



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BULLETIN

FALLBROOK COUNCIL 7069--DIVISION 5-- DISTRICT 156

April 2026



Brother Knights,

As we enter the month of April, we are reminded of the profound beauty and hope found in the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. This Easter season invites us to renew our faith, rejoice in the victory of life over death, and carry the light of Christ into our daily lives. As brother Knights, we are called to live out our mission of charity, unity, and fraternity in a deeper way—serving our parish, supporting our community, and strengthening one another in faith. May this joyful season inspire us to be instruments of God’s love, reflecting His mercy and grace in all that we do.

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	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April:

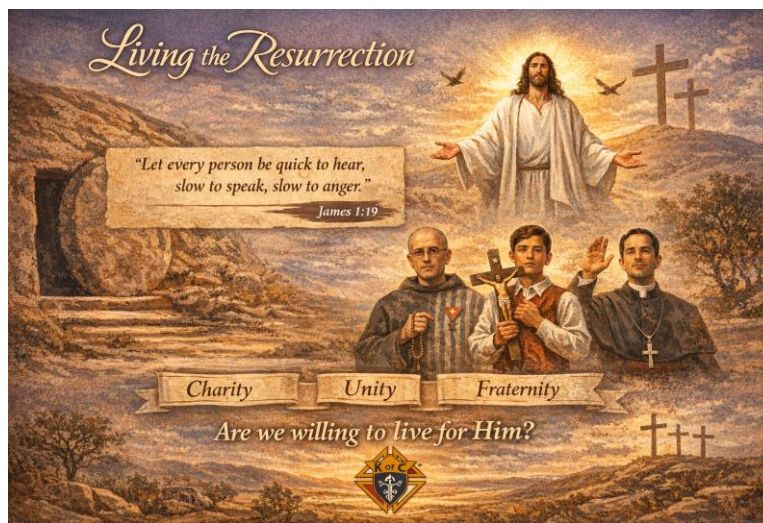
- 1 Wed Officer's Meeting 6:30pm
- 8 Wed Social 6pm | Business Meeting 7pm
- 15 Monthly Meet Up – 6pm | Rosa's Mexican Food
- 22 Wed Potluck Dinner, 6pm St Peter's Hall
- 25 & 26 Canned Food Drive – Collections at Mass
- 25 SPACS Spring Gala – St Peter's Hall

May:

- 6 Wed Officer's Meeting 6pm
 - 13 Wed Social 6pm | Business Meeting 7pm,
 - 20 Monthly Meet Up, 6pm – TBD
 - 27 Wed Potluck, 6pm St Peter's Hall
 - 23 & 24 Canned Food Drive – Collections at Mass
 - 31 Corporate Communion – 8:45am Sunday Mass
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2026-2027 PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Grand Knight	Adam Nogueira	1 Year Trustee	Tim Willard
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April Reflection – Living the Resurrection *By Sergio Almada*

The Easter story does not begin with the empty tomb. It begins with betrayal, misunderstanding, and the quiet loneliness of the Cross. Christ was arrested in the night, mocked, judged, and condemned by people who had already made up their minds about Him. Many spoke about Him. Many accused Him. Very few truly listened to Him.

That moment in the Passion invites us to pause, because it reflects something deeply human that still happens today. When we stop listening to one another, dignity begins to erode. When we decide we already know who someone is, what they believe, or what they are going to say, we stop encountering the person in front of us. Instead, we begin interacting with an idea we have created about them.

In many ways, this is one of the quiet struggles of our time. Conversations are happening everywhere, yet genuine listening is becoming rare. Too often, we listen only long enough to respond. We prepare our

arguments while the other person is still speaking. We assume we understand them before they have finished sharing their story.

Once that happens, it becomes easy to place people into categories. We group them based on background, opinions, education, profession, or social circles. We begin to measure credibility or value based on what the world tends to admire. One person's words may carry more weight because of titles or status, while another voice may be dismissed too quickly. Without realizing it, we begin evaluating people through subtle calculations of influence, usefulness, or perceived authority.

