



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
GIROUD-HEIMANN COUNCIL
MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 03 – 7:30 am to 12:00 pm: Knights Pancake Breakfast
 - Selling Cinco de Mayo Dinner Tickets After Mass
- May 05 – Scholarship Applications due 11:59 pm.
- **May 09 – 1:00 pm 9:00 pm: Cinco de Mayo Dinner**
 - 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm: Set up hall
 - 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm: Cooking Meal
 - 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm: Serving Meals and Bartending
 - 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm: Silent Auction
 - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm: Kitchen Cleanup
 - 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm: Final cleanup
- May 10 – 5:30 am to 4:00 pm Special Olympics Spring Games, Folsom, CA
- May 10- 7:30 am to 11:30 am: Coffee & Donuts after Mass
- May 12- 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm: Business Meeting – Submittal of Slate of Officers 2025-2026
 - 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm: Evening Mass
 - 6:45 pm to 7:15 pm: Council Dinner
 - 7:15 pm to 8:00 pm: Business Meeting.
- May 16 Parish Workday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
- May 19 – 7-00 pm to 8:30 pm: COR Bible Study Group
- May 26 – 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm: Officer’s Meeting
 - 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm: Evening Mass
 - 6:45 pm to 7:15 pm: Council Dinner
 - 7:15 pm to 8:00 pm: Officer’s Meeting
- May 31 - 9:30 am to 11:00 am: Rosary Before Mass & Knights Ministry Sunday 10 am Mass

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT:

Brother Knights,

As we enter the month of May, we are reminded that this is the **Month of Mary**, a special time in the life of the Church when we turn to our Blessed Mother for her guidance and intercession. Let us continue to grow in faith by praying the Rosary with our families and asking Mary to lead us closer to her Son, Jesus Christ. 🙏🌹

Thank you to all the brothers who continue to support our parish through your service, time, and generosity. Your dedication reflects the true spirit of our Order and strengthens both our council and our parish community here at Our Divine Savior.

This month, we invite everyone to join us for our **annual Cinco de Mayo dinner on May 9 at 6:00 PM in the parish hall**. We'll be serving carnitas and all the fixing bring your family and friends and enjoy a great evening of fellowship together! Purchase your tickets this weekend. 🍽️

As always, we encourage our members to stay involved and look for opportunities to serve. We ask that we have "ALL HANDS ON DECK" for this Cinco de Mayo event. There is something for everyone to do. Please check the council calendar for upcoming events and ways you can participate. **Your presence makes a difference. Click Google Signup Sheet below to volunteer:**

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14xx2jJjNZ3Zyk8VNuLezLsjadkyfWWgqG9jS6c1a2S0/edit?usp=sharing_eip&ts=69e10424

Let us continue to support our pastor, our parish, and one another as brothers in Christ.

Let us close with this prayer to our Blessed Mother:

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Vivat Jesus! ✝️

Fraternally,

Antonio Leon

Grand Knight

ODS council 13765

District Deputy Report – May 2026

My Brothers,



May is the month of Mary – a month traditionally devoted to motherhood and especially the Holy Mother. Our Lady has manifested Herself in many ways in many cultures and is an endearing part of our Catholic faith. Let us never forget the impact Our Lady, in Her many manifestations, has had on the world, particularly Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. Equally important, remember our own mothers who have had a profound impact on our lives. Let us be ever mindful of both the maternal and the divine and give thanks for the many blessings our Mothers have bestowed upon us. Be sure and celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday, May 10.

May is also the month of the State Annual Meeting – this year May 14 through 16, 2026 at the Visalia Convention Center. If you have not done so already, be sure and elect your council delegates and get the registration form in as soon as possible. The essential business of the state council is conducted at the State Annual Meeting, including electing the new state officers, delegates to the Supreme Convention and important resolutions affecting the way we conduct our affairs. Each council is entitled to two voting delegates. The Annual Meeting is also a reminder we are part of a much larger organization spanning the nation and world. Forms for registration, delegate credentials and tickets to events can be obtained online at

<https://www.californiaknights.org/sam2026>, along with the full schedule of activities.

May is also the month to ensure all the requirements for Star Council have been met. Have all the required forms and reports been sent to Supreme? Has your council met their Supreme membership goal? Have your council officers and directors completed the mandatory Safe Environment training available at kofc.org/safe? A great way to end the year would be to win the Star Council award!

Many of the councils in District 2 have yet to fully promote and participate in two Fraternal Benefit Events which is also a requirement for Star Council. If your council has an Insurance Agent, I encourage you to contact him and schedule at least one Fraternal Benefit Event before the year end. Virtual presentations are also scheduled periodically by the State and Supreme Councils. Watch your email for announcements about upcoming opportunities. A minimum number of people must attend (10 for councils with 99 or fewer members and 14 for councils with 100 or more members) to receive credit for Star Council. Participation is reported online at <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7322809/Fraternal-Benefits-Event-Council-Report-v2>.

As always, I am so proud of what you do and all you do for your community, church, pastors and the faithful of your parish. Thank you for your charity and service!

May God bless,

Dave Abbott

District Deputy 2

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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 \$194 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 some other 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 financial 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 investment funds that can support your family's retirement savings goals. 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: Margaret Edwards, 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 Family of the Month: Abbott Family

April Knight of the Month: Pete Callo

MAY BIRTHDAYS:

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

First Name	Middle	Last Name	Birthday
MICHAEL	J	O CONNOR	9-May
ZACKERIE	N	TREANOR	12-May
JAMES	M	CALLAS	25-May
GREG	J	GARRETSON	25-May
STEVE		SHIMIZU	26-May
MANUEL	H	GUERRA	27-May
KARL	W	LOHSE	28-May

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 13765 – Tentative Slate of Officers
2026-2027 Columbian Year**

Members can make nominations from the floor at May Business Meeting

Grand Knight	Antonio Leon	(530) 513-0529	leonmex78@gmail.com
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Chancellor	Sergio Coronel	(530) 513-3137	jusecour@hotmail.com
Recorder	Paul Betenbaugh	(530) 865-5165	pmbeten@gmail.com
Treasurer	David Abbott	(530) 891-1491	dabbott79@gmail.com
Advocate	Glenn Fry	(530) 518-3131	glennfry@glennfry.com
Warden	Charlie Atkins	(530) 893-9090	charlesatkins@prodigy.net
Inside Guard	Mike Johnson	(530) 864-4494	mdjbusiness2@gmail.com
Outside Guard	Tomas Romero Sr.	(530) 680-5854	Romero.martha44@gmail.com

Chaplain, Financial Secretary, Lecturer, and Trustees are appointed positions

KNIGHTS HUMOR: (President Ronald Reagan jokes)

There's a fellow whose job is sitting in one of our big busy government agencies. He is here to have papers arrive at his desk, memorandums and so forth, to look at them, figure out where they're supposed to go, initial them and send them on their way. One day a paper arrived that was classified but it had come to his desk. So he read it, he initialed it and sent it on to where he figured it should go. It arrived back at his desk the next day with a memo that said you weren't supposed to read this. Erase your initials and initial your erasure.

KNIGHTS IN ACTION (Easter Sunday):



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 13765 – Officer Roster
2025-2026 Columbian Year

Officers	Name	Phone	Email
Chaplain	Fr. Joshy Mathew	(530) 343-4248	pastor@ourdivinesavior.org
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Recorder	Paul Betenbaugh	(530) 865-5165	pmbeten@gmail.com
Treasurer	David Abbott	(530) 891-1491	dabbott79@gmail.com
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3 Year Trustee	Kieran O’Leary	(530) 680-0685	nierak@aol.com
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