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Golden State Knightletter



Remembering the life and legacy of our dear Brother Sir Knight James R. "Jim" Scroggin (October 8, 1946 - September 29, 2020)

Former Supreme Director, Past California State Deputy (2 terms),
Former Vice Supreme Master, Past Chapter President,
Past Faithful Navigator, Former District Deputy, Past Grand Knight



STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Brothers All,

As we continue to march forward with a determination to Be Bold, I would like to begin my monthly letter to all California Knights with an invitation to join together, as we invoke St. Michael the Archangel who will lead us and fight with us on the field of battle.

In 2015, we were exhorted by **Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted** when he said:

“Men, do not hesitate to engage in the battle that is raging around you, the battle that is wounding our children and families, the battle that is distorting the dignity of both women and men.”

The Catholic Church cannot afford to sit this battle out and as we step up to be its STRONG RIGHT ARM, I am echoing the “call to arms” issued in the pastoral letter from His Excellency exhorting us to prepare to step into the breach by deepening our Catholic spirituality and formation to combat the crises facing our world today.

As we answer the call to step into the breach with our Catholic faith, which holds to the key to so many problems of society today, let us be consoled knowing we are never alone - not by a long shot; and in fact, our team is stacked for victory!

We simply need to have vision, as scripture teaches us, it is where there is no vision people perish. In the previous weeks at Mass, we have read several times where it was Saint Peter, our patron for this Columbian Year, who always saw Jesus in the midst including storms and in a world blinded by idolatry and secularism. While other disciples thought they saw a ghost walking across the water, Peter saw it was Jesus. When Jesus persisted in asking the disciples, “Who do you say that I am?”, again it was Simon Peter who said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

We indeed have a Champion in Jesus present in in every circumstance. Under His direction, we also have an army of angels that protect us, wage war on our behalf and motivate us to be more deeply spiritual men and women.

From learning to invoke the aid of our Guardian Angels to reminding us to celebrate the feast of the great Archangels, please devour and share **September's edition of Prayers in the Pew Monthly**. You will discover treasures inherent in these major blessings of our faith, and how we can tap into a unique ability to be in contact with the unseen world of the angels and saints. This month, press forward and go further by:

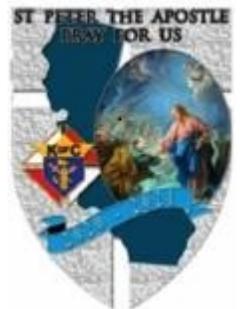
- Reciting the Guardian Angel Prayer and studying the Faith Fundamental dedicated to God's Holy Angels
- Picking up the gauntlet laid in this month's Spiritual Challenge from our California State Chaplain, Fr. John Neneman.
- Taking special notice of this month's Featured Faith in Action program, *Into the Breach*. Contact state chairman Don Keegan, 770-366-3016, donkeegankofc@yahoo.com for guidance for full program roll-out.

In closing my Brothers, please continue to be safe out there and remember that fear is useless. What we need is Faith. Be Bold!

St. Michael the Archangel defend us in battle and pray for us!

PS: Please send this message out to everyone including our council officers and council chaplains.

Yours in Service,
Stephen E. Bolton
 State Deputy 2020-2021



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Venerable Michael J. McGivney (1852 - 90)
Apostle to the young.
Protector of Christian Family Life and
Founder of the Knights of Columbus.
Intercede for us.

State Deputy Prayer List

September 2020

*For Healing ...*Lady **Antoinette Marracq** September 01, 2020Wife of State Advocate **Greg Marracq****Tori Troiano** September 02, 2020Sister of State Faith Activities Director **Matt Troiano**Brother **Cal Schell** September 07, 2020

Member of Rancho Cordova Council 5322

Fr. George Gonzales September 10, 2020

September 16, 2020

Former Chaplain of Grand Terrace Council 12050

Sir Knight **Jim Scroggin** September 21, 2020

September 22, 2020

September 26, 2020

Former Supreme Director, PSD, FVSM, FDD, PFN,
PGK. Fr. Doherty Council 4440

"Holy One, you are our comfort and strength in times of sudden disaster, crisis, or chaos. Surround those affected by this terrible tragedy with your grace and peace. By your Spirit, lift up those who have fallen and sustain those who work to rescue and rebuild. Fill them with the hope of your new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

*Rest in Peace ...***Regulito Evangelista, Sr.** September 03, 2020Father of Council 9580 Chaplain **Fr. Romeo**Deacon **Ben Salvan** September 14, 2020

Member of Marian Council 3773

Lady Antoinette Marracq September 19, 2020

Wife of State Advocate **Greg Marracq**Sir Knight **Dionisio Awayan** September 22, 2020

St. Barnabas Council 9089

Robert E. Rooney Assembly 0047

Sir Knight **Jim Scroggin** September 29, 2020Former Supreme Director, PSD, FVSM, FDD, PFN,
PGK. Fr. Doherty Council 4440

"Under Blessed Father Michael J. 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."

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Brother James Scroggin

Lived his Faith in Action Daily

PSD, FVSM, Former Supreme Director,
PFN, FDD, PGK

Loving husband, father, brother ...
faithful parishioner, friend and Brother
Knight to so many

Jim graduated from Addams Elementary and Jr. High, Fresno High, Fresno City College, and Fresno State. Jim's career began as a teacher and ended as an administrator. He retired in 2001 after 31 years in education. Jim was also an avid Bulldog fan, Foundation member, and Hoops Club member. He attended as many games as possible in football, men's and women's basketball, softball, baseball, and an occasional volleyball game and wrestling match.

Jim was very active in the Knights of Columbus, which allowed him the opportunity to travel.



"An educator by profession, Jim spent his life devoted to his family, friends, church and the Knights of Columbus. He made a significant difference in the lives of many by instilling confidence, offering encouraging words and acts of kindness. He truly embodied the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. He will be sorely missed."

- Patrick A. Brown, former State Officer and close friend



James R. Scroggin joined the Knights of Columbus in December, 1978 rising through the chairs to serve in the offices of Grand Knight, District Deputy, Faithful Navigator, and as Vice Supreme Master from 2002-2007. He served twice as the California State Deputy, first in 2001-2002 and again in 2007-2008. He was subsequently elected to the Supreme Board of Directors where he served from 2011 until his retirement from that position in 2019. He was currently serving as President of the California Knights of Columbus Emilio B. Moure Museum Association. Brother Jim was a member of Fr. Manus Doherty Council 4440 and Paul T. Pryor Assembly 2950.

Born October 8, 1946 to **Betty** and **Charles Scroggin**, Jim was a lifelong resident of his beloved hometown of Fresno, CA. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Lady **Lisa**, daughter **Andrea Pezoldt (Brad)**, grandchildren **Jenna** and **Max Pezoldt**, son **Ray Scroggin**, sister **Sandy Berenbaum** and brother **David Scroggin**.

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FOUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED



< This photograph was originally published on the Knights of Columbus website August 3, 2011, announcing the newly elected board members.

Left to right:
Meclea Casavant of Alberta,
Brian Simer from Idaho,
Supreme Knight Carl Anderson,
Arthur Harris from New York,
Jim Scroggin from California



2018 State Officer Installation



2017 State Convention



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Messages of condolence and prayerful intentions to the Scroggin family may be sent to the State Office state.office@californiaknights.org or by conventional mail to Post Office Box 2649, West Covina, California 91793 which will be forwarded .

