



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
GIROUD–HEIMANN COUNCIL
APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Apr 01 - 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm: Setup Social Hall for Easter Services (Sweep, Mop, Chair Setup)
- Apr 05 – Easter
 - 6:30 am – 7:30 am: First Easter Mass – Attending Knights wear polo shirts and help usher
 - 8:00 am – 9:00 am: Second Easter Mass – Attending Knights wear polo shirts and help usher
 - 8:45 am -10:00 am: Hide Easter Eggs for Kids (Dan Rodrigues & Youth Group)
 - 10:00 am– 11:00 am – Third Easter Mass – Attending Knights wear polo shirts and help usher
 - 11:00 am – 11:45 am – Easter Egg Hunt after Mass
 - 11:45 am – 12:00 pm - Cleanup
- Apr 12 - 7:30 am to 11:30 am: Coffee & Donuts after Mass
 - Selling Cinco de Mayo Dinner Tickets After Mass
- Apr 14 – 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm: Business Meeting
 - 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm: Evening Mass
 - 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm: Council Dinner
 - 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm: Business Meeting
- Apr 19 – 9:00 am and 11:00 am: Scholarship Applications announced at ODS Masses
 - Announcements and link to Application in the bulletin and at each Mass.
 - Scholarships are available for graduating high school students attending colleges, universities, and trade schools
- Apr 19 - 9:00 am -11:15 am: Selling Cinco de Mayo Dinner Tickets After Mass
- Apr 21 – 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm: COR Bible Study Group
- Apr 25 - 6:00 pm - 6:15 pm: Selling Cinco de Mayo Dinner Tickets After Mass
- Apr 26 - 9:00 am -11:15 am: Selling Cinco de Mayo Dinner Tickets After Mass
- Apr 28 – 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm: Officer’s Meeting
 - 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm: Evening Mass
 - 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm: Council Dinner
 - 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm: Officers Meeting
- May 02 – 2:00 pm 9:00 pm: Cinco de Mayo Dinner
- May 03 – 7:00 am to 12:00 pm: Knights Pancake Breakfast

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT:

Brother Knights,

As we continue our journey through the holy season of Lent, the Church invites us into deeper prayer, sacrifice, and charity. This is a special time for each of us to reflect on how we are living our faith and how we can grow closer to Christ through our service to our families, our parish, and one another. Lent reminds us that our work as Knights is not only about what we do, but who we are called to be. Faithful Catholic men committed to charity, unity, and fraternity.

I encourage each of you to stay involved this month and look to the council calendar for opportunities to participate and serve. Your presence and support make a real difference in the life of our parish and in the strength of our brotherhood. Whether through volunteering, attending meetings, or simply showing up to support one another, every effort matters.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our council and to Our Divine Savior Parish. Please continue to invite other Catholic men to join us in this mission. Our council grows stronger with every new brother who answers the call.

Let us keep one another in prayer during this Lenten season:

Lord Jesus,
Help us walk with You during this time of Lent.
Strengthen our hearts in prayer,
Guide our hands in service,
and lead us closer to the joy of Easter.
May we grow as faithful servants of Your Church
and witnesses of Your love. Amen.

Vivat Jesus! ✝

Antonio Leon
Grand Knight
Council 13765, Chico Our Divine Savior



District Deputy Report – April 2026

My Brothers,

April is the month of Lent – commemorating the 40 days Jesus Christ spent fasting in the desert and enduring temptation

Welcome to the Season of Easter! As we continue our journey through Lent, Holy Week, and the celebration of Easter on Sunday, April 5, remember the fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better yet as one “great Sunday.” Easter is perhaps the summit of the religious year as we relive Jesus’ sufferings and final sacrifice, ultimately conquering death. In Him, we find more than an example, we find a way of life. Our Christen beliefs are manifested in the many acts of charity we carry out, both personally and through the Knights of Columbus.



As we move into the final quarter of the Columbian Year, I would like you to seriously consider advancing to the Fourth Degree, if you have not done so already. The Fourth Degree is a special group within the Knights of Columbus, focusing on patriotism and citizenship informed by our Catholic faith. Members hold the title "Sir Knight" and participate in events in uniform and as honor guards. The Fourth Degree **empowers you to further integrate your spiritual life with public service**. Stepping into the Fourth Degree means accepting a role of greater responsibility, but also serving with likeminded men sharing similar values. To join the Fourth Degree, fill out the online application available by clicking [here](#), print out a copy, sign it, and give the application to any Fourth Degree member. The Fourth Degree locally meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 PM at Our Divine Savior Church in Chico.

Second, I urge you to use the free online membership available through June 30 of this year to invite qualified Catholic men to join our Order. By entering the code “BlessedMcGivney” in the online application found on the Supreme Council website at kofc.org/joinus, first-year membership dues are waived. Be sure and have your candidate enter your membership number in the appropriate line on the application to receive credit for the recruitment, and valuable VIP points that can be redeemed at knightsgear.com.

JOIN ONLINE FOR FREE!

