



Knights' News

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NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS 2024-2025

The following Knights have accepted nominations for the 2024-2025 year. Voting will take place on July 27, 2024 at Achieve Charter School.

Grand Knight: Greg DeCristofaro

Deputy Grand Knight: Michael Krzanich

Chancellor: Greg DeCristofaro

Recorder: Joseph Linn-Galan

Warden: Kevin Kriebel

Treasurer: Gerald Regalia

1 Year Trustee: Dave Lemire

2 Year Trustee: Jerry Foster

3 Year Trustee: Ron Martin

Inside Guard: Richard Shaver

Outside Guard: Frank Nunez

KNIGHT'S CORNER

June has been a month of saying goodbye. First to our Sister who has devoted five years to helping our parishioners grow in faith and understanding of God's love for us. On June 2nd the Hispanic community provided a farewell potluck luncheon. Thanks to our brother Knights for their support with setup and cleanup. On June 30th we provided a farewell luncheon for Fr. Martin for his five years of service to our parish. Many thanks to Greg and Yvonne Kidder, Jim and Barbara Collins, Greg and Kathy DeCristofaro, Dave Lemier, Joseph Linn-Galan, Jim Cleary, Kevin Kriebel, Mike Krzanich, Leo Bourgeois, Richard Shaver, Gerald Regalia and Tom Walker. It was gratifying to see so many of our brother Knights stepping up and helping out. We also had Susan Oliver, Susan Martin and Cathy Keesling helping to serve the luncheon.

Coming in July we have the placement of flags on Skyway July 4th. We will welcome Fr. Kelly with a light reception on July 7th after mass. On July 13th there will be the celebration of the Eucharistic Camino at the Abby of Our Lady of New Clairvaux in Vina starting with confessions at 8AM and Mass and Adoration starting at 9am followed by lunch.

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GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTATIONS

All good things must come to an end. Thank you for letting me lead the Knights of Columbus in Paradise 2022 - 2024. It was a productive two years, and I hope the momentum continues to bless us all! Looking back here are some of the highlights of the last two years.

- Knights of Columbus Gateway sign (Skyway)
- Rummage Sale was our first event! Made almost \$300. Learned a lot! Pancake breakfast to order was a wash, needed a team captain
- Hardened meeting agenda, developed a calendar and solidified meeting rules and developed the K of C planning meeting (disconnected from main meeting)
- Fifty Skyway US Flags purchased, assembled by the local high school. The construction of the flag staff, flag, hardware and cap is the Paradise accepted standard!
- Repaired flag staff holes from Maxwell to Billie on the North side of Skyway, rebuilt and drilled and repaired
- Twenty-two US Flags purchased and assembled by the local high school for St. Thomas More Church
- Worked with the Paradise Host Lions for two days and provided food for the Lions team and customers during their rummage sale, proceeds to CareNet
- Purchased a ticket drum for Raffles for the Knights of Columbus events
- Worked with the Paradise Veterans Hall and cooked the 2023 Memorial Day luncheon, feeding 125 for the Paradise community
- Knights members fed the California Army National Guard in Oroville, 6 months
- Participated in the St. Thomas More 75th Anniversary
- Participated in 17 Hospitality after Mass mini events
- Started Sneaker Collection, collecting old sneakers. It was a wash!
- Brought in seven new members to the Knights of Columbus and the momentum continues

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DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

Welcome to the new Columbian Year! And congratulations on your accomplishments this past Columbian Year! 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 free and low cost guides and publications that can be used to inform members and parishioners of their faith and Catholicity. It is important we have programs and activities to engage our members. Reach out to those you haven’t seen in awhile and invite them out to coffee, or to a council meeting. Plan a potluck or social event and let them know you care. Above all, **be visible in your parish**. Participate as ushers, lectors, greeters, sacristans, and extraordinary ministers.

“Cor” meetings and faith formation for the men of your parish continue to be a high priority. 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.*” If you have not done so already, I urge you to register for information on “Cor.” View a short video [here](#).

