



Knights of Columbus

Fair Oaks Council #6066

A Division 5/District 7 Council



JULY

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

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By PGK Chris Ward

The last Wednesday of each month, brother Knight Mike Allison leads men seeking to grow in their relationship with Christ and to be stronger in virtue and faith. This is the Fatherhood Group ministry that Mike has led for several years. Each meeting includes topics of discussion from the book *Carry Your Family in Your Heart: Fatherhood as a Call to Holiness*.

The group's mission is as follows:

- To serve as men dedicated to the Lord in all aspects of our lives.
- To encourage and support fathers throughout the world in their gift and responsibilities as fathers.
- To encourage and support fathers "to respond" to their vocation.
- To protect and remain strong carrying their families in their hearts.

Our desire is to be united to the Lord and fulfill our holy mission as fathers. The Fatherhood Fraternity is entrusted to the patronage of Saint Joseph. Want to strengthen your fatherhood? Call or text Mike at 916-834-6226.

Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament



MONDAY, AUGUST 31ST, THE ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6066 GOLF TOURNAMENT WILL TEE OFF!

LOCATION- RANCHO MURIETTA GOLF COURSE

TIME- REGISTRATION AT 8AM, TEE OFF AT 9AM

THERE WILL BE BREAKFAST BURRITOS, SUBWAY SANDWICHES FOR LUNCH, AND A TACO BAR DINNER

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



OUR NEW OFFICERS FOR COLUMBIAN YEAR 7/1/26-6/30/27

Grand Knight- Tremain Hayhoe
Deputy Grand Knight- David Vincent
Chancellor- Dustin Stroud
Warden- Trevor Harris
Treasurer- Pat Miles
Trustee 1 Year- Chris Ward
Trustee 2 Year- George Perkins
Trustee 3 Year- Mike McLeod
Recorder- Alan Absolan
Advocate- John Brennan
Inside Guard- Mario La Schiazza
Outside Guard- Ray Drake

The election of new Columbian Year's officers was held on Thursday, June 4th business meeting. By unanimous voting, the new officers are as listed above. Please note that if you do not see an officer position listed (for example, Financial Secretary or Lector), it is not an elected position and is filled by GK or council appointment. The Program Director and program chairs are selected and filled by the GK and DGK in consultation with each other. If you have any questions, contact either officer listed above. Thank you all who took part in the nominations and elections.

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 Dustin Stroud at navigator6066@googlegroups.com or dustin.stroud@yahoo.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

Volunteers for the Business Meeting Meal at 6pm

Thursday, July 2 **David Vincent (916) 895-9112**

Thursday, August 6 **Pat Miles (916) 849-8698**

Thursday, September 3 **Tremain Hayhoe (310) 621-7650**

We could use more volunteers to provide a meal for the Council prior to our Business meetings. If you can help, let Chris Ward know. If you are scheduled to provide a meal and can't, contact Chris Ward at 916-834-1772 or wardchrisj@hotmail.com, if possible, at the beginning of the week in which the Business Meeting will be held. Thanks.

New Year In July

by Dustin Stroud



When it comes to the month of July, we think of Independence day, fireworks, the signing of the Declaration of Independence, etc. For us members of the Knights of Columbus, we also celebrate the New Columbian Year. It always starts on July 1st and ends on June 30th. The Columbian year is the official administrative and operational year for the Knights of Columbus, during which local councils, state councils, and assemblies elect their officers and plan activities

Councils often mark the beginning of the Columbian year with an installation of officers ceremony, which formally inducts the newly elected leaders and sets the tone for the upcoming year of service and charitable activities. This timing also aligns with planning for membership drives, charitable programs, and council events, ensuring that all activities are organized within a consistent annual framework.

Understanding the Columbian year is important for members who wish to participate in council leadership, plan events, or track membership and charitable goals, as all official council activities and reporting are structured around this July-to-June cycle

It Takes a Team to Save Babies

By Alan Absalon



On Tuesday June 16th, Grand Knight Tremain Hayhoe and myself attended a Donor Appreciation Celebration for the Sacramento Life Center at the Del Paso Country Club in Sacramento. Although Tremain invited me at the last minute, I had to borrow one pair of his leather shoes as I was not expecting to attend this event. It was a great opportunity to meet other baby savers in the Sacramento area who stand for life and the protection of the unborn as Life Director, reconnecting with and talking to the Life Center staff whom I built rapport with over the past six months has been a blessing in knowing that I am not alone in this effort to protect life throughout our communities.

