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Newsletter of The Knights of Columbus ~ Council 971

December 2014

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

December Events

NO BUSINESS MEETING IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER!

- 9..... Coffee Social after masses at Holy Cross
- 10..... **MONTHLY SOCIAL**
(See below and inside for details.)
- 25..... **CHRISTMAS DAY**
- 28..... Feast of the Holy Family

Jan. Events

- 1..... New Years Day
- 14..... Business Meeting
- 28..... Monthly Social

Feb. Events

- 11..... Business Meeting
- 18..... Ash Wednesday
- 25..... Monthly Social

Merry Christmas!

Monthly Social

Roast

Wednesday, Dec. 10
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

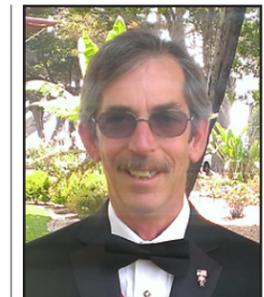
Grand Knight's Message

Happy Holidays, Brother Knights and Families,

Thanks to all that have participated in the annual "I.D." Drive to benefit those with Intellectual Disabilities. We have had contributions totaling \$961.00. A great job by all and we may yet have one or two more masses to complete.

As is typical, we will not have a business meeting in December, but we will have a social on December 10, at Our Lady Star of the Sea hall, featuring a tasty Pot Roast Dinner, prepared by Robin Lazier. If you have not made it to a social lately, try and make this one, the last one in 2014. More information on the social is located in this bulletin.

We will be having two Brother Knights advancing to the 2nd Degree, Tim Proulx and Frank Benko,



on December 6 in Carmel. Congratulations to both these Brother Knights!

We will be having the coffee social outside of Holy

Cross Church on Sunday, December 14 after the 8:30 and 10:30 masses. If you are at either mass, please stop and say "hi" and have a cup of coffee.

Be sure to fill out the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Report. This form is found in this bulletin or can be filled out online and needs to be turned back in to our Financial Secretary Rudy Quijance by the 1st week in January.

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Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

As we have now entered the Advent season, we are in preparation for the solemn celebration of our Lord's Birth. We are very familiar with the Christmas story, but I would like to invite you as men to see it through the eyes of St. Joseph. Joseph is one who is almost obscure in Christmas story. He is the earthly father of Jesus, but we have no recorded words of Joseph. Joseph is just not attributed any kind of conversation or any kind of words

in Scripture; yet he's a man who played a tremendous role in the coming of Jesus into this world, because it was he that God chose to be the earthly father of Jesus. Every child needs two fathers: every child needs an earthly father to give him guidance and wisdom and to train him up in the way he should go in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, but every child also needs a Heavenly Father. God is their heavenly father

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Chaplain

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as they come to know Christ as their Savior. Joseph was a man that God chose because he was a man who had a heart for God. The Bible says he was as righteous man; he was a straight man. He was a man of integrity; he was a man of love for the Lord. We're going to see, first of all, Joseph's dilemma. After having established in



the first seventeen versus that Jesus Christ is the rightful heir of Abraham, the Messiah, He is the rightful heir of David having come through the lineage of David, and He is the Son of God. The Bible goes on now to say this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph. But before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Here is Joseph's dilemma: Mary was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. Let me just say this was a dilemma. Just imagine today if you had been engaged to a woman, and then just prior to the time when you were to get married and finalize your wedding and take your vows, you find out that your spouse, the woman that you're go-

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ing to marry, is with child. You know that you're not the father. It presents a tremendous dilemma, a tremendous conflict. However, Joseph has his own "Annunciation" and is invited through the angel of the Lord to accept the Will of God and "to take Mary as his wife". Joseph shows his obedience and trust in God and does the unthinkable on a human level, but accomplishes the supernatural because of his cooperation in God's Plan for him and the salvation of the world.

As men of God, in imitation of St. Joseph, let us always seek to embrace always God's Will in our own lives. At times life may be confusing and uncertain, but that is where God is present. If we say "Yes" to the Lord as did Mary & Joseph then we too will have a truly Christmas experience that will not last for only one day, but throughout our entire lives.

Wishing you and your families a blessed Advent season and a Christmas filled with "God moments" that will continue into the new year!

Fraternally yours in Emmanuel,
Fr. Paul A. McDonnell, OSJ
Chaplain

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We received about 300+ new teddy bears that were donated to us though our Brother Knight Jim Dirck. We will be donating these Teddy Bears to local institutes that will help under privileged children, this will be happening this month.

Have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

As always, stay happy and healthy, and active in your council.

Kenneth Lazier Jr.
Grand Knight

Illness & Prayers

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

Ramon Belleza, Francisco Garza, Frank Giaimo, Gary Phariss, Robert Walter, Gerald Zieber, 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.

Survey

Please go to this link online and fill out the annual survey to track the number of hours donated by all of the members of the Knights of Columbus for the 2014 calendar year: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FVV2GTM> We'll also print a full survey next month in our bulletin. Please make your efforts count in our annual tally!

Thanks

Thanks to those who made our November social a great success!
Opening Prayer: Doug Gallagher
MC: Ken Lazier Jr.

Acknowledgements/Recognitions: Rudy Quijance

Turkeys: Rudy Quijance, Ken Lazier Sr., Jason Nielsen (carver)

Kitchen Help: Jeff Knapp, Robin Lazier

Bar: Edwin Tonkin, Ken Lazier Sr.

Raffle: Ken Lazier Jr., Robin Lazier

Music: Brandon Lazier

Flowers: Virginia Quijance

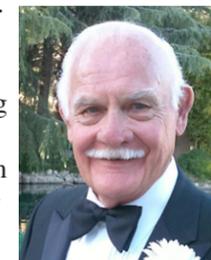
Closing Prayer: Doug Gallagher

Thanks to those others who donated to our raffle. Thanks to anyone we forgot to mention. Thanks to all!

Membership

The upcoming calendar year will find us "on the offensive" to recruit from our local churches.

We will be having some events to recruit and supplying each church with materials to post in their vestibules for men to see. With the help of our 4th Degree Color Guard, we are a very big presence in our churches. A new effort in the holiday season should help to bring in some new Knights to our Council.



Please follow our lead and remember to ask Catholic men you know if they are interested in becoming a Knight.

May you and your family have a blessed Christmas season.

Doug Gallagher
Membership Director



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Social

Come join us for our council dinner social on Wednesday, December 10 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church Hall on Frederick Street.

Social hour begins at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. This delicious meal will be prepared by Robin Lazier, wife of Grand Knight Ken Lazier, and will delight your taste buds with: Appetizers, mouth-watering Pot Roast, with fixings, Green Garden Salad, and Dessert. Cost of dinner is \$13.00 and will be well worth it.

Please consider donating items for raffle prizes which raise funds for charitable purposes. There will also be great door prizes!

R.S.V.P. to Ken Lazier, 419-3753 or Robin Lazier, 419-3056. See you there!

Ken Lazier, Sr.
Program Coordinator

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!

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Trivia: Did you know that Jim was a high school band director for many years?