

Knights of Columbus

Fair Oaks Council #6066

A Division 5/District 7 Council



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NAVIGATOR

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

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By GK Tremain Hayhoe



Brothers-

As preparations intensify for the upcoming Sacramento Life Center Gala, organizers are making a final appeal for volunteers to help ensure the event's success. With setup and logistics entering their busiest phase, community members are being asked to lend a hand during several key volunteer opportunities.

According to Sacramento Life Center Business Administrator Renee Pegues-Haynie, volunteers are needed on both Friday, November 6, and Saturday, November 7, to assist with transporting materials, preparing decorations, and setting up event spaces.

On Friday morning at 9:00 a.m., volunteers are encouraged to arrive at the Sacramento Life Center to help transport event supplies to the Hyatt. Organizers note that there is a large amount of equipment and materials to move, including pottery items that require extra care and assistance from volunteers capable of heavy lifting.

Following the delivery effort, volunteers are invited to remain and assist with unpacking and preparing centerpieces beginning at 10:00 a.m. Those helping at the Hyatt will receive complimentary parking in the hotel's parking garage while they work in the Trinity Room.

Additional support is needed on Saturday, November 7, from 9:00 a.m. until approximately noon as the final event setup takes place. Organizers emphasize that the more volunteers available, the more efficiently the work can be completed. Complimentary parking will again be provided in the Hyatt Garage.

The Sacramento Life Center expressed its gratitude to the many supporters who continue to contribute their time and talents to the organization. Even a few hours of assistance can make a meaningful difference in ensuring the Gala is a successful event.

Individuals interested in volunteering for any of the listed activities are encouraged to contact the Sacramento Life Center for additional information.

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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



Volunteers for the Business Meeting Meal

Thursday, November 5 5:30 PM **Mario La Schiazza (916) 870-8996, mariolaschiazza204@gmail.com** and **Pat Miles (916) 849-8698, milespatrick4940@gmail.com**
Thursday, December 3 **Chris Ward (916) 834-1772**
Thursday, January 8 **John Brennan (916) 548-4962**
Thursday, February 4 **David Vincent (916) 895-9112**

Thank you to everyone who helps provide meals before our business meetings. We currently have six volunteers, but we'd be grateful for a few more. If you'd like to volunteer, or if you're unable to provide your scheduled meal, please contact Chris Ward (916-834-1772, wardchriusj@hotmail.com) as soon as possible. Please keep meal costs to $75 or less. **Please remember, the dinner for the November 5th Council meeting will begin at 5:30 P.M. instead of the normal time for Sir Knight Mario's Thanksgiving themed dinner that he will be providing.**



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. Anyone can provide input. If you chair an event or fundraiser, 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

RBCs, Plasma, and Platelets, Oh My!

By PGK Chris Ward



On Sunday, October 4, our Council hosted a blood drive at our Fair Oaks location, giving parishioners an opportunity to make a lifesaving difference.

We are pleased to report that eleven generous donors participated in the drive. Since each pint of blood can be separated into red blood cells, plasma, and platelets, those donations may help as many as thirty-three patients in need. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who rolled up a sleeve and contributed.
As always, coffee and donuts were available for donors and volunteers. Unfortunately, not nearly enough donuts were consumed. In hindsight, we probably should have sent the leftovers to Father Michael, who surely would have appreciated them!

While we are grateful for the support we received this year, we hope to see even more donors at future blood drives. Every donation matters, and every donor has the opportunity to help save lives. Thank you again to everyone who participated and made the event a success.

A Note From Seminarian Ralph Tronci

Last night (10/22), I was installed into the ministry of lector. Please keep me in your prayers as I begin this new role in service to the Church. Pray that I may faithfully and reverently proclaim the Word of God and assist worthily in the preparation of the sacraments. May I always carry out this ministry with humility, devotion, and a desire to lead others closer to Christ.

God bless you all!

Men's Day of Faith Reflection

By Jesse Hoskins







The Men's Day of Faith Renewal 2026 was a wonderful experience of both spiritual growth and fraternal fellowship with Catholic men from across the Diocese of Sacramento. This year's theme, *Coached by Saint Paul: Transformed by Christ*, was led by Father Nathan Cromly of the Saint John Institute in Denver, Colorado.

Father Nathan was an engaging speaker who recounted the story of Saint Paul's life before his conversion, as well as the many struggles he faced during his ministry throughout the Greco-Roman world. While I have read the Bible multiple times, hearing the full account of Saint Paul's life after his conversion was deeply moving. Listening to stories of his physical suffering, persecution by enemies of the faith, and profound humility helped me gain a greater appreciation for the depth of his faith and his unwavering commitment to Christ.

