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Birthdays

Simon Dangzalan Jr—5th

Patrick Kretsch —7th

Andy Lenz —9th

Kevin Gugat —16th

Happy Birthday!



In December, Grand Knight Frank Benko (2nd from the right left) presented certificates and awards to participating students at Good Shepherd School. Brother Knight Aaron Clark (far right), assisted. Awards were also presented to students at Holy Cross School.



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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February 2019

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

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**, Star of the Sea, 7:30 pm.
- 15..... **MONTHLY SOCIAL**
(See below and inside for details.)

March

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

April

- 10..... Business Meeting
- 13..... 4th Degree Exemplification in Carmel
- 14..... Coffee/Donuts at HC
- 21..... Easter Sunday
- 24* Monthly Social *TBD

Grand Knight's Message

My brother Knights,

I struggled over choices of topics to highlight this month. Recognizing that February traditionally is the month of "love" i.e., St Valentine's Day—have you seen all the candy hearts in the stores...wow!—but also recognizing all of the activities in which our Knights and council are involved, I hoped to strike a balance.

First of all, thank you to all the Knights who completed Form 1728a to identify their charitable activities for the year. I always enjoy the summary by Supreme to showcase the millions of hours of charitable activities performed by the Knights across the world! It is a strong message that Knights are men of action supporting our faith, community, family and life and an example for everyone!! Especially in today's conflicted and



confused society isn't it important to be a beacon of light, of hope, and of morality! And isn't that also the essence of love..."love your neighbor... love God with

all your heart...". One of my favorite quotes, "Your actions speak so loud I can't hear your words."

A BIG thank you to all my brother Knights for your prayers, your actions, and all you do in support of our Knights and council in the spirit of love!! spiritual wellness in the coming year!

Vivat Jesus!
Frank Benko, Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

[Editor Note: Fr. Paul is knee-deep in his duties as Provincial for the Oblates, so we're reprinting his column verbatim from February 2017.]

Dear Brother Knights,

I know you are accustomed to reading my words for our monthly bulletin. However, this month I would like to share with you excerpts from Pope Francis' message for the upcoming 25th Anniversary of the World Day of the Sick that will be celebrated throughout

the Church on February 11th, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The theme of this year's celebration is "Amazement at what God has accomplished: 'The Almighty has done great things for me....'" (Lk 1:49). This Day is an opportunity to reflect in particular on the needs of the sick and, more generally, of all those who suffer. It is also an occasion for those who generously assist the sick, beginning with family members, health

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Monthly Social Tri-Tip

Fri., February 15
Holy Cross Hall

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Chaplain

workers and volunteers, to give thanks for their God-given vocation of accompanying our infirm brothers and sisters. This celebration likewise gives the Church renewed spiritual energy for carrying out ever more fully that fundamental part of her mission which includes serving the poor, the infirm, the suffering, the outcast and the marginalized.

The Holy Father states in this global message: "I express my closeness to all of you, our suffering brothers and sisters, and to your families, as well

as my appreciation for all those in different roles of service and in healthcare institutions throughout the world who work with professionalism, responsibility and dedication for your care, treatment and daily well-being. I encourage all of you, the sick, the suffering, physicians, nurses, family members and volunteers, to see in Mary, Health of the Infirm, the sure sign of God's love for every human being and a model of surrender to his will. May you always find in faith, nourished by the Word and by the Sacraments, the strength needed to love God, even in the experience of illness. The Blessed Mother spoke to St. Bernadette in 1858 with great respect and without condescension. This reminds us that every person is, and always remains, a human being, and is to be treated as such. The sick and the those who are disabled, even severely, have their own inalienable dignity and mission in life. They never become simply objects. If at times they appear merely passive, in reality that is



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never the case. Bernadette turned her frailty into support for others. Thanks to her love, she was able to enrich her neighbors and, above all, to offer her life for the salvation of humanity. The fact that the Lovely Lady asked her to pray for sinners reminds us that the infirm and the suffering desire not only to be healed, but also to live a truly Christian life, even to the point of offering it as authentic missionary disciples of Christ....Let us ask Mary Immaculate for the grace always to relate to the sick as persons who certainly need assistance, at times even for the simplest of things, but who have a gift of their own to share with others. On this Twenty-fifth World Day of the Sick, I once more offer my prayerful support and encouragement to physicians, nurses, volunteers and all those consecrated men and women committed to serving the sick and those in need. I also embrace the ecclesial and civil institutions working to this end, and the families who take loving care of their sick."

I wish to remind you, my brother Knights, as we are inspired by the Holy Father's words, that a special Mass for the Sick will be held at the Shrine of St. Joseph, Guardian of the Redeemer, West Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz, on Saturday, February 11, at 11:00am. The Sacrament of Anointing will be administered during the Mass to the elderly and those seriously ill. Please join us either by attending the Mass or in spirit with your fervent prayers for our sick brothers and sisters in Christ.

United in our Suffering Lord,
Fr. Paul A. McDonnell, OSJ
Chaplain

Walk for Life

Our council participated in the West Coast Walk for Life in January. Thanks to Frank Benko for coordinating support for this very worthwhile annual event in San Francisco.

Illness & Prayers

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

Dough Gallagher, 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 Council #971 will be holding the monthly dinner social on Friday, February 15 at Holy Cross Hall. The evening will begin with social hour at 5:30PM with appetizers and no host/donation bar; dinner will be served at 6:30PM and consist of Caesar Salad, Roast Tri-Tip and desert will complete this delicious dining experience, all for only \$20 (youth 12-14yrs = \$5; under 12yrs = free).

With advanced reservations, you'll receive a complimentary Door Prize entry!

For reservations please phone Norma Wilson at (831) 438-8316 or Edwin Tonkin at (831) 464-1263 (or email icfbr21@gmail.com or ent6655@gmail.com) by Wed., Feb 13, 2019.



Thanks for Rudy and Virginia Quijance for organizing the Cache Creek Casino Fundraiser Trip which was held on Sat., February 9!

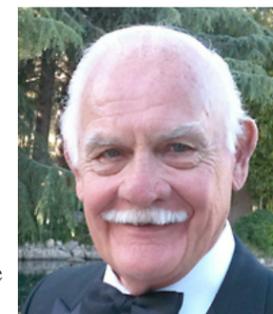
Membership

Brother Knights,

A huge thank you to the council for your good work in bringing in new members. This spring we need to step up the activity and invite friends to join us in the effort to support the churches and our priests. Let us get behind our dedicated officers to make a big difference in the next few Months.

This month I have requested to be added to our Prayer List as I have been having some mobility problems and need to get some healing to be able to keep up with this work as a Knight.

Doug Gallagher
Membership Director



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!

Thanks

Our council held our January 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: Felder Family

MC: GK Frank Benko

Raffle: Jeff Knapp and Brandon Lazier

Door: Brandon Lazier, Josie Felder, Frank Benko

Opening prayer: Fr. Justin Bianchi

Flag salute: Rudy Quijance

Closing prayer: Frank Benko

Music: Brandon Lazier

And thanks to those who contributed prizes to the raffle and helped clean up afterward.

We hope to see you at the next one!

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.

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 \$500 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.