



Knights' News

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The New Parish Hall



Greg Kidder stands in front of the new Parish Hall construction at St. Thomas More



GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTATIONS

Exciting news! We are growing and recovery is happening at St. Thomas More (STM). It's hard to miss the construction of the "New" Hall, which is being built by Slater and Son of Butte County. The Hall is in-line with Slater's philosophy on constructing vital community assets with unwavering quality. The Slater Family has a legacy of philanthropy and civic engagement within the community and is actively involved in youth development and empowerment and contributes to organizations like the Boys and Girls Clubs, CSU-Chico and Business Support for the local area. "It was a good choice to have Slater and Son construct our Hall," said Greg Kidder, STM Parish Steward.

Greg mentioned that it was important to be able to meet our current needs, but "when planning the Hall, I had to look fifty or more years into the future, because needs change with time." Kidder went on to say, the new Hall is double in size to the previous Hall, allowing us to have a meeting room, classroom, storage and a kitchen--similar to what we had in the previous Hall. New add-on features are a "Grand" entry portico, expanded restrooms, professional sized custodian closet and lots and lots of cabinet space, also, we will have a loading dock, to help us load and unload equipment and supplies and carpet to help quiet the space--features that were missing in the last building.

The bulk of construction will be complete this coming October 2024 with occupancy expected to happen from October thru November. "It's right on time for us," explained Kidder, "We've been doing so much with so little, and it's been hard. The Knights and parishioners will enjoy what this new building will bring to us and the community."

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DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

March is the month of Lent – commemorating the 40 days Jesus Christ spent fasting in the desert and enduring temptation by Satan. It was a precursor to his public ministry, and a time we can use to renew our devotion to Christ and His Gospels as we journey with him in the desert. It is a period of reflection and self-examination that necessarily ends with the great celebration of Easter!

March is also traditionally the month for membership drives. Founder's Day, the day Father McGivney created the Knights of Columbus at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut, is generally recognized and celebrated on March 29. Each year we attempt to recruit new members around that date in commemoration of the Order's anniversary. Ask your Pastor if you can hold a membership drive one weekend in March or April. Set up an information table outside the church and invite parishioners to join at all the Masses.

As an even more powerful recruiting tool, membership continues to be free to those joining online. By entering the code "BlessedMcGivney" in the online application found on the Supreme Council website at kofc.org/joinus, first-year membership dues are waived. The "QR" code accompanying this article, when scanned with the camera on a smartphone, will take you directly to the online membership application.

When members join online, welcome them into your council by having them attend a Combined Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. An online member counts as a new member when they join your council. Please share your exemplification dates with me and the other councils in the district so they can participate too if they have candidates waiting.



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Calendar of Events**March / April**

Mar. 10	Daylight Saving Time (Spring Forward)
Mar. 13	K of C Officers meeting at 9:00am
Mar. 17	Knights lead Rosary, 11:30 am
Mar. 20	Business Meeting, Rosary at 6:30 pm, Business meeting 7:00 pm
Mar. 21	Eucharist Exposition and Adoration, ODS, 9:00 am to 7:00 pm Eucharistic Camino, church open all night for adoration
Mar. 22	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, ODS, 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Reception to follow in the hall
Mar. 24	Palm Sunday, Passion of the Lord
Mar. 28	Holy Thursday of Holy Week
Mar. 29	Good Friday, Passion of the Lord
Mar. 31	Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord
Apr. 7	K of C Hospitality
Apr. 10	K of C Officers meeting at 9:00am
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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

James D Nokleby—2nd	Paul B Relei—2nd	Walter W Williams—3rd
David J Lemire—9 TH	Skyler T Brown—13th	David P Young--17 th
Kevin W Kriebel—18th	Gary G Behne—19 TH	Rev Patrick J Henry—19 th
Gary A Spanfelne—22 nd	Salvador Macias—24 th	Keith R Johnson—26 th

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Please continue to pray for those on our prayer list: Greg Wright, Leo Benedetti, Ron Martin, John Thomas, Jim and Lani McManus, Leo Bourgeois, Richard Reniero, Kathy DeCristofaro, Gina and Duncan Barnard, Israel Garcia, Barbara Brown, John Johnson, Karen Philips, Jerry Foster, Jeff Tolly, Barbara Collins, Bob Smith, Jim and Lillian Daley, Deacon Ray and Donna Helgeson and Pope Francis. It is with sadness that I found out that John Johnson passed away Friday, Feb. 23rd. His funeral at STM will be March 5th at 10:30 am.

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

- Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner. -**James Bovard**, Civil Libertarian (1994)
- Government is the great fiction, through which everybody endeavors to live at the expense of everybody else. -**Frederic Bastiat**, French Economist (1801-1850)
- Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you! -**Pericles** (430 B.C.)
- No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session. -**Mark Twain** (1866)

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT (CON'T)

The featured program for the month of March is, quite appropriately, *Spiritual Reflection*. Use your time to reflect on the pain and suffering Christ bore for our benefit. I encourage you to participate in the *Stations of the Cross* on Fridays during Lent, either at your own parish or by viewing a video on the Knights of Columbus California State Council YouTube Channel by clicking [here](#), featuring Former State Chaplain Fr. Anthony Vazhappilly. Sometimes we think there are days when we are facing challenges – imagine what Christ endured in his Passion and final days on Earth.



As always, my compliments to the councils in District 2 for the support you provide to your Pastors and parish community. Godspeed to the many events and activities you are planning! Thank you for your charity and service! May God bless.

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KNIGHT'S CORNER

It is good to see everyone stepping up to the plate to help out with the Valentin's Day Pancake Luncheon. Our thanks to Greg Kidder for setting up. Thanks to John Thomas and Jim Collins for ticket sales. Thanks again to our cooks, Jim Cleary, Dave, Jack and Clair Bear Lemire. Helping with serving were Gerry Regalia, Jo Thomas and Greg DC. I know our Grand Knight, David Lemire, will welcome all your help and support. We would like to thank Jim Collins, Greg and Yvonne Kidder, Ron, Sue and Henry Martin, Ed Boyd, Dave Lemire, Dave Young, Phil and Sue Bartek, Michael Krzanich and members of our Parish for the Stations of the Cross. Providing soup were Jim Collins, Dave Lemire, John Thomas and Ron Martin on Friday. Thank you to all the Knights that supported the El Camino in Oroville last month. The Knights are invited to help with the Special Olympics on March 3rd at Pleasant Vally High School at 7 am to help prepare lunches for the athletes.

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.

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