While attending the Donor Appreciation Celebration for the Life Center, Tremain and I had the opportunity to meet Bishop Jaime Soto of the Sacramento Diocese. We talked about our roles in the pro-life cause and what our roles are as Knights in our council. Bishop Soto commended my work as the Life Director and told me that the pro-life cause is an important part of being a Catholic. It was also a blessing to receive a blessing from him that night. Knowing that many churches and organizations in the Sacramento area are active in the cause of life made me feel grateful that the work I do is not in a vacuum, but it is one part of a collective effort to help mothers, fathers, and their babies to build strong families in our community. Additionally, during the Knights Officers Meeting on June 18th, Tremain gave me a letter from the Sacramento Life Center thanking me for the efforts I initiated during the Lenten Baby Bottle Drive, where our fellow Knights and Deacon Dave donated cash and coins to this organization. Our council raised \$842.03 in this collective effort.

As the Life Director for the Fair Oaks 6066 Council, I have learned many life lessons that have enabled me to become a better person and Knight in my community. I have come to learn that coordinating with other Knights and others in the pro-life community are very important strategies when it comes to advancing the cause. Time management and initiative are skills I have adapted this year. Going out of my comfort zone and not being afraid to learn new things has to be one of my best life achievements so far this year. Even though I experienced some frustrations in between, it is part of this learning process called life. I am hopeful and optimistic on what the rest of the year will bring as being this Council's Life Director.

Eucharistic Procession/Parish Picnic

By PGK Chris Ward



On Sunday, June 7th, parishioners of St. Mel gathered together after the 10:30AM Mass for our traditional Eucharistic Procession and Parish Picnic. This tradition was revived about 3-4 years ago in our Parish after many years without it. June 7th was Corpus Christi Sunday, or the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. We honor the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist on that day each year. There is nothing more appropriate for that celebration than a Eucharistic Procession with Father reverently carrying the Body of Christ for all to see.

The Eucharistic Procession started off with the newest St. Mel Communicants (our first Communion children this year) leading the way by dropping rose petals along the path the Procession took. It proceeded from the upper parking lot, down through the lower parking lot, and out along the field behind the school. It ended at the amphitheater at the west end of the school. There was a special service and Benediction was held. Knights, including Mike Mcleod and Jerry Sullivan., were on hand to carry the canopy over Father Des throughout the Procession.

Brothers Ray Drake, Lewis Styer, and myself, prepared a picnic of hot dogs, chips, macaroni salad, potato salad, fruit, and cookies for the parishioners to enjoy after the Procession, while they socialized with each other. Brother Kyle Freidenfelt had set up games for the children around the field. Everyone enjoyed their early afternoon. We had some food left over, so we had room for more.

The challenging part of this year's event though, was that some of the past main organizers were not in town for the actual Procession and Picnic. Others had to fill in to make this event run smoothly. Brother Ray Drake stepped up to run the kitchen in the small hall and serve up the food. Kyle Freidenfelt took on the organization of the Procession with Deacon Dave's help. Setup, led by Kyle and Ray, took place on Saturday morning. In addition to the other brothers already mentioned, we had help from the Tuesday morning Cursillo group. During cleanup on Sunday, several other brothers pitched in, including Alan Absolan, Pat Miles, and Dustin Stroud. The central focus of this event was the Body of Christ, but it was very gratifying to see everyone who volunteered to pull together and make this such a special event. My vote would be to award Knight of the Month awards in particular to Ray and Kyle for all their efforts.

Hawaiian Style

By PGK Chris Ward



In that little grass shack on the St. Mel campus that we call the Parish Center, we gathered a bunch of parishioners (about 75 total) and spent the evening of Saturday, June 13, dreaming of Hawaii. Inside the open doors, guests were welcomed to the Crazy Shirt Bar ran by brother Steven Fitzgerald and his wife, Meghan, who served up mai tais, Kona ale, and soda. In the main hall, after saying grace in Hawaiian and English, we served up pulled pork, huli huli teriyaki chicken, barbequed chicken, sweet rolls, rice, macaroni salad, potato salad, fruit salad, and pineapple cupcakes with a dollop of cool whip and a cherry on top. Brother Tyson's donation of a smoker was put to use in a big way. With the guidance of my brother Pat (also a member of our Council), he and I smoked about 144 pounds of pork shoulder for the event. My wife, Candy, and I created the marinade for the huli huli chicken. She also located a simple recipe that allowed us to easily create those cupcakes; and of all the food left at the end of the night, not a cupcake could be found.

