



Knights' News

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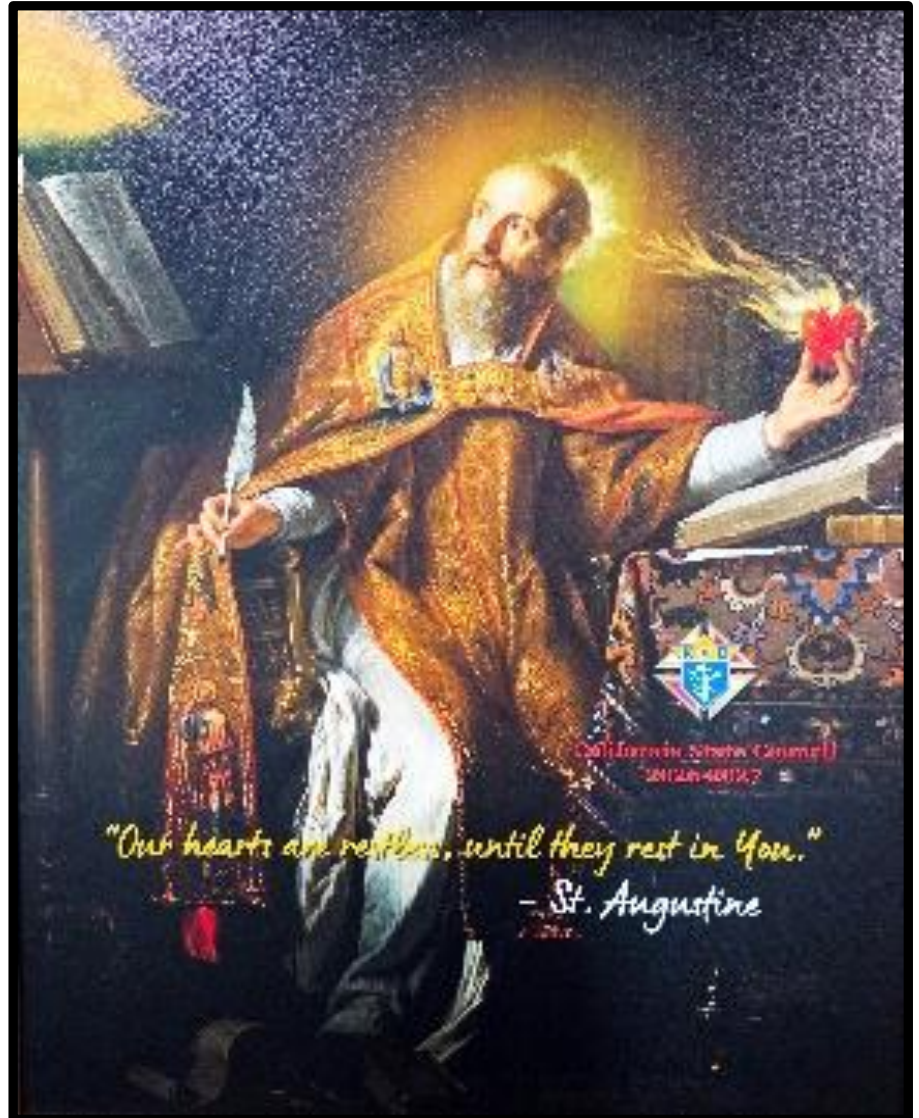
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GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTATIONS

We started August off with a bang when Brother Knights Louis Machdo, Kevin Kriebel, and Richard Shaver showed up first at 5:00 am for the Gear Up and Go Program in Chico. The Chico councils were thankful that our Paradise council showed up in uniform to help. The thanks continued at the end of the program when our Brother Knights stayed to clean up and put everything away. The Gear Up and Go Program was put together to help needy students in Butte County with back to school needs. Besides supporting these efforts, our council donated \$300.00 to help STM Youth Group members with their back to school needs. Youth Group leader, Sandra Rodriguez, and the STM Youth Group thanked us for our efforts.

