

Parade of Grand Knights:

Each council usually safeguards **365 Club** funds and other Council donations until May when they are brought to the State Convention and the **Parade of Grand Knights**. During the "Parade" Grand Knights from Councils throughout California march up the aisle of the convention hall and hand their donation to the Charity's Directors. **Thank you for your generosity!**

If a council misses the convention it should not overlook its donation. Please mail all council and personal checks (payable to Californian Columbian Charities) to the address in the next column. The donations can be sent at any time.

Brother Helping Brother:

Brothers are losing their jobs, their health insurance and their homes during these hard times. We need to extend them a helping hand, and we know that you and the other Brothers in your Council want to participate.

Although the **365 Club** and **Parade of Grand Knights** involve only one donation a year at the State Convention, further donations are appreciated by Columbian Charities.

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**Fulfilling Father McGivney's mandate –
BROTHER HELPING BROTHER**



Our History:

In 1955 the State Council created California Columbian Charities, Inc. The charity is dedicated to assisting California Brothers in financial distress, including their widows. For sixty years we have steadily worked to provide CHARITY, the first principle of our Order, and to fulfill Father McGivney's mandate of **BROTHER HELPING BROTHER**. In the past we have responded to almost 2100 requests for assistance from Brother Knights in California and have given over \$3,000,000 in relief. Last year, in 2015, Columbian Charities assisted 53 Brothers, their widows and families with \$127,000 in aid.

Who We Assist:

We provide financial assistance to Knights of Columbus Brothers, with at least twelve months good standing in a California Council; and to their widows and orphans.

How We Assist:

By helping to relieve financial distress due to unemployment, sickness, family medical and hospital bills, overdue rent or mortgage payments, property tax, food, clothing, losses due to fire, flood or earthquake. All the financial assistance we provide is a grant and need not be repaid.

How To Obtain Assistance:

If a member of your council is in need of assistance your Grand Knight can obtain a Charity application from the California State Council office at (909) 434-0460. More information is also available in the "California Program Handbook" and at the State website, www.californiaknights.org/

When the Grand Knight receives the application he appoints an investigator to review the case and to file a report. Then the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary of the Council must determine if the application is meritorious before sending the application to the Charity. There is no need to bring the applicant's request to the Council for approval.

Where Do Our Donations Come From:

Funding for the Charity is provided through the generosity of California Councils and individual Brothers, from special events sponsored by the Council and through bequests. Every Knights of Columbus Brother in California is asked to join the **365 Club** and contribute one penny a day, or more. The Charity is **BROTHER HELPING BROTHER**.

Funding Shortage:

In seven of the previous eight years donations to the charity have been significantly less than what was required to meet the hardship requests of our many Brothers who suffer because of the poor economy. We have had to dig deeply into our reserve fund to fulfill our charitable mission. We will continue to be as charitable as possible with the funds we have available.

We ask for your generous charitable and fraternal support so that we may continue assisting Brothers in distress, including those in your Council.

What Is The 365 Club:

The **365 Club** is the primary method used to collect contributions to Columbian Charities. To join Brothers are asked to donate a penny a day (\$3.65 per year), or more, to the Charity.

Each Council's Financial Secretary is requested to support the **365 Club**. The best way to accomplish this is for the Financial Secretary to request donations by adding an additional line to the Council's dues billing statement: "**365 Club – Please add a \$3.65 donation to Columbian Charities.**" This will provide every Brother in the Council an opportunity to support our charity.