The family would be grateful for memorial donations to be sent to:
 Hinds Hospice at 2490 W. Shaw Ave.
 Fresno, CA 93711
 or the charity of your choice, in Jim's name.

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SEPTEMBER 2020

PRAYERS IN THE PEW™ MONTHLY

FAITH IN ACTION CALENDAR / HIGHLIGHTS

| | |
|----------------|---|
| TUESDAY SEP 8 | The Birthday of Mary |
| MONDAY SEP 14 | Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross |
| TUESDAY SEP 29 | Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels |

Faith Formation Companion to Prayers in the Pew™

→ MONTHLY SYNOPSIS ←

September 2020 – At the end of this month the Church will celebrate the feast of the great Archangels who are the princes of the angelic host. It is fitting, then, for us to reflect on how much the angels do for us and how they motivate us to go “into the breach” of our society’s chaos to defend our faith and live it courageously. By these reflections, the Guardian Angels motivate us to be more deeply spiritual men and women.

THE GUARDIAN ANGEL PRAYER

One of the major blessings of the Catholic Faith is our ability to have contact with the unseen world of the angels and saints. The Catholic Catechism teaches that each of us has been given a special spiritual guide, our own Guardian Angel, to help us on our way to Heaven:

“From infancy to death human life is surrounded by the angels’ watchful care and intercession. Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life” (n. 336).

Our relationship with our Guardian Angel is a type of spiritual guidance and tutelage that can be nurtured through prayer, so for centuries the Church has encouraged the faithful pray the Guardian Angel Prayer to strengthen our bonds of friendship with our personal angel.

Many saints have composed prayers to the angels throughout the centuries, but the traditional Guardian Angel Prayer dates back to the 11th Century – nearly a thousand years ago! A companion of St. Anselm of Canterbury, a Benedictine monk named Reginald, composed the prayer and added it to the writings of St. Anselm. The prayer we have today is a 19th Century English translation from the Latin prayer of Reginald, *Angele Dei*.

GUARDIAN ANGEL PRAYER



*Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom
God's love commits me here; Ever this day my
be at side, to light and guard, to rule and
guide. Amen.*

Note that the prayer outlines four particular duties of angels on our behalf. First, they enlighten us. That is, they are great teachers! So often we fail in the moral or spiritual life for lack of understanding. We should often ask our Guardian Angel for “light” from God to help us know His will, particularly when we are facing a big decision.

Second, our Guardian Angels “guard” us which is clear from their very name. But the pictures of angels guarding children crossing rickety bridges over rushing water is only partially true. Every Guardian Angel's primary function is to protect us from the greater spiritual dangers of demons and sin.

When we ask our Guardian Angels to “rule” us, we are asking them to help us form good habits in the moral and spiritual life so that we can live according to God’s law. Angels are often depicted as soldiers or warriors, which is an artistic way of saying that they maintain law and order in God’s Kingdom and help us maintain a healthy spiritual discipline.

Finally, our Guardian Angels “guide” us on our journey of life, which reminds us of the way in which the Archangel Raphael guided Tobias on his journey in the Book of Tobit. Angels know the way to Heaven, and we should ask their help every day to get there!

SPIRITUAL CHALLENGE

This month’s challenge is to nurture devotion to your guardian angel and ask your angel for an increase of grace to live your Catholic faith more vitally. Ask your angel to send you “into the breach” of the many challenges that are facing our Church and our culture so that you can be part of the solution.

- California State Chaplain, Fr. John Neneman

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BIBLE BASICS

**Exodus 23:23-25**

"My angel will go before you and... you shall serve the LORD, your God; then he will bless your food and drink, and I will remove sickness from your midst."

Joshua 5:13-15

"While Joshua was near Jericho, he raised his eyes and saw one who stood facing him, drawn sword in hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, 'Are you one of us or one of our enemies?' He replied, 'Neither. I am the commander of the army of the LORD: now I have come.'"

Daniel 10:5-9

"As I looked up, I saw a man dressed in linen with a belt of fine gold around his waist His body was like chrysolite, his face shone like lightning, his eyes were like fiery torches, his arms and feet looked like burnished bronze, and the sound of his voice was like the roar of a multitude."

Matthew 18:10

"See that you do not look down on any of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven."

Luke 24:4-6

"While they were puzzling over this, behold, two men in dazzling garments appeared to them. They were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground. They said to them, 'Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised.'"

Colossians 1:16

"For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him."

Revelation 18:1

"After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth became illumined by his splendor."

FAITH FUNDAMENTALS

**Catechesis on God's Holy Angels**

We live in an age of fascination with angels, but we must always remember that not all angels are good angels. Some fallen angels come dressed as "angels of the light" says St. Paul (2 Corinthians 11:14), in order to deceive us. So, to protect ourselves from false ideas and distortions about angels, we turn to the solid teaching of the Church.

Pure Spirits

First of all, the Church recognizes that angels are pure spirits. They are not composed of any material substance whatsoever,

even though they can enter the material world and appear to us under human form. This teaching about the totally spiritual nature of angels saves us from doctrines like Mormonism which believes that angels can become human and vice versa.

Messengers

The name "angel" in both Hebrew and Greek means "messenger", which designates the primary function of angels. They communicate God's messages to humanity. We have only to think of the glorious Archangel, Gabriel, greeting the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Annunciation to see the most perfect example of an angel messenger.

Missionaries

All angels are "sent" by God to perform some function or mission to human beings. In addition to being messengers, they are ambassadors, emissaries or actors in implementing God's will. In the Bible, angels free people from jail (Peter), direct the disciples to new missions (Paul), and even facilitate marriage (Tobias and Sarah), among other functions.

Fallen Angels

The angels, too, had their divisions before human time began. The fall of the rebellious angels (depicted in Revelation 12) created the world of demons, who are enemies of our salvation. The demons operate among humans primarily through tempting us to sin but also through occult activities, which we must always avoid.

Worship and Intercession

Finally, we must never forget that angels' primary task is to worship God. The Lord said that our angels "behold the face of God in heaven" (Matthew 18:10). Most powerfully, the Book of Revelation (8:3-4) shows an angel offering up the prayers of the faithful like incense that rises to God's throne.

CATECHISM CONNECTION



Christ is the center of the angelic world. They are His angels: "When the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him..." (Matthew 25:31). They belong to Him because they were created through and for Him:

"for in Him all things were created in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him" (Colossians 1:16).

They belong to Him still more because He has made them messengers of His saving plan: "Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation?" (Hebrews 1:14). (CCC, 331)

From its beginning until death human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession. "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life" (St. Basil). Already here on earth the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and men united in God. (CCC, 336)

THE SCHOOL OF SAINTS



"God whom we desire to see and hold before us, is always ready to come to our assistance. Always faithful to his promises and seeing us fighting valiantly, he will send us his angels to sustain us in the trial!"

~ St. Pio of Pietrelcina

"All the works of the angels and the inspirations they impart are also accomplished or granted by God. For ordinarily these works and inspirations are derived from God by means of the angels, and the angels also in turn give them one to another without delay."

~ St. John of the Cross

"God is humanity's universal teacher and guardian, but His teaching to humanity is mediated by angels."

~ St. Thomas Aquinas

"Since God often sends us His inspirations by means of his angels, we ought frequently to offer Him our aspirations through the same channel. ... Call on them and honor them frequently, and ask their help in all your affairs, temporal as well as spiritual."

