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2021 New Years Message from your State Deputy



Knights of Columbus California State Council has shared a video with you on YouTube



2021 New Years Message from Stephen Bolton - State Deputy
by Knights of Columbus California State Council

Many New Years blessings to all of our brother Knights, and all of your families for a safe, happy, and healthy 2021.

We must be ready to answer the call to help our parishes thrive in this extremely important time in our world.

Thank you for all that you do to continuously be a vital part of each and every one of your parishes.

God Bless

Click on the image above to be taken to the recorded State Deputy New Year's message.

Alternatively — enter the following URL into your computer browser:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=js3Uz3BxQ9w&feature=em-share_video_user



STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Brothers All,

Thank you, Brother Knights, for taking a few minutes to read this year-end reflection and call to finish forward and Happy New Year!

The motto of the Marine Corps is the very worthy “Semper Fidelis,” which means “Always Faithful.” This motto fuels and directs their energies to be always faithful to each other, to the Corps, and to America. In his book, *The Way of the SEAL: Think Like an Elite Warrior to Lead and Succeed*, **Mark Divine** divulges the unwritten motto of the SEALs which is “Semper Gumby,” meaning “Always Flexible.” This motto, a reference to the rubber-toy comic hero who can bend and mold to fit any situation, suggests one reason why SEALs are known to operate in and adapt to the most chaotic scenarios— God bless them and all our women and men in uniform for what they do.

Why do I bring this up?

As we begin our New Year, allow me to turn back ‘just for a moment’ to reflect when I began my term as your State Deputy for our Columbian Year 2020-2021. Our country was getting knee deep into the pandemic scare, economic downturn, massive civil unrest etc., and people everywhere were looking for the adult in the room to stand up.

Despite the fact this was not the year anyone envisioned nor imagined; I could not have been more proud of the countless Knights who, just as our elite military forces, remained faithful and flexible adapting their mindsets and actions to leave no neighbor behind. They stood up and stepped into the breach with countless acts of charity and personal sacrifice.

Amid the storms, something happened that I ‘never’ thought would happen, “we were told that we could not participate in-person with our traditional Sunday Mass.

First, our deepest gratitude and respect go out to my predecessor and our Past State Deputy, Worthy Dave Abbott for leading us through the shock of that reality. He also adapted rapidly and led us to not waste time and instead to building up our domestic churches by participating in weekly Spiritual Communion Services at Home, to supporting our pastors who offer or need help setting up “virtual” masses, and much more...All the while, we prayed for the glorious day when we could return to normal worship where we could stand together in our churches and parishes.

We were there for our pastors, for others and...for one another.

In all these scenarios, we were regularly reminded the virtual Masses were not substitutes for participation in a traditional Sunday liturgy and Mass. As human beings we need our Catholic Community to help to nurture our beliefs in the Eucharist and in the teachings of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

That appropriate time is here and we need to remain faithful and look forward.

Whether 3, 6 or 9 months away, the doors of the Church will swing wide open again and we must prepare now. We must begin 2021 moving forward, embracing the next set of challenges.

Our Pastors and our Church, our Catholic Family, has always been there for us, and we owe it to our Church to be there for them now. As Knights of Columbus, we intend to lead the way in helping our pastors prepare for the great return to normal, the great return to the One True Faith, to Holy Mass, the Celebration of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.



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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 Message ... (from page 2)

Stay tuned over the upcoming weeks as we lay out the mission and plans to assist our pastors to receive their flocks more fully back home in the churches and parishes.

Prayers in the Pew Monthly

Speaking of family and moving forward, we begin our New Year by focusing on life and the beginning of life as we look forward to the annual January walks and marches for life. Please find and share **January 2021's edition of Prayers in the Pew Monthly**. You will discover the power of the Act of Contrition in our battle against sin and to save souls. The material will prepare us to celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord (Feast of the Three Kings), Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul and much more.

Take special note to:

- Recite the Act of Contrition
- Special Feature: Editorial Cartoon 'at the Pearly Gates'.
- Implement the Featured Faith in Action Program of the Month, "Novena for Life". *More announcements in the coming days.*
- Embrace the first of the year's Spiritual Challenge from our California State Chaplain, Fr. John Neneman to learn and teach your children the Act of Contrition.

In closing my Brothers, know I am immensely grateful for all of you and count on my prayers for you, your families and your homes.

Please continue to be safe out there and remember that fear is useless. What we need is Faith. Be Bold!

Yours in Service,

Stephen E. Bolton

State Deputy 2020-2021

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

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Review of the Year 2020 in California

New combined exemplification

Walk for Life events in California

COVID-19 Pandemic Causes Shutdown of All Gatherings

Cancellation of In-Person State Convention due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Developing guidelines for VIRTUAL meetings and controlled in – person gatherings

Parishes closed – virtual masses

Virtual convention– State Deputy Stephen E. Bolton elected for Columbian Year 2020-2021

Virtual State Awards Ceremony - Salinas Council 17167 Best in State

Bid Farewell to PSD and Former Supreme Director Jim Scroggin

Knights Respond to Parishes Controlled Mass Openings by Disinfecting, Maintaining Social Distancing and Other Needs

Virtual Patriotic Degree Developed and Provided Full Knighthood to Many 3rd Degree Members

2 New District Masters Appointed in Northern and Central California Districts

SUPREME VIDEO REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2020

kofc.org/en/index.html



WHO WE ARE

WHAT WE DO

GET INVOLVED

NEWS HUB



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 2020 YEAR IN REVIEW



Go to Knights of Columbus Home Page (www.kofc.org) and click on the “play” image to see this video review of 2020 from our Supreme Council

Playing this message during a “pulpit announcement” during your parish mass broadcast or live mass event may help in your recruiting efforts.

There is no dialog or commentary...just music to go along with the images.

