



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

GIROUD-HEIMANN COUNCIL

JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Jan 01 – News Years Day 2025 – Solemnity of Mary Masses: 9:00 am, 6:00 pm
- **Jan 04 – 7:00 am to 12:00 pm: Knights Pancake Breakfast**
- Jan 11 - 7:30 am to 11:30 am: Coffee & Donuts after Mass
- Jan 13 - 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm: Business Meeting
- Jan 17 – 8:00 am to 8:30 am: Wreaths Across America (cleanup), Chico Cemetery
- Jan 20 – 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm: COR Bible Study Group
- **Jan 24 – 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm: Surf & Turf Dinner (\$50.00 each) – See attached flyer**
- Jan 27 – 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm: Officer's Meeting
- Feb 01 – 7:00 am to 12:00 pm: Knights Pancake Breakfast
 - Selling Fat Tuesday Dinner Tickets after Mass

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT:

Brother Knights,

As we begin a new year, I want to first wish each of you and your families a blessed and happy New Year. January is a time of renewal, an opportunity to reflect on where we have been and to recommit ourselves to the mission of the Knights of Columbus: charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

The month of January holds special meaning for our Order as we honor the Feast of the Holy Family. It reminds us that our service as Knights begins at home by being faithful husbands, devoted fathers, and men of prayer. When we strengthen our families, we strengthen our parish and our community.

I want to thank all the Brother Knights who have continued to step forward in service during this past month. Whether it was supporting parish ministries, assisting at liturgies, attending meetings, or quietly helping those in need, your dedication does not go unnoticed. Our council thrives because of your willingness to give your time, treasure, and talents.

As we look ahead, there are many opportunities for involvement in the coming months. I encourage each Knight to stay engaged, attend meetings when possible, and consider inviting a fellow parishioner to join our ranks. Membership growth is not just about numbers it's about bringing good Catholic men together to serve Christ and His Church.

Let us also remember our Brother Knights and their families who may be experiencing illness, hardship, or loss. Please keep them in your prayers, and let us continue to be a council that looks out for one another.

Thank you for your continued support, faith, and fraternity. May God bless our council, our parish, and each of your families as we move forward together in this new year.

Vivat Jesus!

Antonio Leon, Grand Knight

Knights of Columbus Council 13765

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Our Divine Savior Church

Surf n' Turf Extravaganza!

Saturday

January 24, 2026

Benefits Our Divine Savior Parish and its Ministries

6:00 to 9:00 PM

ODS Social Hall

566 E Lassen Avenue
Chico, California



\$60.00 Per Person

Beef and Seafood with all the fixings!

Live and Silent Auction!

Tickets available for purchase
after Masses, at the Church Office,
or online by scanning the QR Code
to the right or clicking [here](#)



District Deputy Report – January 2026

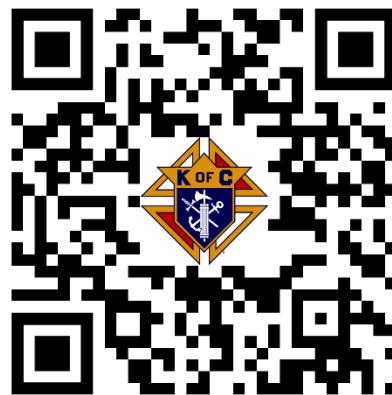
My Brothers,

Happy New Year! I trust you all had a wonderful Advent and Christmas! I truly hope the season was everything you wished it to be – a time spent with family and friends rejoicing in the birth of Our Savior. As we begin the new year, let us be ever mindful of our devotion to living the Gospel of Christ, and celebrating His presence among us.



There are many reasons to rejoice in the new year! First and foremost, is the success of the *Cor* (Latin for "Heart") bible study being held by two councils (and now a third) in District 2. Councils 1137 at St. John the Baptist Church and Council 13765 at Our Divine Savior Church (both located in Chico) have combined forces to hold ***Cor meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in Room 2 of the ODS Social Hall.*** Led by Brother Rob Holt from Council 1137, brother Knights and men of the parish alike are invited to attend. Those participating have just completed an eight part reflection on "Mary, The Bible and the Mother of God" published by the Augustine Institute. Focusing on scripture, prayer and fraternity, the goal of each *Cor* gathering is to provide the opportunity for men to encounter Christ, to pray together, and to be formed in their faith. Council 7773 at St. Thomas More Church in Paradise (the third council in District 2 to adopt *Cor*) is also holding Men's Ministry bible study meetings under the leadership of Deacon Tom O'Connell on Friday of each week at 7:00 AM in their new social hall.

The Supreme Council continues to promote online membership as an easy way to get qualified Catholic men of the parish involved in your council quickly. As an online member, they are able to attend council meetings and participate in Knights of Columbus activities. **By participating in a Combined Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, they can officially become members of your council and also count as a new member.** The online membership application can be found at kofc.org/join by scanning the QR Code accompanying this article. Online membership is free for the first year by entering the promo code *BLESSEDMCGIVNEY*. The online form is also available in Spanish by choosing "Española" in the Language pull down menu in the upper right-hand corner of the web page. Both can be saved as favorites on your smartphone or tablet.



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The featured program for January is "*Protect Life.*" Councils are encouraged to conduct and participate in a nine day *Novena for Life* sponsored by the US Catholic Conference of Bishops which is available online by clicking [here](#). In addition to novenas, prayers, and devotions, *Walks for Life* will be conducted in San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego and many other communities throughout the state. For further information on the *West Coast Walk for Life* in San Francisco click [here](#).

Thank you for your charity and service!

May God bless,
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FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Brothers and parishioners in need of Prayers: Deacon Bill Bruening†, Mike Gainok†, Pat Dunn, Bob Smith, Tom Cunningham Jr., Roy Roney, Jim Callas, Tom McCarthy. Widows of Knights: Mary Nichols, Terry Nelson, Jamie Montgomery, Mary Jo Johnson, Suzanne Roden

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.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

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

First Name	Middle	Last Name	Birthday
JAFET	R	CORDOVA	2-Jan
RICHARD		CROOKS	6-Jan
RICHARD	W	HUGHES	10-Jan
FRANCISCO		CORTEZ	11-Jan
LEO	R	MARTINEZ	19-Jan
GRANT	H	GARRETSON	25-Jan
PETER	L	COSTA	28-Jan
MICHAEL	J	PENA	31-Jan

KNIGHTS HUMOR: from President Ronald Reagan Speech

For me to be with individuals like yourselves who understand the value of freedom I'm reminded of a story about a conversation between one of our citizens and a Soviet citizen the American described the freedom of speech that we have here in the United States and the citizens of the Soviet Union said well we're free to speak in the Soviet Union just like you are in the United states, so the only difference is you're free after you speak.

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2025-2026 Columbian Year

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