~ St. Francis de Sales

"The powers of hell will assail the dying Christian; but his angel guardian will come to console him. His patrons, and St. Michael, who has been appointed by God to defend His faithful servants in their last combat with the devils, will come to his aid."

~ St. Alphonsus Liguori

FAITH IN ACTION - FEATURED PROGRAM

INTO THE BREACH

Bishop Thomas Olmsted of the Diocese of Phoenix wrote a pastoral letter in 2015 issuing a "call to arms" for Catholic men to prepare for the challenges that modern culture presents to our faith. He focused specifically on our Catholic identity and the call to fidelity to the "faith of our fathers". He was essentially challenging Catholics to be not afraid to step into the immense problems of culture with the mindset and resources of the Catholic faith, which holds the key to so many problems of society today. Knights of Columbus councils around the country are instituting men's study groups to read the apostolic exhortation Into the Breach and to help deepen Catholic spirituality and formation to combat crisis of religious faith in our world.

CALENDAR OF FAITH | SEPTEMBER

Thursday, September 3rd
St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor

Tuesday, September 8th
Feast of the Birth of Mary

Wednesday, September 9th
St. Peter Claver, Priest

Saturday, September 12th
Feast of the Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, September 14th
Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Tuesday, September 15th
Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesday, September 16th
Sts. Cornelius, Pope and Martyr, and Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr

Thursday, September 17th
St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor

Saturday, September 19th
St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

Monday, September 21st
St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Wednesday, September 23rd
St. Padre Pio, Priest

Saturday, September 26th
Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Monday, September 28th
Sts. Lorenzo Ruiz et al., Martyrs

Tuesday, September 29th
Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Wednesday, September 30th
St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor



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"I will miss my dear friend but Heaven has a new angel today."

It is with a very sad heart that I share with you the passing of our sister **Antoinette Marracq**, wife of State Advocate **Gregory Marracq**, who passed away this morning. We ask all of you to please pray for the family and our dear Brother Greg. I also ask you to remember Antoinette in your prayers today.

- State Deputy **Stephen E. Bolton**

On Saturday, September 19, 2020, **Antoinette Marracq**, loving wife and mother, passed away at the age of 65. Antoinette was born on October 25, 1954 in Magdalena, Sonora, Mexico to **Alfredo** and **Gloria Rodriguez**. She began her education at Holy Angels School in Colma then continued on to Mercy High School San Francisco. She completed an undergraduate degree in Psychology and a Master degree in Counseling with an emphasis in Marriage, Family and Child Counseling from the University of San Francisco. She continued to further her education through various certificates and credentials throughout her career. On December 17, 1977 she married the love of her life **Gregory Allen Marracq**. They raised two daughters, **Alejandra** and **Gabriela**. She started her career at St. Paul's High School and spent 25 years as a Head Counselor and Vice Principal for the San Francisco Unified School District. She never wanted to see a child unloved or forgotten so she spent her career advocating to give them a better chance of a future. She dedicated her life to faith, children, and family. Dedication in her faith led her to be an invaluable member of Holy Angels Parish. She was a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, served on many committees, and was the current Parish Council President. For over 27 years, she was active with the Knights of Columbus in many ways supporting Holy Angels Council 10948, the St Francis Chapter, and California State Council. She was generous, strong-willed and had an amazing sense of humor. She had a passion for dance and music and enjoyed partaking in casino trips with her family, friends, and the church. Antoinette was preceded in death by her parents: Alfredo and Gloria; and her grandparents: Manuel and Rosa. She is survived by her husband, Greg; daughters: Alejandra (son in law, Jacob) and Gabriela; her grandchildren: John and Isabella; brother, Fred; sisters: Patricia (brother in law, Pedro) and Marcela (brother in law, George); nephews: Ari and Jared; and countless family members and friends



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STATEWIDE CEREMONIAL DAY SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2020

As the State Ceremonial Chairman, I would like to congratulate our State, Council, and Degree Chaplain **Fr. John Neneman**, Host District Deputy **Curt Hoerner**, Chapter Degree Team Captain **Karl Gaugel**, all of the members of the degree team, and the Knights of Council 9195, for an outstanding presentation.

You gave a moving and meaningful exemplification of this degree and the recording can be used as an example of how the ceremony can be conducted while abiding by the restrictions brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. You set the bar high and have in a real sense, created a legacy.

Thank you gentlemen for bringing 28 men (at San Antonio de Padua, Anaheim Hills) to the honors of the third degree in your live exemplification and so many more who took the degree virtually across the State. This was a tremendous achievement.

Thank you for letting me be a part of the celebration.

With you in Christ's service,

Jack Haney
CA SCC 2020-2021



Brother Knights-

There were of course many exemplification events held on September 26 and the OCTOBER 2020 issue of the **Golden State Knightletter** will include more summary information and photos from this special day of welcoming new members to our order. If you Chapter held an event and you have photos or stories to share, please send to:

frgalloway120@gmail.com — SUBJECT: Sept 26 Exemplification.

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Join our local Council 9487 for a Bilingual

PRAYER SERVICE

in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe for
Her Intercession for Respect Life

on **Wednesday, September 16, '20**
at **7:00pm - SDC Parish Pavilion**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
hosted by Respect Life Ministry starts after the 8am Mass
OVERNIGHT until before 6am Mass Thursday morning.

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THE PILGRIMAGE OF THE SILVER ROSE

Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady.

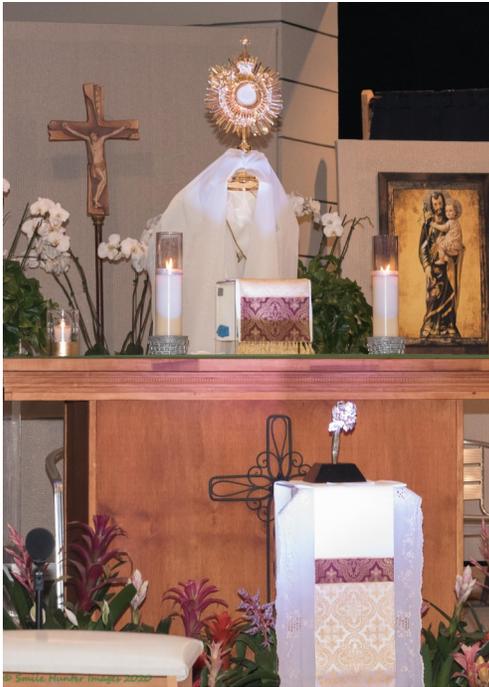
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Worthy Council Leadership,

A short communication to let you know what's going on in the area of Special Olympics. There are events going on that you can help spread the word. This is for the months of October & November.

Northern California:

Online Auction Extravaganza - Thursday October 8th - Saturday October 19th : They include 1 of a kind items, drive-able give away & exclusive wine tasting experiences. Go to www.SONCAuction.givesmart.com for additional information.

Bike The Bridges - Sunday October 11th - Saturday October 24th : A Virtual Event for fundraising. You can Bike on the planned route (available on site) or make your own route of 25 miles. Sponsorship Opportunities & to learn more email info@sonc.org

Virtual Torch Run - Monday November 2nd - Friday November 13th : Another Virtual Event for fundraising. This is a opportunity to support public safety personnel as they run the Special Olympics Torch in their local communities. Join by running, walking or rolling. More information available at www.specialolympics.donordrive.com the goal is 2020 total miles from participants for the year 2020.

Southern California:

They are calling the Events to be held for the months of October & November the "Fall Extravaganza" go to www.sosc.org/extravaganza to find out about all the events.

