

The CRUSADER



KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS #3162

Peace and All Good



A Message from our Grand Knight

Worthy Brothers,

As we transition into the warmth of late summer, the Church invites us to center our spiritual lives on the **Immaculate Heart of Mary**. In a world often filled with noise, anxiety, and weariness, Our Lady's heart offers us a sanctuary of perfect love, purity, and steadfast trust in Divine Providence.

The **Solemnity of the Assumption** (August 15th), a beautiful reminder that our ultimate home is in Heaven. As Our Mother Mary was taken body and soul into glory, let us look to her as a star of hope, guiding us to live with our eyes fixed on Christ and our hearts devoted to His service.

Let this August be a time of spiritual renewal. I encourage you all to:

- **Spend time in quiet prayer:** Reflect on Mary's receptivity to God's will.
- **Celebrate the Sacraments:** Attend Mass on August 15th.
- **Pray the Rosary:** Offer this powerful prayer for peace in your homes and in the world.

"May the Immaculate Heart of Mary wrap you in her mantle of peace, and may Almighty God bless you abundantly this month."

Our **Golf tournament** was cancelled due to last minute course closure on the base for emergency repairs.

Golf Auction continues and closed on August 14, Please consider bidding on an item to support our worthy charities.
<https://kofc3162.org/golf-auction/>

Council Updates

MINISTRY SUNDAY
8/2/2026

Corporate Communion
8/9/2026

BABY BOTTLES DISTRIBUTION
Aug 8/9

FEAST SAN LUIS REY
Aug 22

GOLF TOURNAMENT ONLINE AUCTION
BIDDING IS OPEN!



Semper Fi, In Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

Jeff Ripa GK



Blessed Michael McGivney

We need brotherhood — a brotherhood that pushes us to be better men, better husbands, better fathers.

That was true in 1882, when Father Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, and it's just as true today.

Father McGivney Guild

Keeping the Faith

Father McGivney not only lived a life devoted to the Catholic faith; he also focused all his spiritual, mental and physical energies on helping others persevere and grow in that faith, and he guarded against whatever might diminish the practice of Catholicism.

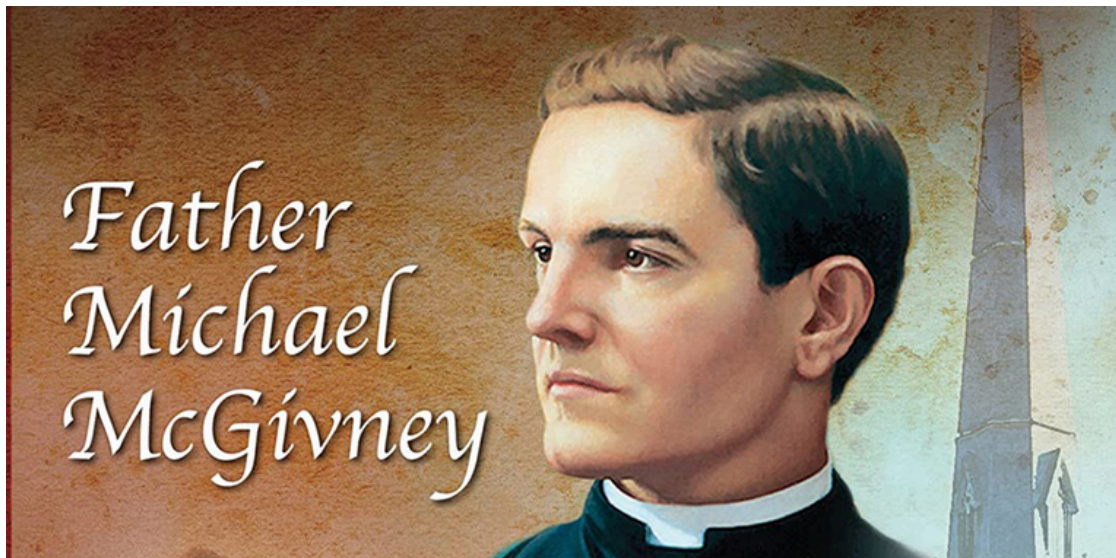
For Father McGivney's newly formed Knights, protecting the faith of Catholics was the prime concern, and this quickly took three forms.

First, the Knights would serve as an antidote to those secret societies that lured Catholic men away from their faith by offering financial benefits.

Second, the Order's insurance program would help keep Catholic families together when a breadwinner died; this would also help prevent a loss of faith among widows and orphans forced to live in state institutions or with non-Catholic relatives or adoptive families.

Third, the Knights would champion the full rights of American citizenship for Catholics. This, too, would support the Church, since ensuring equal rights for Catholics would help limit the social or civil pressure on them to abandon their faith.

Visit the Father McGivney Guild at **www.fathermcgivney.org** for more information. It's Free to join!



