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Grand Knight

Dear Brother Knights,

I am sorry to say that our fellow knight has passed away: Armando Sanches, you've inspired me to be the best Knight/Grand Knight I can be, you will be missed...

The poinsettia sales went quicker then I thought, as it was freezing! As for the Christmas Party, it was on Saturday, December 20th. We got Santa, and Mrs. Clause and our very own Santa's helper, as well as dinner, desert and caroling! This year, my daughter Joan made something very special and it was a bit out of her comfort zone of making deserts but was well received. Our Council was blessed to see so many Brothers, Family, Clergy and Friends enjoy the Christmas Party, what a fantastic celebration!

Our saint of the Month is Saint Nicholas. Not much is known about Saint Nicholas but he is also known as Santa Clause. He is Known for being generous toward the poor, and giving gifts to good children and the ones who misbehaved got coal or so they say... the ones who gotten the coal always took it the bad way, if they really thought about why they got it and thought about what it is used for like heating, they could redeem themselves for next Christmas by donating it to the families that need a heat source for the winter. Coal and fuel makes fire to keep ourselves warm... Saint Nicholas' feast day is December 6th.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

SK, Chris Langness



Happy New Year
May you and your family have a
Joyous and Prosperous
New Year!!!



Deputy Grand Knight Program Director

Happy New Year!!

As the New Year begins, January is a time for fresh starts to renew commitment and encourage us to begin the year with faith, gratitude, and willingness to continue to serve others. I encourage all brothers to start the year strong by remaining active in our meetings, programs and other events, to strengthen our Brotherhood.

Thank you all for last year's time and dedication. Which helped make a difference. Let us keep the same dedication moving forward into the New Year. May God continue to bless you and your families with good health, peace, and strength.

May God Bless You All!
Erasmo Yanez, DGK & Pram Director



Financial Secretary

My Brother Knights of Council 3926:

First of all, I would like to wish all of you a Happy New Year and I trust that you enjoyed a very Merry Christmas with your family and friends, blessed with the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

I wish to inform you that your 2026 dues invoice were delayed as I attempted to use the "email" approach offered by Supreme but, unfortunately, that did not go well. Losing several weeks in Dec. I reverted to paper I invoiced that were then sent out near the end of the Dec. Due to this delay, our Early Bird Drawing deadline will be pushed out to Jan. 31, 2026 (rather than Dec. 31, 2025) giving those who received their invoices late an opportunity to enter the drawing to win your dues back! As such, the drawing will be conducted at our first general meeting in Feb.

I want to thank all of you who have paid your 2026 dues and for your generous donations to our Bulletin and "365 Club" (Brothers helping Brothers). For those of you who have yet to pay, please do so at your earliest convenience. As a reminder, you can pay by check, cash or on-line securely via Zelle or PayPal. Your dues are vital to our financial well-being covering per capita costs from Supreme, State and Chapter.

Fraternally Yours,
Bro Kien FS, PGK

Knight of the Month

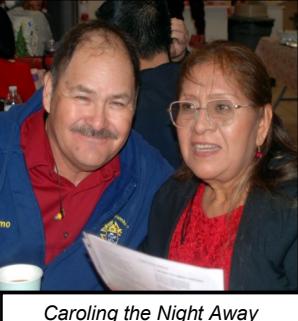
It is hard to find a more charitable Brother than our own Brother Jose Marquez, who is our Knight of the Month for December. Brother Jose arranged for the Council to use his trailer for pickup, transport and storage of the poinsettia for the church fundraiser and gave his entire weekend selling during and after every mass. He and his wife also took on helping decorate the Hall for our Christmas Party and graciously took on the role of Santa delighting all the kids, young and old! Brother Jose truly embodies our values of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, congratulations Bro. Jose!



Where's the suit Santa?

Family of the Month

We are pleased to recognize the Erasmo Yanez Family as our Family of the Month for December! Erasmo, his wife and sons (also Knights) are always active in all of our events, particularly during our recent ID Drive fundraiser and Poinsettia Sales. Erasmo and his family are also active leaders in the Hispanic Community at Blessed Sacrament. They lead the clean-up efforts for our newly renovated church and tireless gives of their time and talent. Mrs. Yanez delivered our ID and Wheel Chair Drive pulpit talks and their sons, Brothers Ed, Esteban and Erasmo Jr. are also rolling up their sleeves. We are proud and honored to have such an active family leading by example for our Council, Parish and Community. Please thank them for all they do!



Caroling the Night Away

Assembly News

Sir Knights of Council 3926:

My most heartfelt love and thank you for the beautiful honor that you rendered to our sadly departed Brother Sir Knight Armando Sanchez. Your presence conveyed a spirit of honor, unity and love. I have no doubt that Patricia and the Sanchez family will always remember you. Brother Knights, it is my goal to continue to build on this as part of our Council. One family, one faith, one mission.

Vivat Jesus, Sir Knights
Brother Ben, PGK

2025

Year in Pictures

2025

*A Collage of Charity, Unity, and
Fraternity... and Fun!*





From the Insurance Agent Brother Jose Cisneros

Brothers,

Happy New Year! The Knights of Columbus has very exciting news to share as we begin 2026!

Beginning January 1, 2026, a dividend increase took effect for eligible participating insurance policies, for the second year in a row. What does an increased dividend rate mean for you?

Dividends are amounts that may be paid annually from the surplus funds of the Knights of Columbus and are paid on an equitable basis by class as determined by the Board of Directors.¹

These dividends can be used in various ways, including to:

- * Purchase paid up additions, which is the default option.
- * Place the dividends on deposit and earn additional interest.
- * Receive the dividends in cash.
- * Reduce billed premium.
- * Reduce an existing loan.

