



Knights of Columbus

Fair Oaks Council #6066

A Division 5/District 7 Council



FEBRUARY

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

2026

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By GK Tremain Hayhoe



Brothers,

Happy February, everyone! We ended January by celebrating Catholic Schools Week. We fellow Knights were able to present a check to St. Mel School in the amount of \$4,053.59.



Here's a photo of Father Des, myself, the wonderful principal Mrs. French, and our worthy Treasurer, Pat Miles. Some of the proceeds came from our golf tournament fundraiser last year. Mrs. French explained that the funds will go toward tuition assistance here at St. Mel. Go team!

As Knights, we're always happy to present checks—but that's not all we can do, nor are we always able to. We can help in many other ways!

Before getting into that, please allow me to introduce myself.

Hi, my name is Tremain Hayhoe, and I'm the new Grand Knight of Fair Oaks Council #6066 here at St. Mel. Special thanks to our now Past Grand Knight, Gary Rains, for mentoring me over the past year and a half and for passing the reins (get it? It sounds like "Rains"—get it??) to me with humility.

Just a bit about me: I was born in a crossfire hurricane... oops—my music is getting to me. I was baptized as a baby here at St. Mel Church by Fr. Keating (who remembers him? He was awesome). I went to school here from kindergarten through 8th grade and graduated in 2001 (we won't mention that that's a quarter of a century ago). I then attended and graduated from Jesuit High School in 2005, and went to San Diego State University for college, graduating in 2010 (the five-year plan—also, we won't talk about that).

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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



I moved to Los Angeles and lived there for eight years, where I learned how to make movies professionally—then I got the heck out of L.A. I moved back here to Sacramento in 2019. I have my own business: I produce and edit videos for local businesses and nonprofits, and I also produce feature films. I live and work by myself, but I do have a wonderful pet cat named MooMoo. In my free time, I like going to the movies, traveling, and spending time with my parents and friends. My favorite animal is a tiger, and my favorite color is blue. Enough about me—let's talk about my career!

I'm kidding. Yes, I pursued my dream of filmmaking for a long time, and that's fun and all, but what I'm most proud of—and what I feel most accomplished in—is becoming a Knight here in November of 2022. Right around that time, I heard the Bible quote, "faith without action is dead," from James 2:17. That passage hit me like a ton of bricks. As much as I have always had faith and prayed every day, I realized that for so many years I was only in a selfish pursuit of my own goals and dreams. As a result, I was feeling unfulfilled. I prayed to God and asked Him, "How can I help others? Use me, Lord." I wanted to be one of God's foot soldiers, but I didn't know where to start.

That's when a friend and mentor of mine, Pat Miles, and a new friend, Trevor Harris, asked if I had ever considered becoming a Knight. God's timing is impeccable.

My first question was, "What does that mean exactly?" My follow-up questions were, "What do I have to do? Do I get to wear armor? Do I get a sword? Are you guys going to be slave-driving me—making me scrub the floors on my hands and knees like the evil stepsisters did to poor ol' 'Cinderelly'?" Okay, I didn't ask that last question, but I thought about it! And as a matter of fact, yes, we can get a sword—but that's an article for a different day.

They explained to me that it's a fraternal organization of men, from ages 18 to 100+, and that we help the church and school with different events and fundraisers. They told me about pancake breakfasts, blood drives, and a St. Patrick's Day dinner (my Fighting Irish ears perked up at that one!). They also added that I only have to volunteer the hours I can. We all have our own lives, and family comes first—but if I'm able to help out a few hours a month at an event, that would be awesome. It seemed reasonable enough. After all, this is what I had been praying for!

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 dhpolito2025@gmail.com. It doesn't need to be any special font or text size. Send your article as soon as possible, but no later than 10 days before the next business meeting.

