



Knights' News

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Introducing the Knights of Columbus Officers for 2026-27

Considering Foundations

By Deacon Ray Helgeson

Back in the 1950's, when I was going through the primary grades of 1 through 8, the curriculum was based on providing foundations for us children. These foundations were, in the common subjects of that time, reading, spelling, memorization, preliminary math, correct vocabulary, and some science. Since my parents sent me and my brothers and sisters to a Catholic grammar school, it also included teaching common Catholic prayers, the elementary truths of the Faith, social skills for getting along with others, having respect for parents, teachers and adults in general. These foundations provided us children with a very good basis for high school, college and what was beyond in our lives.

Today, however, it seems children are simply asked, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" There is nothing wrong with that question itself. However, it seems our culture has lost the sense of preparation necessary for a good life in general. The tried-and-true foundations needed for a thriving life on this earth.

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GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTATIONS

Thanks to all Brother Knights who stepped up to meet the challenges of a crazy July schedule:

(1) Flags on the Skyway: Ten Knights showed up early on the Fourth of July to put out flags. (See pictures on our website), (2) Pancake Breakfast: Brother Antonio Rivera with his helper, Carlos Marquez (soon to be a Knight), grilled everything to perfection. Fifteen other Knights, with help from many of our wives, set up, served, and cleaned up to deliver a memorable breakfast. Profits from the breakfast went to help three youth group members with back-to-school needs. We also made a donation to Bishop Jaime Soto at the Marysville Chapter Meeting; (3) Exemplification: A week later our team, decked out with shirts, ties, blazers, and sashes, performed the ceremony to welcome two new Brother Knights (Gabriel Poje and Chris Penna) to join our ranks; (4) Installation of Officers: A few days later, we attended a morning Mass together. Then our District Deputy, Dave Abbott, installed this year's Council Officers. We celebrated with coffee and donuts afterwards; (5) Party in the Park: On July 22, Brother Chris Rehman set up and organized games for local Paradise kids at the Party in the Park. I joined him with other STM parishioners to keep the games going; (6) Brother Ed Jimenez Funeral: Four Knights volunteered to serve at Brother Ed's funeral on July 31. Eleven other Knights joined us in prayer for Brother Ed and for the consolation of his wife, Jan. Our Field Agent, Dave Moeller, contacted Jan personally to be sure that she received the insurance benefits that Ed had set up.

I couldn't be prouder of our active council reaching out to serve our parish and community. We have more challenges ahead, but I am confident that our Band of Brothers can handle what lies ahead.

In His service and Yours, Jim Collins
Grand Knight, Council #7773

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

As we begin the month of August, I congratulate the newly installed officers (or soon to be installed officers) of the councils in District 2! To the outgoing officers, I wish to convey my thanks for outstanding leadership during a challenging year. All responded to the needs of your parish communities and accomplished many remarkable things! I look forward to working with all of you in the year ahead.

As I mentioned last month, emphasis continues to be placed by the Supreme Council on "Cor" faith formation meetings. Cor (Latin for heart) is intended to *"form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through, prayer, formation, and fraternity."* I urge you look over information on the Cor program which includes several short video by clicking [here](#). The program is designed for use in Catholic men's ministry, particularly in a group study. Further information and sample curricula for study are available by clicking [here](#).

An upcoming major event for this month, **the Feast Day of The Blessed Michael McGivney falls on Thursday, August 13**. Not coincidentally, his feast day falls between his birthday on August 12 (1852) and the day of his death due to complications from tuberculosis on August 14 (1890). **Please plan a special event or prayer reflection to honor our Founder on his Feast Day, August 13**. If you are not already a Blessed Michael McGivney Guild member, join online for free at www.fathermcgivney.org and begin receiving a monthly newsletter with the latest news on the beatification of our Founder. A third miracle is currently being documented which may advance Blessed McGivney to sainthood. Watch for further information on this remarkable occurrence.

Another program with a long history of charitable service is **the Annual Campaign for People With Intellectual Disabilities**. Although not occurring until October, it is never too soon to start planning. 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).

