



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

GIROUD-HEIMANN COUNCIL

OCTOBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Oct 03 – 12:00 pm – Help Catholic Daughters cleanup after Rummage Sale
- Oct 03 – The Blessing of the Animals- this Saturday, October 3rd has been changed to 3:15 pm.
 - Bring your pet for a special blessing from Father Joshy!
- Oct 04 – 7:00 am to 12:00 pm – Knights Pancake Breakfast
- Oct 13 – Council Business Meeting
 - 6:00 pm to 6:40 pm: Workers Mass
 - 6:45 pm to 7:15 pm – Dinner for Members & Guest
 - 7:15 pm to 8:00 pm – Business Meeting
- Oct 20 - 7-00 pm to 8:30 pm: COR Bible Study Group
- Oct 24 – Oktoberfest 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
 - Tickets: Adults: \$50, 1 free drink
 - Children: \$25 (under 12 years), with 1 free soda
 - Fun, silent auction, music, and good food featuring Traditional German Dinner. Oktoberfest costumes are encouraged. Family & Friends are all welcome to attend! The proceeds go to the church's needs.
 - 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm: Dinner Preparation and Serving – Contact Dan Rodriguez
 - 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm: KofC running bar and serving drinks – Contact Dave Abbott
- Oct 27 - Council Officer's Meeting
 - 6:00 pm to 6:40 pm: Workers Mass
 - 6:45 pm to 7:15 pm – Dinner for Members & Guest
 - 7:15 pm to 8:00 pm – Officer's Meeting
- Nov 01 - All Saints Day

GRAND KNIGHT REPORT – OCTOBER 2026

Brother Knights,

As we enter the month of October, I want to thank each of you for your continued dedication to our council, our parish, and our community. I am grateful for the time and effort our brothers and their families continue to give in service to Our Divine Savior.

October is a special month in the Catholic Church as we honor Our Lady of the Rosary. The Rosary is a powerful reminder that, as Catholic men, prayer must remain at the center of everything we do. I encourage each of us to make time this month to pray the Rosary, especially for our families, our parish, our priests, our council, and all those who are in need of God's mercy and healing.

As we move into a busy part of the year, I ask all brothers to please continue to look at our council calendar and respond to emails and text messages regarding upcoming events. Our council is strongest when we communicate, participate, and work together. Even if you cannot attend an event, a quick response helps those who are organizing and planning.

Let us also remember that being a Knight is more than attending meetings or working events. It is about living out the principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity in our everyday lives. It means being strong Catholic husbands, fathers, grandfathers, brothers, and friends, and being willing to serve when our parish and community need us.

As Grand Knight, I am proud of what Council #13765 continues to accomplish, and I am thankful for each brother who gives his time and talents. Let us continue to support our pastor Fr. Joshy and his vision for Our Divine Savior and work together to strengthen our council and our parish.

May Our Blessed Mother guide us and bring us closer to her Son.

Holy Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.
Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Antonio Leon
Grand Knight
Council #13765

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT – OCTOBER 2026

My Brothers,

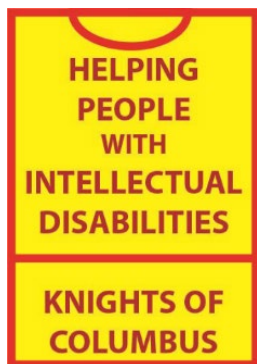
October is the month of Mary and dedicated to her Most Holy Rosary. The Rosary is considered a powerful weapon against evil, as well as the perfect prayer to bring peace to the world. Pray the Rosary often and give thanks to the Holy Mother for the loving protection She provides to our families. Be grateful for Her maternal care and for the blessings She brings into our lives each day.

A suggested program for October is, in fact, the *Family Rosary*. As a council, involve your Pastor, set a date, and conduct your own *Family Rosary*. Further information, along with materials for conducting the program, are available from the Supreme Council and can be ordered online by clicking [here](#). Also, please take a few moments to report this and other activities your council participates in by completing the online form available by clicking [here](#).



October also marks the sixth anniversary of the Beautification of the Blessed Michael McGivney. The Beautification Mass took place on October 31, 2020 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, Connecticut, the archdiocese where Father Michael J. McGivney was ordained in 1877. Again, I encourage councils to mark this special date with prayer and recognition for our Order's Founder.

October is traditionally a month for membership recruiting as councils schedule membership drives on or around Columbus Day. The Supreme Council continues to offer **free membership** for the first year for those who join online. Prospects simply need to visit kofc.org/joinus or scan the QR image accompanying this article with their smartphone. They should enter the code **BLESSEDMCGIVNEY** when prompted to take advantage of this offer. An online member counts as a new member when they are admitted into your council.



Another program that occurs during the month of October with a long history of charitable service is **the Annual Campaign for People With Intellectual Disabilities** (also known as the "Tootsie Roll" Drive). 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*, ARCs and local work training programs. For further information and resources regarding the *Annual Campaign for People With Intellectual Disabilities*, click [here](#).

As always, thank you for your charity and service!

May God bless,
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE:

Brother Knights,

Per LIMRA & Life Happens 2025 Insurance Barometer Study, nearly half (47%) of adults say they would have trouble paying living expenses within six months of their primary wage earner's death. While no one wants to think about tragedy striking their family, planning how your family will manage financially is an important piece in caring for those you love. Your decisions today have a direct impact on your family's financial future. I can help you with your life insurance and income replacement needs as you can prepare for the unexpected while also carrying forward a legacy that has been at the heart of the Knights of Columbus since our founding. When Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882, he was witnessing firsthand the precarious situation widows and orphans faced when a husband and father died. He sought to create a way to relieve their burdens and care for those in need. Today, we are proud to continue that tradition of guarding what matters most to our brothers — their families and their faith.

Income replacement through life insurance can be a part of that protection. As your financial and family needs and circumstances change over time, I'm here to help by reviewing your coverage to make sure it aligns with your goals and priorities. You should have received, or will be receiving, the annual Financial Protection Survey which gives important insight into your evolving financial needs so we can provide the personalized, faith-based service you deserve.

Our Knights of Columbus mission is straightforward and hasn't changed for more than 140 years — helping Catholic men grow in faith, serve others and financially protect their families. I appreciate the opportunity to serve you and your family in support of that mission .

God Bless,

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FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

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

Widows of Knights: Mary Nichols, Laurel Gainok, Tatiana Fassieux, Carole Claiborne, Terry Nelson, Janie 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.

September Knight of the month – Francisco (Pancho) Cortez!!

September Knight's Family of the month – Dan Rodriguez Family for their hard work and dedication!!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

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

Brother Name	Birthday
Joseph Patrick Dunn	10/1
George Roney	10/3
Harold E Frazier	10/7
Terry M Larocco	10/7
Anthony R Odell	10/12
Joseph Michael Boote	10/14
Scott W Liebenow	10/22
Tom A Graham	10/30

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

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