



Knights' News

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GRAND KNIGHT'S CORNER

Thank you for all your support while I was taking a crash course in breaking bones. This was a God-send in that while in the hospital they found the cause of me passing out was due to my heart. Who knew? I am on the mend and hope to join you soon.

I would like to thank Michael Krzanich and Jim Collins for taking over for me, especially Jim for organizing the Breakfast Burrito Sunday. I would thank my brothers Dave Porter, Richard Shaver and Jim Collins for building me a beautiful ramp so that I am able to get out of the house in my slick wheel chair.

In April we had better support for our praying of the Pro-Life Rosary. Many thanks to all of you. Our next Pro-Life Rosary is on May 17 h at 10:00 am. I look forward to all your support.

If you have not filled out your monthly hours report, please do so. There are forms in the vestibule or you can fill them out online at (knighttshours@gmail.com). Our next Breakfast Burrito Breakfast will be on May 3rd celebrating Cinco de Mayo. On May 10th we will celebrate Mother's Day by presenting our Mothers with a Rose.

Come to the meetings. Elections are coming up soon. Let your trustees know if you would like to run for an office or wish to continue in your present office. We will have nominations in May and elections in June. This Is your Council. I welcome your participation and input.

Our next business meeting will be on May 20th. Hope to see all of you there. We welcome all of you to join our Men's prayer group, Friday morning at 9:30am after the 8:30am daily Mass in the small hall.

**In His Service, Greg DeCristofaro
Grand Knight, Council #7773**

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

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.

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Calendar of Events**April/ May**

May 1 to June 15	Council Elections
May 3	Breakfast Burritos
May 10	Mothers' Day Roses
May 13	Officers Meeting, 9:30am
May 17	Rosary before 10:00am Mass
May 20	Rosary at 6:30pm, meal at 7:00pm, Business meeting at 7:30pm, Nominate Officers
May 25	Place flags on the Skyway for Memorial Day, 7:00 - 8:00 am
	Take down flags on the Memorial Day, 4:00 - 5:00 pm (Holes cleaned Mary 24)
May 31	Scholarship applications due
June 10	Officers Meeting, 9:30am
June 17	Rosary at 6:30pm, meal at 7:00pm, Business meeting at 7:30pm

MAY BIRTHDAYS:Michael Gerspacher—1stRuss Neal—10thEdward Jimenez—13thMatt Gerspacher—16thAlfred Potthast—19thEzra Downer—22ndAntonio Rivera—23rd**CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

Please continue to pray for those on our prayer list: Greg Wright, Leo Benedetti, Leo Bourgeois, Ron Martin, John Thomas, Lani McManus, Richard Reniero, Duncan Barnard, Israel Garcia, Barbara Brown, Jerry Foster, Jim Daley, Deacon Ray and Donna Helgeson and their daughter Kimberly and son Kenjon, Dave Porter, Dave Lemire, Carol Daffner, Liz Fierro, Gerald and Joy Regalia, Kendell Rensink, Michael Crowder, Lou Gervais, Chris Rehmann, Frank Ricci, Ron Keys, Deacon Gary, Marissa Li, Raul and Elvia Soa a Vedra, Greg and Kathy DeCristofaro, Barbara Jo Navaro, Frank Nunes, Kathy Keesling, Phil and Helen Kelly, Joe DiDuca and Barbara Braun, Gloria Robertson and Pope Leo XIV. Please pray for the repose of the soul for Jim Adams.

Please remember those who are serving our country in the armed forces in Iran. Pray also for those who fell victim to the natural disasters. Pray for all the health professionals, all our police and law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMT's and all who are trying to keep us safe. Pray for 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.

For additions, deletions, corrections, please call your Chancellor, Greg DeCristofaro at 873-4132.

KNIGHT HUMOR-- Children Writing About the Ocean

If you are surrounded by ocean, you are an island. If you don't have ocean all round you, you are incontinent. (Wayne, age 7)

Sharks are ugly and mean, and have big teeth, just like Emily Richardson. She's not my friend any more. (Kylie, age 6)

Some fish are dangerous. Jellyfish can sting. Electric eels can give you a shock. They have to live in caves under the sea where I think they have to plug themselves into chargers. (Christopher, age 7)

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT (CON'T)

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!

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

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.

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For the most current information please check our Website:

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