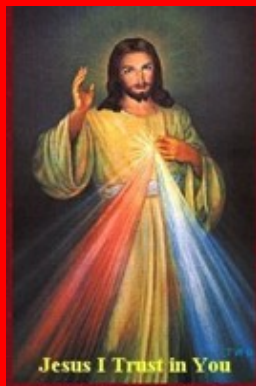


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Passing of SK Matthew P. McDonagh, Jr.



SK Matthew P. McDonagh, Jr.

March 16, 1949 – February 3, 2018

It is with a heavy heart that I have learned of the passing of Brother Matthew P. Mc Donagh, our State Membership Director, on Saturday February 3, 2018. Brother Matt is survived by his wife Holly, daughter Stephanie and grandson Luke.

Brother Matt has been a member of the Knights since 1996, serving in many different positions from Grand Knight of his council 11612 Our Lady Queen of the Foothills 2005-2007 and 2011-2013, San Gabriel Valley Chapter as Chapter President 2016-2017, District Deputy 2014-2016 and for the State Council as the Membership Director this Columbian Year 2017-2018.

O Lord have mercy on your faithful servant Matt.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him.

May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Prayers and condolences may be sent via email to: state.office@californiaknights.org or mailed to the Mc Donagh family home at: [1370 N. 3rd Ave., Upland CA 91786](http://1370.N.3rdAve..Upland.CA.91786)

Arrangements for Matt are as follows:

Saturday, March 10, 2018

Our Lady of Assumption Church

[435 N. Berkeley Ave.](http://435.N.BerkeleyAve..Claremont.CA.91711)
[Claremont, CA 91711](http://Claremont.CA.91711)

Rosary 11:30 a.m.

Funeral Mass 12 noon followed by reception at parish hall.

Fraternally,
Romeo D. Quevedo
State Deputy

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
Romeo D. Quevedo
State Deputy

February 2018

Over the next several months, at the request of our Supreme Knight, I will be traveling with our MPC to talk to our state fraternal leaders about the importance of Membership Growth in our state. Thus far we have had several successful meetings with our fraternal leaders. We have been listening to these members as we talk about the expectations we have as being members of the Knights of Columbus. I encourage you to come out to attend these important sessions to share with us your experiences with membership growth. I look forward to visiting with many of you during this time.

One of the things that we will be talking about is some thoughts on **5 Things to Focus This Calendar Year**. Here are the things that all councils should be thinking about this year. 1) **Aim Younger**; 2) **Become more Family Centered**; 3) **Generate an Awareness of who we are as Knights of Columbus and what we do**; 4) **Develop a stronger relationship with our clergy**; 5) **Make Spirituality your key focus**.

At the Mid-Year Meeting of State Deputies in Washington, D.C. the focus was on Membership Recruiting's Best Practices and Messaging, appealing to Younger Members, Ethnic Development – recruiting more Hispanic Members, and Online Membership. The Online Membership was introduced last August 2017 with three Pilot States then adding four more States last October 2017. This will be expanded to include all of the other jurisdictions come July 1, 2018. You will be hearing more from our MPC about Online Membership at our visits with your Chapters. The other item that our MPC focus on during these visits is the Building The Domestic Church Program. By now, everybody should know what programs are under the Building The Domestic Church.

As you know, we lost our Membership Director, Brother Matt McDonagh on February 3, 2018. Brother Matt was so dedicated in performing his duties as Membership Director. He worked so hard to achieve our goals for this year. So to honor him, I suggest that he is designated as the **"Honoree"** for all Admission Degrees during this month of February.

Brothers, let's all rally behind our late Membership Director by making recruitment a responsibility for everyone and by recruiting more. I know **"YOU CAN DO IT, WE CAN DO IT"**.

Vivat Jesus!

Romeo D. Quevedo
State Deputy



STATE CONVENTION

MAY 17-19, 2018



Brothers and Sisters,

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

Editor's Note: The following article was provided by SK Matt McDonagh just prior to his death. In his honor, the article is being published as a tribute to his lasting legacy. - *Brother Rene Trevino, GSK Editor*



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

Membership Matters

A few days ago, we celebrated the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. Imagine if we had the zeal of this the Apostle to the Gentiles. With this passion, ***“The Charity that Evangelizes”*** would be part of our daily lives and ***“Building the Domestic Church”*** would become second nature. There would be no limits to the good we could accomplish as well as to the number of Catholic Men who would want to part of our great crusade. We would be a living example of St. Paul's words to the Philippians, “I can do all things in Christ Jesus who strengthens me.”

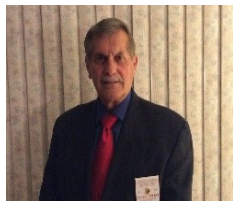
Soon we will begin our Lenten Journey to Easter. The Church gives us the opportunity to renew ourselves through prayer and fasting in preparation for Easter. No matter what devotions we use, the purpose is to deepen our faith and strengthen our relationship with Christ. The Scripture Readings during Lent challenge us to turn from sin and selfishness through prayer and self-denial and to find in ourselves the desire to do God's will to make His Kingdom come first in our own hearts. The better we prepare, the more joyful will be the celebration of Easter.

