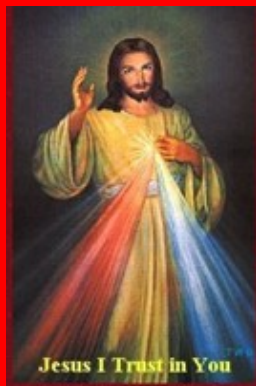


## California State Council Knights of Columbus



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# Golden State Knightletter



## Advent and Christmas—A Season of Joy



December is a very important month for Catholics as we begin the month with the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12. One of the joys of being a Catholic is celebrating the many feast days as they relate to many cultures. We all need to embrace these events and celebrate the joy with all our fellow Catholics. Congratulations to the many processions and mass' held in celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe throughout the State.



As we celebrate this Advent Season, we must think of the Joy we embrace with our Family and Friends. In the popular Christmas Carol "Joy to the World" the lyrics remind us of why we celebrate: "Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room, And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing." Supreme is asking us to focus on "Building the Domestic Church" and what a beautiful way to show how much joy we share with our respective Parishes. Make it a goal to finish strong this Columbian year with Joy in your hearts and actions.



Christmas Day is a special day as we open the many gifts from our Family and Friends. This is also a time of many traditions within our families. Many go out to 'see the lights' in their neighborhoods and cities. Many go to workplace dinners and parties. And, many Councils and Assembly's gather together to 'break bread' and to exchange gifts. And, let's not forget those family traditions such as making those tamales for Christmas Eve dinner! However, we must remember that we are celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is a joyous Season, one we celebrate in many, many ways! Keep Christ in Christmas.

Wishing all a Joyous Advent/Christmas Season and a Blessed New Year!

## Christmas Prayer



Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance.

Be with us as we sing the ironies of Christmas, the incomprehensible comprehended, the poetry made hard fact, the helpless Babe who cracks the world asunder. We kneel before you shepherds, innkeepers, wisemen. Help us to rise bigger than we are. Amen.  
— Catholic Online

## Upcoming Events

- Walks for Life: January 2018
- Basketball Free Throw Contests: March, 2018
- Religious Education Congress: March 16 – 18, 2018
- Founder's Day Drive: April 7-8, 2018



## State Deputy's Message December 2017

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, let's contemplate on the reason for the season. This is the month of giving and sharing. The greatest gift that we received is God the Father's gift to us and to the world – the gift of Christ. As Knights of Columbus, we have to keep Christ in Christmas. We have the opportunity to share in gift-giving. We have so many programs where Councils can give a gift of warmth such as Coats for Kids, gift to those who are hungry by way of our Food for Families Programs and donating to the Christian Refuge Relief to help our Christian brothers in the Middle East and helping build a home for them.

As Councils, you can offer to help your parish or another parish in need to prepare for Christmas through cleaning, repairing, or providing decorations or flowers and participating in Christmas events.

As we go through this midyear, let's see where we are and help our own Council achieve our mid-year goals. Let's offer a gift of membership to every eligible Catholic man. Let's give them an experience of a lifetime. Let's not deny them the same experience we had when we joined the Knights of Columbus. What a better way of helping our own Council is to recruit one new member this Christmas season.

We had an early gift from Supreme when our Supreme Knight announced last month that the \$4.50 credit for every billable member for councils attaining a Star Council Award has been extended this year.

The joy of Christmas is to be shared by all, and the true joy comes from the birth of Jesus! Celebrate the season with your family and council members in the manner it was intended, by keeping Christ in Christmas!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES!**

Romeo D. Quevedo  
State Deputy  
[State.deputy@californiaknights.org](mailto:State.deputy@californiaknights.org)



## Resolutions



Stephen E. Bolton  
State Advocate 2017-2018



To: Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries

Re: Resolutions for consideration at 2018 Convention

Worthy Grand Knight,

One of the primary business responsibilities of delegates to the State Council Annual Meeting (convention) is the consideration and approval of resolutions submitted by councils throughout the state. A resolution can be used to: 1) propose/recommend a change in the State or Supreme bylaws, or 2) congratulate a member, priest or parish on reaching a significant milestone (e.g. 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination, 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish, or 25 years of membership in the Order).

The purpose of this letter is to make your council aware that guidelines for submitting resolutions from your council have been posted on the State Council website at [www.californiaknights.org/resolutions](http://www.californiaknights.org/resolutions). You will also find sample templates in Word that can be used to facilitate creating a resolution.

We also want to make you aware that we are modifying the process of publicizing all resolutions that are submitted which will reduce the overall cost burden. The resolutions received for consideration will only be sent to each council and delegate in PDF format by electronic mail. Each Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, and registered convention delegate or alternate will receive that email.

A mailing label with the GK and FS electronic mail addresses currently on record is attached to this letter. Any corrections to these electronic mail addresses should be sent immediately to [state.office@californiaknights.org](mailto:state.office@californiaknights.org). The delegate election forms are also being modified to collect the email addresses of the elected delegates and alternates.

As the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, I want to do everything possible to ensure that the resolution process runs smoothly and provide whatever help is needed in your understanding of that process.

Email – [state.advocate@californiaknights.org](mailto:state.advocate@californiaknights.org)

Phone – 909-434-0460 Ex. 5

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen E. Bolton".

Stephen E. Bolton  
State Advocate

Faith, Family & Friends

*"Jesus, I Trust in You!"*

## Resolutions—Candidates for State Office



Stephen E. Bolton  
State Advocate 2017-2018



To: Grand Knights of the California State Jurisdiction  
Re: Endorsement Resolutions for Candidates seeking State Office

Candidates for State Office at the Annual State Meeting (Convention), wishing to participate in the State Office mailing, must have their resolutions into the State Office no later than Friday, February 9, 2018.

