



The Knights of Columbus
Santa Cruz Council 971
P.O. Box 971
Santa Cruz, CA 95061-971

Over 115 Years of Local Service!

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Birthdays

Louis Bitonti—1st

Peter Ehrman—5th

**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!



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

December 2021

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

December

1..... Officer Meeting 7PM

8..... Member Meeting,
7:30PM at Star of the
Sea Hall.

11 Chapter Meeting in Salinas.

11&12 Dinner Tickets sales after masses.

12..... Keep Christ in Christmas poster/essay judging at Oblates at 1PM.

15..... Adopt a Family for Christmas, 6:30PM. Contact Tim Poulx.

18..... Dinner Fundraiser Drive-Thru. (See inside for details.)

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.

TBA.. Dinner Social

Grand Knight's Message

My Brother Knights and Families,

Warm greetings as we enter the 2nd week of Advent with the upcoming feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We are reminded as we prepare for the birth of our Lord to reflect on the many blessings we have received this year, while doing what we can to help those in need. We can make our community a better place in every interaction we have with our neighbors – kindness, respect, tolerance and support. Ask yourself what you can do this Christmas season to reach out to someone who might need your help

Your Council 971 is supporting Families in Transition of Santa Cruz County again this year, with an evening of Christmas shopping for a needy family, followed by a round of hot chocolate. See the calendar in the bulletin if you are able to join us.



We are sponsoring our annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" essay/poster contest with our local middle schoolers this month (judges needed).

We are putting on a take-out dinner fundraiser the weekend before Christmas to benefit our local parishes and Catholic schools and need help with ticket sales and dinner prep.

As always, I encourage you to attend our monthly Membership Meeting (formerly Business Meeting) Wednesday the 8th at Star of the Sea to stay informed and involved.

Merry Christmas and best wishes for a Happy New Year!

Yours in Christ, Tim Proulx

Chaplain's Message

Advent comes from the Latin word "Adventus" meaning the coming of the king to his throne. How beautiful indeed that we celebrate this coming of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, during the season before Christmas. While we might not have many decorations for Advent, except perhaps the Advent wreath and candles, it doesn't mean that this season of Advent is not significant. It's a time of preparation by

going to confession to keep our souls clean, just like our houses clean, for the honored guest. I have always made it a tradition to go to confession during the Advent season to renew myself spiritually for the coming of the King of kings. May God bless you and your family in this season of preparation and celebration.

Fr. Dat Nguyen, Chaplain

Monthly Social Enchiladas!

Drive-thru pickup.
December 18.

Council 971 Officers

Chaplain
Fr. Dat Nguyen
datduq@yahoo.com

Grand Knight
Tim Proulx
426-5622, tim.proulx@eee.org

Deputy Grand Knight
Edwin Tonkin (Program Director)
464-1263, ent6655@gmail.com

Chancellor
John Adams
(408) 590-7076, JAdamsSantaCruz@hotmail.com

Warden
Anthony Felder
430-8122, bidgetfelder82@yahoo.com

Inside Guard
Robert Castro
331-1274, polycarp65@gmail.com

Outside Guard
Brandon Lazier
334-5910, brandonlazier@aol.com

Recording Secretary
Jason Nielsen
621-6281, jasonanielsen@gmail.com

Advocate
Doug Gallagher
425-0764, Douglaskay@comcast.net

Trustees
Ken Lazier Sr. (1 year)
423-1252, k.lazier@aol.com
Rudy Quijance ("key-hawn-see")
458-9169, raquija@pacbell.net
Frank Benko (3 year)
428-4494, fmbenko@comcast.net

Financial Secretary
Jeff Knapp
253-298-1143, jrknapp77@yahoo.com

Treasurer
Ken Lazier, Jr.
419-3753, Seneter@aol.com

Lecturer
(Position vacant)

