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STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE **Ed Huestis**

We have completed three months of the new Columbian Year already and many events have already taken place, including the Installation of the State Officers, all sixteen of the combined Chapter Testimonial Dinners along with their respective Installation of Chapter Officers, the Special Olympics World Games, the Supreme Convention in Philadelphia, the Silver Rose Program, including the transfer from Oregon to California and three weeks later the transfer from California to Arizona, and the Los Angeles Catholic Prayer Breakfast with Coach Lou Holtz as the keynote speaker.

The Installation of State Officers held in Vacaville on Saturday, July 11, started with a Mass at St. Joseph Church celebrated by our Worthy State Chaplain Father John Cantwell with more than forty Color Corps members participating, including Master J.C. Greco and Vice Supreme Master Marv Harris. After a short reception following the Mass, nearly 250 members, wives, and guests attended the catered dinner in the multipurpose facility. Bob Barker, a professional DJ, provided the background music during dinner and the dance music following dinner that drew quite a crowd up until midnight.



L-R: State Deputy Ed Huestis, State Chaplain Rev. Fr. John Cantwell, State Secretary Sonny Santa Ines, State Treasurer Romy Quevedo, State Advocate Joe Salaiz, State Warden Skip Frates and Immediate Past State Deputy Abe Doliente

The combined Chapter Testimonials and Installation of Chapter Officer events for all sixteen Chapters, starting with the Northern California Chapter on Saturday, July 18, and finishing with the Diocese of Orange Chapter on Saturday, September 26, went very well. See the installation photos on pages 13 - 18.

It is now time to conduct the State Deputy Forums over the next several months where we will visit each of the Chapters to share information on the State Membership Program and the State Service Programs. We encourage the leaders from each of the

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Councils in their respective Chapter to attend these forums when we bring the forum to your Chapter. The schedule of known upcoming dates for State Deputy Forums are as follows:

Junipero Serra Chapter – Saturday, October 10, 2015

Los Padres Chapter – Tuesday, October 27, 2015

St. Francis Chapter – Saturday, October 31, 2015

Kern-Inyo Chapter – Tuesday, November 24, 2015

Redwood Chapter (North) – Friday, December 4, 2015

Redwood Chapter (South) – Saturday, December 5, 2015

Arrowhead Desert Valley Chapter – Friday, Dec. 11, 2015

San Gabriel Valley Chapter – Friday, December 18, 2015

Northern California Chapter – Saturday, January 16, 2016

Oakland Diocese Chapter – Saturday, February 20, 2016

We are looking for dates for additional State Deputy Forums for the remaining Chapters not listed above.

We have the Orderwide Membership Drive in October. Let's make the effort to have an exceptional Membership Drive at your Council in October and to continue inviting eligible Catholic men to join our Order so that we will have an even greater voice whenever it is needed. Go for the new Star Recruiter lapel pins and polo shirts that are now in and available to send out to those members who take an active role in the recruitment process. A great opening line is "Has anyone invited you to join the Knights of Columbus yet?" Remember the membership motto this year is "Every Member A Recruiter." October is also the month for our annual Intellectual Disabilities (ID) Drive. Let's make this drive this year the best ever!

Fraternally,

Ed Huestis

State Deputy

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Pray For Us



State Officers with the ladies behind their success

Supreme Convention in Philadelphia

August 1 - 6, 2015

The Supreme Convention at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown started with the Opening Mass on Tuesday, August 4, and finished Thursday afternoon, August 6. The California Hospitality Room was open from 1300 to 1500 on Monday, August 3, where we greeted nearly 500 guests through our combined Hospitality Room with the Polish Delegation as we have done over the last several years.



State Chaplain Rev. Fr. John Cantwell, Lady Flora Huestis, State Deputy Ed Huestis and Immediate Past State Deputy Abe Doliente at the State Dinner on Tuesday evening.

Right to left: Flora Huestis, Angie Pacis, Lisa Scroggin, and Vera Maloney on their way to the Ladies Appreciation Luncheon for the Wives of the State Deputies and Supreme Board Members with the Wives of Membership Program Consultants.



The State Deputies carrying in the Holy Family Prayer Icons at the conclusion of the Opening Mass where the Bishop commissioned the Icons for eventual distribution back to their respective states.



STATE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Dave Abbott
State Membership Director

It is hard to believe the first three months of the Columbian Year have come and gone. The end of September marks the end of the first quarter – we are 25% of the way through the year. Our membership intake goal for the State of California this year is 4,350 new members. To date we have recruited 720 men or roughly 17% of our goal. We have some catching up to do, and I am certain you will all rise to the challenge.

