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Fr. Heslin Council #2557

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Newsletter for July 2025

Grand Knight's Message – Paul Delgadillo

Brothers,

I'm incredibly humbled and honored to stand before you today as your newly elected Grand Knight. Thank you for the trust and faith you've placed in me; it means the world. I wouldn't be here without the guidance and support of so many of you who have helped me grow into a better man. Your belief in me has truly been a blessing. As we embark on this new fraternal year, I want to emphasize the power of leadership within each of us. Leadership isn't just about titles; it's about our actions, our dedication to our principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. It's about stepping up, no matter the role, and contributing to the greater good of our parish and community.

This year let's inspire one another to embrace that leadership. Let's look for opportunities to serve, to uplift, and to live out our Catholic faith boldly. Whether it's organizing an event, participating in a service project, or simply offering a helping hand to a brother in need, every act of leadership, big or small, makes a profound difference.

I also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the brothers who have stepped forward to serve as officers this year. Your commitment to our chapter is invaluable, and I'm excited to work alongside each of you to achieve great things. Together, with the dedication of all our members, I know this will be a year of immense growth and impact for our Knights of Columbus Chapter.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Paul C Delgado G.K

Past Grand Knight's Message

Hello Father Heslin & Friends,

We ended the year with a positive note, thanks to so many of you giving your input & hard work. I want to thank the dozens of Brother Knights along with their families & friends that helped us get through the 4th of July Fireworks booths. We had many long hot hours, but we survived another year.

We had 13 new members join our ranks in the 2024-25 Columbian year and many of them have been active in the last few months. We hope to see many of them at the meetings as well. We had 5 exemplifications this past year (some pics below) and I say thank you to the Exemplification Teams for making this happen.

Now we jump right into a new 2025-26 year with a new Team of Officers at the helm and hopefully the momentum will continue. We are already starting the new year with 2 confirmed new members and 3 more in the pipeline. Great start for our new GK Paul, let's get er done!

The Columbian Properties directors are running full steam to upgrade & maintain the KC Hall. It looks better every week. You go Team!

On a sad note, we have had members lose loved ones this year as well. Please be sure to inform us of a loss or a sickness in the family so we can add to our prayers. Longtime member Manuel Drumonde lost his wife (Celeste; new member Kevin Edwards lost his father; long standing member Angel Delgadillo has been helping care for his father who is very ill; my daughter Michelle lost her Father-in-Law this week as well; Brothers Anthony Silva has been hospitalized & Richard Fantazia has been ill with viruses; former member Michale Lopez is having medical issues as well. I am sure there are others so let us add all our members & their families to our prayers.

Again, I have to say Thank You all for everything you have done, all you are doing & all you will continue to do to keep this Council 2557 a strong & viable member of the Knights of Columbus.

PGK Gil Esquer

Council News – Jesse Acevedo

Exemplification Ceremony

Thank you to Brother Gil Esquer and the Exemplification team for conducting the Exemplification Ceremonies to satisfy our membership quota of 13 new members. Let's continue to make these new Brother Knights feel welcome at our meeting by taking time to learn their names and show them what our council does during the meetings and events.



Chapter Installation of Officers Ceremony

Congratulations to our very own Gil Esquer for being installed as our next Chapter President. The installation ceremony was performed at Sacred Heart Church and that was followed by dinner at the cafeteria.

What an awesome Crew!



Fourth of July Fireworks Booths

We would like to thank all the Brother Knights and Scared Heart School Parents who made it possible to run both fireworks booths this 4th of July. This event helps our council make contributions to the Sacred Heart Church and School.



Up Coming Events

Please mark your calendar for these events. We need help organizing them, setting up, volunteering for the actual event, and help with the cleanup. Let's make each event as successful as possible!



Council & Assembly Meetings

Rosary will begin at 6:15pm before each monthly meeting at Fr. Heslin Hall.

Council Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm at Fr. Heslin Hall.

Assembly News

Monsignor Alvernaz-Meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7pm at Fr. Heslin Hall. Please contact Faithful Navigator for Dinner Reservations or use the Band App.

Fr. Giles Assembly-Meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7pm and Dinner is at 6pm. Please RSVP for dinner.

Chapter Meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Sacred Heart School/Pre School-News

Catholic School has been a very valuable experience for our children because it gives them a strong foundation to succeed their high school years. Sacred Heart School has filled that need with many teachers that have many years of experience that are led by the principal, Sara Michelena.