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JANUARY 2021

PRAYERS IN THE PEW™ MONTHLY

FAITH IN ACTION CALENDAR / HIGHLIGHTS

SUN JAN 3	Epiphany of the Lord (Feast of the Three Kings)
SUN JAN 10	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
MON JAN 25	Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

Faith Formation Companion to Prayers in the Pew™

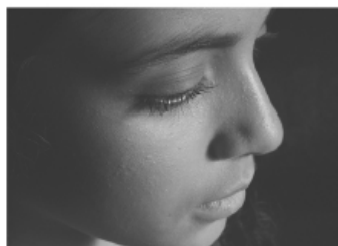
→ MONTHLY SYNOPSIS ←

January 2021 – As we begin our new year, we focus on life and the beginning of life as we look forward to the annual March for Life (both state and national). In the turbulent times we live in, we must also focus on the greatest destroyer of spiritual life, which is sin and its antidote in our familiar Act of Contrition.

THE ACT OF CONTRITION

The devil has great power to tempt us into sin – *however* – the Catechism reminds us that his power is not infinite (CCC, 395). God gives each of us a guardian angel to protect us and He's also provided an instant way to break sin's power over us: through repentance. Repentance is the antidote to sin.

That's why repentance is a necessary element of the Church's Sacrament of Penance. The four elements of a sacramental confession are contrition (repentance); confession of sin; absolution by a priest; and penance in reparation for our sin.



To help us spiritually, the Church gives us a prayer we can easily memorize as our way to express repentance. We call this prayer the Act of Contrition, and all of us (hopefully!) learned some form of this prayer in our cate-

chism classes as children or from our parents.

If not, there is no time like the present. Here is a traditional form of the Act of Contrition, which is both a personal expression of sorrow and a prayer to God.

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you, and I detest all my sins, because I dread of the loss of heaven and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend you, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

There are slightly different versions of this prayer, but essentially, any good "act of contrition" expresses these seven elements:

1. We address our prayer to God because our sin offends Him specifically.
2. We are "heartily" sorry, meaning that our repentance is from the heart, not just an idea in the mind or a superficial sentiment.
3. We hate ("detest") sin because it is the devil's work, not God's. Note that this is not a hatred of ourselves but of our sinful acts.
4. We also humbly acknowledge the truth that mortal sins can buy us a direct ticket to hell if we do not repent of them.
5. We understand that the love of God is the primary reason we repent – we regret offending Him "who is all good" and who deserves a better response from us.
6. We make a firm act of the will ("firmly resolve") to get our moral lives back on track and never to sin again as we repent and confess. And finally,
7. We declare our awareness that we cannot possibly fight the devil on our own without the "help of His grace."

This is the perfect prayer for our spiritual lives, and we should pray it every day. Why is it perfect? Because it puts the essential virtue of humility in the place of the sin of pride that causes both angels and humans to separate themselves from God.

SPIRITUAL CHALLENGE

During the month of January I challenge you to learn the Act of Contrition and/or make sure that your children and those entrusted to your care know it well. The subject of sin is never an easy topic, but we can become apostles of the Church's mission of saving souls by reminding ourselves of the importance of fighting sin through repentance.

- California State Chaplain, Fr. John Neneman

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BIBLE BASICS



2 Samuel 12:13

Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." Nathan answered David: "For his part, the LORD has removed your sin. You shall not die.

Psalm 51:9.11-12

Cleanse me with hyssop, that I may be pure; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Turn away your face from my sins; blot out all my iniquities. A clean heart create for me, God; renew within me a steadfast spirit.

Isaiah 53:5

But he was pierced for our sins, crushed for our iniquity. He bore the punishment that makes us whole, by his wounds we were healed.

Mark 1:14-15

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

John 20:19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

1 Peter 4:1-2

Therefore, since Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same attitude (for whoever suffers in the flesh has broken with sin), so as not to spend what remains of one's life in the flesh on human desires, but on the will of God.

FAITH FUNDAMENTALS



Two Types of Sin

There are many ways to sin but only two types of sin. "All wrongdoing is sin," says the Apostle John, "but there is sin that is not deadly" (1 John 5:17). John's teaching is the biblical basis for the Church's understanding of the two types of sin: mortal and venial.

How do we know for sure whether a particular sin is mortal or venial? The Church gives us three criteria for evaluating sin. We can know an act is *mortally* sinful if it consists of:

1. Grave matter – namely, a serious violation of God's commandments.
2. Full knowledge – that is, an understanding of the wrongness of the act.
3. Deliberate consent – meaning that one is not forced by people or circumstances to commit it.

When an act is a venial sin, it lacks one or more of these criteria, or it is much less serious in any of these three areas.

CATECHISM CONNECTION



1871 Sin is an utterance, a deed, or a desire contrary to the eternal law. It is an offense against God. It rises up against God in a disobedience contrary to the obedience of Christ.

1872 Sin is an act contrary to reason. It wounds man's nature and injures human solidarity.

1873 The root of all sins lies in man's heart. The kinds and the gravity of sins are determined principally by their objects.

1874 To choose deliberately - that is, both knowing it and willing it - something gravely contrary to the divine law and to the ultimate end of man is to commit a mortal sin. This destroys in us the charity without which eternal beatitude is impossible. Unrepented, it brings eternal death.

1875 Venial sin constitutes a moral disorder that is reparable by charity, which it allows to subsist in us.

THE SCHOOL OF SAINTS



"Be ashamed when you sin. Do not be ashamed when you repent. Pay attention to what the devil did to you. These are two things: sin and repentance. Sin is a wound; repentance is a medicine. Just as there are for the body wounds and medicines, so for the soul are sins and repentance." ~ St. John Chrysostom

"The Devil writes down our sins – our Guardian Angel all our merits. Work so that the Guardian Angel's book may be full, and the Devil's empty." ~ St. John Vianney

Urge all souls to trust in the unfathomable abyss of My mercy, because I want to save them all. On the cross, the fountain of My mercy was opened wide by the lance for all souls - no one have I excluded! ~ Jesus, the Divine Mercy to St. Faustina



SAVE THE DATE



NOVENA
for **LIFE 2021**

January 21st to 29th

Join us for 9 days of prayer
to bring about a Culture of Life!