Council endorsement resolutions must be signed by the council Grand Knight and Recording Secretary and have the council seal affixed.

The original must be mailed to the State Office. It is strongly recommended that an electronic copy of the resolution, in Microsoft Word format, also be provided. E-mail to: [state.office@californiaknights.org](mailto:state.office@californiaknights.org)

This year, 'Council Endorsements' will be sent along with the Resolutions "booklet" that will be distributed by electronic mail to each council 45 days prior to the annual State Meeting. If you have any questions, please call the State Office at 909-434-0460.

### Guidelines for Elections:

1. A candidate may prepare a short biography which may be featured on the State Council's web site.
2. If a candidate's council passes a resolution of support for a particular candidate, that resolution can be disseminated to the other councils within the candidate's council.
3. A candidate may not mass mail (either US Mail or e-mail) members of the Knights of Columbus or the general public.
4. In the event a candidate's council passes a resolution in support of a particular candidate, that resolution can also be posted on the State Council's web site.

Fraternally,

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Stephen E. Bolton  
State Advocate

### **Faith, Family & Friends**

*"Jesus, I Trust in You!"*

Cc: State Officers  
Chapters Presidents  
District Deputies





## State Membership Director

**Matt McDonagh**

**2017-2018**

### **DECEMBER 2017 Message**

#### ***The State Membership Director's Twelve days of Christmas***

**On the First Day of Christmas**, the State Deputy gave to me: A Chapter in a Redwood Tree.

**On the Second Day of Christmas**, the State Deputy gave to me: Two SD Forums and a Chapter in a Redwood Tree.

**On the Third Day of Christmas**, the State Deputy gave to me: Three Admission Degrees, Two SD Forums, and a Chapter in a Redwood Tree.

**On the Fourth Day of Christmas**, the State Deputy gave to me: Four Star Councils Shinning, Three Admission Degrees, Two SD Forums, and a Chapter in a Redwood Tree.

**On the Fifth Day of Christmas**, the State Deputy gave to me: Five NCD's, Four Star Councils Shinning, Three Admission Degrees, Two SD Forums, and a Chapter in a Redwood Tree.

**On the Sixth Day of Christmas**, the State Deputy gave to me: Six Reactivations Thriving, Five NCD's, Four Star Councils Shinning, Three Admission Degrees, Two SD Forums, and a Chapter in a Redwood Tree.

**On the Seventh Day of Christmas**, the State Deputy gave to me: Seven Star Recruiters Asking, Six Reactivations Thriving, Five NCD's, Four Star Councils Shinning, Three Admission Degrees, Two SD Forums, and a Chapter in a Redwood Tree.

**On the Eighth Day of Christmas**, the State Deputy gave to me: Eight Supreme Website Referrals, Seven Star Recruiters Asking, Six Reactivations Thriving, Five NCD's, Four Star Councils Shinning, Three Admission Degrees, Two SD Forums, and a Chapter in a Redwood Tree.

**On the Ninth Day of Christmas**, the State Deputy gave to me: Nine Armors Shining, Eight Supreme Website Referrals, Seven Star Recruiters Asking, Six Reactivations Thriving, Five NCD's, Four Star Councils Shinning, Three Admission Degrees, Two SD Forums, and a Chapter in a Redwood Tree.

**On the Tenth Day of Christmas**, the State Deputy gave to me: Ten Round Tables Rounding, Nine Armors Shining, Eight Supreme Website Referrals, Seven Star Recruiters Asking, Six Reactivations Thriving, Five NCD's, Four Star Councils Shinning, Three Admission Degrees, Two SD Forums, and a Chapter in a Redwood Tree.

**On the Eleventh Day of Christmas**, the State Deputy gave to me: Eleven Church Drives Driving, Ten Round Tables Rounding, Nine Armors Shining, Eight Supreme Website Referrals, Seven Star Recruiters Asking, Six Reactivations Thriving, Five NCD's, Four Star Councils Shinning, Three Admission Degrees Two SD Forums, and a Chapter in a Redwood Tree.

**On the Twelfth Day of Christmas**, the State Deputy gave to me: Twelve Star Districts Twinkling, Eleven Church Drives Driving, Ten Round Tables Rounding, Nine Armors Shining, Eight Supreme Website Referrals, Seven Star Recruiters Asking, Six Reactivations Thriving, Five NCD's, Four Star Councils Shinning, Three Admission Degrees, Two SD Forums, and a Chapter in a Redwood Tree.

***A Blessed and Merry Christmas***

Matt McDonagh

December 2017

## **A Knight Before Christmas**

*It's the weeks before Christmas, and all through the state  
Everyone is recruiting, with the speed of light.  
All the Form 100s are filled out with greatest of care  
In hopes that California soon would be there.*

*The GK's and DD's are nestled all snug in their beds  
While visions of Star Council danced in their heads.  
And Vince in his knit cap, and I in my hat  
Have just settled our brains for a long winter drive.*

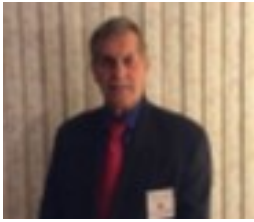
*When out on the street there arose such a clatter.  
I sprang from my chair to see what was the matter.  
Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
Tore open the shutter, and popped out the glass.*

*The sun on the sand and the hard pounding surf,  
Gave the luster of midday to the prospects below,  
When, what to my wondering eye should appear  
But a bright colored canopy and a team of recruiters.*