When we start seeing people this way, something sacred begins to fade from view.

The Church teaches us that the dignity of the human person does not come from status, achievement, intelligence, or recognition. It is rooted in something far greater—that each of us is created in the image and likeness of God.

That truth places every person we encounter on sacred ground.

Sacred Scripture offers a simple but powerful reminder in James 1:19:
“Let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger.”

The order matters. Quick to hear. Slow to speak. Listening comes first. In this sense, listening becomes more than a communication skill—it becomes an act of reverence for the dignity of the person before us.

I was reminded of this recently while visiting one of the many churches I've been blessed to walk through. Outside the church, in the square, a man sat quietly. Two women who appeared to be regular parishioners walked by. The man said something to them, though from where I stood it was difficult to hear.

What was easy to see was their reaction.

They looked at him with confusion and impatience, almost as if to say, “Why are you talking to us?” One of them laughed and responded in a way that made it clear they did not understand him—and did not intend to try. They continued walking, brushing the moment aside.

A short time later, as someone approached the man more closely, it became clear what he had been asking. In simple Spanish, he said, “¿A qué hora es el servicio?”—what time the service was.

This reflection is not meant to criticize those women, nor to assume anything about their hearts. Moments like that can happen quickly and without intention. Yet it stayed with me, because it revealed how easily dignity can be overlooked when we stop listening.

Sometimes, the situation calls for nothing more than a moment of patience. Perhaps asking someone nearby for help translating. Perhaps pausing long enough to understand what someone is trying to say. Perhaps responding with the same warmth we would offer someone we already know.

None of this requires extraordinary effort. It simply requires the willingness to see the person in front of us—and to recognize the dignity they carry.

For those of us who are members of the Knights of Columbus, this reflection speaks directly to the pillars that guide our fraternity: charity, unity, and fraternity.

Charity calls us to love others as Christ loves them. That love begins with recognizing the dignity of the other person—not as a category or stereotype, but as someone created by God.

Unity reminds us that we belong to something greater than our individual viewpoints. In a world that often thrives on division and quick judgment, unity asks us to slow down long enough to truly understand one another. Listening becomes the bridge that allows unity to grow.

Fraternity reminds us that we are brothers. Brotherhood is not built on agreement in every matter—it is built on respect, patience, and a genuine willingness to see the humanity in one another.

Easter shines a powerful light on all of this.

This Easter, we celebrate that Christ rose from the dead after enduring the Cross for us. His Resurrection reminds us that His love was not theoretical—it was sacrificial.

I once heard someone say in an interview that if they were ever told to renounce Christ or die, they would choose death. At first, it sounded bold. It sounded courageous. But the more I reflected on it, the more I wondered how many of us would truly mean those words if that moment came.

My mind turns to the witnesses of our faith.

Men like St. Maximilian Kolbe, who offered his life in place of another in a concentration camp.
St. José Sánchez del Río, a young boy who endured torture rather than renounce Christ.
Blessed Miguel Pro, who faced execution proclaiming, “Viva Cristo Rey.”

These were real men who lived their faith so deeply that when the moment came, they did not deny the One they loved.

And that leads to a more personal question: Am I that man? Are we those men? The answer may not begin in a dramatic moment of martyrdom. It begins in the quiet decisions of everyday life.

It begins in how we treat the person who speaks to us unexpectedly.

It begins in the patience we show in a simple conversation.

It begins in our willingness to listen before we judge.

Because the truth is this: It is easy to say we would die for Christ. It is much harder to live for Him.

Living for Christ means recognizing the dignity of others, even when it challenges our pride. It means choosing charity over judgment. It means building unity where division would be easier. It means treating others as brothers, not reducing them to labels.

For men committed to charity, unity, and fraternity, perhaps the real question of Easter is not whether we would die for Christ.

Perhaps the deeper question is this: If we say we are willing to die for Jesus, are we truly willing to live for Him?

Vivat Jesus!