There will be many opportunities for us to achieve our desired goals this year. If you have not already done so, work with your pastor to plan and participate in two statewide all church membership drives, one on or near Columbus Day in October, 2015 and a second near Founder's Day in March, 2016. Along with the drives, strive to have every man in your council recruit at least one new member in conjunction with a council charitable program or activity.

You may also wish to keep in mind some of the incentives being offered for top recruiting councils during the first half of the year on September 30 and December 31. Knights of Columbus canopies will be awarded to the top three District Deputies with the highest net percentage membership gain, and embroidered table clothes will be awarded to the top three Councils in each division also based upon net percentage membership gain. Winning at the end of each quarter will make you eligible for drawings for additional prizes at midyear and year end. The Star Recruiter program for individual recruiters has also proven to be extremely popular. For more information see <http://www.kofcoc.org/pdf/starrecruiter.pdf>.

Congratulations to our newest council in California, St. Joseph 16293 in Upland. Thank you and congratulations to District Deputy 124, Tom White, for his hard work and efforts in the council formation. Special thanks for the help of Field Agent Joel Clelland, District Deputy 104, Matt McDonagh, and Rancho Cucamonga Council (especially Grand Knight Nick Ewell). Please congratulate and welcome the new Grand Knight of Council 16293, Sal Chabolla, as well as the new council officers and members. Together we can accomplish great things in His name. There are many other efforts underway and I'm certain there will be more as the year progresses.

Retention of existing members must also be a priority. It is important we determine the reasons so many members are leaving the Order. Have we let them down, in some way? I ask you to turn to our State Retention Committeemen for their help when you feel there is no other recourse than to suspend a member. I am sure we can retain many of the members if we work together.

Membership is the life-blood of any organization and the key to its programs and charities. It is through our charitable programs and activities that people know who we are. We should be active in our parish and community, proud of our good works, and strive ever more diligently in our spiritual formation and desire to help others.

Remember: Every Member a Recruiter!

I can be reach at 530-680-0401, membership@californiaknights.org ☸

What Came First....

*By Michael Brault,
Assistant Membership Director*

Worthy Brothers,

Think about this, "What came first, Programs or Membership?"

Some Brothers might respond that obviously, without members there could be no programs, therefore, logically, Membership must come first.

On the flip side, an argument can be made that a core group of men who became members were already actively participating in activities and events (Programs) before they joined the Knights. Hence, Programs is a natural first step on the journey to Knighthood.

The point is not so much what came first, or even, which is more important. It should be clear that you need Brother Knights to plan and execute Programs and hosting activities and events that are a catalyst for Membership growth.

If your Council is struggling to meet its Membership goal, ask the current Brothers to work doubly hard to organize, advertise, and host a parish event. Be sure that the Knights are visible with badges, shirts, hats, etc. Assign at least one talkative Brother to be a greeter and ask him to welcome all men (especially non-Knights) who attend. This greeter can also thank the men and their families for attending. The final step to making an event into a Membership opportunity is to ask:

- Ask if they enjoyed the event.
- Ask if they would like to attend a similar event in the future.
- Ask if they would like to help a little with a future event.
- Most importantly, ask if they would like to join the Knights.

Programs begets Membership and Membership is essential for Programs. Your Council should take steps to establish an upward spiral in both Programs and Membership. A successful Program event should lead to increased Membership. Increased Membership will allow the Council to host more and varied Programs. And on, and on, and on....

Imagine the growth potential of your Council this year if you could recruit one or two men after each activity or event. Then put those new men to work right away and add one extra event for each month.

Start Now – Make Your Membership Goal - Make Star Council! For more info, please contact me at Mbrault54@gmail.com, 619-548-3190. ☸

INSURANCE CORNER

By Keith Whiteaker, FICF

Question:

Where can you find an opportunity to help yourself, your family, and your Church at the same time?

Answer:

The Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is not your average company. It is one of North America's largest life insurers, one of the world's most ethical companies, an international Catholic fraternity, and a billion-dollar charity all in one. With the Knights of Columbus, you can make a difference for your community, your Church, and your family. The Knights of Columbus in California are looking for a few full-time field agents to serve our members and their families. By joining our sales force, you receive: extensive training, a secure territory with professional-level income potential, incentive bonuses, health and retirement benefits, and continuing education opportunities.

Do you have what it takes?

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Third Degree Held

By Charles Clark, PSD
State Ceremonials Chairman



On a beautiful summer morning, ten second degree knights were advanced to the third degree of the Knights of Columbus in Seaside on July 25th. Councils 971, 1465, 4593, 5210, and 7155 provided candidates. The participation of Council 5210 was particularly noteworthy as it is undergoing reactivation, and now has members eligible to hold offices in the council.