*With a fast talking closer, so lively and quick,  
I knew in an instant it must be a Blitz.  
More rapid than eagles, our recruiters they came  
And we whistled and shouted and called each by name:  
Now Ramos! Now Castillo!  
Now Perez and Brady!  
On, Davey! On, David!  
On, Rief and Kohnke!  
To the top of the list!  
To the front of the stage!  
Now recruit away! Recruit away!  
Recruit away all!*

*As dry leaves before a hurricane fly,  
When they meet with an obstacle, they climb to the sun,  
So up to the mountain top, these heroes they fly  
With a sleigh filled with new Knights and another for you!  
And then in a twinkling, I heard in the street,  
The clapping and cheering of many new brothers.  
As I drew my head and was turning around,  
they came down the road with an unlimited bound.*

*We sprang to our feet and gave such a whistle,  
And away they all flew with the speed of an arrow.  
But I heard them exclaim as they ran out of sight,  
"MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL! WE'RE PROUD TO BE KNIGHTS!"*



## **California State Service Programs**

**Stephen Peterson, FM**

**2017 -2018**

**December 2017**

Worthy Brothers,

Already the month of December is here. The first half of the Columbian year is behind us. This is a good time to evaluate what your Council has achieved toward your goal as Star Council. There are many programs that your Council can still implement. Ideas can be found in the California Programs Handbook, California State website, Supreme website and the monthly issues of Columbia Magazine and the Supreme Knightline newsletter.

District Deputies and Grand Knights, have you created an Action Plan and are you following it? Are you filling up the pages in your Fraternal Leader Success Planners that were given to you at the start of this Columbian Year? There should be many entries of where you have been and where you are going. Essay, Poster and Free Throw contests should be in full swing at this time. Christmas Cards should have been ordered and mailed by now. Plans for Coats for Kids and Food for Families should be scheduled and ready for distribution.

As the New Year approaches, start planning your "Building the Domestic Church, While Strengthening our Parish" activities. There are 12 of them, some have already passed, some are on-going and some are about to start. Focus on these activities in the months coming as well as the Supreme Featured programs and our long-standing programs. Collectively, they will bring our parish communities together.

My Brothers, there are opportunities, opportunities, opportunities. They are there! Simply stated, Plan the Event, Do the Event, Record the Event so you will have a record for the SP7 report due by June 2018. It is up to you to get it going and be on your way to Star Council. A reminder, that this year there are two new requirements for Star Council: Four Domestic Church Activities are required, and the Grand Knight and Youth Activity Chairman must take the Safe Environment course through Supreme.

Remember that Every Program is an Opportunity for Membership Recruitment. Plan your work and work your plan. May you and your families have a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

Vivat Jesus!

Stephen Peterson, FM  
State Programs Director



## Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities



### **Frank Nigro Columbian Foundation Supporting People with Intellectual Disabilities, Inc. Chosen to Receive \$2,500 Grant**

#### ***Frank Nigro Columbian Foundation Chosen by Local Staples Associate to Benefit from Staples Foundation Grant***

The Frank Nigro Columbian Foundation Supporting People with Intellectual Disabilities, Inc. has been awarded \$2,500 by Staples Foundation, the private charitable arm of Staples, Inc., through a program called *2 Million & Change* that allows Staples associates around the globe to direct more than \$2 million in donations each year.

John Brennan of Knights of Columbus Fair Oaks Council 6066 identified our School Partnership Program as qualifying for Grant. Dr. Ray Warriner comment on the award "I spent much of my youth and early adult life suffering from low self-esteem. It was only through a loving wife and God that I was able to break away from that destructive affliction. So, I know from personal experience the importance of developing a positive self-image at an early age. **That is what the School Partnership Program is all about.**"

"This human characteristic is even more important with children, especially those with intellectual disabilities. This grant request will support and expand programs focused on developing healthy and positive self-esteem for K-12 students with disabilities. If you choose this request for approval, it represents support for 10 classrooms of 20 to 30 Special Education Students being provided an opportunity to improve their self-esteem and impacts their lives and the lives of those around them for many years to come."

The grants are part a philanthropic initiative which allows Staples associates around the world to direct funding to non-profit organizations focused on academic education or job skills. The program encourages local community engagement by awarding larger grants to organizations where associates are highly engaged in volunteering or fundraising – up to \$25,000 per organization.

In 2016, Staples awarded more than \$2.3 million in grants to 1,000 local organizations in support of education and job skills programs.

Dr. Ray Warriner, 562-926-5538  
Columbian.Foundation.President@gmail.com





## The “365 Club” offers - Charity, Unity and Fraternity!

By Ed Bystran, Charity President

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

In the past the Charity has responded to almost 2200 requests to provide Brothers with their family's critical needs and has given more than \$3,000,000 in relief. **In 2017 Columbian Charities responded to 68 requests from Brothers and widows with 52 grants and \$135,000 in aid.**

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

**We need your generous charitable and fraternal support to continue assisting Brothers who cannot provide for themselves.** For several of the past years donations to the charity have been much less than what was needed to meet the needs of our many Brothers who had suffered because of the poor economy. This is a California State Council program. **Supreme does not provide any funds.**

The “**365 Club**” and the **Parade of Grand Knights** are the primary methods of raising funds for California Columbian Charities. We ask that every Brother in California join the “**365 Club**” and donate a penny a day - either by adding an additional \$3.65 (or more) to their dues payment, or by a cash donation at council meetings. The council may hold these funds until May when they should be brought to the State Convention and the **Parade of Grand Knights**.

If a council misses the convention it should not overlook its donation. Please mail all council and personal checks (payable to Californian Columbian Charities) to California Columbian Charities, P. O. Box 4256, Cerritos, CA 90703. These donations may be sent at any time.

Although the “**365 Club**” and **Parade of Grand Knights** involve only one donation a year at the State Convention, further donations are appreciated by Columbian Charities and by your Brothers in distress.

