



Knights' News

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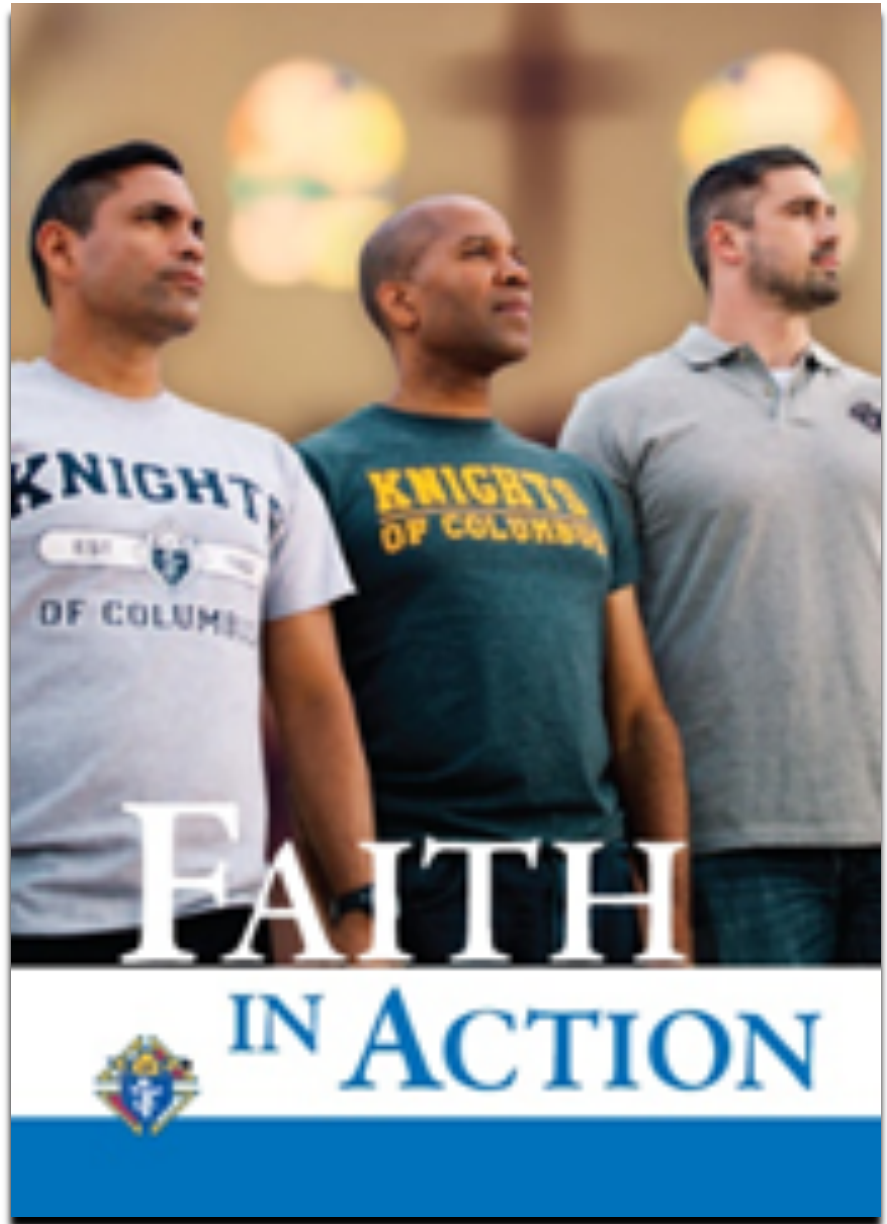
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GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTATIONS

We had a successful 75th Anniversary Celebration for St. Thomas More last month and if you attended, there was no disappointment. It was well orchestrated by Greg Kidder, the planning and preparation is invisible to most but is evident in the successful dinner and celebration for our church. I hope you attended and if you missed it, no worries! We are planning more events for the 2023-24 year and want you to attend. So please join us!

It's another year for us, and this year we have plans to expand on what we accomplished last year. We have new officers, and used some planning on getting the right people in the right place for this year. I'm looking forward to serving with you and getting the job done. As a service organization, we should be helping others in our communities. It takes some effort but I want to encourage you to help your neighbor, of course, widows and widowers are part of our mission. **New Officers** for the 2023-24 Columbian Year as follows:

Grand Knight	David "DJ" Lemire
Deputy Grand Knight	Greg Kidder
Chaplain	Rev. Martin Ramat
Chancellor	Greg DeCristofaro
Financial Secretary	John Thomas
Treasurer	Jim Collins
3 rd Year Trustee	Dave Young
2 nd Year Trustee	Ron Martin
1 st Year Trustee	Jerry Foster
Recorder	Fred Schluep
Warden	Michael Krzanich
Inside Guard	Greg Wright
Outside Guard	Leo Benedetti

I was stationed in England, and on the Fourth of July years past, I was sitting in a pub, when a young man in only his underpants and running shoes sprinted past us yelling "God Bless America" with an American Flag draped across his back as a cape. I was sure he was going to get his butt kicked and wondered how far he would get before the inevitable, but fifteen minutes later... the same man ran past, still yelling "God Bless America" displaying our colors! The English are tolerant as we are here in America. Maybe the Brits have forgotten history?