District 55 sponsored the exemplification, under the leadership of DD Patrick Kraft, assisted by the Junipero Serra Chapter (Shane Edgar). Council 9486 hosted the ceremony, with GK Walter Washington providing support. The Faithful Navigator of Assembly 77 FN Brian McKinley also assisted, and encouraged the new third degree brothers to consider membership in the Fourth Degree of the Order.

Conferring Officer David H. Olwell presided at the exemplification and conferred the degree, assisted by Worthy Warden Thomas Coleman and the AV specialist SK Matthew Olwell.

If you have question, please contact me at (916) 638-2501(h) (916) 802-0226(c), chclark11151@gmail.com ☎

Supreme Website Referrals 2015-2016

By Gil Eliares, Supreme Website Referrals Chairman

There is an area on the Supreme website (www.kofc.org) where Catholic men interested in joining the Knights of Columbus can request information on becoming a member. A tab labeled "Become A Knight" brings the prospect to a page where he can list his contact information so he can be reached. These referrals are one of the easiest ways to recruit a new knight into the Order.

When the prospective member completes the new member inquiry form on the Supreme Website, an email is automatically generated and sent to the State Deputy and State Membership Director in the state where the prospect resides. An email is then forwarded to the State Supreme Website Referrals Chairman for action. Many factors go into this determination including his city of residence, the parish attended, and language preferred. Having determined the best council for membership, the referrals chairman forwards the contact's information to the proper District Deputy as well as the Chapter President. The District Deputy will then notify the Grand Knight where his council covers the area the prospect resides. Always have your Field Agent involved in the process.

Grand Knights and Membership Directors, if a referral comes to you, please act on it as soon as you can then Follow Up, Follow Up, Follow Up!

"Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Pray for Us"

Program Director

Steve Bolton



My Worthy Brothers,

We are three months into our Columbian Year; and all of our Service Programs are in full swing. If you have not planned a Wheelchair Sunday to support our California Veterans or another Wheelchair event yet, it is not too late. Please reach out to me or a member of our Wheelchair Team and we will help you set it up. By this time you should have sent in your council chairman form for the I.D. Drive. If not, please send it in ASAP. If your council does not have a local recipient for your I.D. funds, please consider our Special Olympics School Partnership Program for your recipient.

All of our featured Service Programs this year have a State Goal. We ask all councils to do what you can to support them. These are Service Programs that are very important to Supreme and our State Council. We ask you to make them important to you as well. You can review each of these State plans by going to our State web site and clicking on the program icon on the front page. These Featured Programs are **Church** / RSVP Program, **Community** / Habitat for Humanity, American Wheelchair Mission, **Council** / Special Olympics, **Family** / Food for Families, **Youth** / Coats for Kids, and **Culture of life** / Walks for Life and Ultrasounds.

We have some new Service Programs this year. They are Ace Wings, Fifth Sunday Rosary, Wellness, and Christians in Crisis-Solidarity Cross Program. Look for more info coming out on all of these new programs or go to our State web site for more info. There is a new Prayer Service Program coming out soon. It is the Holy Family Prayer Program. Please look for info on this great program very soon.

Our Supreme Knight has asked us to do two things this year. The first is to evangelize all our Brothers and Sisters in our Parishes on who we are and what we do. He has also asked us to increase our charitable footprint in our Parishes, Communities and our Great Nation. We, your State Programs Team, are here to help you in any way we can. Please let us serve you and your council this year.

May God Bless you for all you do for our Order and for our State Council. If you have any questions, please contact me at my email at programs@californiaknights.org or via phone at 714-222-6880

Fraternally,
Steve Bolton
State Program Director
Columbian Year 2015-2016

Food for Families

By SK Jeffrey S Patino
Family Activities Chairman

Greetings California Knights and families,

Here are some details about the food for families program that we hope you will consider starting at your Parish. With Thanksgiving right around the corner your councils' efforts can make a huge difference in the lives of families in and around your community.

To encourage local Knights of Columbus councils to participate in this worthwhile program, the Supreme Council offers financial rebates to councils, assemblies. For councils or assemblies, the Supreme Council will refund \$100 for every \$500 donated, or for every 1,000 pounds of food that a council contributes to a parish food pantry, community food bank or soup kitchen - up to a maximum of \$500 per council/assembly per fraternal year. In addition, the Supreme Council recognizes that participating in this program can be time consuming for the local council. Should a council choose to participate in this program, this will fulfill all four of the Family Activity requirements for the Columbian Award.

In order to qualify as fulfilling all four requirements, the council must collect and donate a minimum of 1,000 pounds of food and council members must contribute a minimum of 100 man-hours in the program.

Participating councils/assemblies/circles can qualify to receive an attractive plaque by reporting activity in the program on the [Food for Families Reimbursement Program Form \(#10057\)](#) to the Supreme Council.