After we setup for the evening on Saturday, while my wife and I were cutting up the fruit for the salad, brother Denny Shunta came by and grilled around 70 pieces of chicken, which helped us later in the day, while we were trying to keep pace with the demand for the huli huli chicken right off the grill. When master of ceremonies, GK Tremain, called for dinner, brothers Trevor Harris, Alan Absolon, George Perkins, and George's wife, Jamie, helped serve up the feast. After everyone settled back down after the meal, the Aloha dancers from El Dorado Hills stepped on the dance floor and entertained us all with traditional Hawaiian and Tahitian dances. When they finished their routine, they invited members of the audience up to the dance floor to participate in dancing. When the dancing was over, it was picture time with the dancers in front of the beach background hanging, which brother George Perkins and his wife had added to the decorations.

The evening then finished up with a 50/50 raffle and the drawing for the donated gift baskets, led by brother Vince Mamano. Everyone enjoyed the dinner and entertainment for the evening. Special thanks to brother Pat Wagner and his family for selling event, raffle, and drink tickets at the entrance. They also stayed around to help with the clean up. Brother Pat Miles was also invaluable, starting the morning with setup, and returning for the clean up in the kitchen, washing dishes and mopping the floor. Brother Mario La Schiazza helped all evening, using his expertise as chef, to help direct our efforts in the kitchen.

Independence Day Reflection

By Dustin Stroud



This year on July 4th our nation turns 250 years old. In that short time, compared to the rest of the world, we have had quite a lot of interesting historical events. And to think, it all started with Christopher Columbus discovering our continent when he was trying to sail to India. Did you know that North and South America were named after Amerigo Vespucci, who argued against Christopher Columbus about our lands. While Chris believed we were part of Asia, Amerigo realized that we were a separate continent. He then explored North and South America on behalf of Portugal and Spain. The earliest known use of the name America dates to April 25, 1507, when it was applied to what is now known as South America by German cartographer Martin Waldseemüller for his world map, now known as Waldseemüller map.

Not too long later, colonization began in America and the pilgrims came to what is now known as Plymouth, Massachusetts. They had our first Thanksgiving with the Natives and then, another century later, after the revolutionary war, we became a nation in 1776. Did you know that some of our forefathers were Catholic. For example, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Maryland was the most prominent and only Catholic among the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Like all countries, we've had our share of ups and downs. My grandmother, who was born in 1912 after the Titanic sank (which was enroute to New York City before it struck that iceberg), grew up during the Prohibition and, if she was still alive, could tell you all about the Great Depression of the 1930s. She knew about a hundred different ways to serve beans.

I'll tell you this, we Americans know how to celebrate! Every Independence Day we celebrate the birth of our nation with little waving flags, face paint, picnics, barbeque, and many grand shows of fireworks from coast to coast. Every year, as our country turns another year older, I stop and think about the good and bad things of the past year, and feel a sense of pride for my country. I am proud to be an American, and I am proud of our Lord Jesus Christ. In my heart God is first, and our nation is second.

My Patron Saint

by Dustin Stroud



Each of us, when we are confirmed, chooses a saint to be our spiritual partner in Heaven. Each saint is the patron saint over many different things. For example, the patron saint I chose for my confirmation was Saint Benedict of Nursia. He is the patron saint of Europe (along with saints Cyril and Methodius), students, monks and is considered the forefather of modern monasticism. He protects against poisons, evil, witchcraft, and temptations. His prayers and intercession are asked for by agricultural workers and farmers, civil engineers, coppersmiths, people in religious orders, schoolchildren, and spelunkers (cave explorers). He is said to help heal kidney diseases, fever, and various diseases; and is often asked for his intercession by those just before death.

St. Benedict, born in 480 A.D. and passed away in 547 A.D., was the founder of Monte Cassino, the first Benedictine monastery ever built. Though he did not create the Benedictine order himself, St. Benedict is titled the father of the Benedictine order.

I had learned something interesting while attending OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) about saints. A lot of them are grouped into 2's, 3's, sometimes more. Some are related to each other and some are friends or colleagues. In the case of St. Benedict, his twin sister is St. Scholastica, the founder of the first order of Benedictine nuns. Saints Maurus and Placidus were among his first disciples. It is even said that St. Cosmas was also his disciple.

