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STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Ed Huestis



First of all, on behalf of the State Officers, I would like to extend a much deserved congratulations to our team of seven General Agents here in California. Five of the seven General Agents have finished in the top 21 positions in the ranking of all 127 General Agents in the Order based upon performance for all of calendar year 2015. Noteworthy is that **Ben Baca** in the Los Angeles area finished number two and **Carlos Gutierrez** in the Bay Area finished third. Congratulations!

Since we are now over halfway through the Columbian Year, and several percentage points behind where we should be at this time of the Columbian Year as far as membership goes, I would like to

share some ideas with you on why membership growth is so important, along with some methods that we are rolling out that you may not have thought about, all in an effort to help each and every Council that is striving to achieve the coveted Star Council Award this Columbian Year, to reach that pinnacle of achievement.

First of all, shouldn't we be the spiritual leaders of our families? Shouldn't we be the ones to lead our families to Church and to confession? I would hope that our wives would attest to the fact that we as members of the Knights of Columbus have become better Catholics, better husbands, and better fathers. If that is the case, then here is our opportunity to share that experience, instead of keeping that to ourselves, with other eligible Catholic men who are not yet a part of our Order. Not only would we be touching another life in a positive way by helping that prospective member to join the Order and enhance his own spiritual life, but it could also lead to enhancing the spiritual life of his family as well. Isn't that what God would want us to do, essentially evangelizing to others to invite them to join the Knights of Columbus? Just think of the blessings and the satisfaction that you would receive knowing that you made a difference in that man's spiritual life and in the spiritual life of his family as the result of him becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus.

We are asking each Chapter to identify two New Council Development

projects and one Council Reactivation project. To assist with this effort we are holding special membership recruiter training for each Chapter over a three-week period from the middle of February through the first week of March. Our assigned Supreme Membership Program Consultant (MPC) Pat Maloney, along with another MPC, Tom Ciborski, will be conducting the training. The State Officers and Directors will be assisting the Chapter Officers with the New Council Development projects and Council Reactivation projects. As the State Deputy, I have been working the New Council Development project at St. Catherine of Alexandria in Avalon on Santa Catalina Island in the Southern California Chapter and assisting in the Council Reactivation project in Davis in my own Northern California Chapter. Once we hear back from each of the Chapters we will ask each State Officer and Director to choose one new Council Development project and one Council Reactivation project to work on with the intent to complete each of the projects this Columbian Year.

In addition to those efforts, more specifically where we will be able to assist our existing Councils to achieve Star Council status this Columbian Year, we asked each District Deputy to identify two Councils that they feel had the best chance of achieving Star Council this year. This information was provided at the District Deputies Mid-Year Meeting held in early January. Contact your District Deputy if you are curious as to whether he included your Council as one of those he felt could achieve Star Council this year. We are compiling that listing and will be putting together a special team that will track those Councils and provide assistance and guidance as needed to help those Councils achieve Star Council. With each of the 151 District Deputies providing at least two Councils to track, that in essence is a pool of 300 Councils to work with to ultimately achieve our California State Council goal of 200 Star Councils for this Columbian Year, roughly one third of the 600 active Councils in the State.

Now for a way where each Council can help itself to achieve the membership goal for the year. By using the existing phone tree, or by simply dividing up the roster amongst a handful of active members in the Council, attempt to call each member of the Council and ask them the following question: "Who do you know that would make a good Knight of Columbus?" The member simply

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STATE DEPUTY MESSAGE CONTINUED

needs to provide the name and phone number of the prospect so that the team of recruiters for the Council that are comfortable in making those calls to prospects to invite them to an information meeting about the Knights of Columbus can do so within a week or two after the round of initial phone calls have been made to the Council members. I would venture to say that every single member knows one or two eligible Catholic men that are not yet a member of our Order, including myself. I have two right in my own neighborhood, including my next door neighbor that I am working on. This effort can be accomplished even if it has been challenging to arrange a date with the Pastor for a Membership Drive weekend, especially during Lent when some Pastors prefer that we don't hold a Membership Drive weekend at the Church. This effort during the first three weeks of March leading up to Passion Week and Easter could really add to the effectiveness of the Membership Drive weekends that will take place during the first two weekends of April providing for substantially higher numbers at the Admission Degrees in March and April. We are asking the Fourth Degree Assemblies to utilize the same method in contacting each of their members as well. The Vice Supreme Master has agreed to support this effort as this will not only help bring in members for the Council but will lead to a larger pool of prospective candidates for the Fourth Degree as well once they have taken their Formation (Second) Degree and the Knighthood (Third) Degree with no additional time requirement for the taking of the Patriotic (Fourth) Degree of the Order. We are looking to have larger classes than normal for the Fourth Degree Exemplifications in Sacramento in April and Ontario in May due to this effort.

There are also some additional resources that I will plan on identifying and covering in the next issue of the Golden State Knightletter that could prove helpful as well.

In summary, I need your help in rolling out and implementing these ideas noted above so that we as a State Council can get back on track with our membership goals and exceed the goals so that we can maintain our noted record of excellence as a State Council for this great State of California. There is certainly an opportunity for every member in California to make a difference in the spiritual life of another man and his family. What an honor that would be.

Faternally,
Ed Huestis
State Deputy



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Whatever the planned use, permanent life insurance is reliable. It will be there when you won't be, regardless of when that happens. Put simply: As long as you have paid your premiums, upon your death, your beneficiaries will receive the guaranteed death benefit (if not more) that you established for them.

There is one exception, though. Should you be fortunate enough to live to the ripe old age of 120, your Knights of Columbus Permanent Life Insurance policy will pay you your death benefit. It wouldn't be the worst 120th birthday present you receive.

Sometimes financial obligations are temporary, and that's where term insurance brings the most value. Like permanent insurance, term insurance provides a death benefit to beneficiaries, but only within the specific term period.

Maybe you have a 30-year mortgage. Maybe you have 10 years left until retirement. Maybe you have two children who are about to go through college. In time, the mortgage will be paid off, retirement will arrive at last and the kids will finish college. Once those days come, your insurance needs will change. Term insurance can provide extra protection at affordable rates that — if structured properly — will go away once the needs themselves go away. The Knights of Columbus offers two basic types of term insurance: level term (which is offered in 10-, 15- and 20-year periods) and annual renewable term.

The Knights offers a variety of annuities to members and their families, including traditional IRAs, Roth IRAs, and nonqualified annuities, which are available as both single premium and flexible premium annuities. To our brothers in Canada, we offer RRSPs and TFSA's.

Many people receive disability coverage from their employer, yet they don't know too much about the particulars. Is it short-term disability? Is it long-term disability? Is it both? Does it cover your entire salary? Or only part? How much? Despite the confusion, disability income insurance provides critical protection to families, especially those who rely on their paychecks to pay the bills. That's why the Knights of Columbus introduced disability income insurance in 2011. Now, Knights and their families have a trusted provider who can help protect their paychecks from the unexpected. If you're among the more than 100 million workers without private disability income insurance, or among the 38 million families

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Holy Family Prayer Program

By *Jerry Fong, Chairman, Holy Family Prayer Program*

The Holy Family Prayer Program in California was officially kicked off at the January 8-10, 2016 District Deputy Mid-meeting in Ontario. The Images are being shared among the 16 chapters within the state. Seven chapters received the Image, along with a set of prayer booklets and prayer cards, at the meeting. It's anticipated this will be a two-year program so there is ample time for all chapters, districts and councils to participate.

The Holy Family Prayer Program was inaugurated at the 132nd Supreme Convention on August 5 in Philadelphia, PA. This new prayer program is similar to the previous prayer programs, including the Immaculate Conception Prayer Program, which ended in July 2014. It's the 17th Marian Prayer Program sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. For an overview of the program visit <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/service/church/marian/index.html>.

St. John Paul II observed that *"The future of the world and of the Church passes through the family."* Pope Francis called him "the Pope of the Family." The intent of the Holy Family Prayer Program is to strengthen Catholic families and their prayer lives.

Chapters are sharing the Images on a predetermined schedule. Contact your Chapter Coordinator for a schedule of dates and locations where Holy Family prayer services are being held. If your district, council, or parish wants to hold a prayer service contact your Chapter Coordinator for availability of the Image.