For a tour of the school or any questions in general, Sara Michelena contact information is listed below.

Mrs. Sara Michelena
Principal
Sacred Heart School Turlock
209-634-7787



Columbian Properties Update – Don Grishaw

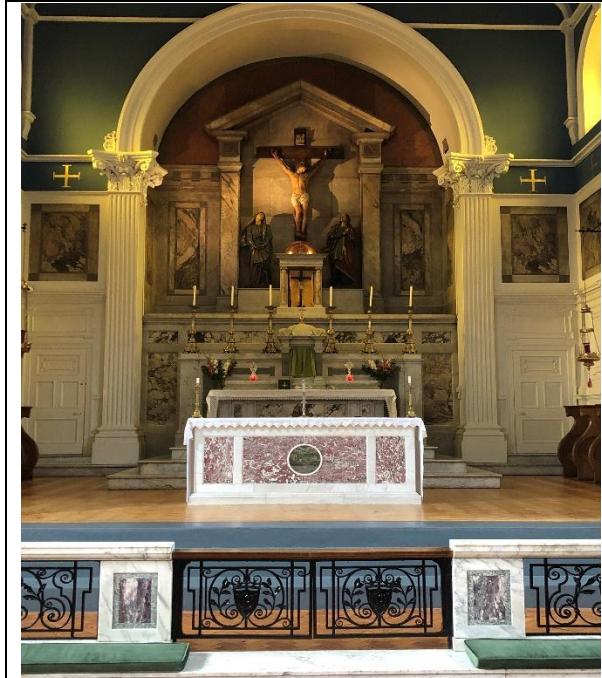
UPDATES FROM TURLOCK COLUMBIAN PROPERTIES

- New exit signs have been installed in the building.
- New large digit thermostats have been installed in the main meeting room.
- A concrete slab has been poured on the south side of the building next to Minerva St. We plan to move our storage unit from Brother Joe Ottman's ranch to this location in the future when fencing of the property has been completed.
- The final steps in the installation process of the new water heater are near completion. We'll have hot water again soon in the building!



Churches From Around The World – Don Grishaw

This is St. Patrick's Cathedral in Edinburgh, Scotland. Note the beautiful altar and the statues of Our Lady of Fatima, St. Patrick, St. Anthony, and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. When you visit Scotland, Edinburgh is a must-see with the beautiful historic sections of the city including Edinburgh Castle. Don't forget to try some Scottish whiskey while you're there!





An Editorial – The Way, We See It – Richard Fantazia

“THE HOUSE THAT RUTH BUILT” If you are a sports fan, especially a baseball fan, you probably know about Babe Ruth, the Bambino. He is regarded as one of the greatest baseball players of all time. He played in 22 seasons from 1914 to 1935, hitting 714 home runs in his career, a record that stood for decades.

You might ask how a baseball player builds a house? Was he an Architect? Was he a street worker? Was he a carpenter? No, none of these. What he was a prolific home run hitter with a charismatic persona that captivated fans and brought them in by the droves. The demand to accommodate the increased fans that wanted to see The Babe play ended up with the number of expansions and modifications to Yankee Stadium. These expansions and modifications would not have occurred until years later, thus the moniker of “The House That Ruth Built.”

We too of Fr. Heslin Council have built a house if you really think about it. It all started in the early 80’s when Manny Serpa spearheaded the officers and leaders of the time, to buy acreage off Lander Avenue to eventually build a hall for our events and meetings. In the 90’s, an adjoining business wanted to expand and made a proposal to buy the land from which our council was able to purchase the old Jehovah Witness Hall on South Broadway (a building that needed a lot of work.)

In 2015, the Turlock Gospel Mission came to us wanting to purchase our building for offices. They had no money, but the City of Turlock intervened in their behalf and paid us. The main part of the deal was that the city would have to find us a building for us to relocate or we would rescind the sale. A run-down building on East Ave. that was formerly used by the homeless and before that The Youth Center Building was settled on and the property was transferred from the city to us. The

Hall is mortgage free and is being maintained and improvements made from rental moneys from the foresight of food trucks being located in our parking lot.

So...we built a house, if you will, not physical but by bargaining and maneuvering so that our council can continue to provide for our youth, church, school, and community.