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— FAITH IN ACTION —
FEATURED PROGRAM

NOVENA FOR LIFE

More than ever in our nation's history, the Church needs leadership in the cause of life. This must come from both the laity and the clergy if we are to remain united in our common commitment to the sanctity of all human life, from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death.

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a new Novena for Life that is available to all who wish to join in the prayer. Whether you are actually participating in a local or national March for Life, all can unite themselves in prayer and in working to re-establish a culture of life for our society. [“Novena for Life” Prayers are [downloadable here](#).]

Please also get copies of the new Prayers in the Pew “Pro-Life Edition” Card which has received the church's imprimatur and is **now available for order**.

Let us all do something meaningful to come together in both public and private acts of prayer to promote the protection of life.



CALENDAR OF FAITH | JANUARY

- JAN 1 | Friday**
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
- JAN 2 | Saturday**
Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
- JAN 3 | Sunday**
EPIPHANY (Feast of the Three Kings)
- JAN 4 | Monday**
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, first American saint and Founder of Sisters of Charity
- JAN 7 | Thursday**
St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest
- JAN 10 | Sunday**
BAPTISM OF THE LORD (NOTE: The Season of Christmas ends with this feast; Ordinary Time begins)
- JAN 13 | Wednesday**
St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- JAN 17 | Sunday**
St. Anthony, Abbot
- JAN 21 | Thursday**
St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
- JAN 22 | Friday**
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- JAN 23 | Saturday**
St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr
- JAN 24 | Sunday**
St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- JAN 25 | Monday**
Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
- JAN 28 | Thursday**
St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- JAN 31 | Sunday**
St. John Bosco, Priest and Founder of the Salesian Order

— PRO-LIFE NOVENA PRAYER —

God our Heavenly Father, Source of all life and goodness, Creator of all things, we turn to You with deep humility and ask You to restore respect for the sanctity of all human life in our society and in our world.

The culture of death is so pervasive and powerful today that our only hope is to trust entirely in Your grace to transform it into a culture of life. We make this prayer in the Name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord. **Amen.**

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From James Larson, State Programs Director, 2020-2021

NEW SUPPLEMENT 11139

Faith In Action Remote Programming Supplement

A Guide for Expanded Participation

Brother Knights,

In the Gospel, we are called to follow Christ. Our Faith in Action programs are a renewed personal invitation to live out that calling of faith and during these trying times of Covid-19 we must mold our programs to meet these unique circumstances. We must adapt, adjust and focus on what works while staying safe!

I have attached the *Remote Programming Supplement* which I encourage you to read because it has a lot of good information in it.

Email: programs@californiaknights.org

Faith in Action

Remote Programming Supplement

OVERVIEW AND PURPOSE:

*"I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.
I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings." 1 Cor. 9:22-23*

As the lay faithful, we are called to bring Christ into the world and to make Him known in and through all that we do. Your council activity should always seek new ways to fulfill this mission. The Faith in Action program guidelines allow for each council to mold the programs to meet the unique needs and interests of Knights and the community. There are many within your community who may not be able to participate in these programs and activities physically but could do so digitally or online. This presents an opportunity for your council to enhance existing and future programming by adding a digital/remote programming component. This resource and style of programming **does not** replace the current model or guidelines for Faith in Action programs. All program guide sheets and specifications should still be followed. **While In-person programming is and should always be the preference and norm**, remote programming is meant to add on to and enhance current program guidelines and requirements. The "Steps and Best Practices" listed below are intended to help your council think creatively and plan proactively as you work to enhance your programs through remote access. **It is 100% up to the council if they choose to implement some or all of the programs remotely.**

This tool is laid out as a check list. Not every box is required but should be helpful to the process of adding remote enhancements to every council program. The Supreme Council is happy to provide this tool to enhance your council's capacity to fulfill the mission of the Order and the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney as we work together to build the Kingdom of God.

- Click on the Guide Overview above to access the complete guide from www.kofc.org

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St. John Paul II

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Tome la determinación de ayudarnos a salvar vidas este año nuevo al ¡Convertirse en un Caballero de Colón



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2021 Novena for Life

Chaplain Update

From State Chaplain Fr. John Neneman
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The State Programs Team in conjunction with our Pro-Life Committee are excited to share with you the **NOVENA FOR LIFE 2021. January 21 - 29**

This collaborative endeavor is designed to straddle the West Coast and East Coast Pro-Life Walks from San Francisco, Los Angeles & San Diego to Washington DC and your hometown!

Our main focus is the various cities and KOC Councils that will host Pro-Life Walks, Prayer Vigils and Live Stream Virtual events around the State of California.

The Pandemic will not stop us from proclaiming the Dignity and Sacredness of Life in 2021.

Shortly we will send you a link to a webpage that will have links to various KOC State & Supreme Programs that uphold Life.

We will also send a pdf link with NOVENA PRAYER CARDS that you can utilize as needed for your Council & Chapter to promote, share and safely gather online to pray and foster the Fraternity of Life in our times.

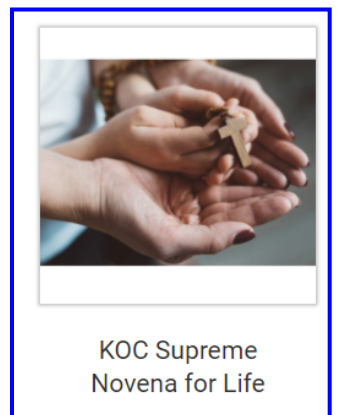
We invite you to participate as you and your Council & Chapters decide.