Father Nathan skillfully flipped the script during his afternoon talks by applying the lessons from Saint Paul's life directly to our own. The men in attendance were challenged to reflect on our relationships with our families and our faith, and to consider how past failures can become roadblocks to fulfilling our call to leadership within our homes and in society. Father Nathan shared compelling stories and posed thought-provoking questions that encouraged deep reflection. These questions sparked meaningful conversations among the men seated at our tables during lunch. Our discussions centered on how we can become better husbands and fathers, Christ's boundless forgiveness, and the often difficult responsibilities He places before us.

We concluded the day with Father Nathan enrolling us in the Confraternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel through the Brown Scapular, followed by a group photograph with our brothers in faith. As we departed the parish center and returned to our daily lives, the lessons and conversations from the Men's Day of Faith Renewal remained fresh in my mind. Being a Catholic man means far more than attending Mass once a week and placing a dollar in the collection basket. As leaders within our families, our parish communities, and our society, we must keep our eyes fixed on Christ, trust Him to guide us where we need to be, and rely on the Holy Spirit to provide us with the strength and wisdom to run the race set before us.

One piece of wisdom Father Nathan shared during his talks has remained with me:

"God doesn't choose the perfect man to do His work. He chooses the flawed sinner. The perfect man would think that everything he accomplished was due to his own merits. Men like Saint Paul recognize that all they do is thanks to Christ."

If God could choose a man who was complicit in the persecution of the Church and the deaths of the faithful to become one of His greatest evangelists, then what might God be calling a flawed sinner like me to do for His Kingdom?
This was my first time attending the Men's Day of Faith Renewal, and I was surprised by just how powerful the experience was. I encourage all Catholic men to attend next year. It is well worth your time. The committee that organized the event did a wonderful job, and we are truly blessed to have such dedicated servants in our parish.

Knights Memorial Mass - Saturday, November 7th

By PGK Chris Ward



As we remember the souls of all who have gone before us during the month of November, especially our family members and friends, our Council makes a special effort each year to remember the brother Knights who were members of Council 6066. Our memories reach back to the Council's founding in 1968 and include many outstanding men who faithfully served both our Council and St. Mel Parish.

The following activities are planned for our annual Knights Memorial Mass:

1. Memorial Rosary for Deceased Knights - 3:30 p.m. (Five volunteers are needed.)
2. Posting of the Knights Memorial Poster at the foot of the altar.
3. Reading of the names of our deceased brother Knights following the homily. (Two volunteers are needed.)
4. Presentation of the Gifts during the Offertory by members of the Knights of Columbus. (Two volunteers are needed.)

I will update the Knights Memorial Poster to include all deceased members through the beginning of November 2026. Following the Memorial Mass, the poster will remain displayed in the church vestibule throughout the month of November. Volunteers for any of the above roles may contact Pat Miles at 916-849-8698 or me at 916-834-1772.

Please consider attending this special annual Mass, even if you are not volunteering. We also encourage all Knights to wear their name badges so our parish community can recognize the strong presence of our Council as we gather in unity and fraternity to pray for the men who helped build and sustain Council 6066 throughout the years.

Let us come together in grateful remembrance of our departed brother Knights and honor their legacy of faith, service, and dedication.

St. Mel Parish Veterans Day Celebration

By PGK Chris Ward



For more than a century, Americans have paused on Veterans Day to honor those who have served in our nation's armed forces. Originally known as Armistice Day, the observance began following the end of World War I and was renamed Veterans Day in 1954 to recognize veterans of all wars.

In cooperation with the St. Michael the Archangel Veterans Group, the Knights of Columbus will continue this tradition on **Wednesday, November 11**. The celebration will begin with a Rosary for active-duty military personnel and veterans at **8:00 a.m.**, followed by a special **Veterans Day Mass at 8:30 a.m.** During the Mass, the names of both living and deceased veterans from our parish will be read in recognition of their service and sacrifice.

The Fourth Degree Color Guard will be present for the occasion, and St. Mel Scout Troop 217 will post the colors before Mass and conduct a flag ceremony in the Parish Center.

Following Mass, everyone is invited to the Parish Center for breakfast and fellowship. After breakfast, all Knights, veterans, families, and friends are welcome to hear a guest presentation about military service. This year, I will have the honor of sharing a few stories from my time in the U.S. Army during the late 1970s. I promise to do my best to keep everyone awake better than a cup of coffee!

The breakfast is free and open to all. Donations to help offset the cost of the meal are always appreciated but are not required. If you would like to assist with food preparation, serving, or cleanup, please contact me at **916-834-1772** or **wardchrisj@hotmail.com**.

We hope you will join us as we come together to honor the men and women who have faithfully served our country.

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Together We Can Make a Difference!

Baby Supply Drive

at St. Mel

to support
Sacramento Life Center





November 14-15

How to Help:

Please donate new, unopened items such as:

- **Diapers** (Newborn-Size 6) **& Pull Ups.**
- **Baby wipes and diaper cream.**
- **Bottles, pacifiers, bibs, and blankets.**
- **New baby clothing** (0-24 months).
- **Gift Cards** (Target, Walmart, Grocery Stores).
- **Cash or Check Donations.**

Drop Off:

Bring donations to St. Mel before or after masses or to the Parish Vestibule on both days.

