



Knights' News

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GRAND KNIGHT'S CORNER

Dear Brother S.K.'s Honor Guard members:

The month of October gave us the honor to serve Brother S.K. Michael Gainok and Brother S.K. William "Bill" Bruening at their funeral Mass. Brother S.K. John Pereira and I were able to travel to Igo to attend the interment of Brother S.K. Michael Gainok at the Northern California Veterans Cemetery.

It is hard to get a respectable number of Honor Guard personal to these important Funeral and Rosary events. Please consider joining our Honor Guard Corp.

Just a reminder that we will have Honor Guard practice on November 4th at 5:00 pm before the Rosary at 5:30 pm. Please bring your beret, sword and baldric and your gloves. Please continue to review your Honor Guard Drill Manual.

New members are needed to fill the needs of the Honor Guard. Interested 4th degree members, please contact HGC, Greg DeCristofaro at (530)588-3790) or at gregdec@att.net.

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

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 Sunday, 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 and can be accessed by clicking [here](#). The two councils in Chico are collaborating to hold Cor meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM 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. 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! Thank you for your charity and service!

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Calendar of Events**November / December**

Nov.	1	All Saints Day
Nov.	2	All Souls Day and K of C Breakfast Burritos after both Masses
Nov.	11	7:00 - 8:00 am: Place flags on the Skyway for Veterans Day 4:00 - 5:00 pm: Take down flags on the Skyway
Nov.	12	Officer's Meeting at 9:30 am
Nov.	16	10:00 - 10:25 am: Rosary before Mass
Nov.	19	6:30pm--Rosary, meal, Business meeting
Nov.	23	Christ the King
Nov.	30	First Sunday of Advent
Dec.	10	Officer's Meeting at 9:30 am
Dec.	17	6:30pm: Rosary, meal, Business meeting

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Christopher Rehmann—8th
 Mark Fowler—19th
 Fr. Chuck Kelly—24th
 Jim Collins—30th

Joseph Linn-Galan—10th
 Bruce Epperson—22nd
 Gerald Regalia—27th

Leo Bourgeois—19th
 Matthew Samson—22nd
 John Smith Jr—27th

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, repose of the soul of Deacon Bill Bruening 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—WHY, WHY, WHY?

- Why did Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?
- If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?
- Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?
- Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?
- How come you never hear father-in-law jokes?
- In winter why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT (CON'T)

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GRAND KNIGHT'S CORNER (CON'T)

In His Service, Greg DeCristofaro, 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, most 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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Grand Knight's Corner 11-25

Dear brother Knights,

Thank you again for a very successful Columbus Day Dinner. The decorations, videos and set up and serving was an event we can all be proud off. We had an opportunity to show our parishioners who we are. I thank our brother Jim Cillins who won the 50/50 drawing and donated half of his prize back to the I.D. drive. We are able to give \$375 each to Special Olympics and Camp ReCreation. On October 4th, I attended a joint meeting of all the Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries from District 2 and district 3 at Our Divine Savior Hall. On October 10th, I lead our Honor Guard for S.K. Michael Gainok Rosary and Funeral at Our Divine Savior Church in Chico. On October 29th, I had the honor to lead our Assembly Honor Guard unit for S.K. Deacon Bill Bruening funeral Mass at St. John the Baptist Church in Chico. I have not heard back from T.W.

Starkweather on the proposal to make the Garden of Innocence 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 **November 16th** at 10:00 am. 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. I will talk to Fr. Chuck for a date mid-November. 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 **Burrito Breakfast is on November 2nd**. We still need more brother Knights to step up and help. Brother Francisco Rivera is going to show us how to make breakfast burritos. Remember to keep 1,2,3,3 in mind. At our October business meeting, the 50/50 drawing winner was not present. The 50/50 pot is now up to \$99.50. 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.