Here are steps that you can take to get started:

- Contact your local parish food pantry, community food bank or soup kitchen to ensure they will be able to receive food donations and inquire if they have any specific needs.
- Obtain permission from the appropriate person (pastor, business owner(s), etc.) to set up the food drive at the church or store and to display posters.
- Ask nearby retail stores for empty boxes so there is a place to store donations.
- If the council is conducting the Food Drive at the parish, have flyers available for distribution or placed in the pews announcing the details of the Food Drive.
 - Ask the pastor for permission to make an announcement before or after Mass about the Food Drive.
 - Be sure to include a written announcement in the parish bulletin.
- For monetary donations, be sure to have a secure receptacle in the collection area for cash and checks.

We hope that you and your councils, and families have a fun, prayerful lead up to the holiday season. Please take the time to begin your food for families drive today. (Food for families poster # 4833) For more info, please call me at 650-580-2170. ☺

**EVERY MEMBER
A RECRUITER**



The Holy Family Pilgrim Icon Program

By Jerry Fong, Holy Family Pilgrim Program Chairman

The Holy Family Pilgrim Icon Program was introduced by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson at the 133rd Supreme Convention held in Philadelphia. Images of the Holy Family were blessed and dedicated after the Opening Mass. Each State Deputy was given a blessed image to bring home.

In parallel with the “Building the Domestic Church” program and the Holy Family Pilgrim Icon program the goal of these two programs is to promote more prayer within our families and councils. The two programs will also help strengthen Catholic family life, and in solidarity with Pope Francis, support “holy and loving families” for the Church’s mission of evangelization.

We have received seven Holy Family Pilgrim images and requested an additional one. The prayer booklets and prayer cards are not yet available. We are in the planning stages of distributing the images to the Chapters. The Holy Family Pilgrim images will be shared amongst the chapters. This worked well with the previous Immaculate Conception Icon Prayer Program that ended in 2014.

Pope Francis’ visit to the United States in September was perfect timing to kick off the Holy Family Pilgrim program in early October. Information for the program and a schedule for the distribution of the images will be emailed to the Chapter Presidents. Each Chapter will have a Holy Family Pilgrim Program Chairman who will be distributing information to the District Deputies and Councils.

The Holy Family Pilgrim Program is a multi-year program so there is ample time for most councils in the State to schedule and host a prayer service. The Chapter Holy Family Pilgrim Chairman will be responsible for coordinating the scheduling of the Holy Family Pilgrim Image within the chapter. More importantly, he is responsible for the care and tracking of the blessed image.

If you have a questions email or call me. ☺

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THANK YOU.**



2015 Silver Rose Prayer Program

By Jerry Fong, 2015 Silver Rose Chairman

On August 8, 2015 I drove State Deputy Ed Huestis and First Lady Flora to Medford, Oregon to receive the Silver Rose on August 9th from our Brother Knights in Oregon. We arrived at Shepherd of the Valley Parish in Central Point, Oregon for the 1:00 pm Spanish Mass. State Deputy Ed Huestis and Oregon State Deputy Robert Kish, the local Council and local assembly Color Corp led the procession. State Deputy Robert Kish carried the Silver Rose in the procession accompanied by State Deputy Ed Huestis.

After the Closing Prayer the Pastor participated in a special transfer ceremony where Oregon State Deputy Robert Kish handed the Silver Rose to State Deputy Ed Huestis. After the ceremony both State Deputies followed the procession out with State Deputy Ed Huestis carrying the Silver Rose. Many parishioners approached our State Deputy Ed Huestis and wanted their picture taken with the Silver Rose (and of course SD Ed). I can see the Hispanic community showed reverence to the presence of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose.

We thank Oregon State Deputy Robert Kish, Oregon Silver Rose Program Chairman Larry Mullaly, St Augustine Council 11258 and The Very Rev Francis W Black Assembly 905 Color Corp for a beautiful transfer ceremony. It was truly a beautiful and solemn ceremony that honored Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose. Photo on page 18.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to Chapter Presidents: Frank Donagher (No. Cal Chapter), Gene Gomes (San Joaquin Chapter), Mario Madril (Central Chapter), Julian Marquez (Kern-Inyo Chapter), Jim Hart (Mission High Desert Chapter), Glen Kraig (Arrowhead-Desert Valley Chapter), and Rene Trevino (San Diego Chapter) for their assistance in holding prayer services and for ensuring the Silver Rose was safely transferred to the next destination. A special kudos to Chapter President Charles “Moe” Mogayzel and our Brother Knights On Bikes for providing a safe escort for Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose during her journey through California.