More to Follow! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ekA_u2_CoMk

Click on image or hyperlink to the right to view a video with State Chaplain **Fr. Neneman** and State Deputy **Steven E. Bolton** on the 2021 Novena for Life.



Other Novena for Life programs and resources



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Pro-Life Novena Prayer Cards and Instruction Guide

Click on image of Per Card image to access the program information



Join us as pray this Novena for Life between Thursday, January 21st to Friday, January 29th, 2021. This program is designed to straddle the East Coast and West Coast Walk for Life events; to bring us all together digitally, and Spiritually to pray for the Sanctity of Life.

Jim Larson
State Warden
State Programs Director

Join the California Knights of Columbus in a Nine Days of Novena Prayer from Thursday, Jan. 21 through Friday, Jan. 29.

<https://www.californiaknights.org/novena-for-life/>

Greetings Pro-Life Friends

The California Knights of Columbus invite you to join a special Novena for Life along with thousands of Pro-Life brothers and sisters in Christ nationwide in *Nine Days of Prayer* from Thursday, Jan. 21 through Friday, Jan. 29. This specialized novena is dedicated to bringing about a Culture of Life – one that respects all human life and the institution of the family in our society.

Below is a file containing special prayers for each of the nine days, structured beautifully on life issues. Each day has a different

1. Intention
2. Intercession for specific people
3. Petition for Virtue
4. Prayer Offering of one decade of the Rosary where we contemplate a mystery associated with the intention and petition of the day

The Novena for Life can be prayed individually or in a group. We should be able to join the state-wide K of C group at 7 PM each night from the State K of C.

1. YouTube site, [Knights of Columbus California State Council - YouTube](#) or
2. Webpage, <https://www.californiaknights.org/novena-for-life/>

Join all your Pro-Life Friends and the Knights of Columbus in this powerful Novena for Life starting this Thursday, January 21st <https://www.californiaknights.org/novena-for-life/>

You are encouraged to invite all your friends of Life and communities to join this special novena for LIFE!

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California State Council**2020-2021 Council Level Free Throw Competition**

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw competition provides a fun athletic outlet for young people ages 9 to 14 and encourages the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition. Because of Covid-19 restrictions, the State Council has made adjustments as to how the free throw competition will be run this year. Please see the instructions below.

Instructions for Remote Council Level Free-Throw Competition

1. Parents and legal custodians are encouraged to locate a basketball court to record their child's free throw competition attempts in safe manner, socially distanced from others. The competitions will be done solo this year, not in a group setting and will be recorded.
2. The basketball hoop used for the free throws can be in a park, schoolyard or it can be a driveway with a basketball hoop.
3. Please get as close to the ball size, hoop height and distance specifications as possible. We want the children to participate! Get as close as you can to be uniform and fair but we encourage all children to participate.
4. Participants are encouraged to practice beforehand, but to ensure fairness, parents/custodians should video record and submit only ONE official attempt.
5. The parent will fill out the scorecard after videoing, attest to the accuracy of the score by signature and submit by email the filled out, verified score card and video file to the council free-throw chairman.
6. Please name the video file with the following format, **council # - dot - child's last name - dot - child's first name**.
(Example): **12345.Smith.Tommy**.
7. Ages 9, 10, 11 (Boys & girls competitions) are recommended to use a women's regulation-size basketball and shoot from a 12-foot foul line at a 10-foot-high basket.(note: the normal foul line is 15 feet from the basket).
8. Ages 12, 13, 14 (girls competitions) are recommended to use a women's regulation-size basketball and shoot from the regulation foul line 15 feet from a 10-foot-high basket.
9. Ages 12, 13, 14 (Boys competitions) are recommended to use a men's regulation-size basketball and shoot from the regulation foul line 15 feet from a 10-foot-high basket.
10. After practice, each contestant receives 15 consecutive free throw attempts from the appropriate age-designated foul line. The attending parent/custodian videos the attempts. The parent/custodian marks an X on the scorecard on attempts where baskets were made and a 0 on baskets missed and then writes the total baskets made in the proper column on the score card. The parent/custodian then signs the card. The parent/custodian scans the scorecard and emails it to Council chairman along with the properly named video file. USE ENTRY FORM / SCORESHEET [FORM #1598](#)

Fraternally,

James Larson

State Programs Director, 2020-2021

California State Council

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

ENTRY FORM

I wish to enter THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP in the category and age group checked below. My eligibility is to be determined by my age as of January 1. I also understand that I may only compete in one council level competition.

Secondary school athletes should check with the school athletic director about eligibility before participating. Birth Certificate or other proof of age is required to verify eligibility.

Boys

Girls

AGE:

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Name of Entrant

Date of Birth

Street Address

City

State/Province

Postal Code

Parent/Guardian Telephone (Circle one: Home Cell)

Email

Signature of Entrant

This Section To Be Completed By Parent/Guardian:

Council No.

By signing below, the undersigned requests and approves of the entrant's registration and participation in the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP ("The Contest"). In consideration for the entrant's participation in the Contest, the undersigned (1) acknowledges that the entrant's participation will be at the sole risk of the entrant and the undersigned and (2) agrees to release, indemnify and hold the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council, its subordinate units, officers, agents, members and employees harmless from any and all demands, claims or causes of action arising from or relating to the entrant's participation in the Contest. The undersigned also agree to allow representatives from the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council or any of its subordinate units to take and publish photographs or videos of the entrant during the Contest. **The entrant may compete in only one council level competition. Parent or guardian must sign this form before entrant competes.**

Parent/Guardian

Date signed

SCORE SHEET

This Section To Be Completed Knights of Columbus Officials:

SCORING INSTRUCTIONS: Each contestant will be allowed 15 consecutive free throws in council competition and 25 consecutive free throws in all other levels. Indicate number of free throws "made" in first column. Those tied for highest score will compete in successive rounds each being allowed 5 free throws until one contestant emerges as winner. Use other columns to indicate scores in "playoff" rounds.

