



Knights' News

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Garden of Innocence



Dave Abbott, District Deputy; Jim Collins, Treasure; Kevin Kriebel, Outside Guard; Dave Lemire, Grand Knight; Greg DeCristofaro, Garden of Innocence Co-ordinator and Jack Lemire.



Presentation of the Ultrasound

GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTATIONS

Thirty-seven years teaching high school biology, environmental science and physical education and thirty-two years as a high school swim, diving and water polo coach are tremendous accolades by themselves, but it doesn't slow down our Brother Greg DeCristofaro. Always "on the move," Greg is the Knight that does many things for our council and community. Teaching is one aspect, but did you know that he successfully taught several divers that made it to the North Coast Diving Championship, and one of his students actually was the North Coast Diving Champion for three years! Because of this, when Antioch High School had a new professional pool area built, the school district named the pool in honor of Greg DeCristofaro. Quite the honor!

Recently, Greg spearheaded a financial drive to raise money for The Garden of Innocence in our area. Greg coordinated fund raising with many of our local Knights councils and worked with the director of Skyway Memorial Cemetery. The Garden of Innocence Program is to provide a proper burial service to those deceased and abandoned children. There are eleven babies that were interred.

Greg also took the lead and coordinated with CareNet of Paradise, the Knights of Columbus, and California Medical Devices in purchasing and providing a new, state of the art Ultrasound Machine that will replace an antiquated machine and will provide CareNet with the ability to save many lives from abortion.

I asked Greg "what do you like about the Knights of Columbus" and Greg's answer was "Helping others"--and that he does. You can find Greg helping out at St. Thomas More counting the monies after mass, or working at the local food pantry, stocking shelves and helping families in need, or at any of the Knights of Columbus food events.

Greg does a lot for our community, and we are fortunate to have him within the ranks of the Knights of Columbus.

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DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

Welcome to the Season of Easter! Although we just celebrated Easter on Sunday, March 31, the fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better yet as one "great Sunday". Easter is perhaps the summit of the religious year as we relive Jesus' sufferings and celebrate His ultimate sacrifice and conquering of death. In Him, we find more than an example, we find a way of life. Our Christian beliefs are manifested in the many acts of charity we carry out, both personally and through the Knights of Columbus.

As we move into April there are two events I would like to call to your attention. The first is a Fraternal Benefits Night on Tuesday, April 2 at 5:00 PM Pacific Time, featuring speaker, television personality and best-selling author Ed Slott. The topic is "Retirement Savings and Distribution Planning". Slott combines current research, in-depth expertise, and humor to teach viewers about the ins and outs of their retirements and provide insight into the latest tax and planning information. The presentation will be streamed online and is available to Knights and non-members alike. If you have not already registered, you can do so by clicking [here](#), or scanning the QR Code accompanying this article with your smart phone. By participating in the benefits night and inviting others in your council and parish to do so too, you also earn the Founder's Award, one of the requirements for Star Council. Please plan on participating and invite others you know to do so as well.

Second, I urge you to use the free online membership available through June 30 of this year to invite qualified Catholic men to join our Order. By entering the code "BlessedMcGivney" in the online application found on the Supreme Council website at kofc.org/join us, first-year membership dues will be waived. Be sure and enter your membership number in the appropriate line on the application to receive credit for the recruitment and valuable VIP points that can be redeemed at knightsgear.com.

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Calendar of Events**April / May**

Apr. 6	Parish retreat. 8:45am to 5pm (multipurpose Rm.) Need help with breakfast and luunch
Apr. 5	Eucharistic Camino, St. John's Chico 6:00pm
Apr. 7	Parish Retreat. 9:30am to 11:30am. (Parish church)
Apr. 7	K of C Hospitality after Mass; Divine Mercy Sunday. 2:00pm, Church
Apr. 10	K of C Officers meeting at 9:00am
Apr. 14	Tri-Tip luncheon
Apr. 17	Business meeting, Rosary at 6:30pm, Business meeting at 7:00pm
Apr. 20	Forth Degree Exemplification, 9:00 am, Vallejo
Apr. 22	Walk for Life, Sacramento
May 5	K of C Hospitality
May 8	K of C Officers meeting at 9:00am
May 15	Business meeting, Rosary at 6:30pm, Business meeting at 7:00pm