Lent gives us many opportunities to serve our parishes and let our good works be seen. Fish Fry Dinners, Lenten Soup Meals, and Stations of the Cross are just a few examples of ways to attract Catholic Gentlemen to the Knights. These events are a great way to Build the Domestic Church within our parish communities and recruit new Knights at the same time. Now is also the time to prepare for the RCIA events which present an opportunity to welcome Candidates and a Catechumens into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Some Councils hold a special reception for them or present them with a small gift such as a rosary.

Plan, prepare and execute. Always be careful what you wish for: “Whatever you vividly imagine, ardently desire, sincerely believe, and enthusiastically act upon MUST inevitably come to pass.”

Vivat Jesus!
Matt McDonagh
State Membership Director





California State Service Programs

Stephen Peterson, FM

2017 -2018

Going into February, many of our Programs activities have been completed or coming to an end. The Poster and Essay competition was complete at the end of January and the Free-throw competition should be at the Chapter level and preparing for the State finals in Fresno on March 17TH, 2018.

Now is the time to focus on “**Building the Domestic Church**” activities coming up and the ongoing programs. World Day of Marriage is the weekend of Valentine’s Day. Do something special with your spouse. The World Day of Marriage prayer is in the last issue of the Golden State Knightletter. A Domestic Church activity, Simple Supper and Stations can be achieved during the Lenten season. Family Rosary, Family Fully Alive, Food for Families, Holy Family Prayer, Spiritual Formation Groups and the CIS Kiosk are all on- going Domestic Church activities. Remember that we and our families along with our parishioners are the Domestic Church. Let us pray together with our families to build stronger bonds so we may go out to our communities to evangelize the Good News.

The annual Spiritual Retreats in the North, Central and Southern regions of the State will be at the end of February and early March. Contact the respective coordinator for your region. Re-energize yourself spiritually and attend one of these events.

The Fraternal Activity Report, Form 1728 was due January 31st. This is a requirement for Star Council. Turn in your Programs Report Form 365 and comply with the Safe Environment course also for Star Council.

Programs and the Domestic Church activities remain the best tools for recruitment. Let’s keep them going as we prepare our STSP-CA reports for the State Convention and the SP7 reports for the Columbian Award. Remember that Programs are an “**Opportunity for Recruitment.**”

Vivat Jesus!

Brother Stephen Peterson, FM

State Programs Director



Operations

Rene Trevino
Operations Director
2017-2018

As we fast approach our State Convention, now is the time to consider those clergy who are deserving of the annual Fr. Juan Perez Award. Just a reminder that those clergy who have been recognized for one of the Mexican Martyr's awards are automatically considered for the Fr. Juan Perez Award. Here is an excerpt from the Operations Handbook:

Father Juan Perez Award
John D. Bertrand – Chairman
2017-2018

Worthy Brothers,

In 1986 the Fr. Juan Perez Award was established to honor and pay tribute to a priest from the Northern, Central and Southern California Region for their outstanding contribution to our faith formation, brotherhood, church and order

Fr. Juan Perez was the chaplain for the expedition of Christopher Columbus. He demonstrated great courage and sacrifice to bring the Gospel to the Americas as Christopher Columbus' Chaplain. Our Order today has many priests who exhibit these qualities in their pastoral role in our order and church.

This award presents a great opportunity for your council or assembly to recognize those contributions that your chaplain, friar or other priest has made to your council, assembly or to the order during the 2017-2018 Columbian Year.

Without their participation in our fraternal order we would cease to grow spiritually or in members.

One recipient from the Northern, Central and Southern California region will be recognized and receive this prestigious award at the State Convention.

Every council and assembly has the privilege to nominate a priest or bishop that has demonstrated the qualities of Fr. Juan Perez through their service to your council, assembly or Our Fraternal Order.

An official form must be submitted from each council or assembly to the State Chairman. He must receive this form by April 2, 2018.

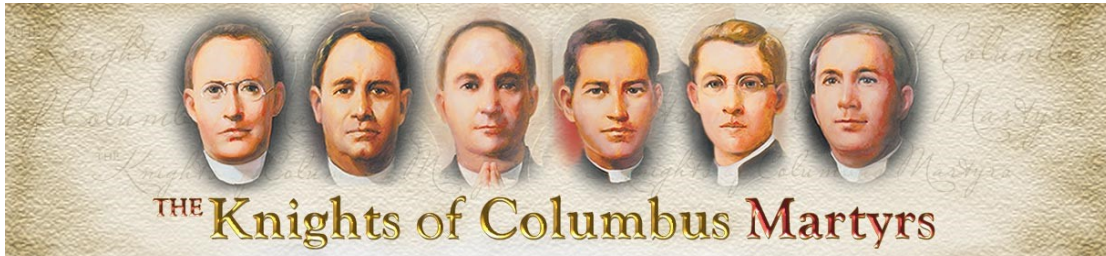
The State Committee will review the applications and the Fr. Juan Perez Award will be given out to the three recipients at the State Convention.

