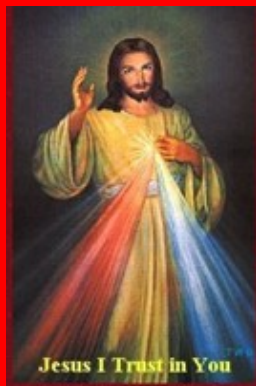


California State Council Knights of Columbus



State Officers

State Deputy
Romy Quevedo

State Chaplain
Rev. Arturo Albano
Cathedral of Saint Mary of Assumption

State Secretary
Joe Salaiz

State Treasurer
George H. "Skip" Frates III

State Advocate
Steve Bolton

State Warden
Dr. Noel Panlilio

Immediate PSD
Sonny Santa Ines

Golden State Knightletter

State Officers Installation



Daly City, CA, July 8, 2017 — The 2017-2018 State Officers Installation was held on Saturday July 8, 2017 in Daly City California. Mass was celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church with co-celebrants Rev Nick Paloso, Parochial Vicar of St. Veronica Church, Rev Arturo Albano, Pastor of Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumptions, Rev Domingo Orimaco, Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Church, and Rev Boie Espeleta, Parochial Vicar, Our Lady of Mercy Church.

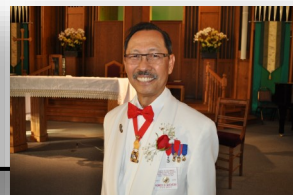
The choir was comprised of members from Our Lady of Mercy Council. Color Corps members from throughout the Saint Junipero Serra Province, Northern California District provided honor guard for Mass.

Following Mass, the 2017-2018 State Officers were installed by State Deputy Romy Quevedo. State Officers installed were: State Chaplain Rev. Arturo Albano; State Secretary Joe Salaiz; State Treasurer Skip Frates III; State Advocate Steve Bolton; and, State Warden Dr. Noel Panlilio. Also in attendance were State Membership Director Matt McDonagh, State Programs Director Stephen Peterson, State Operations Director Rene Trevino and State Officers/Directors wives.

The State Dinner was held that evening in the Parish Hall with over 200 in attendance. Honored guests included Past State Deputy Tim Carvalho, District Masters TW Starkweather (Northern District) and Gene Hays (Southern District). Past State Deputy Ed Huestis was Master of Ceremonies.

State Chaplain Rev. Arturo Albano mentioned that his message is short but terrific. "Do not do things for God, rather do things because you are IN God. When you are in God, then everything you do will be a reflection of God. Everything you do is an extension of God's loving and caring heart."

State Deputy Romy Quevedo thanked everyone for the dedicated work they accomplished last year and we can make California a better year and beat what beat our Immediate Past State Deputy. stated that we must go beyond what we accomplished this past year. With all your help, with all your prayers we can do it. We can do it because we are a Team. We are Knights of Columbus. Best of all, we are California!



**CALIFORNIA EARNS THE
PRESTIGIOUS SUPREME
"CIRCLE OF HONOR"
for COLUMBIAN YEAR 2016-2017!**



State Deputy's Message

Romeo D. Quevedo

State Deputy

HAPPY NEW COLUMBIAN YEAR!

I'm blessed and honored to be elected as your State Deputy for this fraternal year, 2017-2018. I am excited and looking forward to be working with my fellow State Officers, Directors, District Deputies, Chapter Officers, Council Officers and the over 76,000 Knights of Columbus members in the State of California.

Brothers, we have to start this Fraternal Year strong and grow the Order. Recruiting must be the number one priority of every council. It must be the number one priority of every member to grow the Order. The Knights of Columbus attracts members for many reason. Some join for camaraderie. Others are attracted by the financial benefits of our top-rated insurance program. Others want to serve the church or make a difference in their communities through the various council programs and activities. Many others are attracted to the organization for its emphasis on family life. Regardless of the reason a man chooses to join us, the fact is that members are the backbone of the Knights of Columbus. You cannot conduct programs without members, and you can't attract members without programs in which they can participate.

