



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 2023**

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

January

- 1..... New Year's Day
- 11..... Officer Meeting 6:30PM**
- 11..... Member Meeting, 7:30PM at Newman Center on Meder St.**
- 12..... Novena for Life
- 21..... Walk for Life in San Francisco
- 26..... 4th Degree Assembly Meeting
- 29..... 5th Sunday Rosary/Reflection.

February

- 5..... Coffee & Donuts at Holy Cross Church
- 8..... Officer Meeting 6:30PM**
- 8..... Member Meeting, 7:30PM at Star of the Sea Hall.**
- 11..... Habitat for Humanity Build
- 20..... Presidents Day

(See Inside for more details.)

Grand Knight's Message

Greetings and blessings to all,

Before my regular message, I encourage you all to take a look at our calendar to be up to date on upcoming events with the Knights of Columbus Council 971. We are a very active council and have many opportunities for members and friends and family to participate.

This month we are challenged with many struggles, and striving to reach the oneness with God we all desire. There are so many opportunities to give in charity and love, but who do we give to and how do we give? Time, resources, abilities, and holy actions are so difficult to discern as to the recipients and where to employ the gifts the Holy Spirit has endowed us with. Have you ever thought of forgiveness as one of the gifts we are all given? I recently wrote a short list of several wrongs done to me over the



past 20 years plus and offered forgiveness for each and every one of them...I also hope that forgiveness is in the hearts of those reading this short list,

but I'll likely never know. Faith is the only way to know if the forgiveness we give is received and whether it is offered in return. In my case, just writing the short list was enough to realize that God was working in my life to heal my pain, as well as the pain of others whom I have forgiven. The outcome is such that the ones whom I have forgiven are set free to realize the love of God in their lives and able to forgive others for the wrongs done

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Chaplain's Message

It's safe to say that every year, whenever December comes around, we find ourselves with many activities, both religious and secular. It's because we want to get them done! Advent is a almost-forgotten season where we learn to be ready. This year we have the full 4 weeks of Advent, but we still feel like it's not enough. I hope that whether or not we finished what we set out to do, the Nativity of the Lord will help us to refocus ourselves on what's important.

Fr. Dat Nguyen
Chaplain



Monthly Social

No Social

Be safe. Be healthy.

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to them. So, instead of, or in addition to, regular giving, maybe each of us should think about the wrongs done to us and how we might forgive those who have done us wrong. Act in love, persevere in struggles, and stand fast in faith that by forgiveness, each of us will be better persons to the glory of God.

May God bless you each and every day,

John Adams
Grand Knight



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Membership

Greetings Brothers,

Happy New Year! ...yet we're half way through the Columbian Year at the same time...somewhat confusing, right?

Anyway, as we near the end of the year, our goal is to invite as many Catholic men (and their families) to consider joining the Order, and more specifically Santa Cruz Council 971.

The life blood of our parish community, just like our Order and Council is in its members - but encouraging a Catholic man to join the Knights,

the result will help him and his family, the parish and the community at large...that's the big picture- helping good Catholic men become GREAT Catholic men! Call or email me if you need help on how to be a recruiter for the knights!!

Blessings & Vivat Jesus!



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.

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

Star Council



At our Member Meeting on November 9, Immediate Past Grand Knight Tim Proulx was presented with the Star Council award by District Deputy Andrew Lenz Jr., joined by our Chaplain Fr. Dat Nguyen. This is the highest award that can be earned by a council in our order. Thanks to all who made this possible!

K.O.F.C.



On Thursday, December 15, at Holy Cross School, Frank Benko (chairman) and DD Andrew Lenz Jr. presented the awards for the winners of our annual *Keep Christ in Christmas* essay and poster contests in front of the whole school at the morning assembly. Congratulations to our winning students!

Thanks to those members of our council who took time out of their weekends to judge the entries at the Shrine of St. Joseph hall on the previous Sunday, December 11: Frank, Andrew, Jason Nielsen, Bill Wolveton, Tim Proulx, Ken Lazier Jr., and Jeff Knapp.



The top poster entries, a difficult choice!

Habitat for Humanity



On November 12, our council, lead by PGK Tim Proulx once again participated in a Habitat for Humanity build. Go team!



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Birthdays

Edwin Tonkin—1st

Fr. Paul McDonnell—2nd

Hiro Tani—4th

Edgar Veit—8th

Tom McNamara—15th

Trancirilo Farales—23rd

Wayne Kruchowski—25th

Happy Birthday!



Welcome! On November 13, our council held a “Charity, Unity, & Fraternity” Exemplification ceremony for Jose Gaona and Manny Groyon after the 12:30pm Mass at Holy Cross Church. A special “thank you” to Jeff Knapp, our Membership Director, for spearheading the event! As well as Pastor Fr. Manny Recera, who granted us permission to use the church, and Fr. Dat, our Chaplain.