

California State Council Knights of Columbus



State Officers

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Sonny R. Santa Ines

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Bishop Oscar A. Solis
Auxiliary Bishop
Archdiocese of Los Angeles

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Golden State Knightletter



State Officers' Installation

Bellflower, CA, July 9, 2016 — The 2016-2017 State Officers Installation was held on Saturday July 9, 2016 in Bellflower California. Mass was celebrated at St. Bernard Catholic Church with State Chaplain Bishop Oscar A. Solis as the principal celebrant with Fr. Julius Bancifra, Fr. Tom Davis, Fr. John Grace, and Fr. Michael Ume concelebrating. Mass began with a sad announcement by Bishop Solis that our Worthy State Deputy Sonny Santa Ines had undergone emergency by-pass surgery. Worthy State Deputy Sonny's surgery was successful and he is on the road to recovery. Please keep our State Deputy and his family in your prayers.

Following Mass, the 2016-2017 State Officers were installed by Immediate Past State Deputy Ed Huestis. State Officers installed were: State Secretary Romy Quevedo; State Treasurer Joe Salaiz; State Advocate Skip Frates III; and, State Warden Steve Bolton. Also in attendance were State Membership Director Dave Abbott, State Programs Director Noel Panlillio, State Operations Director Rene Trevino and State Officers/Directors wives.

The State Testimonial Dinner was held that evening at Simms Park in Bellflower with over 200 in attendance. Honored guests included State Chaplain Bishop Oscar Solis, Supreme Director and Past State Deputy Jim Scroggin, and General Agent Ben Baca III. District Master Gene Hays Sr. of the Southern California District, St. Junipero Serra Province was Master of Ceremonies.

General Agent Ben Baca spoke first and stated he is honored to be lead General Agent for this Columbian Year. He and all of the General Agents who support California have a tremendous amount of experience. There are 86 Field Agents servicing California with about 92% coverage of the State.

They provide a myriad of services such as Insurance planning, retirement planning, and special needs planning. The entire team of 6 General Agents and 86 Field Agents are there to serve you, your wives and your children.

Supreme Director Jim Scroggin reminded everyone that we are a team and we can create history this year by setting new trends, start new successful programs and continue to be in the forefront of all jurisdictions in the Order. Historic because we can *co-operation to keep California on or near the top this year and in the future.*" (continued on page 8)

Major Events

- **State Officers Installation July 9, 2016**
- **Forms 185 and 365 due**
- **Prepare for Soccer Challenge**
- **Council and Chapter Officers Installations**
- **5th Sunday Rosary Program July 30/31, 2016**
- **Quick Start Membership Drive August 6/7, 2016**



State Deputy's Message Sonny R. Santa Ines State Deputy

Happy New Columbian Year! I am honored to have been elected your State Deputy for the fraternal year 2016-2017. I am very excited to work with my fellow State Officers, District Deputies, Chapter

Officers and Grand Knights to serve over 75,000 Brother Knights in California.

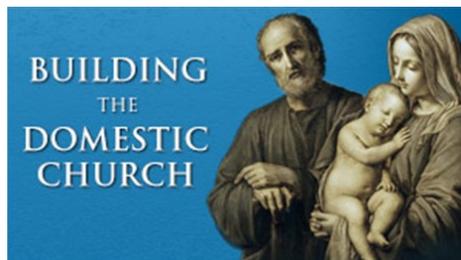
As we fulfill our duties as elected or appointed officers of the California Jurisdiction, I just want to remind everyone why the different levels of organization in the California jurisdiction exist. The California State Council, the 16 chapters and the 150 districts exist for one reason: to help the councils succeed. Yes, it is all about the councils! We will do our very best to help every council reach its full potential. I encourage every Brother Knight to be active in their council and participate in every program that interests them.