Study materials and curricula built on the theme “Cor Ecclesiae” are available from the Supreme Council designed for use in Catholic men’s ministry, particularly in a group study. Information on a study guide based on St. Joseph and Pope Francis’ Apostolic Letter which includes excerpts from *Patris Corde*, is available by clicking [here](#). Information on yet another curricula entitled “Men of the Word” is available by clicking [here](#)

A couple of housekeeping matters for this month: be sure to report your council officers elected for the new year to Chapter, State and Supreme as soon as possible.

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Calendar of Events**July / August**

July	4	Independence Day
July	7	Knights' Hospitality, Fr. Kelly's reception
July	10	K of C Officers meeting, 9:00 am
July	10	Kids in the Park, set up 4pm
July	13	Eucharistic Camino, Vina. Confessions 8am, Mass-Adoration 9AM
July	17	Business meeting: Rosary at 6:30pm, Business meeting 7:00pm
July	17	Parish council 6pm
July	31	Kids in the Park, set up 4pm
August	14	K of C Officers meeting, 9:00 am
August	21	Business meeting: Rosary at 6:30pm, Business meeting 7:00pm

JULY BIRTHDAYS:Lawrence G Locke—8thThomas W Schaub—8thJerome Foster—11thRonald E Martin—12thGregory J DeCristofaro—14thEdward W. Boyd—17thJohn M Thomas--20thMartin P Sanchez—21st**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, Richard Reniero, Kathy DeCristofaro, Gina and Duncan Barnard, Israel Garcia, Barbara Brown, Jerry Foster, Jeff Tolly, Barbara Collins, Bob Smith, Jim Daley, Deacon Ray and Donna Helgeson 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

These are from a book called Disorder in the American Courts, and are things people actually said in court:

ATTORNEY: What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?

WITNESS: He said, 'Where am I, Cathy?'

ATTORNEY: And why did that upset you?

WITNESS: My name is Susan!

ATTORNEY: How was your first marriage terminated?

WITNESS: By death..

ATTORNEY: And by whose death was it terminated?

WITNESS: Take a guess.

ATTORNEY: Were you present when your picture was taken?

WITNESS: Are you kidding me?

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT (CON'T)

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).

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! Thank you for your charity and service! May God bless. Dave Abbott, District Deputy 2 - 530-680-0401 -- dabbott79@gmail.com

KNIGHT'S CORNER (CON'T)

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. Please prayerfully consider joining us.

If you would like to serve your community, think about joining the many helpers from our parish at the First Baptist Food Pantry. Our parish will also be hosting Kids in the Park on July 10th and 31st. If you would like to help, see Greg DC. for more information. Please call (530)873-4132 or (530) 588-3790.

GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTATIONS (CON'T)

- Had a steak and potato lunch, three pork chop lunches (one for tent raising/tree planting), three pancake extravaganza's, one pancake event in the pouring rain
- Knights participated in the Special Olympics in Chico both years
- Knights participated in placing the Skyway Flags at every Fourth of July, Memorial Day and Veterans Day
- Knights Participated in the 2022 and 2023 Paradise Phoenix 5k run for the community. 2022, in the rain, cooked 110 meals, and in 2023 cooked over 300 pancakes (150 meals)
- Purchased K of C license plate frames and K of C stickers for our members
- Participated in the first (2023) Memorial Day Cemetery Flags for Veterans headstones since the fire
- Purchased software for CareNet's old Ultra-Sound machine. The next year purchased a new machine for CareNet, coordinated with Greg DC
- Headstones for the unclaimed children, Magalia Cemetery, Greg DC
- Personal, took care of eleven widows in Paradise, Magalia and Chico providing homeowner maintenance, lot clearing and light construction, working for the disabled, elderly and extremely poor, donations to the Knights of Columbus 7773 and American Legion Post 259. Provided 22 cases of Alhambra water for St. Thomas More Church

I also had the privilege of working closely with Greg Kidder. It was a pleasure to have a fellow veteran to work with. We set goals, discussed changes and met the plans we set out for. Special thanks to Fred Schlupe, who has a special talent in recording, thorough and detailed. Much respect for Fred. Dave Young, another veteran, having many discussions about Knights. I appreciated his candor! And Russ Neal, yet another vet, for producing our Knight's newsletter. Thanks Russ!

Final word. We had our Pancake Breakfast, so I guess we will not close, which was the rumor that was started when I first started. Council 7773 is alive and well!

D.J. Lemire, Grand Knight, Council #7773

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