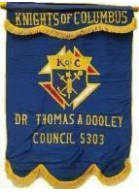




Knightly Newsletter

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Charity-Unity-Fraternity-Patriotism



Chaplain's Column

Worthy Brother Knights,
Each of us was given a Rosary the day we entered the Knights. I still have mine. I keep it in my car and like to pray it when I have a long drive or when I'm stressed. This seems to happen way too frequently. I guess that's one way to pray more! Anyway, a tremendous peace comes to me after praying the Rosary. Brothers, keep your Rosary close. Pray alone. Pray with your family. The family that prays together stays together.
We give thanks to God and the Church for the recent elevation of our brother Knight, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, from Venerable to Blessed. May he and Fr McGivney, intercede for us.

God bless you,
Fr. Matthew

Faith (Dea. Dan Paulus)

In October, the men's Bible study and breakfast will meet on **October 10th and October 24th, at 7:30 AM** in the Parish Center to engage in a study of the Catholic *Catechism* and its relationship to Holy Scripture. All men are welcome.

Community (Louie Rodriguez)

Thank God and all the volunteers, the last food distribution event was another day of blessings for the community. The next food distribution event will be October 23rd, and we will need volunteers to be in the parking lot no later than 8:30 a.m., assuming that the parking lot construction project is complete. We may need volunteers earlier if the construction project is still underway. The distribution time will be 9:30-10:30.

Grand Knight's Notations

Worthy Brother Knights,
My worthy Brother Knights,
In this holy month of October, the Church places a special focus on the Blessed Virgin Mary—and especially on her gift to the faithful through the Holy Rosary. October draws our attention to Mary, not as a distraction from Christ, but as the surest path back to Him. She always leads us to her Son.

On **October 7**, we celebrate the **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary**. This feast reminds us that prayer is powerful, that Mary truly cares for her children, and that the Rosary—simple in its structure—can be spiritually transforming in our homes and communities.

So please pray the Rosary often and as a family. May God bless you all.

Vivat Jesus!

Gabriel Dela Riva
Grand Knight

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 7: Living Rosary, 6:00 pm, at the Shrine
October 10: Men's Bible Study and Breakfast, 7:30
October 10: Bingo, 5:30 pm, Family Life Center
October 12: Columbus Day
October 13: Monthly Council 5303 meeting:
6:00 pm Rosary, dinner, 7:00 pm dinner
October 23: Second Harvest food distribution
October 24: Men's Bible Study and Breakfast
October 24-25: Wine and Cheese social/donuts, coffee, hot chocolate after all Masses

Family (Robert Poncini)

Worthy Brothers,

From the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops), as heads of the family, it helps to reflect on their letter for parents and on parenting:

“While all members

of the family are called to live out the foundational Christian virtues, fathers and mothers have a special responsibility for fostering these virtues within their children. They are the first to proclaim the faith to their children. They are responsible for nurturing the vocation of each child, showing by example how to live the married life, and taking special care if a child might be called to the priesthood or consecrated life.” – [USCCB, Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan](#), 2009

Life (Robert Poncini)

Worthy Brothers,

In October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is designated as Respect Life Sunday. To support these annual observances, the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities provides materials to help Catholics understand and value the gift of human life and help build a culture that cherishes and protects it. To learn more about Respect Life Month and what’s going on in our Diocese, listen to Bishop Cotta’s October Respect Life Month message here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e5LtMEBPXa0>.

Click here for the August [Chapter Newsletter](#)
Council website: <https://www.kofcchap6ca.org/5303-2/>

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

Royce Flores, 11th; GK Gabriel Dela Riva, 17th; Don Costa, 21st;
Hector Plascensia, 23rd; Paul Fogarty and Jose Aceves, 27th

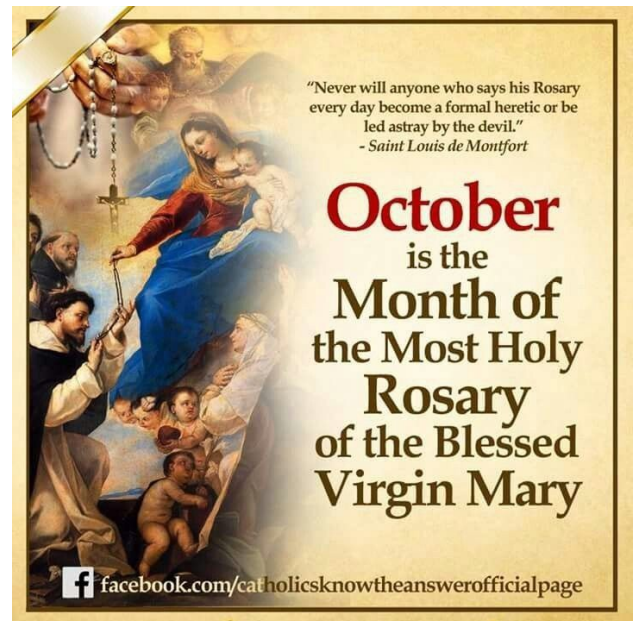
CHANCELLOR’S COLUMN

Continue to keep Augie Beltran, Daryl Toepfer, Brian Tacke, John Aguilar, George Santillanes, and Danny Costello in your prayers.

For additions, deletions, corrections, or updating status, please contact our Chancellor, Robert Poncini.

Anyone who needs a new badge should email Augie Beltran at Augb67@gmail.com or call or text him at 209-493-9100.

Please also contact Augie if your address or your financial situation has changed. Your information will be kept confidential.



Congratulations to our 2026-2027 Council Officers