We all need to be recruiters. Council and Chapter officers as well as District Deputies, should lead by example and commit to recruit at least one new member themselves. But the real key to our success is retaining the members that we have and keeping them energized. We need to provide Mentorship for our new members so that they do not become disconnected from the council.

The most common reason why men have not joined the Knights of Columbus is that they have never been asked. **IT IS UP TO EACH ONE OF US TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERY ELIGIBLE CATHOLIC MAN IS ASKED TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.**

This Fraternal Year, we will also focus in helping councils achieve **STAR COUNCIL STATUS**. The Star Council Award is a result of achieving both membership and insurance goals, participating in programs, filling up necessary reports and be in good standing. Every council achieving the Star Council Award will be credited with \$4.50 for every billable member. That is a big help for councils. I urge District Deputies to schedule at least one Admission Degree Per District Per Month.

So Brothers, let us work together to make this year another great, if not greater year for CALIFORNIA. I know we can do it because we are a **TEAM** and because we are **CALIFORNIA**.

Thank you.

VIVAT JESUS!





**State Membership Director
Matt McDonagh
2017-2018**

My Brothers,

Thank you for taking a leadership role in the Knights of Columbus. You will find it both challenging and rewarding. If you are reading this, you have taken an important step in assuring your success. You are seeking the skills that will help you achieve your goals. Reach out and find information and advice from State Committeeman that were once in your shoes, and are a ready to assist you when questions arise. You are not alone. The entire Membership Team is here to help you succeed.

Our most important goal is to make your year as a council officer, Grand Knight, District Deputy or committeeman both rewarding and enjoyable. Our membership goals are a stretch. If everyone does his part, we can exceed them. Teamwork is the key to our success. Our membership theme for the year is **"Recruit a Knight and Change a Life!"** If each of the 75,000 Knights of Columbus Brothers in California recruited just one new member, imagine the records we would set!

In addition to the awards and recognition offered by Supreme, we have many exciting membership rewards and incentives planned throughout the year. Chapters will be entered into two membership playoffs; one during the first half of the year and another during the second half of the year with opportunities for cash prizes. District Deputies and Councils who excel in membership growth will be recognized with special awards and prizes demonstrating their accomplishments. The "Star Recruiter" program will once again recognize individual recruiters with an Our Lady of Guadalupe lapel pin for both themselves and the Brother recruited, a "3 Star" Recruiter hat for those who recruit three new members and "5 Star" polo shirt for those who recruit 5 or more new members.

We will continue to explore the **"Worthy Apostle"** and **"Good Shepherd"** programs that have proven so successful in membership retention. Particular emphasis will be placed this year on the Shining Armor program for both new and existing members. Councils are encouraged to implement the Supreme Council Shining Armor program to quickly engage new members giving them both an incentive and attractive lapel pin. Existing members will continue to be eligible for Shining Armor recognition if they recruit two or more new members. District Deputies who achieve 100% or more on their monthly shield report will receive an attractive and collectible Shield Award lapel pin. These and other programs will be described in greater detail in the sections that follow.

It goes without saying that our Order must grow to remain healthy, active and vital. Since its founding in 1882, leadership has passed to each new generation, finding relevancy in their lives. We are the current custodians – charged with passing the venerable Father Michael J. McGivney's legacy on to future generations. Customs, clothing, technology and methods of communication may change, but the basic tenants of our Church and Order do not. Let us evangelize, and continue to grow a community of likeminded men joined in service.

Vivat Jesus!

**Matt McDonagh
State Membership Director
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California State Service Programs Stephen Peterson, FM 2017 -2018

Worthy Grand Knights and District Deputies – Congratulations on your election or appointment. Thank you for your volunteerism and service. Your Councils and members now will look to you for leadership and guidance. **Lead by Example** and get all your members involved. New members especially, as well as existing members as mentors. The State Service Programs help to generate enthusiasm and keep the morale of the Councils going. The State Service Programs also present opportunities for recruitment and retention. Programs help to initiate “Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening our Parish. The State Programs Handbook is your guide and the State Programs Chairmen and Committeemen are here to assist you. Together we are one team moving onward.

