



Knights' News

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As We Forgive Those...

By Deacon Ray

As Catholics, we always have God's Presence within us. This is because of the graces we received at our baptism. We may not be aware of His Presence; but He is there. We are destined to spend eternity with God and all of His angels and saints forever in a state of infinite happiness and joy. The virtue of hope confirms this within us.

Christ often speaks about prayer in the Gospels. Prayer is essential to bringing us closer to God in this life as we look forward to our everlasting life with Him in heaven. The Our Father is the most foundational prayer that Jesus taught us to say, and to say often in our daily lives. Within this most precious prayer are a few words that we repeat so often that we may simply repeat them without stopping to think what we are saying: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

When someone offends us or hurts us in some way, our initial responds is often to defend ourselves and reply in a like manner. This is common for us as weak human persons to do. Yet how often do we go to God and ask Him to help us forgive them. To do so can be very difficult for us. We have all been hurt by others, some of us deeply. Sometimes the hurts of years gone by may be lying deep below the consciousness of our everyday lives. "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive..." Without God's grace and help it may be almost impossible for us to do.

How can we live these words of the Our Father? The first step is to begin to pray for the one who has hurt us, even if they are no longer with us in this life. Pray for them? Yes! This may be very difficult for us to even begin to do. Yet without praying for them, praying for their wellbeing, we cannot move forward in forgiving them.

Pray for them daily. Slowly God's grace will begin to heal the hurt within your own heart. As we continue to pray, God's powerful, yet slow working grace begins to heal. As you persevere, you will begin to pray for the grace to forgive them. As you continue to pray for them, the grace to forgive them will begin to appear in your heart and peace will follow. The power of God's grace will then free you of the hurt and you will realize the peace that has replaced it within you and a joy that comes from God will fill you. "Our Father Who art in heaven"... thank you so much for allowing me to experience the peace and the power of your grace, as well as the mercy of your love and especially for the forgiveness you have given to me, Amen!



"Coats for Kids" and "Food for Families"

GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTATIONS

October was another banner month for Council 7773 Paradise. We kicked off the month with another successful blood drive. Five Knights joined parishioners in donating blood. All Knights are welcome to participate at our next blood Drive on January 23.

On October 14 we held our first annual awards dinner catered by Maria's Kitchen. Congratulations to award winners:

- **Greg DeCristofaro, Past Grand Knight**, received an engraved gavel commemorating his dedicated service to our council for the past two years despite a multitude of health challenges.
- **John Thomas**, Financial Secretary, received the **2025-2026 Knight of the Year Award** for outstanding service supporting Greg DeCristofaro, planning and taking control of the parish hall kitchen for a multitude of events, and supporting Brother Knights at most council activities throughout the year.
- **Antonio Rivera** received the **Rookie of the Year** award especially for bringing quality food service to all of our events and for recruiting new members.
- **Michael Krzanich** received a **Special Recognition Award** for taking the lead on gathering silent auction items and for gathering an impressive display of saints' relics to be venerated by our parishioners.
- **Dave Porter and Richard Shaver** received the **Golden Hammer Award** for their dedicated service building a fence for a parishioner, constructing the ramp for Greg DeCristofaro's home, fixing a parishioner's porch that had been damaged by fire, and transporting items from a collapsed garage to the dump.
- **Franciso Garcia, Antonio Rivera (and his co-worker Carlos Marquez), Greg DeCristofaro, and John Thomas** received the **Silver Spatula Award** for proving excellent meals for our parishioners.

Roman & Norma Pelayo, along with their children Yaretti, Zulemi, Roman, Romy received the **Family of the Year Award**. The entire family helped with parish activities throughout the year.

On October 17, our council put together our annual Columbus Day dinner featuring Greg DeCristofaro's spaghetti recipe. The STM Youth Group served at the tables while Sandra Rodriguez and her band of young actors prepared an encore performance of Columbus' voyage to America. Norma Pelayo prepared Aqua Fresca and Flan to provide a few new tastes to the menu. We also included a silent auction for the first time. The result was great food, excellent service, and memorable entertainment. Increased profits will be donated to help the Intellectually Disabled (Camp Recreation and Special Olympics).

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DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

The month of November is dedicated to those who have gone before us, as we start the month with the Feast of All Souls on Monday, November 2. I'm certain all of us remember friends, relatives, priests, and Brother Knights who have had a significant influence on our lives. Please take a moment to remember them, thank them, say a prayer for them, and celebrate their legacy which lives on with us.

The month of November is also a month to be thankful, as we acknowledge God's blessings in our lives and that of our families. Two charities are paramount this time of year. The first is "Coats for Kids" -- a program to provide coats to children in need as temperatures drop and winter sets in. Coats are available from the Supreme Council at a reduced cost and can be ordered by clicking [here](#). For further information on the "Coats for Kids" program click [here](#). In lieu of purchasing coats and distributing them locally, donations can also be made to the Supreme Council's "Coats for Kids" program by clicking [here](#).

"Food for Families" is also a timely program as Thanksgiving nears and food lockers are challenged to keep up with demand. Hold a church or council food drive and ensure there is sufficient supply to meet the seasonal demand. Sponsor a Thanksgiving dinner for one or more families in need or serve food at a local shelter for the homeless. For every \$500 or 1,000 pounds of food donated, the Supreme Council will refund \$100 back to the council -- up to a maximum of \$500 per council per fraternal year. For further information on "Food for Families" click [here](#).