**Thank you** for your generosity.

Every Council's Financial Secretary should introduce the Council members to the “**365 Club**” so that all Brothers have the ability to contribute to Columbian Charities. To join each Brother is asked to donate a penny a day (\$3.65 or more, per year) to the Charity. The best way to accomplish this is for the Financial Secretary to add an additional line to the dues billing statement (including those sent to non-dues paying Honorary Members): “**365 Club – Please add a \$3.65 donation to Columbian Charities.**” This will provide every Brother in the Council an opportunity to support our charity.

We urge Councils to start employing the “**365 Club**” option during their next dues billing cycle. Financial Secretaries have many responsibilities in carrying out their duties; however, Brothers are losing their jobs, their health insurance and their homes during hard times. We need to extend to them a helping hand and we know that every Brother in every Council wants to participate.

## Wheelchairs

Worthy Brother Knights,

In 2015, State Deputy Ed Huestis' initiative for wheelchairs was for Veterans, and the state came through with six containers and one container of transport chairs.

In 2016, State Deputy Sonny Santa Ines' initiative was for wheelchairs to the Holy Land, and once again California came through with four containers to the Holy Land.

This year, State Deputy Romy Quevedo's initiative is for wheelchairs to the Philippines. I am counting on California to come through once again. There is still time for Councils and Chapters to donate to the Philippines.

Make Checks payable to: American Wheelchair Mission

In the memo section just write in Philippines.

Mail to: Dan Moberg  
2600 E. Seltice Way, A-172  
Post Falls, ID 83854

I expect to see many of you in Ontario for the DD Mid-Term Meeting. There, we will discuss Wheelchair Sundays.

May you and your families have a Blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year.

Thank you and Vivat Jesus.

Fraternally,

Louis Salvatore  
State Wheelchair Chairman



## Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Program

December is upon us and your Council Level Competition should be in it's final stage. December 15 should be your cut off to receive your Keep Christ in Christmas posters for judging. The next deadline is December 31 where your posters are on their way to the Chapter Chairman in your area. Please send only the winners with their entry sheet completely filled out to your Chapter Poster Chairman for judging.

I hope your Council enjoyed seeing all the wonderful posters your entrants created. We are excited to see the Chapter winners for judging.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.



## Substance Abuse Poster Program

As of December, your Council should have received the SA-Kit (Poster) from Supreme. If not, it is not too late to download. Here is the link: <http://www.kofc.org/en/members/programs/youth-activities/substance-abuse-awareness.html#/Support%20Materials>. The only disadvantage is you will have to copy the material needed to distribute to your local schools.

The cut off date for your local Council is January 31. Please send only your winning posters with entry form attached to your Local Chapter Chairman for judging. Make sure the entry form is completely filled out.

**Note:** California-- Council, Chapter and State deadlines differ from Supreme deadlines due to the April 1<sup>st</sup> cut-off for California State Council Awards.

### **New Deadlines for California**

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| Council             | January 25  |
| District (optional) | February 14 |
| Chapter             | March 10    |
| State               | March 25    |

Thank you for promoting Drug and Alcohol Awareness to our youth by conducting this SA Poster program. Looking forward to seeing your outstanding posters.

Bob Pineschi, CA State Poster Chairman [pineschibob@yahoo.com](mailto:pineschibob@yahoo.com) 916 645-8366



As the year approaches the winter months in California the air has that morning crispness and evening chill. Taking for granted as we bundle up to address the cold, with a jacket or coat in our closets, we remind ourselves of those in need, especially children. Least they have a roof and pillow every night, a coat will bring warmth and defend against the elements, as God defends the widow and the orphan. Make one of your Youth Activities the Coats for Kids featured program this winter. Your worthy investment in time and donated funds helps a wonderful cause and brightens the lives of children in need.

Your efforts and thankfulness will carry on a tradition since 2009 when the program was launched.

Vivat Jesus!

District Deputy 143

Luigi Zoni

State Coats for Kids Chairperson

**Kofc Council 4901, along with Pastor Fr. Blaise Berg, distribute coats for needy kids in the St. Mary's Parish, Vacaville CA.**







## Your Columbian Senior Advisory Service Program at Work

Established in 2011 by our Columbian Retirement Home Corporation (CRH), the Columbian Senior Advisory Service (CSAS) is a free statewide service. Because of generous donations by its owners, all California State knights, CSAS continues to serve families state-wide. Here's a snapshot of CSAS at work:

**Sacramento County** - Knight referred by a past CSAS client, called for his wife who has dementia. He is taking care of her at home and experiencing challenges. CSAS provided information for tools on how to cope, how to advocate with the physician and neurologist and about a local men's caregiver support group.

**San Diego County** - Wife of a Knight referred by her local council, called on behalf of her husband. He is currently living in assisted living, and she is getting close to retirement and concerned about finances. She wanted to explore some other board and care options in her area that may be more affordable, CSAS provided contact information for a placement and referral agency that can work with her budget and desired location.

**Orange County** - Knight referred by a Grand Knight, called on behalf of a brother Knight being evicted from his apartment. CSAS provided guidance on affordable housing, exploring a medical and mental health evaluation, and how the brother Knights might be able to support him and find a more permanent housing arrangement.

**Madera County** - Knight who receives our monthly News & Notes, called on behalf of himself. He was the victim of fraudulent medical billing. CSAS provided information on resources regarding his legal rights and advocacy to help resolve the matter.

**San Luis Obispo County** - Daughter of a Fourth Degree Knight who learned about CSAS after receiving the annual CRH appeal letter in the mail. She called for financial assistance on behalf of her father. She shared that he was recently widowed, and one month later, his mobile home burned to the ground and he lost everything. CSAS coordinated putting her in contact with her father's local council for requested emergency financial help for a permit to tear down the destroyed mobile home. We also were able to provide information about long-term care and applying for MediCal.

