



Knights of Columbus

Fair Oaks Council #6066

A Division 5/District 7 Council



NOVEMBER

"Jesus, I Trust in You!" — Always Forward, Never Back

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By GK Gary Rains



Brothers,

November is a beautiful month ahead of us. First, this month we practice Unity as we pray for our deceased brothers and their family members who have gone before us. This is a reminder that our life on earth is a journey to our final destination in Heaven. The Mass is the highest form of prayer we can offer our beloved dead. Our Knights Memorial Mass is scheduled for November 8th at the 4:30 Mass. We will pray the Rosary and read a memorial list of our brother Knights from Council 6066 that have completed their journey on earth. The Rosary will begin at 3:30 pm. Let's fill the Church with our fraternal brothers on November 8th!! "Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen."

And second, the Thanksgiving holiday is this month. While rooted in American tradition, Thanksgiving shares deep spiritual meaning with the teachings of the Catholic Church. At its heart, Thanksgiving is about gratitude—recognizing God as the source of all blessings and giving thanks for His providence. The word Eucharist itself means "thanksgiving," reminding Catholics that every Mass is the ultimate act of gratitude to God for the gift of Jesus Christ. On Thanksgiving Day, many Catholic families begin their celebration by attending Mass, offering prayers of thanks, and sharing their blessings with others, especially the poor and those in need. May you brothers and your families have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Notes: There is another opportunity to attend a Fraternal Benefit Event (FBE) this month. Here's the deal - A FBE will be presented at the KofC Northern California Chapter meeting on November 15th in Grass Valley, at the Saint Patrick Catholic Church. Anyone is invited to attend the Chapter meeting and attend the FBE event to be held during the meeting. This is a great double opportunity to experience what happens at a Chapter meeting and listen to the importance of financial security for your family. We will be organizing a carpool to head up there on November 15th. More details to follow. Look for a Council email with more details in the next week or two.

Parish Bulletin Deadlines - For those of us who want their event or program to be advertised on the Saint Mel bulletin the deadline is 10 days prior to the Sunday publication date. For example, articles for due on November 16th are due to the Parish Office no later than 8 am on November 5th; Articles for November 23rd are due on November 12th. Send your articles to office@stmelchurch.org. Articles must be typed in Word - Century Gothic font size 11. The submission deadlines are always noted on page two lower left-hand corner

ADORATION CHAPEL SCHEDULE			
Friday Morning 6:00 AM to 7:00 AM			
NAME	PHONE	November	December
John Brennan	916-548-4962	All Fridays	All Fridays
Andy Anderson	916-826-5617	3rd Friday	3rd Friday

Adoration Chapel



of each St. Mel bulletin. I suggest you take a bulletin home each week or subscribe online to the bulletin and stay aware of the deadlines. On occasion, they will be earlier by a day or two during holidays. If anyone has questions or needs help developing bulletin articles/advertisements, please contact me at origrainer@yahoo.com or (916) 747-6835. Our next Baby Supply Drive is scheduled for the weekend of November 1st and 2nd. We will be co-hosting the Veterans' Day Program with the St. Michael the Archangel Veterans Group on November 11th. Veterans will be honored at the 8:30 am Mass. There will be a Rosary before Mass. The Knights will be hosting coffee and donuts after Mass. Of course, we need volunteers to help set up and prepare breakfast for the program. Please contact SK/PGK Chris Ward to volunteer at wardchrisj@hotmail.com or 916 834-1772.

In Service to One, In Service to All
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BUSINESS MEETING MEAL VOLUNTEERS

NOVEMBER 11/06 - MARIO LA SCHIAZZA

DECEMBER 12/04 - MIKE KARELIUS

Remember if you have any difficulties or challenges
 Meeting your commitment, contact brother Chris Ward
 At 916-834-1772 or brother Mike Karelius at 916-606-6471.

Editor's Note: The Navigator provides us with a way of keeping in touch with one another. We provide articles of the past month's activities, as well as upcoming events. Although many of the articles are written by the Grand Knight, anyone can provide input. Anyone chairing an event or fundraiser should write a brief article and add a photo or two.

All that's necessary is the article(s) and photo(s) in email form, sent to Dominique Hipolito at navigator6066@googlegroups.com or dhipolito2025@gmail.com. It doesn't need to be any special font or text size. Send your article 10 days before the next business meeting. It should be sent by the first Sunday night after our business meeting.

George Perkins, Editor

Knights of the Month

By GK Gary Rains

During our October 2nd Council meeting, GK Gary Rains presented the Knight of the Month Award to Sir Knight Dominique Hipolito. Dominique has really stepped forward and applied himself as the Navigator publisher. Not only has he caught onto the publication process really fast, offered suggestions during our editorial meetings, and gotten the latest issue out on schedule, but he has also done so while learning a new software program for the Navigator. Besides being one of our newer members, Dominique is already serving as Outside Guard, and volunteered to provide the business meeting meal for October. He has also volunteered at several of our events.