How can we help the councils succeed? We can and should help our councils grow the Order, afford them the opportunity to protect their families, increase their participation in the various programs that the Supreme and State Councils promote and increase our charitable footprint. Unfortunately, there has to be some kind of measurement of a council's success. I submit that a very simple way to measure that success is through the Star Council Award. The Star Council Award measures membership and insurance growth, program participation, filing of necessary reports and if a council is in good standing. There are so many reasons why we need to grow the Order. One of them is that the Knights of Columbus is good. Will you agree with me that something as good as the Knights of Columbus needs to be shared with as many eligible Catholic men as we can?

I fully understand that councils conduct programs not because they want an award but rather it is the right thing to do. However, a number of councils do not file the SP-7. They are not doing it for recognition but rather, out of goodness of their hearts. The SP-7 is simply a manifestation of the good works of the Order. In other words, it provides a historical record of the various programs that a council conducted.

Therefore, our focus this year is to help as many councils as possible achieve the Star Council recognition. Let us make this year the best year ever for California.

Thank you and I will see you very soon.



State Chaplain's Message Bishop Oscar Solis Auxiliary Bishop Archdiocese of Los Angeles

It is a distinct honor and quite humbling for me to be appointed as the Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus for the State of California. I humbly welcome this great opportunity to be a shepherd for my brother Knights and to work closely together in carrying out and promoting the noble principles of our Fraternal Order – Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

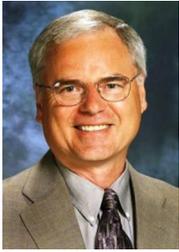
Our vision for this Fraternal Year is simple and basic. As a strong partner of the Church we are called to share in the mission of evangelization, of proclaiming the Good News by the way we live, profess and witness our Catholic faith. In this context I assume the responsibility to help foster the spirituality of our fraternal organization through a process of engagement and accompaniment - engaging every council and brother Knights to live the basic principles of the Fraternal Order rooted in prayer, Sacraments and the Word of God; and, accompanying each other in encountering the presence of Christ in our lives supporting every brother Knight in facing the challenges and difficulties of Christian life, as well as in experiencing the joy in the witness our faith by the way we live, worship and love one another.

I call then on my brother Knights to make our regular Council meeting more special. Let prayer be an important component and pillar of everything we do so that this monthly gathering becomes a source and means of spiritual enrichment that inspires and propels us to good work and service to our Church, community and to the world.

As we pursue our vision and goals for this year, I encourage you to seek the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Guadalupe. Set our hearts to our mission in prayer, with dedication and zeal not aiming for success but fidelity to our identity as children of God, members of the Church and brother Knights of Columbus. In all our endeavor, be reminded and guided by these wise words of St. Mother Theresa of Calcutta: "God calls us not to be successful but to be faithful."

VIVAT JESUS!





Membership

Dave Abbott
Membership Director

My Brothers,

The theme for the State Membership Program this year is – ***Every Member A Recruiter!*** Think of what we can accomplish if every Brother recruited a new member. Membership growth can occur in many forms, from parish drives and recruiting one-on-one to the formation of Round Tables and new councils. It is equally important to retain those members we already have.

Membership recruitment works best when accompanied with programs and activities engaging the interest of the new members, making them feel welcome, motivated and involved. Who among us does not feel he is a better man for being a Knight – informed in faith and caring of our fellow man? Why then, should we not offer this opportunity to other likeminded men?

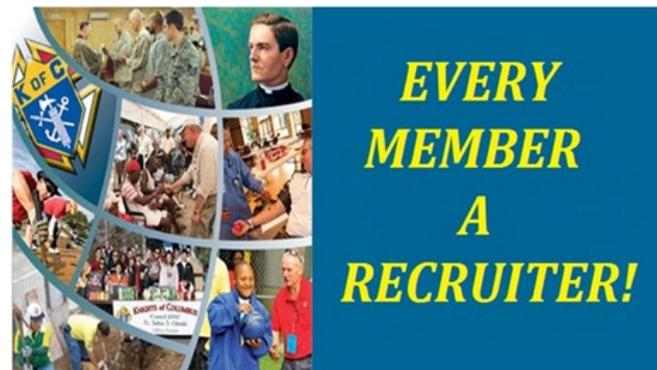
The beginning of any year should start with a plan. Plan to meet your program goals. Plan to meet your membership goals. Plan to achieve Star Council. Get off to a great start by participating in the Quick Start statewide church drive occurring the weekend of August 6 and 7, 2016. If there is a scheduling conflict in your parish that weekend, pick another weekend near that time. The Grand Knight and Membership Chairman of the highest recruiting council at the end of August in both the northern and southern part of the state will be treated to dinner by State Deputy Sonny Santa Ines and State Membership Director Dave Abbott (wives, of course, are included too).

