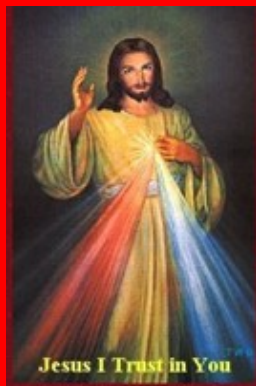


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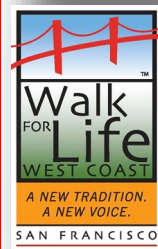
Culture of Life is a every day event with the Knights of Columbus. January begins our celebration of Life with the three Walks for Life held throughout the State and culminates with our 40 Days for Life events. It is highly encouraged that every Knight participate in one of the many Culture of Life celebrations nearby. Here is an example of events occurring throughout:



Walk for Life San Diego was held on Saturday January 20, 2018 in Balboa Park. Over 5,000 participated in this years walk with Most Reverend Robert McElroy, Bishop of San Diego and Auxiliary Bishop John Dolan both attending. San Diego Knights of Columbus from throughout the Chapter came with their families to participate.



One Life LA was also held on Saturday January 20, 2018 in downtown Los Angeles. Most Reverend Jose H. Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles attended along with over 30,000 participating in the walk. California State Secretary Joe Salaiz, State Advocate Steve Bolton and State Warden Dr. Noel Panlilio along with their wives also participated in the walk. That evening a special Requiem Mass for the Unborn was conducted with Archbishop Gomez as the primary celebrant. Mass was held at Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral. Over 50 Color Corps members from throughout Southern California were there in colors to honor the unborn.



Walk for Life West Coast will be held on Saturday January 27, 2018. This years walk will start with a Rally at 12:30 at Civic Center Plaza, walk down Market Street and end at the Justin Herman Plaza. There are many Councils and Chapters coordinating buses to the event, so please check with your leadership as to where and when to meet. There are several speakers scheduled who will be delivering informative and inspiring talks regarding the unborn and their families.



40 Days for Life South Bay will celebrate Mass on Sunday February 11, 2018 at several parishes throughout South San Diego County. After Mass, there will be a prayer service on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood in Chula Vista. On Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018, the Vigil begins at 12:01 AM and continues 24 hours per day for 40 days. This is just one example of the many 40 Days for Life Vigils being conducted throughout the State by our Brother Knights.

Upcoming Events

- 40 Days for Life: Starts February 14, 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 January 2018

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Hopefully everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Blessed New Year. Since we are just done with our 1st half of the Columbian Year, let us look back at what we have accomplished for the first six months. We had accomplished Chapter Installations and Testimonials during the first four months as well as conducted State Deputy Forums. I thank you for the tremendous hospitality you have given us during our visits.

The first half of the year was kind of slow for California jurisdiction as we are behind in our goals. Our Membership Intake was only 1,474 new members (33.69%). We need 2,901 new members to achieve our goal of 4,375. Our Net gain is 681 (22.25%). We need 2,379 for our goal of 3,060. So far we have one new council (13 to go) and 30 Round Tables (need 110 more toward our goal of 140).

We had conducted several programs during the first half of the year. We had the Family Week in August where councils held family events. The Silver Rose Program was hosted by eleven Chapters during August and September. Our State Officers and Directors as well as brother knights witnessed the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Fr. McGivney Lounge at St. Patrick Seminary. The renovation was funded by the Knights of Columbus. The Ultrasound Program had seven applications during the first half of the year and six checks have been received from Supreme. Other events conducted were Priesthood Sunday, Intellectual Disabilities Drives, Special Olympics, Coats for Kids, Food for Families, Habitat for Humanity, Soccer Challenge, Wheelchair Mission, Christmas Essay. The most notable program for the first six months is the Veterans Assistance Program. The San Diego Diocese Chapter has helped in the event they call the Marine Corps Trial. This is a Paralympic event in which solely Wounded Warriors compete in various sporting events. Brother Knights provided water, snacks and volunteered in different capacities at the different sporting events. Brother Knights also volunteered and helped in other events for our veterans during this first half of the Columbian year.