**San Francisco County** - A man who heard about CSAS through his parish, called on behalf of himself. He is in his 90s and his goal is to live at home close to friends and family for as long as possible. CSAS provided information about in-home care companies that can assist with driving, errands and light chores to help maintain his safety and independence.

Should you or a Brother Knight need assistance – CSAS is just one phone call away, ready to serve.

**COLUMBIAN SENIOR ADVISORY SERVICE - Caring for Knights and Families - (800) 273-0068**

*Article contributed by Taryn Benson, MHA, CSAS Consultant.*



## KofC Life Matters - Defending Every One

### T-Shirts for 2018 Major California Walks for Life

Each shirt declares that you are a part of something bigger that proclaims the truth of Life to all who see your message.



front view

back view

Please visit

[www.kofcwalkingthetalk.com](http://www.kofcwalkingthetalk.com)

## Defending Every Beating Heart!

Proudly wear your Classic Pro-Life T-shirt walking with tens of thousands at California's Walks for Life along with Knights of Columbus, families, and friends in support of the greatest life-saving and life-changing movement of our times.

Our very affordable prices of **\$6** (youth XS - youth L), **\$8** (adult S - XL), and **\$10** (adult 2XL - 3XL) make it easy to qualify for **Free Shipping!** All orders must be a minimum of 10 shirts or more and can be a mix of various sizes. **Urgent: MUST PLACE ORDERS BY JAN. 5TH to ensure delivery the week of Jan. 15th.**

All major credit cards accepted.



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## West Coast Walk for Life is Saturday, January 27

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

The Knights of Columbus is being asked again to provide Peace Keepers for the event at the Civic Center and during the walk down Market Street. Participating has been declining in the last few years and we need help more than ever. You can also invite members of your parish that are not Knights and it's a good recruitment event.

If you can attend, please RSVP to Brother Steve Hagarty at [wolfhag@pacbell.net](mailto:wolfhag@pacbell.net) or call him at 925-595-3391. Steve is willing to attend your Council or chapter meeting to give a presentation of the event. Supporting pro-life activities is one of Supremes activities that every Council should support. Peace Keeper should start arriving at 10am. The rally and speakers start at 12:30pm and the walk down Market Street starts at 1:30pm. We also need body guards for the clergy and visiting dignitaries. If you are a retired or active law enforcement, we can use you in a different capacity than a Peace Keeper.

Please get a notice in your Parish bulletin. Your Parish can register a bus and many Councils help defray the cost.

Bus Registration: <http://www.walkforlifewc.com/register/bus-registration/>

Here is the link for the media center: <http://www.walkforlifewc.com/media-center/>

Here is a link to purchase T-shirts: [www.kofcwalkingthetalk.com](http://www.kofcwalkingthetalk.com)

If your Council has a crab feed on the same day we can make arrangements for you to leave early.

Steve Hagarty, FDD, PGK  
Council #13179  
925-595-3391

## State Soccer Challenge Results

"Introducing" your 2017 California State Soccer Challenge "champions" from the 2017 Northern and Southern State competitions :

### 9 Year Old Boys "Winner"

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Paul Nguyen - Council 9076; District 140; Chapter San Diego; San Diego; Total Score 150/500  
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### 9 Year Old Girls "Winner"

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Ashlyn Bell - Council 11236; District 12; Chapter Northern Cal; Newman; Total Score 160/500  
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### 10 Year Old Boys "Winner"

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Caleb Aguilar - Council 15499; District 15; Chapter Northern Cal; Fairfield; Total Score 155/500  
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### 10 Year Old Girls "Winner"

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Zoe Smith - Council 5978; District 4; Chapter Northern Cal; Yuba City; Total Score 195/500  
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### 11 Year Old Boys "Winner"

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Kevin Nguyen - Council 9076; District 140; Chapter San Diego; San Diego; Total Score 300/500  
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### 11 Year Old Girls "Winner"

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Victoria Acevedo - Council 2557; District 55; Chapter San Joaquin; Turlock; Total Score 190/500  
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### 12 Year Old Boys "Winner"

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Brayden King - Council 11236; District 12; Chapter Northern Cal; Elk Grove; Total Score 170/500  
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### 12 Year Old Girls "Winner"

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Alona Schnee - Council 10094; District 141; Chapter San Diego; San Diego; Total Score 120/500  
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## State Soccer Challenge Results (continued)

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### 13 Year Old Boys "Winner"

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**Evan Cannon - Council 11236; District 12; Chapter Northern Cal; Sacramento; Total Score 240/500**

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### 13 Year Old Girls "Winner"

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**Melody Siu Arias - Council 14783; District 90; Chapter Southern Cal; Los Angeles; Total Score 285/500**

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### 14 Year Old Boys "Winner"

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**Jesus Hernandez - Council 2517; District 55; Chapter San Joaquin; Gustine; Total Score 395/500**

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### 14 Year Old Girls "Winner"

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**Issabella Camacho - Council 9202; District 5; Chapter Northern Cal; Lincoln; Total Score 165/500**

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In appreciation and gratitude to all of our "16" State Chapter Presidents, Chapter Officers, Chapter Committeemen, Districts Deputies, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and brother Knights who promoted and participated in this year's 2017 Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge program and competitions. Thank you to all of our Council, District and Chapter Soccer Challenge Coordinators working with all of our youth at the grass roots level promoting and coordinating their local competitions throughout our great State during this Columbian Year 2017-2018.