Sergio Almada

Council Meeting – (Wednesday, April 8th 6pm)

Get ready for our next Knights of Columbus Council meeting! We'll have an optional social hour at 6 PM with food, drinks, and good conversation, and the official meeting begins at 7 PM sharp.

We will be welcoming a new member this month! The exemplification will begin at 7pm and the meeting to follow. Please dress in coat and tie.

Whether you come for the pre-meeting hangout or just the meeting, we look forward to seeing you there!



Monthly Meet-Up for All Knights and Their Families

Rosa's Mexican Restaurant

1075 S MISSION RD, FALLBROOK CA | 6PM

We'll be meeting on **Wednesday, April 15th at 6:00 PM** at Rosa's Mexican Restaurant. This is a perfect opportunity to step away from the routine, enjoy a delicious meal, and spend time connecting with one another outside of our regular meetings. All brother Knights are invited—and we encourage you to bring your **family and friends** along for a fun and welcoming night out. The more the merrier! We look forward to seeing you there and continuing to build the strong sense of fraternity that makes our council so special.



Monthly Potluck Dinner

Last month's potluck was a wonderful evening of fellowship—so many friendly faces, great conversations, and an incredible spread of dishes! Thank you to everyone who cooked, baked, and pitched in to make it such a warm, welcoming night for our council and families. It's always a blessing to share a meal together and strengthen our bonds. We're excited to keep the momentum going—can't wait to see you all at this month's potluck!



March Knight of the Month

Our Knight of the Month for April is **Brother Ben Ochoa**. Although Ben joined our council relatively recently, he has quickly become one of our most active and dependable members. Whether it's making mac and cheese for the Fish Fry, serving at the bar during school events, helping set up meetings, washing dishes, or cooking shrimp—whenever we need a volunteer, Ben is always the first to step up. His willingness to serve and his consistent “yes” truly embody the spirit of our Order, and we are blessed to have him as part of our council.

Beyond his involvement with the Knights, Ben is also very active in our parish. He serves as a Eucharistic Minister and lector for Sunday Mass, faithfully giving of his time and talents. He is also a devoted father to his three children—Alex, Kirsten, and Ryan.

Ben is currently helping our council by working on a new website, bringing his experience in web design to support our growth and communication efforts. Professionally, he works in customer service for a large manufacturing company.

Please join me in congratulating Brother Ben Ochoa on this well-deserved recognition. Ben, thank you for all that you do—your dedication and service do not go unnoticed. Congratulations!

Vivat Jesus!
Curtis Kahle
Deputy Grand Knight



Thank You for All Your Support With The Fish Fry's

Dear Brother Knights,

I am filled with gratitude as we look back on our annual Lenten fish fries. This year, we held six events, each one full of fellowship, faith, and tradition. Our fish fry is rooted in the Catholic practice of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent a time to unite in sacrifice and reflection. The Knights of Columbus have upheld this tradition for decades, creating a space where faith and fellowship meet.

Over the years, we have grown so much. Our kitchen now runs like a well-oiled machine, and our dining room buzzes with energy. Thanks to a new point-of-sale system, we can better track each meal, monitor our finances, and ensure every dollar is put to good use. Most importantly, we met and even exceeded our profit goals.

2026 – Summary

Profit as a % of Sales

Total Cost	Expenses	Profit	
\$21,722.00	\$12,390.27	\$9,331.73	43%

2025 – Summary

Profit as a % of Sales

Total Cost	Expenses	Profit	
\$19,731.00	\$10,068.73	\$9,662.27	49%

None of this would be possible without you, our incredible volunteers and parish family.

Here is a list of individuals who have volunteers who helped with this year's success. My sincerest apologies if I've missed anyone.