Donations can be brought to Parish Center during the weekdays leading up to Baby Supply Drive dates.

For questions, please contact Life Director Alan Absalon at **916-934-9082**

A Heart Full of Thanksgiving

By Dustin Stroud



This Thanksgiving, I find myself reflecting on the many blessings God has poured into my life. Thanksgiving is more than a holiday; it is a reminder to pause, look around, and recognize the countless gifts we often take for granted. No matter what challenges we face, there is always something to be thankful for.

I am especially grateful for my job, which provides stability and purpose each day. I am thankful for my Church family, whose faith, friendship, and encouragement help me grow closer to God. I am also deeply thankful for my friends and family, whose love and support are a constant source of strength.

This year, I am particularly grateful for the way God answered a prayer that had been on my heart for some time. A friend of mine has been homeless for a while, and I have often prayed that his situation would improve. I have helped him when I could, and each morning when I get off the bus for work, I make it a point to stop and talk with him for a few minutes. Recently, I learned that his nephew, who owns a home in Kansas, has offered to let him live there rent free. Seeing this door open for him is a powerful reminder that God hears our prayers and works in ways we may not always expect.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, may we all take time to thank God for His many blessings, both large and small. A grateful heart helps us recognize God's goodness in our lives and reminds us to share that goodness with others. May we never overlook the gifts He has given us, and may we always trust in His loving care and providence. Happy Thanksgiving!

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November Anniversaries

by SK Patrick Wagner , FS

Congratulations!	
Michael & Alison Fox	*11/03*
James & Vicki Monk	*11/13*
David & Cecilia La Branch	*11/15*
Ronald & Jeannine Eason	*11/28*

November Birthdays

by SK Patrick Wagner, FS

To many More!	
Rick Cervetti	*11/01*
Tremain Hayhoe	*11/03*
John Petzold	*11/04*
Richard Chang	*11/05*
Frank Gastelum	*11/07*
Marcus Munoz	*11/08*
Scott Whittaker	*11/08*
Vincent Brown	*11/09*
Benjamin Condon	*11/11*
David La Branch	*11/11*
John Crumley	*11/14*
Dr. Elmar Hoffman	*11/14*
Steve Jacek Jr.	*11/15*
William Fallai	*11/17*
Joseph Parilo	*11/25*
Keith Leech Jr.	*11/26*
Dr. Joseph Ang	*11/28*
Dr. Andres Pena	*11/28*
Frank Mammano	*11/29*
Wives:	
Doreen Gasetlum	*11/07*
Dorothy Wagner	*11/21*
Bobbie Heilmann	*11/25*
Jeannine Eason	*11/29*
Susan Petzold	*11/29*

SICK AND DISTRESSED LIST AS OF 11/01/2026

Carol Warmerdam, Pat Quinlan, Vic Warmerdam, Chris Hayhoe, Bill Terry, Tony Absalon, Loretta Brennan, Mario La Schiazza, Elizabeth Baker, Darlene Jansen, Celia Wagner, Nora Stroud, Amanda Sparks, Mike Hummer, Bill Savage, Joe Van Zant

DECEASED LIST AS OF 11/01/2026

Marion Cervetti, Jo Morrison

MASS CARDS:

Anyone knowing of a fellow brother or his spouse having passed away or ill, please notify Dustin Stroud so a Mass Card can be sent. Bro. Dustin can be contacted by phone at 279-228-4860.

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IN GOD WE TRUST

November 2026

1 (Sunday) - All Saints Day
2 (Monday) - All Souls Day
5 (Thursday) - Council Business Meeting
7 (Saturday) - Knights Memorial Rosary/Mass 3:30PM
7 (Saturday) - Sacramento Life Center Gala
11 (Wednesday) - Mass/Veteran's Day Celebration
14,15 (Saturday, Sunday) - Baby Supply Drive
19 (Thursday) - Council Planning Meeting
21 (Saturday) - NORCAL Chapter Meeting
21 (Saturday) - Solemnity of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
22 (Sunday) - Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
26 (Thursday) - Thanksgiving Day
28,29 (Saturday, Sunday)- Keep Christ In Christmas Cards
29 (Sunday) - First Day of Advent

December 2026

3 (Thursday) - Council Business Meeting
5,6 (Saturday, Sunday) - Keep Christ in Christmas Cards
6 (Sunday) - ?CUF
17 (Thursday) - Council Planning Meeting
25 (Friday) - Christmas Day
27 (Sunday) - Solemntiy of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
31 (Thursday)- New Years Eve

Please take the time to check out our web site: www.kc6066.org. If you have any changes, suggestions and/or even photos, pleasesend them to our Grand Knight, Tremain Hayhoe 310-621-7650

COUNCIL #6066 EVENTS CALENDAR