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Fr. Heslin Council #2557

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Newsletter for August 2025

Grand Knight's Message – Paul Delgado

Hello Brother Knights,

It's an incredible honor to stand before you as your new Grand Knight. As we begin this new fraternal year, I'm reminded of a classic joke: "Why did the scarecrow win an award? Because he was outstanding in his field!" While some of you may already be "outstanding" in your commitment to our council, I know that many of you, especially our officers, may feel overwhelmed or unsure of what to do next. My goal for this year is to have every single one of our officers become more involved when possible so that they can feel the same joy we all feel when we are contributing to the council along with growing in faith. But don't worry, there will be no surprise pop quizzes or secret handshakes to memorize! This is just a chance to get more involved and deepen your understanding of what it means to be a Knight.

I also know that getting new members is essential for our council, but it's not always the easiest thing to do. My vision is to not only increase our membership but also to get our new members involved in our council's events and activities. Our past Grand Knight set the bar high with this for me this year, so let's make this year our best year yet by inviting new members to join us at every opportunity we can. We can do this by inviting a friend, family member, or coworker to one of our events, or just by sharing our passion for the Knights of Columbus with those around us. Let's not wait until the last minute to recruit new members to make it a priority from the start.

Speaking of great events, we have a few important ones this month that I'd like to highlight:

Exemplification Ceremony: Join us on August 3 at 3:00 PM for our first exemplification ceremony of the year. This is a great opportunity to welcome new members into our ranks and to show our support for our brothers.

Officers' Installation: Immediately following the exemplification, we will have our officers' installation. I'd love to see as many of you as possible in attendance to support our new team.

Father McGivney Relic: A relic of our founder, Blessed Father Michael McGivney, will be at our church on August 23 and 24. This is a rare and special occasion, and I hope we can show our support for our founder by having a strong turnout from our council.

I know we're going to have a fantastic year. Thank you for your continued dedication to our council and for all that you do.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Paul C Delgado G.K

Past Grand Knight's Message

As a Past Grand Knight, I am extremely proud of our Council's accomplishments. We have been producing Exemplifications, right and left, that resulted in us getting the STAR council award. Over the past year, I have been seeing more participation from Brother Knights at all of our events. We have started making improvements in the Hall which we are still doing, but we can already see the results. The new banner has arrived and has been hung in celebrating 100 years as a council. It's an exciting time for our council!

Past Grand Knight,
Jesse Acevedo

Council News – Jesse Acevedo

Results Exemplification Ceremonies is a STAR Council Award

Our outstanding efforts of Brother Gil Esquer and the Exemplification team for conducting the Exemplification Ceremonies to complete the requirements in time to receive a STAR Council Award. It's been several years since we received this award, and please take time to look at the Article published in Turlock Journal of our achievement.

Turlock Knights of Columbus receives top award

STAFF REPORTS
Turlock Journal

Knights of Columbus (Father Heslin Council 2557) in Turlock received the Star Council Award, the international organization's top honor for local councils. The Star Council Award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of growing membership, promoting Knights of Columbus insurance benefits, sponsoring Catholic faith formation programs and volunteering time through service-oriented activities.

Father Heslin Council is a Catholic fraternal organization that has been serving the Sacred Heart Parish, Sacred Heart School and the community for over 100 years. The basic principles of the order are charity, unity and fraternity. The Knights participate and host programs that put faith in action, from Coats for Kids, sup-



Knights of Columbus (Father Heslin Council 2557) Turlock members.

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plying ultrasound machines for pregnancy centers, and actively stepping up in case of disaster relief. These men of action offer leadership training, family life support, investment assistance and they strongly believe in family values.

The Knights of Columbus is one of the world's leading fraternal and service organizations with over 2 million members in more than 16,000 parish-based councils. Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics in union with the Holy See.

For information on joining the local Knights of Columbus contact local Membership Director John Borges at 209-495-1724 or borgesj4500@gmail.com.



Our Council Hosts Chapter July Meeting

Our council showing support for our Chapter and Chapter President Gil Esquer. We hosted our Chapter's July meeting at our hall.

Hello Dear Friends & Brother Knights, as the new Chapter President I will be involved in many different Council events this coming year. I feel confident that this council is in good hands so thank you for your support through the years. And remember, I am only a phone call if you need anything from the District, the Chapter of the State. Sincerely – Gil Esquer – SJ6 - CP





Fourth of July Fireworks Booths

We would like to thank all the Brother Knights and Sacred Heart School Parents who made it possible to run both fireworks booths this 4th of July. This event helps our council make contributions to the Sacred Heart Church and School.