A special thanks goes to our Trustees, Brother Knights Frank Nunes, Henry Martin, and Gerald Regalia for reviewing and approving our 2025-2026 Supreme audit. The audit confirmed that our council is in great fiscal shape. We overspent our projected budget by a few hundred dollars while still maintaining adequate funds in checking and savings for projected expenditures in the 2026-2027 fiscal year. We also maintain a substantial investment account with the Knights of Columbus to take care of any emergency needs. I have appointed Brother Knight, Michael Krzanich, as chairman of the fundraising committee which will review all of our existing fundraisers and will brainstorm new ones to present to our council for approval. So far, Brother Michael has been joined by Brother Richard Shaver on the committee. If you wish to join the committee, contact Brother Michael at: 408-202-1000.

Attendance at August events was fantastic. Thanks to all the Officers for attending our August 12 meeting. Only two officers were missing because they had to report to work that morning. I counted about 16 at the Pro Life rosary on August 16. Our dedication to Mary and to the Pro-life effort was evident especially since everyone has in uniform. We almost ran out of pizza at our August 19 Business Meeting since 20 members showed up. With so many attending, we were able to finish planning our September 6 Pancake Breakfast and September 12 Chapter Meeting.

At our Business Meeting, District Deputy, Dave Abbott confirmed that our council has met all the requirements for Star Council for the 2025-2026 year. This will be two years in a row that we have earned this honor.

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DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

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.

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September / October

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

Sat 3:	9:00am - 2:00 pm	Blood Drive
Wed. 7:	9:30-10:30 am:	Officers Meeting
Wed. 14:	6:30 - 9:00 pm:	Rosary, meal, Business meeting ; awards
Sat. 17:	6:00 - 9:00 pm:	Columbus Day Dinner; auction items
Sun. 18:	10:00 - 10:25 am:	Rosary before Mass

Martin Rivera—1 st	Sal Castellanos—3 rd	Steven Barnes—9 th
Chris Bolshazy—9 th	Gabriel M Poje—10 th	Edward Gregorio—23 rd

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 De-Cristofaro, Frank Nunes, Kathy Keesling, Phil and Helen Kelly, Gordon Massae, Deon Mangan 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 and the Jimenez families who are grieving for their loved ones.

Al Potthast is at Sunshine Assisted Living, 1468 Sun Manor, Paradise, Ca. 95959. (866) 892-7533. Leo Benedetti and Jim Daley are at home. Kathy and I are taking Communion to Jim Daley and Leo Benedetti. Henry Martin is taking communion to Al Potthast. I have sent a get-well card to Deon Mangan.

Garden of Innocence

KNIGHT HUMOR

- The problem with political jokes is they get elected. ~Henry Cate, VII^{[SEP][SEP]}
- We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office. ~Aesop^{[SEP][SEP]}
- Don't vote, it only encourages them. ~Author Unknown^{[SEP][SEP]}
- There ought to be one day - just one - when there is open season on senators. ~Will Rogers

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT (CON'T)

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, and, as always, thank you for your charity and service!

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GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTATIONS (CON'T)

We have three new candidates finishing requirements for an Exemplification ceremony in the near future. Thanks to your efforts inviting new members and providing an example of what a vibrant council looks like, we continue to grow. Speaking of vibrant, I have kept a rough total of volunteer hours by council members since July 1. This includes attendance at meetings and efforts to serve our Brothers and our community. Thirty-five members have accumulated 529 hours so far. Congratulations for all the hours you have given.

I will be emailing you the lists of those who have volunteered for the upcoming Pancake Breakfast and Chapter Meeting. These events will give us an opportunity to reach out and serve our St. Thomas More parishioners and our Brother Knights from councils throughout Northern California.

Keep up the great work. Working together, always remembering our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism, we can be the best council that we can be.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

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.

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