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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

My fellow Brother Knights,

With gratitude, I am deeply honored and humbled by the trust you have placed in me as the newly-elected Grand Knight for our Council.

I thank each and every one of you for your confidence in supporting me as we begin this new fraternal year. I look forward to working alongside all of you to strengthen our Council, grow in our faith, and continue serving our Church, our families, and our community. I believe that we can accomplish great things through unity, charity, fraternity, and patriotism.

Together we pray for guidance and active participation as we move forward. Let us continue to render support for one another, and be living examples of Christian service. May God bless each of you, our Council, and our families. Thank you for this opportunity to serve.

-Tony Canonigo

Grand Knight

OMC Council 9776

A Transition

Sir Knight Michael stood before the council chamber one final time as Grand Knight, the weight of leadership evident in his steady gaze. For months, he had guided our assembly with

unwavering dedication, ensuring every meeting ran smoothly and every brother felt heard. His commitment to our principles of charity, unity, and fraternity had strengthened our bonds as an organization. Now, as he prepared to step down and face the challenge ahead, the entire council gathered to express their heartfelt appreciation. The room fell silent as thoughts turned to the upcoming surgery that awaited their beloved leader. Each knight offered silent prayers, knowing that the same strength Michael had shown in guiding their council would serve him well in his recovery. "Your leadership has been a blessing to our council, and we look forward to welcoming you back, stronger than ever." As the meeting concluded, the knights knew that while Michael's formal leadership role was ending, his influence on their brotherhood would endure. They would carry forward the example he had set, supporting one another through challenges just as they now supported him with their prayers and well-wishes. The bonds forged under his guidance would remain unbroken, a testament to the lasting impact of true servant leadership. And thank you Brother Tony for becoming the new GK!

Vivat Jesus!

David Curtis, WFN

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My Dear Worthy Brothers,

My family and I thank you very much for your prayers and condolences over the past several days. It has still been less than a week since my brother, Joseph Calcagno, passed away last Wednesday. My brother was the recipient of a donor heart and his transplant was five and half years ago. As such, he wanted his body to be donated to the UCSD program who performed the surgery.

We will be having a Celebration of Life service at the Oak Knoll campground at the foot of Palomar Mountain where he lived for the past five years. It will be a gathering of family and friends to share memories and stories.

Your continuing prayers for our family mean so much to us as we try to get through this tough time. You will be in our prayers as well.

Yours in Christ,
Vivat Jesus!

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.

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: rharp2@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

July 2026 is dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus and falls entirely within Ordinary Time. The St. Paul room is where we hold our First Thursday council meetings. Come and gather together with us as we join in service to the Lord and one another.



"Connect with Us"

HIGHLIGHTED DAYS

July 1: Junipero Serra
 July 2: Council Meeting
 July 5: Buffet Breakfast
 June 14: Kateri Tekakwitha
 June 22: Mary Magdalene
 July 23: Potluck Social
 June 29: Mary, Martha & Lazarus
 July 31: Ignatius of Loyola

We continue our regularly-scheduled council meeting on July 2nd, starting at 6:40PM with the praying of the Rosary. Please join us!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
28	29	30	Jul 1	2	3
Ordinary T.L. Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles	First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Empire	St. Junipero Serra, Priest		St. Thomas, Apostle	Independence
5	6	7	8	9	10
Ordinary T.L. St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr			St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest Charles Abill 8:45 AM		St. Benedict
12	13	14	15	16	17
Ordinary T.L. St. Henry	St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin	St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor	Robert's birthday Our Lady of Mount Carmel		St. Camillus
19	20	21	22	23	24
Ordinary T.L. St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr	St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest	St. Mary Magdalene	St. Bridget, Religious	St. Shabel Makhluf, Priest	St. James
26	27	28	29	30	31
Ordinary T.L.		St. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus	St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop	St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest	St. Alphonsus

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

Our elected slate of Officers and Directors for the new 2026 / 2027 Columbian year.

- 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

July

4th: Thomas J. Zerr , (858) 246-6644
 18th: George K. McCauley, (858) 453-5827
 19th: Barry V. Tiernan, (256) 625-9266
 19th: Richard S. Wood, (931) 302-3698
 22nd: Manuel C. Antonio, (858) 273-5154
 29th: Michael J. Dunn (858) 871-2480
 31st: Tony Manuel Duran (619) 300-5653

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



**SERGEANT AT ARMS, MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
HONOR AWARD, BROTHER DAN DEMARCO.**

KNIGHT'S CORNER

This month we wish to recognize our Brothers who became Sir Knights.

Sir Knights,

On Saturday June 13, 2026, at the San Antonio de Padua Catholic Church 5800 E. Santa Ana Canyon Rd. in Anaheim Hills, CA, we welcomed Derek Veit and Steve Melnick into the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree. Please click on the link below to view and hear about their journey. Sorry, I got a bit wordy. Video is 6 minutes long

<https://sites.google.com/view/kofc2122/posts/2026-2027>

Vivat Jesus!
 David Curtis
 Faithful Navigator
 Assembly 2122

LUCKY DUCKS FOUNDATION

From the desk of Brother John Ohle:

Today in San Diego, 9 out of 10 requests for shelter go unfulfilled. Despite this overwhelming unmet need, and despite the Lucky Duck Foundation's offer to help, the City of San Diego is proposing reducing shelter capacity at one of the bridge shelters owned by the Lucky Duck Foundation.

We are asking for 30 seconds of your time to help prevent this from happening.

Using the link below, you can send a pre-drafted letter to the Mayor and City Council urging them not to reduce shelter capacity. As outlined in the letter, thanks to our donors, the Lucky Duck Foundation is prepared to deploy our philanthropic resources to help ensure shelter capacity is not reduced.

Contact the Mayor & City Council

Additionally, today we launched a new countywide shelter inventory designed to publicly track shelter capacity across every city in San Diego County. The goal is simple: establish a clear baseline that shelter capacity across San Diego County should only increase from current levels. And, the Lucky Duck Foundation is fully prepared to help by funding new and immediate pathways off the streets.



CORPUS CHRISTI



On Sunday, June 7th after the 11am Mass, the Knights lead the Corpus Christi Procession. The Color Guard carried 4 flags (United States, Papal, California, and Knight of Columbus). Following their lead was our clergy with the Eucharist and following them were our parishioners.

A Question for our worthy Brothers: Shall we sponsor a Columbiettes auxiliary council? We raised this question during our Council meeting of June 4th and wish to hear from you. Your prayers and reflections on this matter would be greatly appreciated.