Up Coming Events

August 3rd at 3pm will be an Exemplification Ceremony at our hall followed by Our Council Installation of Officers Ceremony.

August 23rd and 24th – Fr. McGivney Relic will be at the Sacred Heart Church.

October 25th and 26th – Church Festival which we help with Bingo Night on the 25th and Beer Booth throughout the weekend. This year the Bingo night will be Saturday night instead of Friday. We also need help assisting Brother Angel and his setup crew.

Please mark your calendar for these events. We need help organizing them, setting up, volunteering for the actual event, and help with the cleanup. Let's make each event as successful as possible!

Council & Assembly Meetings

Rosary will begin at 6:15pm before each monthly meeting at Fr. Heslin Hall.

Council Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm at Fr. Heslin Hall.

Assembly News

Monsignor Alvernaz-Meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7pm at Fr. Heslin Hall. Please contact Faithful Navigator for Dinner Reservations or use the Band App.

Fr. Giles Assembly-Meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7pm and Dinner is at 6pm. Please RSVP for dinner.

Chapter Meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Sacred Heart School/Pre School-News

Catholic School has been a very valuable experience for our children because it gives them a strong foundation to succeed in their high school years. Sacred Heart School has filled that need with many teachers that have many years of experience that are led by the principal, Sara Michelena.

For a tour of the school or any questions in general, Sara Michelena contact information is listed below.

Mrs. Sara Michelena

Principal

Sacred Heart School Turlock

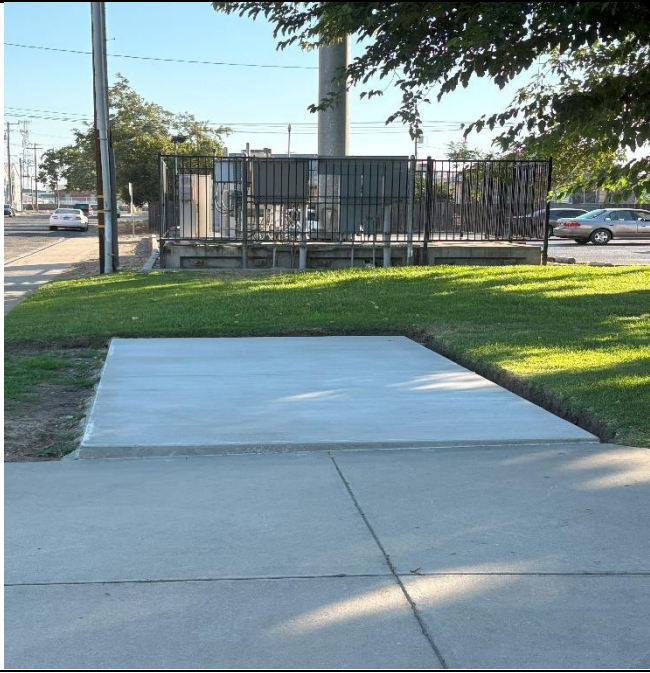
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Columbian Properties Update – Don Grishaw

UPDATES FROM TURLOCK COLUMBIAN PROPERTIES

- Matching picture frames have been purchased to mount pictures of Pope Leo, Bishop Myron Cotta, Father Michael McGivney and others. They will be hung at the front of the hall.
- The wall behind the water heater will be finished soon so that the final installation phase of our new water heater can be completed. We will have hot water in the hall soon!
- Our Building Manager, Joe Ottman, has been working very hard to clean the surface of our hardwood flooring in the main meeting room.
- Quijano's Lawn Care and Maintenance is doing an excellent job of caring for the landscaping around the building.
- The concrete slab has been poured in preparation for moving the storage unit from Brother Joe Ottman's ranch to the property at the hall.
- Take a look at the pictures below:





Churches From Around The World – Don Grishaw

This is St. Patrick's Cathedral in Belfast, the capital of Northern Ireland. Northern Ireland is part of the United Kingdom. This beautiful cathedral is quite large. Notice the beautiful altar, the dome ceiling, the images of Christ and the Holy Family, and, of course, the image of St. Patrick.





An Editorial – The Way, We See It – Richard Fantazia

PROMOTION OR PROTEST... FOR OR AGAINST

Are we not positive about anything anymore? Do we stop short of making a stand or give our opinion on an issue for fear of retaliation? Do we take the easy way out and go silent when we have the chance to voice our opinion? I think we do that more times than not.