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Email a copy of this document to: fraternalmission@kofc.org
 (Councils should also retain a copy of this completed form for their files)

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FAITH IN ACTION

COMMUNITY

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COATS FOR THE NEEDY!

Knights of Columbus Council 3585, Chief Solano and Council 15620 Espiritu Santo, both from Holy Spirit Church in Fairfield California, collaborated on a coats for kids drive, demonstrating the principle of Charity, by clothing the needy in their Community, and Unity and Fraternity, by working together, proving that two Councils from different backgrounds in the same Church can truly work together.

This only happens when the two Councils have the same goal, DOING GODS WILL!

Louis Salvatore DD15



Here is a [LINK](#) to the iCloud video with all of the participants.

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Giving Tuesday is finally here!

This year has been extremely difficult for many, especially as the coronavirus pandemic amplified financial and emotional struggles across the world. The struggles of paying a rent or a mortgage have become staggering, and the coming winter months mean expensive utility bills. For many, there seems to be no relief in sight.

On the other hand, many of us have been very fortunate to have steady employment and the ability to provide for basic needs.

Can I count on you to put a smile on a child's face? And to lighten the heavy burden felt by many? [A gift of just \\$20](#) today will provide so much comfort through the rest of this winter season.

Please open your heart and help make a difference in a child's life.

Fraternally,

Ronald F. Schwarz
Treasurer, Knights of Columbus

P.S. Please know that if you are not in a situation to give, we understand. Consider sharing this message with your local community and support us through building awareness!

[DONATE](#)

Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc.
1-800-694-5713
info@kofccharities.org



Special Olympics Feed the Athlete Initiative

Brother Knights,

If you have not donated to the State Council's Special Olympics *Feed the Athlete* program this Columbian year I would encourage you to do so. We are asking each Council to donate \$300 through the Columbian Foundation using the State's standalone *Feed the Athlete* form which is attached. The State Council will donate to Special Olympics at the State Convention from this fund. Through your efforts the *Feed the Athlete* program raises funds so the Knights of Columbus can be the major sponsor of Special Olympics throughout the state. Raising funds to sponsor the meals at Special Olympics events helps our local councils provide lunches to the athletes and provides volunteer opportunities.

The State Council understands that this has been an unusual and tough year for everyone. It has been for Special Olympics and the athletes as well. Even though there are no live Special Olympics athletic competitions presently, virtual programming, workout kits and other services still exist for the athletes and they benefit from them immensely. Because of the pandemic, the two California Special Olympics organizations, Special Olympics Northern California and Special Olympics Southern California, are in financial stress and have recently laid off employees, downsizing their staff. They need our help now more than ever. Where there is a need, there is a Knight. We cannot take the year off from helping these two organizations help those with intellectual disabilities.

There is hope and a light at the end of the tunnel! Vaccines are to begin distribution in January. As they start to take effect, we will get to a point where live events can happen again. Counties in the Orange tier can have ten person Special Olympics practice sessions. By June or July we may start to see live competition events again and if we do, the Knights want to be involved and want to be the food providers!

I ask you all to be generous. Anything helps. God bless you and thank you for all you do.

Special Olympics Chairman Charles A. Beltz; 530-301-4803; nhlfan@syix.com

Fraternally,

James Larson

State Programs Director, 2020-2021
California State Council

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P.O. Box 2649, West Covina, CA 91793

Email: programs@californiaknights.org
(562) 552-5494



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

A Supreme Featured Program

COUNCIL DONATION FORM

GRANDKNIGHT

ADDRESS:

CITY, ST, ZIP:

COUNCIL No.:

Amount of Donation: \$

Comments:

To ensure your donation is tax deductible, make check payable to:
Frank Nigro Columbian Foundation Supporting People with Intellectual Disabilities, Inc.
 Please add "Feed The Athletes" in the memo field.

MAIL FORM AND CHECK TO:
 Melvin Picanco Tel: 209.629.8051
 2454 Shadow Berry Dr. Fax: 209.629.8051
 Manteca, CA 95336 mpicano@comcast.net

RETAIN COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS
 GK Signature _____

Empowering Self Esteem
 Knights of Columbus Special Olympics Program

Membership Message #22

Promoting Online Membership with California Knights of Columbus Online Membership Card

Worthy Brothers,

For the next eight weeks, our main focus is Online Membership! **Promote the use of the California Knights of Columbus Online Membership card (attached).**

This card has been made to invite every Catholic man to join the order. Remember that we continue to celebrate the beatification of our founder, Blessed Father Michael McGivney.

It is difficult to recruit with this pandemic when they are reducing attendance in our churches. For that reason, the card provides the opportunity to invite more Catholic men to register online, here are the instructions **(attached)**.

How can we facilitate this increase in Membership? Councils should take advantage of every opportunity to offer Online Membership and use of the online membership card.