Familiarize yourself with the requirements of Star Council. A great resource is Supreme Publication 5104 pictured below. It is actually an 11"X17" poster that can be put up on the wall of your council chamber so all can track progress toward achieving Star Council. It is available free of charge from Knights Gear (although shipping and handling costs may apply). Involve everyone in your council in planning and charting your progress toward Star Council.

Regardless of the means or method, it is our obligation to offer *every* eligible Catholic man the same opportunity for membership afforded each of us. The State Membership Team and Committeemen are at your disposal, willing to answer any questions you might have and to help in any way. We look forward to working with you during the 2016-2017 Columbian Year. Let us accomplish great things together, working in His name.

Fraternally,

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EVERY MEMBER A RECRUITER!

QUICK START MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



AUGUST 6 & 7, 2016

Get your council and the state off to a great start!

- ☐ Mobilize all members of your council and order recruitment materials from Supreme
- ☐ Request your Pastor's permission to conduct the drive and have pulpit announcements
- ☐ Advertise in your council and church bulletin
- ☐ Have tables outside the church with information materials and a Knight at every door
- ☐ Invite every Catholic man to join the Knights of Columbus

The Grand Knight and Membership Chairman of the highest recruiting council in the north and south at the end of August and their wives win dinner with State Deputy Sonny Santa Ines and wife Irma and State Membership Director Dave Abbott and wife Debbie.



Programs

Dr. Noel Panlilio
Programs Director

Worthy Brothers,

A New Columbian Year, A New Vision! For this Columbian Year 2016-2017, we will continue to help family become the domestic church. This is in line with the Orderwide Initiative that our Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson, had introduced involving our councils and the Catholic Community. The initiative entitled *“Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish”*, builds upon the past programs and accomplishments but more so doing things differently in the future adopting new methods. This initiative also requires that our parish-based councils will move toward greater integration into the life of our parishes. This is in line with what Pope Francis, during the World Meeting of Families, had called for towards building a new alliance between the Church and the Family in order that Catholic families might receive greater support and encouragement.

Our Supreme Knight had called out that we must give greater attention to the needs and the future of our parishes and our families through greater involvement in the renewal of parish and family life. To meet this need and as part of our Service Program, councils will have to become more active in our parish communities. We will need to stop duplicating activities that are more appropriately done by and through the parish and focus more on the programs that support Catholic families in their mission as a domestic church.

For this fraternal year, councils should continue to incorporate existing programs and activities into this initiative. Councils should give priority within the Service Program Categories (Council Activities, Church Activities including Vocation Activities, Family Activities, Youth Activities, Community Activities, and Culture of Life Activities) to activities related to Building the Domestic Church Program, fully integrate council activities within the life of the parish, to strengthen or support parish-based youth ministry, and enhance greater participation by the wider parish community.

We need to communicate and promote: **Fraternity and Formation** in which programs under Council and Church Activities supports the spiritual and social development of Catholic men not only in our councils but also in our parishes; **Family Life Outreach** where programs promotes family as domestic church and strengthen our parishes through a commitment to “Whole” Family Activities, particularly a commitment of service to Catholic youth ministry of which Council Youth Activities fall under; **Parish Community Outreach** wherein our councils lead parishioners in a “charity that evangelizes” and engages the parish community through a commitment to the corporal and spiritual works of mercy through programs under Community Activities and Culture of Life Activities.