George Perkins, Editor

It's been a blessing to be back here in Sacramento, and also an absolute blessing to be back at my home parish of St. Mel. St. Mel gave so much to me growing up, and it's time to give back. It's an honor to be able to serve this community as a Knight and to see all the familiar faces at Mass and at our events. I can humbly say our merry band of brothers, old and young, does so many great things—and we have fun doing it!

My goal and vision for this council is to be more visible in the community, more active in helping the school directly, to recruit more Knights who are St. Mel fathers and grandfathers, and to bring our council into the 21st century by creating our social media accounts.

It's a process; Rome wasn't built in a day, and money doesn't grow on trees (or something like that), so not everything will happen overnight. As a new Grand Knight, I thank you all in advance for bearing with me as I learn the ropes of this position. Luckily, we have many past Grand Knights here to help—who aren't just mentors, but friends. Thank you so much to the Fair Oaks Council for putting their trust and faith in me. I may joke around a lot, but I do not take this position lightly.

Let's keep the lines of communication open. If you, your husband, your brother, or your son's uncle's cousin twice removed is interested in becoming a Knight, please contact me. If you ever have any questions, comments, or concerns; want to poke fun at me; need help; or have ideas for how we Knights can improve, feel free to call or text me at (310) 621-7650. I'll be getting a Knights email soon, and I'll share it once it's set up.

Here are some questions I'll leave you with: How can we Knights help you? How can we help the school, the parish, and the community? Do you or someone you know need our prayers? Help us help you! As a heads-up, I'll definitely make mistakes and the ride may be bumpy for a while, but I promise I'll give you my best—just as our brother Knights are doing and will continue to do along the way. Please continue to pray for our parish, our school, and our council in this new year. I look forward to this new chapter!

Remember: If you can dream it, you can do it; if you can believe it, you can achieve it; and with God, all things are possible!

May God bless you and your families in this new month and beyond.

Tremain Hayhoe
Grand Knight



PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW

**COUNCIL 6066
GRAND KNIGHT**

TREMAIN HAYHOE!

**We look forward to working with
the Worthy Grand Knight Tremain
in service of the
Knights of Columbus.**

CONGRATULATIONS!



PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW

**COUNCIL 6066
LIFE DIRECTOR**

ALAN ABSALON!

**We look forward to working with
the Worthy Brother Alan
in service of the
Knights of Columbus.**

CONGRATULATIONS!



PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW

**COUNCIL 6066
FAITH DIRECTOR**

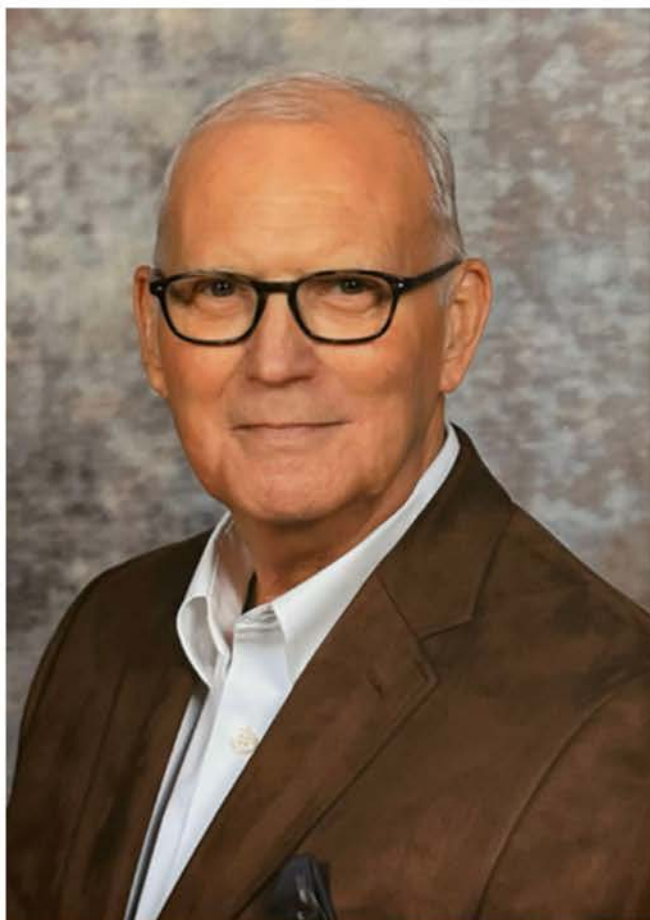
DUSTIN STROUD!