Upon receiving your Fraternal Leader Success Planner, please review it. This is an excellent tool to plan and implement your activities. Along with the Programs Handbook, you should utilize the Surge...with Service booklet found on the Supreme website. Formulate ideas from the Golden State Knightletter, Columbia magazine and the Knightline newsletter. Create your Action Plan now. Examine the Eight Supreme Featured and Twelve Domestic Church Programs that your Councils can achieve.

Some helpful suggestions to follow are:

When you appoint a Chairman for each program in your Council it is suggested that you appoint his assistant also. This will help train that assistant, who may someday take over as Chairman.

Events and programs should be documented as soon as they are completed. If the paperwork is finished as soon as the event is ended it will make it easy to pass on knowledge for next year, and it will also make it easy to submit Activity Award forms at the end of the Columbian Year. Use the Monthly Service Report forms found on the State website. The 2017-2018 Columbian Year will have a quick start with Officer Installations in July and The Running of the Silver Rose and Family Week in August. Now is the time to get your calendar scheduled. **Plan Ahead and Stay Ahead.** Include Admission Degrees since Membership and Programs go hand in hand. Programs recruit Membership and Membership is the work force for Programs.

Remember that our “Program Teams” is here to assist you. Please do not hesitate to contact us for any help that you might need. Chairmen and Committeemen contact information can be found in the Programs Handbook. We wish you success in this Columbian Year.

Vivat Jesus!

**Stephen Peterson, FM
State Service Program Director**



Partnership With Habitat for Humanity
By Michael Jones, HFH State Chairman
2017-2018

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

Knights of Columbus councils help give shelter, by supporting Habitat for Humanity. In 2016, Knights donating more than 1 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 Habitat 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 donates both \$1000 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 are encouraged to promote this program to their membership, inviting personal consideration as well as implementing this program as an ongoing charitable event.

For the most up-to-date information on how your council can participate with Habitat for Humanity, go to the Supreme Knights of Columbus website, <http://www.kofc.org> under Programs: Partnership Programs.

Working with the State Habitat Chairman explore **"HOW TO GET INVOLVED"** and presenting it to the membership.

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K OF C ULTRASOUND PROGRAM - Saving Lives Two at a Time

Whenever we learn about someone saving a life, we admire that person's dedication and bravery. As Knights of Columbus, we have that ability to help save lives two at a time. When an abortion vulnerable mother sees a live image of her baby in her womb, a very high percentage chose life for her baby. In the process the Mother's life is also saved from the anguish, mental depression and "what if I kept my baby?" This is one decision a Mother and Father remembers even if they have other children.

California has many Pro-Life Pregnancy clinics or centers (over 150) and homes for mothers that chose life for their babies. We as Knights of Columbus need to help them save lives. One of the most effective paths is to obtain an Ultrasound for a qualified Pregnancy Center.



Abortion facilities often tell an expectant mother, "it is not really a baby". But when a mother sees an ultrasound of her baby she knows the truth and chooses life. Pregnancy centers are happy to share mother's comments after viewing an ultrasound of their baby. Just ask them. There are also video testimonials such as one from Horizon Pregnancy Clinic in Huntington Beach CA. The following youtube.com video is one such testimonial. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5XezuaXkQM&t=82s>

where Janet is heard saying "The Ultrasound had a real big impact in my decision just because it made me realize what was really growing in my tummy". Other mothers are quoted after seeing an ultrasound of their baby as saying:

It's amazing how deep they can look at the baby with ultrasound. The size, the heartbeat, everything about it was amazing." It made me want to keep the baby instead of abortion.

It helped me realize... I already love my baby.

Because of the immediate connection my boyfriend and I knew the only choice for us was to parent the baby.