As we go through this second half of the Columbian Year, let us energized ourselves and focus on inviting eligible catholic men to join our Order. Let us help our councils in their recruiting efforts and help them look forward to achieving the most coveted award they can get and that is the Star Council Award. Let's rev up our Membership Machines and help "Grow The Order". Our Motto this year is "Jesus I Trust In You". We can do it because we entrust the remaining months of the Columbian Year to Jesus, the Divine Mercy. I trust in you that we will achieve our goals this year. Let's work together to achieve these goals. I know you can do it, "We Can Do It".

At the District Deputy Mid-Year Meeting, our Convention Chairman, Greg Marracq, distributed a "Pre Con Book", a preview of our State Convention in Sacramento on May 17-19, 2018. Our Theme is "Faith, Family and Friends". Thursday's events will start with the Golf Tournament, followed by "The Great Barbecue Cook Off Competition". Friday will be the Opening Mass concelebrated by His Excellency Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone of the Archdiocese of San Francisco and His Most Reverend Bishop Jaime Soto of Sacramento Diocese. Friday Night Entertainment will feature an American Bandstand Theme with the Time Bandits. Saturday's Ladies Luncheon will be "Mardi Gras Time" as its theme. Closing Mass on Saturday will be celebrated by His Most Reverend Bishop Emeritus William Weigand of Sacramento. Reserve early and I look forward to celebrating with you and your families.

Vivat Jesus!
Romeo D. Quevedo
State Deputy



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. 50th anniversary of ordination, 60th 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. 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. 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

Phone – 909-434-0460 Ex. 5

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

Fraternally,

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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

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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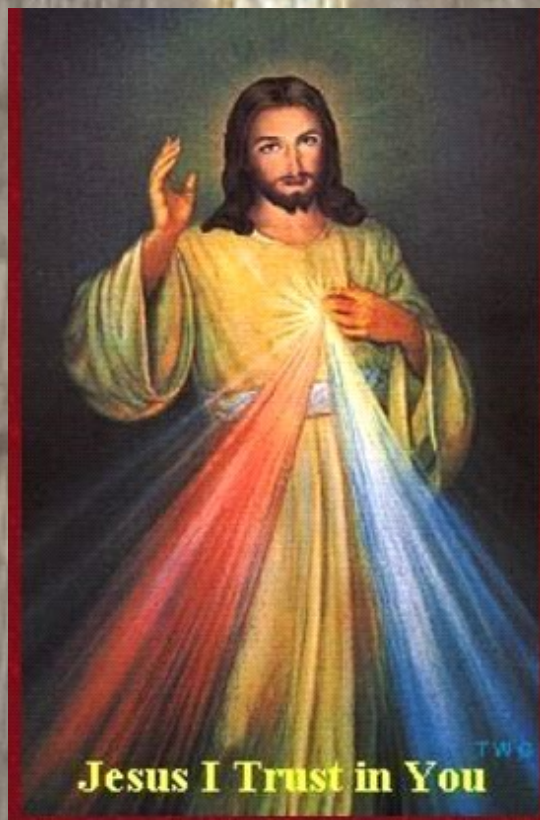
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"Jesus, I Trust in You!"

Cc: State Officers
Chapters Presidents
District Deputies

California Knights of Columbus 116th Annual State Convention



May 17-19, 2018
Sacramento, California
"Faith, Family and Friends"



Brothers and Sisters,

January 2018

The Knights of Columbus of California will hold their 116th Annual State Convention in the City of Sacramento from May 17 – 19, 2018 at the Double Tree Hotel.

The theme of the Convention is "Faith, Family and Friends".

