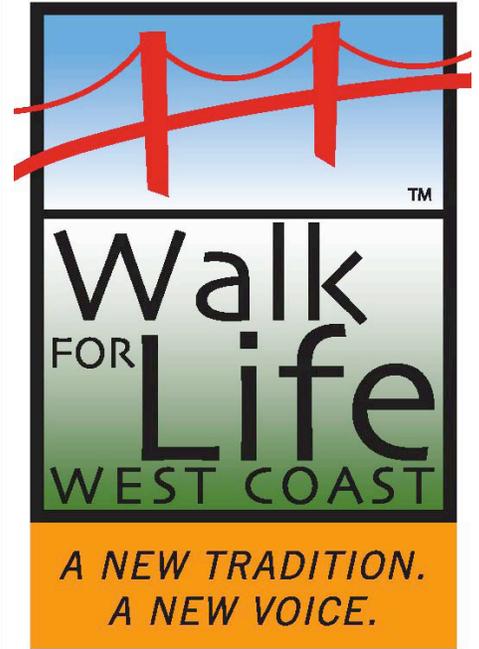
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Walk for Life



SAN FRANCISCO

Saturday, January 26, 2019

Join us 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.

Social

Please come enjoy our monthly social, Wednesday, January 23 at Star of the Sea Hall. Our hosts are the Felder Family! The evening will begin with social hour at 6pm and include appetizers and no host bar; dinner will be served at 7pm and consist of delectable pulled pork sandwiches, macaroni salad, beans, and dessert all for \$15!

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to a local charitable cause. Please consider donating an item for the raffle.

Please RSVP by Monday, January 21 10 to Anthony Felder at (831) 430-8122 or email anthonyfelder79@yahoo.com. We look forward to seeing you there and happy new year!

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.

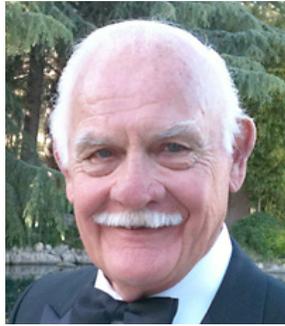
Insurance

Protect your family! Please give your friendly KofC agent, Jim Misa, a call for a free life insurance review. Jim can also talk to you about long term care and annuities. 831-384-8702 or james.misa@kofc.org.

Membership

Brother Knights,

Good work by Jeff and Frank who have put in valuable hours of programming and work to keep us in the spotlight. Thanks to all our Officers who are doing a fine job of dedicated work. To start the new year we will have a recruiting drive at the Star of the Sea Parish. We hope to get a good response and hold the council to a good membership number. Thank you for your efforts as we move forward. Let me know if you need any help recruiting.



Doug Gallagher
Membership Director

Thanks

Our council held our December dinner social at Our Lady Star of the Sea Hall. A big “thank you” to all those who helped make it a success!

- Host/Cook: Tim Proulx*
 - Kitchen help/assistant: Jeff Knapp*
 - MC: GK Frank Benko*
 - Raffle: Jason Nielsen*
 - Door: Jeff Knapp*
 - Dessert: Frank Benko, Andrew Lenz, Jr.*
 - Opening prayer/salute: Jeff Knapp*
 - Cleaning kitchen: John Adams*
 - Closing prayer: Frank Benko*
 - Music: Brandon Lazier*
- We hope to see you at the next one!



Cache Creek Casino Fundraiser Trip! Sat., February 9. See Rudy or Virginia Quijance for more info.

IMPORTANT!

We’re asking each member to please fill out the survey below and get it to Jeff Knapp well before Jan. 31! Either e-mail him with your figures (jrknapp77@yahoo.com), or physically mail it to Jeff at 5043 Wilder Dr., Apt A, Soquel CA 95073, 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.



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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!



In December, Grand Knight Frank Benko (far left) presented certificates and awards to participating students at Holy Cross Elementary School as Principal Patty Patano looks on (far right). Awards were also presented to students at Good Shepherd Catholic School.