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STATE DEPUTY MESSAGE



We are down to our final two months of the fraternal year at this point. Our Annual State Convention is right around the corner and final preparations are being made by our State Convention Committee to ensure that you have a positive memorable experience at this event.

Since we are a few 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 additional 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.

As mentioned in the previous issue of the Golden State Knightletter, we have put together a team to track the potential Star Council achievers. If you recall, 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 have compiled that listing and the team is tracking those Councils and will be in a position to 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.

I mentioned in the last issue that I would identify some additional resources that could prove helpful with membership growth. One is the F.O.I. Listing. This listing contains former members who may be receptive to rejoining their local Council. Timing is everything. Circumstances change, whether it be work-related or even family-related with the kids being older now. This listing also includes out of area members which are essentially those members who have moved away from their home council area and have

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maintained their membership. They may be receptive to joining your local Council and providing additional manpower for the various events. They will not count as additional members toward your membership quota but could sure help with the workload. Potentially, the most valuable part of the F.O.I. Listing is the Inactive Insurance Members that are included in this report. They are the ones who have an insurance policy with the Knights of Columbus but have let their membership lapse. When you invite them to come back to the Council that member counts as a new member and a new insurance member as well, essentially double counting. Ask your District Deputy for a copy of this listing that can be sorted by zip code to identify those who are in your local area.

Now for a reminder on a method that we are rolling out 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 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 then 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. We recently invited him to attend an Information Night at our Council that Flora and I attended as well and he completed a Form 100 and is planning on attending an Admission Degree within the next few weeks. This effort can be accomplished even if it has been challenging to arrange a date with the Pastor for a Membership Drive weekend. Implementing this method now during the month of May could certainly add greatly to the numbers of candidates going through the Admission Degree between now and the end of the fraternal year. 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.

In summary, I need your help in rolling out and implementing these ideas noted above during May and June so that we as a State Council can finish strong as we usually do in achieving our membership 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 will be.

Fraternally,

Ed Huestis
State Deputy

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Pray For Us

From the State Treasurer***Romy Quevedo***

By now councils, assemblies and chapters should be preparing their annual federal tax returns which are due May 15th if you are on a calander accounting year. For those that are on a different fiscal year, for accounting purposes, your return is due by the 15th day of the 5th month after the accounting period ends. If you have any questions on the requirements,

please contact me at state.treasurer@californiaknights.org or go to IRS.Gov. ☺

State Warden's Message***Skip Frates***

My Worthy Brothers All,

First, Leslie and I want to thank you for the honor of allowing us to serve you in the Office of State Warden this year. Second, Leslie and I were overwhelmed by the amount of response to my condition and we want to thank all our Brothers and their families for their cards, prayers and dedicated Masses. If not for them I would have a colostomy bag today. I also received the "Anointing of the Sick", a most powerful Sacrament that should be used when we are sick and not just when we are dying. It will change your life. This Sacrament was well worth the price of admission.

Because of the graciousness of our Worthy State Deputy Edward Huestis and and his wife Flora, when a hospitality suite is not required, Leslie and I have been allowed to stay at the home of a Brother Knight rather than a hotel. Because of this we have been able to see the quality of our Worthy Brother Knights and their families, throughout the state.

When you are a guest or sponsor of a Brother Knight and break bread (manga) in the home setting you are able to make a connection that 15 years of meetings can never match. We have been able to hear the various trials tribulations and hardships that they have uncomplainingly endured. We have heard of the many different trails they have taken on their way to The Knights of Columbus as, "Mary's Knights", according to Fr. McGivney's great plan.

I do hope we can really become a true Fraternal Organization and come to know each other as Worthy Brothers all. To achieve this we should in my opinion get

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Membership Director

Dave Abbott

RACE TO THE FINISH



My Brothers,

May is the second to the final month in the Columbian Year. At the time of this writing councils in California have recruited approximately 3,068 new members' state wide. This is roughly 70.5% of the 4,350 member goal set for us by Supreme. We are over 80% of the way through the year. We need to make

up the 10% difference as we *Race to the Finish*.

You have heard me say on more than one occasion that membership is not about numbers. Rather it is about our programs, our common spirituality, and our engagement in our churches and communities. These are the reasons men join. It is about the effect we have on that potential member's life. It is about increasing their opportunity to become better informed Catholics; becoming the spiritual leader of their families and providing for their security.