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend the largest gathering of Knights and their families of the year. Join with us to enjoy all the events that the State Convention Committee has been working hard to set in place. Let me mention some of the adventures we will share together.

On Thursday the day will start off with a Golf Tournament at the Haggin Oaks Golf Complex. "The Great Barbecue Cook off Competition" in the evening between the best cooks in the state representing their respective Councils, Chapters, and Assemblies.

Friday will start off with the Celebration of the Holy Mass with His Most Reverend Bishop Jaime Soto of Sacramento as Celebrant and Concelebrating His Excellency the Most Reverend Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone.

After Mass there will be a bus leaving for a tour of two local wineries including a delicious lunch. There is also a tour to the Railroad Museum and Old Sacramento. And a trip to the nearby Thunder Valley Casino Resort. Fun for everyone!

The Friday Night Entertainment with an American Band Stand theme will give you a chance to work out on the dance floor with live music performed by the Time Bandits Band. There will be 60's & 70's music, dance contests and you can take home a picture from the photo booth.

On Saturday it's "Mardi Gras Time" at the Ladies Luncheon. This event is always a lot of fun and will be very memorable.

Awards will be handed out to Councils from around the State to recognize their hard work and good deeds.

The Knights of Columbus family will gather for a closing Mass to thank the Lord for giving us a chance to Evangelize and live the Gospel through our good works. With His Most Reverend Bishop Emeritus William Weigand of Sacramento as Celebrant.

A Gala Convention Banquet will be the culmination of our gathering, top State awards will be given, and messages from the State Deputy and Supreme Council will be shared.

Brothers and Sisters, don't miss the opportunity to join with our families to celebrate our vocation as Knights and to enjoy a Northern California vacation.

Fraternally yours,

Greg Marracq
2018 Convention Chairman, "Jesus I Trust In You"

2018 State Convention Hotel Choice's

Your state convention committee has worked very hard to put together a wonderful selection of hotels for you to choose from, each with its own attractions and flavor. Below you will find the basic information to make your reservation. Please do not delay making your hotel reservation as time goes by there will be fewer choices as the hotels fill. There will be complimentary shuttles to and from all hotels to the convention headquarters at the Double Tree Hotel. Refer to the Knights of Columbus Group Block when calling.



Convention Headquarters Double Tree Hotel

2001 Point West Way, Sacramento

916-929-8855 In House Reservations – Code: CSC

Per Night: \$99.00 --- Link: <http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/R/RLSA-DT-CSC-20180515/index.jhtml>

Complimentary internet and parking

Courtyard by Marriott

1782 Tribute Road, Sacramento

1-800-973-1386 - group code KOCR

Per Night: \$99.00 --- Link: [Book your group rate for California State Council-Knights of Columbus 2018](#)

Fairfield Inn Marriott

1780 Tribute Rd, Sacramento

1-800-605-6578 - group code KOCR

Breakfast included with your rate at this hotel

Per Night: \$99.00 --- Link: [Book your group rate for California State Council-Knights of Columbus 2018](#)

Lions Gate

3410 Westover St, Sacramento

916-640-0835

Per Night: \$109.00 – Refer to Knights of Columbus room block

Free Parking, Internet, and Continental Breakfast (2 per room /per night)

Discounted Shuttle to and from Airport.

Townplace Suites

1784 Tribute Rd, Sacramento

866-836-6097 – group code KOC

Per Night: \$109.00 --- Link: [Book your group rate for Knights of Columbus Conference](#)

Complimentary Hot Breakfast, Wi-Fi, Fitness Center, and Parking

Holiday Inn Express and Suites Cal Expo

2224 Auburn Blvd, Sacramento

916-923-1100

Per Night: \$119.00 --- Link/code: KOC

Hampton Inn and Suites Cal Expo

2230 Auburn Blvd, Sacramento

916-927-2222

Per Night: \$119.00 --- Link/code: KOC



State Membership Director
Matt McDonagh
2017-2018
JANUARY 2018 Message

Membership Matters

Happy New Year! I hope you and your families had a blessed Christmas and are looking forward to a prosperous 2018! Have you made any New Year's Resolutions? How are you doing on them. I pray that you will succeed in making them part of your life in the coming year. In his First Letter to the Thessalonians, St Paul gives us some great advice, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil." When I think about my own spiritual life, these words stir me to great action. How about you?