In this day and age, it is like a game that has morphed into a cancer that can't be cured. You say one thing, and someone will challenge you and attempt to prove you wrong, not in a calm way, but in anger and in your face. Promoting something is not what people do anymore. It doesn't matter what subject it is or what you want to do...there is blind protesting or resistance. Case in point, just turn on your TV and watch the so- called protesting that in reality is rioting. This is what passes for news these days where our politicians act like deranged clowns.

People have forgotten the old saying that "if you are not part of the solution, then you are part of the problem. Too much complaining and protesting without thinking about solving problems. You know... it takes work to promote but very little to protest.

The Knights of Columbus in my opinion does an excellent job promoting programs and issues. We promote charity, we do not waste time protesting the uncharitable. We promote unity, we do not waste time protesting those that divide. We promote fraternalism, we do not protest against those that do not join. We promote Patriotism and show it. We do not waste our time protesting the Un-American misfits.

Probably the thing that we do best is the promotion of Pregnancy Centers through the Ultrasound Initiative and supporting them financially. **We promote life from conception to natural death.** We are slowly beating down the protesters by being persistent in our resolve and staying strong.

Richard Fantazia

August 2025 Birthdays – Joe Ballas

Oldest Member List First	Birthday	Member	Born
Jesse Acevedo	4 th		
George Rocha	5 th	1940	'79
Joe F. Silva	6 th		
Miguel Lopes	6 th		
Scott J. Carr	7 th		
Brice Fantazia	7 th		
Rafael Sanchez Sr.	8 th		
Dan M. Souza	8 th		
Frank Brazil Jr.	8 th		
Mario Lara-Hernandez	10 th	New member	4/14/25
Kevin Crivelli	16 th		
Michael Frost	18 th		
Greg Carlson	18 th		
David Morera	10 th	New Member	6/25/25
Manuel Mendes	26 th	1931	'79
Jesse Alvarado	26 th	1943	'63
Anthony Gallo	27 th		
Joe E. Dias	29 th		
Angel Reyes	31 st		

Insurance Agent – Joshua L. Heredia



Knights of Columbus

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE
Life Insurance • Long-Term Care Insurance
Retirement Annuities • Disability Income Insurance

Protecting Catholic families since 1882.

FYI – Blessed Michael McGivney Relic event will require all the manpower we can muster. So please check out the details and offer your assistance wherever you can. Thank you all.

Vocations Crucifix Program – Angel Delgadillo



Our Vocations Crucifix program here at Sacred Heart is directed by our very own Brother Knight, Angel Delgadillo, and his wife Lupe Delgadillo. They have been working tirelessly on organizing Masses and seeking out families to take the Crucifixes home to pray each week. He has a Vocations Crucifix for the Knights in our council which my family had the honor of launching by being the first hosts of the Crucifix.

If you and your family are interested in bringing home a Crucifix and praying the rosary for the Vocations, please contact our very own **Brother Knight Angel Delgadillo** at (209)484-2948.

YouTube and Regular TV Sunday Mass Schedule

YouTube - Go to the search box and type in “Sacred Heart Church, Turlock” and hit Enter, and you will see the dates of the Masses as well as images. Just select the Mass you want to see and enjoy Mass with Father Pat or any other of our Sacred Heart priests.

Regular TV Mass Schedule

Local Channel 40KTXL at 5:30am-6:00am

Local Channel 58KQCA at 8:00am-8:30am

DirecTV Channel 370 EWTN at 5:00am-6:10am



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Newsletter Staff

Your Newsletter Staff consists of Brother Knights; Richard Fantazia, Gil Esquer, Don Grishaw, Angel Delgadillo, and Jesse Acevedo. Our Current Grand Knight's message is done by Jon Borges.

Our primary purpose is to provide our Brother Knights, who cannot attend our meetings, an up-to-date information regarding our council, our assemblies, our chapter, our Sacred Heart Church, and Sacred Heart school.

We encourage any Brother Knight that is interested in contributing to this Newsletter in any way to get in contact with any member of the Staff. As usual, our staff will be delighted to hear any suggestions, comments, or concerns regarding the council's newsletter. Thank you for your support.

Jesse Acevedo



Scan it with your phone and see how easy it is to use!

Twelve months to invite 15 members to join the council should put you very close to a STAR council 2 years in a row. Fabulous!

Sunday August 3rd, we will start with 3 new candidates. At this rate we could have our quota by the end of the year (which is good)!

EARLY IS EASY! This way we are not rushing at the end of the year.

You go TEAM!

Gil Esquer – SJ6 - CP

Comics

Source: Pinterest