Congratulations to District Deputy 150, Arthur Barros; District Deputy 104, Matthew McDonagh and District Deputy 124, Thomas White; all of whom won canopies in the 3rd Quarter Membership Contest. Congratulations also to the many councils in each membership division who received embroidered Knights of Columbus table clothes for their recruiting success. By winning all are automatically entered into a drawing for additional prizes at year end. One more quarter and a final opportunity to win remains in the contest ending June 30.

Also please join me in congratulating and extending a warm welcome to the newest councils in the state: St. Joseph Council 16293 in Upland, St. Timothy Council 16371 in San Mateo, San Miguel Council 16392 in Los Angeles, St. Stephen the First Martyr Council 16419 in Sacramento, St. Louis of France Council 16438 in La Puente and newly reactivated councils St. Angela Merici Council 5210 in Pacific Grove and St. James Council 5749 in Davis. My thanks go to District Deputies Thomas White, Richard Dizon, David Guerrero, Ricardo Saldana, Peter Parga, Patrick Kraft and Jeff Poarch along with all those who worked so tirelessly on these projects.

We have many exciting membership awards continuing through the final weeks of the Columbian Year. First and foremost among them is the **California Star Recruiter** award. Essentially, any Brother Knight who recruits a new member during the 2015-2016 Fraternal Year qualifies to receive a special commemorative **California Star Recruiter lapel pin**. The recruiter need only complete the entry form accompanying this article and mail it to the State Council Office to receive their pin. The pins are dated so be sure and

take advantage of the opportunity to receive this attractive and collectible item.

Those recruiting **three (3) or more** members and sending in an entry form for each will receive a special commemorative **California Star Recruiter Polo Shirt**. Those recruiting **five (5) or more** members and sending in an entry form for each will receive a special commemorative **Golden California Star Recruiter** lapel pin. Entrants are automatically entered into a drawing

John & Linda Giltner, GSK editors from July 2009 - June 2016 says.....

Thank you for your support

For various reasons we will not be repeating as the Golden State Knightletter editors next year. We have enjoyed attending events throughout the state and meeting so many wonderful people. We appreciate **PSD Ivan Reek** asking us to perform this worthy endeavor. Many Knights have mentioned to us the enjoyment The GSK has brought them. Also, many wives have enjoyed reading the paper. The money spent publishing the Golden State Knightletter and mailing it to every member is well spent and enables them to keep in contact with the Order. As PSD Ivan Reek pointed out in our first conversion, "Many dues paying members and Honorary Life Members do not attend meetings and this is their only connection to the order". From experience, we know that viewing the GSK on the web site is minimal. We have considered it a privilege to serve the State Council the past six years. We owe a great debt to PSD Ivan Reek for asking us to take on this pleasurable endeavor and the following Past State Deputies for allowing us to continue. A special thank you to Brother Joe Salaiz, when as Operation Director, pointed out many details on the drafts, which enhanced the paper readability. We also thank all the committeeman, chairmen and councils that provided interesting and informative articles to share with Brother Knights. ☪

"As I have loved you, so you also should love one another"

John 13:34

for additional prizes at year end. The more members you recruit the greater your chances of winning! Don't forget the all expense paid trip to the Supreme Council Headquarters, Knights of Columbus Museum and St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut and \$750 cash for the member and his wife who recruits the 75,000th member in California! Currently we stand at 74,380 -- just 620 more to go.

Regardless of the means or the method, let us continue to grow our membership and honor our State Deputy Ed Huestis as we *Race to the Finish!*

Remember: Every Member A Recruiter!



SHOOTING FOR THE STARS

By: Dave Abbott, State Membership Director

As many of you perhaps already know, Supreme's Star Council Award is the pinnacle of achievement for the Columbian Year. It means your council has met or exceeded its membership and insurance goal set by Supreme, as well as participated or contributed to programs in each of the six Supreme Surge with Service categories (Church, Council, Community, Family, Youth and Culture of Life). It is the goal of State Deputy Ed Huestis to achieve 200 Star Councils in California this Columbian Year -- roughly one-third of the active councils in the state. As a special reward Supreme is once again offering a \$4.50 per billable member per capita rebate to councils who attain the Star Council Award.

It should be the goal of every council to strive for Star status. In the weeks remaining schedule one or more recruiting opportunities along with frequent First Degrees to assure timely admission of the candidates. One-on-one and team recruiting are also important. Ask the members of your council for referrals; friends and acquaintances who are eligible Catholic men they think would make good members. Work closely with your Field Agent to attain your insurance goal and encourage members to meet with him. New members are eligible to start an annuity for \$100 within one year of joining which can add to your insurance total.