Abortion reversal pills procedures also need Ultrasounds

An increasing number abortions are being promoted by abortion pill RU486. Fortunately there is a pill to reverse the RU486 but when that is pursued by a mother that later changed her mind to keep her baby, an ultrasound image is needed to hopefully continue the pregnancy.

The California State K of C Ultrasound program has provided funding for 52 ultrasound (Nationally 815) being donated to Pregnancy Centers with 7 being obtained in 2016-2017 Columbian year and seven additional ultrasounds are being requested. Please help save a baby and mother via participating in this program.

Program details can be found at www.californianknights.org go to programs, culture of life, ultrasound program and/or contact the California State Ultrasound Program Team:

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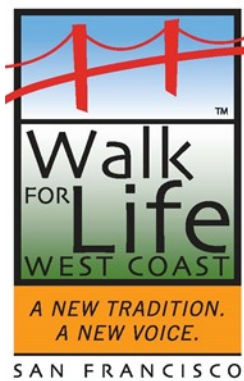
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BROTHER KNIGHTS FAMILIES – FRIENDS

SAVE THE DATE

3 Major California Walks for Life

PICK YOUR WALK*..



<http://www.walkforlifewc.com/>



<http://onelifela.org/>



SAVE THE DATE!

*Saturday,
January 20, 2018*

<http://sandiegowalkforlife.org/>

MESSAGE FROM STATE CHURCH ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN



Worthy Brothers of the Fraternal Order,

"Lord, bless the work of our hands. Bring success to the work of our hands."

Most of your officers and leaders have recently received a copy of the CALIFORNIA STATE COUNCIL 2017-2018 SERVICE PROGRAMS HANDBOOK. On page 4 of the handbook, you will find all the church activities and contact information of the different brothers who have stepped forward and volunteered to chair and promote and manage a specific church program. I encourage each of you to accept their offer of advice and assistance to assure proper implementation and success of your chosen program. These brothers are experts in every program that they are promoting.

On page 12 of the handbook, is the Supreme initiative "Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish." The Supreme Council has announced that at least four major council programs must be designated as "Domestic Church" activities to earn the Columbian Award. At the top of the list on page 13 is the 5th SUNDAY ROSARY PROGRAM. This Columbian Year, the months with 5 Sunday's are JULY, OCTOBER, DECEMBER, and APRIL. On fifth Sunday of each of these months, you may gather as a council or even better as a parish with the council taking a lead role and pray the rosary together through the intercession of the Blessed Mother who is our patroness. You may have various intentions as you decide but we want every 5th Sunday to include a common intention that will show unity of purpose and unity of action. Please include as your main intention in each of the four months, THE CANONIZATION OF FR MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY and recite the prayer card for the "Canonization of Fr. McGivney .This will likewise be an opportunity to recruit all attendees to be members of the FR. McGivneyGuild. Membership is open to anyone who wishes to make known the life and work of our founder and there is no charge to enroll. Even more important is to recruit new members for your council as every program must be a recruiting tool to grow the order.

Please check the handbook for the chairman of the Fr. McGivney Guild for more information and receive the prayer cards and forms.

Let us get off to a good start and start the 5th Sunday Rosary Program in July and do not forget to report your council activity immediately.

"Mary and her Knights, a team beyond compare in the service of her Divine Son."



Council Year-



By Bill Uberti, PGK, FDD

State Year Book Chairman

Brothers:

It is time to start off the new Columbian year by having your Grand Knight appoint your council's Yearbook Chairman. Your Council Yearbook is a critical tool for not only documenting your council's many activities throughout the year but serves as an excellent instrument in recruiting new members into your council and increasing brotherhood among all of your council's members.

In order to get a running start, your Council's Installation of Officers should be well documented. Each officer should be photographed with his newly installed Jewel of Office. In addition, your yearbook chairman should ensure that your monthly activities are recognized and all photos properly identified. When you conduct your Membership Drives your past Council Yearbooks should be on display. That way prospective members can actually see how your council makes a difference in your parish and community. In addition, brothers of your council can see some of their past accomplishments and increase their desire to continue serving.