**We look forward to working with
the Worthy Brother Dustin
in service of the
Knights of Columbus.**

CONGRATULATIONS!

Family of the Month
By GK Tremain Hayhoe

Our Council would like to honor the family of Bob Mayer, who recently passed, leaving a legacy of faithful and enduring service. We continue to pray for the repose of Bob's soul and for the comforting of his family. May they be blessed abundantly and may the Lord embrace Bob into His eternal kingdom. Rest in peace, Bob.



Bob Mayer (1954-2025)

SAVE BABIES!

by Alan Absalon

One of the most important aspects of being Catholic is the importance of standing up for life—especially for the unborn. As a Knight of Columbus, this is an aspect of my faith that I uphold in guiding the values and morals I live by in my daily life. As someone who works in social services for a nonprofit in the Sacramento area, I work with and empathize with underserved families and individuals who need extra support to navigate the daily stressors of our world. This includes connecting families and job seekers with baby supplies and clothing for their children, as well as other essential necessities. This guiding principle of upholding life and standing with the marginalized has enabled me to connect with clients from various backgrounds and advocate for them to have what they need to live as normal a life as possible. These same principles of helping marginalized families and individuals have also led me to step up within the Knights of Fair Oaks and become the Life Director of Council 6066

When I joined the Knights of Columbus back in January 2025, I knew I wanted to help families and people in my community beyond the confines of my job. As I became connected to the St. Mel community, I quickly began to understand that even in areas that seem “well off” in terms of income, unmet needs still arise. Some of those needs include baby supplies for families—especially those who are low-income and facing difficult life challenges. One of the earliest examples of my involvement in upholding the sacredness of life within my council was the Mother’s Day Rose Sale in May 2025. I developed a catchy slogan and told my fellow parishioners, “Buy a rose, save babies!” From that moment on, I knew that serving as the Life Director of my Knights Council was something I wanted to pursue, because I already had work and life experience advocating for marginalized individuals within the communities I serve—albeit in a professional capacity.

During the second half of 2025, I began helping SK Tremain Hayhoe collect baby supplies for the St. Mel parish. I would often stand in front of the church and ask fellow parishioners to donate baby supplies and baby food to help communities in need that the Sacramento Life Center serves. Tremain referred to me as his Deputy Life Director. This was instrumental because it helped me connect more deeply with the pro-life community in the Sacramento area. Even though I was pro-life prior to joining the Knights, becoming involved with organizations that directly support babies and their families strengthened my sense of calling to stand with them and help ensure they can meet their needs. Now that I am the Life Director of my Knights Council, I feel this is a challenge I am ready to face: standing for the unborn, helping their families, and articulating why the pro-life movement is worth standing for.

One of the first events I facilitated during my first month as Life Director was the Baby Supply Drive earlier in January 2026. Even though we collected only eight diaper boxes, along with food, clothing, and other supplies such as baby lotion, it was a good start. It allowed me to grow in organizational skills and gain experience I can carry forward as I continue working to support babies and families in my community.