Membership Director
Jeff Knapp
253-298-1143, jrknapp77@yahoo.com

K. of C. Insurance Agent
Pablo Contreras
559-270-1765, pablo.contreras@kofc.org

Star of the Sea Hall
515 Frederick St., SC

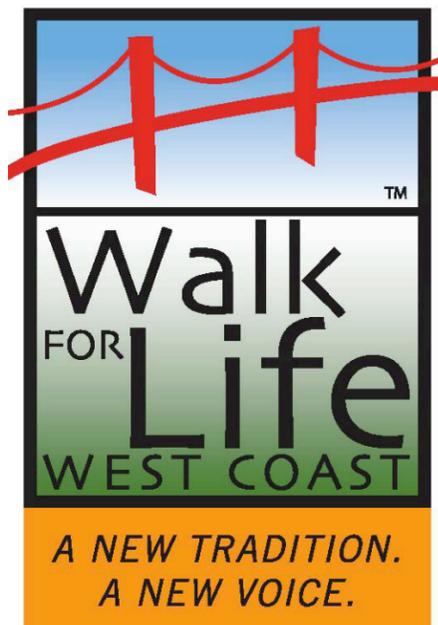
For a complete list of activity directors & committees visit our Council website.

Website: KofC971.org

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 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! Frank Benko will again lead our council's effort to participate in this march in San Francisco.

Council 971 Newsletter

Editor & Design Andrew Lenz Jr.
(831) 469-9989

Editor's Mailer Peter Ehrman

©2021 K.ofC., Council 971

Membership

Greetings Brothers and family of the Knights,

As we settle into Advent and the Christmas season, I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy! Our council has been and will continue to be busy throughout the Columbian Year and beyond - very much grateful for all the wonderful events and happenings our Grand Knight Bro. Tim & Deputy Grand Knight Bro. John are organizing for us during these health-challenged times - we are blessed to have such awesome leadership and examples of devoted Catholic gentlemen leading us on in faith and honor!

Recruiting never sleeps - remember to wear your badge (if you don't have one, let me know!) as it is the easiest way to spark up a conversation about the knights and more specifically our council. And you have resources (me, and the leadership) if you don't know what to do or say after "breaking the ice"...this is a team effort gentlemen!

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Insurance

If you are looking to protect your family should the Lord call you home unexpectedly, please give KofC agent, Pablo Contreras, a call for a free review of your existing plans or to discuss new plans. Pablo can also talk to you about long term care and annuities. Mobile: 559-270-1765, pablo.contreras@kofc.org.



