



Knights' News

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HELPING
PEOPLE
WITH
INTELLECTUAL
DISABILITIES

KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS

GRAND KNIGHT'S CORNER

Thank you again for a very successful Pancake breakfast. We still need to have more participation after the second Mass. Thank you for supporting the Women of St. Thomas More Chocolate and Wine Festival.

I attended SK Thomas Cunningham's funeral as the 4th degree Honor Guard Commander. As Honor Guard Commander, I attended the Our Lady of Fatima Mass and the subsequent procession held in Orland. I will be attending SK Michael Gainok funeral at ODS. Later in the month I will attend his interment at the No. California Veterans Cemetery in Igo, CA.

I would like to see more of you join the 4th degree and join the Honor Guard team. I was finally able to contact T.W. Starkweather, our next state treasurer, concerning the Garden of Innocence program. He will propose to the State Council to support the Garden of Innocence as a Knights of Columbus charity.

We continue to have a great turnout on the Third Sunday for the reciting of the **Pro-Life Rosary**. It's nice to see all of you in your **shirts and vests**. It shows our parish community who we are and how many brothers have joined **Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney's K of C in service to our Lord Jesus Christ and our parish community**. Our next Pro-life Rosary is on October 19th.

If you have not filled out your **monthly hours report**, please do so, there are forms in the vestibule. We have two applicants who have completed their application. We need to have an exemplification for them. If we reach our goal of five new recruits before October 31st, we will join in the **competition for councils** based on our quota.

Our next big event will be our **Columbus Day Dinner** on October 11th. We are short of helpers so call me or sign up on the clip boards on Sunday after Mass. We will be putting on our next **Pancake Breakfast on November 2nd**. Remember to keep 1,2,3,3 in mind. At our September business meeting, the 50/50 drawing ball # 17 was drawn. Ron Martin was present and only took \$1.00, so the pot keeps growing. We welcome all of you to join our **Men's prayer group, Friday morning at 7:00 am** in the small hall.

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

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

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 for the protection the Holy Mother provides to our families and our church.

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 fifth 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 17, 19 and 19, 2025** (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**October / November**

Oct.	4	Blessing of the Animals at 8:00 am
Oct.	8	Officer's Meeting at 9:30 am
Oct.	10	Columbus Day Dinner
Oct	15	6:30pm: Rosary, meal, Business meeting at 7:30pm
Oct.	19	K of C Rosary at 10:00 am before the 10:30 pm Mass
Nov.	2	All Souls Day and Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast
Nov.	12	Officer's Meeting at 9:30 am
Nov.	19	6:30pm: Rosary, meal, Business meeting

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

Mark Fallon—1 st	Michael Shores—5 th	Fred Schluep—12 th
Richard Stinson—12 th	Christopher Lowman—13 th	Ray Waelbrock—22 nd
Roger Ferguson—23 rd	Israel Garcia—25 th	Robert Gomez—28 th
Phil Bartek—31 st		

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Please continue to pray for those on our prayer list: Greg Wright, Leo Benedetti, Leo Bourgeois, Ron Martin, John Thomas, Jim and 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, Dan Young, Carol Daffner, Liz Fierro, Gerald and Joy Regalia, Kendell Rensink, Michael Crowder, Lou Gervais, Abel Holguin, Carolyn Boyd, Chris Rehmann, Frank Ricci, Ron Keys, Deacon Gary, Marissa Li, Marissa Kelly's father, Greg and Kathy DeCristofaro, Barbara Jo Navaro, Frank Nunes, Kathy Keesling, the parents of Marissa Kelly and Pope Leo XIV.

Please remember those who are serving our country in the armed forces and those who fell victim to the natural disasters. Pray for all the health professionals, all our police and law enforcement officers, fighters, 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

- The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin. -Mark Twain
- The ultimate result of shielding men from the effects of folly is to fill the world with fools. -Herbert Spencer, English Philosopher (1820-1903)
- There is no distinctly native American criminal class...save Congress. -Mark Twain
- What this country needs are more unemployed politicians. -Edward Langley, Artist (1928 - 95)
- A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have. -Thomas Jefferson

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*, ARCs and local work training programs. For further information and resources regarding the *Annual Campaign for People With Intellectual Disabilities*, click [here](#).

Thank you for your charity and service!

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GRAND KNIGHT'S CORNER (CON'T)

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

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