Online Mega Auction - Monday October 26th - Saturday November 21st : Again they will include 1 of a kind items as well other many other great bidding opportunities. The website will launch October 1st go to www.sosc.org/megauction for additional information.

Virtual Torch Run - Thursday November 1st - Thursday November 15th : A Virtual fundraising Event. An estimated 1200 Officers from local, county, state & military agencies will carry the Special Olympics Torch nearly 900 miles through 200 Southern California communities. The Primary Sponsors for this event are the Knights of Columbus & United Airlines. More information to follow at www.sosc.org

Virtual Bingo - 4 Events in November on Zoom each a hour long with SOSC supporters & athletes. Additional information coming soon. Feel free to contact Nick Dinsmore at ndinsmore@sosc.org with questions & more information.

In closing my Worthy Brothers I would like to mention that a lot of funding for Special Olympics comes through the State Program "Intellectual Disabilities Drive". Help your Chapter Intellectual Disabilities Chairman by helping promote the ID Drive. As Committeemen I'm asking that you promote the "Feed The Athletes" Program to your District Deputies in your Chapter and ask them to mention it to the Grand Knights to have them get Council support. As well bring to the attention of your Chapter President and ask for time on the agenda of your Chapter Meeting to promote the "Feed the Athletes" program. I've include the "Feed the Athletes" donation form for your convince.

BE THE MIRACLE - VIVAT JESUS

Thank you & God Bless.

Your brother in Christ

Charles Beltz DD4
California State Council
Special Olympics Chairman



California State Council *Special Olympics* **Feed The Athletes**

A Supreme Featured Program

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Please add "Feed The Athletes" in the memo field.

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Empowering Self Esteem

2018-19 Knights of Columbus Special Olympics Program

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Worthy Grand Knights,

We are once again asking your council to support the Special Olympics Southern California by purchasing a special Special Olympics t-shirt which has the Knights of Columbus logo on the back as one of its supporters. Brother Luke is a Brother Knight with Council 8599 and Brother Marco is a Special Olympics athlete and a Brother Knight with Council 11939. I encourage you to spread the attached t-shirt purchase form far and wide, collect the monies from the brothers in your council and send in one order for the entire council.

Check out this video from 3rd Degree Knight, Marco Martinez and a SOSC Athlete. Please forward this video to all who would be interested.

Marco Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=30FRIBzYgyM&feature=youtu.be>

This revenue from t-shirt sales goes towards the Special Olympics general fund to pay for things like transportation costs, equipment, facility rentals etc. This year, due to the lack of in-person events, they have an abundance of shirts and they **need the Knights of Columbus to help sell as many t-shirts as possible.**

The Knights of Columbus has had a unique partnership with Special Olympics since its inception and has helped disabled athletes train for and compete in games around the world. Knights of Columbus councils have assisted with all aspects of the program from fundraising to feeding the athletes, organizing and judging events, and providing equipment and awards. Without the support of the Knights, participants would not be able to train for the events that they love. And it is a featured program of the Knights of Columbus.

- Return the completed form and payment for all shirts by November 15, 2020
Special Olympics Southern California (SOSC)
Attn: Luke Farnell
1600 Forbes Way Suite 200
Long Beach, CA 90630
- Shirts will be delivered to each Council by December 1, 2020
- \$5 from each shirt sold goes towards the **Feed the Athletes Program**

Prizes:

SOSC will offer an exclusive Zoom Bingo Game with athletes for the Council Who sells the most t-shirts
To be held in early December

Top 3 Councils will be recognized with a plaque at the next State KOC Conference

Thank you for the continued support!

Luke Farnell

Director, Law Enforcement Torch Run
Special Olympics Southern California
1600 Forbes Way Suite 200
Long Beach, CA 90810

Office: 562-502-1038

Cell: 562-822-1215

Email: LFarnell@sosc.org

For SOSC updates regarding coronavirus (COVID-19), [Click Here](#)

Fraternally,

James Larson

State Programs Director, 2020-2021

California State Council



FRONT



BACK

\$5 of every shirt sold will fund our **Feed the Athletes** program!



2020 Torch Run Shirt Order Form

| | |
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| KOC Council #: | City: |
| Contact Name: | Phone: |

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| Email: | Date: |
|--------|-------|

| Size | QTY | Each | Total |
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| Small | | \$25.00 | |
| Medium | | \$25.00 | |
| Large | | \$25.00 | |
| XLarge | | \$25.00 | |
| XXLarge | | \$25.00 | |
| XXXLarge | | \$25.00 | |
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| Payment Information | |
| Name on Card: | |
| CC#: | |
| EXP Date: | CVV#: |
| Checks Payable to: Special Olympics Southern California (Torch Run Shirts in Memo) | |
| Mail Checks To: | |
| SOSC Attn: Luke Farnell 1600 Forbes Way, Long Beach, CA 90810 | |

For more information, please contact

Name: Luke Farnell
Phone: 562-822-1215
Email: lfarnell@sosc.org
www.sosc.org/letr

Please return by
November 15, 2020

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Membership Message #9

The Benefits of Membership

Worthy Brothers,

Explaining the many benefits of Membership can help your Council to recruit and retain members. It is especially important to review some of the benefits of Membership at your Information Session prior to the Admissions ceremony.

Reminding current Brothers of the benefits of membership can be a persuasive tool for your Retention Committee.

Make sure that your recruiters and your Retention Team keep a copy of this message to use as they perform their duties.

The benefits to maintaining membership in the K of C include:

- K of C Councils are helping to build the Faith and keep families connected to the Church through our Faith in Action programs. Just being a Knight supports our efforts.
- A Knight receives a subscription to the monthly Columbia magazine.
- His dues help the Council and the Order to do works of charity, so he is helping in that work even though he may not be able to participate.
- He can visit and be welcomed at any K of C Council meeting or event worldwide.
- He continues to be part of the "Strong Right Arm of the Church" as stated by our last three Popes.
- Brother Knights generally offer warm friendship to all Brother Knights - we are Brothers in Christ.
- He can ask for assistance if under financial stress from Columbian Charities.
- Knights and children of Knights can apply for K of C college scholarships.
- Each Brother in good standing has an automatic, free, accidental death benefit.
- A Brother has access to all K of C Insurance programs and policies.
- Brothers who pass away in good standing will be added to the perpetual prayer list. A Mass is said for these members daily at St. Mary's in New Haven, CT.
- When a family member of a Knight passes away, a Field Agent for the Knights of Columbus Insurance will assist the family with funeral arrangements - insured or not!
- Brother Knights can be called upon to offer assistance if needed, for instance, a Brother may offer a ride to an event or a meeting to a member in need.
- Councils that implement the **Shepherd and Apostles Program** will attempt to connect with all Brothers in person or by phone three to four times each year or will visit with a Brother to keep them informed about Council activities.
- Councils should assist a disabled Brother to file Form 1831 Disability Waiver. Once approved, there will be no Per Capita assessments to the Council and the Brother should not pay dues as long as his disability exists.

Please forward this message to any Brother Knight who may choose to use it to help build your Council.

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God Bless You,

Brother **Michael Jones**, PGK, PFN, FDD, PCP

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Membership Message #10

The Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity

Worthy Brothers,

The Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity will be held **Saturday, September 26, 2020**. This is In Person or Virtual. Fr. John F. Neneman, State Chaplain will hold Live Mass at 9:00 a.m. A virtual Mass at 9:00 a.m. at each location. No Fee required. Please register for live or virtual ceremony by contacting the Lead person for the area you plan to attend. Grand Knight should verify with candidates whether they will stay for the Fourth Degree Exemplification and direct them to the assembly.

