

The CRUSADER



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #3162

Peace and All Good



A Message from our Grand Knight

Worthy Brothers,

As we enter the heart of autumn, I am reminded of the many blessings our Council has received throughout this year. October is a special month in our Catholic faith. It is dedicated to the Holy Rosary and provides us with an **opportunity to strengthen our devotion to Our Blessed Mother** while renewing our commitment to prayer, charity, unity, and fraternity.

I would like to extend my **sincere gratitude** to all of our members and families who have participated in our recent programs, parish activities, and charitable efforts. Your generosity of time, talent, and treasure continues to make a meaningful difference within our parish and community. Every volunteer hour, every donation, and every act of kindness reflects the mission of the Knights of Columbus and the teachings of Christ.

As we look ahead to the coming months, we have many opportunities to serve.

As we prepare for **Advent and Christmas**, I encourage every member to get involved. Whether through service or leadership, your participation strengthens our Council and our mission.

October is a reminder of **faith-filled leadership**. Let us continue to be examples of Christian virtue in our families, workplaces, and community. Through prayer and service, we can strengthen our Church and inspire others.

Please remember our clergy, parish staff, fellow Knights, and those in need, especially our sick and homebound members. May Our Lady of the Rosary intercede for them.

Thank you for your dedication and brotherhood. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meetings and events as we continue serving God, our Church, and our community.

Semper Fi, In Charity, Unity
and Fraternity.

Jeff Ripa GK

Council Updates

**ID DRIVE PANCAKE
BREAKFAST –**
10/25/2026 SUN
0800-1200

**VETERANS
PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**
11/8/2026 SUN 0800-
1200

**FOOD FOR
FAMILIES**
11/14/2026 - 11/15/2026
SAT & SUN ALL
MASSES

**KEEP CHRIST IN
CHRISTMAS**
11/21/2026, 11/22/2026,
11/28/2026, &
11/29/2026 SAT & SUN
ALL MASSES



OCTOBER
Month of the
Holy Rosary

PRAYER
CHARITY
UNITY
FRATERNITY

*"Pray the Rosary
every day to obtain
peace for the world."*

— Our Lady of Fatima

Faith in Action

Serving Our Church,
Our Families,
Our Community

FAMILIES
COMMUNITY
SERVICE
A STRONGER
CHURCH

*As We Prepare for
Advent and Christmas...*

*Be Involved.
Make a Difference.*



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KofC Online membership:

Inviting a Catholic Gentleman to join KofC is easier today. We live our lives online. We pay our bills online (even if you still use paper checks, your kids or grandkids don't). We communicate electronically – if you want anyone under age 30 to be in touch with you, don't bother leaving a voice message...send a text! We stay in touch digitally – Facebook anyone? We live our lives online because it's quicker, it's easier, and it's more immediate...the same reasons why encouraging men to join the Order online is the preferred way.

- **It's quicker** – the online join application takes less than 5 minutes to complete. And once the man clicks "Accept" on the confirmation email he receives...he's a member. No need to complete a Form 100. No need to find the grand knight and financial secretary so they can sign it. No need to scan and email it to New Haven or (gasp!) put it in an envelope and mail it.
- **It's easier.** The online join application is very straightforward...we only ask for the information we truly need and – of course – for the applicant to attest that he is eligible for membership!
- **It's more immediate.** Once the applicant completes the application and clicks "Accept" on the email confirmation, he's a member. No need to wait for an exemplification. No need to wait for the Supreme Council to process the transaction. He's a member – that day!
- **It remains true that** – for the vast majority of members – a local council provides the best membership experience. That's why more than 80% of the men who join the Order online quickly attend an Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity and join a council. While that process is happening, though, the man is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and he and his family can take advantage of all the benefits that membership has to offer.

Why online membership? Three reasons. It's quick. It's easy. It's immediate. Ask a Catholic Gentleman to join the KofC today...and help him to do so online. You, he, and his family will be glad you did.

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.

