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135th Supreme Convention



'OUR VOCATION TO FRATERNITY IS AN EXPRESSION OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH.'

> —SUPREME KNIGHT CARL ANDERSON

St. Louis Missouri, August 1-3, 2017 — The 2017 Supreme Convention was held this year in St. Louis Missouri.. The California Delegation included State Deputy Romy Quevedo, Immediate Past State Deputy Sonny Santa Ines, State Secretary Joe Salaiz, and Immediate Past Chapter Presidents Rich Dizon, St. Francis; Dat Tranh, San Jose; Bob Tognetti, San Joaquin; Eric Ruiz, Kern-Inyo; Vince Calderon, Mission High Desert; Jim Larson, Southern California; and Ken Morris, San Diego. Also attending were Supreme Director Jim Scroggin, State Chaplain Fr. Arturo Albano, State Treasurer Skip Frates III, State Advocate Steve Bolton, State Warden Noel Panlilio, and Vice Supreme Master Larry Campitiello along with their lovely ladies.

The Convention Opening Mass was held on Tuesday, August 1. The main celebrant and homilist for the Mass was Archbishop Robert Carlson of St. Louis. Concelebrating were 10 cardinals, 70 archbishops and bishops, and more than 100 priests. Archbishop Carlson has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for 46 years, belonging to Bishops Council 10490 in St. Louis.



Supreme Knight Carl Anderson opened the 2017 Supreme Convention highlighting the theme which was 'Convinced of God's Love and Power' and delivered his annual report. "This year marks our 135th anniversary. We celebrate our anniversary in a city named for a great and saintly Catholic king, a city of missionaries, and a gateway city opening up the promise of a new continent. And, like those early missionaries, we come to St. Louis because, in the words of this year's convention theme, "We are convinced of God's love and power."



On Tuesday evening the States Dinner was held in America's Center in St. Louis and the highlight was the presentation of the Gaudium et Spes Award to Father Gerard E. Hammond, a Maryknoll priest who has engaged in a heroic mission over the past two decades by ministering to the people of North Korea.

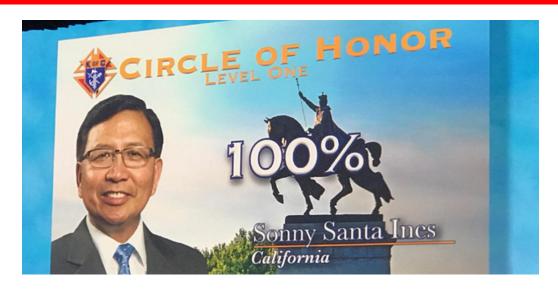








CALIFORNIA EARNS THE
PRESTIGIOUS SUPREME
"CIRCLE OF HONOR"
for COLUMBIAN YEAR 2016-2017!



California Earns Circle of Honor

Sonny R. Santa Ines

Immediate Past State Deputy

Yes, we did it! California was awarded the Circle of Honor at the recently concluded Supreme Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. To earn such a distinction, a jurisdiction has to achieve at least 100% of the membership intake, membership net/net (membership net less deaths and out-of-state transfers) and star council goals. We are one of the 27 jurisdictions that received the recognition out of a total of 74 in the Order.

California achieved 100% of the membership intake, 125% of membership net/net and 113% of star council goals. Of the 113 Star Councils, 17 are double stars and 11 are triple stars. In addition, we have 30 Star Districts. California has the most number of Star Councils and Star Districts in the Order except for the four territorial jurisdictions in the Philippines.

California also achieved 105% of membership net (intake less suspensions and withdrawals), 112% of roundtable, 100% of council reactivation and 150% of new council development goals. The new councils include one Chinese-speaking, one Syriac and four Spanish-speaking councils. And for the first time in California's history, we formed a council in a seminary at St. Patrick's University and Seminary in Menlo Park.

Overall, 2016-2017 was a wonderful year for California. Thank you for your support, leadership, dedication and friendship. It was truly an honor to have served with you. Vivat Jesus!



State Membership Director Matt McDonagh 2017-2018



The Fall Classic Membership Incentive

Every Council that recruits a minimum of 5 new members (reactivations count) will receive \$100. The Council will \$25 for each additional member recruited over the first 5.

Any NCD or Reactivated Council with a minimum of 20 new or reactivated members will receive \$500.

District Deputies will receive \$100 for every New or Reactivated Council with a minimum of 20 new or reactivated members.

All Members must post on the Supreme Rolls between September 1 and 30, 2017.

Vivat Jesus!

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California State Service Programs Stephen Peterson, FM 2017 -2018

Worthy Brothers,

The Star Council Goal for this Columbian Year 2017-2018 is 125 plus. When you think about this goal and knowing that we have over 650 councils, this goal is achievable. How do we do it? By increasing our recruitment efforts as we promote "Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening our Parish."

We can achieve this with our many Service Programs found in our Programs Handbook. There are 8 Supreme Featured Programs and the 12 Domestic Church Activities. Let's focus on the eight Supreme Featured Programs. If you fulfill the minimum requirements found in the Service Program Handbook for a Featured Program, you will only have to have this one event for the SP7 Form instead of four, in each respective category. You must meet the minimum requirements to qualify. This gives each council an advantage for the Columbian Award, which is one of the requirements for Star council.