Every active council can easily meet the Surge with Service program requirement. Did your council donate money to your church, youth group or a community organization? Did you pray for the unborn or participate in a Walk for Life near you. Did you hold a council social or Christmas Party during the year, recognize a Family of the Month, visit the sick or hold a blood drive? Did you hold a Soccer Challenge or Basketball Free Throw Contest? Everything adds up. The important thing is to fill out the form. It is Supreme Form #SP7 and it is due at Supreme no later than June 30. When all is said and done everything that a council normally does during a Columbian Year can easily provide an item to list for every line on the form.

It is also important that other forms required by Supreme be submitted on a timely basis. These include Form #365, Service Program Personnel Report due on August 31, and Form #1728 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity due January 31 (even if they are late go ahead and submit them anyway and they will likely count toward Star Council).

\$4.50 per billable member is definitely worth Shooting for the Stars. For councils with 100 billable members (excluding Disabled and Honorary Life) that is \$450. For councils with 250 billable members that is \$1,125 -- all of which can be redirected to council activities and other charitable projects.

Remember: Every Member A Recruiter!

Star Recruiter's Entry Form

Entry Form

Please complete this form and mail it to the address listed below:

Recruiter's Contact Information

Name:
Address:
Phone:
Email:
Council #:
Shirt Size (S, M, L, XL,2X)

New Member's Contact Information

Name:
Address:
Phone:
Email:
Date of First Degree:
Location of First Degree:
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In response to the humanitarian crisis in the Middle East, **St. Timothy's Council** donated \$1,214.00 to the Christian Refugees Relief Fund from the sale of wooden crosses and net proceeds from Christmas Card sales.

Program Director's Report

Steve Bolton



Having had the honor to serve as your State Service Programs Director for the Columbian Year 2015-2016, I look back on what has been for me, a very gratifying experience. I want to thank our State Deputy Edward P. Huestis for entrusting me with this very important job this year. Our Programs are the glue that binds us, both in recruitment of new members, and retention of our existing membership. I have had

the pleasure of working with some of the most dedicated brothers of our Order. What a learning experience!

I am pleased with the enthusiasm that the Councils have exhibited in the many programs we have in our Order. I want to thank the Special Olympics Program Chairman, Raymond Warriner, PhD, PSD for all his hard work with the World Games in August as well as the Chairman for our Wheelchair Mission, Lou Salvatore. We also started a new trend in our design of a State Wide "Walking the Talk T-Shirt", what a wonderful way to express our support for the voice of the unborn. These programs have surpassed our hopes and with your help will continue to grow in the years to come. I also want to thank the entire Service Program Team, especially the following chairmen of our seven major program activities, and all of their committeemen.

Edward Bystran	Church Activities
Victor Reyes	Communities Activities
Bradley Roxas	Council Activities
Jeffrey Patino	Family Activities
Kenneth Morris	Youth Activities
Hugh Largey	Culture of Life
Matthew McDonagh	Vocations

Keep in mind, our work is not done we must strive to improve, and redouble our efforts in the next Columbian Year all for the betterment of our Order and our Church.

Again I want to thank all of the State Officers, Directors, Program Chairmen, and Committeemen that have contributed to a great and successful year. You make me proud to be part of your team.

Fraternally,

Stephen Bolton
Service Program Director

Wheelchairs for Veterans



I would like to thank everyone that helped raise money this last year to support Wheelchairs for our Veterans. On behalf of our team, I am so honored to tell you we have more then met our goal to provide six containers of Wheelchairs for Veterans.



We will be ordering our wheelchairs shortly and will let you know when they are in sometime late May or June 2016. We will still be distributing two containers in Northern California and one container in the central area. We will be distributing one container in the Orange County area and one container in the San Diego area. Our sixth container is all transport wheelchairs and they will be distributed to the Honor Flight hubs in three or four airports in California. This is a group that takes World War II Vets to Washington DC to visit the World War II Memorial.

We still need your help this spring to launch our next year's drive of Wheelchairs for the Holy Land. You will see info on this great idea very soon. Thanks again for all of your support for this Program and all our State Service Programs this year.

Yours in Service,
Stephen Bolton
Service Program Director 2015-2016
714-222-6880, programs@californiaknights.org

Partnership with Habitat for Humanity

By: Michael Jones, Chairman

Thank you Brothers and councils for your support this year and I encourage you to actively participate in this Supreme Partnership Program. Also, thanks to Brother John and Linda Giltner, editors for their service to our State Council and Order.

As a featured Knights of Columbus Community program, Habitat for Humanity offers KofC councils continued opportunities to help our communities and families.