In recognition of the September 28th Feast Day of Saint Lorenzo Ruiz, all who join the Order in California on September 26th through October 3rd will receive a Saint Lorenzo Ruiz pendant.

The Ceremony starts at 10:30 a.m. in the following four Chapter locations:

Sacramento – Newman Center 5900 / Sacramento State Newman Center, Sacramento, CA 95819. Lead: Michael Jones, mjones53@comcast.net

San Jose – St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, 750 Sequoia Dr. Milpitas, CA 95035. Lead: Tim Crews, crewstj@att.net

Orange County – San Antonio de Padua Parish, 5800 E. Santa Ana Canyon Rd., Anaheim, CA 92807. Lead: Curt Horner, Curt779@yahoo.com

San Diego – St. Plus X Parish Hall, 1120 Cuyamaca Ave. Chula Vista, CA 91911. Lead: Michael Brault mbrault54@gmail.com

The Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held at 1:00 pm (SAME LOCATIONS AS ABOVE). Registration required by **Saturday, September 19, 2020**. There is a \$50 fee. Candidates must complete a Form 4 and submit to the Assembly of their choice prior to the registration deadline. Checks are to be payable to the Assembly the Candidate will join. Contact your Assembly sponsor for a Form 4. Baldrics and pins will be forwarded to the Assemblies for distribution after the degree.

Light reception between morning and afternoon sessions for “in person” attendees.

Join the Order and become a Fourth Degree Knight all in the same day!

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Membership Message #11

Admissions Committee Interviews

Worthy Brothers,

As you vet your candidates for our six Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity ceremonies located in Sacramento, San Francisco, San Jose, Los Angeles, Orange County and San Diego on Saturday, September 26, 2020, this is what you should be looking for:

What are the qualifications for entry to the Order?

The Order has these requirements for becoming a Knight:

- Are you a man?
- Are you 18 or older?
- Are you a practical Catholic?
- Are you trying to follow the Commandments and the Precepts of the Church?

In this time of COVID-19, communication with Councils is usually one Brother interviews a candidate by phone or in person and his report is sent to Admissions Committee. We need to focus on and discuss how the Order will help the candidate and his family in their Faith.

Recently, Supreme sent out email notification that Councils could conduct interviews and vote on applicants electronically in order to be able to qualify men in this COVID-19 environment. The purpose of the Admissions Committee is to allow the candidate to qualify himself and to find reasons he wants to become a Knight and will remain a Knight.

The Admission Committee ensures that applicants understand the Order and that the council understands what the candidate expects from his membership. This mutual understanding makes for a more thorough recruitment process and is the first step to membership retention.

Visit the Supreme website describing How to Use an Admissions Committee:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/members/membership/recruitment-strategies/admission-committee.html>

Also, please review and use the Knights of Columbus **Inquires Guide for Admission Committee** and **Admissions Interview Process** documents (attached).

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INQUIRIES GUIDE FOR ADMISSION COMMITTEE

Questions listed below are offered as a guideline for the members of the Admission Committee. Your council's field agent should be invited to attend this meeting. The candidate's responses to these suggested questions should be helpful in determining his attitudes, talents, and general interest as a prospective member of your council. The candidate should be made to feel welcome at the meeting which should be conducted informally.

ON THE CATHOLICITY OF THE CANDIDATE

- A practical or practicing Catholic man in union with the Holy See is a man who accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church. *Are you a practical or practicing Catholic?*
- *Do you know your pastor or any of his assistants personally?*
- *Are you a member of any parish organizations? Do you hold, or have you held, office in any of these organizations?*
- *Have you worked as a volunteer in any parish project?*
- *Do you subscribe to Catholic periodicals, newspapers, etc.?*
- *Do you serve as a deacon, eucharistic minister, lector, usher or in some other ministry?*

- *Are you a member of any civic, trade, professional or other fraternal organizations?*
- *Do you hold, or have you held, office in any of these organizations?*
- *Have you served, or are you serving on any committees for organizations such as the Red Cross, Cancer/Heart associations, Special Olympics, etc.?*
- *Do you hold, or have you held an elective or appointed office in the municipal, state or provincial government?*
- *Are you a registered voter? Do you regularly vote in local, state or provincial and national elections?*

ON OUR ORDER

- *Why are you interested in joining the Knights of Columbus?*
- *Were you invited to join or did you ask to join?*
- *Has anyone explained the member benefits to you or the financial obligations such as initiation fees or annual dues?*
- *What is your personal project or interest in the neighborhood, parish or community?*
- *What is your favorite hobby, sport or recreational activity?*
- Every K of C council has an organizational format of elected and appointed officials. *Would you be interested in serving or assisting in some administrative capacity now or in the future?*
- *What do you expect your K of C membership to provide you and your family?*
- *What do you hope to contribute to our council?*

The members of the Admission Committee and the field agent should be prepared to answer any questions raised by the candidate. They should be encouraged to give the applicant a brief explanation of the insurance features of our Order and the various aspects of our charitable service programs.

Council Resources: Celebrate Beatification of Fr. McGivney

<https://www.kofc.org/en/events/father-mcgivney-beatification/toolkit.html?1tab=1tab0>



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COUNCIL RESOURCES FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY

The beatification of Father McGivney is a cause for celebration for the Order. These resources are provided to help councils celebrate the beatification of our founder all year.



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BEATIFICATION OF FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY WEBSITE

This website includes information on Father McGivney's beatification, including an agenda of live online events, a media kit and other resources.

WEBSITE

PARISH PRIEST: FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY AND AMERICAN CATHOLICISM

In this book, Douglas Brinkley and Julie Fenster re-create the life of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Father Michael McGivney, a fiercely dynamic yet tenderhearted man. Though he was only thirty-eight when he died, Father McGivney has never been forgotten. He remains a true "people's priest," a genuinely holy man – and perhaps the most beloved parish priest in U.S. history.

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THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY

This book tells a uniquely American story of faith in action. Formed by Father Michael McGivney with the men of his parish, the Knights of Columbus was committed to the principles of charity and unity, while supporting the faith and financial viability of its members and their families. It would soon grow into an organization whose members supported one another while also contributing to their parishes, their communities, their countries, and the world.

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BACKGROUND MATERIALS TO HELP PREPARE FOR TALKS AND HOMILIES

These materials include articles, books and videos on the life, legacy and spirituality of Father McGivney to help prepare for talks and homilies.

MATERIALS

Please check back as additional resources will be added regularly

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Membership Message #12

Last Minute Approval for Exemplification

Worthy Brothers,

For the last-minute approval for entrees to the September 26, 2020, let's get them approved.

This is a reminder there are 5 days remaining for the in-person or virtual **The Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity on September 26, 2020**. No Fee required. Please register for live or virtual ceremony by contacting the lead person for the area you plan to attend. Grand Knight should verify with candidates whether they will stay for the Fourth Degree Exemplification and direct them to the Assembly.

Here is a current roster of men in your Jurisdiction who have joined the Order online using the McGivney2020 promo code. These members are ready for you to reach out to them to join your council (attached).

We need to get more councils engaged in membership growth and in the good works of the Order. These men represent a perfect opportunity for that. When they joined online, you have one year to engage them and show them the value of membership in the Knights of Columbus. Let's work together to convince these online members of that fact and to make them council-based members.