Special thank you to all three 2017 State Regional Soccer Challenge Coordinators, worthy brother's Julio Jiminez, State Co-Chairman; Dick Phelan, Northern State Coordinator and Luigi Zoni, Southern State Coordinator for all of their dedication, time and help during this year's competitions at all levels within their local regions, councils, district and chapters.

Thank you to worthy brother's Romeo Quevedo, State Deputy, Dr. Noel Panlilio, State Warden, Stephen Peterson, State Program Director, Brian J. Tagland, Nor-Cal Chapter President for your support and help with our 2017 Knights of Columbus Northern State Soccer Challenge Program and Competition.

Thank you also to worthy brother's Sonny Santa Ines, Immediate Past State Deputy, Joe Salaiz, State Secretary and Julio Jiminez, State Soccer Challenge Co-Chairman for your support and help with our 2017 Knights of Columbus Southern State Soccer Challenge Program and Competition.

Kudos to worthy brother Richard Baker, Awards Chairman, sister Danalyn Hays, State Office for your help, direction and support during this Columbian Year 2017-2018 for our Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge Program and competitions.

**Vivat Jesus,**

**Mahalo and Aloha,**

**SK Percy Park, PGK, PFN  
Nor Cal Chapter Soccer Challenge 2017-2018**

## Basketball Season

Our basketball tournament is moving closer and closer. If you haven't ordered your supplies, I believe you are really pushing time to the last possible moment.

Myself I am beginning to worry that the information that was submitted for each District Deputy to circulate to their respective Councils has not been received by their Councils.

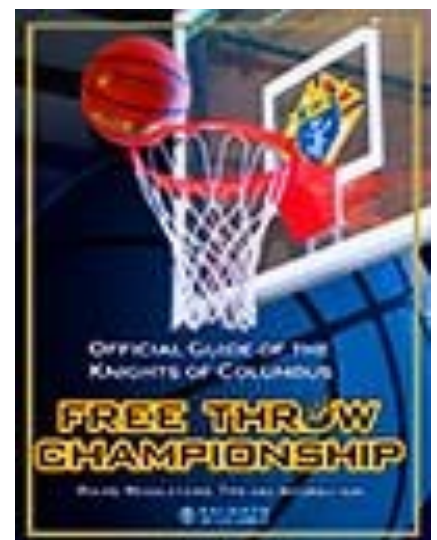
If you haven't received your package, check with your DD and the next step would be the Chapter President. If neither of them can help, you have one more step and that is the Basketball Chairman.

The Council shoot off should be completed by the end of January, District shoot off, should be completed sometime in the first two weeks of February and then you only need to complete the Chapter shoot off the last two weeks of February. Then State will be March 17th at San Joaquin Memorial High School. Brothers we as Knights need to really push hard to make this classic be successful. If you need help, you have my number and my e-mail address.

We all need to make this fun for the kids, I can guarantee, that you will also enjoy the program and by volunteering to help, it will be fun for you. I'm counting on you Brothers.

Don Reitz, Chairman

Viva Jesus







## Operations

Rene Trevino

Operations Director

### December 2017 Message

This month Operations is focusing on Protocol. Every once and awhile, we need to be reminded that we are a Fraternal Organization with many traditions and protocols. Following is an excerpt from the State Handbook on Protocol provided by our Protocol Chairman Joe Trechter.

### Protocol

Protocol is the ceremonial forms and courtesies that are established as proper and correct in official exchanges between heads of state and their ministers. It is the rigid code setting forth the degree of obedience, the order of precedence, and the rules of official and social behavior. It covers anything that is proper and in good taste. Protocol dictates and guides how an activity should be performed - specifies proper and generally accepted behavior such as showing appropriate respect and acknowledgment of the hierarchical standing of all present.

The Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator and Chapter President must conduct their respective meetings in strict accordance with the Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus, supplemented by the council, assembly or chapter by-laws and per parliamentary procedure. The order of business for conducting a council or assembly meeting is outlined in the **“The Method of Conduct of a Council Meeting” (#1937)** and **“Ceremonial for Conducting an Assembly Meeting” (#2066)** available from the Supreme Council Supply Department.

Dignitaries who attend a meeting should be accorded due recognition for the office or position they hold. They should always be seating in a place of honor. Dignitaries include the Hierarchy, Priest, Religious, Supreme Officers, Supreme Directors, State Officers, State Directors and Chairmen, District Deputies, General Agents, Vice Supreme Masters, Masters, Faithful Navigators, Chapter Presidents, Grand Knights and Local and State officials, all of which are honored guests and as such should occupy a seat of honor.

It is impossible to cite every rule governing every situation, that is why most rules are unwritten. As a guide, we should always display proper respect for the office or title represented by an individual. In no way, should we let dislike for a person influence our respect for the office he holds.

Additional information regarding protocol can be found in the **Protocol Handbook (#1612)** that can be ordered through the Supreme Supply Catalog or can be found in the State Operations Handbook which has been provided on a flash drive and distributed to District Deputies and Grand Knights.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Your Brother In Christ,

Rene Trevino

State Operations Director 2017-2018



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**OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



## **Mexican Martyr Monthly Award for Chaplains**

### **Three Phases that lead to Priestly Vocations**

**Dec. 15, 2017** is the deadline for nominating your chaplain for the December 2017 Mexican Martyr Chaplain Award. This award represents Phase 3 of the Knights of Columbus commitment to Vocations. It is one of the easiest programs available to give recognition to your chaplain and say thanks for his yes to your council or assembly. Please take the time to fill out the nomination form. You will receive a certificate or plaque to give to him at your council meeting. Forms are available on state website. <http://www.californiaknights.org/state-forms/>

Phase 1: Vocation Awareness: **A Call to Serve Vocation Program** is the California Program recommended for vocation awareness.

