



# **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BULLETIN**

**FALLBROOK COUNCIL 7069--DIVISION 5-- DISTRICT 156**

**March 2026**

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**Brother Knights,**

As we enter the month of March, we also begin the sacred season of Lent—a time for reflection, prayer, and renewal in our walk with Christ. This season invites us to deepen our faith through sacrifice, charity, and service to others. As Catholic men and members of the Knights of Columbus, we are reminded of our calling to lead by example in our families, our parish, and our community. Through our works of charity, our support of one another as brothers, and our commitment to the Church, we continue to live out the principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity that define our Order. May this Lenten season strengthen our faith and inspire us to grow closer to Christ as we serve those around us.

**Vivat Jesus!**

**Adam Nogueira, Grand Knight**

## 2025-2026 ROSTER OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Grand Knight	Adam Nogueira	1 Year Trustee	Tim Willard
Deputy Grand Knight	Curtis Kahle	2 Year Trustee	Maurice Bernier
Chancellor	Jim Binford	3 Year Trustee	Rick Bernier
Financial Secretary	Gene Simon	Insurance Agent	
Warden	Holden Lynas	District Deputy	Frank Chavez
Recorder	Devin Hurst		
Treasurer	Ken Quigley	Faith Director	Tim Melvin
Advocate	Jeremy Ridgeway	Community Director	
Inside Guard	Rob Helling	Life Director	Mike Sangster
Outside Guard	Will Vasquez	Family Director	Tyler McNeil
Chaplin		Membership Director	

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

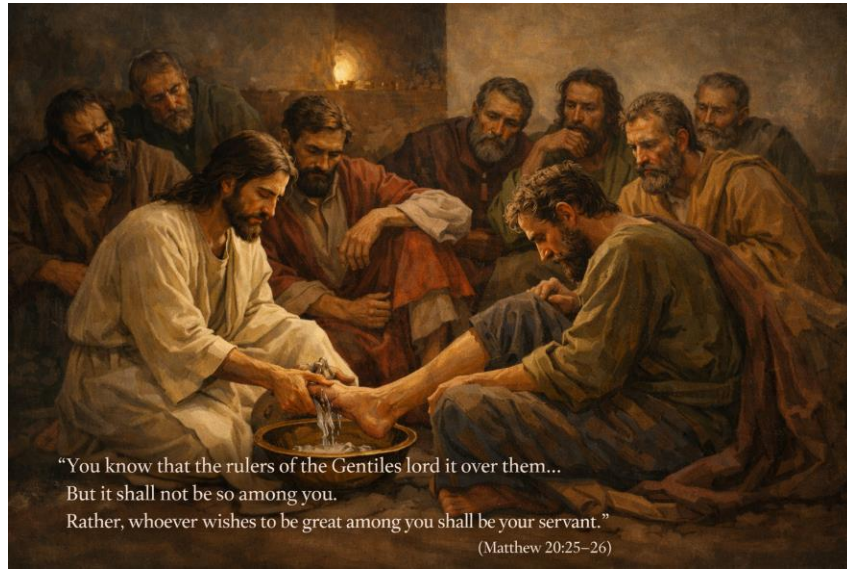
### **March:**

- 4 Wed Officer's Meeting 6:30pm | Business Meeting 7:30pm
- 11 Wed Business Meeting Cancelled Due to Parish Mission
- 18 Monthly Meet Up – Cancelled Due to Lent
- 25 Wed Potluck Dinner, 6pm St Peter's Hall
- 28 & 29 Canned Food Drive – Collections at Mass

### **April:**

- 1 Wed Officer Meeting 7:30pm
  - 8 Wed Social 6:30pm | Business Meeting 7:30pm,
  - 15 Monthly Meet Up, 6pm – Cancelled Due to Lent
  - 22 Wed Potluck, 6pm St Peter's Hall
  - 25 & 26 Canned Food Drive – Collections at Mass
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## Reflection of Our Faith - March



### The Change of the Guard *By Sergio Almada*

Most of us have experienced a “change of the guard” at some point in our lives. Maybe it was at work— leadership being reassigned, a leader retiring, or even one of us stepping into a new role of responsibility. Change in leadership is something we all encounter sooner or later.

As Brother Knights, we know this well. Through elections and transitions, we understand that leadership changes are part of a healthy organization. In a perfect world, leadership rotates every couple of years, but even in our councils we’ve all lived through moments when a new Grand Knight stepped in and the council had to adjust.

And for many of us, we’ve seen it in parish life too. Some of us remember changes in pastors, not only here, but at previous parishes as well.

No matter where it happens, one truth remains:

Change is never easy.

It brings uncertainty. It stirs emotion. And sometimes it even brings fear, because when something is good, we naturally want to hold on to it.

