



# The Mace

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## Upcoming Events

Council Bus. Mtg. April 1, 7:00 p.m.  
Sacred Heart Parish  
Council Bus. Mtg. May 6, 7:00 p.m.  
Church of the Ascension, Lounge

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## Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

April greetings! With the vernal equinox behind us, we are in springtime and the end of the rainy season, or are we? Lent continues with Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter arriving soon. This is a very special time for the members of the Catholic Church. Remember and focus.

Our April council meeting will be in person at Sacred Heart Parish, Vineyard room upstairs in the parish center. Knights who are Sacred Heart parishioners especially should attend. There is an opportunity to discuss bingo support from the Young Ladies Institute, YLI. Recruitment and retention need attention. Be prepared to discuss and

plan. There will be reports on council activities and possibly an update on the corporations 501c(3) application with the IRS. The IRS moves at its own pace (glacial) and then slower due to staff reductions.

Which officer position interests you for the coming year? Let us find out and discuss. Let us join together in fellowship as we review the council happenings and reports. Listen for the attendance raffle box to shake as we conclude the meeting. Will you be the winner? Show up and find out! Until then, be safe.

Joy and Wonder

Ed Johnson

## Chaplain's Message

### A Month with Much to Ponder

April is a month that we dedicate to both the Eucharist and the Holy Spirit, which might seem unusual. This year, the Holy Week, including the Paschal Triduum, also takes place in April. The Eucharist and the Holy Spirit are central to our celebrations during the Paschal Triduum (three days) and the Easter Octave (eight days). On Holy Thursday, during the Mass of the Lord's Last Supper, we reflect on Jesus' self-giving through the Eucharist. Then, on the Second Sunday of Easter, we hear the beautiful story from John's Gospel about the risen Lord breathing the Holy Spirit onto his apostles, right there "on that first evening of the week" (when he first appeared to them after his Resurrection).

Both the Eucharist and the Holy Spirit are at the heart of our Christian journey. Through Baptism, we receive a share in divine life, animated by the Holy Spirit, and later, we're invited to the Lord's table to receive the Eucharist. Each time we celebrate a sacrament whether it's Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Matrimony, Holy Orders, or Anointing of the Sick we are filled with the Holy Spirit.

So, as we move through this month, let's give thanks to God for the incredible gift of the Eucharist, which we receive every time we gather at the Lord's table, and for the new life in the Spirit that was first bestowed upon us at our Baptism and continues to flow through each sacrament.

Fr. Hao



## California Knights News, Convention Special Edition

Worthy Brothers,

Our 2025 Convention (state annual meeting) is coming soon. It is being held on the weekend of May 15-18 in Visalia conveniently located in the Central Valley of California. Its equally convenient to get there from Sacramento, the Bay area, or Southern California.

We have hotel rooms available at SEVEN area hotels with group rates ranging from \$128.00 to \$159.00 per night plus tax. Where else can you get rooms at that kind of price? ACT FAST to lock in these rates before their deadlines which range from April 20th through May 1st. The hotel names, reservation links and/or phone numbers are shown on this hotel link which is also available on the Convention Information page of our website.

You don't need to be a council delegate to come and learn about KofC programs, meet other members from our 700+ active councils, play in the Second Annual James Scroggin Memorial Golf Tournament, attend the welcome BBQ with a live band, go on tours, attend Holy Mass celebrated by the Archbishop of Los Angeles or the Bishop of Fresno, and so much more.

The pages of our detailed information booklet can be viewed below and/or downloaded from our website at [www.californiaknights.org](http://www.californiaknights.org). Click the link at the top of the page for the Convention Information page. There you will find the answers or links to everything you'll need to know.

We'll be holding a Delegate Orientation Webinar on Thursday, May 1 at 7:00PM. Delegates or potential substitutes will receive an invitation link directly in their email or you can simply click the registration link on the Convention Information page to sign up. NON-DELEGATES ARE WELCOME ON THE WEBINAR to hear about convention activities. You should register even if you can not be on the webinar as a recording link will be provided the next day to those who registered.

Book your room, buy your tickets online, and come join us for a weekend of Family, Fun, Faith, Fabulous Food and Fraternal Fellowship with Forever Friends!!



**Happy Birthday!**

Paul Fleury

Arturo Thiele-Sardina

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*Open*

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*Open*

### Outside Guard

*Open*

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*Open*

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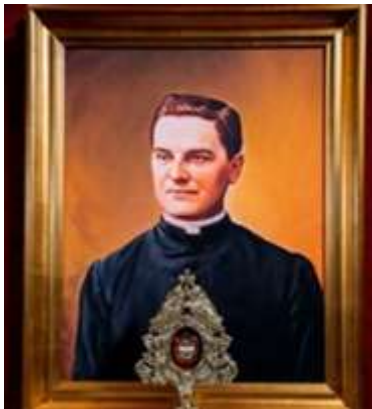
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**Founders Day Message March  
28, 2025**



My Worthy Brother Knights,

April 1, 2025 Wishing you all a blessed Founders Day, March 29 the 143rd anniversary of the founding of the Knights of Columbus by Blessed Michael McGivney.