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DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

Welcome to the new Columbian Year! And congratulations on your accomplishments this past Columbian Year! My congratulations also to the new members and newly elected officers of all the councils in District 2. My thanks to the officers who are continuing and those who are retiring and have contributed greatly to the many good works of the Order.

As we plan for the new Columbian Year, it is important we have a plan – a "*Faith in Action*" plan. Information on many engaging council programs and activities can be found on the Supreme website by clicking [here](#), including information on low cost publications that can be used to inform members and parishioners of their faith and Catholicity. As our churches and meeting places continue to open up and return to some semblance of normality, it is important we have programs and activities to reengage our members. Reach out to those you haven't seen in awhile and invite them back. Plan a potluck or social and let them know you care. Above all **be visible in your parish**. Participate as ushers, lectors, greeters, sacristans, and extraordinary ministers.

New this year is the "Cor" program. Cor (Latin for heart) is intended to "*form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through, prayer, formation, and fraternity.*" I urge you to register for future information on the Cor program and view a short video by clicking [here](#). Built on the theme "Cor Ecclesiae" the program is designed for use in Catholic men's ministry, particularly in a group study. A study guide based on St. Joseph and Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter includes excerpts from *Patris Corde*, explanations and applications, as well as discussion questions and prayers and is available by clicking [here](#).

A couple of housekeeping matters: be sure to report your council officers elected for the new year to Chapter, State and Supreme as soon as possible. It is also important to plan an upcoming Installation of Council Officers, either in conjunction with a council meeting or as a separate council event (I am open to both).

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Calendar of Events**July / August**

July 4	Put out flags 7am, take up flags at 4pm, see Greg DC
July 5	Kids in the Park Zone, 5pm, see Greg DC.
July 12	Officers meeting at 9:00am
July 19	First Degree ceremony in Church. Presenters at 5:30pm. Ceremony 6:30pm
July 26	Kids in the Park zone, 5pm, see Greg DC.
Aug 9	Officers meeting at 9:00am
Aug 16	Knight's meeting, Rosary at 6:30pm, Business at 7:00pm

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

Lawrence G Locke—8 th	Thomas W Schaub—8 th	Jerome Foster—11 th
Ronald E Martin—12 th	Gregory J DeCristofaro—14 th	Edward W. Boyd—17 th
John M Thomas—20 th	Martin P Sanchez—21 st	Michael Krzanich-----18 th

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Please continue to pray for those on our prayer list: Greg Wright, Greg Foreman, Leo and Beverly Benedetti, Ron Martin, John Thomas, Jim and Lani McManus, Leo Bourgeois, Richard Reniero, Greg & Kathy DeCristofaro (cancer), Duncan Barnard, Linda Shores, Israel Garcia, Barbara Brown, John Johnson, Karen Philips, Jerry Foster, Kim Keysling (K.O.'s daughter), Jeff Tolly, Steve Neeley and Pope Francis.

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 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

--Especially for those of us who have ever played golf

- It is impossible to remember how tragic a place the world is when one is playing golf. ~ Robert Lynd
- Man blames fate for all other accidents, but feels personally responsible when he makes a hole-in-one. ~ Bishop Sheen
- The only time my prayers are never answered is playing golf. ~ Billy Graham
- May thy ball lie in green pastures, and not in still waters. ~ Ben Hogan

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT (CON'T)

As we plan for the new year, I challenge each council in District 2 to do their very best in helping their Pastors, parishes and church ministries. We exist to serve the church. While the Knights of Columbus is known for charitable service and fraternity, Father McGivney's intention in founding the Order was to fortify men first as disciples of Jesus. We are Catholic men and proud of it!

Once again, welcome to the new Columbian Year! As always, thank you for your charity and service!

May God bless, Dave Abbott, District Deputy 2 - 530-680-0401 -- dabbott79@gmail.com

KNIGHT'S CORNER

Happy 4th of July to all our Brothers and Lady Knights. Many thanks to all of you for your hard work to help set-up and clean-up for our 75TH Jubilee celebration. We had Greg and Yvonne Kidder, Dave and Clare Lemire, Madeline Riley, Barbara Maldonado, Susin Oliver, John and Jo Thomas, Jim and Barbara Collins, Anderia Martin, Kevin Flannery, Chris Rehman, Dave Young, Liz Ferro, Yevon Sowyer, Greg and Kathy DC, and Martha Vasquez to help set up the tables, chairs and dress all the tables on Saturday. It was amazing to see so much help and cooperation.

On Sunday, the day we were all looking forward to, our 75th Jubilee was upon us. Once again, our Knights, Lady Knights, and parishioners helped to serve and clean-up afterwards. Thanks to Greg and Yvonne Kidder, Dave and Clare Lemire, Israel Garcia, Barbara Maldonado, Susin Oliver, Donna Helgeson, Cheryl Barron, Ron and Sue Martin, Lani McManus, Madeline Riley, Greg Wright, Steve Macy, Frank Nunes, Chris Rehman and Greg DC. This was truly a parish Jubilee. Thanks to your generosity, we had over twenty trays of food to donate to the Torres Center in Chico.

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 Bartec, Dee Cox, Louise Cambray and Kathy Keys and Deacon Mike. See Greg DeCristofaro for details or call him at 873-4132.

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