January is a **Call to Action** Month. We have the three Walks for Life in Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco. It is also the month in which we continue to pray for the reversal of Roe v. Wade. Thank you to all Knights as well as their families and friends who participated in these events and will be out for our "40 Days for Life" the largest internationally coordinated pro-life mobilization in history. According to several sources, over 14,000 lives have been saved since 2007.

For the remainder of this Columbian Year, the emphasis will be on Building the Domestic Church. Every time we bring another Catholic gentleman into the Knights of Columbus, we are adding a Warrior to the Crusade to save our Church, our Families, our Way of Life, and our Order. There has never been a more critical in time in the history of the Church than at this moment in time. If you have not read "**Into the Breach**," add it to your New Year's Resolutions and Reading list. If this book does not make a case for being an active Knight of Columbus, my dear Brothers, nothing will. Please read this book and share it with others. Consider purchasing copies for your Council and sharing it with your Pastors and Chaplains.

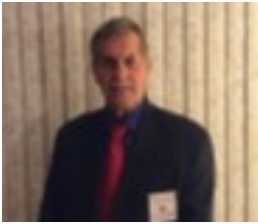
And so, my Brother Knights, I ask you, "If not Now, then When? If not us, the Knights of Columbus, then Who?"

Vivat Jesus,

Vivat Jesus!

Matt McDonagh

State Membership Director



California State Service Programs

Stephen Peterson, FM

2017 -2018

January 2018

Worthy Brothers,

As we begin the second half of the Columbian year we are reminded what Programs are all about. Programs are about Membership Recruitment opportunities. The District Deputy Midterm Membership Meeting in Ontario was held on January 5-7. The District Deputies were reminded of the importance of Membership Recruitment. The District Deputies were also informed about **“Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening our Parish”** initiative. This initiative was introduced by our Worthy Supreme Knight two years ago and is now the focus for years to come. Simply put, we the faithful and our families are the Domestic Church. Through prayer with our families we strengthen our spirituality. Once we strengthen our spirituality we are able to go out into the community and evangelize about the Good News. We want to integrate our spirituality and the Good News into our programs. Our youth, the millennials are seeking an organization that is spiritually family orientated. As we learn more about Building the Domestic Church we can convey to them that we are first about prayer and spirituality and welcome them to join us.

Supreme has designated twelve Domestic Church Activities that help us to deliver that message. **Family Fully Alive** and **Into the Breach** are two excellent Activities to begin with to understand the true concept of **“Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening our Parish.”** Councils can help themselves and give their parishioners an opportunity to learn more about the initiative by ordering the CIS module to be put on display. Council members can also go to the Supreme website where each Domestic Church Activity is explained.

The Domestic Church Activities are an addition to the eight Supreme Featured Programs and our established long-standing programs, not a replacement. During the rest of the Columbian year and beyond, you will hear more about the Domestic Church.

I urge all of you to visit the Supreme website, attend the Supreme webinars, read the GSK, Columbia magazine and the Knightline newsletter for information regarding the **“Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening our Parish Initiative.”** Hopefully the District Deputies in attendance have scheduled their Workshops to share what they learned at the District Deputy Midterm to their Grand Knights and that the Chapter Presidents have contacted their District Deputies not in attendance to educate them on what they missed.

Remember that Every Program is an Opportunity for Recruitment. Let's make that happen!

Vivat Jesus!

Stephen Peterson, FM
State Programs Director

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 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.

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

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



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 theirs 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

Spiritual Retreats - Ed Bystran 2017-2018



State Council sponsored Spiritual Retreats are held annually during Lent.