Also, to achieve the Columbian award, a minimum of four programs designated as Building the Domestic Church must be conducted in any of the categories. There is no limit on how many Domestic Church Activities there can be in any of the categories. Each council is very capable of conducting four Domestic Church Activites.

Programs introduce prospective Knights to what the Knights of Columbus are all about. Programs also bring the Parish Community together to spread the Good news. Programs and Membership go hand in hand. We need programs to recruit for Membership & Retention and Membership to implement the programs. Making every Program and event an opportunity for recruitment will increase our success. All District Deputies and Grand Knights should have received a Fraternal Leader Success Planner. There should already be entries for planned events. Also, remember to schedule First Degrees often, monthly is suggested. With all the new methods of conducting a First degree, there is no reason that any council cannot conduct a monthly First degree. To achieve you goals, all you need to do is plan. Plan your Work and Work your Plan and you will be on your way to Star Council.

Vivat Jesus!

Brother Stephen Peterson, FM Service Programs Director





Council Activities: Time to get Moving

A council's yearbook plays an important role in a council's success. It documents the historical participation within their own community and council. More importantly, the yearbook plays is a critical tool for the next generation of Chair Officers to review and properly plan their calendars to improve the council activities during their new term. Be sure to display the yearbooks at membership drives and council social activities. Now is the time to start putting your book together. Read the criteria in the California State Program. It is easier to work in increments than to try to put it together in April. You should already have a dedication page, the pictures of the officers and committee chairs, as well as all activities completer in the months of July and August

Fraternal Activities - A Council's Responsibilities to Their Members

Here, we have a great opportunity to make our new members feel welcomed and enjoy being part of a large family of Catholic gentlemen. This in turn will generate more members and allow the Order to grow in a positive manner. Fraternal Activities also plays a vital role in documenting our activities with both State and Supreme Offices as activities is a must.

John Giltner State Council Activities Chairman



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CALIFORNIA STATE COUNCIL

STATE NEWSLETTER ARTICLE "COMMUNITIES HELPING COMMUNITIES"

31 August 2017

Brother Knights-

How many times have you turned on the television to see another community being impacted by a natural disaster. If you have never been impacted by a natural disaster and lost everything, would you know what to do? When seeing others impacted by natural disasters, it makes me think of what would I do if I was flooded, wildfires, earthquake, or tsunami hit where I live? How do you rebuild a life?

There are two parts every natural disaster, preparedness and recovery. We need to be prepared for the unexpected, having information gathered, emergency kits ready, and knowing a plan. The American Red Cross provides some great information on how to be prepared for a natural disaster (http://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies). The second part of a natural disaster is the recovery. Rebuilding a home and life will be the most challenging thing one can experience. There are many resources that a family can use for financial assistance, and the Knights of Columbus is a great resource. But the Disaster Relief program needs your financial support. Simply go to Knights of Columbus Disaster Relief website to donate (http://www.kofc.org/en/charities/articles/disaster-relief.html).

Another program that the Knights of Columbus has recently started up is the Second Responders Program. The Second Responders Program is designed to identify and train members in the council to be prepared for natural disasters and be assistance to our community members. Having members trained in CPR and First Aid and getting preparedness packages ready and available for when a natural disaster hits. Please review the State Service Programs Handbook for more information about the Second Responders Program.

We all need to be prepared for a natural disaster, whether it affects us directly or our communities around us.

Via Jesus!

Jeff Lambert, PCP PGK

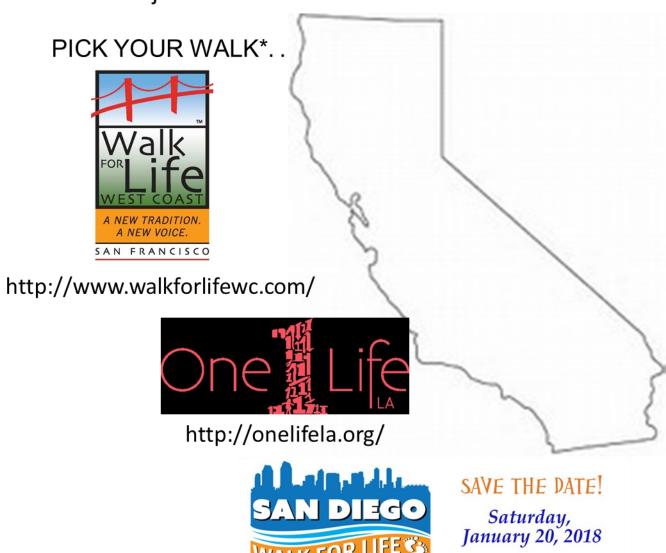
Community Activities Chairman

California State Council

BROTHER KNIGHTS FAMILIES – FRIENDS

SAVE THE DATE

3 Major California Walks for Life



http://sandiegowalkforlife.org/



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 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 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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Operations
Rene Trevino
Operations Director

August 2017 Message



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.

Classroom Adopt a Seminarian Program and Pilgrim Vessel Program

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.

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

CHAPTER OFFICERS INSTALLATIONS





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"One Nation Under God"

The San Diego Chapter Knights of Columbus Color Guard presented Colors at "Catholic Night at PETCO" San Diego Padre Game against the Washington Nationals on August 18, 2017. Members included: District Marshal Rene Trevino; Color Corps Commander Roark Galloway; Faithful Navigators Charlie Farnesworth and Vince Perez; Sir Knights Don Rakestraw and Brian Satterle.



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