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Another event attended together with SK Tremain Hayhoe and SK Trevor Harris was the 22nd Annual Walk For Life - West Coast in San Francisco. Meeting other Knights of Columbus Councils, pro-life community leaders and organizers empowered me to know that I am not alone in the fight towards an abortion-free world. I remember before the actual march were a series of testimonies of women and men who have been affected by the evil wrath of abortion. Knowing their stories and understanding their regret of having an abortion or being a father of a child who was unfortunately aborted has instilled in me that my role as the Life Director is crucial towards helping mothers and their families to choose life and to know that they are going to be fully supported by compassionate individuals. Marching for life made me realize that the pro-life movement is compassionate and empathetic towards building a society where families are not ripped apart because of an abortion, as well as to build a pro-family culture worldwide. I remember my eyes almost welting into tears in seeing almost 50,000 baby savers marching for an abortion free world and in upholding the sanctity of life and the family.

Although many “Pro-Choicers” will say that the pro-life movement is “old fashioned, anti-woman, and anti-disability,” it is important to understand that the pro-life movement is rooted in empathy towards women and people with disabilities. As an autistic individual myself, I know that I am a gift from God and I thank my parents for giving me the opportunity to have a normal life where I can save babies and help families in my community facing difficult challenges. In closing, when I reflect back on my Knights journey in becoming the Life Director of my council, I am often reminded that we are all gifts from God and that life is worth fighting for.



A REFLECTION ON LENT

by Dustin Stroud



Lent starts early this year, with Ash Wednesday falling on February 18th. As I prepare myself for the upcoming Lenten season, I can't help but think about a certain habit I have developed throughout my life: I am always early! Even my birth was early. I was born almost two months early—about a month and a half.

For many other things throughout my life, I have always been early. After my parents and I moved within walking distance of my school, I was always early for class. Being early for school gave me the chance to help other students who were also early with any last-minute problems they had with their homework, or to help the teacher get the classroom prepared for the day's lesson. I even carried this into college—I helped my professors with whatever assistance they required. For every job I have held, I always showed up early for work. I'd arrive anywhere from 15 to 30 minutes early so I could see what the day held for me and get myself prepared, so I could get right to work once I clocked in. I am also early for parties and get-togethers. I would help the host get things set up: snacks in bowls, punch made, and party favors properly packaged or wrapped.

Lent is about preparing ourselves for the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. With it beginning early this year, it also makes me think that we should keep ourselves prepared for His Second Coming at all times because, even though we do not know the day or time of His coming, for all we know it could be sooner rather than later. Who but God knows what tomorrow holds for us? For all I know, tonight could be the last night I have on this green earth. If that is the case, I want to be prepared for when I finally meet the Bridegroom. My wick is trimmed; my oil lamp is full. I am doing my best to be one of the sheep instead of the goats. I hope and pray that everyone else is, too. May God bless you and keep you.

Become a Fourth Degree Knight

There will be a Fourth Degree Exemplification on March 14, 2026, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Folsom. The event will run approximately from 10 am to 3 pm. Family and friends are invited to the ceremony. Please contact SK John Brennan at 916-548-4962 or JPBrennan7262@gmail.com for more information.

Benefits of Joining the 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus

When Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882, there were only three degrees in our Order, Charity (1st Degree), Unity (2nd Degree), and Fraternity (3rd Degree). In the late 19th century, there was some discrimination against Catholics. One reason for this discrimination was that people thought that Catholics were more loyal to the Pope than they were to the United States of America. The Knights of Columbus wanted to show that Catholics could be loyal to, and love both our faith and our country, so they created the Patriotic Degree, the 4th Degree of our Order. The first exemplification of the 4th Degree occurred on February 22nd, 1900, in New York City. In February 2025, the Knights of Columbus will celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the 4th Degree of our Order.

The Mission of the 4th Degree is to honor our Veterans, support Sir Knights and their families at a time of loss, and conduct Patriotic educational programs.