On August 29th I participated in a Silver Rose Prayer Service, along with District Deputy #151 Art Barros, hosted by newly established Cristo Rey-El Centro Council 16073 in El Centro. There were approximately 90 people that attended the prayer service which was led by the Parish Deacon and members of the council. Also participating in the prayer service were members from Imperial Valley Council 2130, Brawley.

On the morning of August 30th, District Deputy Art Barros, FDD Paul Funez, his lovely wife Rosie, and I escorted the Silver Rose to Yuma, Arizona. We transferred the Silver Rose to District Deputy #18 Albert Ustaszewski and Financial Secretary Larry of St John Neumann of Yuma Council 8305 at St John Neumann Parish in Yuma, Arizona. We said our goodbyes to the Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose and prayed for her safe journey to Mexico.

The Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Prayer Program was successful due to the excellent support of the participating chapters, councils, assemblies and our brothers on Knights On Bikes. ☺

“Keep Christ in Christmas”

Would your Council like to realize a profit of \$100, \$200 or more each week during the holiday season? By using one or two members at each door of your church before and after Mass for twenty to thirty minutes it can be done! That’s really all it takes. The cards “sell themselves”. Profits in excess of \$100 each week are not unusual. If other councils can do it, why not you? Place your order for your sample case and begin to enjoy the rewards not only financially, but of also evangelizing your faith during the Christmas season.

The first step is to appoint a chairman for the program. Once that has been established, fill out the report form, insure that it is signed by the Grand Knight and submit it to: Brother Steve Sykes WCS Distributing, Inc. 268 W. Orange Show Lane San Bernardino, CA 92408 e-mail: steves@wcsdist.com NEW EMAIL ADDRESS Office number 800-227-4877

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www.wcsdistributinginc.com, look under “Forms” Once received, the ASSORTMENT CASE will be shipped to the Chairman, and you are ready to begin. Please be advised, only orders received from the assigned Chairman will be honored! Cards may be sold directly from the display case, or you may choose to take orders and maintain the case for display purposes. All orders received shipped within 24 hours. Orders may be mailed, faxed or e-mailed. Every council is also welcome to “will call” their orders to save on UPS charges. As you can see by the brochure, ethnic cards are also available. Make use of them! Also available are Christmas seals, lapel pins, ornaments and Advent wreaths. For more info, please contact **Stephen Sykes**, Chromes Card Sales; 951-232-4610; steves@wcsdist.com ☸



We run the City

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 Warner, our 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.

Who will you support? Our brother Knight and Past State Deputy or his lovely daughter-in-law? Show your support by going to their respective sites.

“Knights-Dr. Ray’s Team USC” <http://sosc.kintera.org/werunthecity/knightsrrayusc> or



“Knights-Theresa’s Team CLA” <http://sosc.kintera.org/werunthecity/knightstheresateamucla>.

Save \$5 on registration with the code “5offWRTC”. All donations made to either team will go to support the **Knights of Columbus Building Self-Esteem Program Supporting Special Olympics School Partnership Program**. So no matter whether Dr. Ray gets to sit at the big boy table or will be relegated to the children’s table; the big winner is **Special Olympics School Partnership Program**. ☸

Jesus is the reason



COATS FOR KIDS PROGRAM

The Coats for Kids Program is a great program that was started by Supreme in 2009. The key to this program is that it helps needy children. With so many families with young children continuing to struggle in these challenging economic times, there has never been a better time for Knights of Columbus Councils, Chapters and Assemblies to help by providing warm winter coats to children in their communities through the Order's Coats for Kids program. These children often go to school during the cold months without coats to wear, coats that do not keep them warm or in some cases coats that don't fit them.

When our councils become part of the Coats for Kids program, it gives us the wonderful opportunity to help these children keep warm. Since 2009, Knights in the United States and Canada have distributed 167,000 coats including over 40,000 coats distributed by approximately 2,000 local Knights of Columbus councils from the United States and Canada this past Columbian Year of 2013-2014.

All California Knights of Columbus councils are invited to participate in Coats for Kids this winter. Our goal is to reach 100% participation of 2 cases of coats each for the 2015 – 2016 Columbian year. Also, we need to act fast because the cold weather is coming and we would like for you to make the distribution either before Thanksgiving or Christmas.

Simply complete and submit the Coats for Kids order form, and you'll get your coats in about two to three weeks. The minimum order is one case of 12 coats, and the cost is \$195 per case (\$16.25 per coat). Shipping charges are added to each order, but the Supreme Council works with our supplier to ship via the most economical means possible, and the Supreme Council will pick up half of the shipping costs on every order placed by a Knights of Columbus council. Each case consists of high-quality coats, made by **Columbia**, will contain either boys coats or girls coats, both of which come in a variety of sizes (4-16 for girls, 4-18 for boys), styles and colors.