COUNCIL CALENDAR

AS OF 6/5/2026

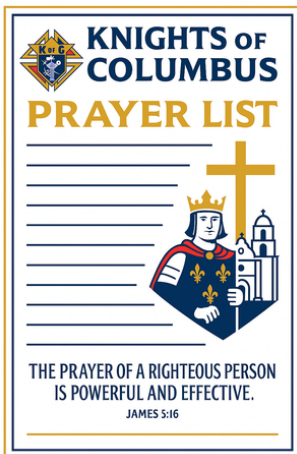
KofC COUNCIL 3162
FRATERNAL CALENDAR 2026-2027

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DATES	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	PURPOSE	CHAIRMAN
7/1/2026	WED	1900 - 2000	GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING	KNIGHTS HALL	ORGANIZATION MEETING	GRAND KNIGHT
7/5/2026	SUN	10 AM MASS	CORPORATE COMMUNION	PARISH CHURCH	TOGETHERNESS	GRAND KNIGHT
7/15/2026	WED	N/A	FAMILY OF THE MONTH REPORT (#10784) DUE		FAMILY	BK ALEX RIVERA
7/29/2026	WED	1900 - 2000	OFFICERS' PLANNING MEETING	KNIGHTS HALL	ORGANIZATION MEETING	GRAND KNIGHT

8/5/2026	WED	1900 - 2000	GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING	KNIGHTS HALL	ORGANIZATION MEETING	GRAND KNIGHT
8/8/2026	SAT	ALL MASSES	DISTRIBUTION BABY BOTTLES	PARISH CHURCH	LIFE	PGK ARMANDO MENA
8/9/2026	SUN	ALL MASSES	DISTRIBUTION BABY BOTTLES	PARISH CHURCH	LIFE	PGK ARMANDO MENA
8/9/2026	SUN	10 AM MASS	CORPORATE COMMUNION	PARISH CHURCH	TOGETHERNESS	GRAND KNIGHT
8/14/2026	FRI	ALL DAY	GOLF TOURNAMENT	MM GOLF COURSE	CHARITY	PGK DAVID AUSTIN
8/15/2026	SAT		ANNUAL COUNCIL AUDIT (#1296) DUE	KNIGHTS HALL	ORGANIZATION MEETING	TRUSTEES
8/15/2026	WED	N/A	FAMILY OF THE MONTH REPORT (#10784) DUE		FAMILY	BK ALEX RIVERA
8/15/2026	SAT	ALL MASSES	COLLECTION BABY BOTTLES	PARISH CHURCH	LIFE	PGK ARMANDO MENA
8/16/2026	SUN	ALL MASSES	COLLECTION BABY BOTTLES	PARISH CHURCH	LIFE	PGK ARMANDO MENA
8/22/2026	SAT	1500-2100	FEAST OF SAN LUIS REY	SERRA GARDEN	PARISH	TBD
8/26/2026	WED	1900 - 2000	OFFICERS' PLANNING MEETING	KNIGHTS HALL	ORGANIZATION MEETING	GRAND KNIGHT

PRAYER LIST



Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

Please remember the following Brother Knights in your Prayers:

BKs Fernando Acuna, Joe Alvarado, Tony Andreas, PGK Dennis Barmettler, Lee Bickford, Michael Brown, Felipe Enriquez, Raul Esquivel, Rudy Estrada, Richard Giroux, Jerry Grothe, Ron Harvey, Fr. Peter Kirwin OFM, PGK Dave Marvin, Dean McCleary, Mel Nacional, Harry Osborn, GK Jeff Ripa, George Rovetto, Ricky Ruffier, Ben Russell, Don Schweibold, John Shaffer, John Winslow, & For the safe return of all of our Deployed military council members.

Please pray for our Knights family: Cassandra Marvin (wife of PGK Dave), Mae Signori (widow of BK Pete), & for the repose of the soul of Heather Severy (daughter of deceased BK Bill).

Pray for the Repose of the soul of long time council member BK Robert Mocny who passed away recently. May he rest in peace.

FR. EDWARD SARRAZIN, OFM, 65, PASSES AWAY

FELLOW COUNCIL MEMBER AND ONE OF COUNCIL #3162'S FIRST SPONSORED SEMINARIANS WHO BECAME A PRIEST, BK FR. ED SARRAZIN, OFM, PASSED AWAY LAST MONTH. HIS OBITUARY IS BELOW.

**MAY FR. ED REST IN PEACE.
GOD BLESS YOU ALL,**

Fr. Edward Sarrazin, OFM, died on July 25, 2026, in Tucson, Arizona, after a brief period in hospice care. He is remembered for his gentleness, kindness, simplicity and subtle sense of humor. Devoting his life to the example of St. Francis, he accompanied the marginalized and spent more than 10 years ministering to the Native peoples of south-central Arizona.

