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Edwin Tonkin—1st
Fr. Paul McDonnell—2nd
Edgar Veit—8th
Matt Smithey—11th
J McNamara—15th
John Cernac—16th
Wayne Kruchowski—25th

Happy Birthday!



Grand Knight Frank Benko (right) presents awards to Good Shepherd Catholic School winners of the annual Keep Christ in Christmas essay and poster contest sponsored by Santa Cruz Council 971.



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 2020

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 Year's Day
8..... **Business Meeting**
11 2nd and 3rd Degree
Exemplification in
Monterey
12..... Coffee & Donuts at HC
18..... 4th Degree Exemplifica-
tion in Salinas
22..... **Monthly Social**
25..... Walk for Life in San
Francisco

February

9..... Coffee & Donuts at HC
12..... **Business Meeting**
19..... **Monthly Social TBD**
26 Ash Wednesday

March

8..... Coffee & Donuts at HC
11..... **Business Meeting**
25..... **Monthly Social TBD**

Grand Knight's Message

My brother Knights, Happy New Year!

I am excited this month as it is the month that our Knights put emphasis on our "Pro-Life" cause especially with the upcoming San Francisco "Walk For Life"! I recently came across an article in our "Knights to Christ" daily reader which I felt was particularly relevant and inspiring and so I very much wanted to share with you. The article asks the question "Would you respect human life in the following situations?"

1. *A preacher and his wife are very, very poor. They already have 14 kids. Now she finds out she's pregnant with the 15th child. They are living in severe poverty.*

2. *The father is ailing, the mother has tuberculosis. The eldest child is blind, the second died, the third is deaf, and the youngest also has TB. The mother learns she's pregnant again.*

3. *Another teenage girl is pregnant. She's not married. Her fiancé is not the father of the baby and he's very upset.*

If you thought ending an innocent life was the best solution under these



circumstances—In the first case you have just killed John Wesley before he could become the famed evangelist from England. In the second case, you

aborted Beethoven and deprived the world of some of our greatest musical compositions. In the third case, the teenage girl is the Blessed Virgin Mary and you have just declared the murder of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

I was moved and inspired by this article which really affirmed my strong belief in the right to life including that of the unborn. I mentioned the upcoming March for Life in San Francisco which occurs on Saturday, Jan 25. If you would like to join us or would like additional information, you can contact myself 831.428.4494 or followup with our Pro-Life Director, Ken Lazier Jr. 831.419.3753.

Thank you so much for all that you do for our council and our Knights!

Vivat Jesus,
Frank Benko, Grand Knight

Monthly Social Italian

Wednesday, Jan. 22
Star of the Sea Hall

Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

It is common at this time for people to make resolutions for the new year. These resolutions are made

to improve some aspect of one's life, such as weight loss, or a better attitude, or learning a new skill. It is

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good that we seek opportunities to improve our lives, but why wait for a new year to begin? Perhaps the answer is that a new



year means new beginnings, and so people seek new ways to grow, to begin again.

However, this desire to improve, this desire to be the best of ourselves, is always with us. Just as highways have mile markers, which lets us know where we are and where we are going, we too have mile markers in our lives. These can be anything and anyone, such as a book, a piece of art, a faith-filled experience, or a close friend. These markers lead us to think about our lives, where we are and where we are going. They provide opportunities to recognize our need for improvement, and they give us the motivation to follow through with our adjustments.

Whether or not we make new year resolutions, I would like to suggest a life-long resolution: that we take advantage of every opportunity to better ourselves. May we give greater attention to the mile markers in our lives, and in recognizing our identity and the direction we are heading, take the necessary steps to live the best version of ourselves.

In Christ,
Fr. Robby Sullivan, Chaplain

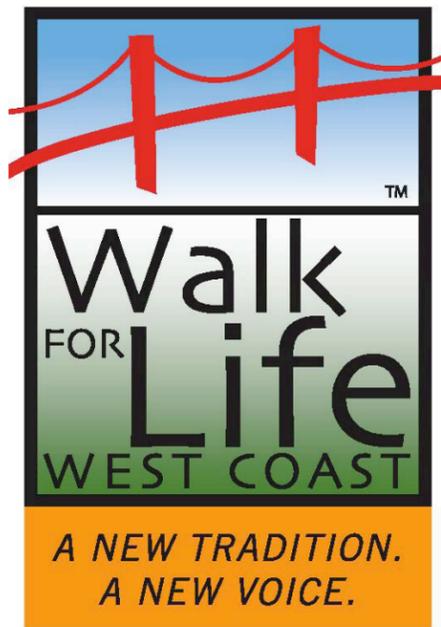
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Walk for Life



SAN FRANCISCO

Saturday, January 25, 2020

For the past three years, a handful of your brother Knights from Council 971 have made the trip to San Francisco to participate in the West Coast Walk For Life.

It's time once again to make the trip and stand hand-in-hand with other brother Knights in support of Life and support the 16th Annual West Coast Walk For Life to be held on Jan 25 beginning at the San Francisco civic center. *Nothing should be clearer, eyesight 20/20, walk for life 2020!*

For more information. Please contact Ken Lazier at 831-419-3753.

Insurance

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

Illness & Prayers

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

Mary Burdick, Doug Gallagher, Ken Lazier Sr., 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.

Thanks!

A big 'thank you' to all those who helped make our December social happen! Especially Tim Proulx and his wife who cooked the delicious meal for us! It was a fabulous dinner with even better company!

Social

Please come support our monthly social, Wednesday, January 22 at Star of the Sea Hall. The evening will begin with social hour at 6 p.m. and include appetizers and no host/donation Bar; dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

The menu consists of Salad, Rose's 'Famous' Homemade Lasagna, Dutch French Bread and dessert will complete this delicious dining experience all for only \$15!

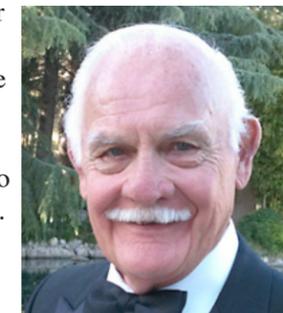
A portion of the proceeds will be provided to Holy Cross School and the Old Holy Cross Cemetery. Please consider donating an item for the raffle.

Please RSVP by Monday, January 20 to either Doug Gallagher at 831-425-0764, email: douglaskay@comcast.net, or GK Frank Benko at 831-428-4494, email: fmbenko@comcast.net.

We hope that you will join us for great food and fraternity!

Membership

Another year in the books for our local Knights of Columbus council. This last year turned out to be a real challenge for the men. We seemed to be scrambling to get more activities into the schedule. Our efforts kept the reserve in



good shape as we now move into 2020. Your officers did a great job of keeping us on track to get this new year off to a great start. We all need to double the effort to bring in "A few Good Men" into our ranks. Just put this recruiting idea on your list of goals for 2020.

Thank you for all of your support over the last year. Happy New Year!

Doug Gallagher
Membership Chairman

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.