Distributing coats to needy children not only fills a vital need in the community, it is also an excellent way to build camaraderie among members and prospects. Seeing the joy that getting a new winter coat brings to a child will help prospects to see the Knights of Columbus as an organization they want to be part of. In the last three years, Knights of Columbus councils have distributed more than 80,000 winter coats to needy children.

I also ask to be notified by enclosing a copy of your order form in an email addressed to me.

Thank you my Worthy Brothers, Vivat Jesus

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**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP,
 PRAY FOR US.**

A.C.E. Wings Award



On September 21st California Knights of Columbus from Council 879 in San Jose presented the A.C.E Wings award to Lila



Rose. Lila is the 1st non-knight in California to be recognized for her dedication to the protection of our daughters, sisters, mothers and children in our lives. Read more about her story at <https://liveaction.org/lilarose/>

Join with the Brothers of Council 879 and recognize your brother Knights and members of the community who tirelessly defend the unborn with the ACE Wing award. The application can be found on the California Knights of Columbus State website <http://kofc.org/ace.pdf> or in the Program Handbook sent to Grand Knights.

The A.C.E. wings award program has been established to recognize those brother Knights and some community members who publically advocate for the rights of unborn children. A.C.E. is an acronym for Pro-life without **A**pology, without **C**ompromise, and without **E**xception. To be eligible to receive the A.C.E. award brother Knights must participate in a minimum of 5 public events supporting a culture of life. 4 of the 5 events must have to do with protecting the unborn.

The 5th event can either be an event supporting the unborn or an event supporting a culture of life. Our Holy Father called us to protect life from conception to natural death therefore we must include those who are forgotten and left to die or are neglected. Special Olympics events qualify as the fifth because many abortions are performed once it is discovered that the baby might have Downs Syndrome, or some other defect.

Brother Knights may request a second set of A.C.E. wings for their Spouse. Councils may recognize a non-knight once per calendar year by submitting an A.C.E. Wing award application and a written justification outlining the reasons the council believes the non-knights deserves to be recognized by the Knights of Columbus as a strong support of a culture of life. The non-knights must be a strong supporter of the right to life for the unborn.

Applications may be submitted at any time during the year. All Brother Knights are encouraged to support Culture of Life events when they occur, however the A.C.E. award may only be received once. A.C.E. wing Award Applications can be scanned with all required signatures and either emailed to ericwats@sbcglobal.net or mailed to **State A.C.E. Wing Award Chairman:**

Eric Watson, 2547 Gold Hill St, West Sacramento, CA, 95691 Attn: A.C.E. Award Application. ☪

RSVP: REFUND SUPPORT VOCATION PROGRAM

By A.L. Castellano, RSVP State Chairman

Why participate in the RSVP Program?

The best answer that I can give is to present two (2) personal anecdotes:

1. While in New York in June 2008, I attended Sunday Mass in Yorktown Heights. I was surprised by the Homily which was on Vocations. The message was simple – there was only one (1) Priest Ordained in the Archdiocese of New York that month. Considering that there is nearly 300 parishes in the Diocese, this is somewhat shocking.

2. While visiting my sister in Arlington, Vermont, I noticed a Catholic Church off the highway near my sister's house. While on one of my daily walks, I walked to the Church. I was again shocked that this Church, which appeared reasonably new, was closed. No Pastor nor Priests available – thus the Catholics of this town had to travel 30-40 miles to go to Mass in a nearby town.

Problem – shortage of Priests in the USA and throughout the World.

Council participation and Brother Knights' participation in the RSVP Program will considerably help to get more men and women to attain their Vocation to the Priesthood or Religious Life.

Through the Knights of Columbus Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP), councils, assemblies and Squires circles can “adopt” one or more seminarians or postulants and provide them with financial assistance and moral support. RSVP money is used by seminarians and those in religious formation for Tuition and books, Car Insurance, Travel Expenses, Emergency expenditures and other living expenses.

Additionally, Knights can write letters to students, Sponsor dinners for them, Invite them to join the Order and most importantly, pray for their vocations.

Our Goal this Columbian Year is support 100% of all Seminarians, Religious etc. from California Catholic Parishes or attending California Seminaries, Convents etc.

Secondary Goal is to have 100% of the California Councils participate in the RSVP Program!

Another Major Goal is to have all our California Seminarians become Brother Knights! Would it not be great to have your Seminarian(s) become Priests, Pastors etc. These future Priests, Pastors would have intimate knowledge of what the Knights do and could be very supportive to our Programs!

For more info call me @ 714-313-5283; alckofc@gmail.com



Partnership with Habitat for Humanity

By Michael Jones, HFH State Chairman

As a featured Knights of Columbus Community program, Habitat for Humanity offers KofC councils continued opportunities to help our communities and families. The Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento “**Pope Francis Build**” full home sponsorship costs \$75,000. An Anonymous donor gave \$60,000 to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento to build a home in honor of Pope Francis through April 2015-August 2015. The donor challenged the local Sacramento and Yolo County Catholic community (churches, schools, and organizations) to raise the additional funds and volunteers needed to complete the home.

