



Knights' News

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8th Annual Christmas Party
for
Kids on the Ridge

Dec. 16 10am-1pm

An event for kids from Paradise,
Magalia, Stirling City, Inskip & Concow
up to age 12

**Come meet
Santa
& Mrs. Claus**

Veterans Memorial Hall
6550 Skyway • Paradise
for info call Karen Crook
707-321-7715

Sponsored by The Paradise Host Lions Club

GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTATIONS

With the end of the year fast approaching, I want to express my thanks to the Knights that help with our success as Knights at St. Thomas More. Some of us come to every Officer and Business Meeting. Some of us are the horsepower to get the cooking events done and some of us work behind the scenes, producing the newsletter, content for the newsletter and documentation of our meetings. No matter how you contribute, I want to thank you. It takes all of us to be successful.

We are still looking for Catholics to come home to St. Thomas More. Many are still within Paradise/Magalia but stopped attending Mass after the fire. When our ranks increase so is the opportunity for faithful Catholics to serve with us in the Knights of Columbus. Sometimes inviting a neighbor or friend can lead them back to our church. All are welcomed! It's amazing to me how many Catholics are on the Ridge.

There are many events this holiday season. First at the Veterans Hall is "Kids on the Ridge". Sponsored by the Lions and American Legion, it is a family event starting at 10:00am on 16 December 2023 and ending at 1:00pm. St. Thomas More helps with providing gifts for the event. Light lunch for kids is free, parents and adults will be charged a small fee. Paradise on Ice / Winter Wonderland. Located at Terry Ashe Park open every day starting at midday and closing around 10:00pm. They have skate rentals available and cost for entry is \$14. Check Paradise Chamber of Commerce online for more holiday events.

Wishing my fellow Knights and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2024. Get out and help your community!

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DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

Wishing you all a merry Christmas and most blessed Advent season! As we start the new liturgical year, it is a time of faith, hope, and renewal. It gives us a new start and new chance to live the Lord's Gospel and demonstrate our devotion to Him by the way we lead our lives.

All of the councils in District 2 have just concluded or are planning major upcoming events. Council 1137 at St. John the Baptist Church in Chico will be holding their annual Crab Feed the evening of Saturday, February 10 (traditionally the evening before the Super Bowl). Like last year it has gone back to a face-to-face format and promises to be a most enjoyable event! For tickets contact Grand Knight Matt Crete at matt.crete@outlook.com or call 530-864-4040. Council 7773 at St. Thomas More Church in Paradise just completed erecting over sixty flags along the Skyway on Veteran's Day, and are currently involved with the construction of a new Social Hall replacing the one that burned in the Camp Fire in 2018. Council 9135 at Immaculate Conception Church in Corning just participated in the annual Corning Olive Festival and has begun hosting monthly Corn Hole tournaments in the Parish Hall. The next one will be December 17 at 3:00 PM. The entry fee is \$20 with half going to the winner's purse. Council 13765 at Our Divine Savior Church in Chico just concluded a successful Harvest Festival netting approximately \$1,300 for the parish youth Group. Councils 1137 and 13765 are collaborating to begin the COR "Men of the Word" Bible Study Program. The first meeting will be on January 16 at 7:00 PM in Room 2 of the ODS Parish Social Hall.

The Supreme Council continues to push online membership as a means for eligible Catholic men to join and learn more about the Knights. Free online membership has been extended through June 30, 2024. By entering the code "BlessedMcGivney" in the online membership application at kofc.org/joinus, prospective candidates can join for free for the first year.