As each council participates in these various programs under the different Service Program Activities, the CA State Council needs to receive periodic updates to determine which programs are in full gear and programs that needs implementation support. This is no exception to the Orderwide Initiative of Building the Domestic Church program activities. Monthly updates can be submitted to the state council utilizing the Service Program Monthly Activities Report Forms.

Lastly, I would like to leave you with what Supreme Knight Carl Anderson had said: “The family as domestic church is central to both the work of the new evangelization and to the future sustainability of our parishes...the Knights of Columbus is providentially positioned to play a key role in the new alliance between the Church and the family.”

God Bless!

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Special Olympics



Focus Programs

July Focus Program— Wellness Program Concepts for CY 2016-2017

Our "wellness" is tied-in to our "health", or "healthiness" that each of us experiences differently every day. The common thread that helps us all to "feel well" is based upon the "Triangle of Health" which is comprised of a Spiritual Side, Physical Side, and a Mental Side.

An on-growing spiritual life is the foundation from which "wellness" is derived. If a person's spiritual health is compromised, it eventually weakens their physical and mental health. A balance between all 3 sides of this triangle maintains its optimal integrity.

During this Columbian Year's upcoming months, we will be delving into several of the common health and well-being concerns of Brother Knights and their families such as:

waistline worry; cholesterol; prostate problems; cancers and heart attacks. We will also touch on depression and/or anxiety, and how to find time for exercise.

Wishing you a healthy, happy and Spirit-filled year!

Michael Cushing, MD
State Wellness Program Chairman 2016-2017

July Focus Program—Knights of Columbus FAMILY WEEK (August 8-14, 2016)

Knights of Columbus Family Week is a special opportunity for our Order to celebrate and emphasize the importance of the family through programs that support the Church and unite Knights, Squires and Columbiettes with their families and the community as a whole. These programs should be fun and enjoyable for all, but also meaningful in their message. Our celebration of the family shouldn't be a private matter. Open it to nonmembers, prospects, parishioners, friends, priests, religious and everyone else in your community. Advertise your events and show the world that families are the backbone of communities and our Order.

Make sure that your celebration of the family includes a variety of activities that highlight the Order's mission. Promote volunteerism, togetherness and include fun activities. Hold Membership and Fraternal Activities.

Let the community know that your council is celebrating Knights of Columbus Family Week by issuing press releases to local media on the activities you have planned. Consult the 'Getting Your Message Across — Public Relations and Publicity Guide' (#2235) for detailed information on preparing and distributing press releases.

The SUCCESS of this year's celebration depends solely in our DEDICATION and COMMITMENT.
Let us ALWAYS be of SERVICE and an INSPIRATION to one another.

Fraternally yours,

PFN/PGK Pablo Quiba III
State Chairman
FAMILY WEEK CELEBRATION, CY 2016-2017



Operations

Rene Trevino
Operations Director

There are four Operations areas to focus on this Columbian Year. These programs are important and in place to provide support to Membership, Service Programs and Fraternal Benefits. Leadership Training, Ceremonials, Public Relations and Information Technology are key focus areas.

Leadership Training The primary goals of the California State Leadership Training Program are to provide basic leadership and knowledge of our Order's vision and mission.

- Make the resources available to accomplish them
- Understand the expectations, duties, and goals placed on the officer corps at all levels within the State of California.
- With this knowledge base, it will establish a strong foundation for you to effectively grow in your ability to lead your district and council by formulating and executing plans for success.

Ceremonials Ceremonials remain of primary importance in promoting the growth and vitality of the Knights of Columbus. Ceremonials welcome new members into our Order and guide them in their advancement while teaching the fundamental lessons of who we are and what our mission is. Experience has shown that members are more likely to remain active in our Order if they have taken their Admission Degree (First), Formation Degree (Second) and Knighthood Degree (Third) in a timely manner.

- The **Admission Degree** (First) is of prime importance in the life of a member of the Knights of Columbus. Councils are encouraged to establish their own First Degree Team and to hold frequent Admission Degrees.
- The **Formation Degree** (Second) is under the control of the District Deputy.
- The District Deputy is also responsible for coordinating and hosting **Knighthood Degrees** (Third) through close coordination with the Chapter President and Chapter Chairman.

