



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
GIROUD-HEIMANN COUNCIL
JULY 2026 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS:

■ No Knights Breakfast for July

- Jul 04 – Fourth of July – 250 years of America
- Jul 12 - 7:30 am to 11:30 am: Coffee & Donuts after Mass
- Jul 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
- Jul 21 – 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm: COR Bible Study Group
- Jul 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
- Aug 08 – Pancake Breakfast for Northern Valley Catholic Social Services
 - 7:30 am to 9:30 am: Kohls Parking Lot 1505 Springfield Dr. Chico, CA
 - Call Chuck Crete for details 530-518-7070

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT:

Brother Knights,

I hope everyone is enjoying a wonderful summer with family and friends. As we celebrate Independence Day this month, let us take a moment to thank God for the many freedoms we enjoy and remember those who have sacrificed to protect them. May we continue to pray for our nation, our military, first responders, and all who serve our communities.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all of our Brother Knights and volunteers who continue to give so generously of their time and talents. Your dedication to our council, our parish, and our community is what makes our mission possible. Every event, fundraiser, and act of charity reflects the principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity that define the Knights of Columbus.

As we move through the summer, I encourage everyone to stay involved and look ahead to the exciting events we have planned in the coming months. Whether you can volunteer at an event, attend a meeting, or simply invite a fellow Catholic man to join our council, every effort strengthens our brotherhood and our parish.

Please continue to keep our pastor, our parish staff, and all those who are sick or struggling in your prayers. Let us also remember our deceased Brother Knights and their families, asking God to grant them eternal rest.

As always, thank you for your continued support and commitment to Council 13765. It is truly an honor to serve as your Grand Knight. I pray that God blesses you and your families with a safe, joyful, and faith-filled summer.

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the blessings You have bestowed upon our council, our parish, and our families. Guide us to live as faithful Catholic men, serving You with charity, unity, and fraternity. Bless our priests, protect those who serve our country and our communities, comfort the sick and those in need, and help us to be instruments of Your love each day. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, keep us always close to Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Antonio Leon

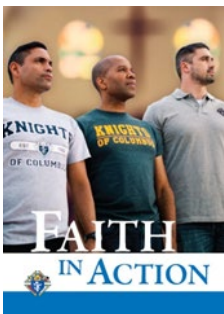
Grand Knight

Knights of Columbus Council 13765

District Deputy Report – July 2026

My Brothers,

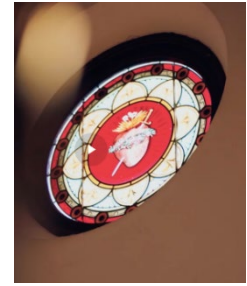
Welcome to a new Columbian Year! As we begin another year of service, I want to congratulate each council on its accomplishments during the past year. I also extend my congratulations to our newly elected officers and welcome all new members who have joined our councils throughout District 2. My sincere thanks go to those officers who continue in leadership and to those who are concluding their service. Your dedication and commitment have helped make possible the many charitable works and fraternal activities that strengthen our Order and our parishes.



As we look ahead, it is important that every council develop a clear plan for the coming year—a true **Faith in Action** plan. Supreme Council provides a wealth of resources, programs, and publications designed to help councils engage members and serve their communities. These materials can be used to strengthen faith, promote Catholic values, and encourage active participation in council life.

Member engagement remains one of our highest priorities. Reach out to brothers you have not seen in some time. Invite them to coffee, a council meeting, or a social gathering. Consider organizing a potluck, family event, or parish activity that encourages fellowship and strengthens our bonds of fraternity. Most importantly, be visible in your parish community by serving as ushers, lectors, greeters, sacristans, and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion.

Another important focus for the coming year is **Cor**, our faith formation initiative for Catholic men. The word *Cor*, Latin for “heart,” reflects its purpose: to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity.



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If your council has not yet begun exploring *Cor*, I strongly encourage you to do so. Supreme Council offers excellent study materials and curricula, including the *Cor Ecclesiae* series, and the *Men of the Word* study guide. These resources provide meaningful opportunities for spiritual growth and can serve as the foundation for a vibrant men’s ministry within your parish.

A few important reminders for the month ahead:

- Submit your council officer reports to Chapter, State, and Supreme as soon as possible.
- Begin planning your Council Officer Installation. Installations may be conducted during a regular council meeting or as a separate special event.
- Review your council calendar and establish goals and activities for the year early so your members can become engaged and involved.

As we begin this new Columbian Year, I challenge every council in District 2 to renew its commitment to serving our pastors, parishes, and church ministries. While the Knights of Columbus is widely recognized for charity and fraternity, Father Michael J. McGivney founded our Order first and foremost to strengthen men as disciples of Jesus Christ.

We are Catholic men. We are Knights of Columbus. Let us proudly live our faith through prayer, service, and leadership in our families, parishes, and communities.

May God bless you and your councils throughout the year ahead.

Fraternally,

Dave Abbott

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE:

Brother Knights,

This month, Americans celebrate and give thanks to God for the 250th anniversary of the United States. The American story is one of 250 years of great sacrifices, freedoms and the responsibility to bear those freedoms well.

For my topic this month, I want to discuss a special kind of freedom - freedom in retirement. What do you want your retirement to look like? If you’re already retired, you likely know how important it is to prepare financially for this period of life.

Retired or not, have you considered just how long your retirement could be? It could, in fact, last multiple decades. Will you have enough money to cover the lifestyle you desire for years to come? Even if you don't believe your retirement will span decades, what about your family? Will their needs be taken care of when you're no longer here? What legacy do you want to leave your children and grandchildren?

Don't miss the opportunity to prepare for the freedom of long-term financial stability in retirement. While it's easy to get lost in the day-to-day expenses in front of us right now, planning ahead for your retirement with insurance and fixed annuities can pay off enormously for you and your loved ones.

The hardest part may very well be taking that first step: sitting down and reviewing what your retirement can look like. I'm here to partner with you in finding the solutions that work best for you and your family. Whether you want to review the retirement plan you already have in place or are just beginning your journey, we can work together to make sure you have what you need. Please contact me today.

Let's continue to thank God for our nation and for all his blessings. Happy Birthday America!

God Bless,

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FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Brothers and parishioners in need of Prayers: Steve Mormann, Jim Callas, Pete Callo, Suzanne Roden, Bill and Pat Mulholland, Tom Cunningham Jr., Roy Roney, 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.

June Family of the Month: Pending

June Knight of the Month: Pending

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

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

First Name	Middle	Last Name	Birthday
THOMAS	G	WOLPH	13-Jul
ERIC	L	MARKEY	18-Jul
MIGUEL	T	ROSSO	18-Jul
WILLIAM	F	BRUENING	19-Jul
GEORGE	A	SMITH	24-Jul
RICHARD		UTTERBACK	25-Jul

Congratulations to our 2026 Scholarship Award Winners:

- **Emma Jarmush**
- **Greta Hauser**
- **Joshua Harding**
- **Joaquin Pena**

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

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