All State Officers, PSDs, Chapter Officers, State Committeemen, District Deputies, Council Officers, Sir Knights and **ALL BROTHERS** are invited and urged to attend one of the three 2018 State Council retreats listed below.

As a Knight of Columbus you should take some time out to attend. Here are the reasons why:

- + To break your "routine" and to relax your body and mind.
- + To spent a Lenten weekend away from your cares and frustrations.
- + To spend some silent time to hear the Voice of God.
- + To discover the "important" things and to reexamine the priorities in your life.
- + To pray for your family, friends and for yourself.
- + To pray for the Knights of Columbus, our brothers and for the success of our programs.

The State Council retreats are designed to offer you the opportunity to take out a new lease on life, to concentrate on what is important and to get a much needed rest during a very special weekend. After that you'll be able to return to your home and family with a freshened mind and body.

Think about it - put the retreat on your calendar and don't let anything interfere with your plans to attend a wonderful religious experience with your Brother Knights.

All Knights in leadership positions are urged to attend a State Council retreat. Please keep a record of this attendance in order to report it as part of your council's Church Activities Program. If your council participates in an annual retreat at another time, or if your members now attend a regular scheduled retreat with their own parish group, keep a record of that attendance and include it in your annual report. Each Council should have at least one representative at a State Council retreat.

Councils should consider offering financial assistance to any Brother who wishes to attend a retreat but is unable to afford the registration fee. Some of the retreat centers also offer assistance.

Contact the Retreat Center, or the K of C coordinator, for additional details, updated information and for reservation forms:

<u>Northern:</u> Ed Bystran PO Box 386, Aptos CA 95001 831-661-0135, KofC@bystran.com	The Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos (650) 948-4491 Dates – Feb. 23 to 25, 2018
<u>Central Valley:</u> Dwight Wilson 6443 Houston Ave., Hanford CA 93230 559-762-8478, JayValleyView@gmail.com	St. Anthony Retreat Center, Three Rivers (559) 561-4595 Dates – March 2 to 4, 2018
<u>Southern California:</u> Ross Willour 2442 Savanna Way, Palm Springs CA 92262 760-318-3622, RWill6462@aol.com	Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center Sierra Madre, (760) 318-3622 Dates – March 2 to 4, 2018

A retreat is a time of rest and prayer - A time to grow closer to God.



World Day of Marriage (February 11, 2018)

“A Family that prays together, stays together.” “FAMILY – Father And Mother, I Love You!”

Our relationship with God and each other is the foundation of the family. Having a strong marriage bond will strengthen the family. Strengthen **your** family! Strengthen your marriage with God.

The Knights of Columbus would like to help strengthen your family and your marriage bond with God, we encourage you to dedicate a time each day for family prayers. Holding each other's hands during the family prayers as a symbol of family unity. As you pray your family prayers, we ask that you include this prayer below.

When it is time to say this prayer, the husband should take his bride's hands, place them together, and wrap his own hands around hers. As husband and wife, pray these words:

Our Marriage Prayer.

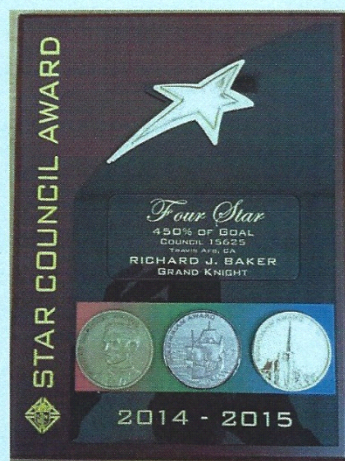
**Lord, help us to remember when we first met
and the strong love that grew between us
To work that love into practical things
So that nothing can divide us
We ask for words both kind and loving
and hearts always ready to ask for forgiveness
as well as to forgive
Dear Lord, we put our marriage into your hands**

Amen

Praying the **Our Marriage Prayer** is just one of the activities in the World Day of Marriage Program. World Marriage Day will be celebrated on the second Sunday of February each year. If you wish to learn more about the Knights of Columbus World Day of Marriage Program, please refer to the Service Program Handbook or contact:

Roderico Galang
(510) 520-5514, eric.galang@sbcglobal.net

What Does it Take to Make Star Council? More Than You Think!



