



The Knights of Columbus
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Over 114 Years of Local Service!

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Birthdays

- Robert Perkins—1st
- Peter Dunhaver —6th
- Mike Croghan—7th
- Aaron Clark —9th
- Rev. Phil Dumanacal—18th
- Marcos Olivas—25th
- Steven Lopez—26th

Happy Birthday!



A little piece of history: Council 971 Officer Installation 2009.
From the left: Rudy Quijance, Jack Kemerling†, Barry Earl†, Patrick Eastman (back), Doug Gallagher, Andrew Lenz Jr., Ramon Belleza†, Jason Nielsen, Mike Croghan, Larry Young (DD), Robert Merlo (visiting and standing in from Council 9580), Larry Rothfuss. †Rest in Peace.



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

April 2019

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

April

- 6..... Chapter Meeting
- 10..... **BUSINESS MEETING**,
Star of the Sea, 7:30 pm.
- 13..... 4th Degree Exemplifica-
tion in Carmel
- 14..... Coffee/Donuts at HC
- 21..... Easter Sunday
- 24 **MONTHLY SOCIAL**
(See below and inside for
details.)

May

- 8..... Business Meeting
- 12..... Coffee/Donuts at HC
- 18..... Habitat for Humanity
Build
- 17-19 . CA State Convention
- 24 Monthly Social

June

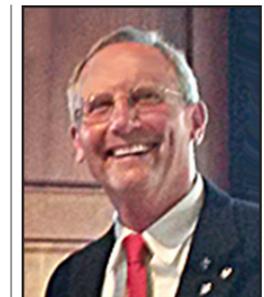
- 1..... 2nd Degree in Salinas
- 8..... Chapter Meeting
- 9..... Coffee/Donuts at HC
- 12..... Business Meeting
- 26..... Monthly Social *TBD

Grand Knight's Message

My brother Knights,

Happy Easter to you and yours!!
What a wonderful time of year as we celebrate so much to include many Catholic rituals of the Easter season, the joyful Easter celebrations whether family meals or Easter egg hunts with the kids or just the joy of the spring season to include the beautiful spring flowers—my favorite are the Easter lilies which I grew up with and to me are synonymous with the Easter celebration!!

How reassuring to know that even after Jesus rose from the grave he continued to offer encouragement and service to his apostles while continuing to be a model of true Christian service! And isn't that what we are asked to do as Knights of Columbus? That is, be a model of Christian faith and service especially with all of the very worthwhile Knights activities which we are asked to support?



There is a song which I grew up with titled, "They will know we are Christians by our love." Couldn't this also apply to us Knights; that is, "They

will know we are Knights by our actions"? I hope that people will look to each of us and know that we are not only Christians but also Knights by our ongoing service, our example, our staunch faith and by our love.

I hope that all of you have a wonderful Easter season and that we will continue to have the courage and faith to be examples of and for our savior, Jesus Christ.

Vivat Jesus,
Frank Benko, Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

This beautiful month of April brings us all into deeper intimacy with our Savior as we commemorate His solemn passion, death and resurrection from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday and throughout the 50 days of the Paschal season. The Risen Lord not only forgives us our sins and grants us a share in His Divine Life, but He also challenges us to

share the gift of love and forgiveness with each other.

Jesus' commandment to love can be most difficult when it comes to those we love most: when our patience is all but gone, when our hurt is most raw, when our frustration and exhaustion make us most susceptible to striking back. But patient, humble, generous love grows stronger the more it is

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Monthly Social

Pork

Weds., April 24
Star of the Sea Hall

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...Chaplain

tested, endures and remains steadfast the more it is pulled, continues to heal and forgive the more it is engaged. Our very identity as disciples of Christ is centered in such persistent and constant love; our faithfulness in imitating the compassion and forgiveness of the Risen One is lived in our openness of heart and spirit to love selflessly, completely and unconditionally, as God has loved us in his Christ.