Last year, Knights at the local level, reported donating more than 1.3 million volunteer service hours and \$1.7 million to Habitat for Humanity helping to build or renovate houses for deserving families in need.

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, Christian organization founded in 1976 that seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness one family at a time. The organization assists in providing quality-built, affordable homes to needy families by cooperatively involving the future homeowner with community volunteers and suppliers to build or renovate their home. To date, Habitat for Humanity has provided more than 3 million people with safe, personal shelter.

In addition to a down payment, recipients work alongside the construction crew and volunteers, and are then provided an affordable mortgage plan. Knights look favorable on the mission of Habitat for Humanity, which not only helps people to become homeowners, but actively involves them in their homes' preparation and construction. This teaches them valuable skills, develops confidence and provides experience. In addition, many families will create "sweat equity" with the hours of actually working to build their home.

At your local level, your council has a unique and rewarding community opportunity to volunteer and help Habit for Humanity. Explore and join this great community volunteer effort.

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. ☸

Msgr Thomas Prendergast Funeral >>>

Pictured are 30+ San Diego area wide Color Corps Honor Guard Knights with San Diego Diocese Bishop McElroy for the funeral for the popular Msgr Thomas Prendergast.

After the funeral, all were invited to a special "Irish Traditional "Wake" reception in the hall. Over 500 people attended & were treated to customary (Irish) cuisine prepared by the French Gourmet!

Surprised by all, Msgr. Prendergast had pre-planned & pre-paid from his own savings the cost of this special memorable Lunch. ☸

Support for Seminaries

By: Glen Kraig, ADV Chapter President



The Arrowhead Desert Valley Chapter of the Knights of Columbus holds an annual event, the Seminarian Burse, to raise funds to aid the seminarians, our future priests, within the Diocese of San Bernardino. On April 22 we were able to present the Most Rev. Gerald Bishop Barnes with a check for \$13,000 for this most worthy cause. We recognize that without seminarians, there would be no priests, and without priests, there would be no Mass. Without the Mass, there would be no Eucharist, and without the Eucharist, there would be no Church. The Knights are proud to be able to aid these young men with their studies so that they will be able to continue their studies and serve God according to their vocation. The officers and men of the ADV Chapter would also like to thank all of the councils in the Diocese who helped us to raise the funds for this donation, but most of all, we would like to thank the seminarians for answering God's call to serve the people and the Church. ☸





California Columbian Charities, Inc.

P.O. Box 4256
Cerritos, CA 90703



Grand Knights and Convention Attendees!

Bring your Columbian Charity donation checks to the convention. They will be collected on Saturday at the

“Parade of Grand Knights.”

Please be generous!

All Councils and convention attendees are asked to donate. Councils should consider a donation of \$3.65 per brother. This is your charity’s primary source of funds.

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

At last year’s “Parade of Grand Knights” you donated over \$100,000 to Columbian Charities! THANK YOU for reaching-out a helping hand to your less fortunate Brothers! You should be proud of your generosity.

Unfortunately in the last several years many Brothers needed financial assistance and your charity provided them with much-needed grants but had to dig into its reserve funds to meet the need. **Please increase your contribution this year.**

Councils who miss the convention should not overlook their donation. Every Brother is also encouraged to make a personal contribution. Checks or cash may be delivered at the “Parade” or mailed to the above address.

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Columbian Charities is ready to provide financial assistance to your Council’s Brothers in their time of need. Any member who has information about a Brother in distress should notify the Grand Knight. The Grand Knight can obtain a charity application by calling the State Office at (909) 434-0460.

There is a slate of proven competent candidates running for state officer positions this year led by State Secretary, Sonny Santa Ines to guide the state council next year. Delegates to the State Business Meeting need to review the delegate resolutions and vote their conscience.

Columbian Foundation Supporting People with Intellectual Disabilities

Empowering Programs that Empower People

In our January article, I reported that we were not meeting our goal of 100% participation. Since then we did increase by 2% to 62%. While this does not seem significant it shows more interest. On behalf of the Columbian Foundation and the State Council, we thank you for your continued support and participation.

During May your Financial Secretary’s and Convention Delegates will be receiving what we hope will be exciting news regarding some of the changes we will be announcing for the 2016-2017 Columbian Year. Be sure to ask them for the information. We also welcome any comments on what we can do to help you have a successful drive. Send your comments to me or our new Vice President and General Chairman, Dr. Ray Warriner at drraywarriner@gmail.com.

The Foundation will continue to accomplish its 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.

Jerry Constance, President, Columbian Foundation
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Pray the Rosary for peace!