- 1. Qualify for the Fr. McGivney Award**
 - a. (Meet/Surpass your Recruiting Quota)
- 2. Qualify for the Founders Award**
 - a. Meet/Surpass your Insurance Quota)
- 3. Qualify for the Columbian Award (SP-7)**
 - a. Must conduct and report at least four major programs in each of the Service Program categories: Church, Community, Council, Family, Culture of Life, and Youth.
 - b. A minimum of four (4) of these major programs must be designated as Domestic Church Activities.
- 4. Submit the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728)**
- 5. Submit the Service Program Personnel Report (#365).**
- 6. Be current with your Supreme Per Capita**
- 7. Be in compliance with the Safe Environment Guidelines**



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.



Operations

Rene Trevino

Operations Director

January 2018 Message

This month Operations is focusing on **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 (First), Formation Degree (Second) and Knighthood Degree (Third) in a timely manner.

Proposers are asked to attend ceremonials with their candidates. This not only shows the new member that he is supported by his brother Knights, but also renews the existing member's understanding of who we are and what we stand for.

The Admission Degree (First) is of prime importance in the life of a member of the Knights of Columbus. It is imperative that the best possible impression be made upon the candidate during this Degree. There is only one opportunity to make the first impression upon a candidate. The Admission Degree (First) is the gateway to membership and a passport to the other Degrees.

Degree teams must strictly conform to the ceremonials. The proper paraphernalia must be available and properly used. In order for a team to be certified, all parts must be memorized. The need for team practice cannot be over emphasized. Additions, omissions, changes or innovations of any kind are absolutely forbidden.

In January of 2014, Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, made available a video DVD for councils to utilize when bringing in new members. This DVD presentation is designed to aid any Council: (#1) lacking a First Degree team, and where there are no other First Degree ceremonials within a reasonable driving distance that a candidate can be transported in order to take the degree, and (#2) special circumstances where a candidate cannot attend any available First Degree ceremonial. The DVD ceremonial presentation site must be dignified and solemn. It is preferable to have as many members present to observe and support each candidate. All laws and procedures as to the proper admittance of new members remain in effect.

The Admission Degree (First) is under the direct control of the Grand Knight of the Council. All Councils are encouraged to establish their own First Degree Team and to hold frequent Admission Degrees. Our Worthy Membership Director always reminds us that "Two weeks is too late". Don't let a candidate wait for the next available Admission Degree. Utilize the DVD if necessary or attend an Admission Degree near you within that timeframe if you don't have a Degree Team.

The Formation Degree (Second) is under the control of the District Deputy. The District Deputy is also responsible for coordinating and hosting Knighthood Degrees (Third).

All Chapters are encouraged to appoint a Chapter Ceremonials Chairman. Although it is no longer necessary for the Chapter President and the Chapter Ceremonials Chairman to sign the request for a Knighthood Degree Conferring Officer and Staff, the Chairman is responsible to work with the District Deputies and Grand Knights in coordinating and scheduling Third Degrees. The Chairman will establish and publish a list of all First, Second and Third Degrees scheduled within the Chapter.

It is imperative that effective communication be established and maintained to ensure successful Ceremonial work. Should you have any questions, you are encouraged to contact the State Ceremonials Chairman or your Regional Ceremonials Consultant.