I can’t help but think of the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew:

*“You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them...  
But it shall not be so among you.  
Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant.”  
(Matthew 20:25–26)*

Jesus reminds us that true leadership is not about power, control, or status. True leadership is about service.

**I remember when our current pastor first arrived at our parish. Many people had already made up their minds about him. Some were vocal about what they wanted him to be. Others quietly resisted him simply because he wasn't the priest they were used to.**

**But over time, something happened. Through years of faithful service, humility, and love, hearts began to change. The community grew. The Church began to thrive—not because a man came in with an iron fist to rule, but because a man came in with the heart of a servant. That is exactly what Christ teaches.**

**Over the years, I've reflected often on the reality that loving one another requires us to love the way Christ loves us. But there's another part of that truth we sometimes forget: we can only love Christ fully if we allow ourselves to be loved.**

**That is what our priest has done for us. He has loved us. He has served us. He has poured himself out for this parish. And because of that, many of us have grown in faith, in brotherhood, and in community.**

**I've also experienced firsthand what leadership transitions can look like when people refuse to embrace the one who is stepping in. Even years later, I still hear about leaders who were never accepted because comparisons never stopped at a company I no longer work for. When that happens, roadblocks form—not because the new leader is incapable, but because the people never gave him a fair chance.**

**It is good to love the priest who has served us well. That love is real, and it should be honored. But it's also important to remember this: we are all different. We all bring different strengths, different gifts, and different ways of serving.**

**That's not a weakness of the Church—that's one of the greatest blessings of the Church.**

**As we approach this upcoming transition, I feel called to invite all of us to respond with the same spirit Christ asks of His disciples: a spirit of love.**

**Let us love the priest who is leaving us so deeply that we honor his legacy—not only with words, but by continuing the good work he helped build here. Let us love the priest who is coming by supporting him, encouraging him, and allowing him the freedom to serve with his own personality, his own style, and the gifts God has given him.**

**This is our opportunity to show who we truly are as Catholic men—not men who cling to the past, but men who honor the past, embrace the future, and walk forward in unity.**

**We have a strong council. We have a strong parish. Most importantly, we have a strong faith.**

**Now is the time for us to lead by example through service, brotherhood, and love. Because in the end, our mission has never been about one man.**

**Our mission is about Christ. Wherever Christ leads His Church, we follow.**

**Vivat Jesus!**

**Sergio Almada**

## Monthly Meet-Up for All Knights and Their Families

### No Meet Up this month due to Lent

Due to the many events and activities taking place throughout the Lenten season, we will **not be hosting our regular monthly Meet Ups during Lent**. Between the Fish Fry Fridays and our other parish commitments, this is a busy and important time for our council to focus on serving the parish and community. Our Meet Ups will **resume in May**, and we look forward to gathering again then for fellowship and brotherhood. Thank you all for your continued support and for the many ways you help make this season of service so successful.



### PGK Dinner

The recent **Past Grand Knights Dinner** was truly an incredible evening for our council. It was wonderful to gather together in fellowship and take the time to honor the men who have served our council as Grand Knight over the years. The evening was filled with great conversation, laughter, and a deep appreciation for the leadership and dedication of those who helped guide our council. Everyone was raving about how amazing the food was, which made the night even more special. A very special thank you goes to **Gene and Carolyn Simon** for organizing such a beautiful and memorable event for our council. We are also deeply grateful to all those who helped make the evening possible through their time, effort, and support. Their generosity and dedication helped create a fantastic night of fraternity and appreciation that will be remembered for years to come.



## **March Knight of the Month**

This month we are proud to recognize **Brother Ken Quigley** as our **Knight of the Month** for his many years of faithful service to our parish and council. Ken has been a member of St. Peter the Apostle Parish since 1987, faithfully serving the parish community for nearly four decades. His dedication to serving others has been evident in many ways over the years.

Since 2009, Ken has been a member of the parish Hospitality Team, warmly welcoming parishioners and helping create the strong sense of community that makes St. Peter's such a special place. He also volunteered his talents assisting with photography for the parish's 2013 photo directory, helping capture an important moment in our parish history.

Ken has also been very active in supporting our parish school events, often lending a hand behind the grill, cooking for gatherings and helping bring people together through fellowship and good food. In addition, he faithfully participates in the Thursday morning Mass security team, helping ensure the safety and well-being of our parish community.

Within our Knights of Columbus Council, Ken currently serves as Treasurer, a role he has faithfully held since 2022. He has also served the council as both Chancellor and Warden, demonstrating his willingness to step forward wherever help is needed. Beyond the parish and council, Ken has also given his time in service to the wider community by serving two terms on the Board of Celebrating Life.

Brother Ken's quiet dedication, willingness to serve, and long-standing commitment to our parish and council embody the true spirit of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Please join us in congratulating Brother Ken Quigley, and thanking him for his many years of faithful service.

