



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

GIROUD-HEIMANN COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Aug 30 – 9:15 am to 11:00 am: Rosary Before Mass & Knights Ministry Sunday 10 am Mass
- Sep 07 – Labor Day
- Sep 08 - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Installation of Officers
 - 6:00 pm to 6:40 pm - Mass
 - 6:40 pm to 7:00 pm – Preparation for Installation, Social Hall
 - 7:00 pm to 7:40 pm – Council Installation of Officers
 - 7:40 pm to 8: 00 pm – Refreshments and Social Time
- Sep 12 – 10:00 am to 3:00 pm – Chapter Meeting, St Thomas More, Paradise, CA.
- Sep 13 – 7:00 am to 12:00 pm – Knights Pancake Breakfast
 - Normal meal prices apply
- Sep 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Sep 15 - Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows – COR Meeting
 - 6:00 pm to 6:40 pm: Workers Mass
 - 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm: COR Bible Study Group
- Sep 22 – **(TENTATIVE)** Fall Equinox BBQ Rib Drive through Dinner
 - BBQ Ribs, Baked Beans, Cold Slaw, Mac & Cheese - \$25/plate and \$75/for Family
 - 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm – Preparation for Dinner - Contact Dan Rodrigues
 - 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm – Serving Dinner
 - 6:00 pm to 6:40 pm – Workers Mass
 - 6:45 pm to 7:15 pm – Dinner for Officers
 - 7:15 pm to 8:00 pm – Officer’s Meeting & Dinner Cleanup
- Sep 27 – 11:00 pm – Setup Social Hall for Catholic Daughter’s Rummage Sale
- Sep 29 - Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, the Archangels
- Oct 03 – 12:00 pm – Help Catholic Daughters cleanup after Rummage Sale
 - Need pickup trucks to drop off unsold items to Goodwill.

Grand Knight's Report – September 2026

Brother Knights,

As we enter the month of September and begin moving into the busy fall season, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your continued dedication to our Council, our parish, and our community. Whether you are helping at an event, attending a meeting, volunteering at Mass, or simply offering your prayers and support, every contribution makes a difference.

September is also a beautiful month in the Catholic Church. Traditionally, September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows, reminding us of the Blessed Mother's faithfulness as she shared in the suffering of her Son. On September 8, we celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary; on September 14, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross; and on September 15, the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows. Later in the month, on September 29, we celebrate the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, the Archangels. These celebrations remind us to follow Mary's example of faith, embrace the Cross of Christ, and trust in God's protection and guidance.

Brothers, I also ask that everyone please take a few minutes to regularly look at our Council calendar and stay aware of our upcoming events. We have many activities throughout the year, and their success depends on all of us working together. Please also make an effort to respond to Council emails and text messages, even if it is just a quick "yes," "no," or "I'm not available." Knowing who can and cannot help makes planning much easier and allows us to better organize our events. Communication and participation are important parts of our brotherhood, and I truly appreciate everyone making the effort to stay connected.

As Grand Knight, I continue to be grateful for the brotherhood we have in our Council. I encourage all of us to reach out to a Brother Knight we haven't seen in a while, invite someone to attend a meeting, and look for opportunities to bring new Catholic men into our Order. Sometimes a simple invitation is all it takes.

I also ask that we continue to support our pastor, our parish, and our parish ministries. As Knights, we should always be ready to answer the call when our Church needs us. When we work together with a spirit of service and humility, we can accomplish great things.

Thank you again, Brothers, for everything you do. I am proud to serve alongside you and look forward to another great month of faith, fellowship, and service.

September Prayer

Heavenly Father, Thank You for the gift of our brotherhood and for the opportunity to serve You through the Knights of Columbus. Guide our Council in all that we do. Give us the strength to serve those in need, the courage to live our Catholic faith, and the wisdom to always put You at the center of our lives. Bless our Brother Knights, our families, our pastor, and our parish. May everything we do bring glory to Your name. Amen.

Vivat Jesus!

Antonio Leon
Grand Knight
Knights of Columbus Council #13765

District Deputy Report – September 2026

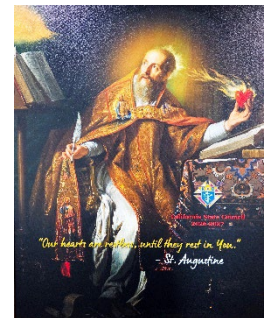
My Brothers,

September is usually the month when home and family life resume a regular routine. Vacations are over, children and grandchildren are returning to school, and there is a hint of Fall in the air. September is also the month councils and assemblies resume their normal activities for the year, helping at fall festivals, planning upcoming programs, and responding to their church and pastor's needs.