Your Brother In Christ,
Rene Trevino
State Operations Director 2017-2018



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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

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:



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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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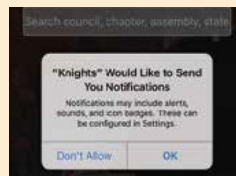
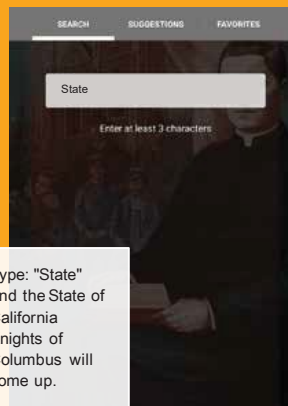
If you have an Android phone (Samsung or LG phone, for example) or tablet follow these steps:



1. Tap the "Google Play store" icon on your phone.
2. Tap search
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 Connectu Media.
6. Tap "Install"
7. You will be prompted to tap "Accept".
8. Tap "Open" after the app has successfully downloaded.

This app is sanctioned and approved by the Knights of Columbus California State Council for use by all California councils, chapters and assemblies.

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Knights of Columbus Council's 9580 and 11804 Distribute over 1,000 Coats



Pajaro, CA — Resurrection Knights of Columbus Council 9580 gave over 1000 brand new coats to Pajaro and kids on Thursday, December 21st and Saturday, December 23rd.

Children from all over Pajaro, just south of Watsonville, came to Casa de la Cultura Center and left wearing perfectly fitted, warm, and stylish coats. Present at the distribution were Knights of Columbus Councils 9580 in Aptos and Council 11804 in Watsonville, youth from Palma High School in Salinas, staff from Casa de la Cultura as well as staff from Driscoll's Berry Farm, food donations from Whole Foods Market, and the Most Reverend Richard Garcia, Bishop of the Diocese of Monterey.



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.

Sister Rosa Delores Rodriguez from Casa de la Cultura Center sent out the coat request in October. The Council started taking small donations after an anonymous donor challenged the Council to match a \$5000 cash donation to support Sister Rosa's program. Resurrection Catholic Community in Aptos allowed the Knights to do a pulpit announcement and donation collection after all the masses the weekend before Thanksgiving. Thanks to the very generous donations of Resurrection parishioners in addition to the matching fund, the Council collected a record \$20,000, which was used to purchase almost 1100 brand new coats. Historically the Council had purchased coats for Sister Rosa's program but, due to the tremendous outpouring of donations, Sister Rosa asked that the Council purchase additional coats for children of families impacted by the wildfires in Napa and Santa Rosa as well as Jacob's Heart Cancer Support Services in Santa Cruz. The Council reached out to Redwood Chapter Knights of Columbus and coordinated distribution with Brother Knight John Zikmund for the additional coat distribution in Napa and Santa Rosa, sending 216 additional coats. Another 96 coats were sent to needy boys and girls at All About Children, a foster children's program in Oroville.



We wish to thank the many people who made this program successful. We especially want to thank our Council Chairman, Past Grand Knight Patrick McMenamy. Patrick worked tirelessly on getting the orders placed at Knights Gear and working directly with Jason Porrello at the Supreme Council. Patrick also was the contact person with the various organizations that we had coats shipped to outside of our community. We also had many volunteers that worked on the distribution of the coats including Grand Knight Larry Gonzales, Past Grand Knight Larry Young, Grand Knight Richard Sanchez, Past Grand Knight Greg Caput and many other Brother Knights and friends of the Councils in Aptos and Watsonville.

Knights of Columbus Council's 9580 and 11804 Distribute over 1,000 Coats



Every child also got a wrapped Christmas present too.



Families lined up early for the distribution of food, coats and gifts



Grand Knight Richard Sanchez (Council 11804 in Watsonville)



PGK James Gagnon, GK Richard Sanchez and PGK Larry Young (and some very warm coats for the kids)



GK Richard Sanchez, Sister Rosa, PGK Greg Caput (and County Supervisor)



PGK Patrick McMenamy, Reverend Richard Garcia, Andy Geyer, Mike Moriarty, PGK Larry Young, Financial Secretary Paul Buse (L-R)



San Diego Walk for Life 2018

The San Diego Walk for Life was held on Saturday January 20, 2018 in the historic Balboa Park of San Diego. Over 2,000 attendees showed up for this wonderful event. Many Knights of Columbus showed up with their families wearing the California Council Walk for Life T-shirts or their respective Council shirts.