Guided by the vision of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, we are dedicated to supporting the financial security of our members. Over the past 30 years, Knights of Columbus has paid more than \$8 billion in dividends to those we serve.

I would love to sit down with you in the coming year to discuss how this dividend increase may help you achieve your financial security goals. If you have any questions about this, or any of the benefits of having a Knights of Columbus insurance policy, please come chat with me, and we'll schedule a time to meet.

Thank you!

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***** SAVE THE DATE *****
Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
Blood Drive

Sunday January 18, 2026, 8:00 AM ~ 2:15 PM

Sign up online at RedCrossBlood.org use sponsor code: **blessedsacrament** or call the Rectory at (714) 892-4489 to make an appointment!

Donor identification is required prior to donating blood. Learn more about the blood donation process and donor eligibility at redcrossblood.org

With Great Sadness

Armando Sanchez, PGK, FFN
April 1944 — December 2025



It is with great sadness that we have lost one of the Council greats, Brother Armando Sanchez, PGK, PFN. Dedicated to service in our values of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, Brother Armando passed on December 8, 2025. Armando is survived by his wife Patricia, children and grandchildren. Armando and his wife Patricia were beloved members of the Blessed Sacrament community.

Brother Armando is one of our oldest serving Brothers, 40 years, and for nearly two decades was our council Advocate, and in addition to his term as Grand Knight, he held many if not all the of the leadership positions in the Council. He was also highly involved with the Assembly, having served as Faithful Navigator, and was instrumental in starting our current Assembly. Brother Armando will be dearly missed. Deepest condolences to Patricia, Armando's wife, his children and grandchildren.

Background and History Q&A

Q: Who was the first bishop of the United States?

- A. John Neumann
- B. Lewis Carroll
- C. Charles Caroll
- D. John Carroll
- E. Carroll O'Connor



(Answer on page 10)

SICK AND DISTRESS LIST



Armando Sanchez, RIP	Johnny Le	Charles Koonz
Christina Neyenhuizan, RIP	Tre Le	Xavier Portillo
John Kampmann	John Infante	Jose Hernandez
Jim Miller	John Dang	Adam Nguyen
Christopher Tran, RIP	Frances Marquez	Augustine Sebastian
	Maria Marquez	Michael Gonzalez

Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney Pray for us

*** Happy Birthday! ***



January

Tam Ha	Ray Ramirez	Giang Nguyen
Sergio Jacobo	Loren Doornek	Hoa Nguyen
John Destefano	Alonzo Morales	VinhLong Pham
Rev. Tuan N. Pham	Miguel Jimenez	Rodrigo Soto
James Dao	Erasmo Yanez, Jr.	Rev. James F. Hartnett

*** Columban Chronicle Notice of Change ***

Starting 2026 the Council newsletter, the Columban Chronicle, will be published bi-monthly, every other month. Following this Year in Pictures color edition our next edition will be in March, then again in May.

This bi-monthly schedule will continue until further notice.

Compass Club Elections



Brothers,

Elections were conducted in December and I am pleased to present the Officers and Directors for the Compass Club for Calendar Year 2026. Please congratulate them!

Officers

President: Chris Langness
Vice Pres: Arnold Aparicio
Treasurer: Kien Le
Secretary: Ben Holokai
COO/Hall Mgr: Al Morales
Bar Manager: Al Morales

Directors

Jose Marquez	(1-Year)
Victor Kamikubo	(1-Year)
Al Morales	(1-Year)
Arnold Aparicio	(1-Year)
Tom Nguyen	(2-Year)
Erasmo Yanez	(2-Year)
Herman Godinez	(2-Year)
David Subia	(2-Year)
Kien Le	(3-Year)
Ben Holokai	(3-Year)
Chris Langness	(3-Year)

*** CALL FOR HELP ***

Fish Fry Soon! Lent comes early this year and Ash Wednesday is on Feb. 18 and so our Annual Lenten Fish Fries will begin Friday, Feb. 20th. We will need all hands on deck to support this 6 week event as we raise money for Seminarian Grants. Please mark your calendar and more info to come.

Background and History Q&A

Q: Who was the first Bishop of the United States?

A: The correct answer is:

D. John Carroll



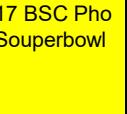
1735-1815, Carroll was born in Maryland about 15 miles east of what is now Washington, DC. In an unusual move, Pope Pius VI invited the priests in that area to choose the site of the first cathedral (Baltimore) and nominate one of their own to be their first bishop. He approved their choice of John Carroll in 1798 ("John Carroll," Catholic Encyclopedia (1908), vol. 3, p. 382).

(from Inquistion by Patrick Madrid)

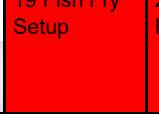
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Refer to kofc3926.org/calendar/ for changes and updates.

January 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 	2	3
4	5	6	7 Dinner & Bus Mtg	8	9	10 Hall Maintenance
11	12	13	14 Degree Ceremonial 	15	16	17 BSC Pho Souperbowl 
18 Red Cross / BSC Pho Souperbowl 	19	20	21 Officer & Bus Mtg	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Knight's Night Out 	29	30	31

February 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 Dinner & Bus Mtg	5	6	7 BSS Gala 
8 	9	10	11 Degree Ceremonial 	12 Adoration 	13	14 Fish Fry Setup 
15	16	17	18 Ash Wed / Officer & Bus Mtg 	19 Fish Fry Setup 	20 Fish Fry 	21 
22	23	24	25 Knight's Night Out 	26 Fish Fry Setup 	27 Fish Fry 	28 