Reasons to become a 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus:

- The 4th Degree is the highest degree of our Order.
- 4th Degree members earn the title of Sir Knight (SK).
- Because you love our country, and you love our faith.
- When the time comes that God calls you home, you are eligible for the 4th Degree Honor Guard to be present at your Memorial Service. This benefit is also extended to your Spouse, your Parents, and your Children. This honor is not available to 3rd Degree members.
- Chalice Program – In your memory upon passing, your name is engraved on a Chalice with the names of 3 other Sir Knights from our Assembly. These Chalices are donated to priests around the world, and you are remembered every time the Chalice is used in Mass.
- You are eligible to participate as a member of the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard.
- We typically do no fundraisers. Our annual dues of only \$30 allow us to support Seminarians and purchase Chalices for the Chalice Program.

PASSING THE CAN FUNDRAISER

FOR A

WHEELCHAIR BREAKFAST

We need volunteers!

WHEN:

SATURDAY - 02/14/2026 after Mass

SUNDAY - 02/15/2026 after Mass

SATURDAY- 02/21/2026 after Mass

SUNDAY - 02/22/2026 after Mass

Last year we earned \$2,891.96 total which was amazing!

This year, we can do even better with luck.

For every \$150 we raise, the Knights will donate a \$500 dollar wheelchair to those in need.

ANNUAL WHEELCHAIR BREAKFAST

SUNDAY 02/22/2026 after both Masses

Come join us for a breakfast burrito together!

Entrance is \$10/person.

SEE YOU THERE!

FEBRUARY 2026

February Anniversaries

by SK Patrick Wagner , FS

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

Patrick D. Povey 02/05

February Birthdays

by SK Patrick Wagner, FS

To many More!

Curt M. Cleary	02/04
Vince F. Negrete	02/12
Timothy P. O'Connors	02/14
Bruce A. Fairchild	02/16
David A. Abi-Nader	02/17
Michael Povey	02/17
Mr. Jonah Lewis	02/18
Aaron R. Knutson	02/20
Ronald A. Lingren	02/21
Andrew P. Pugno	02/23
Joseph W. Wagner	02/23
Michael J. Nader	02/26

Wives:

Franca Lingren	02/01
Mary Denise Kramer	02/05
Carol Warmerdam	02/07
Linda Reid	02/11
Alice Quiroz	02/16

SICK AND DISTRESSED LIST AS OF 01/28/2026

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, Ed Lopes, Daniel Cronk, Courtney Calvitti, Rebecca Johnson, Joseph Jones, Rick Terry, Mike McLeod, Don Wagner and Family, Marilyn O'Neil

DECEASED LIST AS OF 01/28/2026

Nestor Hipolito, Elaine Flynn, Robert Richmond, Scott Yesitis, Mary Miles, Kathy Leuschen, Alice Orr, Nancy Allison, Meryl Susmilich, George Kolenski, Al Schindler, Chris Ornales, Robert Pineschi, Steve Freitas, Cely Realuyo, Bob Mayer, Cely Realuyo, Richard Gilberg, Brendan Murphy

MASS CARDS:

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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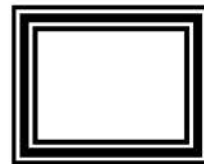
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IN GOD WE TRUST

February 2026

- 1 (Sunday)- Scout Country Breakfast
- 5 (Thursday)- Council Business Meeting 7pm
- 19 (Thursday)- Council Planning Meeting 7pm
- 14/15 Pass the Can Wheelchair Drive after Masses
- 21/22 Pass the Can; Wheelchair Breakfast
(Sunday, the 22nd)
- 21/22 (Sat, Sun)- Council Membership Drive

March 2026

- 5 (Thursday)- Council Business Meeting 7pm
- 8 (Sunday) - CUF Ceremony
- 6, 13, 20, 27 (Friday)- Stations of the Cross
- 7, 8 (Saturday, Sunday)- Baby Supply Drive
- 14 (Wednesday)- St. Patrick's Dinner
- 16 (Monday) - California March for Life
- 19 (Thursday)- Council Planning Meeting 7pm
- 28 (Saturday) NorCal Chapter Meeting

COUNCIL #6066 EVENTS CALENDAR



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, Tremaine Hayhoe 310-621-7650