The Exemplification is being held simultaneously at six Chapter locations (Sacramento, San Jose, St Francis, Orange County, Los Angeles, Orange County and San Diego) throughout the State. It will begin with a live Mass at 9:30 a.m. at each location followed by the ceremony at 10:30 a.m.

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RECRUITING INCENTIVES 2020 - 2021 (the images from



California Recruiting Incentives 2020-2021

Recruiting Incentives begin June 1, 2020



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SHRINE FOR US

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state.deputy@californiaknights.org

Michael Jones, State Membership Director
Cell: 918-898-0001
membership@californiaknights.org



From the Desk of the State Deputy
July 1, 2020

Brothers,

The California State Council's theme for the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year is, "BE BOLD". Be proud of who we are and what we are. We are proud Catholic American Citizens and members of the Knights of Columbus family.

It is our moral obligation to ask every Catholic man, over 18 years old, to become a member of the Knights of Columbus! Sometimes the hardest thing about recruiting is taking the first step. Recruiting a new member can be as easy as asking him to join. Amazingly, many individuals haven't joined the Knights simply because they have never been asked to join. When the opportunity arises, take the initiative and start a conversation with a potential prospect. It's the first step for recruiting on a one-on-one basis and can yield very positive results.

Every member of the Knights of Columbus in California is eligible to participate in the "2020-2021 Recruiting Incentives Program". All you need to do is recruit a new member, be a friend and guide them through their application process, escort them to the Combined Exemplification, and help start them on their way as a successful Brother Knight in our Order.

Please feel free to reach out to either the State Membership Director, Michael Jones or myself for any assistance we can offer towards your successful recruitment efforts.

Vivat Jesus,
Stephen Bolton
State Deputy 2020-2021

Knights of Columbus
California State Council
PO Box 2849
West Covina, CA, 91793

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DISTRICT DEPUTY INCENTIVES
July 1st 2020 - June 30th 2021

•DD Fast Start Incentive - by October 31st 2020 All Active Councils in District must be current on forms (185, 365, 1295) and Safe Environment compliant. Also, 50% of District Membership Goal must be achieved. Awarded to the DD at the 2020 DD Mid-Year Meeting; The DD will receive a California KofC Recruiter Jacket.



•DD Convention Time Incentive - by April 1st 2021 All Active Councils in District must be current on forms (185, 365, 1295, 1728) and Safe Environment compliant. Also, 75% of District Membership Goal must be achieved. Awarded to the DD at the 2021 State Convention; The DD will receive a KofC Polo shirt.



•DD Year End Incentive - by June 30th 2021 Achieve "Star District" as set by Supreme, all Active Councils in District must be current on forms (185, 365, 1295, 1728) and Safe Environment compliant. Awarded at 2021 Chapter Installation; The DD will receive a new KofC Watch.



CHAPTER PRESIDENT INCENTIVES
July 1st 2020 - June 30th 2021

All Chapter Presidents also have an opportunity to get in on the fun this year. Incentives will be awarded to the 3 Chapter with the highest % of intake Goal as shown on the 2020-2021 year-end Star Tracker.



•3rd Highest % Chapter; President will receive an invitation to dine in his local area with the State Deputy and his wife.

•2nd Highest % Chapter; President will receive a \$500 Gift Certificate to a high-end Steak House (Ruth's Chris, Morton's or similar).



•1st Highest % Chapter; President will receive a 3-day Cruise for he and his wife. Depart out of Long Beach, CA. to Baja Mexico.



COUNCIL INCENTIVES
July 1st 2020 - June 30th 2021

•Grand Knight Incentive Every GK that achieves Star Council for the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year will receive a California KofC Recruiter Jacket.



•Council Fast Start Incentive - by October 31st 2020 Achieve or exceed the Council membership goal, set by Supreme.

Awarded to the Council at the 2020 DD Mid-Year Meeting. 100% of goal: receive a KofC PopUp Canopy 150% of goal: a KofC Canopy and Feather Flag 200% of goal: a KofC Canopy, Feather Flag, Table Cloth 250+% of goal: The State Officers will provide and Cook a BBQ at and for your Council. Up to 150 guests.

•Council Convention Time Incentive - by April 1st 2021 Achieve or exceed the Council membership goal, set by Supreme.

Awarded to the Council at the 2021 State Convention. 100% of goal; receive a KofC Feather Flag 150% of goal: a KofC Table Cloth 200% of goal: a KofC Bean Bag Toss 250+% of goal: a brand new 8-burner propane gas grill

•Council Year End Incentive - by June 30th 2021 Achieve or exceed the Council membership goal, set by Supreme.

Awarded to the Council at 2021 Chapter Installation. 100% of goal; receive a KofC Feather Flag 150% of goal: a KofC Table Cloth 200% of goal: a KofC Bean Bag Toss 250+% of goal: a brand new 8-burner propane gas grill



Note: A Council can only earn one incentive award per % of intake period, and can win again for a higher % intake period. Example: A Council can earn the incentive for 100% "Fast Start" but NOT again for the 100% "Convention Time". They must achieve 150% or higher at "Convention Time" to be awarded. The more you grow your Council throughout the year, the more you can be awarded.

*These Membership Incentives are for the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year. Only exception is the "RECRUITER INCENTIVES" that begin June 1st 2020.
*Membership intakes are based on Supremes Daily Progress Report.
*Recruiters must sign as a Proposer to be eligible.
*All decisions are final as of the deadlines listed.
*Actual awards may appear different than shown.

RECRUITER INCENTIVES

June 1st 2020 - June 30th 2021

•Any Brother Knight who recruits a new member and signs as their proposer, qualifies for an incentive drawing. At the end of the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year, one name will be randomly drawn and that proposer will receive an invitation to dine in his local area with the State Deputy and his wife.



•Any Brother Knight who recruits 5 to 10 new members by the end of the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year; will receive a great looking KofC Cap.



•Any Brother Knight who recruits 11 to 15 new members by the end of the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year; will receive a KofC Polo Shirt.



•Any Brother Knight who recruits 16 or more new members by the end of the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year; will receive a California KofC Recruiter Jacket.



•The top 3 recruiters in the state, 1-North, 1-Central, and 1-South, by the end of the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year; will receive a new KofC Watch.



ALTERNATE PLAN for CLUB 365 DONATIONS



California Columbian Charities, Inc.
P.O. Box 4256
Cerritos, CA 90703



Grand Knights and Brothers All

Due to the Coronavirus Covid-19, the State Convention will be held "virtually" via teleconference. There will not be a "**Parade of Grand Knights**", send your checks to the to the Charity Treasurer:

Knights of Columbus
California Columbian Charities
P.O. Box 497
Gustine, CA 95322

All Councils are asked to donate. Councils should consider a donation of \$3.65 for each of their Council members. The 365 Club is the Charity's primary source of funds. **Please be Generous! Please include a return address so that the Award Ribbon will be sent to that designation.**

Columbian Charities is dedicated to assisting California Brothers and their widows in distress. For over sixty-five years we have worked to provide CHARITY and to fulfill Father McGivney's mandate - **BROTHER HELPING BROTHER.**

At last year's "**Parade of Grand Knights**" you donated over \$109,000 to Columbian Charities! THANK YOU for reaching-out a helping hand to your less fortunate Brothers! You should be proud of your generosity.