Father McGivney's decision to start the Knights was an effort to address two prominent needs of the day, to strengthen the faith of Catholic men and to support their families in time of need. All these years later those two needs still exist. The need to bring Catholic men back to the Church and to keep our Catholic

families Catholic. Did you know that 10% of all adults in the United States call themselves former Catholics? The divorce rate in the United States continues at an outrageous rate?

As Knights of Columbus we live our faith as Knights of the Eucharist serving our family, parish, community and country. Be proud of the good we do! Continue to support your pastor and the Church.

As our Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly said, If we are open to discovering the Lords will for us and allow him to work through our lives, we will find great fulfillment and joy. And the more we strive for real holiness in our daily lives, the more we remove obstacles that get in the way of his plan. Amen to that.

God bless all of you and Happy Founders Day!

Yours in Christ,

Jim Larson

California State Deputy

**Monthly Attendance Raffle**

Fr. Greg Kimm won the March raffle of \$40 but was not present to claim the prize. The April 2025 raffle is worth \$50. The winner must be present at the meeting to win!



**Prayer Requests**



The following Brother Knights, their families, and friends are remembered in the monthly prayer held each month before the Councils Business Meeting. If any member wishes to submit a name or remove a name from the list, please telephone or email Ron Schoengold, FS, at 408-309-9830, ron@egoldsolutions.com

**Prayers**

- Brother Art Salazar
- Brother Ron Miller's wife, Shirley
- Brother Jim Mathews
- Brother Mark Wright's sister Anne
- Brother Rodger OBrien
- Brother Harry Tibbetts
- Brother Peter Pozniak's wife, Patricia
- Brother Ron Schoengold's wife. Arline

**Deceased**

- Brother William Callen (08/29/2022)
- Brother Ernest Camacho (01/04/2016)
- Brother Philip Dean (12/26/2007)
- Brother Joseph Denham Jr. (11/19/2014)
- Brother Joseph Fitzsimmons (03/28/2017)
- Brother Francis Hopkins (12/06/2018)
- Brother Eugene Levitre (05/02/2024)
- Brother Robert Lewis (08/08/2016)
- Brother Robert MacKinnon (05/05/2024)
- Brother John Marvin (05/06/2020)
- Brother Larry Sandstrom (03/28/2021)
- Brother Edward Shiras (04/02/2021)
- Brother Philip Young (03/01/2016)
- Brother Eli Thomas (03/02/2022)
- Brother Freddie Schwalbach (03/30/2022)
- Brother Robert Rolufs, PGK (06/26/2022)
- Brother Mark Wright's mother-in-law Yingio Leung (06/29/2022)
- Brother William Callen (08/29/2022)
- Brother Jim Campbells father Bob Anselmo (12/2/2022)
- Brother Ted Wyess' wife Ann (01/11/2023)
- Brother Dominic Guido's wife Roca (03/11/2023)
- Brother Ted Wyess (03/19/2023)
- Brother John Steffen's sister-in-law Mary Steffens (11/30/2023)
- Brother James Campbell (12/13/2023)
- Brother Joseph Kenney's wife Sheila (02/18/2024)
- Brother Tony Seidl's wife Helen Rose (08/21/2024)
- Brother John Lehane, PGK (09/14/2024)
- Brother John Steffen's mother-in-law Emma Firpo (11/8/2024)
- Brother Rodger OBrien (12/24/2024)
- Brother John Steffens's brother-in-law Terrance Kelly (02/14/2025)

# News from Supreme

## In the Founder's Footsteps

### A new house of priestly formation opens where Blessed Michael McGivney completed his studies

By Katie V. Jones 3/1/2025



*Sulpician Father Shawn Gould (left), director of the Blessed Michael J. McGivney Propaedeutic House of Formation in Baltimore, prays vespers with first-year seminarians Aug. 15, 2024, the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in the historic chapel where Father McGivney prayed as a seminarian. (Photo by Daniel Kucin Jr.)*

In June 1873, Michael J. McGivney returned home to Waterbury, Connecticut, following the sudden death of his father. His seminary studies at Collège Sainte-Marie in Montréal were abruptly cut short, and he could not afford to continue. Later that summer, however, Bishop Francis McFarland of Hartford secured funding for 21-year-old McGivney to resume his education at St. Mary's Seminary in downtown Baltimore. For the next four years, until his ordination in 1877, McGivney's spiritual life and intellectual and pastoral formation were nourished by daily prayer and

Mass in the seminary's Chapel of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, where he also served as sacristan.