A Funeral Mass for Fr. Ed will be held on Wednesday, August 5 at 3 p.m. at San Xavier Mission Church, 1950 W. San Xavier Road in Tucson followed by visitation in the church and a reception in the school cafeteria. The Rite of Committal will take place on Thursday, August 6 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Francis Cemetery at 2033 N 48th Street, Phoenix, Arizona, 85008.

Born in Montebello, California on July 29, 1960, to Joseph and Irene (née Poty) Sarrazin, he graduated from Montebello High School and earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from California State University, Los Angeles in 1986.

His path to a religious vocation was slow and purposeful. He first considered joining the Benedictines and then the Vincentians. However, after spending time at Old Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside, California and reading the Rule of the Friars Minor, he knew he had found his calling. He made simple vows as a Franciscan friar on July 14, 2001; professed solemn vows on Aug. 20, 2005; and was ordained a priest on June 16, 2007, by Bishop Gerald Kicanas of the Diocese of Tucson.

Leading up to and after ordination, he served at San Xavier del Bac Parish, a historic mission church built by friars in the late 18th-century in the Sonoran Desert on the Tohono O'odham Nation reservation.

In 2016, he started new responsibilities as parochial vicar of St. Mary's Basilica, the oldest Catholic parish in Phoenix, Arizona, and a historic downtown landmark. After care of the Basilica was returned to the Diocese of Phoenix in July 2023, he returned to San Xavier del Bac as parochial vicar.

Fr. Ed is survived by his brother Victor of Middletown, New York, other family and friends, and the friars of the Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe.





BREAKING NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS TO BK LEE BICKFORD FOR 35 YEARS OF SERVICE IN KOFC.

365 Club donations

Thank you to all the Council #3162 members who donated a penny per day for a year to the 365 Club. Through your 365 Club participation this Columbian year, we collectively donated \$487.77 to the State Council. In 1955, the State Council created California Columbian Charities, Inc. The charity is dedicated to assisting California Brothers in financial distress, including their widows. For nearly seventy years, we have consistently worked to provide CHARITY, the first principle of our Order, and to fulfill Blessed Father McGivney's mandate of BROTHER HELPING BROTHER. Watch for your invitation to the "365 Club" on your 2027 KofC dues notice. God Bless you all.

The Knights of Columbus empowers Catholic men to live their faith and serve their family, parish, community, and country.

2026-27 Council draft Budget and Schedule

The Council Draft Budget and Schedule for Fraternal year 2026-27 are posted on the council website for your review. If you have any questions or input, please contact the GK, DGK or Financial Sec.

Columbian Senior Advisory Service

The Columbian Senior Advisory Service, CSAS, a service available by calling (800) 273-0068, provides free professional and unbiased assistance to knights and families seeking information on senior care options, retirement housing and supportive services.

Sooner or later someone in our Council, someone in our family, is likely to need advice. To fill that need, the Columbian Retirement Home Corporation added this state-wide consultant service program to the senior residence already provided by our Columbian Center in Marysville, California. CSAS provides free reliable, unbiased information on housing and care in your neighborhood, or any California neighborhood of your choice. Professionally trained advisors will guide you to find non-profit, for-profit and/or faith based resources to address:

- Independent living
- Assisted living
- Home care staffing
- Nursing homes
- Dementia care
- Financing options
- Supportive services

CSAS counselors are dedicated and attentive to supporting our seniors. Their service is provided through the Columbian Retirement Home Corporation by Senior Care Solutions, the highly qualified group of trained professional geriatric consultants with over 20 years of experience and more than 10,000 senior clients.

For questions and/or assistance, call CSAS at (800) 273-0068.

Pope Leo XIV to the Knights of Columbus: Be Prophets of Harmony

Dear Brother Knight,

As the 144th Supreme Convention began this week in Denver, the Knights received a special video greeting from His Holiness Pope Leo XIV.

Click below to watch his message:

[Watch Video](#)

Addressing the Convention's theme of "In The One, We Are One," the Holy Father reflected on the importance of promoting the virtues of unity and charity, encouraging all Knights "to continue bearing witness to that concord which Jesus so ardently desires in your families, your parishes and in the wider communities where you live and serve."

Noting that "works of charity...can often be a way to promote unity," the Holy Father also expressed his "deep gratitude for your Order's continued generosity to the less fortunate" and his "trust that your endeavors will continue to bear fruit for many years to come."

Tune in to our convention coverage, including the Supreme Knight's Report, on our website, and follow us on social media for more news and updates!

Fraternally,
Knights of Columbus



Officer List



2026-2027 Council #3162 Officers

GK – Jeff Ripa

DGK – Alex Rivera

Chancelor – Tim Scott

Recorder – Peter Mariani

Treasurer – Ed Bagon

Advocate – Eric Ford

Warden – Pete Teriele

Inside Guard – Phil DeRoulet

Outside Guard – Bill Liggan

1-Year Trustee – PGK Dave Austin

2- Year Trustee - Ron Pombo

3-Year Trustee – PGK Tim Muleady





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