



Knights' News

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Got Sneakers?

It's time to clean out your closets!

Support our Knights of Columbus

We are looking for Sneakers, Gym

Shoes,

Tennis Shoes, Athletic Shoes

Donation box located in the Church

Foyer



GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTATIONS

We are moving forward, adding new Knights to our membership. It is taking a while to get them aboard. We have four new candidates that have done the paperwork, completed "Safe Haven" training and have accomplished the required background check with the police department. And we have one more coming onboard and will press forward once all five men have completed all of these requirements. We will schedule an Exemplification, which will make them all Knights of Columbus members.

Speaking of the "Background" Check... The background check you get DOES NOT allow you to work anywhere. It is not a Federal Background Check and only qualifies as a background check with the specific agency requesting it. The requesting agency must fill out the proper paperwork to request the background check. For example: Girl Scouts, Paradise Unified, Food Bank, Church and so on will each have their own paperwork and process to get a local background check.

With that said, the background check does use the Department of Justice to inquire about possible past illegal events in a person's background as one of their checks. So, you could have several "background" checks if you work with kids and young adults on a regular basis.

The background check we need for the Knights of Columbus is painless, includes fingerprinting, paperwork and a small fee. Some of us have had extensive background checks at the federal level, that would include Peace Officers, Military (Holding a TS/SCI Clearance) and Embassy Workers, but we still need to get a specific background check working/volunteering with the Knights of Columbus.

I need to mention again that it should be first priority to include our new members (and also the members we don't see often) back into our meetings and events! Any Knights of Columbus Member of 7773, who hasn't been to a business meeting since 2019, and who shows up to our next business meeting, I have a monetary gift for you! Plus, we will feed you dinner. Next meeting is at the Achieve Multipurpose Room, behind the church on the 3rd Wednesday at 7:00pm. That is November 19, 2022 at 7:00pm.

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DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

The month of November is dedicated to those who have gone before us as we celebrate the *Feast of All Souls* on November 2. I'm certain all of us remember friends, relatives, priests, and Brother Knights who have had a significant influence on our lives. Please take a moment to remember them, thank them, say a prayer for them, and celebrate their legacy which lives on in us.



The month of November is also a month to be thankful, as we acknowledge God's blessings in our lives and that of our families. Two charities are paramount this time of year. The first is "Coats for Kids" -- a program to provide coats to children in need as temperatures drop and winter sets in. Coats are available from the Supreme Council at a reduced cost and can be ordered by clicking [here](#). For further information on the "Coats for Kids" program click [here](#). In lieu of purchasing coats and distributing them directly, donations can also be made to the Supreme Council's "Coats for Kids" program by clicking [here](#).

"Food for Families" is also a timely program as Thanksgiving nears and food lockers are challenged to keep up with demand. Hold a church or council food drive and ensure there is sufficient supply to meet the seasonal demand. Sponsor a Thanksgiving dinner for one or more families in need or serve food at a local shelter for the homeless. For every \$500 or 1,000 pounds of food donated, the Supreme Council will refund \$100 back to the council – up to a maximum of \$500 per council per fraternal year. For further information on "Food for Families" click [here](#).

Finally, I would like to call your attention to a meeting of The Northern California Chapter Knights of Columbus scheduled to take place at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Redding on Saturday, November 12.

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Calendar of Events*November / December*

November 1 -- All Saints Day observed

November 6 -- Daylight Savings Time ends

November 8 -- Election Day

November 9 -- Officers meeting at 9:00am.

November 11 -- Veterans Day

November 16 -- Knight's meeting, Rosary at 6:30pm, Business at 7:00pm

November 24 -- Thanksgiving

November 27 -- First Sunday of Advent

December 7 -- Officers meeting at 9:00am.

December 14 -- Knight's meeting, Rosary at 6:30pm, Business at 7:00pm

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:Carlos Gonzales—4thCharles Knechtel—18thLeo Bourgeois—19thMark Fowler—19thBruce Epperson—22ndMatthew Samson—22ndJohn Smith, Jr.—27thJim Collins—30th**CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

Please continue to pray for those on our prayer list: Greg Wright, Greg Foreman, Leo Benedetti, Ron Martin, John Thomas, Jim and Lani McManus, Richard Reniero, Kathy DeCristofaro, Duncan Barnard, Barbara Brown, Cheryl Barron, Al Potthast, Kevin Kriebel, John Johnson, Jim and Nancy Barnes, Tom Kelly, Jerry Foster, 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 our armed forces who are trying to keep us safe. 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**If you were born between 1925 and 1970....**

- First, we survived being born to mothers who may have smoked and/or drank while they were pregnant.
- They took aspirin, ate blue cheese dressing, tuna from a can, and didn't get tested for diabetes.
- Then, after that trauma, we were put to sleep on our tummies in baby cribs covered with bright colored lead-based paints.
- We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, locks on doors or cabinets.
- When we rode our bikes, we had baseball caps, not helmets, on our heads.
- As infants and children, we would ride in cars with no car seats, no booster seats, no seat belts, no air bags, bald tires and sometimes no brakes.
- Riding in the back of a pick-up truck on a warm day was always a special treat.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT (CON'T)

The Chapter is the diocesan body of the Knights, which is comprised of some seventy-seven participating councils. Each council is entitled to three voting delegates at the meeting and ALL THIRD AND FOURTH DEGREE members are eligible to participate. The Chapter meets on a Saturday every other month and varies their meeting locations throughout the diocese during the year. I guarantee, there will not be a meeting closer than the one in Redding. Things typically start around 9:30 or 10 in the morning and last until 2:30 or 3 in the afternoon. Lunch is provided by the host council at a reasonable cost. I encourage the officers and interested representatives of all councils in District 2 to attend.

If any of the councils in District 2 are planning an exemplification in the near future, please let me know. There are a number of candidates in both Districts 2 and 3 waiting for an in-person exemplification.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy Thanksgiving! **Thank you for your charity and service!**

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

KNIGHT'S CORNER

Many thanks to all our brothers and our lady Knights for attending the Garden of Innocence ceremony at the Sky Way Memorial Cemetery. Brother Dave Porter is one of the directors for our Garden of Innocence. We welcomed six new members to the Garden of Innocence. We now have welcomed eleven babies to our garden since 2018.

Our brother Knights also helped with the setup and cleanup for the Woman of St. Thomas More Wine and Chocolate Festival. Kathy D. thanks you for all your prayers. She will begin chemo treatments within the next two weeks.

There is still a need for helpers at the First Baptist Food Bank on Clark. We need help on Thursdays from 10am till noon and on Fridays from 10am till 4pm. Lunch is included. If you can help for all or part of the time, please call Greg D. at 873-4132.

Let us all pray for America, our firefighters, police officers and healthcare workers. Let us continue to help one another, our parish, our community, and our country to recover from the Camp Fire, our brothers and sisters in Christ in Ukraine, the corona virus and civil unrest and defeat of Prop. 1.

INSURANCE INFO

LIFE INSURANCE • DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE •
LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE • RETIREMENT ANNUITIES

We are pleased to have **Jeffrey A. Tolley** (License # OM31427) as our Knights of Columbus Fraternal Insurance Agent.

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