Some 150 years later, in the same historic chapel, a new house of priestly formation named in honor of this humble Connecticut priest and founder of the Knights of Columbus was formally dedicated Jan. 23 by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore. The Blessed Michael J. McGivney Propaedeutic House of Formation, located adjacent to the chapel, serves first-year seminarians in a new propaedeutic, or preparatory, stage of formation required in all Catholic seminaries.

"How appropriate that this house was named for Blessed Michael McGivney," Archbishop Lori said in his remarks, "because in the propaedeutic year we are helping seminarians ... to develop a life of prayer, to develop their humanity, to develop their own unique version of God's individual likeness."

Among those present at the dedication ceremony were Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly; Sulpician Provincial Superior Father Daniel Moore; Sulpician Father Shawn Gould, director of the McGivney House; Oblate Father James Yeakel, house coordinator; and the seven seminarians living at the house.

In his remarks, Supreme Knight Kelly observed that Father McGivney fulfilled his priestly duties daily with humility and simplicity.

"He always sought to work for the good of his people," the supreme knight said. "I think he is the perfect model for young men discerning [a priestly vocation], and for young men who have committed to the seminary."

Father McGivney's presence can be felt throughout the grounds, according to Father Gould.

"To have him interceding for us is a great blessing," said Father Gould, as he and the seven seminarians are learning the idiosyncrasies of the newly renovated building they now call home. "It is a beautiful thing to have this first stage of formation on the site of the original seminary."

## Directors & Chairmen

### Program Director

Ron Schoengold

### Church Director

John Pozniak

- Vocations *John Steffens*
- McGivney Shrine *Ron Schoengold*
- Bingo *open*
- Parish Round Tables
  - Queen of Apostles *open*
  - Sacred Heart in Saratoga *open*
  - St. Joseph of Cupertino *Joe Kenney*
  - Church of the Ascension *Ron Schoengold*

### Community Director

- Culture of Life *Joe Kenney*
- Charities *Patrick Kwok*
- Divine Mercy
- & Rosary Visitation *John Steffens*
- Food for Families *Dick Sherman*
- People with Intellectual Disabilities *open*
- Mass of Reparation *open*
- Community Projects *Round Table Members*
- Breakfast Supreme *Ron Schoengold*

### Council Director

Open

- Fraternal Affairs *Ron Schoengold*
- First Degree Team *John Pozniak*
- Public Relations *Ron Schoengold*
- Website *Ron Schoengold*
- Communications *Ron Schoengold*
- Past Grand Knights Dinner *open*
- Special Appreciation Night *Patrick Kwok*
- McGivney Pilgrimage *John Pozniak*

### Family Director

Ed Johnson

- Leisure Nights *open*
- Memorial Mass *open*
- Ladies Night *John Steffens*
- Ice Cream Social *Grand Knight Elect*
- Christmas Dinner *Ron Schoengold*
- Annual Picnic *open*

### Youth Director

Open

- Scholarship Program *Patrick Kwok*
- Altar Servers Appreciation *Patrick Kwok*
- Free Throw Contest *Ed Johnson*
- Essay Contest *Ed Johnson*

### Membership & Retention

Mark Wright\*  
John Pozniak



## Treasurer's Report

### Balances as of 3/31/2025

Charity Checking	\$ 259.29
Checking	\$ 4,077.41
Council Savings	\$20,823.59
	<u>\$25,160.20</u>

### Income for March 2025

Interest on Capital One Savings	\$ 1.77
	<u>\$ 1.77</u>

### Expenses for March 2025

Charities	\$225.00
MACE Printing	\$208.32
Membership Expenses	\$ 32.32
State Per Capita	\$325.00
	<u>\$790.64</u>



## Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love.  
 Where there is injury, pardon.  
 Where there is discord, unity.  
 Where there is doubt, faith.  
 Where there is error, truth.  
 Where there is despair, hope.  
 Where there is darkness, light.  
 Where there is sadness, joy.

Oh Divine Master,  
 grant that I may not so much seek  
 to be consoled, as to console;  
 to be understood, as to understand;  
 to be loved, as to love.  
 For it is in giving that we receive,  
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
 it is in dying that we are born  
 to Eternal Life.

# April 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mar 30	31	Apr 1 7:00pm Council Business Meeting (Sacred Heart Parish)	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Holy Thursday	18 Good Friday	19
20 Easter Sunday	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	May 1	2	3

# May 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 27	28	29	30	May 1	2	3
4	5	6 7:00pm Council Business Meeting at Church of the Ascension	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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