CALIFORNIA STATE COUNCIL FREE THROW CONTEST - NORTH - 19-Mar-2016

State Free Throw Competition North held at St Patrick's Gym in Vallejo. Eight out of 12 trophies were awarded following the competition.



State Culture of Life Activities

Worthy Brothers,

It has been my privilege to have been this Columbian Year's 2015-2016 New Wellness Program Chairman, answering our **State Deputy Ed Huestis'** call to establish this program (which is under the banner of our Culture of Life Activities). I thank Brother Knights who have made suggestions which I expect we can see appearing in future progress for this program in our upcoming next Columbian Year 2016-2017.

As was announced previously, I have agreed to finish out the last quarter of this Columbian Year to serve as 2015-2016 Culture of Life Activities Chairman. In deference to the fact that my involvement for the whole year has been as Wellness Chairman, I will defer to the record compiled by my predecessor for his having been Culture of Life Activities Chairman for most of this Columbian Year that ends June 30th, to speak for itself.

Accordingly, my message is confined primarily to our new Wellness Program.

That being said, I also wish to thank **State Program Director Steve Bolton** for backing our *Statewide Walking the Talk - Saving Lives by Changing Lives California T-Shirts* project which unified 3 major California cities Walks for Life: **Walk for Life - West Coast**, **One Life LA**, and **San Diego Walk For Life** simultaneously with over 4,000 Brothers wearing them that day. (Side Note: it was **State Deputy Ed Huestis** who inspired us with the word "Talk" instead of "Walk" on the front side of our now historic collector worthy T-Shirts for Life.

You may recall, for our purposes we adopted a definition of wellness from the National Wellness Institute (see their website <http://www.nationalwellness.org>) where it states *wellness is an active process through which people become aware of and make choices toward a more successful existence.*

Since we Knights believe as our faith tells us we are all "Made in the image and likeness of God", we stand 100% in defense of innocent human life from conception to natural death. Likewise, it has been seen that our "Wellness" efforts would appropriately focus on the time in the middle, between the two opposite ends of the life spectrum. Our Wellness Program is primarily based on our faith teaching that our bodies are "Temples of the holy Spirit". This gives us the inspiration to involve ourselves in applying wellness lifestyles that promote our Spiritual, Mental, and Physical well-being.

Up until now, we have been sending a limited number of Wellness Wednesday emails. In the next Columbian Year, there should be more frequent Wellness emails containing useful wellness matters on more of a monthly basis.

For now, we will remind you that there are unexpected benefits to one's psyche in embracing simple common sense wellness lifestyle practices such as volunteering to take a more active role in your Council's Programs, looking into free preventative health programs offered by your medical health insurance system provider, practice continuing unexpected thoughtful random acts of kindness towards those closest to you in your family circle - i.e. birthdays, anniversaries, spending more "quality time together" as opposed to getting drawn more into spending increasing hours with digital devices.

For Life . . .

Fraternally,

Hugh Largey

State Culture of Life Activities Program Chairman

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'ANYONE CAN
GET OLD.
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS LIVE
LONG ENOUGH'

--GROUCHO MARX

23RD ANNIVERSARY OF EPIPHANY COUNCIL 11033



L-R DD Ruben Nunez, State Deputy Ed & wife Flora Huestis and Vickie, wife of Chapter Pres. Ed Palomar

State Deputy Ed Huestis was the Keynote Speaker for this occasion



State Deputy Ed Huestis with council members



State Deputy with Ed Palomar & Ruben Nunez presenting Star Council Award to PGK Edward Yanson

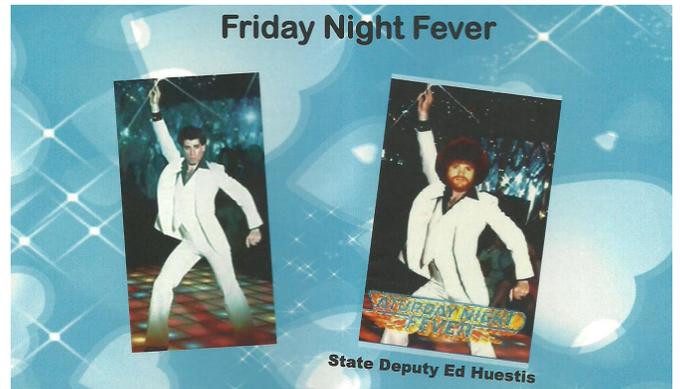
**CONGRATULATIONS
EPIPHANY COUNCIL**

It's here 2016 CALIFORNIA STATE COUNCIL CONVENTION

Hope everyone is set to attend the convention on May 19-21, 2016 at the Santa Clara Marriott. Lots of activities for young and adults are planned for the family. A special treat for everyone, on Thursday Night '70s Learn to Dance, 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. Everyone, please wear your dancing shoes and join into the fanfare. On Friday, don't miss the fantastic tours arranged for the guests and the Friday Night Entertainment

But the most important parts of the convention are the opening and closing Masses. I know you will be in attendance. The Good Lord expects you to be there.