As we continue to celebrate Blessed Michael J. McGivney's Beatification, please enter the Promo Code **BLESSEDMCGIVNEY** to join online for free. *

**Local council dues vary. ⓘ*

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YOUR INFORMATION

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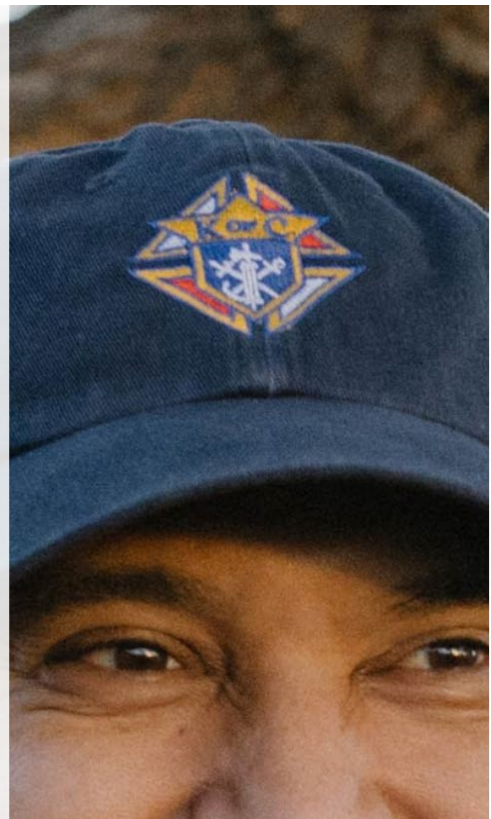
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Those who sign up online will immediately begin receiving emails, *Columbia Magazine* and a membership card allowing them to attend council meetings. They can easily be moved into a council if accepted by a vote of the members, and by participating in an Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Online members count as new members when they join a council. Let's each commit to bringing in at least one more new member by year end!

Finally, it is important we celebrate our successes, especially in this fourth and final quarter of the year. I am so proud of all you have accomplished, both in terms of council activities, charitable works, and assisting your pastors and parish communities. Keep up the good work and let's finish the year strong!

Thank you for your charity and service!

May God bless,
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE:

Brother Knights,

Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus 144 years ago with two purposes in mind: To strengthen men in their faith and to provide for the widow and orphan if the breadwinner died or was unable to work. Our Order continues this mission to this day. That two-pronged approach to the Catholic men of New Haven, Connecticut was important then and, even though much has changed in our society since 1882, that approach is still so important and needed now. I am honored and blessed to be a part of continuing that mission.

While we work together to strengthen our brother Knights in their faith, I also work to secure the financial security future for our brother Knights, their families and those loved ones who are left behind. That's why being financially committed to the Knights is such a point of pride. We all need life insurance. We all need to plan for retirement. We all need to think about and prepare for life's what-ifs. But when it comes to who will assist us with those preparations, who do we choose? The organization who provides over \$190 million of those financial security proceeds annually to Catholic charities and causes. A brotherhood whose members are setting an example of true Christian charity? The company who leaves no neighbor behind? Or another company who has no real concept of who their neighbor is?

I would challenge you, whether you've never inquired, or it's been a long time, to take a fresh look at your Knights of Columbus as a trusted financial partner and see what products and services we have that will help you and your family. We have a wide range of life insurance products that can be tailored to your needs and can provide tax advantaged savings for you. We also have guaranteed rate, tax-deferred savings products designed for short term, retirement, and any savings needs in-between. Long-term care insurance and disability income replacement insurance can provide peace of mind for the unexpected curves that life throws at us. And Catholic faith-based investments. I look forward to speaking with you about the possibilities of financial security and retirement planning for you and your family.

God Bless,

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FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Brothers and parishioners in need of Prayers: Jim Callas, Pete Callo, Suzanne Roden, Bill and Pat Mulholland, Tom Cunningham Jr., Roy Roney, Tom McCarthy, Mary O'Connor, Gannon O'Connor

Widows of Knights: **Mary Nichols**, Laurel Gainok, Tatiana Fassieux, Carol Clairborne, Terry Nelson, Jamie Montgomery.

Please pray for our deceased Brothers and Widows that have passed. And don't forget a prayer of one Hail Mary each night as per the request of our beloved Pope Leo XIV.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

Please acknowledge the birthdays of each of our brothers by wishing them a Happy Birthday.

First Name	Middle	Last Name	Birthday
MATTHEW	E	EISENMAN	1-Apr
DAVID	L	KENNEDY	4-Apr
PAT	J	CONROY	7-Apr
DOUGLAS	R	MYERS	8-Apr
SCOTT		FRANSSEN	18-Apr
DANNIE	K	HATCHER	20-Apr
DANIEL	W	SIRI	22-Apr

KNIGHTS HUMOR:

And you know, whenever I come to one of these fundraisers, I think of the couple that never once during the long years of childrearing took a vacation. But then in retirement, they wanted to take a trip to Florida, and they asked their sons for some money. And the first son was a lawyer, and he said, "No, I can't do it. I'm just fitting out a new law office and sending my son to an expensive camp." So, they asked their second son, a doctor. But he said, "No, I'm sorry. I can't. I've just bought a new house, and my wife is putting in a new kitchen." Then they asked the third son, who was an engineer. And he replied, "It just would be impossible for me to do it. I've just bought a big boat for the family and am remodeling our summer home on the lake."

Finally the father pleaded, "Look, we've worked all our lives, not one day of vacation. We never had any money except what we saved for your education. In fact, do you realize that your mother and I were so busy working, trying to save money, that we never took the time out to get a marriage license?" "And, father," said all the three sons in unison, "do you realize what that makes us?" He said, "Yes, and **cheap** ones, too!"

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2025-2026 Columbian Year

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