Vivat Jesus!  
Curtis Kahle  
Deputy Grand Knight



## **Fish Fry's are BACK!!!**

Our recent **Lenten Fish Fry Fridays** have been a tremendous success! The parish hall has been full of great food, fellowship, and community spirit each week. Last week alone we served an incredible **331 meals**, and the feedback has been fantastic. Everyone has been raving about how delicious the food is and how smoothly the kitchen has been running thanks to the hard work of our dedicated volunteers. We are looking forward to another great evening at this week's Fish Fry. Be sure to **invite your friends and family to join us**, and come hungry. We look forward to seeing everyone there!



### St. Patrick's Dinner Dance

The Knights of Columbus are excited to invite you to one of our parish's most cherished traditions—the **Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance**, taking place **Saturday, March 14th** at **St. Peter's Hall**, with doors opening at **5:00 p.m.** This festive evening has been celebrated at our parish for many years and continues to be a joyful opportunity for fellowship, community, and celebration. Guests will enjoy a lively night featuring **live music and Celtic dancers**, great food, and plenty of Irish spirit. Tickets are **\$35 per person**, and reservations are encouraged. **You can also scan the QR Code in the flyer above and purchase your tickets now!**

If you are able to lend a hand and help make this event a success, please contact **Devin Hurst** at **(858) 776-5124**. We look forward to celebrating together and continuing this wonderful parish tradition.

## **Men's Prayer Breakfast (Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>)**

Men of the parish are invited to join us for a **Men's Prayer Breakfast on Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**. We will begin the morning with **Mass at 7:30 a.m.**, followed by breakfast and fellowship. This is a great opportunity to grow spiritually, connect with other men of the parish, and start the day grounded in prayer and reflection. All men are encouraged to attend.

## **Council Meeting – (Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm)**

Get ready for our next Knights of Columbus Council meeting! We'll have an optional social hour at **6:30 PM** with food, drinks, and good conversation, and the official meeting begins at **7:30 PM** sharp. Whether you come for the pre-meeting hangout or just the meeting, we look forward to seeing you there!

## **March Food Drive (March 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>)**

Your continued support truly makes a difference for local families. Our **next food drive will take place March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>**, and we invite everyone to once again come together in the spirit of charity and service to support this important effort.

There are thousands of individuals in our community, 40% of whom are children, who do not have enough food. The Fallbrook Food Pantry has a quote on their publications that reads: "When you're hungry, nothing else matters." Jesus has said "when you give to the least among you, you give to me."

Please bring non-perishable food items to the church the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend of every month. The Food Pantry also appreciates donations of cash, and a donation box will also be available for those who wish to make a financial contribution. Thank you for your support of this crucial effort.

## **Good of the Order Drawing for March**

Make sure you attend our Counsel Meeting on Wednesday, October at 7:30pm at the Parish Hall to win this month's good of the order drawing!

## **Welfare Committee**

Brother Tim Melvin has volunteered to head this committee in hopes of bringing more support to those Knights in the area whom we have not seen recently. A phone conversation is a good start but going to someone's home and spending time with them, knee to knee, is truly what we are about. If you know of a brother Knight that is in need or distress please contact our Tim Melvin 805-796-0550 or our Grand Knight Adam Nogueira 760-535-5387 so that we can help!

## **We Need Email Info for Widows**

If you have the email contact for any of our widows, please send it to the Grand Knight so that he can build a contact list and ensure our widows have our bulletin so they're able to attend our events. Call or Text Adam Nogueira at (760)535-5387

## **Birthdays (March)**

Due to a technical issue with the Knights of Columbus reporting system, we were unable to generate the report that normally lists our members' birthdays for this month. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your understanding. If you are celebrating a birthday this month, please know that your Brother Knights wish you a very **happy birthday and many blessings in the year ahead!**

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## **Prayer List**

Please keep in your prayers the members and their families who are sick or in distress. Please pray for Daryl Suzukawa, Bruce Bevans, Rose Marie Helling, Carol Carper, Jan Bruno, Joe, Anne Marie and Trechtor, Les and Barbara Von Nordheim, John Hersh, Charlotte Price, Nancy Brown, Father Bob, Peter Berens, Jim Christianson, Myrna Binford, Cathy Krajewski, Jonathan Diza, Barry & Winnie Pavlovich, Linda Hyack, Carolyn LaFave, Jeff Reyes, Imelda Roth, Lelani Pedro, Bill Byrne, Matt Scherer, Valarie Kalthie, Harriet Beres, Julie Bernier, Carry Bergantine, Janet & Francis Ridgeway, Robert Sucher, Carrie Egan, Richard Hary, Maurine Carper-Mitzner, Marie & Anaunce Pierre-Paul, Falcia Hurst

**If you know of someone in need of prayers, please call our  
Grand Knight, Brother Adam Nogueira 760-535-5387**

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