All chapters, districts, councils and assemblies are encouraged to participate in the Holy Family Prayer Program. Prayer is an essential part of our lives as Catholics and Knights of Columbus as described in the "Building the Domestic Church" booklet. During this Jubilee Year of Mercy prayers at council meetings are especially important. Many councils recite the Holy Rosary prior to the business meeting. The Holy Family Prayer Program will bring more spirituality into our families, chapter meetings, district meetings, and council meetings. Moreover, the prayer program will have visibility in a Parish because it's sponsored by the Knights Columbus which in turn can help in membership recruit.

To order additional prayer books and prayer cards visit http://www.kofc.org/un/en/service/church/marian/support_materials.html.

In you have any questions regarding the Holy Family Prayer Program email me at jerryfong@comcast.net or call me at 916-832-7394 (mobile). ☺

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA RETREAT

March 4 – 6, 2016

Silent Retreat for Men

MEET THE RETREAT DIRECTOR



Fr. Dave Ayotte, SJ - Currently, Father Ayotte is a diocesan priest and is a Knight of Columbus. He was a professor at the Jesuit School of Theology, Hekima College in Nairobi, Kenya, teaching in the fields of practical theology and systematics. He has also served previously as a professor on the Missiology Faculty at the Gregorian University, Rome. His specialty is in the theological work of the Jesuit thinker Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, with a focus on the subject of globalization.

A Knight in service of Christ the King – A reflection on Ignatius of Loyola's "Call of the King"

This men's retreat is focused upon our call today in a world that seems to be violent. Pope Francis has said that we are in a piecemeal World War III. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, had much more to say on the subject. How is his 16th century perspective relevant to us in the 21st century.

Our response as Christians requires our reflection upon three questions:

1. What is the Kingdom of Christ today?
2. How do we see Christ the King and what is his call for each one of us?
3. In regards to our faith – what is worth fighting for, and what type of fighting is a Christian Knight called to by God?

The retreat begins with a reception on Friday, March 4 at 6:00 p.m. and concludes with lunch on Sunday.

For information, or to register:

The Jesuit Retreat Center

300 Manresa Way

Los Altos, CA 94022-4659

Phone: (650) 917-4000, Fax: (650) 948-0640

Register at: <http://jrc.retreatportal.net/>

Or e-mail Ed Bystran at KofC@bystran.com

From Page 2 Insurance

who live paycheck to paycheck, a tailored Knights of Columbus Disability Income Insurance plan may be just the right solution for you — even if it's a supplement to what you already have.

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So be sure to reach out to your agent today, and invite him to hold a Fraternal Benefits Night for your council, so that you and your brother Knights can learn more about this exclusive portfolio of protection that is available to you and your families. Find your agent at kofc.org or by calling 1-800-345-5632. ☺

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SERVICE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Steve Bolton



My Brothers:

We are half way through our Columbian Year together and you are all doing an outstanding job supporting our State Service Programs. We asked all of you to promote our Supreme Featured Programs and you have all done an outstanding job doing just that. Below are some highlights of where we are as of January 1, 2016.

I.D. Drive To Support People with Intellectual Disability's - We are a little behind. Currently we are at 40% of our goal of \$1,000,000.00

RSVP- We are at 90% of our goal for this year.

Habitat For Humanity We are currently at 65% of our goal for the year.

American Wheelchair Mission We have funded 90% of our Wheelchairs for Veterans for this year. Goal is to give out 1,500 wheelchairs to veterans. Total money goal this year is \$1,000,000.00 we are currently at 30% of this goal.

Special Olympics We are 33% of the way to our Goal to support Special Olympics. Goal is to donate \$350,000.00 to Special Olympics California.

Food For Families We are very close to our goal in donating food in all chapters.

Coats For Kids We have had events all over the State to promote this great program.

Walks For Life All 3 walks were held January 23, and we sold over 4,000 of our State T-shirts for this event.

Ultrasound Initiative We are at 130% of our goal already this year. Please keep up the good work.

As you can see our State Plans for our Featured Programs are doing very well. **Thank You Councils** and My Brothers! Without your commitment and support this could not have happened! Please remember to make sure you get all the paperwork turned in so we can achieve our goal of 200 Star Councils this year.

Also, please remember each of our Service Program events are a membership opportunity! When you are loading up to do an event make sure you take your membership guy with you. When you touch someone's heart and they come to you asking questions you can take them to the Membership guy who will make them one of us. God Bless you for all you do for our State Council Programs and for our Order.

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Service Program Awards

Eric Watson, State Awards Chairman

Has your council met its membership and insurance goals for the year? Has your council submitted, the Report of Officers Chosen (form 185), Service Program Personnel Report (form 365), Semi-Annual Council Audit (form 1295) and Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (form 1728)? Has your or will your council hold an Insurance Benefits Night before April 1st? Did your council participate in at least one event in each of the 7 state service program areas?

If you answered yes to all these questions or will be able to answer yes to the questions by April 1st the State Deputy wants to thank your council for the hard work with the State Deputy Award. All that remains is completing the paperwork to let the State Deputy know about all the hard work your council did in the past year.

To be eligible for the State Deputy Award your council must have met Membership and Insurance Goals by April 1st, submitted all the normally required forms (185, 365, 1295 and 1728), held an Insurance Benefits Night and participated in and submitted a service program award form for at least 1 and up to 5 service events in all 7 state service program areas. This sounds like a lot of work, however it is work your council does as normal activities during the course of the year. To have your council recognized complete the State Deputy Award Form <http://kofcoc.org/sdaward.pdf> and mail it to the State Awards Chairman at the address listed below.

If your council did not quite make all the requirements to be eligible for the State Deputy Award, the State Deputy wants to thank you for the service areas where your council set an example for the state. Your council can mail up to 5 service award program applications for each of the service areas to the appropriate State Activities Chairman. Mail all applications for a specific service area together. The Service Program Award form is on the web at <http://kofcoc.org/stspca.pdf>.

Church Activities: Ed Bystran, PO Box 386, Aptos, CA 95001

Council Activities: Bradley Roxas, PO Box 892, Daly City, CA 94017

Family Activities: Jeffrey Patino, 185 Pacific Ave., Pacific, CA 94044

Youth Activities: Kenneth Morris, 30233 Mira Loma Dr. Temecula CA 92592

Culture of Life: Mark Padilla, 1701 Neil Armstrong St. #203, Montebello, CA 90640

Community Activities: Victorio Reyes Jr., 139 Wolfberry Ct., San Jose, CA 95136

Vocations: Matthew McDonagh, 1370 N. 3rd Street, Upland, CA 91786

State Awards Chairman: Eric Watson, 2547 Goldhill St., W. Sacramento, CA 95691

You will need to know what division bracket your council is in as of May 1st 2015. Council Division Brackets

Division	At least Members	Not more than Members
1	1	60
2	61	90
3	91	120
4	121	180
5	over 180	

If you still are not sure what bracket your council is in look in the program hand book on pages 19-21.

Brothers it is time to start documenting your council's activity for the past year! ☸

St. Mary's Cathedral Filled to Capacity Prior to West Coast Walk

By Ed Bystran, Church Activities Chairman

Tens of thousands of Pro-Life marchers converged on San Francisco for the annual West Coast Walk for Life on Saturday, January 23. It was a mostly young crowd that braved the chill winds, overcast sky and sprinkles of rain to give their witness to the value of life.

Prior to the Pro-Life rally and "Walk" **San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone** celebrated Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral. The Cathedral was filled to its capacity of 2,500 worshippers. The Mass was concelebrated by five Bishops along with scores of priests. There were a large number of Knights at the Mass, including several California State Officers, the Nevada State Deputy and a Supreme Director. California State Deputy Ed Huestis served as lector.

During his homily Archbishop Cordileone spoke about the political and social changes that have occurred in the state. He referred to the Planned Parenthood videos and to California's new assisted suicide law saying, "The big question is, what does this say about us as a society. How can we do this to ourselves?" The archbishop called upon Pro-Life supporters to be Jesus' "light shining in the darkness." ☸

Partnership with Habitat for Humanity

By Michael Jones, HFH State Chairman

As a featured Supreme Knights of Columbus Community program, Habitat for Humanity offers KofC Councils continued opportunities to help our communities and families. Your council has a unique and rewarding community opportunity to volunteer and help Habitat for Humanity. I encourage my Brother Knights to explore and join this great community volunteer effort. Volunteer shifts are flexible and available during the day from Monday to Saturday. Absolutely no experience is necessary to begin your position with Habitat. Volunteering is a great way to bring communities together and build networks with other volunteers and staff. Through volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, individuals are able to build confidence, experience, and a sense of pride as they make a difference in the lives of others.

