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## Birthdays

- Michael Pilack—6th
- Francisco Garcia—10th
- Dennis Baluyut—17th
- Richard Marshall—18th
- Greg Limandri—21st
- Michael Burns—23rd
- Ken Lazier Jr.—27th
- Brandon Lazier—27th

Happy Birthday!



Our February 21 dinner social was a cooperative effort between our council and the local ICF Branch #21. Here we see three of our Knights serving behind the table: Edwin Tonkin (middle of the photo), John Adams (cap) and DGK Tim Proulx (near). This was a very successful event which filled the hall at Holy Cross Church and raised funds for charity. Thanks to all those who assisted.



# 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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March 2019

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

## March

- 6..... Ash Wednesday
- 9..... Council Lenten Retreat
- 10..... Coffee/Donuts at HC
- 13..... **BUSINESS MEETING,**  
Star of the Sea, 7:30 pm.
- 22..... **MONTHLY SOCIAL**  
(See below and inside for details.)
- 31..... 5th Sunday Rosary

## April

- 10..... Business Meeting
- 13..... 4th Degree Exemplification in Carmel
- 14..... Coffee/Donuts at HC
- 21..... Easter Sunday
- 24\* .... Monthly Social \*TBD

## May

- 8..... Business Meeting
- 12..... Coffee/Donuts at HC
- 18..... Habitat for Humanity Build
- 17-19 . State Convention
- 22..... Monthly Social \*TBD

## Grand Knight's Message

My Brother Knights,

'Tis the season of Lent! I actually look forward to this time of year as it reminds me of some of the more serious traditions of our Catholic faith; for example, fasting and penance.

And might I add, doing good works. Our very own council is signed up for some special Lenten activities this year, including our first-ever (to my knowledge) Knights Lenten Retreat, as well as assisting Star of the Sea with their Friday "meatless" dinner. Along with our coffee socials, homeless dinners, Habitat support and other very worthwhile activities, there is no shortage of opportunities to do something special for Lent along with your brother Knights.

There are other aspects of Lent



that I also appreciate such as Ash Wednesday ashes ("Remember man that thou art dust..."), Stations of the Cross, maybe an

occasional Rosary to include our 5th Sunday Knights rosary prayer (stay tuned for details on that!).

And so I hope this Lent will be a special time for all of us and an opportunity to deepen our faith and spirituality either individually or in working together with our brother Knights!!

Vivat Jesus,  
Frank Benko, Grand Knight

## Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights:

I am delighted that I will be gathering with many of you on Saturday, March 9th, for a Lenten Retreat at the Shrine of St. Joseph, Guardian of the Redeemer, on scenic West Cliff Drive. This will be a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, personal and communal prayer, reconciliation and Eucharistic celebration. The very word "retreat" means to "step back" from our lives in order to take a better look at

ourselves, evaluate the current state of our souls and see where we can improve in our committed discipleship to the Lord. The Church offers us this 40-day retreat (Lent) to focus on our relationship with the Lord and with each other. We are offered three principal ways to grow in that relationship: prayer, fasting/sacrifices, and almsgiving (works of charity).

In our Lenten journey this year, may we be attuned to the signs that challenge our way of doing things,

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## Monthly Social Lenten

Fri., March 22  
Star of the Sea Hall

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# ...Chaplain

our perspective as we make the life-changing decisions we all face, our vision of God in our midst. May this Lent for us be a season for making every road straight and every valley (or should I say pothole) of our life's desert level (and filled) for the grace and peace of the Risen One to enter our homes and hearts.



A few days ago we marked with blessed ashes on our foreheads. The dirt of the ashes represent our sins, the sign of the Cross reminds us of the Savior who redeems us. "We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you; because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world."

United in Jesus Crucified,  
Fr. Paul McDonnell, OSJ  
Chaplain

## Do a good deed

Do you get the print version of this bulletin? Would you be willing to receive a digital version instead? If everyone converted to digital versions, we'd have about \$500 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.

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# Social

Council #971 has been asked by Star of the Sea Pastor, Fr. Robby, to assist with their lenten dinner on Friday, March 22. Always seeking to assist the Church, we will be cooking and hosting as requested. At the time of this printing, the editor has not been informed of the menu. Safe to say, it will not be tri-tip or chicken and instead will likely be some delectable seafood dish.

Dinner will be served from 5 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. \$12 for adults and \$6 for children.

No reservations required.

# 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](mailto:james.misa@kofc.org).



The Cache Creek Casino Fundraiser Trip which was to have been held on February 9 will be rescheduled due to bus driver illness. Date TBD.

## 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!

# Illness & Prayers

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

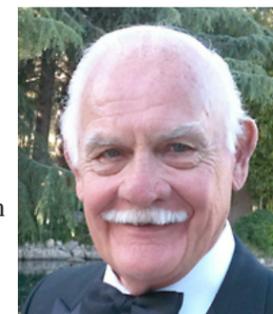
Dough Gallagher, Ken (Sr.) & Kathy Lazier, Dave Scargill, Francisco Garza, Lynnette de Lara and Arline D'Sabato.

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

# Membership

Brother Knights,

Our Knights are expecting a strong Recruiting effort this spring to bring in a few more good Catholic men into Council 971. All we need to do is to find



one associate that exhibits all those good traits that we see in our fellow brother Knights and make a pitch on coming on board the Knights. The fact is that we are very active in most of the churches in Santa Cruz County and can be of help to all parishes. With a fine record of community support we can be proud of our council's record of excellence. One at a time, we can make a change as we keep busy this year.

Doug Gallagher  
Membership Director

# Life

AMERICA'S CONSENSUS ON LIFE  
by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

LIKE SUPREME COURT DECISIONS THAT UPHELD SLAVERY AND SEGREGATION, ROE V. WADE IS BASED UPON A LIE

IN MY REMARKS to this year's March for Life, I highlighted two findings from this year's Marist Poll on attitudes toward abortion. The first is that three in four Americans say abortion should be limited to — at most — the first three months of pregnancy. And that includes 6 in 10 who describe themselves as "pro-choice."

The second is that about 2 in 3 Americans want the Supreme Court's decision in Roe v. Wade to be reinterpreted by the Court to allow states to restrict or ban abortion.

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Read the rest of this column online at: [http://www.kofc.org/en/columbia/supreme\\_knight/fromthesk\\_20190301.html](http://www.kofc.org/en/columbia/supreme_knight/fromthesk_20190301.html)



On February 27, the Knights of Columbus Color Corps was out in force to honor one of our fallen, Sir Knight Ed Bysran, who passed away on February 20. Ed was a Past Chapter President, Past Faithful Navigator, Former District Deputy, and a member of our color corps. Up until his battle with cancer prevented it, Ed headed our state's Columbian Charities as its president.