Qualifications are stated on the forms and careful consideration should be given by each council or assembly prior to submission to the Fr. Juan Perez Award Committee.

Questions can be addressed to John Bertrand at: jdbertrand@san.rr.com
Cell: 858-395-4123

Fraternally,

John D. Bertrand
Father Juan Perez Award Chairman



Mexican Martyrs Prayer Service

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

Mexican Martyrs Service Award for Chaplains

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

The Knights of Columbus are forever thankful for the dedicated priests who not only serve their parish or community but who also take the time to serve the Knights of Columbus as chaplains. The Knights want to honor and thank those dedicated priests for their service throughout the Columbian Year. Each month beginning in September 2017 through February 2018 we will honor the Knights of Columbus Chaplains who have displayed extraordinary service to their Council and Parish. These priests will automatically be considered for the yearly Fr. Juan Perez Award given out at the California State Convention. Details can be found in the 2017-18 Operations Handbook.

February: St. Mateo Correa Mexican Martyr Award



Father Mateo Correa Magallanes, who was a member of Council 2140, was arrested and taken to Durango. While in prison, he was ordered by the commanding officer on Feb. 5, 1927, to hear the confessions of his fellow prisoners. Then the commander demanded to know what they had told him. Of course, Father Correa Magallanes wouldn't violate the seal of confession, and so, the next day, he was taken to a local cemetery and executed by the soldiers.



AMERICAN WHEELCHAIR MISSION

A Global Wheelchair Mission Partner



There is **STRENGTH** in numbers!!!

Brothers there is strength in numbers indeed, with more than 74,000 Knights of Columbus in California, there is no limit to what we can do.

If only half the membership or 37,000 m brothers donated a minimum of \$5 for wheelchairs that would be \$185,000, that's before we even do any Wheelchair Sundays, or wheelchair events. That is just Brother knights supporting the knights programs.

And this can be done with any of our programs, but since I am the Wheelchair Chairman, I'm just talking about the Wheelchair Program.

Brothers, it would seem to be a little hypocritical for us to continue to ask our parishes and communities to support our programs, when we don't always support our own programs.

I am issuing a challenge to all Knights in California to donate \$10 if you can or what ever you can to the American Wheelchair Mission. If we did this every year, we would never have to worry about funding the incoming State Deputies wheelchair initiative.

Make your \$10 donation payable to **THE AMERICAN WHEELCHAIR MISSION**

Mail to: **American wheelchair mission
2600 E. Seltice Way A-172
Post Falls, IDaho 83854**

If you are making a donation this February, please write in the memo section **Philippines** that is the state initiative until the end of February. After that call me if you want to know the next initiative.

Remember there is STRENGTH IN NUMBERS!!!!

Fraternally

Louis Salvatore

State Wheelchair Chairman

301-0332

You can always call me with any concerns or questions.

Livermore Knights Achieve Fourth Degree

Saturday February 3, 2018 Rohnert Park, CA

Two Livermore men attained the fourth and highest degree of the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, February 3, in Rohnert Park. Ian Ransom and Jose Torres joined 80 other aspirants for the Exemplification Ceremony. These candidates, along with an equal number of observers were inspired by an emotional and inspiring ceremony extolling our country's rich history of faith filled patriotism. The ceremony was followed by a mass of celebration offered by Bishop Robert Vasa of Santa Rosa. A fun filled banquet attended by families and friends rounded off a memorable day for all.

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.



Livermore Knights from left to right: John Roberts, Ricardo Garcia, Jose Torres, Ken Rief, Ian Ransom, and Tom McCaffrey

Livermore Residents Walk for Life

Saturday January 27, 2018 Livermore, CA

Livermore Knights of Columbus coordinated the participation of 100 marchers in the West Coast Walk for Life. Residents attended a special mass dedicated to the unborn at St. Michael Church. They raised their blood sugar levels with donuts and coffee after mass and then travelled to San Francisco for the Civic Center Rally. The highlight of the day was marching in unity with 70,000 supporters of life.

The Walk for Life advocates for Women's Health and the Support of Life in the womb. Participants from all over the Bay area and Northern California peacefully and prayerfully demonstrated their faith in action, affirming their respect for life from conception to natural death.

About 60 counter protestors shared harsh remarks and gestures as the supporters of life respectfully walked by, responding only with prayers and songs. Observers of the march appeared genuinely surprised that prolife sentiment is so strong in the San Francisco area. Even local television news stations reported the true magnitude of the turnout for the first time in 14 years. Sadly, print media downplayed the story with scant coverage on Sunday.

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Some of the Livermore Marchers in St. Michael Courtyard



Christopher Taranowski, Livermore's Youngest Marcher



Livermore's Group Prepares to March



Gabe Andersen (left) joined the Knights after talking with Grand Knight Tom McCaffrey (right)

WEST COAST WALK FOR LIFE—JANUARY 27, 2018



"EVERY MEMBER A RECRUITER!"