Currently, the Chapter President of Southern California, and Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles are working to identify a build for their respective Chapter and to get their councils involved. Also, the Chapter President of Central California, and Fresno County Habitat for Humanity are working to identify a build for their respective Chapter and to get their councils involved.

The Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento "Pope Francis Build" completion with

Brother Knight's participation from all over Northern California and the final home dedication ceremony was held on September 26, 2015 at 7114 Indian Lane, South Sacramento. Congratulations to the Knights of Columbus Northern California Chapter, Council No. 7241, Council No. 13518, Council No. 13672, Catholic Diocese of Sacramento and the local Catholic community which donated \$15,000 in sponsorships.

Contact the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate in your community. Visit www.habitat.org or e-mail volunteer@habitat.org for information on your local affiliate. They will be able to brief you on the volunteer opportunities available to council members, prospects and families. If your council or assembly donates both \$1,000 and 200 man hours to Habitat for Humanity, it will fulfill all four requirements for the community activities category of the Columbian Award (SP-7). Councils, assemblies, and circles are encouraged to promote this program to their membership, inviting personal participation as well as implementing this program as an ongoing charitable event.

For more information or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at mjones53@comcast.net or 916-684-5803. ☸

Pray the rosary for peace

Special Olympics



“You Can Make a Difference”

By Dr. Ray Warriner, State Special Olympics Chairman

Raising funds for Special Olympics can be fun. Each year there is a USC versus UCLA challenge called “We Run the City”. We Run the City is a 5K rivalry run/walk that supports Special Olympics athletes. Alumni, faculty, fans, staff, and students compete for bragging rights and the We Run the City trophy. This year that challenge has taken on a new flavor.

Dr. Ray Warriner, Knights of Columbus State Special Olympics Chairman, has formed a team representing USC, his alma mater. This has caused some internal family issues since his daughter-in-law is a UCLA graduate. So the gauntlet has been thrown down. The bragging rights for Thanksgiving dinner are on the line.



Purita, William, Ray Sr., Ray Jr., Ashley and Samantha Warriner

So, teams were formed and the race was on. Leading the Knights USC team was PSD Ray Warriner Sr. Theresa’s husband and 4th degree Knights Ray Warriner Jr., carried the UCLA banner. Supporting the effort was Purita, Ray Sr. wife and mother of the three Warriner children, SK William and Ashley Warriner and Samantha Warriner

Finish in a tie

While the runners finished in a tie, the teams raised over \$900 for Special Olympics School Partnership Program. For more information on how you can “Make a Difference” by supporting the School Partnership Program, go to our State Web site <http://www.californiaknights.org/specialolympics.htm>



USC 70% **WINS** **UCLA** BRUINS

RSVP Matching Funds Program



The goal of this program is to assist councils that have been unable to participate in RSVP by reaching the minimum requirement of \$500, and also to assist councils that are already participating in the program to sponsor additional seminarians, postulant or novice by directly appealing to parishioners and local catholic businesses.

- 1) Get your Pastor’s approval before you begin.
- 2) Announce in your parish bulletin that your council will be sponsoring a seminarian, postulant or novice and that your council will match the donation. *Example: The Knights of Columbus (council name & number) will match any donation up to \$250 to financially assist one or more seminarians. Donation will be used for books, car insurance, travel and living expenses.*
- 3) Arrange to have this announcement or similar read at all weekend Masses.
- 4) Have council members distribute flyers with a short bio of the seminarian you wish to sponsor, and attach a prayer card for vocations.
- 5) Send out a Post Card to local Catholic businesses with your intentions. To locate a Catholic business, begin by looking at the ads on the back of your Parish Bulletin.
- 6) Have the seminarian you wish to sponsor assist at the weekend masses, and have them thank parishioners for all their spiritual support.
- 7) Hold a second collection the weekend after bulletin and pulpit announcement.
- 8) Use your Council’s Newsletter or website if you have one to collect donations with a personal bio of the seminarian you wish to sponsor.
- 9) Send out personal thank you cards and prayer cards to all the parishioners and business who participated. ☺

Walk For Life San Diego 2016



The fourth annual San Diego Walk for life took place on Sunday January 23, 2016 at the historic Balboa Park. The walk was held in conjunction with walks held in San Francisco and Los Angeles. The state council was represented during the “Walk for Life” in San Diego by the **Immediate Past State Deputy Avelino Doliente** and assistant membership director **Michael Brault**. They, together with San Diego Chapter President **Rene Trevino, his wife Carla and Rev. Fr. John Grace** led the walk. The opening ceremony started with a prayer led by the Very Reverend Jerome Cwikliske, a retired Navy Chaplain who served honorable for 42 years.

This year’s Annual January San Diego Walk for Life featured a comfortable one mile loop within the park and an (optional) half mile walk for any disabled, those pushing strollers, or those in wheelchairs. The general theme of the event was adoption vice abortion.



Varying estimates put attendance at approximately 2,500 - 3,000, many seen praying the Rosary or heard singing hymns. The attendance possibly exceeded the



previous three years numbers perhaps partly due to this year’s event including over 40 pro-life ministry exhibitors plus speakers giving their testimony of how adoption saved several from having fallen prey to the evil solution of abortion for a crisis pregnancy. As all three major California city walks for life selected the same Saturday, January 23rd, to observe this year’s anniversary of the US Supreme Court’s regrettable 1973 Roe v. Wade Decision, many San Diego Walk attendees wore their new Walk for Life T-Shirts. On the front, the shirts title theme, which was originated by this year’s **State Deputy Ed Huestis** displays “Walking the Talk” above the three city walks logos and websites. On the back, under the K of C Logo, it reads “Saving Lives by Changing Lives”. A successful state-wide distribution campaign was launched by **State Programs Chairman Steve Bolton**, assisted by T-Shirt Project Coordinator - and this year’s **San Diego Diocese Chapter Pro-Life Chairman Hugh Largey**.

After the walk, several speakers took to the stage to discuss topics related to the Culture of Life. **Sarah Jensen** spoke passionately on adoption instead of abortion. Two women followed explaining the joy of having experiences with their adopted children. **Dr. George Delgado** discussed the abortion reversal pill that saved the life of a baby, whose mother had a change of heart. Attendees showed their appreciation after each of these speakers and several more.

As a special treat, event attendees were entertained by the **Emmaus Boulevard Catholic Praise and Worship Band**. These folks were great. If you have a function and you need this kind of music to enhance your event give these guys a call!

SK Lito Alvarez thought the gathering was a great show of unity. It brought the community together. Lito stated there were 15 members from his council in attendance. **District Deputy Bill Uberti** was very



impressed with the number of families there and especially the children. Fr. Lauro Minimo, Assistant Pastor of St. Michael's Church in Poway stop by at the booth after the walk. Bill who maned the Culture of Life T-shirt booth all day signed many booth visitation cards for parents and their families and they told him that were very grateful for all of the work the Knights of Columbus does for the Pro-Life Movement. ☪





Father Joseph T. O'Callahan Fourth Degree Assembly 2652 Held Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony

On November 5, 2015, students of St. Michael's School in Poway, California gathered for the 4th annual Flag Retirement Ceremony held on the south field of the school. The focus of the day's event was to honor our National Ensign by having the students participate in the folding of a 30 ft. American flag and properly retiring old, soiled, and torn American flags.

Color Corps from Father Joseph T. O'Callahan Assembly provided splendor

and dignity to the ceremony as they marched in during the opening of the event. Everyone stood at attention as Fr. Lauro Minimo, Associate Pastor of St. Michael's Parish, gave the invocation. **CDR Guy Caruso, USN, PGK** of St. Michael Council 11632, led the Pledge of Allegiance. The assembly was honored to have the 50 state flags and the five military flags as a beautiful backdrop. The flags were provided by **Albert Kapitanski** who is the son of Alex Kapitanski (The Flag Man of Oceanside). Albert is carrying on his father's 50-year legacy of providing flags to patriotic events at no cost. This is the second year Albert has provided flags.

