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# THE CONFIDER

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

### Worthy Brothers,

We are now nearing the end of the 2025-2026 Columbian year. Now is the time for us to develop our Slate of Officers and Directors for this new year to be installed at the July 2nd Council meeting. I will be unable to continue as your Grand Knight due to my pending surgery and the associated extended recovery. Please be a part of the next leadership team by offering your skills and abilities to keep our Council successful. Further information follows in this Confider.

This Columbian yearend is also a good time to reflect on the reason we are Knights and to reach out and share our own message with our family, friends and community. For me, the Knights have given me the opportunity to follow the words of Jesus in Matthew 25:40 where He says: "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me". The Good Works our Council performs embodies our service to the Lord, our families, our community and ourselves. I am honored to be able to do so with my dear Brothers within Our Blessed Order.

**-Mike Calcagno**  
Grand Knight  
OMC Council 9776

### Compassion as a Knight

The story is told of a monastery governed by a wise and virtuous abbot who presided over a small group of monks. As the years passed, the number of monks declined as each aged and passed away, while fewer young men joined the order. Finally, only a handful of brothers remained and the abbot was deeply troubled. One morning he left the abbey to visit a renowned hermit, a rabbi, to seek his counsel on how to restore the order. The rabbi told him: "I cannot answer your question. I can only tell you that one of you is the messiah."

This revelation greatly disturbed the abbot. Returning to his abbey, the old priest recounted to the assembled brothers what the rabbi had said. Uncertain as to who among them was the chosen one, they began to treat each other with newfound respect and humility.

It did not escape the notice of the villagers how compassionately and lovingly the monks treated each other. And, soon, many young men sought out the brothers, inquiring how they themselves might join such a respectful and loving order. So it came about that the monastery was renewed and prospers to this day.

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### Breakfast Buffet

On Sunday, May 5, the OMC Knights of Columbus welcomed more than 250 guests to its monthly Breakfast Buffet, which is held on the first Sunday of each month. The event was attended by more than one hundred parishioners, as well as 29 First Communicants and their families, totaling approximately 150 guests. The Knights remain committed to supporting OMC Faith Formation. We are grateful for the opportunity, and for the dedication of our volunteers, to contribute our time, talent, and donations to this meaningful ministry. Sincere appreciation is extended to our brothers and sisters whose generous efforts contributed to the success of this event.

During the event, the Knights also conducted another highly successful biannual blood drive, an effort that will help save lives. We extend our sincere thanks to all who donated and trust that they enjoyed the complimentary breakfast. During this event, A Blood Drive was organized which can save lives and fosters community goodwill.

YOUR WEBSITE, YOUR STORY

We're pleased to announce our brand new website. Please check it out at <https://kofc-omc.org>. The website contains posts on OMC Council 9776 news and events, background articles, photos and videos. Prospective knights can reach out to us at <https://kofc-omc.org/contacts>, or email us [info@kofc-omc.org](mailto:info@kofc-omc.org).

If you would like to contribute stories, reminiscences, photos or digital videos, please contact or email us and we will set you up to be an "author" on our website. Or you can email your submissions for our blog to me and I will post for you:

[rharper2@zagmail.gonzaga.edu](mailto:rharper2@zagmail.gonzaga.edu)

In addition to dozens of posts, we also provide links to important church and Knights' website resources. We appreciate your support and look forward to hearing from you.

CALENDAR & EVENTS

June 2026 is dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and begins Ordinary Time. The St. Paul room is where we hold our First Thursday council meetings. Help us to welcome our new Grand Knight and new council members.



"Connect with Us"

HIGHLIGHTED DAYS

- June 4: Council Meeting
- June 7: Buffet Breakfast
- June 7: Corpus Christi
- June 13: Rummage Sale
- June 21: FD-Aloysius Gonzaga
- June 24: Nat. Of John the Baptist
- June 25: Potluck Social
- June 28: Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul

We continue our regularly-scheduled council meeting on June 4th, starting at 6:40PM with the praying of the Rosary. Please join us!

June 2026							Today
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
31	Jun 1	2	3	4	5		
Ordinary Time Visitation of the Blessed Virg... Most Holy Trinity	St. Justin, Martyr	St. Marcellinus and Peter, Ma...	St. Charles Lwanga and Comp...		St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr	St. Norbert, Bishop	
7	8	9	10	11	12		
Ordinary Time Most Holy Body and Blood...	St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doct...		St. Barnabas, Apostle USCCB Consecration of the U...	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Immaculate Heart of the Ble... St. Anthony of Padua, Priest		
14	15	16	17	18	19		
Ordinary Time 11th Sunday in Ordinary TL...				St. Romuald, Abbot			
21	22	23	24	25	26		
Ordinary Time 12th Sunday in Ordinary TL...	St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop St. John Fisher, Bishop and T...		Nativity of St. John the Baptist		St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bisho...		
28	29	30	Jul 1	2	3		
Ordinary Time 13th Sunday in Ordinary TL...	Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles	First Martyrs of the Holy Rom...	St. Junipero Serra, Priest	St. Thomas, Apostle	Independence Day		

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

Our proposed slate of Officers and Directors for the new 2026 / 2027 Columbian year follows to be confirmed at the June 4th Council meeting. Please attend to show your support - even better, volunteer to serve alongside these Brothers in an important Leadership role.