Left: GK Gary Rains presenting the KOM Award. Right: SK Dominique Hipolito accepting his KOM Award.

Brother Al (Albert Louis) Schindler
By PGK Chris Ward

On Monday, October 13th, a day in which the sun battled with the clouds and succeeded in shining through until late in the day, many parishioners, including Knights, attended the Rosary, Funeral Mass, and Committal of Brother Knight Al Schindler at the new Chapel at Calvary Cemetery in Citrus Heights. Al passed away on August 20th at the age of 97, joining his beloved wife, Joy, who passed away about two years ago. Father Des, Father O'Connor, and our seminarian, Ben Condon, all brother Knights in our Council, led the services for Al.

Al was a Knight in our Council for many, many years. He was born on April 8, 1928, in Mt Angel, Oregon. If Mt. Angel sounds familiar, it is the home of the Benedictine Abbey, where many of our seminarians have attended. Ben started there, and his brother Ralph Tronci is currently there. Al grew up on the family farm with his brother and sisters, did very well in school, and was an excellent athlete. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1948 to 1952 during the Korean War. During the war, Al made a promise that if he survived the war, he would be a devoted servant of God.

After his honorable discharge, Al went to the University of Portland in Oregon and graduated with a degree in Business Administration. With those credentials, he went on to have a successful 35-year career with ARCO, retiring as a Regional Sales Manager. After marrying his wife, Joy, in 1963, he came to Fair Oaks and St. Mel. Al put his faith into action and exemplified the virtue of charity espoused by the Knights. He was an important and dependable member of the ushering crew here for many years. Plus, he was very active with the St. Vincent de Paul society, going on the twice-a-week homeless runs with brother Doug Crumley's dad and vetting new applicants in need of help. He did serve as one of the first presidents of the SVDP society here at St. Mel and received the "Top Hat" award.

Al and Joy had four daughters - Christine, Julia, Mary, and Stephanie. They were blessed with eight grandchildren who live here and down in the Bay Area. He was a great husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, uncle, and friend. He was also a bit of a prankster, which you would usually find out about if you hung around with him for very long. Al lived as a role model for us all, demonstrating charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Please keep Brother Al and his family in your prayers.



All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day

By Dustin Stroud

When we pray and celebrate Mass as the whole Church, it is not only just us here on earth, it is also all the faithful departed and the saints in heaven. I've often described Mass as a space/time continuum experience. For each Mass, we connect with all the souls in heaven, even the souls in purgatory, and with each Mass that has been held before and is yet to be held in the future. With each one, we pretty much travel back in time to the Last Supper and Christ's Passion. For all the souls in heaven, this is pretty much all the time.

There are two days in the liturgical calendar in which we celebrate all those who have gone before us. We celebrate their joining with our Lord in Heaven. We acknowledge their presence with Christ and take into understanding that they are all praying for us here on earth.

All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows' Day or Halloween, is the solemnity dedicated to honoring all saints who have attained heaven and is celebrated on the first day of November. The day serves as a reminder of the spiritual bond between the living and the saints, emphasizing our belief in the "Church triumphant" (those in heaven) and the "Church militant" (the living believers). The origins of All Saints' Day can be traced back to the early Church, with various feasts commemorating martyrs held on different dates. The formal establishment of November 1st as All Saints' Day is attributed to Pope Gregory III in the 8th century, who dedicated a chapel in St. Peter's Basilica to all saints. The day is part of a three-day observance that begins with Halloween (October 31) and is followed by All Souls' Day (November 2), which honors the faithful departed.

All Souls' Day, also called The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, is a day of prayer and remembrance for the faithful departed, observed on the 2nd of November. All Souls' Day is the third day of Allhallowtide (the Halloween Season), after All Saints' Day (November 1st) and All Hallows' Eve (October 31st). Before the standardization of Western Christian observance on November 2nd by St. Odilo of Cluny in the 10th century, many congregations celebrated All Souls' Day on various dates during the Easter season, as it is still observed in the Eastern Churches.

For both days, Masses are held in honor of the memories of all the saints and all the faithful departed. Some parishes, as St. Mel's, sometimes send envelopes to their parishioners on which they can write down the names of departed family members and friends whom they want to have prayed for.

This year, we are fortunate to have All Saints' Day on Saturday and All Souls' Day on Sunday. So, this year we have more than one holy weekend (this first one, of course, being the weekend of Good Friday). This year, let's try to keep these two days alive in our hearts year-round. Ask the saints and your family and friends in heaven to intercede and pray for you, because they all want to. With them being right there next to Jesus, you know that Jesus will hear them. God bless all of you and all your dearly departed.