The event kicked off with Master of Ceremony, **SK Roark Galloway**, narrating as Wayne Louth and CDR Caruso provided a demonstration of how to fold a 6 ft. American flag. This was followed by St. Michael students folding of a 30 ft. flag, directed by Wayne Louth and required the assistance of dozens of the older students in order to first stretch out the flag, then safeguard the flag as it was folded into the long tri-fold in preparation for the final triangular folds by CDR Caruso. This required the help of the kindergarten and first graders to hold up the draping flag in the middle so that it did not touch the ground. Everyone could hear the little kids screaming with excitement under the flag and it is sure to have made this event a memorable time for these young students. This was a fantastic learning experience for the older students who participated in the actual folding of the flag and for those students, parents, and teachers who watched. The event preceded with the main event; to properly retire old, torn or faded flags in a dignified and patriotic manner. This year 25 flags were scheduled to be retired with the intent to finish within the allotted time. However, many additional flags were brought by students, so the ceremony was extended. The Assembly was fortunate to have many students of active duty personnel assist the Knights escorting the flags to be retired. All the students showed poise and reverence while escorting the flags and saluted while the flags were handed over to the Knights and laid to rest for the final time in the flames. Fr. Lauro provided a beautiful closing prayer. ☩



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From gangs to consecrated life : *Brother Cesar John Paul Galan makes perpetual profession of vows*

By Michael Wahle

In April of 2001, St. Francis Medical Center in Lynwood served as the site of the greatest loss Brother Cesar John Paul Galan, FSP, would ever endure: the death of his brother Hector due to gun violence.

Nearly 15 years later, the same medical center became the site of his greatest triumph. In a Mass celebrated by Cardinal Roger M. Mahoney on Dec. 11, Brother Galan made his perpetual profession of vows, a declaration that he intends to “serve the sick, poor and to continue in [God’s] way of life through professing the vows of poverty, chastity, obedience and self-sufficiency.”

The moving ceremony was witnessed by about 100 people, including fellow Friars of the Sick Poor of Los Angeles (the group to which Brother Galan vowed to devote his life), clergy, and several of his family, friends and fellow seminarians at St. John’s.

“This is the end of a long journey for me that I’ve been praying about and reflecting about,” said a beaming Brother Galan after the ceremony. Indeed, Brother Galan’s journey to this point wasn’t just long, but also littered with trying setbacks. For the better part of his adolescence and young adult life, Brother Galan, now 42, was affiliated with a violent neighborhood gang.

“The gang life for me was a normal thing,” he recalled. “I was growing up in that environment, so it was all I saw and all I knew. We [Brother Galan and his fellow gang members] were in school together. They were my friends. I didn’t see them as gang members or anything like that. But in life, I think we all have that ‘aha’ moment. A light turns on and you get to see what God intends for us to be.”

For Brother Galan, that “aha moment” was unfortunately as tragic as it was loud and clear. On April 3, 2001, an altercation with a gang member escalated into a shootout, claiming the life of his brother Hector, and leaving Brother Galan a paraplegic. But with the same vivacity he intends to perform God’s ministry, Brother Galan has devoted himself to finding the blessing amidst his immense loss, the needle in a haystack of grief.

“There’s lessons we learn in life, and then we have somewhat of a ‘second life,’ which is what we learned from it and how we go forward with it,” said Brother Galan. “So that was a blessing for me to experience that. It’s a blessing and curse at the same time. It’s a blessing because it has helped me understand God’s love and mercy. It’s a curse because obviously I’m still in a wheelchair.

“But I try to look at it in a positive way. I talk to people who are in wheelchairs and have other disabilities, and say ‘OK, you’ve got it. There’s no going back. What are you going to do with it? How is it going to be a blessing ... not only to you, but also to your family and friends?’”

In an interview with The Tidings about his effort to find the silver lining in the darkest of clouds, Brother Galan speaks with grace and serenity about not only his daily life in a wheelchair, but also the man responsible for putting him in that chair and taking the life of his brother.

While he is very much at peace with the incident today, he insists that, just like his



journey to his profession of perpetual vows, the road to forgiving his brother’s killer, God, and in a way himself was a long and challenging one.

“The first four or five months after my injury, I was battling God still. I wanted it my way,” recalled Brother Galan. “I wasn’t understanding that it wasn’t about what I wanted, but what God wanted out of it.”

During a journey to Lourdes he asked people there, “Am I ever going to get out of this wheelchair? Am I going to go back home walking?” He started praying for that miracle to happen, but received an unexpected blessing in response.

“[God] gave me the blessing of forgiving the person who hurt me and killed my brother,” said Brother Galan. “He gave me the peace I was looking for. It was a peace I was looking for all my life, actually. And as soon as he gave me that peace, I was willing to move forward with life. I was being healed, just not in the way I asked. Instead of giving me the blessing of my body, he gave me the blessing of my mind.”

Witnessing Brother Galan make his perpetual profession of vows in the face of the great adversity he has had to overcome in his life caused many of his supporters in attendance to weep tears of joy. And no smile in the room was bigger than that of Brother Richard Hirbe, FSP, the “Mister General” of the ceremony to whom Brother

Galan made his profession.

As chaplain of St. Francis Medical Center, Brother Richard was the one who delivered the devastating news to Brother Galan in the ICU on that fateful April night in 2001: that Brother Galan had lost his ability to walk and, even worse, that he had lost his brother Hector.

“[After delivering the news], Brother Richard gave me the best gift anyone has ever given me,” recalled Galan. “He asked, ‘What can I do for you, Cesar?’”

“I said I wanted to see my brother one last time. So I went into the ICU room and was able to hold my brother’s hand one last time and say goodbye to him. That was the best gift that anyone has ever given to me, and, ever since then, we’ve communicated one way or another. It’s been an awesome journey.”

How fitting that Brother Richard, who first met Brother Galan in his greatest moment of sorrow, would welcome him back to St. Francis to celebrate his greatest moment of joy. During the Dec. 11 Mass, Brother Richard individually addressed the many who influenced in Brother Galan’s life, including his parents, and expressed his elation over the next step in Brother Galan’s journey: studying to become a priest at St. John’s Seminary.

Once he completes his training, he will be the first ever paraplegic to be ordained a priest in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. According to Brother Richard, that fact rarely enters Brother Galan’s mind.

“Cesar said to me, when he’s at St. John’s, he forgets he’s in his chair,” said Brother Richard. ☪

Tribute to Past State Deputy Frank Nigro

Past State Deputy Sir Knight Frank Nigro Seventy-Third California State Deputy was born in Brooklyn New York on December 2, 1926. He attended a Catholic grammar school and a public high school in Brooklyn. As a World War II veteran Frank served his country in the U.S.



Navy as a Third Class Machinist Mate. He and his wife Anne were married for 60 years. In 1965 Frank and Anne moved to California, due to a job transfer within the government. He retired after 42 ½ years working for the Federal Government.

Brother Frank joined the Knights of Columbus in 1956, in New York and later transferred his membership to Fr Michael Potter Council 5568, where he served in the council chairs and later became Grand Knight. He served as a District Deputy, and served in the chairs at the chapter level until he became Orange County Chapter President.

Continuing to serve the Order, Frank served in the State Council. He held the position of Regional Membership Coordinator, Recruitment Chairman, Retention Chairman, Membership Director, Protocol Chairman, Conventions Chairman, Program Director, and has been honored as Knight of the Year for the State of California.

Frank was elected State Warden, and moved up the chairs and was elected State Deputy in 1985. He became the only State Deputy in California to serve two consecutive terms in over 85 years.

During his two year term as State Deputy, 45 new Councils were instituted, and the State Council was number one in their division for Membership. **Frank instituted the Fr Juan Perez Award and the Parade of Grand Knights for Columbian Charities. He was a strong supporter and promoter of the program for People with Intellectual Disabilities. He was the founding President of the Columbian Foundation for People with Intellectual**



Disabilities, and continued to serve in that office until his passing where he was instrumental in raising millions of dollars to help people with intellectual disabilities. Frank was a member of the El Camino Real Assembly, Fourth Degree and served two terms as Master of the Junipero Serra Province, Southern California District.

The funeral Mass for California State Council Leader Frank Nigro, took place at 10:00 AM on Saturday, October 17 at St. Hedwig Catholic Church, Los Alamitos. He is best remembered for his persistence in building up the Fund Drive to Help People with Intellectual Disabilities. Appropriately and symbolically, Frank's funeral took place on the weekend that launched this year's ID Drive. Frank was remembered in moving eulogies by his son, Attorney Tom Nigro and Funeral Mass Celebrant Immediate Past State Chaplain Father John Neneman. Co-Celebrants were Current State Chaplain



Father John Cantwell, and Father John Grace, Former California State Chaplain. Frank's son offered a "Legal Advocacy" detailing of how his father, with only a grade school education excelled to the top of anything he tackled, especially in negotiating, never to be seen again hotel room rates for knights' conventions. Father Neneman spoke of Frank as a modern day "Prophet" whom he expects is now reunited in heaven with his beloved wife Anne of over 60 years. Knights and Fourth Degree Color Corps members from Southern California came to pay their respects and celebrate the life of this one of a kind Knight. As is often the case at funerals like this, interesting and humorous stories came out in the eulogies about Frank's rich life.