The COR (Latin for heart) religious formation initiative continues to mature and take shape with more and more councils adopting it each month. A wealth of content is available through the Supreme Council. The two councils in Chico are collaborating to hold Cor meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00PM in Room 2 at the Our Divine Savior Church Social Hall. Meetings are open to all Catholic men and include prayer, fellowship and insightful discussion deepening our understanding and relationship with Jesus Christ.

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Calendar of Events**November / December****November:**

Sun. 8:	11:30 am - 12:15 pm:	Pancake Breakfast
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Tues. 10:		Clean holes for flags
Wed. 11:	7:00 - 8:00 am:	Place flags on Skyway--Veterans Day; Moose Lodge Breakfast
Wed. 11:	After flags and breakfast	Officers Meeting
	4:00 - 5:00 pm:	Take down flags on the Skyway
Sun. 15:	10:00 - 10:25 am:	Rosary before Mass
Wed. 18:	6:30 - 9:00 pm:	Rosary, meal, Business meeting

December:

Wed. 9:	9:30-10:30 am:	Officers Meeting
Mon. 14:	DGK Compiles information for Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity	
	FS prints and sends dues statements to all billable members	
Wed. 16:	6:30 - 9:00 pm:	Rosary, meal, Business meeting
Sun. 20:	10:00 - 10:25 am:	Rosary before Mass

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Christopher Rehmann—8 th	Joseph Linn-Galan—10 th	Leo Bourgeois—19 th
Mark Fowler—19 th	Bruce Epperson—22 nd	Matthew Samson—22 nd
Fr. Charles P Kelly III—24 th	Gerald Regalia—27 th	Chris Penna—27 th
John Smith Jr—27 th	Jim Collins—30 th	

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Please continue to pray for those on our prayer list: Greg Wright, Leo Benedetti, 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 De-Cristofaro, Frank Nunes, Kathy Keesling, Phil and Leon Kelly, Rosemary Peterson and Pope Leo XIV.

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 Chris and Rolawn's daughter-in-law, Ruth, who has stage 4 cancer being treated in Amsterdam. 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.

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

Respect for Life

40 days for life ends on November 1st. Thank you for all of you who prayed at the abortion clinic.

The Care Net fall banquet is November 14th in Chico. See Greg or Kathy as seating is limited.

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Has begun. Pick up your shoe boxes in the vestibule of the church. Shoe Boxes must be returned to the STM between November 16-23, 2026. You can make a \$10 donation to cover the cost of shipping.

KNIGHT HUMOR—FOR THE CRAZY FOLKS WHO GOLF

- Golf's a hard game to figure. One day you'll go out and slice it and shank it, hit into all the traps and miss every green. The next day you go out, and, for no reason at all, you really stink.
- If your best shots are the practice swing and the conceded putt, you might wish to reconsider this game.
- An interesting thing about golf is that no matter how badly you play; it is always possible to get worse.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT (CON'T)

Watch for announcements in your parish bulletins with reminders on meeting dates and time or just drop by and check it out. For further information on the Cor initiative click [here](#).

Wishing you all a happy and healthy Thanksgiving! As always, thank you for your charity and service!

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GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTATIONS (CON'T)

A special thanks to all Knights and their wives who pitched in to help make our Columbus Day dinner a great success. Our next challenges will be our November 8 pancake breakfast and putting out flags for Veterans Day on November 11. Given our track record, I know that we are up to the challenge.

Happy Thanksgiving to all.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

November is National Long-Term Care Awareness Month, an event recognized as a very important way to raise awareness about elder care and planning before it's needed. To mark the occasion, here are 10 critical facts shared by the American Association for Long-Term Care Insurance:

- # 1 - Americans are living longer, in large part due to advances in medical care and public health. Life expectancy in the US for those reaching 65 was an additional 20 years on average (that's 85 years old).
 - # 2 - By 2030, one in five residents in the US will be age 65 or older.
 - # 3 - The number of people in need of long-term support services (LTSS) in the United States is already at 14 million and expected to grow to 27 million by 2050.
 - # 4 - Average out-of-pocket costs are \$70,000 for those individuals who utilize paid long term support services (LTSS). Roughly 17 percent will spend over \$100,000 on LTSS. Almost 9 percent will spend over \$250,000 on LTSS.
 - # 5 - By 2040, the total prevalence of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias in the US is expected to approximately double from 7.2 million to nearly 13 million, with 8.5 million women and 4.5 million men expected to develop dementia.
 - # 6 - For those requiring high levels of LTSS, individuals and families pay 55 percent of long-term care costs out of pocket.
 - # 7 - Currently, the majority of older single-person households are female. Women comprised 74 percent of solo households age 80 and over.
 - # 8 - Some 7.5 million Americans have some form of long-term care insurance. Two-thirds of all new individual long-term care insurance claims pay for care needed by women.
 - # 9 - The long-term care insurance industry paid out \$11 billion in benefits to some 310,000 individuals with insurance protection last year. The number will increase each year as the current number of policyholders grow older and, as a result, are more likely to begin their claim.
 - # 10 - 69.5 percent of new claims start after the policyholder reached age 80. If you live a long life, you are very likely going to need long term care. You'll be very glad you have a policy to pay benefits.
- These facts are sobering, and you can see why long-term care support is a significant retirement savings "buster". Your Knights of Columbus benefits includes the solution to this issue in the form of Long-term Care insurance available to both you and your spouse. Please contact me for more details.

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