Saint Carlo Acutis, the First Millennial Saint

By Dustin Stroud

The prophecy of Carlo Acutis, which he himself spoke to his mother before he passed away in 2006, has been fulfilled. Carlo himself said that it was revealed to him that he would become a saint. That day came when Pope Leo XIV officially canonized him this past September 7th at St. Peter's Square.

Named as the Patron Saint of the Internet, in his life, Carlo Acutis made a website that documented every single Eucharistic miracle that has happened throughout history. He had a deep love for our Lord in the Eucharist and wanted to spread that love and the awareness of the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist throughout the world.

He never considered himself special or above anyone. As a humble teenager, he always thought of himself as an average kid who loved our Lord, video games, and computers. With his advanced computing skills, he made his website documenting Eucharistic miracles in 2004, 2 years prior to his passing.

Carlo Acutis, an English-born Italian, was born on May 3rd, 1991, in London, later to be raised in Milan, and passed away from acute promyelocytic leukemia on October 11th, 2006, at the age of 15. Active in parish life, he served as a catechist and helped inspire several people to convert to Catholicism, including the return of his own family to the Church. Since his death, his relics have been displayed in Assisi, and his exhibitions on Eucharistic miracles have traveled worldwide.

With his body at rest and his soul in heaven, he is considered incorrupt, as his physical body has not decayed at all in these past 19 years. This first miracle that helped to bring about his canonization happened in 2019 when a young child in Brazil was cured of an annular pancreas after the child's mother prayed a novena asking for Carlo's intercession and after the child kissed a clothing relic of Carlo Acutis. The 2nd miracle to happen was in 2022, when a Costa Rican woman named Valeria Valverde had fallen off her bike in Florence, Italy, and suffered a brain hemorrhage, with doctors giving her a low chance of survival. Her mother prayed for the intercession of Acutis and visited his tomb. The same day, Valverde began to breathe independently again and was able to walk the next day, with all evidence of the hemorrhage having disappeared.

St. Carlo's feast day is set on October 12th. Let us remember St. Carlo Acutis every year, or, better yet, all the time, especially this coming All Saints' Day. I know I will remember him, especially when I am having issues with my computer. St. Carlo, please pray that my computer doesn't die, especially while writing my articles. Amen.

Coffee and Donuts...and Blood!

By PGK Chris Ward

Our Fall Parish Blood Drive took place on Sunday, October 12th, in the Bloodmobile van in the Parish Center parking lot. In addition to the snacks donors receive after donating, we had invited all parishioners to Coffee and Donuts in the Parish Center Hall.

Based on our previous numbers, Vitalant had set a goal for us to reach 17 donations of whole blood. They collected 11 pints that morning and also had four individuals who were deferred for various reasons, so we came very close to our goal. Two of our donors were first-timers, which is always a good sign. If they had a good experience in donating, we hope that they will consider coming back in the future and doing it again (OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE IS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND, MARK YOUR CALENDARS).

There is definitely a shortage of regular blood donors, and everyone is encouraged to donate, if they can, on a regular basis. The Coffee and Donuts went smoothly, although perhaps I could have ordered 1 or 2 fewer dozen. Our leftovers were given to St. Vincent de Paul for their homeless run, so nothing was wasted. This also means the volunteer Knights on hand didn't absorb too many extra calories. Interestingly enough, since this was not meant to be a fundraiser, the donations we collected covered the cost of the donuts, and we even made a small profit. Thanks to everyone who contributed to our donation jar.

Special thanks to our volunteers at the Coffee and Donuts, but most importantly, to our blood donors from the Parish. A donation of blood is a special gift to our community. One pint of whole blood can help up to 3 patients. I don't have all of the names of the donors who gave, or tried to, but thank you all very much! On the Coffee and Donut side, thanks to all the Knights and volunteers who came out and provided their help and support. That included GK Gary Rains, cochair of this event, Trevor Harris, Ray Drake, Joe Van Zant, Alan Absalon, Tremain Hayhoe, Mario La Schiazza, and Tony Quezada. See you all again on February 22nd!

Navigator Report SK Dominique Hipolito

Hello Brothers,

My name is Dominique, and I am honored to have been assigned as your contact for the monthly Navigator! This unexpected duty is a blessing that humbles me and strengthens my confidence by God's grace. More importantly, I am thankful for the team of absolute units, faithful veterans of our Council who have imparted to me no shortage of experiential wisdom. I would also like to thank our young Council members who have regularly submitted articles, and all those who are looking to submit in the future. May God prosper you and the Knights!

I hope you enjoyed reading this month's Navigator. I have certainly enjoyed putting it together. When I began this station, I created a workflow system to track when articles are assigned, received, added to our platform, edited, and finalized. Those who have submitted articles with me are able to see live, whenever I update the status of their article, particularly the date of the progression.