On a personal note, the editors shared a suite with Frank and Anne two weekend a year for five years as the Secretary to then Master, Larry Campitiello. What an experience! Whenever the conversation came to the Knights of Columbus, it was a history lesson of what we did and were doing, and who led the State Council the last 50 years or so. Frank knew every State Deputy, State Officers, State Directors and State Committeemen, as well as their wives. It was always a pleasure and an educational experience to spend time with Frank. He always spoke of the Knights' accomplishments, never his own. Frank was the ultimate team player. I expect the place where he is now is a little more organized since Frank's arrival. ☚

2016 CALIFORNIA STATE COUNCIL CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

This year's convention has something for every member of the family: Amusement Park, Wine Tasting, and Tours to the Levi's Stadium, where Super Bowl 50 was played. And as a special treat you can watch State Deputy Ed Huestis and Flora, his wife, do their best impression of John Travolta and his partner dance to Saturday Night fever.

Councils that assist delegates financially to attend the convention, have greater participation. Transportation, hotel accommodations and meal costs add up fast. Just a couple of hundred dollars from the council will insure your council is represented. Elections will be held, next year's budget will be voted on and numerous resolution will be voted on. If your Council is not represented at the business sessions, it will be hard to complain about the results. Color Corps team members should ask your council to be delegates to the convention. This will enable you to avail yourselves of any council or state stipends available and allow more participation from distant assemblies at the state color corps competition.

Pictured are just some of the events planned for the weekend. The Marriott Hotel in Santa Clara is a great hotel at a very reasonable price. State Deputy Ed Huestis promises you a good time. Also there will be numerous awards given to successful councils and of course, there will be the Parade of Grand Knights during the business meeting. Your council deserves to be recognized. At the closing banquet, a few major awards will be presented. You need to attend to receive your council's award. *But the most important parts of the convention are the opening and closing of the convention with the Celebration of the Eucharist. I know you will be in attendance. The Good Lord expect you to be there.*

 KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS Invites you to their 2016 State Convention Golf Tournament  Thursday, May 19, 2016 Registration Time: 7:00 am Start Time: 8:00 am		
Santa Clara Golf & Tennis Club 5155 Stars & Stripes Drive Santa Clara, CA 95054 Ph: (408) 980 9515	State Tournament Contacts Larry Formalejo (650) 273-2549 Jeffrey Craig (415) 596-9654	
Tournament Fee: 99 per player Min. 60 Players Includes green fees, cart, lunch box, snacks & prizes Scoring Format: Best Ball (four person team) Prizes: Gift Certificate for 1st (\$600) 2nd (\$400) Prizes: Gift Certificate for 1st (\$600) & 2nd (\$400) 1 Longest Drive & Closest to the Pin on all Par 3's	Please make check payable to: Knights of Columbus State Council Mail to: K of C Golf Tournament 15808 Arrow Blvd, Suite A Fontana, CA 92335	
 "HOLE-IN-ONE SPECIAL PRIZE" Hole #4 WIN \$10,000 Whole #8 Win a set of Adams Speedline Driver & Woods Whole #13 Win a Golf Vacation-French Lick Resort Whole 317 Win a Taylormade Rocket Bladex, HL Irons 4-AW	Sponsored by Knights of Columbus	

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DJ – Brother David Prudenciado
DMP Executive DJ Services

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Friday Night Fever




State Deputy Ed Huestis




State Deputy Ed Huestis and wife Flora

Come Dance with the Time Bandits Band



Photo Booth & 70's Costume Contest

The business sessions conducted Friday and Saturday will require the full attention and dedication of the delegates. The business session is open only to Third Degree Knights. All other convention events are open to all knights, family members and friends. The traditional ladies luncheon "A Trip to the Islands" will be held Saturday and there will be entertainment on Thursday and Friday evening. The opportunity drawing will give knights a chance to share in the prizes. You do not have to be present to win, so take advantage of these odds that are better than the California Lottery.

Two copies of the pre-convention book were mailed to each council. Delegates should share the books with all Third Degree Members of the council. If you are flying and you are a golfer, and you know someone who is driving, ask him to bring your golf clubs. Golf is a great chance to network and meet knights from throughout the state. Details for all activities are in the pre-convention book. It is going to be a great time. ☺

District Deputy Orientation Held in Ontario, CA January 8 – 10, 2016

The weekend meetings started Friday evening where the Membership, Programs and Operations team met to finalize their presentation to be delivered to the District Deputies on Saturday and Sunday. State corporations also met to discuss funding strategies and how best to support their mission.

The opening session on Saturday morning January 9, 2016 with wives & family attending was called to Order by **George “Skip” Frates, III** State Warden, Opening Prayer was led by **Rev John Cantwell**, State Chaplain, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Gene Hays**, Southern California Fourth Degree Master.



State Deputy Ed Huestis welcomed the District Deputies, State Committeemen, and their families. The meeting started with a recitation of a decade of the Rosary followed by a video message of Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. Excerpts from the Video included Building the Domestic Church program which refers to existing and new initiatives focusing on the work of the New Evangelization and the strengthening of our parishes and the growth of the Order. This program is designed to help our members and their families live the Catholic Faith more fully so that each home is truly a domestic Church, reflecting the holiness of the Universal Church in every Knights of Columbus household.

In addition, the program seeks to integrate our

members and their families more fully into the sacramental and social life of the parish. The question each council needs to ask to its Parish Pastor is “How can we help?”



After careful consideration, the Board of Directors has concluded that the Knights of Columbus will no longer be the chartered organization for Boy Scouts of America troops. This does not mean that the Order has abandoned Catholic scouting. Rather, we wish to align our youth activities with the mission and the goals of each parish. To the extent that pastors who wish to provide a Catholic scouting experience for the boys in their parish, we strongly encourage councils and individual knights to continue their volunteer leadership and financial support for scout troops, under the guidance of their pastor. This change is meant to strengthen the relationship between the parish and the troop while providing for a more robust Catholic scouting experience for all scouts.

As a preliminary matter, Grand Knights should meet with their pastors to discern

whether Catholic scouting fits into the parish’s youth ministry. If so, the Grand Knight will need to coordinate with troop leadership and the local Scouting Council to designate the parish as the chartered organization for the troop. Once this change has been made, the council will continue to provide volunteer and financial support for the troop. All council should conclude their sponsorship of scouting units by the end of 2016.

If a council has an active Squires Circle, the Grand Knight and Squires counselor should meet with the pastor to discuss whether and how the Squire Circle may be more fully integrated into the parish’s existing youth ministry. Active Squires Circles may continue serving boys according to current practice, reporting to the council and recruiting new members. The Supreme council will continue to provide support materials to the Circles. No new Squire Circles will be established.

The Knights of Columbus is moving away from Home Corporation based Councils and toward Parish based councils to sharpen the focus of the Order’s mission to help Catholic men become better husbands, fathers, sons, and grandfathers, to strengthen

Christian family and parish life in keeping with Father McGivney’s original vision for the Knights of Columbus.

A message from Supreme Council was delivered by **Supreme Director, Jim Scroggin, PSD**: Jim reiterated many of the issues presented in the Supreme Knight’s message: We must concentrate on “Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening our Parish”. New programs should be built on what we have already done. Councils must be active in their Parishes.

State Chaplain Message Rev. John Cantwell stated I “This is my second year in the job. The state officers are quick to act. I am impressed with State Advocate **Joe Salaiz**, because of his patience. He gets all the negative stuff and handles it so well.”



At exactly 11:30 a.m. about 50 - 60 ladies gathered at the D Street Cafe for a healthy lunch of soup and sandwiches.

Flora Huestis, wife of State Deputy Ed Huestis recognized the wives of dignitaries that included **Mrs. Watson** and her husband **PSD Ray Watson**, State Deputy for Columbian Year 1982 - 1983. After

lunch, **Marilyn Wilour**, wife of PSD Ross Wilour presented the ladies with instructions on how to braid and decorate a Hawaiian head piece, in preparation for the contest being planned for the state convention ladies luncheon. Fun was had by all.