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. Two copies of the pre-convention book were mailed to each council. Pictured are just some of the events planned for the weekend. It is going to be a great time. ☼



State Deputy Ed Huestis



State Deputy Ed Huestis and wife Flora

Come Dance with the Time Bandits Band



Photo Booth & 70's Costume Contest

Thursday Night '70's Learn to Dance



"A Good Time Waiting to Happen"

DJ - Brother David Prudenciado
DMP Executive DJ Services

ALOHA

CALIFORNIA STATE CONVENTION
JOIN US FOR "A TRIP TO THE ISLANDS"

LADIES LUNCHEON

SATURDAY MAY 21, 2016

DOORS OPEN AT 11:30 am

LUNCH SERVED AT 12 NOON

\$35 PER PERSON

RAFFLES, ENTERTAINMENT,

CENTERPIECE DRAWING,



CONTEST FOR BEST HAWAIIAN HEAD PIECE



2016 Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program "Running Of the Silver Rose"

The Silver Rose Program was started by Brother Knights in Council 2312 in Monterrey, Mexico almost 56 years ago. They asked Squires in Laredo, Texas and London, Ontario, Canada to start the first relay of running of the Rose beginning in London, Ontario, Canada. The First Rose was blessed by Bishop John C. Cody in London then flown to New York and received by a local council. From there it was transported to Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart who then delivered the Rose to the district officers in Dallas, Texas. A Brother Knight received the Rose and sent it to Laredo, Texas where the Squires from Monterrey, Mexico accepted it at the International Bridge. After receiving the Silver Rose they ran it to Monterrey where it was displayed at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The first Silver Rose Run used a natural rose. The following year Squires wanted to make a Silver Rose Run but the natural rose was no longer useable. Knights from council 1134, Reverend Edward Garfield, and Bishop John C. Cody decided to have a rose made from bronze because it would be sturdier and last longer than a natural rose. This rose was sent to Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico.

After hearing of the creation of a bronze rose Council 1134 and Squires Circle 660 in Monterrey had a Brother Knight make a rose using silver because it is one of the precious metals in Mexico. Brother Miguel Montoya (a jeweler) made the first Silver Rose in 1961 and all subsequent Silver Roses until 1997.

In the 1990s Supreme Knight Virgil Dechant initiated the Silver Rose as a Supreme Council program. Three Silver Routes were established in the United States and Canada. One similar to the original route; the second in Manitoba moving to British Columbia, down the Pacific Coast before heading east to Arizona then onto Texas; the third route began in New York, then traveled down the eastern seaboard through several southern states before arriving in Texas. After the three Silver Roses arrived in Laredo, Texas they were transported to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey for the closing prayer service held on December 12th, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration.

In 2001 at the 119th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council in Toronto, Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson designated the Silver Rose Program as part of the Culture of Life Program. Materials provided for the Silver Rose Program includes Prayer Booklets in English and Spanish, flyers, news media releases, and parish bulletin announcements.

This year Nevada was added to the West Coast Silver Rose route. The Silver Rose has already started its journey in Alberta, Canada on March 6, 2016, will travel through

British Columbia in April 2016, and then make its way down through Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Nevada, California, Arizona, New Mexico, and finally arrive in Texas in November this year. From Texas the Silver Rose will be transferred to the Basilica in Monterrey on December 12, 2016.

California will receive the Silver Rose on Sunday, August 21, 2016 in Nevada. The Silver Rose will be transferred to the California delegation at a special ceremony at a location yet to be determined. The Silver Rose route and schedule are currently under development and will be coordinated with the Chapters. The route and a preliminary schedule will be published in late June this year. Due to time constraints the Silver Rose route will not include all Chapters in California. We are requesting chapters and councils that are selected to assist in transporting the Silver Rose and hold prayer services. The Silver Rose is fragile and is stored in a special container. It must be handled carefully. Prayer booklets and cards accompany the Silver Rose. Additional prayer booklets and cards can be ordered from the Supreme Supply Department. Further information will be provided after it becomes available. We have only 28 days to transport the Silver Rose from Nevada, hold prayer services in California, then transfer it to Arizona. The Silver Rose will be transferred to our Brother Knights in Arizona on September 18, 2016. Location is yet to be determined.