All Chapters are encouraged to appoint a Chapter Ceremonials Chairman. The Chairman will establish and publish a list of all First, Second and Third Degrees scheduled within the Chapter. It is imperative that effective communication be established and maintained to ensure successful Ceremonial work. Should you have any questions, you are encouraged to contact the State Ceremonials Chairman or your Regional Ceremonials Consultant.

Public Relations As a Knight of Columbus, you should continually search for new ways to enhance our Order's mission and contributions to the Church, community, and fellowman. Public relations can be a very useful communications tool, advancing Knights of Columbus principles and building community support for your council and its activities. Public relations is simply communicating a message to an audience. To build a truly effective public relations program, messages should be ongoing to strengthen the council's image and broaden its impact on society.

Information Technology The Information Technology Committee (ITC) has the task of keeping our communications and state office business infrastructures abreast with technology. The ITC provides guidance in the areas of software, hardware, and the State Council website (www.californiaknights.org) and the State newsletter, *The Golden State Knightletter*. There will also be published a Monthly Newsletter which will highlight focus areas for each respective month in the Columbian Year. IT also provides Audio/Visual advice and services for State Events such as District Deputy meetings and the State Convention.

The Operations Chairmen and Committeemen are there to help you. We together are servants of our Church and our Order.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus,
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State Officers Installation (continued from page 1)

Bishop Solis is proud to be assigned as the State Chaplain and to work on the faithful component of our Fraternal Order. He shared ideas on Servant Leadership, a position of leadership based on the leadership of Christ. Bishop stated *"We are called to be Missionary Leaders. We are not just servants, but Servant Leaders. It is not about position; it is about Mission. We are the mirrors of God's love."* A Servant Leader possesses a servant heart. Bishop Solis said a servant leader possesses the heart of Christ. A heart that is **Humble, Eager, Accepting, Remembering** and **Trusting** in God's will and God's design. As leaders we must remember to work together. Nothing can be accomplished by ourselves. Everything can be accomplished as we work as a Team.

Bishop Solis closed saying "As we embark on this new Fraternal Year I encourage you to possess the heart of Christ to carry on our responsibilities in our respective offices. We are all privileged to be in these positions. God has called us. God has chosen us. And, God has sent us. To become his instruments and agents of love, peace and mercy in a world that needs the presence of God in our midst. And that is why I encourage you as well to carry our tasks and responsibility with trust and confidence in our loving God. Pope John Paul would say "Be not Afraid." Yes, there is nothing to be afraid because what we are going to do, what we are going to embark on is not our own mission. It is Christ's mission. It is not ours and God will be with us forever. And so what other Popes have said, let us lift our endeavors into the loving hands of God and the protection of our Blessed Mother. I hope that our endeavor will be done in the spirit of Our Lady of Guadalupe, our Blessed Mother. Echo the word of our Blessed Mother when we try to embark and accomplish our task. And she said, and we do say, "Let it be done according to your will." Amen, God Bless."

"EVERY MEMBER A RECRUITER!"

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2016-2017 State Officers' (from left)—Immediate Past State Deputy Ed Huestis, State Warden Steve Bolton, State Chaplain Bishop Oscar A. Solis, State Advocate Skip Frates III, State Treasurer Joe Salaiz, State Secretary Romy Quevedo.



2016-2017 State Officers' (Back Row)—Immediate Past State Deputy Ed Huestis, State Warden Steve Bolton, State Chaplain Bishop Oscar A. Solis, State Advocate Skip Frates III, State Treasurer Joe Salaiz, State Secretary Romy Quevedo. (Front Row) Programs Director Dr. Noel Panlilio, Membership Director Dave Abbott, Operations Director Rene Trevino.



2016-2017 State Officers', Directors and wives. First Lady Irma Santa Ines is front row, third from right.



2016-2017 State Officers' Installation Dinner Keynote Speakers—General Agent Ben Baca, State Chaplain Bishop Oscar A. Solis, Supreme Director Jim Scroggin.