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After family members were excused, the business meeting went into closed session. **Membership Chairman Dave Abbot** presented an informative discussion concentrating on recruiting new members and retaining members we already have. His focus was centered on programs, spirituality, community, and fraternal benefits. The state action plan intake goal is 4,350 members. Statewide membership drives will be held on Founder's Day weekend April 2 & 3, 2016 or a date of the council's choosing. Dave reminded attendees that it is time to order the church membership drive kit. At the conclusion of each membership drive, report the number of prospects, the number of transfers, the number of reapplications or readmissions, the number of form signed 100s and the number of new brother knights from the drive by the Monday after each church drive weekend. Dave told attendees not to rely on the membership drives alone; one-on-one recruiting is very effective. Dave presented proven programs such as: creating a prospect list, recruiting in conjunction with council activities, and holding at least one First Degree per district per month. We can have a great year.



In the area of retention Dave stressed working the conservation reports provided by Supreme, knock on doors if necessary, use the "Worthy Shepherd Program" (Calling scripts are available to make sure members cover important items). Also, Dave asked District Deputies to ensure councils understand the requirements for Star Council and help them achieve that goal. Dave reminded the District Deputies of the importance of attending council meetings, working with councils to form round tables at nearby parishes, having councils complete church drives, making sure councils have scheduled their Founders' Day membership drive, scheduling First Degrees through June, and holding district mid-year meetings. State Membership Chairman, Dave Abbot, announced Supreme is continuing the \$4.50 per billable member of star council's per capita rebate again this year, so it is to your council's financial advantage to recruit and retain members.

District Deputy, **Matthew McDonagh**, was called to the stage to provide recruitment and Star District tips based on his past success. He mentioned the tools require are: your attitude, it reflects on your councils, make the district better than when you found it. He said the tools required are, communications, you need to ask, do not tell, lead by example, follow through on commitments, know the culture of your councils, and evaluate councils' strengths and weaknesses.

Here are some of the highlights from Rev. John Grace, OSA presentation. Father John was asked to speak on clergy support. In all these areas, caring for the poor and protecting the vulnerable, affirming life and defending the family, we depend on the goodness and compassion of good American people. This is what the Knights try to be, not following any and every doctrine that changes from day to day, deviating from the law of God. The strength of this country is not our military might, it's not the size of our wallet. The strength of this country is the hearts and souls of the American people who recognize the presence of God in their lives and who respect life and life values.



Father Grace continued. "From my own standpoint, it is paramount in what I envisage as being the kernel of the apostolate of the Knights of Columbus. You know that I am enamored with the amount of service that the Knights offer in favor of the Church and society. I can truly say that I am here in the US because of the KofC. At times, I am concerned about the basis from which we approach our projects. You have heard me say, that for us as Catholic Knights, it is not sufficient just to complete charitable endeavors, we must do so from the basis of our spirituality. We are bringing Christ to those we serve, and we must see Christ in them, and we need to be conscious of this. In this way, we are truly 'missioners' as we are proclaiming the Gospel in and through our charitable endeavors, but more importantly to those around us through our lives each day. "The privileged place for most of us to do this is within our own family."

Recently, Pope Francis reminded us that "Christian families are the domestic church where Jesus Christ grows in the love of a married couple, in the lives of their children." To help our families better become what they are called to be, the Knights of Columbus has launched an initiative called: "Building the Domestic Church: the Family Fully Alive." "Why should the Knights become involved in this? In founding the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Michael J. McGivney sought to respond in both a temporal and spiritual way to the crisis in family life affecting Catholics in 19th century America. Fr. McGivney responded to this crisis with a variety of pastoral initiatives within his parish, and most importantly by empowering generations of Catholic laymen to support the practical Catholic life of their families in founding the Knights of Columbus."

"Once again, I wish to return to my theme and concern for Knights everywhere. We might have been overly concerned with our activities, neglecting the very basic of our spirituality and formation in the faith. Once again, we are being called back to reconsider our fundamentals. If you like, we are being asked to make an examination of conscience concerning what must come first. What we do and what we accomplish is determined by who we are, and what we are. We are not just 'do gooders'. We are bringing Christ to everyone we serve. As our Supreme Knight. Says: "The Knights of Columbus is positioned to move to a new level of service as the strong right arm of the Church."

We complain about Supreme being overly concerned about "numbers". We are at 1,900,000, and looking forward to 2,000,000. I'm not! I'm looking forward to 5,000,000!! The more members we have, the more we can do and give greater service to our Church. Chaplains can be your most effective recruiter.

After lunch District Deputies were split into groups for three breakout sessions: Membership, Programs and Operations. In the Membership session Membership Director, Dave Abbott and his staff discussed how to recruit and retain members, Council Reactivation, New Council Development, and the Shining Armor Award Program. Councils must be visible at parish events, such as adoration and rosary recitals. We are not just about fund raising. The Programs session consisted of topics that benefit our Church, the Community, the Culture of Life, our family, Vocations, and our Youth. The Operations session covered the administration side of the state council such as: ceremonials, resolutions, leadership training, Father McGivney Guild, and the Fr. Juan Perez Award

At the end of a long day and minds full of knowledge District Deputies, state committeemen, and family members attended a Celebration of the Mass celebrated by **State Chaplain, Father John Cantwell** and con-celebrated by **Father John Grace**. In his homily Father John Cantwell stated young priests love the knights because we supported them when they were seminarians. Following the Mass a dinner was held where **Past State Deputy, Abe Doliente**, presented awards for the 2014-2015 Columbian Year.

Knights of Columbus Admissions Degree Exemplification At St Patrick's Seminary and University

By Steve Bolton, State Program Director



On February 6, 2016 the Knights of Columbus in California broke new ground by conducting its first Admissions Degree ceremony at St Patrick's Seminary and University in Menlo Park. In total, nine men became Knights: Four seminarians, two priests and three laymen. The new Knights were sponsored by councils from Fresno, Monterey, Sacramento, San Francisco, and San Jose. Fr. Gladstone Stevens, President and Rector of St. Patrick's, also became a Knight.



The ceremony was hosted by St Mark Council 13225, Belmont. The Admissions Degree team was led by **Worthy Brother Bert Nocum Jr.** from St. Francis Chapter their Ceremonials Chairman along with the degree team members from St. Francis Chapter. The Knights of Columbus Color Guard also from St. Francis Chapter escorted the candidates into the chamber. Supporting the new candidates were **Chapter Presidents Dave Vincent from the [San Jose Chapter], Edd Palomar from the [St. Francis Chapter], Shane Edgar from the [Juniper Serra Chapter], Deepal**

Karunaratne from the [Oakland Chapter], along with Rick Jarrett from the State Council Vocation's Committee and Bob Leach the Vocations Chairman for Northern California Chapter. Representing our State Council was Steve Bolton, State Service Program Director.

The importance of the Knights of Columbus to a parish and to our Parish priests

DD MEETING CONTINUED.....



Dinner & Presentations

The Sunday morning session began with the reciting of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, followed by reports from state corporations. **Colombian Charities Inc. President, Ed Bystran**, asked attendees to remind their councils of the need to support the 365 Club. He stressed we are helping brother knights who are in need. Newly elected **President of the Colombian Foundation to support People with Intellectual disabilities, Jerry Constance**, showed a short video of PSD Frank Nigro, who was the foundation president for 28 years, making a plea for councils to support Colombian Foundation Supporting People with Intellectual Disabilities, Inc. Jerry stated councils can hold a drive any time of the year.

State Secretary, Sonny Santa Ines, stated we need to focus on one wheelchair at a time. The next wheelchair distribution will be in the Holy Land (loud applause). The veterans' wheelchair distribution has begun. There are two containers for Northern California, one container for Central California and two containers for Southern California.

The weekend meeting ended with a lively discussion during a Q&A with the State Officers and Directors. District Deputies and State Committeemen left the meeting committed to a successful second half of this Columbian Year. ☸



was the topic of presentations by **Fr. Peter Rogers, President of the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology in Berkeley, and Carlos Gutierrez, General Agent for the Bay Area.**

We will be asking our Supreme Council to send copies of our monthly Columbia Magazine to each Seminarian in California, member or not, so they can learn more about our Order.

This year's major goal for our State Vocations team was to foster a new and closer relationship with our two major Seminaries in California and to show our support to each of our Seminarians in their journey to Priesthood. This was a great start to that goal. We are already talking to St. John's Seminary in Camarillo to do an Admissions Degree Ceremony there also very soon.

