



The Knights of Columbus
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Over 114 Years of Local Service!

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Birthdays

- Rev Dennis Steik—2nd
- John Adams—6th
- James Somerville—12th
- Andrew Lenz Jr—14th
- Larry Rothfuss—17th
- Mr. Dan Robbins—23rd
- Steven Crovo—26th

Happy Birthday!



Relatively new KofC member **Brandon Lazier** leads the raffle at our June dinner social with lots of help from Josie and Cameron of the Felder Family. Brandon turned 18 in March and is the son of Ken and Robin Lazier and grandson of Ken Lazier Sr., both PGKs.



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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July 2019

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

July

- 4..... Independence Day
- 9..... Coffee/Donuts at HC
- 10..... **BUSINESS MEETING**,
Star of the Sea, 7:00 pm.
(Note the early start time!)
- 14..... Coffee/Donuts at HC
- 24 **MONTHLY SOCIAL**
(See below and inside for details.)

August

- 11 Coffee/Donuts at HC
- 14..... Business Meeting
- 28..... Monthly Social *TBD

September

- 2..... Labor Day
- 11 Business Meeting
- 25..... Monthly Social *TBD



Monthly Social Tri-Tip

Wednesday, July 24
Star of the Sea Hall

Grand Knight's Message

My brother Knights,

Welcome to the 2019-20 Columbian year! I am very much looking forward to another year of "changing lives and savings lives"! Or, as I am often quoted as saying, "offering faith-based service to our church, community, faith, and life!"

I truly hope that in this Colombian year, more of our brother Knights will select an activity and offer to make a contribution to the same. This is also a common discussion point in our recruiting efforts; that is, "not enough time" to which I respond "everyone has 24 hours in a day at which point we can select our priorities and how we wish to allocate our time." It gets better... "Is your faith, family, community and life important enough to devote one hour a month?" I hope all of us give that some thought and make a contribution. Towards that end I am hopeful that we will continue to



be an active and vibrant council. I expect we will be having our annual planning meeting sometime between July and August and chart our roadmap for this

upcoming year. I am hopeful that we will identify and agree on our priority/focus activities and am very much looking forward to working with all of you on "changing lives and saving lives". If you'd like additional information on our 'roadmap', please don't hesitate to followup with me anytime.

As always, I am so thankful and appreciative for all that you do for our council and your continued prayers!

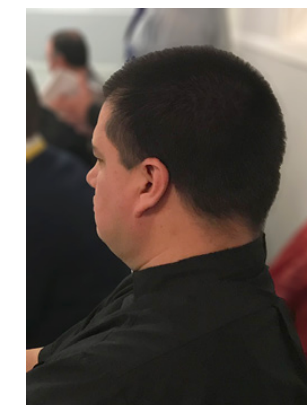
Vivat Jesus,
Frank Benko
Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

Editor's Note: As we enter a new Columbian Year, we decided to give our dedicated chaplain of the last six years, Fr. Paul McDonnell, a needed rest and Fr. Robby Sullivan of Our Lady Star of the Sea has graciously agreed to accept the role as the spiritual guide for our council for 2019-2020.

A sincere 'thank you' to Fr. Paul for his support and inspirational writings these past years. We will forever be in his debt.

We will look forward to Fr. Robby's columns in the coming months.



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For a complete list of activity directors & committees visit our Council website.

Website: KofC971.org

Installation

At press time, our installation of officers has not been set. It may take place an hour before our montly dinner social starts, but this has not been confirmed. The online version of the bulletin will be updated when this details are set and an email will be sent out to all who have provided us with an email address.

Do you not get our council email notices? You should! Email us at knights@kofc971.org and we'll put you on the list—we don't want you to miss out on updates and changes!

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 \$1,000 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.

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.

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Social

Please come enjoy our monthly dinner social, Wednesday, July 24 at Star of the Sea Hall. Our host will be Grand Knight, Frank Benko. The evening will begin with social hour at 6 p.m. and include appetizers and no host bar; dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and consist of mouth-watering grilled Tri-Tip, potato salad, summer vegetables and dessert . . . all for just \$15!

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to some worthy local charity to be named later. Please consider donating an item for the raffle. Questions & RSVP: Frank Benko at (831) 428-4494. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thanks

Thanks to all who helped at the dinner social last month at Star of the Sea, in particular, Anthony and Bridget Felder and her mom, as well as Ken Lazier Jr. and his wife Robin who cooked a fabulous meal. The opening and closing prayers we lead by Francisco Garcia, a seminarian for our diocese who is studying for the priesthood in Camarillo. Rudy Quijance lead the pledge of allegiance. Our MC was our Grand Knight Frank Benko. The bar was manned by Edwin Tonkin and Ken Lazier Sr.

Election

Our annual election of officers took place at our June business meeting. Most officers will remain the same, with the exception of our Outside Guard for which Aaron Clark was elected. Congratulations to Aaron!

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.

Membership

Thanks for all the good work by our Knights who have finished another Columbian year with an impressive record by our State Columbian Awards Committee.

As we work into the summer our council will embark on an effort to extend the reach out our local Hispanic community. Rudy Cruz and the task force of Caballeros are planning to work through these parishes in our jurisdiction to establish a greater number of Spanish speaking men in this 971 Council. We will need some reaching out to make this work. Please be prepared to come and help as we follow up with these efforts at Holy Cross, St. Joseph's, and Our Lady Star of the Sea. Watch for the upcoming events at your parish.

Have a good summer and vacation season.
Membership Chairman,
Doug Gallagher

June Presentations



GK Frank Benko (center) presents our **Family of the Month** award to Jim and Marianne Franks. Jim has tirelessly and consistently donated countless hours to the upkeep and improvement of the Old Holy Cross Cemetery.

At the Knights of Columbus annual California State Convention this year, the State Council presented **Santa Cruz Council 971** with four awards for our hard work in the 2018-2019 Columbian Year.

The awards included *Fourth Place, Family Activity* (Division Three); *Fifth Place, Community Activity* (Division Three); *Fifth Place, Faith Activity* (Division Three); and, finally, *Eighth Place, Culture of Life Activity* (Division Three).



To honor the retirement of our Color Corps uniforms, a rosary and mass was held at Our Lady Star of the Sea on June 30. In the photo: (l to r) Larry Young, Rudy Quijance, Rudy Cruz, Jeff Knapp, Ken Lazier Jr., Andrew Lenz Jr., and Richard Sanchez of the Cisteros de Santa Cruz, Assembly #3447.