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:George Gordus—9thAnthony De Prima—10thChris Pustejovsky—10thMichael Rocklein—17thGregory Wright—19th**CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of one of our brother knights, SK Knight Jim Nokolby. To date we have no funeral arrangement information. Please continue to pray for those on our prayer list: Greg Wright, Leo Benedetti, Ron Martin, John Thomas, Jim and Lani McManus, Richard Reniero, Kathy DeCristofaro, Gina and Duncan Barnard, Israel Garcia, Barbara Brown, Jerry Foster, Jeff Tolly, Barbara Collins, Bob Smith, Jim and Lillian Daley, Deacon Ray and Donna Helgeson, Kendall Rensink (Dave Young's son-in-law) and Pope Francis.

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, 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—GOLF AND LIFE

- If profanity had any influence on the flight of the ball, the game of golf would be played far better than it is. ~ Horace G. Hutchinson
- They say golf is like life, but don't believe them. Golf is more complicated than that. ~ Gardner Dickinson
- If a lot of people gripped a knife and fork as poorly as they do a golf club, they'd starve to death. ~ Sam Snead

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT (CON'T)

Those who sign up online will immediately begin receiving emails, Columbia Magazine and a membership card allowing them to attend council meetings. They can easily be moved into a council if accepted by a vote of the members, and by participating in an Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Online members count as new members when they join a council. Let's all commit to bringing in at least one new member by year end!

Finally, it is important we celebrate our successes, especially in this fourth and final quarter of the year. I am so proud of all you have accomplished, both in terms of council activities, charitable works, and assisting your parish communities. Keep up the good work and let's finish the year strong!

Thank you for your charity and service! May God bless.

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KNIGHT'S CORNER

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Brother SK Jim Nokleby on March 22nd. We do not have any funeral information to date. Jim was very active in our council for many years. We are thankful for all you Brother Knights who put on our blue shirts and vests for our group picture for the new parish directory on March 10th. On March 2nd our Grand Knight along with Clare and Greg DC helped prepare lunches for 500 athletics at the Special Olympics. We hope to have more participation next year. We thank our brother Knights, Jim Collins, Chris Rehmann, Greg DC and Ed Boyd who led the parishioners in the Rosary on March 17th before Mass. Many thanks to Dave Abbott, our District Deputy, Dave Lemire, our Grand Knight, Greg Kidder, our Deputy Grand Knight, Kevin Kriebel and Greg DC, coordinator for taking photos at CareNet with the new Ultrasound machine and at the Garden of Innocence at Skyway Memorial Park with the new headstones installed. Thanks to all of you who participated in these missions making our acts of charity visible in our community. Also thanks to our brothers, Kevin Kriebel, Richard Shaver, David Young, Jim Cleary, John Thomas, Jim Collins, Greg Kidder, Greg DC and Scott Kelly for putting up our tents just in time to have them washed by the rains.

The Fourth Degree is still looking for a few good men to serve the Patriotic Branch of the Knights of Columbus. We are hoping to find new members to join the Honor Guard. The Honor Guard serves as the bishop's escort when he visits us and when he presides over Confirmation in our area. The Honor Guard also serves as escorts for our fallen Forth Degree Knights at their funeral. The Honor Guard also serves as an escort for the Garden of Innocence ceremonies to give a dignified burial to those abandoned babies. The next Fourth Degree Exemplification will be on April 20th. Please prayerfully consider joining us. Greg DeCristofaro will be happy to give you an application. If you would like to serve your community, think about joining the many helpers from our parish at the First Baptist Food Pantry. See Greg DC. For more information. Please call (530)873-4132 or (530) 588-3790.

INSURANCE INFO

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