We must support our Seminarians in their journey. ☸

Be Pro-Life without Apology, without Compromise and without Exception

Submitted by Eric Watson, Chairman

Brothers as the Christmas season and our celebration of the Holy Family draws to a close take a moment to contemplate the family environment in California. The family and our children are under an unrelenting assault. Consider these facts:

- 1 - The State of California through a program call the Family PACT (California's Family Planning, Access, Care and Treatment program) provides tax payer funded birth control pills, condoms and abortions to minors without notifying a parent or guardian.
- 2 - The State of California will provide the "Morning-After Pill" to children as emergency contraception.
- 3 - Pro-life organizations providing pregnancy counseling are required by California law to pass out notices advertising California's tax payer funded abortions.
- 4 - Public schools in California are required to teach our children the states vision of family planning that includes abortion as a morally acceptable option.
- 5 - It is legal in California for a Physician to end life by prescribing a lethal dose of medication.

What we choose to do, or not do, about abortion, euthanasia, human cloning and embryonic research impacts lives for generations to come. Take action now and support a culture that values human life at all stages.

1. Volunteer - Your valuable time can save precious lives. Contact a local pro-life pregnancy center to find out how you can help women choose life and turn away from abortion. You can also support programs that work with women who have been physically and emotionally wounded by abortion.
2. Educate - Share your knowledge with others who may not fully understand the value of all human life, or take it upon yourself to find out more, so you can be a more effective witness for life.
3. Advocate - Work to change laws and touch hearts. Support your council's pro-life committee, and start a pro-life group in your parish if there isn't one already. Consult your diocese's pro-life office to find out issues of concern, and meet with your local and national elected officials to discuss legislation.
4. Pray - Prayer is the power that should support all of your pro-life activities. Pray for life personally and with your family at local abortion providers.

Don't stand idly by, become active in supporting a Culture of Life. Participate in Culture of Life events! And after you participate in 5 public events supporting a Culture of Life within 12 consecutive months you will have completed all the requirements for your ACE Wings. Complete the simple application for your ACE Wings and be recognized for your efforts to support life from the moment of conception to natural death. The application can be found on the State Council Web site at <http://kofcoc.org/ace.pdf>. Either email the completed application to ericwats@sbcglobal.net with ACE Award Application and your name in the subject or send the application to Eric Watson, 2547 Goldhill St., West Sacramento, CA 95691 Attn: ACE Award Application. ☸

Special Olympics Northern California



Special Olympics Northern California is using Super Bowl 50 as an opportunity to introduce flag football as 12th sport here in Northern California. Some current and alumni 49ers are in attendance and assist coaches including former 49ers coach Steve Mariucci during the event. ☸

"With all thy getting, get understanding." ...Steve Forbes

Columbus Day Parade Held in San Francisco

Gil Eliares, PCP, FDD, Supreme Website Referrals Chairman

Columbus Day parade was held in San Francisco on October 11, 2015. Worthy State Deputy Edward Huestis and wife Flora, Worthy State Secretary Sonny Santa Ines and wife Irma, Worthy Supreme Director Jim Scroggin and wife Lisa were in the parade on



a warm and wonderful San Francisco weekend.

Three assemblies from St. Francis Chapter led the parade in full regalia. Northern California assemblies also came to participate in the parade in 4th Degree Regalia led by District Master J. C. Greco. Combined total of about a dozen and a half Color Corps were in the Columbus Day Parade. There were several Knights and their families in the crowd cheering our Worthy State Officers riding in convertible driven by Knights. ☚

Oxnard Clergy Night



Clergy Night held on Jan 12, 2016 in Oxnard. State Deputy Ed Huestis with Bishop Joseph Madera as special guest who just celebrated his 88th birthday.

Holy Family Icon Presentation



Holy Family Icon was presented by State Deputy Ed Huestis to Marin County High School on Dec. 8, 2015. Supreme Director Jim Scroggin was one of those who attended. About 800 students and staff witnessed this event.

Warm Kids & Cool Knights, Knights distribute Coats to Kids on Christmas Eve

As many headed out to Mass, Oakland California area children received a free and much-needed gift as the Knights of Columbus distributed new winter coats to children in need on Christmas Eve, Dec 24.

Through collaboration between the Jack Del Rio Foundation, Raiders Foundation, Catholic Athletes for Christ and the Knights of Columbus resulting in "at risk" children from throughout Oakland receiving coats and other gifts from Santa before the final home game of the Oakland Raiders. This event was called First & Goal-Raiders vs Chargers.

The coats were distributed by California State Deputy Ed Huestis, California State Warden Skip Frates III and two members of Mary Help of Christians Council 3052. Those council members were Dr. Ray Warriner, PSD, event chairman and his son Will. These Knights were assisted by their wives; Flora Huestis, Leslie Frates and Ashley Warriner.



Following the distribution, the group went to the Oakland Coliseum to view the Raiders final home game. While California isn't known for its cold weather, the temperature was near freezing and it was raining at game time.

Since the program was launched in 2009, more than 300,000 new coats have been distributed to children by Knights of Columbus. ☚

COUNCIL NEWS

Council 9498 Participates in Fund Drive to help People with Intellectual Disabilities

Jaime J. Delgado, Grand Knight

Blessed Junipero Serra Council No. 9498

Council 9498 members volunteered to support the 2015 Tootsie Roll



Drive. They had an amazing turnout from the Council and a phenomenal show of support from Parishioners. **Brothers Fred Hall, Mark Franklin, Rick Babauta, Chris Mracek, Brian Carr, Michael Schultz, Albert Gonzalez, Jesus Gastelum, Michael Richter, Adol Bernie Garcia, Marco Guerra, and Joe Flores**, together with the help of the Parish raised \$1,952.50 for Noah Homes!

The fundraising drive continued until November 15, 2015, to account for donations mailed to the Council from local marketing efforts by Noah Homes. ☸

Fund Raiser for Coats for Kids

Submitted by Pat Hill

John Cardinal Newman Council #9445, Fresno, raised \$1,258.00, in sales and donations, for Coats for Kids, by selling 227 six packs of custom made Christmas Cards after all Masses for two week-ends. Local water color artist, and Brother Knight, **David J Rogers**, donated his time, artwork, production and materials so that the Council could realize 100% of the proceeds to purchase the coats. ☸

Thank you Knights

By Gene Gobbo, Council 4970 Arden-Carmichael

Dear Knights of Columbus,
 I am
 Thank you for all the service opportunities. ~~We were~~ glad to serve at your fundraisers, and you always give back to our school, such as the tips at the Chipino dinner. All of your works are for the greater good of God, and for helping others as well. I respect and thank you for that. Your works, both for my church and for other organizations, doesn't go unnoticed!

Sincerely,

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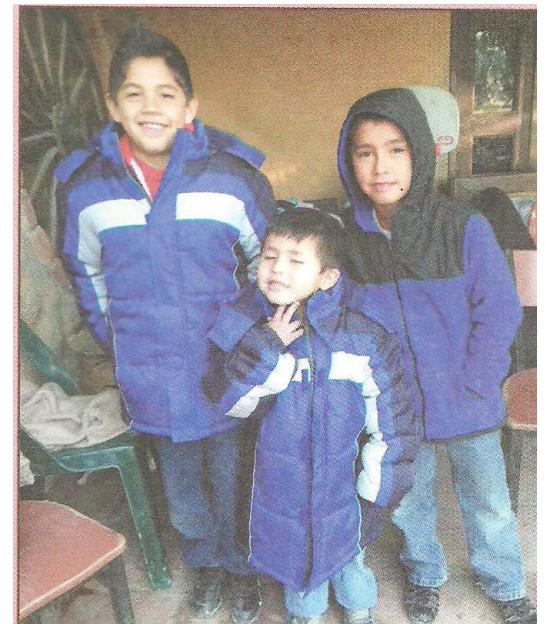
(P.S.: The Tootsie rolls are delicious!)

About a dozen students wrote thank you notes to **Council 4970** for three recent events that they assisted with, ID Drive, Cioppino Dinner-Dance and a Luncheon following our annual Memorial Mass for our widows. ☸

THANK YOU KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

A big thank you to **St. Michael's Knight of Columbus Council 11632** for providing warm jackets to the children at our sponsored orphanage in Tijuana. When we made the delivery, the kids immediately put them on and refused to take them off. Thank you Knights for keeping our little angels warm.