Many monasteries that exist now follow his Rule, which he wrote in 530 A.D. His medal, the Saint Benedict Medal which is widely used throughout the world, was first made back in 1880 A.D., resembling the cross he carried with the famous prayer *May the Cross be my light and the devil not be my guide.*

Though he was already considered a saint by popular demand, Benedict of Nursia was officially canonized by Pope Honorius III in the year 1220. Many may not know this, but Benedict has 2 feast days, the first being on the day of his death, March 21st (which was established pre Vatican II), and the second feast day falling on July 11th. It was interesting learning about Benedict when I chose him as my saint. If you don't know much about your patron saint, I suggest taking the time to learn as much as possible. You may just learn something new about them. Until then, St. Benedict, pray for us. Amen.

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July Anniversaries

by SK Patrick Wagner , FS

Congratulations!

Francis & Judy Abi-Nader 7/10
John & Christine Brennan 7/16
James & Joyce Carroll 7/17
Michael & Mai Faber 7/27
Douglas & Monica Crumley Jr 7/30
Frank & Doreen Gastelum 7/31

July Birthdays

by SK Patrick Wagner, FS

To many More!

William Waka	7/01
Douglas Crumley Jr.	7/02
David Stein	7/02
Kevin Heisinger	7/04
Michael McLeod	7/04
Eric Vollman	7/04
Alan Absalon	7/05
Brendan O'Neill	7/05
Bruce Kuban	7/05
Rev. Alex Estrella	7/11
Kenneth Knutson	7/11
Patrick Wagner	7/12
Michael Faber	7/14
Jerry Buckman	7/15
Edward Orgon	7/16
Daniel O'Donahue	7/17
Randy Rozanski	7/19
Dominick Anton	7/21
Steven Anderson	7/22
Dcn. Lawrence Niekamp	7/23
Jim Jackson	7/24
Trevor Harris	7/25
John Brennan	7/26
Leyland Hill	7/26
Omar Carrasco	7/30

Wives:

Bridget Sheppard	7/02
Judy Obayashi	7/04
Tessie Punsalan	7/04
Laura O'Neill	7/08
Carol Hallissy	7/13
Jeri Parilo	7/20
Elizabeth Baker	7/25
Margaret Ang	7/30
Joyce Carroll	7/30
Deborah Waka	7/31

SICK AND DISTRESSED LIST AS OF 06/21/2026

Frank and Judy Abi-Nader, 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, Shawn Herrick, 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 Sr., Rebecca Johnson, Joseph Jones, Rick Terry, Mike McLeod, Don Wagner and Family, Marilyn O'Neil, Mike Hummer, Steve Rebello, David Tsang, Patrick Murphy, Gary Ted Stroud Jr., Ken Rose, Alma Rains, Dominique Hipolito

DECEASED LIST AS OF 06/21/2026

Nestor Hipolito, Elaine Flynn, Robert Richmond, Scott Yesitis, Mary Miles, Kathy Leuschen, Lloyd Lagerstrom, Alice Orr, Nancy Allison, Meryl Susmilich, George Kolenski, Al Schindler, Chris Ornales, Robert Pineschi, Steve Freitas, Cely Realuyo, Bob Mayer, Richard Gilberg, Brendan Murphy, Bruce King, Joe DiSessa, Paul Parker, Jeff Jones, Sherrilyn Dietz, John Shea

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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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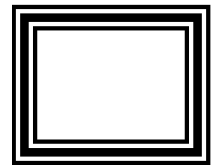
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July 2026

- 02 (Thursday) - Council Business Meeting 7 PM
- 10 (Friday) - *Father* Movie Priemere 7 PM Harris Center
- 11 (Saturday) - Golden Bear Film Festival; Volunteers Dinner
- 12 (Sunday) - Golden Bear Film Festival
- 16 (Thursday) - Council Planning Meeting 7 PM
- 18 (Saturday) - Local Chapter Meeting
- 25 (Saturday) - Baby Supply Drive
- 26 (Sunday) - Baby Supply Drive

August 2026

- 06 (Thursday) - Council Business Meeting 7 PM
- 15 (Saturday) - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 20 (Thursday) - Council Planning Meeting 7 PM
- 31 (Monday) - KofC Golf Tournament



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



COUNCIL #6066 EVENTS CALENDAR