Front of House:

Mark Mullin
Brian Foley
Tim Kaschek
Mike Whitmore

Bar:

Larry Mitzner
Juan Domingo Jr
JJ Snyder
Ethan Snyder
Ben Ochoa

Kitchen Service:

Adam Nogueira
Luke Scherer
Tyler McNeil
Issac Domingo
Nathan Lares
Will Vasquez
Eric Benetiz
Rob Helling

Curtis Kahle

Hugo Portillo

Paul Hertig

Matthew Downey

Natalie Lares

Kitchen Prep & Set Up

(Morning crew):

Rick Bernier

Mike Socha

Ed Erzen

Dick Hardy

Tim & Carmen Willard

Mike & Pam Sangster

Jim Binford

Jake Maryniak

Cameron Schutt

Matthew Downey

Sales:

Bob & Canece Huber

Ken Quigley

Gene Simon

Shopping:

Gene & Carolyn Simon

Advertising:

Adam Nogueira

Cleaning Crew:

Pat Reynoso

Jon Reynoso

Tom Reynoso

Jim & Lisa Farhadi

Paul Hertig

Bob Shedd

Rick Bernier

Ben Ochoa

Big John Krajewski

Luke Scherer

Marinette Ridgeway-Laundry

(begudgingly)

Special Thanks

Ben Ochoa - New addition of Mac n' Cheese

Matthew Downey - "Matt's famous Coleslaw"& His donation of the fish taco bar

Adam Nogueira - Donation of the (New addition) Fish Sandwich bar

MIA - (Military Deployment) Ivan Domingo

I am so thankful for each of you, and I am excited for the future of this beloved tradition.

**With heartfelt thanks,
Jeremy Ridgeway, PGK**



St. Patrick's Dinner Dance

Our **St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance** was a huge success! It was an incredible evening filled with great food, lively entertainment, and even better company. The energy in the room was truly something special, and it was clear that everyone had a fantastic time celebrating together.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the night so memorable. A special thank you goes out to all of our volunteers—your time, effort, and dedication are what made this event run so smoothly. From start to finish, the food was amazing, the entertainment was outstanding, and the sense of fellowship was stronger than ever.

We are grateful for such a wonderful community and look forward to many more great events ahead!

Men's Prayer Breakfast (No Prayer Breakfast in April)

Men of the parish are invited to join us for our next **Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday May 2nd**. Sam DiSantis will be our speaker. 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.



Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

21+ event
All families required
to purchase 2 entries

All families must R.S.V.P. by April 20th to avoid a charge. (*No RSVP will be billed \$300)

The "Totally 80s" Celebration

Dust off your leg warmers and tease up that hair because we're heading back to the 80s!

Join us for a rad evening as we celebrate 40 years of faith, friendship, and community at SPACS. It's going to be an unforgettable night filled with delicious food, exciting auctions, plus a dose of nostalgia with 80's party classics and some totally awesome games. We'll be living it up with music and dancing to your favorite throwback hits, so come dressed in your best 80's style and get ready for some totally tubular fun with friends. Let's make this 40th Anniversary milestone a night that is truly awesome!

Let's make it a night that's totally awesome!

Tickets	Inside V.I.P.* table (8 person)	Put that on your mixtape! (please print) Request a song for the 80s party:	BUY OUT (tax deductible donation)
\$75 per adult	Need to take some time off from all the excitement? Reserve your table today! Includes both a red & white bottle of wine, a special VIP dessert platter, and VIP service.		___ Sorry, we will NOT be attending.
\$150 No-Show fee	(Only 7 V.I.P.* tables available)		Buy out \$300
R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, April 20 th .			
___ Qty at \$75 each	___ Qty at \$950 each	___ Qty at \$5 per request	\$200
Make checks payable to SPACS Cash ___ Check# ___			TOTAL _____
Scan QR code to pay online https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/organizations/st-peter-the-apostle-catholic-school For more information contact the school Office 760-689-6250 All proceeds benefit the children at our parish school			
Please list names for your V.I.P table:			

SPACS "TOTALLY 80'S" SPRING GALA (April 25th – 5:30pm)

On the 25th of April, St Peter's School will be celebrating 40 years of Catholic education. The event is themed "Totally 80's" and will be a fabulous time! There's going to be food, exceptional music, a silent auction and dancing. If you don't want to buy a ticket, come and help our Council by bar tending on one of the two bars. This Spring Gala will be one to remember! If you want to buy a ticket, look at the attached document.