Thank you, Manny Serpa and company, for starting up the building of our house and thanks to us in this time frame for improving the house for future knights to come after us.

Richard Fantazia

July 2025 Birthdays – Joe Ballas

Oldest Member List First	Birthday	Member	Born
Enrique Almanza	1 st		
Ian Johnson	1 st		
Lawrence Pereira	3 rd		
Frank Madruga	3 rd		
Lionel Rozario	5 th	'43	1963
Kevin Edwards	5 th		
Gilbert Contreras	6 th		
James B. Stephens	7 th	'23	1976
Abel M Garcia	9 th		
Darren Teeples	10 th		
Raymond Garcia Jr.	10 th		
Tony Estacio	10 th		
Frank Mello	14 th	'41	1960
Jason B Castro	14 th		
Manuel H. Silva	15 th		
Joe DeSousa	18 th		
Maurice R. Moniz	20 th		
Tome Lima	23 rd		
Nino Maldonado	23 rd		
Patrick Germann	24 th		
Lonnie Baptista	26 th		
Pantaleon Perez	27 th	'43	
Paul Lencioni Jr.	27 th		
Joao Lopes	27 th	2 nd yr member	

Mark A. Serpa	29 th	
Gabriel Machado	30 th	
Danny Raya	31 st	
new member 6/24		

Insurance Agent – Joshua L. Heredia



Vocations Crucifix Program – Angel Delgadillo



Our Vocations Crucifix program here at Sacred Heart is directed by our very own Brother Knight, Angel Delgadillo, and his wife Lupe Delgadillo. They have been working tirelessly on organizing Masses and seeking out families to take the Crucifixes home to pray each week. He has a Vocations Crucifix for the Knights in our council which my family had the honor of launching by being the first hosts of the Crucifix.

If you and your family are interested in bringing home a Crucifix and praying the rosary for the Vocations, please contact our very own **Brother Knight Angel Delgadillo at (209)484-2948.**

YouTube and Regular TV Sunday Mass Schedule

YouTube - Go to the search box and type in “Sacred Heart Church, Turlock” and hit Enter, and you will see the dates of the Masses as well as images. Just select the Mass you want to see and enjoy Mass with Father Pat or any other of our Sacred Heart priests.

Regular TV Mass Schedule

Local Channel 40KTXL at 5:30am-6:00am
Local Channel 58KQCA at 8:00am-8:30am
DirecTV Channel 370 EWTN at 5:00am-6:10am



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Newsletter Staff

Your Newsletter Staff consists of Brother Knights; Richard Fantazia, Gil Esquer, Don Grishaw, Angel Delgadillo, and Jesse Acevedo. Our Current Grand Knight's message is done by Jon Borges.

Our primary purpose is to provide our Brother Knights, who cannot attend our meetings, an up-to-date information regarding our council, our assemblies, our chapter, our Sacred Heart Church, and Sacred Heart school.

We encourage any Brother Knight that is interested in contributing to this Newsletter in any way to get in contact with any member of the Staff. As usual, our staff will be delighted to hear any suggestions, comments, or concerns regarding the council's newsletter. Thank you for your support.

