

It is with a heavy heart that I share the news of the passing of John Shea, who was called home to our Lord on May 14, 2026, in Visalia, just prior to the start of the State Convention.

John was a dedicated member of the Knights of Columbus for 43 years and a cornerstone of Council 4039 in Paramount, where he served as a Past Grand Knight. His extensive service to our Order included roles as a Faithful Navigator for St. John Bosco Assembly 72, Southern California Chapter President, and former District Deputy. Most notably, John served as a board member and the curator of our Emilio B. Moure Museum for over 17 years—a devoted service he shared alongside his wife, Ann.

We ask that you keep John, Ann, and the entire Shea family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. For those who wish to pay their respects, the funeral arrangements for John are as follows:

The Rosary will be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 7:00 PM at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, located at 14817 S. Paramount Blvd, Paramount, CA 90723. The Funeral Service will take place the following morning, Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 10:00 AM at the same location, followed by burial at All Souls Cemetery, 4400 Cherry Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90807.

Prayer cards may be sent to the State Officer at the address below.

Additionally, please join me in prayer for our Brother Sir Knight Larry Dietz, whose wife, Tina, passed into eternal rest on April 23, 2026. Larry serves as a Museum Board Member and State Safe Environment Chairman, and is a Past Chapter President of the San Gabriel Valley, former District Deputy, Past Faithful Navigator, and Past Grand Knight.

The funeral arrangements for Tina Dietz will be held on June 1, 2026, at Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church, 724 E. Bonita Ave, San Dimas, CA 91773. The Call-Out is scheduled for 9:00 AM, followed by the Rosary at 9:30 AM and the Funeral Mass at 10:00 AM, celebrated by Fr. Chris Santangelo. The burial service and reception will follow immediately at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, 2161 Fullerton Rd, Rowland Heights, CA 91748.

Please keep Larry and the entire Dietz family in your prayers as they mourn this significant loss. Prayer cards may also be sent to the State Office.

Under Blessed Michael McGivney's protection, eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Fraternally,

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