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Calendar of Events**December / January**

Dec. 2	Camino at STM (K of C 10am to 3pm)
Dec. 6	Reconciliation 4-6 pm at STM
Dec. 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Dec. 13	K of C Officers meeting at 9:00am
Dec. 20	Knight's meeting, Rosary at 6:30pm, Business at 7:00pm
Dec. 25	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Dec. 31	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Jan. 1	Solemnity of Mary
Jan. 1	New Years Day
Jan. 7	K of C Hospitality
Jan. 10	K of C Officers meeting at 9:00am
Jan. 17	Knight's meeting, Rosary at 6:30pm, Business at 7:00pm

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Tom Ussery—8 th	Raymond Szczepanski—14 th	Thomas Cunningham Jr—17 th
Leo Lemmus Jr—22 nd	Bruce Hasek—25 th	Clint Stephens—29 th
Caesar Vega—30 th	Kieran O'Leary—31 st	

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Please continue to pray for those on our prayer list: Greg Wright, Greg Foreman, Leo & Beverly Benedetti, Ron Martin, John Thomas, Jim and Lani McManus, Leo Bourgeois, Richard Reniero, Greg & Kathy DeCristofaro (cancer), Gina and Duncan Barnard, Israel Garcia, Barbara Brown, John Johnson, Karen Philips, Jerry Foster, Kim Keysling (K.O.'s daughter), Jeff Tolly, Barbara Collins, Bob Smith, Deacon Ray Helgeson, Brooke Westman, Denise Hughes and Pope Francis. We are sorry to report the passing of Dan Hegenbart on November 8th.

Please remember those who are serving our country in the armed forces and those who fell victim to the natural disasters and the Corona Virus. Pray for all the health professionals, all our police and law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMT's and all who are trying to keep us safe. Pray for our brothers and sisters and allies who were left behind in Afghanistan. Pray for Israel 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—POLITICAL LIFE

- A politician is a fellow who will lay down your life for his country. ~ Texas Guinan
- Any American who is prepared to run for president should automatically, by definition, be disqualified from ever doing so. ~Gore Vidal
- I have come to the conclusion that politics is too serious a matter to be left to the politicians. ~Charles de Gaulle.
- Politics is supposed to be the second-oldest profession. I have come to realize that it bears a very close resemblance to the first. ~Ronald Reagan
- Instead of giving a politician the keys to the city, it might be better to change the locks. ~Doug Larson

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT (CON'T)

Online members count as new members when they are accepted into your council and participate in a Combined Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity! Share the gift of membership this Advent season by asking a qualified Catholic man to become a "Knight Before Christmas."

The end of December also marks the halfway point in the Columbian Year when several forms and reports come due, including the "Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity" and "Semi-Annual Council Audit Report." Both can be found on the District 2 website at kofc-ca-d2.org. It is equally important for those council officers required to do so to complete Supreme's Praesidium Armatus Safe Environment training. This is an online course that can be accessed on the Supreme website at kofc.org/safe. Those required to take the training (the council Grand Knight, Program Director, Family Director and Community Director) should choose the "Green" button and follow the instructions provided. Those who wish to take the training voluntarily may do so by clicking on the "Blue" button.

I am so proud of who you are and all that you do! Thank you for your charity and service! Have a happy and healthy new year. May God bless.

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KNIGHT'S CORNER

Many thanks to Kevin Kriebel for heading up the Veterans Day flag disbursement and recovery. Helping Kevin were Jim and Barbara Collins, Ed Boyd, Michael and Laura Krzanich and Greg DC. Thanks again for everyone pitching in to help serve and clean-up on our hospitality Sunday.

Congratulations to Sir Knight Michael Krzanich in receiving his Forth Degree last Saturday. Maybe our brother third degree's in our council to consider joining our forth degree assembly.

There is still a need for helpers at the Food Pantry at the First Baptist Church on Clark Road. Come and join Greg and Kathy D.C., Ron Martin, Phil and Susan Barteck, Dee Cox, Louise Cambray and Kathy Keys, Yoolie Lack and Deacon Mike. See Greg DeCristofaro for details or call him at 873-4132.

Best wishes to all for the Peace of Christ this Christmas and a blessed New Year.

INSURANCE INFO

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