Congratulation 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 who donated \$15,000 in sponsorship of the funding. The completed “**Pope Frances Build**” out and final home dedication ceremony was held on September 26, 2015 at 7114 Indian Lane, South Sacramento, California. Dan Fua, Grand Knight, Council No. 7241 presented a special gift to the McCoy family during the dedication ceremony. Knights from all over the diocese participated.

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

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. ☺

California Columbian Charities Ready to Assist Fire Victims

BROTHER HELPING BROTHER

By Ed Bystran, Charity President



*In the first
nine months of
2015 Columbian
Charities helped 36
Brothers and families
with \$86,025 in
assistance.*

Firefighters in Northern California are encountering an epic fire season fueled by a record drought that has turned much of the Golden State's forests into a matchbox of more than 12 million dead trees with over 2,000 structures already destroyed by fire. Columbian Charity is working with the Redwood Chapter and local Grand Knights to assist any Brothers who have lost their homes to the fires. Communications in the fire area are poor, but at this time the Charity has not found any homeless Knights - the search will continue.

For 60 years California Columbian Charities has provided kindness and generosity to California Knights by fulfilling Father McGivney's mandate of **BROTHER HELPING BROTHER**.

Since 1955 we have responded to 2,046 requests for assistance and have given over \$2,800,000 in relief. THANK YOU for your generosity - but we ask you to reach deeper into your pockets. Last year the Charity awarded \$178,000 in grants while receiving only \$128,000 in donations. At the end of the year we had to withdraw \$50,000 from the reserve fund to meet the needs of our Brothers. We will continue to help our Brothers with the limited funds that are available.

If you missed making a donation at the state convention, mailed donations are welcomed and 2015 Award Ribbons are still available. Mail to: Calif. Columbian Charities, PO Box 4256, Cerritos, CA 90703.

IMPORTANT - If you know of a Brother who is in need of financial assistance please ask his Council's Grand Knight to contact the State Council office for Charity application forms and instructions, (909) 434-0460, or state.office@californiaknights.org.

"Salute to Our Veterans"

By Pat Brown, Event Chairman

The Grand Opening of the Emilio B. Moure California Knights of Columbus Museum newest exhibit a "Salute to Our Veterans" is scheduled for Monday November 16, 2015 at the museum in Fontana.

The mission of the exhibit is to honor all veterans for their service and sacrifices made to preserving our freedom, as well as to bring awareness to and educate the general public of the contributions made by California Knights in the service to our country.

The exhibit will include a display of "Dog Tags" inscribed with the names of brother Knights and their family members that have served, a continuous "Roll Call" and pictures as well as other military artifacts donated by brother Knights.

This Grand Opening is open to brother Knights, Family, Friends and all who interested honoring our Veterans.

Place: 15808 Arrow Blvd Suite: A,
Fontana, CA 92335

Date: Monday November 16, 2015.

Time: 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Please plan on joining us and your fellow brothers, in paying respects to those that so deserve it.

Light refreshment will be available. ☺

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

This year the Columbian Foundation and the California State Council with your councils support and participation in this year's ID Drive are working together to empower people with Intellectual Disabilities.

What is meant by empowering people is to support organizations in your local communities that provide programs that empower individuals to be the best they can be. These programs include organizations that provide Job Training, Residential Homes, Special Olympics, Family Support, Respite Care, and many more.

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, I thank you in advance for your support and participation.

Please contact me if you have questions or require any additional information.

Jerry Constance
Vice President, Columbian Foundation
562-440-8027

ID DRIVE
OCTOBER
17 & 18, 2015
Is your council
ready?



LA Prayer Breakfast Held September 15, 2015

Submitted by Don Keegan, PGK



Due to rain this year, the annual event on the plaza had to be moved inside the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels to accommodate over 2,000 of the faithful and hundreds of annual regulars on standby. The Prayer Breakfast Board was able to raise funds to accommodate over 450 High School Students this year. Over 350 members of the Knights of Columbus including: State Officers, Chapter members from Mission High Desert to Orange County, Insurance Agents and a sizable number of 4th degree Sir Knights attended the Mass and Breakfast; a record since the event began.



The principal speaker, Lou Holtz, has been considered among the greatest speaking legends in America today. He spoke on overcoming seemingly impossible challenges by setting goals and working to achieve them. He has built a reputation as a motivator, a demanding disciplinarian, and a devoted Catholic and his reputation was enhanced at the breakfast.