Now, this month was a special early milestone--we created a **Google Group**, and have naturally named it **Navigator 6066**! This allows all who have submitted articles to view globally the workflow and other crucial details. It also allows us to AVOID drowning submitted articles in mine or anyone else's personal email--whew! So going forward, you may submit your articles and feedback to:

navigator6066@googlegroups.com

Moreover, I'd like to renew our commitment to publishing the Navigator the Thursday before each Council Meeting. In turn, we have developed a standardized timeline for the Navigator Process:

- 1) **Author Assignment:** Night of the Officer Meeting Each Month
- 2) **Submission Deadline:** 10 days before the next Council Meeting
- 3) **Publishing:** Thursday before next Council Meeting

Let me know if you have any questions!

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November Anniversaries

by Patrick Wagner, FS

Congratulations to the following couples celebrating their blessed date this month:

Michael & Alison Fox 11/3/2000

James & Vicki Monk 11/13/1976

David & Cecilia La Branch 11/15/1968

Ronald & Jeannine Eason 11/28/1970

November Birthdays

by SK Patrick Wagner, FS

To many More!

Rick J Cervetti 11/1

Tremain Hayhoe 11/3

John W Petzold 11/4

Richard E Chang 11/5

Frank E Gastelum 11/7

Doreen Gastelum 11/7

Scott Whittaker 11/8

Marcus Munoz 11/8

Vincent J Brown 11/9

David G La Branch 11/11

Benjamin R Condon 11/11

Dr Elmar K Hoffman 11/14

Steve Jacek Jr 11/15

William G Fallai 11/17

Dorothy Wagner 11/21

Joseph E Parilo 11/25

Bobbie Heilmann 11/25

Mr Keith Leech Jr 11/26

Dr Joseph G Ang 11/28

Dr Andres Pena 11/28

Frank A Mammano 11/29

Jeannine Eason 11/29

Susan Petzold 11/29

SICK AND DISTRESSED LIST AS OF 10/16/2025

Loretta Brennan, Rick and Miriam Cervetti, Rick Chang, Joe DiSessa, Pat Wagner (Don's wife), Bill Savage, Frank and Judy Abi-Nader, Bruce King, Paul Parker, Mel Rose and Jeff Rose, Bernadette Lazo, Mario La Schiazza, Patty MacEgan, Darleen Janson, Chris Guzman, David Abi-Nader, Elizabeth Annett, B. Gruneisen, Steve Grass, Tom Kelley, Patrick Quinlan, Michael Holbrook, Nora Stroud, Vic Warmerdam, Barney Brinkman, David Murgia, Sue Van Zant, Brandon Ernst, Bill Wagner, Kyle Ramos, Susie Sallee, Megan Vincent

DECEASED LIST AS OF 10/16/2025

Phil Povey, Steven Eberenz III, Terry Miles, Cheryl Keller, Sally Williams, Tjenderawati Lukman, Jack Simas, Nestor Hipolito, Elaine Flynn, Bob Burman, Robert Richmond, Tina Louise Schulten, Scott Yesitis, Mary Miles, Kathy Leuschen, Alice Orr, Jim Jensen, Nancy Allison, Meryl Susmilich, George Kolenski, Al Schindler

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Anyone knowing of a fellow brother or his spouse having passed away or ill, please notify Tyson Villa so a Mass Card can be sent. Bro. Tyson can be contacted by phone at 916-213-3767.

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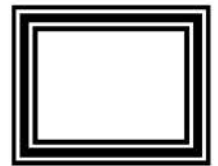
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November 2025

- 1 (Saturday)- All Saints Day; Life Center Gala
- 1/2nd (Sat, Sun)- Baby Supply Drive
- 6 (Thursday)- Council Business Meeting 7PM
- 8/9 (Sat, Sun)- Council Membership Drive
- 8 (Sat 4:30 PM)- Knights Memorial Mass
- 11 (Tues 8:30 am) Veterans Day Mass and
Coffee & Donuts & Veteran Talk
- 15 (Saturday)- NorCal Chapter Meeting
- 20 (Thursday)- Planning Meeting 7pm
- 22-30 Keep Christ in Christmas Cards Sale
- 27 (Thursday)- Thanksgiving Day

December 2025

- 4 (Thursday)- Council Business Meeting 7pm
- 7 (Sunday)- CUF (in Church)
- 13 (Sat.)- St. Mel Christmas Parish Potluck
- 18 (Thursday)- Council Planning Meeting 7pm
- 25 (Thursday)- Christmas
- 31 (Wednesday)- New Year's Eve



Please take the time to check out our web site: www.kc6066.org. If you have any changes, suggestions and/or even photos, please send them to our Grand Knight, Gary Rains 916-747-6835



COUNCIL #6066 EVENTS CALENDAR