The Supreme Council's *Faith in Action* guidebook (publication 10831) offers many activities for councils to engage with their members and parish. There will always be a need for Food for Families, Coats for Kids, Supreme's RSVP Seminarian support program, the ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) program and the many, many other faith based charitable programs we share in as Knights of Columbus. Continued spiritual growth is extremely important and featured in the COR program (Latin for *Heart*) which can be implemented with resources available on the Supreme Council website. Of greatest importance is the need to continue serving your pastor and parish. Click [here](#) and [here](#) to learn more about *Faith in Action* and COR programs your council can do.

Our State Deputy Vladimire Rivera's icon for the year is Saint Augustine, holding a flaming heart with the slogan ***"Our hearts are restless, until they rest in you."*** The flaming heart is the human heart. It symbolizes Augustine's love of God and his fellow brothers and sisters. The Augustinian heart is passionately alive, with the desire to know God and experience divine love in our lives. The open book represents the Sacred Scriptures and [St. Augustine's own conversion to Christianity](#). It symbolizes the Word of God, source of light and truth, and the quest for wisdom. As Knights of Columbus, we are called to be living witnesses of God's love through our service to others and in all that we do.



If you find yourself with time on your hands (a rare occurrence, I'm sure) check out the Supreme Council's video library which can be found online at www.kofc.org/videos. There you will find a wealth of information on the Knights of Columbus ranging from outtakes of the Supreme Conventions to documentaries on Saints and the Order's founder, the Blessed Michael McGivney. I urge you to explore the content and share it with your council members and parishioners alike.

All the councils in District 2 are planning events and activities during the months of September and October. Please volunteer to serve and always invite qualified Catholic men who are not members to join! Give them the same opportunity for charity, service, and faith formation someone once gave you. For helpful tips and strategies on membership recruiting, click [here](#). To sign up a new member using the online "Join" application, click [here](#).

Have a wonderful Labor Day weekend and month! Thank you for your charity and service!

May God bless,
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE:

Brother Knights,

September is “Life Insurance Awareness Month”. The purpose being to inform people how important life insurance is to protect their families. Life insurance is the cornerstone of a family’s financial security.

Blessed Michael J. McGivney certainly knew how important life insurance was to a family. Many of our brothers don’t understand how involved Fr. McGivney was in developing the Order’s insurance program. According to Christopher Kauffman, the author of the centennial history of the Order, *Faith and Fraternalism, The History of the Knights of Columbus 1882-1982*, one of Fr. McGivney’s two main reasons for founding the Order was “the need to protect families during sickness and death” (pg. 17). Kauffman goes on to say that Fr. McGivney “spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature” (pg. 35). Originally, when the Order was founded, everyone was required to be insured; that was one of the two primary reasons for joining!

While our Order is well known for its charitable works and strong advocacy for the most vulnerable, strengthening Catholic men in their faith and providing financial protection for Catholic families were two other critical catalysts in forming the Order. Our mission remains just as important today; Catholic men continue to seek to strengthen their faith and they and their families still need protection from untimely death or serious disability. Fr. McGivney’s vision was that all Catholic men and their families be afforded financial security protection against the devastating impact of death or disability of the family provider. This is a call for all of us to reach out to our parishes and local Catholic communities to advocate to those Catholic men who are not brother Knights: Come join us!

What can life insurance provide? Peace of mind and security for Catholic families as our founder envisioned when he founded our great organization.

God Bless,

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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, 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.

Knight of the month – Kieran “KO” O’Leary

Knight’s Family of the month, Glenn Fry & Family

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

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

First Name	Middle	Last Name	Birthday
MARTIN	J	RAMAT	7-Sep
FRANK	D	LOURENCO	8-Sep
JOSEPH		BECHTOLD	15-Sep
DERRICK	K	BILEY	19-Sep
LUKE	J	CARRIERE	21-Sep
JOHNNY	V	HARDY	27-Sep
JUAN	S	CORONEL	28-Sep
PAUL	T	NIESS	30-Sep

YOUTH GROUP SPAGETTI DINNER:



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2026-2027 Columbian Year

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