The guidelines for winning a State Award for Council Yearbooks can be found in the State Program Manual and are listed below. The Yearbook must be organized as follows:

1. **Dedication Page** – State the reason you are dedicating the yearbook, a picture as appropriate, if applicable to the dedication. To whom or to what you dedicate your yearbook is your decision.
2. **History Page** – Write a brief history of your council containing the Council name, the month and year the Council was chartered, a list of Past Grand Knights or pictures if possible and past accomplishments of your council. Length is not a key factor, but it must be informative.
3. **Required Pictures** – Individual and or group pictures of all Council Officers elected or appointed, to include the Council Chaplain or Spiritual Director if any, properly labeled with the title of office and full name of Council Officer. Another set of individual and or group pictures of all Program Directors properly labeled with title and full name of Director should be included on the following page. Additional pictures are required and identified as to the function and or activity. Where it is possible, identify all the people in the picture.
4. **Activities** - A picture of the Activity Director is to appear on the first page of each activity/function stating the name of the activity/function. A separate page of each activity/function with a caption or description is desirable. *(A minimum of six pictures per function and/or activity is recommended)*. The size of the activity/function does not matter, but it must be a council activity/function performed during this Columbian Year.

The awards for best Council Yearbooks will be given out at the State Convention in May, so get out your cameras and start documenting and organizing your council activities. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Vivat Jesus!
Bill Uberti

The Top 5 Reasons Why Your Council Needs to Fill Out Its Forms

A business needs to know where it is at any time: Imagine a business that does not know its inventory, its profit margin, its employees, or its management team's information. How could it succeed? The Catholic Church, as well as the Knights of Columbus, are no different. It is essential to know what is going on, who is responsible and if we are accomplishing our mission. We are too big to just give Supreme a big "Thumbs Up" and say all is good!

Your council's hard work needs to be documented for future councils: In any one year, you may have a great memory of what your council has achieved and how the various programs worked out. What happens five, ten, or twenty years from now? How will the new council know if a program was a success? By filling out the **Service Program Monthly Activity Form** (Online) and/or the **State Council Service Award Program** (STSP-CA), they will. The details of your various programs can be passed on from former council leadership to new council leadership; seamlessly.

You may not feel that you need recognition however, your brothers do: As a leader, you get more than enough attention and recognition. But what about the brother who stood out there for hours asking for donations during the I.D. drive? Or, how about the brother who spent half the day preparing for and cleaning up after the parish picnic? Shouldn't he also be told "Job Well Done"? If you take the time, as the leader of your council, to fill out the paperwork for the Columbian Award, or a State Program Award, you give them an opportunity to feel that all that hard work was appreciated by others beyond the confines of your parish.

Men are competitive in nature: God programmed us to do our best: to give all that we have for Him and His glory. It's only human nature to see how we stack up against others who have the same purpose. The competing for and winning of an award says that they are one of the best. The pride and overall good feeling that you and your council will receive is immeasurable. Do not deny your council's members the opportunity to stick their chest out and say that they were recognized for being one of the best in the service of our Lord.

It can be used as a teaching moment: One of the greatest strengths, in the Knights of Columbus, is that it is duplicatable. The more experienced Knights show the newer Knights how it's done. Why should we let them go through the minefield of knighthood and make mistakes when you already made it to the other side unscathed? By guiding the new Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight or Financial Secretary through the process of filling out the state forms and submitting reports to supreme, you'll help the transition from the outgoing officers to the new officers. This will save them time and headaches. The phrase "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" is so appropriate when it comes to forms and awards documentation. Don't leave your replacement hanging! Take him by the hand and teach him what you have learned

The State Handbook has examples of many of the forms you will need to submit, but also explanations on how to fill them out and what to emphasize. Please take the time to go through it. You will be a better leader because of the experience.