These are some great **reasons that Councils should use Online Membership:**

1. You complete the Membership Application online for the prospect. Ask him to carefully check all information as he writes so that all spellings, email addresses, and phone numbers will be correct and legible. You bring in member on Supreme Online Membership.
2. Any prospects that enters from today through January 31, 2021(discount offer) pays zero for his first year of membership.
3. The Online Brother is sent a membership card and is able to attend Council meetings and functions just like a Brother visiting from another Council. This allows him to visit a Council to decide if that Council meets his needs as a Knight.
4. Once the Online Brother selects (or is assigned to) your Council, his **Contact Information** is in the Prospect tab on Officers Online or Member Management for the District Deputy, the Grand Knight, and the Financial Secretary to view.
5. The Council Admissions Committee still has the right and duty to interview the Brother and recommend him to the Council for voting for admission (or not with valid reasons).
6. Once the Council has voted for the Online Brother, arrange for him to attend the Statewide Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity (either live or online) on Saturday, January 30, 2021.
7. Upon completion of this Degree, **the Financial Secretary can "Accept" him from the Prospect tab and the Brother is automatically transferred into the Council.**

How Your Council Can Increase Online Membership:

Experience shows that putting a monthly advertisement in your Church bulletin asking Catholic men to visit the KofC.org/JoinUs web site helps those interested gentlemen to join our Order. Use the instructions on how to use the Online Membership Card. In addition, put an ad like this one in your church bulletin:

"If you are interested in serving our parish and our community, helping those in need, and growing in your faith, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. You can get additional information and find out how to join the Knights in your local council by going to the Supreme web site ["KofC.org/JoinUs"](http://KofC.org/JoinUs)

God Bless You,
Brother **Michael Jones**, PGK, PFN, FDD, PCP
Membership Director
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CALIFORNIA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ONLINE MEMBERSHIP

- Yes! Please sign me up for one-year free membership (\$30/yr. thereafter) *
*Free membership offers ends 1/31/2021
Yes! I am a baptized Catholic!
Yes! I am a practical Catholic!

PLEASE PRINT

Full Name:
Email Address: Cell Phone:
Mailing Address:
City: Zip Code:
Date of Birth: Preferred Language:
Parish: Are you a former member of the KofC?
Can a local representative from the Knights contact you? Council #
Signature: Date:

My signature authorizes you to enroll me in the Knights of Columbus online membership.



CABALLEROS DE COLÓN ESTADO DE CALIFORNIA MEMEBRESÍA GRATIS EN LÍNEA

- Si! Por favor regístrame para membresía en línea gratis. (valor de \$30)\$30/por año. despues del primer Año) *
*Oferta termina el 1/31/2021
Si! Soy un Hombre Católico Bautizado.
Si! Soy Católico practicante,

PLEASE PRINT

Nombre Completo:
Correo Electrónico: Telefono Celular:
Domicilio:
Ciudad: Codigo postal:
Fecha de Nacimiento: Lenguaje Preferido:
Parroquia: Soy Ex Miembro de C de C?
Firma: Date:

Mi firma le autoriza a inscribirme en la membresía en línea de Caballeros de Colón.

Instructions on how to use the membership card online

This card was made to invite every Catholic man to join the order through the Knights of Columbus free online offer. Remember that we continue to celebrate the beatification from our founder Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney. With this pandemic it is difficult to recruit when the attendance in our churches is reduced, for that reason the card provides the opportunity to invite more Catholic men to register online. Here are the instructions.

Recruitment in Person

- The card must be completely filled out, without leaving any empty lines.
- The recruiter or group manager must submit the information online.
- It is recommended that a photo be taken and sent to the state membership director.
- Contact your D.D to obtain the cards in English or Spanish or contact the State Membership Director.
- Michael Jones cell: (916) 698-0001, Email: membership@californiaknights.org

Recruitment into the Church

- The cards will be placed on the benches or chairs with a pencil or pen.
- At the end of the Mass those that are filled in will be collected and replaced with new ones.
- The completed cards must be given to the leader of the group for him to register them online.
- Very important the brief announcement of the pulpit with the permission of the Father, the announcement will be given together with the cards.
- If the Father does not allow the announcement of the pulpit, they will be given a written announcement for the Father to read.
- This method can be used offering the help to the Father, to disinfect the benches or chairs at the same time of recruitment.
- For assistance with the method of using this card please contact.
- Pona Magana Hispanic coordinator: cell: (203) 430-7863, email: pona.magana@kofc.org
- If you need help with recruitment contact Pona.

Pulpit Announcement

Good morning (afternoon) the Knights of Columbus are making a cordial invitation, to all men over 18 years of age to join the order, with our promotion "join free online" we continue to celebrate the Beatification of our founder, Blessed Michael J. McGivney, who was Beatified last October 31st. We need more Catholic men to attend to the needs of the Church and the community, especially in these difficult times of pandemic; you want to believe in your "faith". You want to be a more spiritual man, join the order of the Knights of Columbus. You just have to fill out this card completely that are on the benches or chairs with your information and we will contact you, when you leave you can give it to one of the Knights who are at the exit, blessings and Vivat Jesús.

Announcement for Parent or Reader

The Knights of Columbus is offering free online membership in celebration of the beatification of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Blessed Michael J. McGivney who was beatified on October 31st. If you are a man over 18 years of age, you are already eligible to join the Knights of Columbus. The community and the Church need more Knights and especially in this time of pandemic. There are some cards in the benches or chairs that those interested should fill out completely and return them to the same place, the Knights will contact you later, thank you and blessings.



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



Financial Secretaries and Grand Knights

Annual dues billing will be sent out in mid-December. The **365 Club** is the primary method used to collect contributions to California 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 voluntary donations by adding an additional line to the Council's dues billing statement: **"365 Club – Please add a voluntary \$3.65 or more donation to California Columbian Charities."** This will provide every Brother in the Council an opportunity to support our Charity.

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**. Councils throughout California march up the aisle of the convention hall and hand their Council's donation to the Charity's Directors. Hopefully the coronavirus pandemic will be under control by the time of the 2021 convention and we can have a **Parade of Grand Knights** as before. All Councils are asked to donate. Again, the 365 Club is the Charity's primary source of funds. The Charity is not funded by Supreme. **365 Club** stickers can be requested from the State office. **Please be Generous!**

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.**

Without a convention and **Parade of Grand Knights** this year due to the pandemic you donated over \$110,000 to Columbian Charities! THANK YOU for reaching-out a helping hand to your less fortunate Brothers! You should be proud of your generosity.