Jesse Acevedo



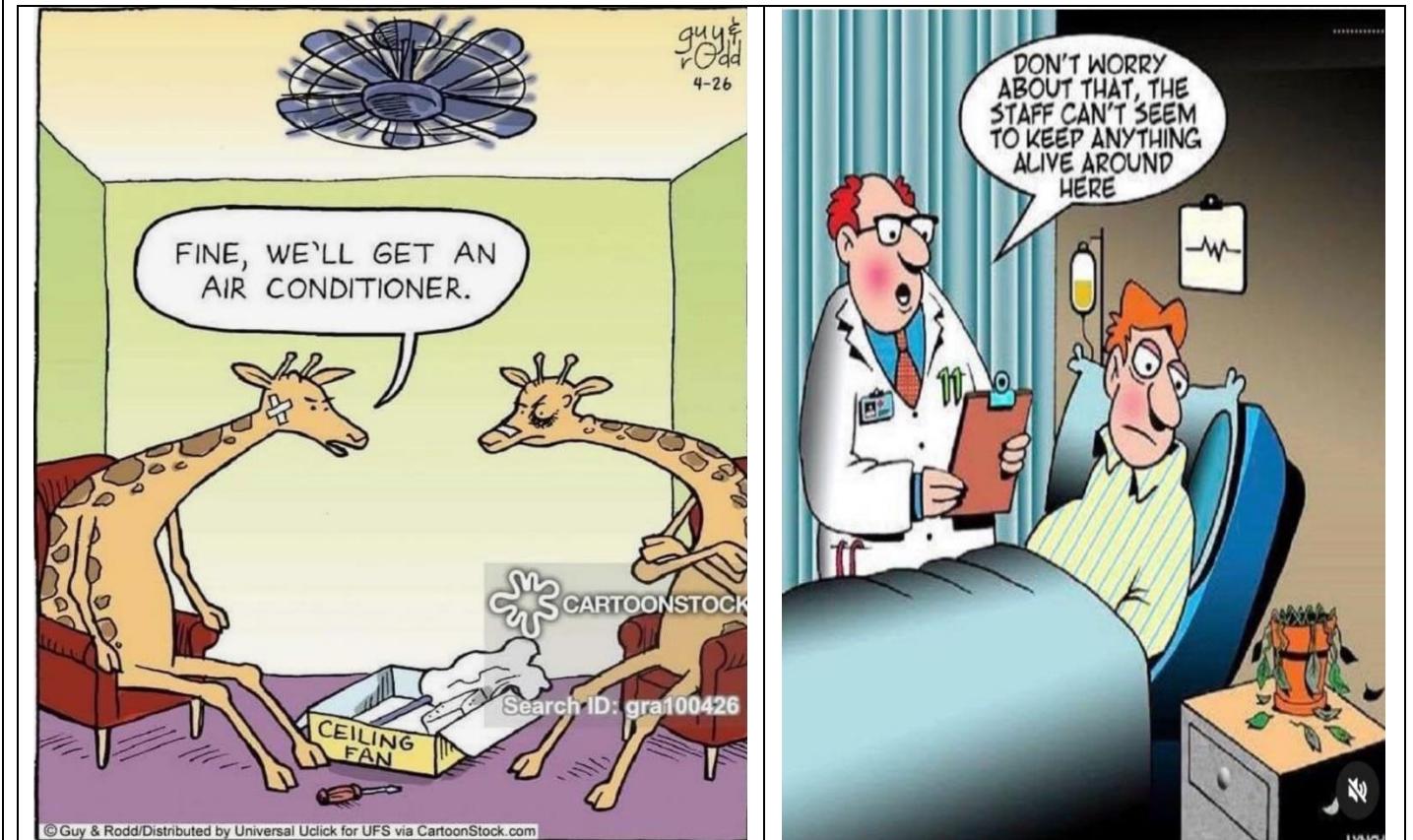
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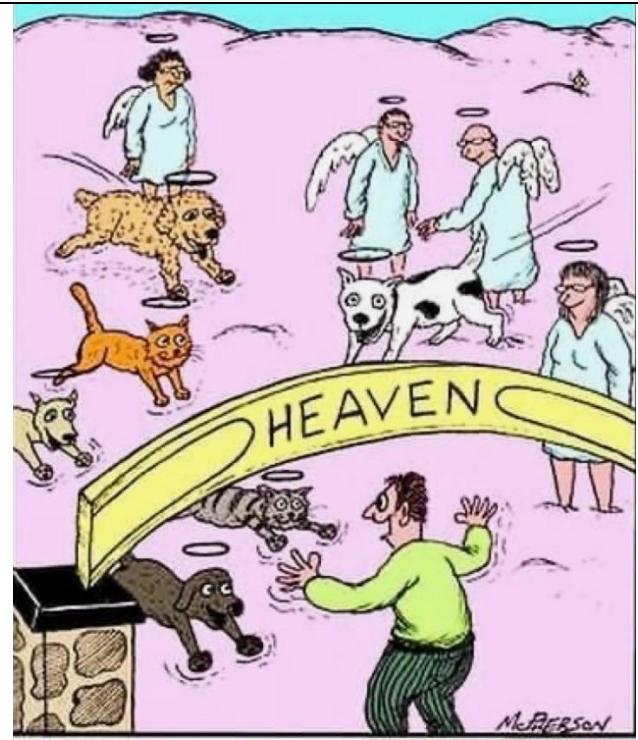


Congrats GK John Borges!

Comics

Source: Pinterest





CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU, BECAUSE YOU ARE ALL PART OF THE
SUCCESS OF THIS COUNCIL!