This program asks Knights, their wives and families to be conscious of prospective men who might have a vocation to the priesthood. Look around prior to Mass and look for that single man who seems to be intently involved in prayer. Simply approach him after Mass and give him the Vocation Prayer Card and ask him if he has ever considered a vocation to the priesthood.

Phase 2: Supporting our seminarians during their formation. **The RSVP & Adopt A Seminarian Program** are the recommended programs for California Councils and Assemblies

The California Vocation Team is recommending that councils mold these 2 programs into one. Through the RSVP select a seminarian and contribute financially to help him with his personal expenses while he is in formation. Through the Adopt A Seminarian Program contact your parish EDD Coordinator and School Principal and share with them what the program is all about and them to solicit a classroom to participate.

Phase 3: Giving thanks to our priests especially those who have said yes to you to be your council or assembly chaplain. **The Mexican Martyr and Fr. Juan Perez Awards** are the two programs your California Vocation Team recommends.

Yours in Christ

John D. Bertrand, Chairman  
California Vocation Team

## Vocations

Brother Knights,

St. Patrick's Seminary and University, operated by the Archdiocese of San Francisco, remains the major seminary for Central and Northern California; it also has seminarians from Guam, Hawaii and S. Korea. The Seminary is directed by fellow Knight Rev. Dr. George Schultze SJ.

The future of the Catholic Church is tied directly to the work of our seminaries. In the last six months Fr. Schultze, SJ has traveled throughout the western states to present the seminary's mission to our various bishops. He anticipates a full seminary as his faculty, administration, and sending dioceses build for the future.

Knights of Columbus contribute to this effort to increase the ranks of the priesthood by simply asking young Catholic men if they have considered becoming a priest. The Knight's new vocation promotion program, A Call to Serve, invites a young man to reflect on his calling. Perhaps he is called to the priesthood, and by encouraging this call, we will make a difference in our Church and our world. We need solid men to consider the priesthood.


The vocations Committee



## State Council App


Have you downloaded the California State Council App to your phone? If not, here are the simple steps to follow.

If you have an iPhone, iPod, or iPad follow these steps:



1. Tap the "App store" icon on your phone.
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3. Type "Knights of Columbus" in the searchbar.
4. You will be taken to the Knights of Columbus app page.
5. Select the "Connectu Knights of Columbus" app published by Yoursphere Media
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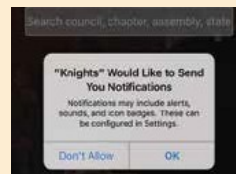
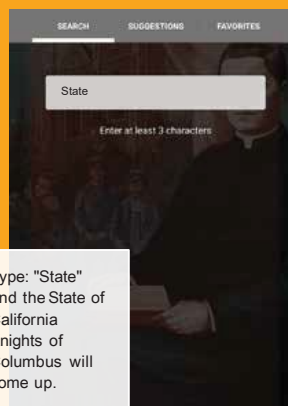
If you have an Android phone (Samsung or LG phone, for example) or tablet follow these steps:



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3. Type "Knights of Columbus" in the searchbar.
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### Questions?

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### Example Council apps



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## **Knights of Columbus Defeat Grinch, Bring Food and Gifts to 125 Livermore Families**

Sunday December 17, 2017 Livermore, CA

The Knights of Columbus brought food and gifts to 125 Livermore families on Saturday, December 16. At one point, a thief stole the gifts for an entire family. A Knight and his children had just brought food and joy to a deserving family when they returned to their car and discovered the theft. Undeterred, and motivated by the spirit of Christmas giving, they immediately went shopping to replace all the stolen gifts. Thus, every family that requested help received packages tailored for their needs.

Gifts were contributed by St. Michael Parish, St. Michael School, the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Community of Pleasanton, St. Charles Borromeo Parish and Surtec. Over \$40,000 of gifts were collected and distributed, including more than 40 bicycles and an upright piano.

The recipients were moved to tears. Knights and their families who delivered the gifts were similarly moved. Walter McInnes, a new Knight, said "To see those kids faces light up like Christmas bulbs on a string of lights was truly a blessing for me to experience. And that one kid who was so overjoyed to receive a soccer ball was something I will remember for life."

This donation is a portion of over \$72,000 donated by the Livermore Knights of Columbus in the past three months to the community, local charities and churches.

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal organization devoted to works of charity. They raise funds through various community events and donate the net proceeds to worthy causes, mostly in Livermore and the Tri Valley region.



**Santa's Helpers wrapped and organized gifts all week**



**A fraction  
of the gifts  
that filled  
St. Michael  
Hall**



**Knight Joe Burescia  
preparing over 40 bikes  
for delivery.**

## Students Win Livermore Essay Contest

Thursday November 16, 2017 Livermore, CA

Three eighth grade students of St. Michael School won recognition for exceptional essays in a contest sponsored by the Livermore Knights of Columbus. The students wrote about inspirational people who made significant contributions while working at the periphery of society. Cash prizes were awarded at a school assembly on November 13.

The first-place essay was written by Kayla Nuti who was inspired by Saint Teresa of Calcutta who dedicated herself to serving the poorest of the poor in India and throughout the world.

The second-place essay was written by Michael Vieira who found inspiration in the work of Fr. Michael J. McGivney who founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882 to help oppressed and struggling Catholic immigrants.

The third-place essay was written by Olivia Flores who was most impressed by Saint Elizabeth Drexel, an American heiress who devoted her life and fortune to benefit and educate Native and African Americans.

The winning essays were submitted for competition at the state and national levels.