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 Peterson, FM**
CCC President

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RECRUITING INCENTIVES 2020 - 2021 (the images from



California Recruiting Incentives 2020-2021


Recruiter Incentives begin June 1, 2020



ST. PETER THE APOSTLE 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.



Membership Message #23

GIVE THE GIFT OF MEMBERSHIP THIS SEASON CONTINUES

Worthy Brothers,

This is a season of giving. God gave us His Son to be Incarnate within the Virgin Mary. We, in turn, traditionally share gifts with family and friends during the Christmas Season. We as Brother Knights, can share the "Gift of Membership" with our all year long.

For the next eight weeks, our main focus is Online Membership! Give the gift of membership with **use of the "California Knights of Columbus Online Membership"** tool (attached). You complete the Membership Application online for the prospect. Ask him to carefully check all information as he writes so that all spellings, email addresses, and phone numbers will be correct and legible. You bring in member on Supreme Online Membership.

Invite a Catholic Man to become a Knight of Columbus. Give A Gift of Free Online Membership! For new online membership applications submitted the entire month of December 31, 2020. Prospects simply need to visit kofo.org/joinus and Enter code **MCGIVNEY2020** to take advantage of this special offer. To accept your gift to join with no dues for the year, thereafter regular dues are \$30/year.

The best gifts are those that are personal and uniquely selected for the recipient. Therefore, we Brother Knights must also personalize our offer of the "Gift of Membership This Season" so it is tailored to the needs and interests of our Prospects. Here is how to do that:

When you meet a Catholic man who is not a Knight, get to know him. Ask about his life, his family, his interests. Try to discover what are some of the activities that he, his family, and his friends like to do. Inquire about each of our Faith in Action categories to get to know him better.

- **Faith** - Find out what kind of prayer and spiritual activities are important to him and his family. Mention some of the Faith programs that your Council organizes and supports and ask if he and his family would like to participate.
- **Family** – What does his family do to have fun and to bond? Invite him and his family to some of your Council's Family programs.
- **Community** – Discuss some of the Community programs that the Knights have organized and sponsored in your parish. Let your Prospect know that a family that joins in community service together is bonding in a way that strengthens the family along with providing much needed service.
- **Life** – Review some of the activities that your Council has done to support life. Be sure to talk about Pro Life activities, Special Olympics or other activities that help people with intellectual disabilities, service to the elderly and all actions that show our support of Life from birth until natural death.

Our "Gift of Membership This Season" will be accepted and cherished if you can find his "Hot Buttons." What is it that motivates him and his family?

The Knights have programs for every important activity that interests him. Good Catholic men will be drawn in by our focus on Faith and Family. Therefore, keep Faith and Family foremost in your conversation at all times.

The strength and Growth of our Council's is so important. It all starts today and it all starts with you. Give this Great Gift to every Catholic man you know and ask him to bring his family with him....

God Bless You,

Brother Michael Jones, PGK, PFN, FDD, PCP

Membership Director

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Membership Message #24

Fraternity Includes Retention

Worthy Brothers,

Think about your own family. Would you ever consider kicking your mother, father, sister, or brother out of your family?

The most common reason that our K of C Brothers are kicked out is about money. Keep in mind that we are a FRATERNITY (that is Brotherhood) and we are based on CHARITY (offering service and money when needed).

FRATERNITY - Before we suspend a Brother because he failed to pay his dues we need to act like a family and make personal contact with our Brother. If we do not meet with him face-to-face (or at least by phone) we cannot call ourselves Brothers! We need to find out his situation: what is happening in his life right now, why is he not active in the Council, what was his motivation for joining the Order in the first place and does he still have that feeling?

A well-run Retention Team should use the attached **“Worthy Shepherd’s Caller Script”** or Worthy Shepherds & Apostles **COVID-19 Wellness Check Script** to assess each Brother’s situation (attached). We need to keep in constant contact with all of our Brothers – three or four times each year – every single Brother should be contacted. Our Brothers need to feel that they are tied to the Order almost as strongly as they are tied to their family members.

CHARITY – Part of the “Caller Script” includes determining if our Brother or his family has need of support. By contacting each Brother multiple times each year, we may discover that the Brother or his family may be experiencing financial setbacks. If this is the case, Charity Begins At Home! We need to waive his dues and find other ways to support him. Be sure to ask, when contacting a “Lost Brother” if he or his family is in need of prayer. Bring any prayer requests back to the Council. Believe in and utilize the power of prayer.

Those Councils that are in constant contact with each of their Brothers are showing a true “Intent to Retain.”

Please Brothers, let us make this the standard procedure for all Councils in California. Let us talk to each and every Brother quarterly (3-4 times each year). Let him feel the Brotherhood so he knows that ours is the Order that knows him and his family and cares.

Brothers who feel connected to the Knights of Columbus will gladly pay their dues, if they can, because they feel they are a part of a real Brotherhood.

God Bless You,

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

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A MESSAGE TO GRAND KNIGHTS

NEW GUIDELINES FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS

Worthy Grand Knights,

PLEASE contact your District Deputy to obtain the newest information regarding the Guidelines for Council Meetings.

The information was sent from State Membership Chairman **Michael Jones** and includes:

- Webinar slideset from **Thomas McCaffrey**, VP Fraternal Operations
- Officers Planning Meeting Agenda
- Grand Knight Script for a Council Meeting
- Council Meeting Agenda



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New Guidelines for Council Meetings

Thomas McCaffrey
VP, Fraternal Operations
December 17, 2020



Fraternal Webinars

Supporting the Global Wheelchair Mission

Thurs., Dec. 10, 2020 | 8:00 p.m. EST

TO: State Program Directors, State Community Directors, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Council Program Directors and Council Community Directors in the United States

CC: Fraternal Mission Staff

Join the President of the American Wheelchair Mission, Director of Public Education for the American Wheelchair Mission, Supreme Council staff, and fellow Knights for a special programs training and webinar about holding a Wheelchair Sunday event at your parish!