COUNCIL CALENDAR

DATES	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	PURPOSE	CHAIRMAN
10/3/2026	SAT	1000-1600	MISSION BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS	OLD MISSION	MISSION SUPPORT	TBD
10/7/2026	WED	1900 - 2000	GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING	KNIGHTS HALL	ORGANIZATION MEETING	GRAND KNIGHT
10/11/2026	SUN	10 AM MASS	CORPORATE COMMUNION	PARISH CHURCH	TOGETHERNESS	GRAND KNIGHT
10/15/2026	THU	N/A	FAMILY OF THE MONTH REPORT (#10784) DUE		FAMILY	BK ALEX RIVERA
10/17/2026	SAT	TBD	HABITAT FOR HUMANITY	TBD	COMMUNITY	BK ROCKY
10/18/2026	SUN	ALL MASSES	CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST	PARISH CHURCH	COMMUNITY	BK MARCO GONZALEZ
10/25/2026	SUN	0800-1400	ID DRIVE PANCAKE BREAKFAST	SERRA GARDEN	STATE KofC	TBD
10/28/2026	WED	1900 - 2000	OFFICERS' PLANNING MEETING	KNIGHTS HALL	ORGANIZATION MEETING	GRAND KNIGHT
11/1/2026	SUN	ALL MASSES	REMEMBERING OUR FAITHLY DEPARTED	SERRA GARDENS	FAMILY	BK ALEX RIVERA
11/4/2026	WED	1900 - 2000	GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING	KNIGHTS HALL	ORGANIZATION MEETING	GRAND KNIGHT
11/8/2026	SUN	0800-1400	VETERANS PANCAKE BREAKFAST	SERRA GARDEN	COUNCIL	COMMUNITY DIRECTOR
11/8/2026	SUN	10 AM MASS	CORPORATE COMMUNION	PARISH CHURCH	TOGETHERNESS	GRAND KNIGHT
11/14/2026	SAT	ALL MASSES	FOOD FOR FAMILIES	SERRA GARDENS	FAMILY	BK ALEX RIVERA
11/15/2026	SUN	ALL MASSES	FOOD FOR FAMILIES	SERRA GARDENS	FAMILY	BK ALEX RIVERA
11/15/2027	SUN	TBD	RSVP - REFUND VOCATIONS PROGRAM	TBD	FAITH	BK VERN
11/15/2026	SUN	0800-1400	COATS FOR KIDS	SERRA GARDEN	COMMUNITY	BK MARCO GONZALEZ
11/15/2026	SUN	N/A	FAMILY OF THE MONTH REPORT (#10784) DUE		FAMILY	BK ALEX RIVERA
11/21/2026	SAT	ALL MASSES	KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS	SERRA GARDEN	FAMILY	BK ALEX RIVERA
11/22/2026	SUN	ALL MASSES	KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS	SERRA GARDEN	FAMILY	BK ALEX RIVERA
11/25/2026	MON	1900 - 2000	OFFICERS' PLANNING MEETING	KNIGHTS HALL	ORGANIZATION MEETING	GRAND KNIGHT
11/28/2026	SAT	ALL MASSES	KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS	SERRA GARDEN	FAMILY	BK ALEX RIVERA
11/29/2026	SUN	ALL MASSES	KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS	SERRA GARDEN	FAMILY	BK ALEX RIVERA

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, Bob Conboy, Hank Donigan III, Felipe Enriquez, Rudy Estrada, Richard Giroux, Ron Harvey, Fr. Peter Kirwin, Dean McCleary, Don Mooney, Mel Nacional, GK Jeff Ripa, George Rovetto, Ricky Ruffier, Ben Russell, Don Schweibold, John Shaffer, and John Winslow.

For the safe return of all of our deployed military members.

For the repose of the souls of BKs Otto Bandemer, Vince Giracello, Robert Mocny, and Fr. Ed Sarrazin. May they rest in peace. 🙏



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

- **BK John-Henry Freeman for 25 years of service in KofC.**
- **BK Tito Luna for 25 years of service in KofC.**
- **Fr. Louis Khoury for 25 years of service in KofC.**



- **BK Tony Andreas for 40 years of service in KofC.**
- **BK Fernando Acuna for 40 years of service in KofC.**



- **BK Richard Giroux for 45 years of service in KofC.**



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!

Columbian Senior Advisory Service (CSAS)

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**

Columbian Retirement Home, Inc., P.O. Box 4338, El Monte, CA 91734

Additional information can be found at

<https://www.californiaknights.org/columbian-senior-advisory-service/>

AROUND OUR PARISH

IN THE NEWS



**SEPTEMBER KNIGHT
OF THE MONTH
FR. JIM
OUR PASTORAL
LEADER**

OUR GRAND KNIGHT

MISSION PANTRY

Right - KofC Delivers Pantry Check for those in need

Below - Feast of St Francis



Brothers,

As Americans we celebrate and give thanks to God for the 250th anniversary of the United States. The American story is one of 250 years of great sacrifices, freedoms and the responsibility to bear those freedoms well.

This month I want to talk to you about a special kind of freedom - freedom in retirement.

What do you want your retirement to look like? Maybe you'd like to spend more time with family, travel, volunteer or pursue hobbies.

If you're already retired, you likely know how important it is to prepare financially for this period of life.

Retired or not, have you considered just how long your retirement could be? It could, in fact, last multiple decades. Will you have enough money to cover the lifestyle you want for years to come?

Now, you might doubt that your retirement will span decades. But what about your family? Will their needs be taken care of when you're no longer here? What legacy do you want to leave your children and grandchildren?

Don't miss the opportunity to prepare for the freedom of long-term financial stability in retirement. While it's easy to get lost in the expenses in front of us right now, planning ahead with insurance and fixed annuities can pay off enormously for you and your loved ones.

The hardest step may be making the initial decision to start. From there, it doesn't need to be intimidating.

I'm here to partner with you in finding insurance solutions. Whether you want to review the retirement plan you already have in place or are just beginning your journey, we can work together to make sure you have what you need.

Please come see me after the meeting and we can schedule a time to meet. Thank you for your time! Let's continue to thank God for our nation and for all his blessings.

Thank you!

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