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**Knights Wesley Arnold and Mike Taranowski present awards to Kayla Nuti, Michael Vieira, and Olivia Flores (left to right)**

**For additional information contact: Tom McCaffrey [captaintmcc@gmail](mailto:captaintmcc@gmail) 925-321-4604**

## Livermore Knights of Columbus Contribute to Special Education Programs

*Thursday December 14, 2017 Livermore, CA*

The Livermore Knights of Columbus donated \$2,426 to the Livermore Joint Valley Unified School District for special education programs in support of students with intellectual disabilities. The funds were presented at a School Board Meeting on December 12.

Deputy Grand Knight Wesley Arnold explained how the Knights of Columbus have been ardent supporters of persons with intellectual disabilities for over 47 years. The Livermore Knights raised these funds from their annual Tootsie Roll Drive managed by Knight Jim Gagliardi. Generous donations were supplied by parishioners of St. Michael and St. Charles Borromeo parishes. Donations were also provided by customers of Walmart which graciously allowed Knights to collect at the Livermore store.

Special Education Coordinator, Frank Selvaggio, accepted the donation. He expressed appreciation for the much-needed funds. He also complimented the Livermore Knights on their long history of supporting special education.

This donation is a portion of over \$32,000 donated by the Livermore Knights of Columbus in the past two months to local charities and churches.

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**Knights Wesley Arnold (left) and Jim Gagliardi (right) present a \$2,426 check to Special Education Coordinator, Frank Selvaggio**



## Knights of Columbus Give 100 Winter Coats to Livermore Kids

*Sunday December 17, 2017 Livermore, CA*

The Knights of Columbus gave 100 brand new coats to Livermore kids on Saturday, December 16. Children from all over town came to St. Michael's Hall and left wearing perfectly fitted, warm, and stylish coats. Gloves and hats were also distributed. It was a joy to witness, especially in the week before Christmas.

This distribution was part of a national program sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Coats are procured in bulk and shipped to local councils throughout North America. Each coat has an estimated retail value of \$70. Since the program began in 2009, nearly 400,000 coats have been distributed.

Grand Knight Tom McCaffrey told members, "Last year I witnessed the distribution of coats in Richmond and decided we needed to do this in Livermore".

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**Dan Corral, Jose Torres, Karen McCaffrey, Josh McGee, and Chuck Bellavia ready to help each kid find the perfect coat.**

**Knights and helpers organizing 100 coats by size and gender**

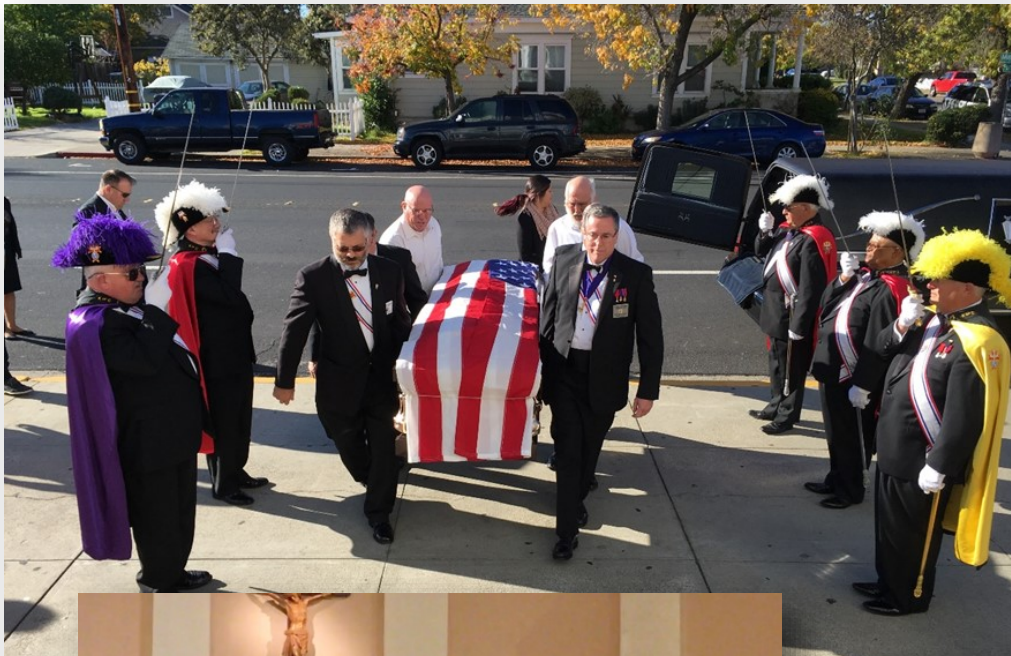


## Funeral Honors for a Livermore Knight

Thursday November 30, 2017 Livermore, CA

The Livermore Knights of Columbus provided full funeral honors for Sir Knight Kenneth Edward Gels, who died on Saturday November 25 after a long illness. Ken was a US Navy veteran and longtime Livermore resident. He was an active Knight for over 52 years in St. Michael Parish, including service as Grand Knight of Council 4588 and Color Corps Commander for Holy Spirit Assembly 1979. Ken is survived by his wife Joyce, sons Mike and David, daughter Jean Heise, and grandchildren Daniel Heise, Jenna Heise and Kenny Gels.

Resolutions of Condolence were adopted and presented to the Gels family by Council 4588 and Assembly 1979. A Chalice, engraved with the name of Sir Knight Ken Gels, was presented, at the request of Ken's family, to Sir Knight Father Alfred Amos, the funeral mass celebrant and former Chaplain of Council 4588.



**Livermore Grand Knight Tom McCaffrey delivers a Eulogy and explains the chalice dedicated to the memory of SK Ken Gels**



**Graveside Military Honors for SK Ken Gels with Color Corps at attention**

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**Livermore Knights and Holy Spirit Assembly Honor Guard Escort SK Ken Gels for the Mass of Christian Burial at St. Michael Church**