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Birthdays

Simon Dangzalan Jr—5th

Patrick Kretsch —7th

Andy Lenz —9th

Kevin Gugat —16th

Leo Pedrosa —21st

Happy Birthday!



Grand Knight Frank Benko (second from right back row) and Deputy Grand Knight Tim Proulx (also in an apron) show support for representatives of Families in Transition, beneficiary of our December dinner social.



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 2020

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

February

- 8..... Chapter Meeting
- 9..... Coffee & Donuts at HC
- 12..... **BUSINESS MEETING**,
Star of the Sea, 7:30 pm.
- 19..... **DINNER SOCIAL**,
6 pm. (See below and
inside for details.)
- 26..... Ash Wednesday
- 29..... 'Leap of Faith' Retreat
with Fr. Paul at Shrine.
(Frank Benko for details.)

March

- 3..... AFC Homeless dinner at
SoS at 5:00 p.m.
- 8..... Coffee & Donuts at HC
- 11..... **Business Meeting**
- 25..... **Monthly Social TBD**

April

- 8..... **Business Meeting**
- 4..... Chapter Meeting
- 12..... Easter Sunday
- 18..... 4th Degree Exemplifica-
tion in San Nella
- 22..... **Monthly Social TBD**

Monthly Social New Orleans

Wednesday, Feb. 19
Star of the Sea Hall

Grand Knight's Message

My Brother Knights,

This is the month that we celebrate Valentine's Day! I feel constantly barraged with reminders of this day every time I walk into a store and am surrounded by candy, cards, flowers, and more candy! And once again, it seems we have commercialized what should be a reminder of a great Saint, a good Christian model and a wonderful example of love in the person of St Valentine! This is what I hope to celebrate on St. Valentine's Day!!

I was recently reminded that love is the cornerstone of charity and charity is the foundation of our Knights along with unity, fraternity, and patriotism! I would like to remind all of my brother Knights that our acts of service, our acts of faith and our acts of kindness are ALL acts of charity!

Our council was recently rec-



ognized by the Supreme Council with the Columbian Award for Programs! Translated...this means that we have a very active and vibrant council

which continues to do much in support of charity along with our continued emphasis on faith, family, community, and life!! Congrats to all of you for all of your continued support and efforts!

And thank you to all for your continued prayers! Together, we are continuing to make a difference!! And doesn't it all start with charity??! Happy St. Valentine's Day.

Vivat Jesus,
Frank Benko, Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

[Editor's Note: Since our chaplain has his hands full, we are rerunning last month'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 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.

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...Chaplain

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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



Insurance

If you are looking to protect your family should the Lord call you home unexpectedly, please give our agent, Jim Misa, a call for a free review of your existing plans or to discuss new plans. Jim can also talk to you about long term care and annuities. Jim may be reached by phone at 384-8702 or by email at james.misa@kofc.org.

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Award

The Supreme Council recognized the outstanding efforts of Santa Cruz Council 971 for programs during the Columbian Year of 2018-2019 under the leadership of Grand Knight Frank Benko with the Columbian Award. This award was presented at the January business meeting to GK Frank Benko by District Deputy Andrew Lenz Jr.



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.

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 January social happen! Expecially Jeff Knapp and company who cooked the delicious meal for us! It was a fabulous dinner with even better company!

Social

Please come support our monthly social, Wednesday, February 19 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, Baked Hush Puppies, New Orleans-style Red Beans & Sausage, Yellow Rice, Creamy Cajun Coleslaw, and finish with a dessert of French Quarter Pralines & Vanilla Ice Cream! This delicious dining experience all for only \$15!

A portion of the proceeds will be provided to local charities. Please consider donating an item for the raffle.

Please RSVP by Monday, February 17 to either Edwin Tonkin at 831-239-5442, email: ent6655@gmail.com, or Grand Knight Frank Benko at 831-428-4494, email: fmbenko@comcast.net.

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

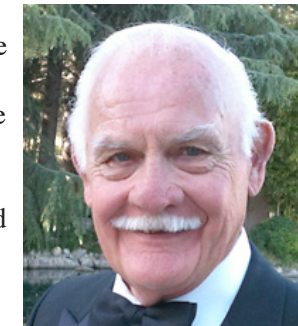
Membership

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. February brings us to a Founder's retention and recruiting effort that will require some extra effort on the local parish Round Table coordinators to reach out to those qualified men to join our council. Visibility is our best way to gather numbers and grow our strength of support.

Doug Gallagher
Membership Chairman



Council 971 shows support at the 2020 annual Walk for Life in San Francisco on January 25.