If you have any questions, please contact the State Forms Chairman

Brother Richard Baker

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The Joy of Christmas

Christmas has often been described as the most magical time of year. Sadly, however, many of us become so involved with the minutia of the season that the true meaning of the CHRISTmas season appears to elude us. The purpose of the keep Christ in Christmas Program is three-fold and is designed to counteract the tendency to lose the true meaning of the season. The three prongs are aimed at our youth, our neighbors, and lastly, ourselves.

Our youth are in particular peril. First, it is they who are most likely to view Christmas as a secular event. In the eyes of many children Christmas is not seen as a celebration commemorating the birth of Christ, but rather as a time to receive gifts wrapped in pretty ribbons and bows honoring only Santa Clause and Rudolph. Concurrently, research shows us that many children, as they reach adulthood, are leaving the Church, thus leading to a more secular society. It is for these reasons that we have the Christmas Poster Contest. This contest is open to all young people between the ages of 5 and 14. The details of the program can be found on pages 38-41 of the Program handbook and is headed by brother Bob Pineschi. For additional information brother Bob can be reached by e-mail at pineschibob@yahoo.com or by phone at 916 645-8366.

In an effort to reach our friends and neighbors, there is the Christmas Card Program, once again headed by Brother Steve Sykes. Brother Steve offers a wide variety of Christmas cards and magnets that will serve to remind each person on our Christmas list that we are celebrating the birth of Christ and not merely a jolly old elf. All of the details of the program can be found in the Program Handbook on pages 24-37. Brother Steve can be reached by e-mail at steves@wcsdist.com or by phone at 951-232-4610.

For our own spiritual growth I can recommend the Journey to the Inn Program, often referred to as Las Posadas. The words of our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson best describe the efficacy of this program.

“The tradition of the Posada helps us to remember the first Christmas in a way that unites people of faith from throughout the American continent. This event will bring together people of many cultures, highlighting the fact that faith and the celebration of Christmas transcend any differences we may have.”

While the handbook touches on this program, I would highly recommend downloading the full program and how to implement it from the Supreme website at <http://www.kofc.org/en/domestic-church/parish-programs/journey-inn.html#/>

This is a program that can unite one's entire family with the families of our brother Knights in a joyous celebration of the coming of our Lord.

In closing, may I be the first to wish you a blessed and merry Christmas.

Glen Kraig, Program Chairman,
Keep Christ in Christmas

VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROGRAM **2017-2018**

As we begin our new Columbian Year, I would like to thank our Brother Knights for their continued volunteerism and support of our Veteran's Assistance Program over the past few years. The new Columbian Year, allows us additional opportunities to serve and touch the lives of many of our Veterans who have so valiantly served and sacrificed their lives for our country's freedoms.

Our Knights of Columbus ranks, are filled with Veterans who have very proudly served our great country. As Veterans, Knights, and Patriots let us not forget our Brother Veterans who are ill and remain in our VA Hospitals across California and the nation. I would like to sustain and expand our continued collaboration with the seven Veteran's Healthcare Centers across California this year.

We can begin, by having each Chapter assign a Brother Knight as a Representative and a Deputy Representative to the Veterans' Administration/Volunteer Services (VA/VS) Program within your local Veteran's Administration Healthcare Center. If you do not presently have a VA/VS Volunteer, please inform me and I will assist you in contacting your local director of Volunteer Services at your specific VA Hospital. Please keep in mind, that any Brother Knight, family, or friend can volunteer at any time during the year.

The duties of Representatives and Deputy Representatives are to attend quarterly meetings with the VA Hospital Administration and keeping their respective Chapter's updated with new information from their local VA Healthcare Centers. Representatives work jointly with the Volunteer Services Program Director to assess what volunteer services and donations are needed for the hospital.

The Knights of Columbus, has many varied programs in which Knights can volunteer; all volunteer programs are designed to complement each other and to enhance our parishes and communities. Our Veteran's Assistance Program offer our Knights the opportunity to serve local VA Healthcare Centers 24/7/365 days a year. There are a multitude of different volunteer opportunities for our Knights; who may have diverse preferences and skills. The VA Healthcare Centers are in need of drivers, volunteers to visit patients, and always in need of donations e.g., hygiene products, clothing, to name just a few.