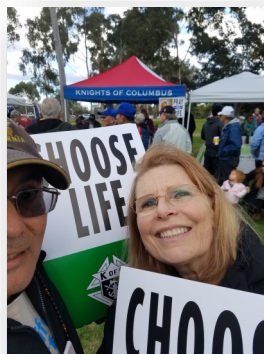
Most Reverend John Dolan, Auxiliary Bishop of San Diego kicked off the walk with an inspiring talk about the value of life. Over 5,000 people attended this wonderful event.

During the walk, there were many who were proudly carrying the Knights of Columbus "Choose Life" placards and the Knights of Columbus were very visible with their hats, shirts and placards.

At the end of the Walk, Most Reverend Robert McElroy, Bishop of San Diego concluded the event with a very spiritual message to all.



Archbishop Jose Gomez presided over and led the 1-LIFE LA 1-mile Walk from La Placita through Chinatown to the new Los Angeles State Historic Park



State Operations Director Rene Trevino and Lady Carla Trevino



Some of the San Diego Walk for Life participants



Some of the participants at the San Diego Walk for Life



Former State Chaplain Fr John Grace, OSA and State Operations Director Rene Trevino



Most Reverend Robert McElroy, Bishop of San Diego delivering his closing remarks



One Life LA

Greetings Br. Knight Officers-

CONGRATULATIONS on a job well done! What a fantastic job by your Members in supporting the Dignity of Life!

The 2018 1-LIFE LA Walk was an awesome event and success in support of the dignity of life from conception to passing.

With over 30,000—35,000 attendees per the archdiocese, you are to be congratulated also for promoting the Walk for Life in your community and signing up participants at the Sign-Up Sunday Masses on January 7th.

Over 300 Knights of Columbus Volunteers stood out in the 1-LIFE LA WALK in their brilliant florescent 1-LIFE LA T-Shirts providing security, safety & assisting those in need! Truly an awesome job and service to LIFE and to our Church and Community.

Take a moment to congratulate yourself and thank God for such a fantastic group of Knights to help you serve your Church. Below are some graphic pictures of an astoundingly awesome tribute to LIFE which the Knights played a key role in pulling off!

The Culture of Life is definitely a year-round effort so rest and then let us be active in the many phases of Culture of Life which we are called to serve as Knights.

JESUS VIVAT

Br. Richard Marciniak,
Chair, 1-LIFE LA &
SoCal KofC Culture of Life



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The Walk of over 30,000



Our beloved Sisters showed up in force and brought their communities



A beautiful Pope John Paul banner representing Polish Community passes through Chinatown on way to the State Park



(L-R) State Warden Dr. Noel Panlilio, State Secretary Joe Salaiz and State Advocate Steve Bolton



Over 50 4th Degree Color Corps members from throughout Southern California joined some of our State Officers for the Requiem Mass for the Unborn

Winners of Livermore Free Throw Competition

Saturday January 6, 2017 Livermore, CA

The Knights of Columbus hosted a Free Throw Competition at Livermore High School on Saturday, January 6th. Young athletes competed for prizes and bragging rights. The top shooters were Drew Lawson (age 9), Chris Pasch (age 10), Drayden Curtis (age 11), Josh Morano (age 12), Michael Maloney (age 13) and Levi Branch (age 14).

Each winner received a trophy and will advance to the regional competition with hopes of reaching state and national levels. The 13-year old competition was intense with two tie-breaker rounds needed to determine the winner.

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.

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Josh Morano lines up a shot.



Michael Maloney wins age 13 group.

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