- Grand Knight: Antolin “Tony” Canonigo
- Deputy Grand Knight: In Search
- Recorder: Dan Doyle (Temporary)
- Treasurer: Rob Curry
- Chancellor: Steve Melnick
- Financial Secretary (Appointed): Ed Brancheau
- Warden: Joe Vazquez
- Trustee 3 year: Mike Calcagno
- Trustee 1 year: Dan DeMarco
- Inside/Outside Guards: Derek Veit
- Youth/Family Director: Dan Doyle
- Vocations Director: George McCauley
- Community Director: Tony Canonigo
- Pro-life Director: John Ohle
- Faith Director: George McCauley
- Communications Director: Rick Harper

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH

**JUNE**

- 1st: Daniel E. DeMarco, 619 569-6230
- 7th: Robert E. Luna, 858 472-1530
- 7th: Leonard Papp
- 8th: Deacon David R. Martinez
- 9th: Jameson J. Schwab, 559 244-9168
- 11th: Michael A. Corona 858 997-3159
- 13th: Ryan C. Jones 858 869-7481
- 17th: James Vitale 858 337-5129
- 21st: Dr. Edward J. Billy 858 412-3778
- 21st: Chuck Setzler 858 457-2474
- 23rd: Donnie J. Fitch 858 431-9887
- 29th: Christopher E. Ford 004 610-7950



**BROTHERS IN THE COUNCIL AND SUNDAY BREAKFAST SERVERS**

\*\*Please reach out, call our brothers on their birthday.

KNIGHT’S CORNER

This month we wish to recognize our Brothers whose constant charity and service support us all.

<b>Michel Malecot</b>	For his generosity and service for our Breakfast Buffets and other events
<b>John Ohle</b>	For his dedication and commitment to the success of our Breakfast Buffets, charities and our Council
<b>Rick Harper, Jim Rafter, Dan Demarco</b>	For their efforts and expertise making our OMC website a reality <a href="https://kofc-OMC.org">https://kofc-OMC.org</a>
<b>Rick Harper, Tony Canonigo</b>	For their hard work in making the Confider a part of our Council once again
<b>Bruce Prince</b>	For his extraordinary efforts at each of our Breakfast Buffets by doing so much more than just cheffing
<b>Marshall Verano</b>	For his long-term dedication to service at so many of our events as an example for us all
<b>George McCauley</b>	For his dedication to increasing vocation and for his deep Catholic Faith

"WHERE ARE OUR KNIGHTS?"

Our council has 120 Brother Knights in our official membership roster, yet we see only a few dozen on a regular basis. There are many opportunities that we already have for visiting with our Brothers including Council Meetings, Breakfast Buffets, Potluck Socials, donation drives along with the many other times when we are together. Even more importantly, we can easily reach out to our Knights at the celebration of Sunday Masses and other happenings within our Parish.

To keep our Council more engaged in reaching out here are several other ways that we are going to focus on:

- o E-mail: Will continue to send out the Council Meeting Agendas and special notices over the Internet. We realize that many of our Brothers may not use E-mail regularly so we are supplementing this with other approaches.
- o The Confider: In addition to publishing the Confider on our Website, we will print and mail the Confider to the homes of all our Knights monthly. Many has requested that we do this and so we shall. However, if you are able to access the website and e-mail and do not require a mailed copy, please let us know to save on this effort and expense.
- o Council Website: Through the efforts of Brothers Rick Harper and Jim Rafter, among others, we now have our website up and running:
  - § KofC-OMC.org. Please visit the site regularly to read the Confider, review the Council Agenda and see exciting information about Council activities. Please feel free to contribute at any time.
  - oCalling Tree: Brother Dan Doyle is working to develop a calling tree whereby we can more easily reach our Brothers by phone. Please let him know you will participate, it only requires minimal time. Further, please reach out each month to call our Brothers that are having birthdays and wish them well and see if we can do anything for them. Names are in the Confider and on the Website.

OMC KNIGHTS AT THE KOFC STATE CONVENTION

- Brother Ed Brancheau (Financial Secretary) and Brother Antolin Tony Canonigo (Deputy Grand Knight) attended California State Council Convention.
- During the May 2026 California State Convention, the Knights of Columbus celebrated massive philanthropic milestones. State achievements included collecting 4,001 pounds of food for Caruthers pantries, supporting the Special Operations Warrior Foundation, and hosting the Blessed Michael McGivney relic pilgrimage across local archdioceses. The Knights of Columbus focus heavily on Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Key accomplishments and highlights from the California State Meeting include:
  - Massive Food Drive Donations: Members from northern and southern California chapters donated a massive (4,001) pounds of rice and beans for a local food pantry in Caruthers, CA.
  - Charitable Initiatives: The state council backed the Special Operations Warrior Foundation and hosted a statewide Intellectual Disabilities (ID) program to support individuals with special needs.
  - Blessed McGivney Tour: Concluding the 2025-2026 Columbian year, councils statewide hosted the Reliquary of Blessed Michael McGivney, which was venerated alongside the Los Cristeros relics.

Blessed Father McGivney established our Order to help protect the widows and orphans of his parish. As the Knights of Columbus Financial Advisor for our Council, I can help provide protection for your families. Feel free to contact me to discuss what we can do to help you.

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