We are honored to have the Knights on Bikes organization provide an escort for the Silver Rose as it travels throughout California. Chapter President Charles "Moe" Mogayzel, a member of council 5322, states it is an honor for him and his fellow riders to be part of the Silver Rose run. The Knights on Bikes has chapters in 37 states. They are a Band of Brother Knights whose mission is to promote charity works within their communities and camaraderie among fellow motorcycle riders who are Catholic. Their motto is "In God We Trust and Ride."

Fraternally,

Gerald R Fong, State Chairman

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"Who is the happier man: He who braved the storm of life and lived, or he who stayed securely on shore and merely existed?"

.... Hunter S. Thompson

2016-2017 Soccer Challenge

By: SK Percy Park, State Chairman Soccer Challenge

Since the early days of its founding through its protection of the orphans of its members, the Knights of Columbus has worked to provide for the welfare of young people. Through sponsoring sports activities and championships, youth groups, educational programs, scholarships, and a variety of other initiatives, the Order looks to foster development of young people as they follow their paths to adulthood.

The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge is a competition designed for players to demonstrate the most basic soccer skill – the penalty kick. Open to all boys and girls in your community, ages 9-14, at the council level competition where each player will be allowed three practice shots followed by 15 shots at the goal from the penalty line (12 yards from the goal).

Winners from the council level competition progress to the district, chapter, state/regional and international levels, where each player will be allowed three practice shots followed by 25 shots at the goal from the penalty kick line (12 yards from the goal).

The recommended time frame for the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge is: Council Championship – Early September; Council Soccer Challenge Coordinator District Championship – Early October; Council Soccer Challenge Coordinator with their District

Chapter Championship – Late October; Chapter Soccer Challenge Coordinator State/Regional Championship – Early November; scheduled for Sunday, November 13, 2016; State/Regional Coordinator. The locations for both the Northern and Southern State/Regional TBA a later date.

The goal will be divided into a series of five scoring zones. The upper corners of the goal will be designated as 20 point zones. The lower corners will be designated as 10 point zones and the central region is a five point zone. To construct the five scoring zones attach a piece of rope approximately six and a half to seven feet in length diagonally across the four corners of the goal as shown in the diagram below. Use tent stakes to secure the bottom ropes to the ground.

In the event a tie breaker is necessary, it should be conducted as follows: each contestant will have the opportunity to take 3 kicks from a position three yards behind the penalty kick line, if the contestants are still tied then they will continue to take turns of 3 kicks each until a clear winner emerges.

The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge is open to all boys and girls in your community, ages 9-14. Age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of September 1. Proof of age is required (copy of the player's birth certificate). Athletes in high school should be advised to check with their school athletic directors or their state high school athletic associations regarding possible eligibility conflicts.

All competitors must register using the official Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge Entry Form/Score Sheet (#4578) provided in the Soccer Challenge Kit or at kofc.org/soccer using the "support materials" link. All kit materials are in this section. Proof of age must accompany all entry forms. Pre-registration is recommended but not required. The entry form/score sheet and proof of age (copy of their birth certificate). Please order your Soccer Challenge Kits and/or soccer balls (if needed) a minimum of 60 days prior to your council level competition date.

For more information on how to conduct a council, district, chapter and state/regional competition, please refer to our [Soccer Challenge Program Guide](#) (#SC-4576). The importance of helping today's youth become tomorrow's leaders is also a huge focus of the Order. Through activities as the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, the Substance Abuse Poster Contest and the annual Soccer Challenge and Free Throw Championship programs. The Knights of Columbus assists youth in building a strong sense of civic and religious responsibility. ☪



SQUIRES STORY 4-25-16



State Chief Squire Carlo Lopez-Toso of Auburn announced today that California M a r y m o u n t University in Rancho Palos Verde has been selected as the Site of the

65th Annual California State Squires Convention. The convention will take place on Friday June 24th and end on Sunday June 26th, 2016.

This year's convention is dedicated to St. Junipero Serra. The motion on the selection of St. Serra was made by **Deputy Chief Squire Alex Perez** of Turlock. This Saint is important to everyone in California Lopez-Toso stated. The convention includes training and election of the new state circle. Added this year will be a tour of the California Knights of Columbus Museum in Fontana on Sunday June 26th.

In other news the California State Circle will conduct a fundraising drive for the Special Olympics. "Our goal is to have as many circles as we can to contribute to this important cause and dedicated young people in early June this year," Perez said. "Our campaign is entitled *Help Catie and Friends*", Perez stated.