These are challenging times and we want to continue to help our Brothers. The need is great and we are not funded by Supreme. **Please increase your contribution this year.**

Although the Convention is physically cancelled, Councils should not overlook their donation. Every Brother is also encouraged to make a personal contribution. Checks may be mailed to the Gustine P.O. Box. Donations are welcomed at any time during the year.

Columbian Charities is ready to provide financial assistance to your Council's Brothers in their time of need. Any member who has information about a Brother in distress should notify the Grand Knight. Only the Grand Knight can obtain a Charity application by calling the State Office at (909) 434-0460 or best by email at state.office@californiaknights.org

SUBMITTED from Brother **Stephen Petersen, FN**
CCC President

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Membership Message #13

SPECIAL LIMITED TIME MEMBERSHIP PROMOTIONAL OFFER:

In honor of Fr. McGivney's beatification on October 31st, the California State Council is offering **FREE ONLINE MEMBERSHIP** for new membership applications submitted October 1 through 31, 2020. Prospects simply need to visit kofc.org/joinus and enter the code **CAKOFC** to take advantage of this special offer.

SPECIAL LIMITED TIME MEMBERSHIP PROMOTIONAL OFFER

In honor of Fr. McGivney's beatification on October 31, the California State Council is offering

FREE ONLINE MEMBERSHIP*

for new membership applications submitted October 1 through October 31, 2020

*regular dues are \$30/year

Visit kofc.org/joinus enter the code **CAKOFC**

Also, encourage them to attend the online Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, which is now available ON-DEMAND. Send these invitations to your [English](#), , and prospects today.

NOTE: Councils must file a form 100 for all candidates who complete an online exemplification. For clarification on the difference between the Online Ceremony and Online Membership (Online Join), [click here](#).

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September 2020 - Facebook Posts (links are embedded in the TITLE)

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| SEPTEMBER 01 | - | UCLA College Knights / virtual rosary prayer event to end pandemic |
| | - | Council 17097 / Helping Hands / Coats for distribution in Ontario, CA |
| | - | Council 3052 / Helping Hands / Coats for distribution in Bellflower, CA |
| | - | Council 11837 / Helping Hands / Coats for distribution in Norco, CA |
| | - | Council 14292 / Helping Hands / Coats for distribution in Corona, CA |
| SEPTEMBER 02 | - | Knights of Columbus – AMERICAN WHEELCHAIR MISSION |
| | - | Council 7950 / Helping Hands / Coats for Crestline . Lake Arrowhead, CA |
| | - | SOCCER CHALLENGE During Covid-19 Restrictions |
| | - | Night of Prayer for RENEWAL at San Gabriel Mission |
| SEPTEMBER 04 | - | State Deputy Message (September 2020) |
| SEPTEMBER 05 | - | San Gabriel Valley Chapter assist Los Angeles Regional Food Bank |
| SEPTEMBER 07 | - | In person officer installation – Governor Peter Burnett Assembly 0042 |
| SEPTEMBER 08 | - | Announcement – STATEWIDE Exemplification for Charity, Unity, Fraternity – SEP 26 |
| SEPTEMBER 09 | - | Council 4567 / 9-11 Remembrance webcast from Manhattan Beach (LIVE on 9-11) |
| SEPTEMBER 11 | - | Council 13403 / sending coats to victims of OREGON wildfires |
| | - | Virtual Tour – EMILIO B. MOURE Knights of Columbus Museum |
| SEPTEMBER 12 | - | Council 8627 – Ordination of Brother Knight to Deacon Areseneo Reyes |
| | - | Council 14292 / Helping Hands / Coats for distribution in Corona, CA |
| SEPTEMBER 13 | - | Council 8627 – Ordination to Deacon Areseneo Reyes, Dr. Noel Panlilio |
| | - | Council 10948 – fundraiser selling BBQ at Holy Angels Church, Colma CA |
| | - | Council- / Helping Hands / Coats for distribution in Needles, CA |

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| SEPTEMBER 14 | - | Southern California Chapter Officer Installation. Long Beach CA |
| SEPTEMBER 15 | - | Seminar Announcement, RETIRE HAPPY! By Tom Hegna – September 17 |
| | - | Council- St. Pius X / Helping Hands / Coats for distribution in San Diego, CA |
| SEPTEMBER 16 | - | Council 10948 – delivering supplies from CA State Council to St. Anne home |
| SEPTEMBER 18 | - | ANNOUNCEMENT - Walk for Life WEST COAST – January 23, 2021 |
| SEPTEMBER 19 | - | Worthy MFD Tim Fukuda / Northern CA virtual Chapter Meeting |
| SEPTEMBER 19 | - | Special Olympics Torch Run T-SHIRT sales order form and fundraiser |
| | - | Prayers for Lady Antoinette Marracq- RIP, wife of State Advocate Greg Marracq |
| SEPTEMBER 20 | - | 15th Episcopal Anniversary – Aux. Bishop Emeritus del Riego, San Bernardino Diocese |
| | - | FREE THE MASS Rally with Archbishop Cordelione, San Francisco |
| SEPTEMBER 22 | - | St. Joseph Catholic Church Marysville CA getting new steeple installed |
| SEPTEMBER 23 | - | St. Padre Pio feast day |
| SEPTEMBER 26 | - | Mass- Exemplification Day |
| | - | Exemplification at St. Columban Filipino Catholic Church, Los Angeles CA |
| SEPTEMBER 27 | - | Exemplification Day at St. Pius X with Bishop Robert McElroy, San Diego CA |
| | - | Exemplification Day in Sacramento |
| SEPTEMBER 28 | - | FREE THE MASS Rally, San Francisco POST #2 |
| SEPTEMBER 29 | - | Exemplification Day, Northern California Chapter |



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BEATIFICATION OF FATHER MCGIVNEY – OCTOBER 31, 2020



This new documentary explores the life, legacy and impact of Father Michael McGivney, apostle of spiritual brotherhood and unity, who founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882. Click to watch the full McGivney documentary on our YouTube channel!

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Pray with us Oct. 4-12: Novena for the Cause of Life



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We invite you and your family to join brother Knights and fellow Catholics around the world in a [Novena for the Cause of Life](#) beginning on Sunday, Oct. 4, and ending on Monday, Oct. 12.

Throughout these nine days, we will pray for an end to abortion, euthanasia and other social ills that result in broken families and unhappiness, and which threaten the most vulnerable. The novena calls upon the intercession of Our Lady and draws upon unique quotes from the teachings of Pope Francis regarding the sanctity of all human life.

Join brother Knights and their families to pray this novena for the defense of life and invite your pastor and fellow parishioners to do the same. By uniting in prayer, we'll be able to stand up against — and ultimately defeat — threats against life.

A downloadable version of the novena can be found [here](#). You can also sign up to receive a daily email, which will include the unique petitions for each of the nine days of the novena. Click [here](#) for details.

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Novena for the Cause of Life

For each day, reflect on the quote from Pope Francis, pray a decade of the rosary and conclude with St. John Paul II's prayer.

1 Sunday, Oct. 4 – “Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation”

2 Monday, Oct. 5 – “Human life is sacred and inviolable, and the use of prenatal diagnosis for selective purposes must be strongly discouraged.”

3 Tuesday, Oct. 6 – “It is God who gives life. Let us respect and love human life, especially vulnerable life in a mother’s womb.”

4 Wednesday, Oct. 7 – “Every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ”

5 Thursday, Oct. 8 – “The Church cannot be expected to change her position on this question. ... It is not ‘progressive’ to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life.”

