



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
GIROUD-HEIMANN COUNCIL
JULY 2026 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Aug 02 – 7:00 am to 12:00 pm: Knights Pancake Breakfast
- Aug 05 – End of Summer Youth Ministry BBQ outside Social Hall
 - 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm – Help with cooking, handing out dinner and cleanup.
- Aug 07 – Help load 15 tables for Gear up for Kids Event at Social Hall
 - Call Antonio for details 530-513-0529
- Aug 08 – Pancake Breakfast for Northern Valley Catholic Social Services
 - Gear Up and GO! Back to School Event – See attached flyer!!
 - 5:30 am to 9:30 am: Kohls Parking Lot 1505 Springfield Dr. Chico, CA
 - Council will be bringing the Trailer BBQ & Council providing 25 free Backpacks to Kids.
 - 50 underprivileged kids will get a \$50 gift certificate to go on a Kohls shopping spree.
 - Call Chuck Crete for details 530-518-7070
- Aug 09 - 7:30 am to 11:30 am: Coffee & Donuts after Mass
- Aug 11 – 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm: Business Meeting
 - 5:00 pm to 5:45 pm: Diocese Safe Environment Training – Knights Room
 - 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
- Aug 18 – 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm: COR Bible Study Group
- Aug 22 – 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm: Youth Ministry Talent Show & Spaghetti Dinner
 - Tickets \$25.00 each and sold after Masses
 - Come have a great meal and support our Youth Group!!!
- Aug 25 - 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
- Sep 06 – 7:00 am to 12:00 pm: Knights Pancake Breakfast (Free to Parishioners)
- Sep 08 – 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm: Business Meeting
 - 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm: Evening Mass
 - 6:45 pm to 7:15 pm: Council Officers Installation
 - 7:15 pm to 8:00 pm: Refreshments/Business Meeting

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT:

Worthy Brother Knights,

As we enter the month of August, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your continued dedication to our council, our parish, and our community. Your willingness to serve through your time, talents, treasure, and faith continues to make a real difference in the lives of so many.

As summer begins to wind down, we also begin preparing for a busy fall season. This is a great opportunity for us to renew our commitment to the principles of **Charity, Unity, and Fraternity**. Whether you have been active all year or have been away for a while, I encourage every brother to get involved. There is a place for everyone, and together we can continue to strengthen our council and support the mission of Our Divine Savior Parish.

I would also like to thank everyone who volunteers behind the scenes. Many acts of service go unnoticed, but they never go unseen by God. Your generosity and willingness to help whenever called upon are what make our council successful.

Please continue to pray for our pastor, our parish staff, our youth, our families, and all those who are struggling with illness, loss, or hardship. Let us also remember to reach out to our brother Knights who may need encouragement or simply a friendly phone call.

As we prepare for the months ahead, I ask each of you to invite a Catholic gentleman to consider joining the Knights of Columbus. Our Order continues to grow when faithful men answer God's call to serve.

May God bless you and your families, and may the Blessed Virgin Mary continue to guide and protect us.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Antonio Leon
Grand Knight
Knights of Columbus Council #13765

Prayer - Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the gift of our brotherhood and for the opportunity to serve You through the Knights of Columbus. Bless our council with wisdom, unity, and generous hearts. Strengthen our families, protect our parish, and guide us to always be faithful witnesses of Your love. Help us to see Christ in those we serve and give us the courage to answer Your call each day.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

District Deputy Report – August 2026

My Brothers,

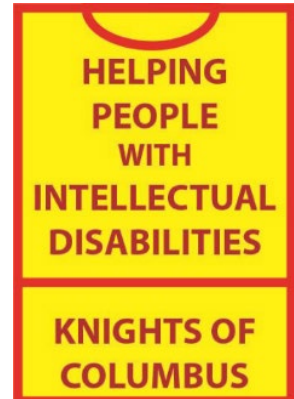
As we begin the month of August, I congratulate the newly installed officers (or soon to be installed officers) of the councils in District 2! To the outgoing officers, I wish to convey my thanks for outstanding leadership during a challenging year. All responded to the needs of your parish communities and accomplished many remarkable things! I look forward to working with all of you in the year ahead.



As I mentioned last month, emphasis continues to be placed by the Supreme Council on “Cor” faith formation meetings. Cor (Latin for heart) is intended to *“form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through, prayer, formation, and fraternity.”* I urge you look over information on the Cor program which includes several short video by clicking [here](#). The program is designed for use in Catholic men’s ministry, particularly in a group study. Further information and sample curricula for study are available by clicking [here](#).

An upcoming major event for this month, **the Feast Day of The Blessed Michael McGivney falls on Thursday, August 13**. Not coincidentally, his feast day falls between his birthday on August 12 (1852) and the day of his death due to complications from tuberculosis on August 14 (1890). **Please plan a special event or prayer reflection to honor our Founder on his Feast Day, August 13**. If you are not already a Blessed Michael McGivney Guild member, join online for free at www.fathermcgivney.org and begin receiving a monthly newsletter with the latest news on the beatification of our Founder. A third miracle is currently being documented which may advance Blessed McGivney to sainthood. Watch for further information on this remarkable occurrence.