I listed all the VA Healthcare Center's contact information in this year's Program Guide and in the inserts of the packets distributed at this year's DD Meeting in June. If there are any questions or suggestions regarding the Veteran's Assistance Programs please contact me. Wishing all Brother Knights a most blessed and successful Columbian Year.

"You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:11

Fraternally in Christ,
Carlos Cuellar PGK, PFN
State Veteran's Assistance Chairman
California State Council
Knights of Columbus

FAMILY OF THE MONTH/YEAR

The Knights and their families should always strive to be an example of people that are actually living their faith by trying to emulate the Holy Family. Let us promote volunteerism and togetherness as well as point out the benefits of working together to make a difference in the parish and community. We are after all a Catholic Family Organization.

One of the least utilized programs is the Family of the Month award. Our State Office is looking to increase council participation in this program, and we would like to ask for your assistance in bringing this to fruition.

Efforts expended by councils is minimal. All that has to happen is for the Grand Knight or Family Director to select a Knight whose family fits into one or more of the following categories:

- Family makes significant contributions to the Church, community, and/or council
- They should genuinely enjoy each other
- The family shares positive and enriching experiences
- The family communicates openly and honestly
- Prays and attends mass together

After selecting a family who matches this criteria, fill out the Family of the Month Report Form 1993A by the 15th day of the following month. A full year's supply is sent to every financial secretary in the annual Surge with Service Kit, or it can be filled out and submitted on the Forms section of the website.

Vivat Jesus,
Brother Ed S. Vocal
State Family of the Month/Year Chairman
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Operations

Rene Trevino

Operations Director

July 2017 Message

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

Leadership Training

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

Make the resources available to accomplish them

Understand the expectations, duties, and goals placed on the officer corps at all levels within the State of California.

With this knowledge base, it will establish a strong foundation for you to effectively grow in your ability to lead your district and council by formulating and executing plans for success.

The role of this Leadership Training Program is to specifically to make available training both face-to-face and webinar classroom-type. The State Leadership Training Program Director will establish and coordinate the training schedule for the 2017-2018 fraternal year, through the chapter level in addition to providing online webinars on a scheduled basis. District Deputies should encourage as many of the council officers and service program directors within their districts to attend these chapter and webinar training sessions when they are scheduled, with a goal of getting the maximum number of members trained within the 2017-2018 fraternal year.

We have identified the 7 areas for Training in the State;

Fraternal Training for Officers On-Line – Training Portal

Webinars – Administered by Supreme – With invitations sent out from State Office for those without logins

Webinars – Administered by State Training Chairman

Financial Secretaries – Member Management/Billing (Chapter Level)

Council Officer Training – District Deputies

State Deputy Forums – (State Officer Level)

Supplemental Training from Supreme (When available)

Ceremonials

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

The **Admission Degree** is of prime importance in the life of a member of the Knights of Columbus. The Admission Degree is under the direct control of the Grand Knight of the Council.

The **Formation Degree** is under the control of the District Deputy.

The District Deputy is also responsible for coordinating and hosting **Knighthood Degrees**.

All Chapters are encouraged to appoint a Chapter Ceremonials Chairman. The Chairman will establish and publish a list of all First, Second and Third Degrees scheduled within the Chapter

