



# 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 2022**

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

## January

- 5..... Officer Meeting 7PM
- 12..... Member Meeting,  
7:30PM at Star of the  
Sea Hall.
- 19-27. Novena for Life.
- 22..... Walk for Life in S.F.
- 29..... Habitat for Humanity  
Build. *(See inside for  
details.)*
- TBA.. Dinner Social

## February

- 2..... Officer Meeting 7PM
- 6..... Exemplification Ceremo-  
ny at Holy Cross Church.
- 9..... Member Meeting,  
7:30PM at Star of the  
Sea Hall.



**Monthly Social**  
**No Social**

Be safe. Be healthy.

## Grand Knight's Message

My Brother Knights and Families,

I am happy to offer you warm New Year greetings with much anticipation for a healthy and hopeful 2022. We can all be thankful to put another difficult year behind us, with new resolve to protect ourselves and our neighbors as we continue with social distancing and well-practiced behaviors. As the cold and wet weather persists, homeless services and food pantry support are in more demand, and I encourage you to do what you can to help the less fortunate in our midst.

Your Council 971 was very active in December, with another successful Keep Christ in Christmas essay/poster contest at Holy Cross and Good Shepherd schools and some new events for us this year: Christmas shopping for a deserving family and a drive-thru/pick-up Christmas dinner fundraiser. Our successful dinner social enlisted



great support from the Knights for ticket sales and dinner preparation and from kids at Good Shepherd who helped distribute the meals. How-

ever, the highlight of the season was shopping for Christmas gifts with the Knights and delivering them to the Soto family whose kids were very sweet and joyful.

Looking forward to other events in January, we are participating in the State sponsored Novena for Life starting on Jan 19. This Novena involves daily prayer and reflection using online resources and materials. You are encouraged to follow at your pace,

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## Chaplain's Message

To have something worth celebrating, we usually have to wait for a time. Most often, the longer the wait, the greater the joy once the day arrives. Christmas is this joy when we have adequately set aside enough time during Advent for its preparation. Now that we have entered the Christmas season and a New Year is upon us, let us take time to enjoy the gift!

May you and yours have a blessed

Christmas and a healthy New Year!

Fr. Dat Nguyen  
Chaplain



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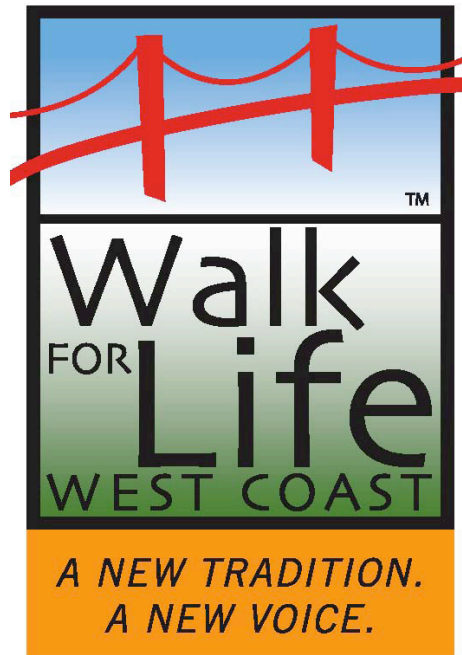
# Respect Life

PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE!  
JANUARY 19-27, 2022

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Visit [respectlife.org/9-days-for-life](http://respectlife.org/9-days-for-life) for more information and to sign up!

# Walk for Life



SAN FRANCISCO

Saturday, January 22, 2022

Mark your calendar now for this annual event promoting life! Ken Lazer Jr. lead our council's effort to participate in this march in San Francisco.

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and you can find instructions in this bulletin. Also, the West Coast Walk for Life in SF is on Saturday Jan 22 – please talk to our Worthy Life Director Ken Lazier Jr. to sign-up as soon as possible.

We start our calendar year with low cash reserves due to restrictions on fund raising and I encourage you to pay your dues promptly and to include a little extra for the Council and for the Columbian Charities if possible.

Very best wishes for a Happy New Year!

Fraternally,  
Tim Proulx  
Grand Knight

## UP TO DATE?

Our Financial Secretary is responsible for, among other things, maintaining the membership records to be as accurate as is possible. Any change regarding your home address, home/cell phone number(s) and email address, as well as name and address of your next of kin should be reported to FS as soon as possible.

# Insurance

If you are looking to protect your family should the Lord call you home unexpectedly, please give our new KofC agent, Steve Hudec, a call for a free review of your existing plans or to discuss new plans. Steve can also talk to you about long term care and annuities. Mobile: 559-313-5610. Email: [steve.hudec@kofc.org](mailto:steve.hudec@kofc.org).



# Illness & Prayers

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

*Doug Gallagher, Ken Lazier Sr., Francisco Garza, Teresa Quijance-Thompson, Jason Nielsen.*

Your call or e-mail to the Bulletin Editor (Andrew) if you know of any changes to the above list will be appreciated.

# 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](http://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!

# Veterans



The Cristeros de Santa Cruz Assembly—the Patriotic arm of our Order—assisted with raising flags at Old & New Holy Cross Cemetery in conjunction with VFW Post 7263 of Santa Cruz on July 4, 2021. Members of Council 971 pictured include (on far left) Greg Hutchinson—who will be joining the Assembly in January—SK Jeff Knapp (FN), and SK Frank Benko. Between SK Jeff and SK Frank is Steve Curtain (VFW Post Commander); to SK Frank’s right is SK Larry Young (GK-9580) and SK Kelly Robertson (GK-15705).



*PGK Frank Benko and brother knight and principal Rich Determan flank the Good Shepherd student winners of the annual Council 971 “Keep Christ in Christmas” essays and posters contests. Holy Cross Elementary School students also participated this year.*

# Exemplification

Our council will be holding a live “Charity, Unity & Fraternity Exemplification” ceremony, initiating new members into the Knights of Columbus on Sunday, February 6, at Holy Cross Church starting promptly at 9:45am (if you are not a 3rd Degree member, here’s your opportunity to become a full knight in the Order! Contact Jeff Knapp, [jrknapp77@yahoo.com](mailto:jrknapp77@yahoo.com) or (253) 298-1143, for more information.



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## Birthdays

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Fr. Paul McDonnell—2nd

Hiro Tani—4th

Edgar Veit—8th

Tom McNamara—15th

Trancirilo Farales—23rd

Wayne Kruchowski—25th

Happy Birthday!



*On Saturday, November 20, Council 971 volunteered at the UCSC Newman Center on Meder Street, doing cleaning, yardwork and otherwise assisting Fr. Dat spruce up the property for the benefit of the university students and their faith journey. They all shared a meal when done!*