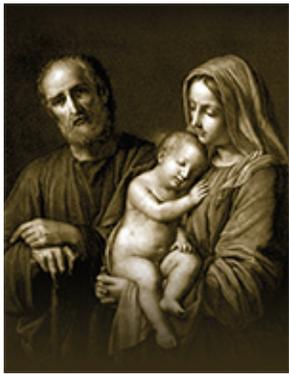
California State Council **Squires Committee Chairman Armando L. Mena** announced the recognition by the Supreme Council of the newest Circle St. Joseph's of Fowler, California. The Squire movement of California is alive and well. ☪

2016-2017 Holy Family Prayer Program

Jerry Fong, State Chairman, Holy Family Prayer Program

The Holy Family Prayer Program officially kicked off in California at the January 2016 District Deputy Mid-meeting in Ontario. Our State received seven Holy Family images from the Supreme Council along with prayer booklets and prayer cards from the Supreme Council.

The seven Holy Family Images were distributed to the Chapter Presidents at the January 2016 District Deputy Mid-Meeting. The images are being shared amongst the 16 Chapters within the State. 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 introduced at the 133rd Supreme Convention on August 4, 2015 in Philadelphia, PA. This new prayer program is similar to the previous Immaculate Conception Prayer Program which ended in July 2014. This is the 17th Marian Prayer Program sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

I'm honored to serve as the State Chairman for this new and exciting prayer program. However,

I do need your help in supporting the Holy Family Prayer Program. I need a Coordinator from each Chapter to assist in handling the Holy Family Prayer Program within your districts and councils. Some Chapters have already provided names of their Coordinator. He will be responsible for the following:

The safe-keeping of the Holy Family image while it's in his possession. Each image is stored in a special shipping container. Please handle it with care. All the prayer books and prayer cards, and other documents are contained in a black computer bag that accompanies each image. We recommend you store the computer bag in the trunk of your car or somewhere out of view. It may be mistaken for a laptop computer.

- Help setup a schedule within the Chapter where and when the Holy Family prayer services will be held. Provide a copy of the schedule to the State Chairman.
- Ensure the image is moved from council to council or district to district in accordance with your schedule.
- Maintain a record of the location of the image, date the prayer service is held and the number of people that participated.
- At the completion of the Holy Family Prayer Program in your Chapter ensure it is safely transported to the next Chapter.

The State Council only received seven Holy Family images so adjoining Chapters will share and rotate the image within their districts and councils. Each Chapter will have the image for approximately a six-month rotation. However, the timeframes are fairly flexible. The intent is for the Chapters sharing an image to coordinate their schedules amongst

themselves. I just ask that you inform me via email whenever the image is moved to another location. I need to keep track of where the image is at all times.

The Holy Family Prayer Program can be conducted at the district, council level, or chapter level. Some suggestions are multiple districts can jointly hold a prayer hour, a council can sponsor the event and invite other councils to attend, or a Chapter can sponsor the prayer service.

I look forward to working with the Chapters in promoting the Holy Family Prayer Program. Our expectation is there will be wide-spread participation from districts and councils, Prayer is an essential part of our lives as Catholics and Knights, especially during this Jubilee Year of Mercy. The Holy Family Prayer Program will help in bringing more spirituality into our families, council meetings and chapter 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 recruitment.

At your Chapter meetings please promote the Holy Family Prayer Program. Encourage all your districts and councils to participate in this program. As the Church Activities Chairman for the Immaculate Conception Icon Prayer Program I found that the prayer program was a success throughout the State. I believe all the Chapters and many districts and councils held prayer services in their parishes.

Additional prayer booklets and prayer cards can be ordered from the Supreme Council Fraternal Services Department. Email your request to fraternalservices@kofc.org. For additional ordering information click on this [link](#) to the Supreme Council website.

Please contact me at jerryfong@comcast.net or call me at 916-689-9418 if you have any questions. ☺

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to know our Worthy Brothers as individuals and not just as another opinion at our meetings. If we speak with each other outside the actual meeting as set up by Fr. McGivney, which allows a meal and time to be social, we can add to the fraternal element of our foundation and see our Worthy Brothers in a much different light. It will also allow us to hear what he has to share with us. I have learned so much more by listening than I ever did by speaking.

So if you receive a call in the middle of the night from your Worthy Chapter President, District Deputy or Grand Knight seeking lodging for The Worthy State Warden and his wife, please say yes. We always ask what it is you wish us to bring to enhance this opportunity. We look forward to the rewarding experience these events have always been in the past.

God Bless,
Leslie and Skip