6 Friday, Oct. 9 – “Our defense of the innocent unborn ... needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life”

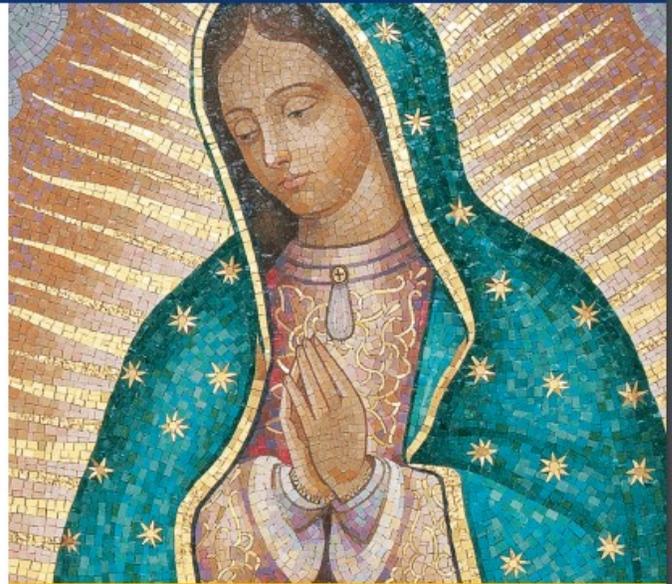
7 Saturday, Oct. 10 – “Equally sacred ... are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly”

8 Sunday, Oct. 11 – “All too often ... people do not accept the ‘Gospel of Life’ but let themselves be led by ideologies and ways of thinking that block life, that do not respect life”

9 Monday, Oct. 12 – “Unborn children are always to be welcomed; life is always to be protected and loved, from conception to its natural end.”



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O Mary, bright dawn of the new world,
Mother of the living,
to you do we entrust the cause of life:
Look down, O Mother,
upon the vast numbers
of babies not allowed to be born,
of the poor whose lives are made difficult,
of men and women
who are victims of brutal violence,
of the elderly and the sick killed
by indifference or out of misguided mercy.
Grant that all who believe in your Son
may proclaim the Gospel of life
with honesty and love
to the people of our time.
Obtain for them the grace
to accept that Gospel
as a gift ever new,
the joy of celebrating it with gratitude
throughout their lives
and the courage to bear witness to it
resolutely, in order to build,
together with all people of good will,
the civilization of truth and love,
to the praise and glory of God,
the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

– St. John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*

Visit kofc.org/novena for the sources of each papal quote.

Sunday, Oct. 4 – Monday, Oct. 12, 2020

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Notes From Fraternal Leader Advisory - September 17, 2020

Evangelization and Faith Formation

Programs: Planning for Success Webinar

To view the webinar from last month on-demand, as well as access the resources from the presentation, [click here](#).

2019 – 2020 Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest International Champions

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Office and the Fraternal Mission Department's Programs Team would like to congratulate all the winners of the 2019 – 2020 Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. Thank you to all councils and jurisdictions for participating and for your patience with the delay of the Supreme judging. Click [here](#) for the winner's announcement.

Faith: Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)

Knights step into the breach by providing financial and moral support to seminarians and postulants during our vocation's crisis. To learn more, [click here](#).

Family: Family Fully Alive

Knights step into the breach by leading their families to live the faith at home with the weekly and monthly prayers, reflections, and activities of the Family Fully Alive Program so that they can grow in holiness together. To learn more, [click here](#).



District Deputy Corner

- Confirm during your monthly call with Grand Knights that every council in your district has a plan for [monthly meetings and communicating](#) regularly with members.



Grand Knight Corner

- Use our [guidebook](#) to promote the outstanding work of your council. Publicity is a great way to attract qualified men to join our Order and increase the ability of your council to do good for others.
- Verify the [Report of Officers Chosen for the Term \(Form #185\)](#), [Service Program Personnel Report \(Form #365\)](#) and [Semiannual Council Audit \(Form #1295\)](#) have been submitted.



Financial Secretary Corner

- Review the [Financial Secretary's Guide](#) to make sure you understand your duties and responsibilities.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/our-faith/september-2020.html>



SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE



Each month, Archbishop William Lori – Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus – selects a brief passage from the Gospel reading of one of the Sunday Masses of the month.

Archbishop Lori shares a brief reflection on the passage and issues a challenge for men to live for the month.

The next month, men undertaking the challenge as a group gather and share their experiences living the challenge.

The Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge is ideally done during monthly Knights of Columbus meetings, but can be done in a separate group or individually.

By taking up the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge, men take direct, concrete action to grow in their faith and help their brothers do so as well.

SEPTEMBER 2020

Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Gospel for Sept. 6, Mt 18:20)

There is power in numbers. It's often how we get things done. When men are united by a clear mission, they become a "band of brothers" whose whole is greater than the sum of its parts. And when that mission is given to us by Jesus, we are united in Christ, who directs and strengthens us to accomplish great things. May we, my brothers, form strong bonds of fraternity founded on Christ as we labor to build up the kingdom of heaven.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to learn more about fraternity by viewing the "Brotherhood" episode of the *Into the Breach* video series produced by the Knights of Columbus. Second, I challenge you to help build bonds of brotherhood in your parish by offering the Faith in Action Into the Breach program.

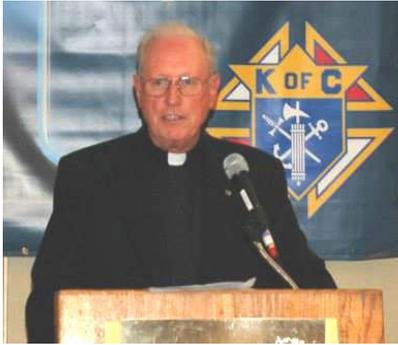
Questions for Reflection:

Are you willing to "stand in the breach" with your brother Knights and fellow Catholics to serve Christ and defend the faith? Are you a good "brother" to others, forming male friendships marked by shared faith, honesty and accountability to fight the spiritual battle? How can a "band of brothers" ensure that they are gathered in the name of Jesus Christ?

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Gratitude for Prayers Offered...



Greetings to you,

I am extremely grateful for all those prayers and the concern as they certainly had their effect.

On Tues. I was under a general anesthetic for four hours, having an "Ablation" procedure completed on my heart, to eliminate a major irregular heartbeat that

was causing trouble. The surgeon said to me on Wed. that the Lord must certainly have been guiding his hands, as it was most unusual for him to be doing an ablation so close to the regular heartbeat without having to put in a pace-maker afterwards. Good job done, and no pace-maker! Praise the Lord.

Am now back in our Monastery, not too steady on my feet, but extremely grateful to the surgeon and all the wonderful staff at Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla.

Many, many thanks to all of you who offered prayers and made contact with me. I have also remembered you to the Lord, and offered Mass this morning in thanksgiving..

Would it be possible to send out this message so that all those who have been so thoughtful will know that I very much appreciate their concern, and all will be remembered in my Masses and prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr, John P. Grace, O.S.A.

(Dated September 3, 2020)

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Submission deadline— 15th of every month for current newsletter

Please indicate "GSK Article" in your subject line. If you are including photos please try to make sure participants are identified, and photo credits provided.

PLAN AHEAD— If you wish to promote a program, please submit your information for publication the issue month PRIOR to your event dates, as publication will be in the 2nd half of the calendar month.

EXAMPLE: Program Event in DECEMBER; submit for publication by NOVEMBER 10.

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