



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

BISHOP VEROT COUNCIL # 5845



January 2026

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From the Grand Knight

The holidays are behind us and we look forward to a new year filled with love, joy, and hope.



We will begin this new year's newsletter with our honoring BK Danilo (Dan) de Guzman and BK John & Adam Genua as Knight and Family of the Month at our business meeting on January 6.

Knight of the Month, Dan de Guzman came forward to provide needed assistance with what is our main fund raiser of the year, our Christmas Tree sales. Not only did Dan help erect and deconstruct our Quonset hut, unload and sell trees, but along with BK Dave Russell was able to find a way to get Wi-Fi into the Quonset hut, without which we would not be able to make credit card sales.



Family of the Month, John Genua and his son Adam also provided needed help with every aspect of our Christmas tree sales, erecting and deconstructing the Quonset hut, unloading the trees and selling them. I and the knights are especially grateful because although Adam is not presently a Knight his actions show that he is a Knight at heart and hopefully one day will join our fraternity.



On January 11, under the guidance of SK Bernis Thornton, the Knights participated in an HNJ school sponsored Pancake Breakfast fundraiser. The Knights, working with HNJ's eight grade students and their parents, provided assistance with the preparation, cooking, and cleanup for this event which took place after all of that Sunday's morning Masses.



From the Grand Knight Continued



On January 15th, the Knights provided judges for the HNJ's School Science Fair. With nearly 100, fourth to eighth grade students participating, and with the assistance of fifteen Melbourne Central Catholic (MCC) High School students, the Knights were asked to evaluate each student's entry covering multiple criteria. This required: evaluating the exhibits, reviewing workbooks, and interviewing the students about their projects. I came away from this with an appreciation of the quality of the students, their teachers, and HNJ's Catholic School.





From the Grand Knight Continued



The Knights conducted the council level Basketball and Hockey Challenge on the 16th in HNJ's school gymnasium. HNJ students, both boys and girls, ages 9 through 14 participated in these two events. The winners of the basketball challenge will advance to the district level competition taking place on Saturday, January 24th at the Melbourne Central Catholic gymnasium.



Our semi-annual Recruiting weekend took place on the weekend of January 17/18. Knights manned an atrium table before and after all weekend Masses and were able to obtain seven potential new members with three of them agreeing to attend our January exemplification. In addition, two first degree knights agreed to attend the January exemplification in order to progress to the third degree.



From the Grand Knight Continued



As we were attempting to get new members, other knights, led by Carl Oehmann, were demonstrating the Knight's trait of service by providing Coffee and Donuts after all Sunday Masses to HNJ parishioners and visitors.

On January 19, council 5845 was able to display the Sacred Heart Icon #36 in the Baptismal area of our church. We will retain this Icon until January 26 and will then pass it on to another local Council.



Vivat Jesus!

Peter Gioia
Grand Knight



January Events

Jan	2	7:00 pm	1st Friday Rosary Cancelled	Chapel
	6	7:00pm	Business Meeting	Rm 101
	11	8:45am	K of C Corporate Communion	Church
	11	Morning Masses	Pancake Breakfast-After all morning Masses	Life Center Cafeteria
	15	8:30am	HNJ Science Fair-Sign-in at office	HNJ School
	16	8:00am	HNJ Basketball & Hockey Challenge	HNJ Gymnasium
	17/18	All Masses	Recruiting Weekend	Atrium
	18	All Masses	Coffee and Donuts	Community Room
	20	TBD	Sacred Heart Icon #36 displayed at HNJ	Church
	20	7:00 pm	Planning meeting	Room 101
	21	6:30pm	District Director's Quarterly Meeting	Room 101
	24	9:00am	Basketball Challenge District Level	MCC Gym
	27	7:00pm	Exemplification	Church/Community rm
	28	6:00pm	FIT Spaghetti Dinner	FIT Chapel
	30/31	TBD	Live4More Conference: Jon Leonetti speaker Breakfast on morning of the 31st	Life Center Hall



Insurance



New Year – Increased dividends

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.²
- 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!

1 Dividends are not guaranteed.

2 This option is not available on all policies, and not available if policy is paying premiums via a monthly EFT.

Best Regards,

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Knight of the Month for January

Dan De Guzman

Family of the Month for January

John & Adam Genua

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Upcoming Events:

- February 3rd-Business meeting, 7:00pm at Room 101
- February 6th- 1st Friday Rosary, 7:00pm at Chapel
- February 7th-Hockey Challenge district level, 9:00am at MCC Gym
- February 8th-Parish Picnic, 3:00pm at Pavilion
- February 14th-Assist w/Hearts Out to Haiti Dinner/Dance at Kitchen/Life Center
- February 14th & 15th-Sell tickets to Lenten Fish dinners/St Pat's Day, all masses, Atrium
- February 15th- Coffee & donuts after all morning masses, at community room
- February 17th-Planning Meeting, 7:00pm at Room 101
- February 21st & 22nd-Sell tickets to Lenten Fish dinners/St Pat's Day, all masses, Atrium
- February 24th-Exemplification, 7:00pm at church
- February 28th- Basketball Challenge Regional Levle, 9:00am at MCC Gym
- February 28th-Sell tickets to Lenten Fish dinners/St Pat's Day, all masses, Atrium