Another program with a long history of charitable service is **the Annual Campaign for People With Intellectual Disabilities**. Although not occurring until October, it is never too soon to start planning. The official dates for the drive this year are **October 16, 17 and 18, 2026** (although councils are free to schedule and hold fundraisers benefiting people with intellectual disabilities at any time during the Columbian Year). I'm certain one or more organizations in your local community serving people with intellectual disabilities would benefit from your charitable efforts, including Special Olympics and *Feed the Athletes*, the ARC (for people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities), Camp Recreation, local schools, work training centers and residential care facilities. For further information and resources regarding the Annual Campaign for People With Intellectual Disabilities, click [here](#).



Free online membership using the online application found at www.kofc.org/join (or by scanning the QR Code accompanying this article with a smartphone) **continues to be available**. The promo code is “BlessedMcGivney” and is not case sensitive.

As always, thank you for your charity and service!

May God bless,
Dave Abbott
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE:

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Brother Knights,

Every August, Knights from across the country and world gather to celebrate our Order's recent successes and look forward to what's next. This year's successes shared at the 144th Supreme Convention in Denver are no exception. Congratulations to all on your outstanding efforts that give us reason to celebrate! We are making our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, proud. We celebrate his feast day on August 13, so this month is a fitting time to ask for his continued intercession for our work.

In founding the Knights, Blessed Father McGivney created a way to help men stay close to the Lord, to each other, and to help them and their families secure a financial future. He knew this was a way to strengthen families and protect them when they are at their most vulnerable. You continue that legacy with every program you put on and every dollar you donate. You also continue our legacy when you choose and advocate for financial products and services with the Knights. That's a concrete way you help make possible not just the Knights' local impact here in our community, but our impact around the world.

I feel immensely blessed to be part of our brotherhood, and to carry out Father McGivney's mission of faith, fraternity and financial protection. If we've never connected, or if it's been a long time, let's meet up to review your current coverage or find the coverage that matches your family's needs.

God Bless,

Dave Moeller, FICF

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Northern Valley
Catholic Social Service

Gear Up & Go!

BACK TO SCHOOL

WITH NVCSS + KOHL'S CARES

SATURDAY
Aug. 8th

7:00am - 9:00am



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Gear Up & Go! creates a shopping experience where local children who are referred by our programs and community partners can choose what they need, and start the school year feeling prepared and supported by the community.

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Call: (530) 248-0374

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NVCSS - Gear Up & Go!
2400 Washington Ave
Redding, CA 96001

3

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Email: lkarp@nvcss.org

Call: (530) 201-0765



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Columbian Retirement Home Inc.

Columbian Retirement Home Inc. (CRH) is a 501(c)

(3) non-profit corporation founded in 1976 for public benefit and charitable purposes by the California State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

CRH is dedicated to providing affordable housing and care for members or family of members, of the California State Council of the Knights of Columbus, and for others who have attained the age of 55 years, who would find comfort in a faith-based setting.

CRH raised funds to purchase a former convent in Marysville and opened the 20-room **Columbian Retirement Center** in 1986. Our Marysville Center, an independent living facility, now celebrates 36 years of service, providing furnished rooms, housekeeping services and home-style meals in Marysville's historic downtown village.

In 2010, as an expansion of its services to help Knights find appropriate retirement housing in any community of their choice, **CRH** opened its new **Columbian Senior Advisory Service**, now supported by the consultants of *Southern California Senior Resources*. This service provides individualized counseling on senior care choices and referrals to housing opportunities.

CRH is committed to helping member Knights, their immediate families and others navigate the sometimes confusing array of senior services and housing now available in California, with our Vision being -
For every knight and spouse or widow, the dignity and safety of suitable, affordable housing in their maturity.

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FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Brothers and parishioners in need of Prayers: Anthony Diaz, Jim Callas, Pete Callo, Steve Mormann, Suzanne Roden, Bill and Pat Mulholland, Tom Cunningham Jr., Tom McCarthy, Mary O'Connor, Gannon O'Connor, Barbara Dewes.

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.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

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

First Name	Middle	Last Name	Birthday
THOMAS	E	MC CARTHY	1-Aug
ALBERTO	B	BAYSA	4-Aug
PATRICK	B	MURRAY	16-Aug
DANIEL	A	RODRIGUES	16-Aug
ROBERT	J	GREGG	20-Aug
JONATHAN	A	REVOLINSKY	25-Aug
MIKE	E	PEARSALL	27-Aug
DAVID	J	MULQUEENEY	28-Aug
LEON		CONTRERAS	29-Aug

KNIGHTS HUMOR:

There's another fella sitting in the middle of the street with the fishing rod casting the line into the middle of the street. Now come on let's be honest there's none of us perfect as you know. We all have our problems. So I decided to be nice to him I said how many have you caught today. He said you're the 9th.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 13765 – Officer Roster
2026-2027 Columbian Year

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