REGISTER NOW

Presenters:

- Sean Pott, Director of Programs
- Jason Porrello, Manager of Community Programs
- Chris Lewis, President of the American Wheelchair Mission
- Dan Moberg, Director of Public Education for the American Wheelchair Mission
- Father John Neneman, California
- Bill Weber, Wheelchair Chairman - Texas

During this training we will go over

- The American Wheelchair Mission
- Best practices for holding a Wheelchair Sunday event, especially during a pandemic
- Working with your pastor to hold an event

This training is directed toward grand knights, program directors, community program directors, and wheelchair chairmen.

All previous webinars can be viewed on-demand at kofc.org/webinar.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Sean Pott

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New Haven, CT 06510



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2020 - 2021 California State Officers Installation with Bishop Vann

DECEMBER 2020 State Deputy Prayer Requests

Prayers for Healing and Assistance

07 December 2020

Daniel Gonzalez (and family) Council 16764

10 December 2020

Sir Knight Salvatore DiMarco III PGK, FDD, NorCal Chapter Disaster Response
Council 15499, Assembly 3557

11 December 2020

Sir Knight Joseph Salaiz Past State Deputy
Council 2431, Assembly 3651

16 December 2020

Mariella O'Toole Wife of PGK Sean O'Toole
Council 15671, Assembly 0085

17 December 2020

Most Reverend Kevin Vann Bishop, Diocese of Orange California
JCD, DD

28 December 2020

Judy Mozingo Wife of Brother Al Mozingo
Council 14554

30 December 2020

Jeremiah Valdez Quevedo Grandson of PSD Romeo Quevedo
Council 14818, USAF (Active)

Sir Knight Paul Lopez PGK
Council 9037, Assembly 0055

Jose Barboza GK, Council 15680

31 December 2020

Sir Knight Larry Campitiello FVSM, FM, PFN, FDD, PGK
Council 9710, Assembly 2652

Jenay Fanfa Wife of PGK Steve Fanfa
Council 3265

Most Reverend Moses Chikwe Bishop of Owerri Diocese, Nigeria
Council 3744, Assembly 0074

In Memorium

10 December 2020

Sir Knight Fidelis Eke PGK, FDD
Council 5322, Assembly 0050

Sir Knight John Giltner PGK, FDD, PCP San Diego, Committeeman
Council 11632, Assembly 2652

11 December 2020

Calvin (Cal) J. Schell Communications Chair, NorCal Chapter
Council 5322

28 December 2020

Sir Knight Warren Kunkle PGK, FDD, Former Field Agent
Council 15671, Assembly 0085

30 December 2020

Ronald Fickenworth Council 3687

31 December 2020

Jeremiah Valdez Quevedo Grandson of PSD Romeo Quevedo
Council 14818

"Under Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney's protection, may the love and healing power of our Heavenly Father be with them and restore them to good health and safety. Amen."

"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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<https://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/our-faith/december-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.



DECEMBER 2020

Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge

Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." (Gospel for Dec. 20, Lk 1:38)

Mary's *fiat*, her "yes" to the angel Gabriel at the Annunciation, models perfect discipleship. It was a total acceptance of and submission to the will of God. What faith and trust our Blessed Mother exemplified! Because Mary unreservedly said yes to God, Jesus became man in order to redeem the world from sin. God worked wonders in her life and the world through her trust in him. May each of us strive to place our unconditional trust in the will of God, so that he may work wonders in our own lives.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you set up a Nativity scene in your home and pray before it, meditating on Mary's *fiat*. Second, I challenge you to join with your brother Knights in the Faith in Action Keep Christ in Christmas program to help your parishes and communities celebrate the Son of God and Son of Mary.

Questions for Reflection:

Looking back over your life, are there things that happened that you didn't understand at the time, but later saw that God was at work? Are there currently things in your life God is asking you to answer *fiat* to? How can the life of Mary help you to better understand how to submit your will to God's?

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Save the Dates for our District Deputy's Mid Term Meeting & Break out meetings with your Engagement Teams

All Meetings will be Virtual Webinar Meetings

[1] General Meeting will be January 9th at 10 AM for Everyone

Please invite your District Wardens to attend

[2] Break out Meetings with each of your engagement teams

[A] Team One Break Out Meeting January 12th at 6:30 PM

Northern Chapter, Oakland Chapter, San Jorquine Chapter

[B] Team Two Break Out Meeting January 14th at 6:30 PM

St. Francis Chapter, San Jose Chapter, Junipero Serra Chapter

[C] Team Three Break Out Meeting January 15th at 6:30 PM

Central Chapter, Kern Inyo Chapter, Los Padres Chapter

[D] Team Four break out meeting January 19th at 6:30 PM

Mission High Chapter, Southern Cal. Chapter, Orange County Chapter

[E] Team Five break out meeting January 21st at 6:30 PM

San Gabriel Chapter, Arrowhead Desert Chapter, San Diego Chapter

Who should attend our Jan. 9th webinar

All Chapter leadership for all three chapters assigned to this team [All Officers],
All District Deputy's & District Wardens assigned to all three Chapters,
All members of the State Team Membership & Programs and All State Officers

Who should attend each of the break out meetings?

All three Chapter Officers, All Chapter District Deputy's & District Wardens
All members of the Engagement Team assigned to these Chapters.
Leaders from our State Membership Team and State Programs Team

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Worthy Brother Knights All,

PLEASE send me your comments, stories, events, successes, awards, recognitions, celebrations... and photographs to proudly show our California Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism!

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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