Vocations

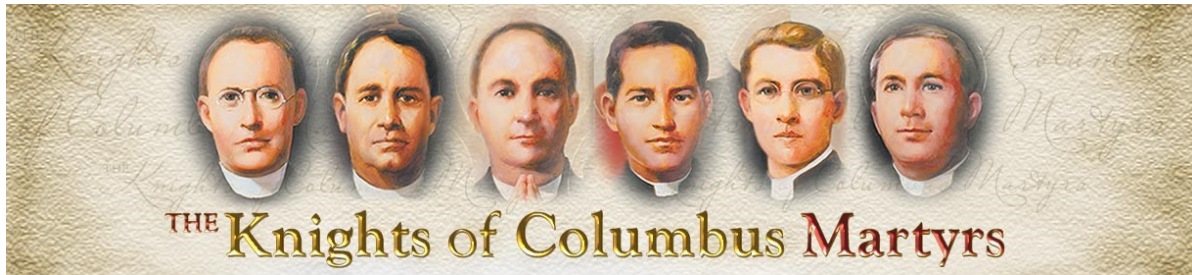
Operations is vital in supporting Membership and Programs. One such example is Vocations. The Father Juan Perez award is presented to three Clergy members at our annual State Convention. To augment the Father Juan Perez award, we have created the Mexican Martyrs' Award. This award will be awarded over a six-month period beginning in September. Each recipient of this award will automatically be considered for the Father Juan Perez Award.

Information Technology

The Information Technology Committee (ITC) has the task of keeping our communications and state office business infrastructures abreast with technology. The ITC provides guidance in the areas of software, hardware, and the State Council website (www.californiaknights.org) and the State electronic newsletter, *The California Knightletter*. There will also be published a Monthly Newsletter which will highlight focus areas for each respective month in the Columbian Year. New this year is the ability to download to your personal devices the State Council APP. This will allow access to pertinent and timely information. It also provides Audio/Visual advice and services for State Events such as District Deputy meetings and the State Convention.

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

**God Bless and Vivat Jesus,
Rene Trevino, PCP, PFN, PGK, FDD
State Operations Director 2017-2018**



There are Two New Programs that every council should be participating in during the new Columbian Year. They are programs that promote vocations and honor our chaplains without any financial cost to the council or assembly.

Mexican Martyrs Prayer Service.

The Knights of Columbus for over 135 years have been promoting vocations to the priesthood. This prayer service is intended to continue that long tradition by reflecting on the gift of priests to the church. Specifically, we also honor those six Mexican Priest Martyrs who gave their lives for their people who were all Knights of Columbus Brothers. It involves the entire parish family and supports the Domestic Church. Details with the complete Prayer Service are available in the 2017-18 Program Handbook.

Mexican Martyrs Service Award for Chaplains

The six Mexican priests were martyred for their faith during a time of turmoil in Mexico when Catholics were being persecuted. All of them died because they chose to continue to serve their people despite the threat of death. We want to honor their sacrifice by creating an award in their name that will be given out during the year to the chaplains in California who give of themselves not only to their parish and diocese but also to the Knights as a chaplain.

The Knights of Columbus are forever thankful for the dedicated priests who not only serve their parish or community but who also take the time to serve the Knights of Columbus as chaplains.

The Knights want to honor and thank those dedicated priests for their service throughout the Columbian Year. Each month beginning in September 2017 through February 2018 we will honor the Knights of Columbus Chaplains who have displayed extraordinary service to their Council and Parish. These priests will automatically be considered for the yearly Fr. Juan Perez Award given out at the California State Convention. Details can be found in the 2017-18 Operations Handbook.

Two other exciting programs that have been very rewarding in promoting vocations and the Domestic Church has been the "Classroom Adopt a Seminarian Program" and the "Pilgrim Vessel Program". In the Adopt a Seminarian program the council encourages the Religious Ed or school classes in their parish to participate. In the Pilgrim Vessel Program families are asked to discuss vocations at home for a week with their children and to pray for vocations. This program has brought families together along with the entire parish family because it involves passing the Pilgrim Vessel from family to family prior or after one of the Sunday Masses. Details on both programs are available in the 2017-18 Program Handbook.

"One Nation Under God"

Below are photographs of the Coronado 4th of July Parade. Our State Deputy, State Secretary, State Advocate and State Warden along with their wives attended this patriotic event. Many thanks to our host San Diego Chapter and their new President Jesse Ramirez.



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