May our embrace of the Easter season help us experience the life of Christ within us and the more we experience it, the more we are willing to share it with a world that remains shrouded in Good Friday darkness, despair, hatred and prejudice. As Jesus walked out from His Tomb on Easter Sunday morning may we lead others to leave the darkness of their "tombs" created from depression, anxiety, addiction and resentment. Life is awaiting us now and in eternity, let's not waste another day by choosing darkness over Easter light, significantly symbolized by the flame of the Paschal Candle burning near the altar of our churches and especially within the recesses of our hearts!

Yours in Christ,
our Crucified and Risen Lord,
Fr. Paul McDonnell, OSJ
Chaplain

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Social

Please come enjoy our monthly social, Wednesday, April 24 at Star of the Sea Hall. Our host will be Jason Nielsen and Edwin Tonkin. 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 Green goddess spring salad, bread rolls, pork tenderloin with chimichurri sauce, roasted vegetables and cake for dessert . . . all for just \$15!

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Siena House Maternity Home. Please consider donating an item for the raffle.

Please RSVP by Monday, April 22 to Jason Nielsen by emailing jasonnielsen@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thanks

Thanks to all who helped at the social/Lenten dinner last month at Star of the Sea, especially Jeff Knapp who—though sick—slaved in the kitchen washing dishes. Thanks!

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.



A big "Thank You!" to Rudy and Virginia Quijance for organizing yet another very successful Cache Creek Casino fundraiser trip! It raised hundreds of needed dollars!

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.

Do a good deed

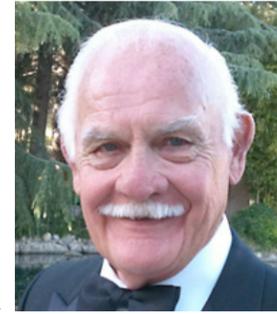
Do you get the print version of this bulletin? Would you be willing to receive an digital version instead? If everyone converted to digital versions, we'd have about \$500 freed up every year for charity work. Please contact Andrew Lenz Jr. (see column at left) to provide your email address and receive a digital version instead of a print version.

Membership

Brother Knights,

Our council needs to be on the

alert and get out there to "talk up" the value of our Catholic fellowship. Each Knight should continue to talk up our parish and com-

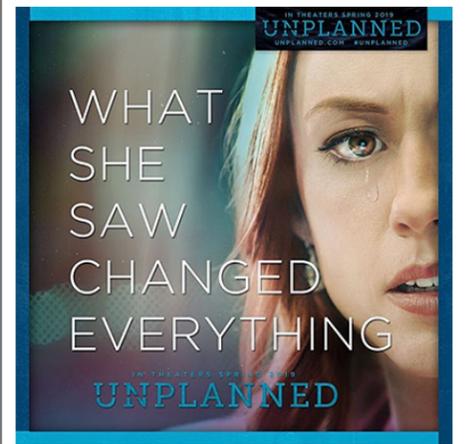


munity activities. Springtime brings us outdoors where we do our Habitat for Humanity work and then begin to plan for the summer Relay for Life-Cancer events. As we support these activities we gain a great opportunity to promote Council 971. Our job is to reach out to those Catholic men we visit with at our parish events and activities. Do your best to bring in men and support our mission of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

Doug Gallagher
Membership Director



Movie



You don't want to miss this exceptional true story of Abby Johnson, former Planned Parenthood director. It is incredible and spiritually powerful. It is destined to be a "game changer" in the abortion industry!

Now showing in Watsonville at the Cinema Theater on So. Green Valley Road. Movie times from Friday, April 5 through Thursday, April 11 are daily: 1:15, 4:00, 6:45 and 9:45 p.m.

Be sure to attend and invite friends, family and tell everyone you know! Pray for its success and to change minds and hearts back to God!

—Audrey McDowell
Watsonville "40 Days For Life" Team



Dedicated participants in our 5th Sunday Rosary gathering at the Oblates of St. Joseph last month. Please consider joining us and building our numbers in this powerful prayer activity.