This year, there was an addition of a large LED-HD screen that was also moved indoors so all could see the speaker close up. Breakfast was

delayed until after Coach Holtz spoke and everyone received a boxed breakfast when they exited. Much to the delight of the event planners, there was not one complaint received this year. ☸

Wellness Program

As State Deputy, Ed Huestis, is seeking to fulfill his vision to develop a [State Wellness Program](#) for this Columbian Year. The following is a general introduction to what this program can be based upon.

For our purposes, we will “Ease into this topic” keeping it simple, user friendly, and NOT intended to “reinvent the wheel”! So, we will not so much be seeking to instruct as to *refer* you at times to informed resources on the subjects which anyone can freely determine to what extent may or may not be of use to them at any given time.

According to the National Wellness Institute, *wellness is an active process through which people become aware of and make choices toward a more successful existence.* You may optionally wish to visit <http://www.nationalwellness.org>

Since we Knights are 100% supportive of innocent unborn human life “made in the image and likeness of God” and thus advocate for its defense until natural death, it seems appropriate to consider wellness applying to the time in between these opposite ends of the life spectrum as coming under the banner of the “Culture of Life”.

We’re speaking of wellness as having **spiritual**, **mental**, and **physical** components with the fact that as our faith teaches us our bodies are “Temples of the Holy Spirit” which should be cared for with that in mind.

Be looking for periodic “**WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS**” emails from this program - though (Not every week) when we hope to share “Good Wellness News” with you . . . and also welcome your input with suggestions that might be shared to benefit the wellness of other Brothers.

Wishing you well!

Fraternally,

Hugh Largey

State Wellness Program Chair

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When you come to the fork
of the road, take it.

-----Yogi Berra -RIP

2016 CALIFORNIA STATE CONVENTION

Reflecting On Our Past Preparing For Our Future

Brother and Sisters,

Come and join the Knights of Columbus Family for the largest event of the year. Let’s get together to have fun, break bread, play golf, go on a tour, dance a little or a lot, work on the business of running the state council, and honor our brothers and councils for all their hard work. This occasion is more than just a meeting; it is a chance to catch up with old friends and make new ones. Take advantage of your trip to one of the most unique areas in the State of California make this a family vacation. Visit the City of San Francisco with the Golden Gate Bridge, Cable Cars, China Town, the Napa Wine Country, the Santa Clara Silicon Valley and much more. Don’t miss this opportunity to mix business and pleasure.

“Our Lady of Perpetual Help Pray For Us”

Brother Greg Marracq, 2016 State Convention Chairman



Santa Clara Marriott

May 19th to 21st

Make your Convention and Vacation Reservation Plans Early Rooms are limited. The group rate will be available 3 days pre and 3 days post-convention dates based on availability. Call 1(800)228-9290 or 1(408)988-1500 or log in to www.marriott.com.

The Knights of Columbus Discounted Room Rate is \$93.00

*These things I warmly wish for you—
Someone to love,
Some work to do
A bit o' sun
A bit o' cheer
And a guardian angel
Always near.*

COMBINED TESTIMONIAL AND CHAPTER INSTALLATION PHOTOS



**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
CHAPTER
JULY 18, 2015**



**REDWOOD
CHAPTER
JULY 19, 2015**



**SAN DIEGO DIOCESE
CHAPTER
JULY 24, 2015**



**ARROWHEAD
DESERT VALLEY
CHAPTER
JULY 25, 2015**



**SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
CHAPTER
JULY 26, 2015**



**SAN JOAQUIN
CHAPTER
AUGUST 13, 2015**



**OAKLAND DIOCESE
CHAPTER
AUGUST 15, 2015**



**ST. FRANCIS
CHAPTER
AUGUST 15, 2015**



**SAN JOSE CHAPTER
AUGUST 16, 2015**



**CENTRAL CHAPTER
AUGUST 22, 2015**



**KERN-INYO
CHAPTER
AUGUST 23, 2015**



**LOS PADRES
CHAPTER
AUGUST 29, 2015**



**MISSION HIGH DESERT
CHAPTER
AUGUST 30, 2015**



**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
CHAPTER
SEPTEMBER 13, 2015**



**JUNIPERO SERRA
CHAPTER
SEPTEMBER 19, 2015**



**DIOCESE OF ORANGE
CHAPTER
SEPTEMBER 26, 2016**

SILVER ROSE PROGRAM



Oregon State Deputy Robert Kish handed the Silver Rose to State Deputy Ed Huestis. Also in picture are Oregon Silver Rose Program Chairman Larry Mullaly and Jerry Fong, California Silver Rose Program Chairman



The Very Rev Francis W Black, State Deputy Ed Huestis and Assembly 905 Color Corp gathered after the transfer ceremony