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Calendar of Events**August / September****August:**

Sat. 8:	5:00 am	Gear Up & Go, Chico
Wed. 12:	9:30-10:30 am:	Officers Meeting plan Chapter meeting, approve audit, plan pancakes
Sun. 16:	10:00 - 10:25 am:	Rosary before Mass
Wed. 19:	6:30 - 9:00 pm:	Rosary, meal, Business meeting Plan Chapter Meeting, pancakes

September:

Sun. 6:	11:30 am - 12:15 pm:	Pancake Breakfast
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Sat. 12:	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Chapter Meeting STM
Wed. 16:	9:30-10:30 am:	Officers Meeting
Wed. 23:	6:30 - 9:00 pm:	Rosary, meal, Business meeting
Sun. 20:	10:00 - 10:25 am:	Rosary before Mass
Mon. 21:		Treasurer pays Supreme Assessment

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

Greg Kidder—4 th	David L Marcus—7 th	Larry Ussery—7 th
Michael Weldon—9 th	Leo Benedetti—14 th	Frank Salas—16 th
David Webster—21 st	Henry Martin—25 th	Matthew Poje—27 th

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Please continue to pray for those on our prayer list: Greg Wright, Leo Benedetti (hip surgery), Ron Martin, John Thomas, Lani McManus, Richard Reniero, Duncan Barnard, Israel Garcia, Barbara Brown, Gerald and Joy Regalia, Kendell Rensink, Lou Gervais, Frank Ricci, Ron Keyes, Deacon Gary, Raul and Elvia Saavedra, Greg and Kathy DeCristofaro, Frank Nunes, Kathy Keesling, Phil and Helen Kelly, Gordon Massae and Pope Leo XIV. Please pray for the repose of the souls of Ed Jimenez and Kim Helgeson and their families. Lift up Deacon Ray and Donna Helgeson who are grieving for their daughter Kim.

Please remember those who are serving our country in the armed forces in Iran. Pray also for those who fell victim to natural disasters. Pray for all the health professionals, all our police and law enforcement officers, fire fighters, EMT's and all who are trying to keep us safe. Pray for the U.S., Israel and Ukraine and all the innocent victims of war. Pray for America which stands for One Nation under God, with Liberty and Justice for ALL.

Leo Benedetti is at Chico Terrace, 188 Cohasset Lane, Rm. 21B, in Chico. Al Potthast is at Sunshine Home on Sawmill Rd. and Jim Daley who is at home. Kathy and I are taking Communion to Jim Daley and Leo Benedetti. I have sent get well cards to Ron Martin and Al Potthast. For additions, deletions, corrections, please call your Chancellor, Greg DeCristofaro at 873-4132.

Considering Foundations (Con't)

What are we to do, not only for our children, our grandchildren, or even for ourselves? "Our Goals" is wording we commonly use or hear when describing the direction we hope our lives will take, whether short term or long term. We may even say certain things we ought to do in order to achieve our goals. However, we need to align our thinking and put our focus back on the preparation necessary, not just simply the goals we hope to achieve. The foundations for living, as well the goals and hope for our lives, need to be united. That was something that our society in general lived out back in the 1950s or at other times when clearer thinking and common sense was practiced for the good of all.

Deacon Ray Helgeson

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT (CON'T)

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*, the ARC (for people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities), CampRecreation, local schools, work training centers and residential care facilities. For further information and resources regarding the Annual Campaign for People With Intellectual Disabilities, click [here](#).

Free online membership using the online application found at www.kofc.org/join (or by scanning the QR Code accompanying this article with a smartphone) **continues to be available.** The promo code is "BlessedMcGivney" and is not case sensitive.

As always, thank you for your charity and service!

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GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTATIONS (CON'T)

In His service and Yours, Jim Collins
Grand Knight, Council #7773

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

Every August, Knights from across the country and world gather to celebrate our Order's recent successes and look forward to what's next. This year's successes shared at the 144th Supreme Convention in Denver are no exception. Congratulations to all on your outstanding efforts that give us reason to celebrate! We are making our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, proud. We celebrate his feast day on August 13, so this month is a fitting time to ask for his continued intercession for our work.

In founding the Knights, Blessed Father McGivney created a way to help men stay close to the Lord, to each other, and to help them and their families secure a financial future. He knew this was a way to strengthen families and protect them when they are at their most vulnerable. You continue that legacy with every program you put on and every dollar you donate. You also continue our legacy when you choose and advocate for financial products and services with the Knights. That's a concrete way you help make possible not just the Knights' local impact here in our community, but our impact around the world.

I feel immensely blessed to be part of our brotherhood, and to carry out Father McGivney's mission of faith, fraternity and financial protection. If we've never connected, or if it's been a long time, let's meet up to review your current coverage or find the coverage that matches your family's needs. God Bless.

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NEW: <http://kofc-ca-d2.org/council-7773>