Illness & Prayers

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

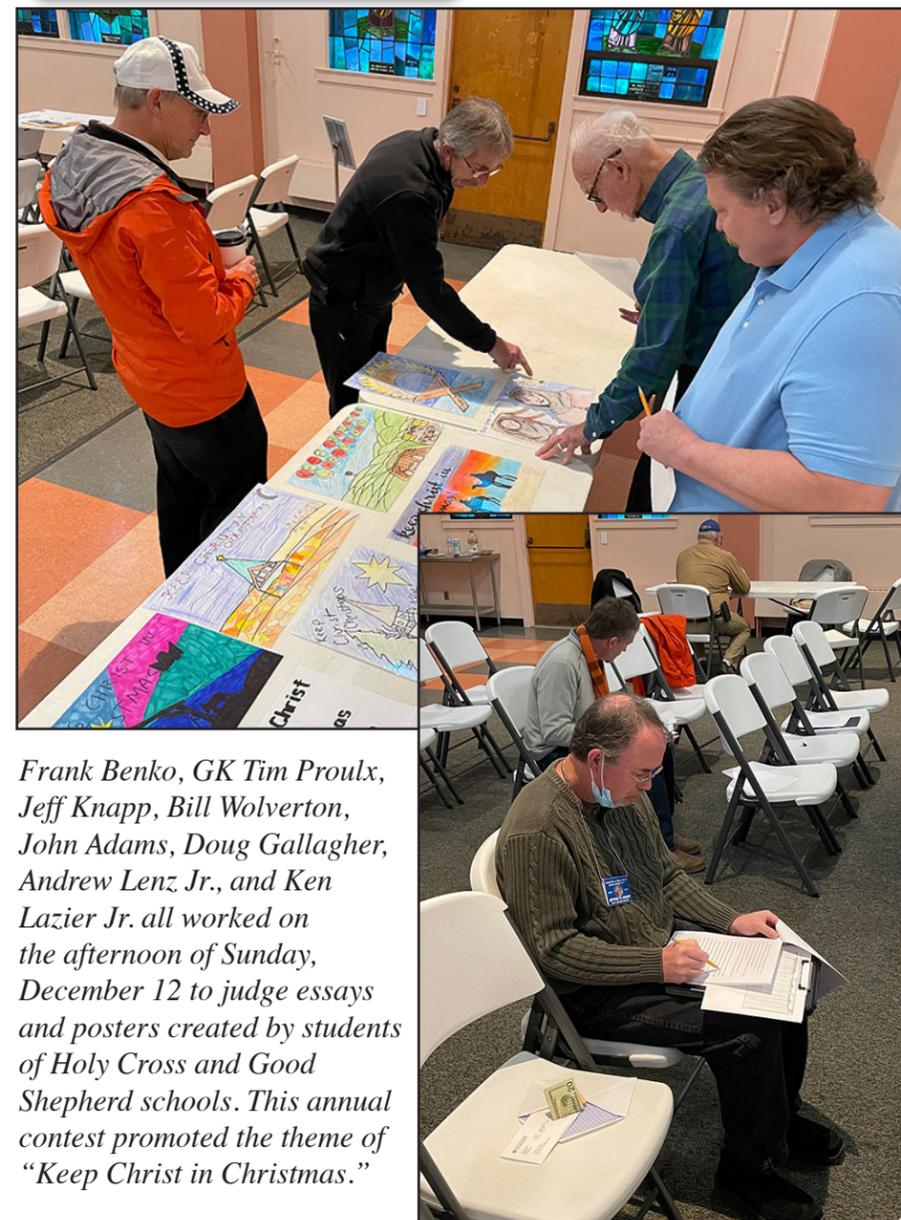
Doug Gallagher, Ken Lazier Sr., Francisco Garza, Teresa Quijance-Thompson, Jason Nielsen.

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

Adopt a Family

Adopt a Family for Christmas! Meet at the front entrance to Target at the Capitola Mall on December 15 at 6:30 p.m. for a 90-minute KofC shopping experience to benefit a local family. Hot chocolate will be served afterwards. For more information, contact Grand Knight Tim Proulx at tim.proulx1@gmail.com.

A Blessed Christmas to All!



Frank Benko, GK Tim Proulx, Jeff Knapp, Bill Wolverton, John Adams, Doug Gallagher, Andrew Lenz Jr., and Ken Lazier Jr. all worked on the afternoon of Sunday, December 12 to judge essays and posters created by students of Holy Cross and Good Shepherd schools. This annual contest promoted the theme of "Keep Christ in Christmas."

Social!

Christmas Enchilada Drive-Thru Dinner!

We will finally be hosting a dinner again! On Saturday, December 18, we will be doing a drive-through to-go dinner pickup at Good Shepherd Catholic School (2727 Mattison Ln, Santa Cruz, CA 95065). Meals can be picked up between 5PM and 7PM.

Each meal will consist of:
Two (2) Chile Verde Chicken Enchiladas, Rice, Beans, green salad & dessert. (ALL homemade!)
Price per meal = \$15; Dinner for 2 = \$25, Family of four = \$40.

This is a fundraiser in support our local parishes and Good Shepherd and Holy Cross schools!

Tickets may be purchased online at KofC971.org until the cutoff on Wednesday, December 15.

Questions? Call Jeff Knapp at (253) 298-1143 or email: jrknapp77@yahoo.com.

To our brother Knights, we have already pre-sold 100+ tickets and need to prepare the food and dispense as people pick-up/take-out.

2PM - 5PM (cook and prepare)
5PM - 7PM (dispense)
7PM - 8PM (clean)

Please contact Tim or Jeff to help out!



Knight selling dinner tickets at the Oblates on December 12. Doug Gallagher, Provincial Fr. Matthew, Rudy Quijance, Frank Benko, and Ken Lazier Jr.