If you want to help with one of the bars, text Brother Rick Bernier at (540)710-3029. We hope to see you there!

April Food Drive (April 25th & 26th)

Your continued support truly makes a difference for local families. Last month we collect 125 lbs of food and \$176 in donations. Our **next food drive will take place April 25th and 26th**, 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 4th 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.

Hope Clinic's Heroes Walk for Life (May 16 – 8am)

On **Saturday, May 16, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**, Hope Clinic for Women will host our annual **Hope Clinic Heroes Walk** at **The Vineyard 1924**.

This **free, family-friendly community event** brings people together around a shared mission: supporting moms, dads, and babies in Fallbrook with compassionate, life-affirming care. Each step taken and every dollar raised helps **Hope Clinic for Women expand vital services**, strengthen programs, and reach more families who are facing unexpected or difficult pregnancies. Our goal this year is to raise **\$28,000**, and with the support of generous sponsors like you, we believe it is possible.

Become a Hero for Hope - We invite you to be part of this important work by becoming a **Heroes Walk Sponsor**. Your sponsorship not only helps make this community event possible, but it also directly supports the care, resources, and encouragement that families receive at Hope Clinic for Women. Event sponsors who submit their **name or logo before May 1** may have it proudly displayed on the back of our event T-shirts, worn by walkers throughout the community. **Event Sponsorship Opportunities** - Businesses, churches, families, and individuals may partner with us at one of the following levels:

- **Superman Sponsor** – \$5,000
- **Batman Sponsor** – \$2,500
- **Wonder Woman Sponsor** – \$1,000
- **Spider-Man Sponsor** – \$500
- **Thor T-Shirt Sponsor** – \$1,200 (*helps provide event T-shirts for our walkers*)

Walk With Us - You are also warmly invited to **join the Walk** by registering as a **Team Leader or Walker**. When you register online, you'll receive a **personal fundraising page** where friends and family can sponsor your walk. Watching your fundraising thermometer rise is a fun and meaningful way to invite others to become part of the mission.

Heroes Walk T-shirts will be provided to:

- Walkers who **raise \$150 or more**
- Adults and children who **return filled baby bottles** through the **Heroes Baby Bottle Competition** with their schools, churches, or families

Heroes Baby Bottle Competition

Another fun way to participate is through the **Heroes Baby Bottle Competition**. Participants distribute baby bottles to friends, family, churches, or classrooms and collect coins, cash, or checks to support the clinic. Prizes will be awarded for

the group or individual with the most bottles collected. Filled bottles can be **returned at the Heroes Walk on May 16**. Baby bottles are available **at no cost** by contacting **Carolyn at 760-728-4105 ext. 10** or **carolyn@hopefallbrook.com**.

Teens who would like to earn **community service hours** through their participation are invited to email Carolyn to register.

If you have questions about **Walk registration or sponsorship opportunities**, please contact **Melinda at 760-728-4105 ext. 11** or **accounting@hopefallbrook.com**.

Thank you for standing with **Hope Clinic for Women** and the families we serve. Your generosity and partnership truly make you a **Hero for Hope**.

We hope to see you on **May 16!**

Warmly,
Carolyn Koole, Executive Director

Good of the Order Drawing for April

Make sure you attend our Counsel Meeting on Wednesday, April 8th at 7pm 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 (April)

Daniel W Andrus, William G Byrne Jr, Ramon J Potwora, Timothy D Walker, Robert A Shedd, Brian E Alberts, Jeremy P Ridgeway, Harold W Mc Casland, Steve M Mc Gargill, Michael S Hider, Dennis M Standish

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, Carol Carper, Jan Bruno, Joe and Anne Marie 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 Kalhie, Harriet Beres, Julie Bernier, Carry

Bergantine, Janet & Francis Ridgeway, Robert Sucher, Carrie Egan, Richard Hardy, Maurine Carper-Mitzner, Marie & Anaunce Pierre-Paul, Falcia Hurst, Dave Sheppard, Mike Socha, Julie Miller,

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