There is no heating at the orphanage and many windows are broken, so in these winter months these coats are truly a blessings. ☸



"SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS" EXHIBIT DEDICATION



On November 14, 2015, the "Salute to Veterans" exhibit at the California Knights State Office was dedicated. The afternoon ceremony started with a social hour at 2:00 pm on the patio of the state office. Among the attendees were State Deputy Ed Huestis, Past State Deputies Ross Wilour, Jim Scroggin, (Museum President), Ray Warriner, Tim Carvalho, Abe Doliente, and State Officers and State Corporation Presidents. Following the opening prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Vice Supreme Master Larry Campitiello**. Providing remarks were **State Deputy Ed Huestis, Museum President James Scroggin, Veterans' Exhibit Chairman Pat Brown** and the **guest speaker Lt. Colonel Dean Hunter, USAF (Ret)**

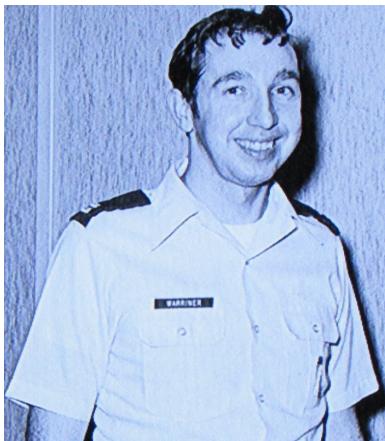


Lt. Colonel Dean Hunter spent 6 years in the USMC as a rifleman and 20 years in the USAF as a pilot. Lt. Col Hunter has vast combat experience. He served in the Korean War – 1950 to 1952 (Inchon landing Second

wave), Vietnam war – 1963 to 1967 as a Fighter Pilot with the 18th Tactical Fighter Wing. He flew 166 combat missions in a modified AT28D fighter in Vietnam. He was listed as one of the highest decorated young officers in the Air Force for heroism in 1965. His decorations include: Silver Star, distinguish flying cross with "V" device for Valor, 7 air medals plus 52 other awards. His education includes: Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from San Diego State University, Master's Degree in Counseling from Ball State University, Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Seattle University. Following his retirement he spent 24 years in education as a college professor, varsity ski and football coach, High School principal, and football coach.

Lt. Colonel Hunter's address to the assembled members and guests was an inspiring remembrance of his life in the military.

The museum contains numerous items from all branches of the military donated by members. There are currently 564 Dog Tags engraved with the name, rank, branch of service and dates of service, 81 Pictures of members (Like this one of then **USAF Captain, PSD Ray Warriner**) and 620 names of the honor roll call. Your information and photographs can still be submitted. If you desire to be included in the exhibit, send information and articles to the state office at 15808 Arrow Blvd., Suite A, Fontana, CA 92335. Tours of the exhibit can be arranged by contacting the State Office 909-434-0460. ☺





Columbian Foundation Supporting People with Intellectual Disabilities Empowering Programs that Empower People

By Jerry Constance, President,
Columbian Foundation

This year the Columbian Foundation and the State Council have asked all councils to join and support this year's ID Drive to empower people with Intellectual Disabilities. We are all dedicated to improving the quality of life, learning, and main stream employment for children, teens, and adults with Intellectual Disabilities.

The foundation will accomplish this mission by raising funds with the help of all councils to create a variety of state-wide programs such as education in residential care facilities, the Special Olympics, on the job training and summer camps for people of all ages, regardless of race, creed, color, or gender.

At this time, we are not meeting our goal of 100% participation from our councils. If you have not yet submitted your participation form, it's not too late. If you need forms or additional information, please go to our website, columbian-foundation.com.

On behalf of the Columbian Foundation and the State council, we thank you in advance for your continued support and participation. Please contact me if you have questions or require any additional information. ☸



Leaving the Legacy By Ed Bystran, President

Share your blessing with your Brother Knights. Live generously and choose an intentional way to express your values. You don't



need great wealth to support the organization that exemplifies Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

Plan so that your generosity continues beyond your lifetime. Please remember California Columbian Charities in your Will, Trust or Estate. Monetary bequests, contingent beneficiary bequests, stocks, insurance proceeds, retirement accounts and other assets are welcome.

In 1955 the State Council created California Columbian Charities, Inc. The charity is dedicated to assisting California brothers in financial distress, including their widows. For sixty years we have consistently worked to provide charity, the first principle of the Order, and to fulfill Father McGivney's mandate of **BROTHER HELPING BROTHER**.

During the past six decades we have responded to almost 2,100 requests for assistance from Brother Knights in California and have given more than \$3,000,000 in relief.

Please use the following information for bequest:

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Columbian Retirement Home Inc.

Entering 2016, your Columbian Retirement Home Corporation is marking notable milestones of service to brother knights and families.

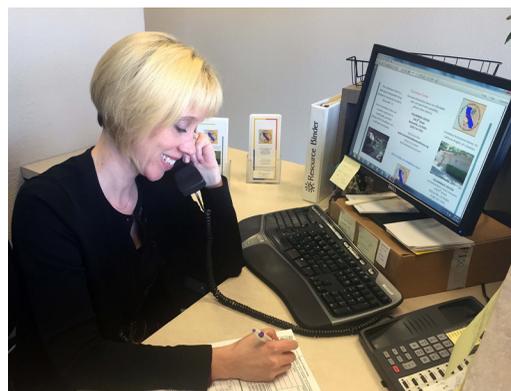
Our **Columbian Retirement Center Residence at Marysville** begins its

thirtieth year of continuous service. Over this time, our modest residence has provided a place for some 200 knights, widows, and others who have reached out to your Columbian Retirement Home Corporation these past three decades for a home.

Thanks to the support of our Corporation members, all California Knights, we have been able to continue the great program operated there for Knights and widows who find themselves in a situation where their income is less than the minimum level



to sustain oneself with dignity. With the small supplement we provide to assist residents meeting our very affordable monthly rate, we are able to cover their costs for room and three meals a day in a very comfortable and peaceful community.



Meanwhile, in the five short years since we adapted to the changing needs of our times and started the free **Columbian Senior Advisory Service**, available state-

wide via toll-free phone number, we are approaching some 300 clients who have been assisted in their search for help in current or future relocation, or in finding resources that will allow them to safely remain in their current residence. Let us remember, that the success of the Columbian Senior Advisory Service continues to depend on vigilance at the Council level, and by all brother knights, to make sure a knight in need avails himself of the help. State-wide, should you, or a Brother Knight, need help with affordable housing, or guidance and support on senior care or relocation options, or for reliable information and assistance in connecting with community resources in your area, that help is available at no cost just by calling **(800) 273-0068**. Finally, realize that current operating expenses exceed income by some \$100,000 for the Columbian Center and Columbian Advisory service annually. Only with the financial support of councils and individual brothers can we cover this cost of doing business and, with the grace of God, renew "The Dream" of expanding our available housing elsewhere in the State of California. Support your brothers and donate to your Columbian Retirement Home Inc., P.O. Box 4338, El Monte, CA 91734. ☸

District Leadership Workshop

Life just got better for brothers aspiring to become a California District Deputy. Why would you not want to hold this honorable position? **State Deputy Ed Huestis** came up with idea, but **State Secretary Sonny Santa Ines** put together the very informative presentation. The workshop was designed to explain to brothers who might have an interest in serving the Order in a highly visible position and helping to guide three to five councils in their district. The workshop covered the responsibilities of District Deputies and the reimbursement process for expenses.

State Deputy Ed Huestis stated some District Deputies attend all council meetings and council social functions. Some District Deputies are not seen again after the council installations. You need to find a balance. District Deputies need to report on the status of their councils as well as on the proper holding of ceremonials.



State Secretary Sonny Santa Ines, as the main speaker, stated District Deputies are responsible for the supervision of their councils and their membership growth, and they are responsible for reviewing all council suspensions. District Deputies guide councils in keeping council members active through active programs. DDs also have the responsibility or reviewing the council's books and financial records.



Sonny stated here are lots of resources available to assist DDs including State Officers and committeemen, District Deputy Mentors, as well as numerous publications. Sonny also mentioned it is important that the District Deputy's warden should be from a different council. He then went on to explain most expenses incurred performing District Deputy duties are reimbursable. There are many benefits to being a District Deputy such as improving personal and professional skills.



A lively discussion followed during the Q&A. If you are considering accepting a position as District Deputy or perhaps just are curious about the position; you need to attend one

of these outstanding one hour workshops. Contact your Chapter President for details of when a workshop will be held in your area. ☺

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