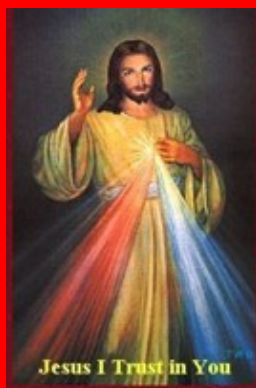


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California Knights of Columbus

116th Annual State Convention

May 17-19, 2018 - Sacramento, California

Our annual State Convention was held May 17-19, 2018 at the Doubletree Hotel in Sacramento. Over 500 Delegates and their families had a wonderful time. Business was conducted with a new set of State Officers elected for Columbian Year 2018-2019. This issue of the Golden State Knightletter is primarily dedicated to the convention events.

Many thanks to those who attended and especially the many who help put on such a successful event.



Upcoming Events

- May/June—Council . Chapter Elections
- "Run Through the Tape" Membership Push
- SP-7 Due 30 June 2018
- New Columbian Year starts 1 July 2018

Worthy Brothers,



Thank you all for a successful State Convention in Sacramento.

Special thanks to the teams of Brothers Greg & Antoinette, PSD Ed and Flora for putting up a great convention.

Again, thank you.

Romy & Russell
Quevedo
State Deputy/wife
Knights of Columbus
California State Council



STATE DEPUTY REPORT

Dear Brother Knights and Honored Guests:

Welcome to our 116th Annual Convention of the California State Council of the Knights of Columbus being held at the Double Tree Hotel in Sacramento. It is indeed a pleasure to have you all here in attendance at this great event.

This is the time we conduct the business of the California State Council, receiving and approving the reports of the State Officers, adopting or rejecting Resolutions submitted by the Councils, approving the budget for the next Columbian Year, and electing new State Officers to lead the State Council in the coming year. We also have the opportunity to renew old acquaintances and develop new friendships during our stay.

One of the highlights of the convention will be the Awards Ceremony on Saturday afternoon where we will be recognizing those Councils who have excelled in the various Programs throughout the Fraternal Year.

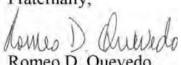
The theme for this convention is "Faith, Family and Friends". Have FAITH, treasure FAMILY, enjoy FRIENDS. Come and enjoy with our families and friends. Thursday's event will start with a Golf Tournament, followed by a Barbecue and Chili Cook Off Competition by respective Councils, Chapters and Assemblies. Friday will start with the Celebration of the Holy Mass, various tours will be conducted, Color Corps Competition and Friday Night Entertainment with an American Band Stand theme where you can dance the night away with 60's & 70's music.

Saturday's events will highlight the Ladies Luncheon with a "Mardi Gras Time" theme. This will be a memorable event for our lovely ladies where they will have fun and enjoy each other's company. The Knights of Columbus family will gather for a Closing Mass after all the day's work and enjoyments. This will be followed by the Gala Convention Banquet.


Our Convention Committee, led by the team of Greg and Antoinette Marracq and with the help of our First Lady Russell Quevedo, are working hard to provide you with a great and memorable weekend.

Thank you and VIVAT JESUS!

Fraternally,


Romeo D. Quevedo
State Deputy

Faith, Family & Friends
"Jesus, I Trust in You!"





MEMBERSHIP PRAYER

Heavenly Father and gracious God, we come before you humbly, in thanksgiving and prayer.

As St. Augustine said: "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts cannot rest until they rest in You." We, as Knights of Columbus, are searching for You, as we do all to make You known and present amongst our members. We recognize that 'everything begins from You and by You is happily ended', and we are grateful for Your presence in all our undertakings.

It has been our source of encouragement to be called the 'right arm of the Church', while we invite new members to join us in our support of a vibrant and new evangelization within the parishes where we serve. We are restless, O Lord, as we seek to develop our Faith Formation, and firmly base our spirituality on our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and true Christian Patriotism. Grant us the courage and foresight to be able to see You present in all our endeavors.

We thank you Lord for all your guidance and blessings, and we continue to place all we do as Knights firmly in Your hands.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, our Lady Queen of America, pray for us.

- Fr. John Grace, OSA

State Chaplain Emeritus

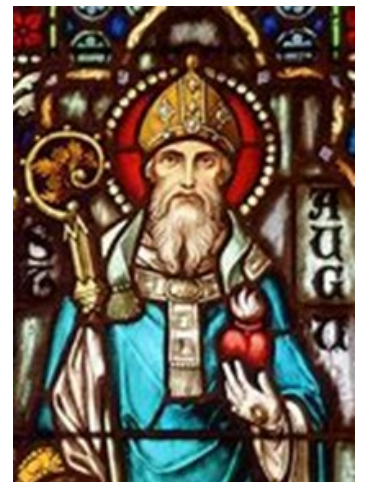
Former State Chaplain 2004-5; 2006-7; 2007-8

Between March 2009 and Sept. 2013:

Supreme Office of Knights of Columbus, New Haven, Connecticut.,

- Director of Chaplain Programs and Development, and

- Assistant to Supreme Chaplain, Bishop, and later Archbishop, William E. Lori.





May, Month of Mary

My Brothers,

May is the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She comes to us under many names -- "Our Lady of Lourdes", "Our Lady of Fatima", "Our Lady of Guadalupe", "Our Lady of Perpetual Help". Under all of them she is our Holy Queen. In the same way the Blessed Virgin Mary comes to us under many names, so too is she honored by members from the many cultures in our Order. We are a multinational Order, with over 2,000,000 members from different countries and ethnicities. Nearly all are represented in the state of California. We have as our strength our common faith, our diversity and our strength in numbers.

Join me in congratulating and extending a warm welcome to the newest councils in the state: St. Andrew Council 16832 in Pasadena, newly reinstituted Our Lady of Guadalupe San Bernardino Council 2132 in Ontario, and newly reactivated Resurrection San Juan Council 11269 in Los Angeles. My thanks go to District Deputy David Ramos, Hispanic Development Coordinator Jose "Pona" Magana and everyone who worked so tirelessly on these projects.



There continue to be many exciting awards for recruiters and top recruiting councils during the final months of the Columbian Year. First and foremost is the *Star Recruiter* lapel pin given to all who recruit at least one new member during the Columbian Year. Those recruiting three or more will be awarded a Star Recruiter hat, and those recruiting five or more a personalized Star Recruiter polo shirt. Don't forget the fourth quarter *Run Through the Tape* council membership challenge: councils recruiting or reactivating five or more members between April 1 and June 30 will receive a \$100 State per capita rebate, and \$25 more for each member in excess of five.

As the end of the year nears, strive to achieve Star Council and avail yourself of the \$4.50 per billable member rebate Supreme is once again granting councils who achieve Star status. This can amount to a considerable amount of money. If your council has 100 billable members the rebate totals \$450, if 200 \$900 -- all of which can be redirected to other council activities and charitable projects. If you have not done so already, familiarize yourself and your council leadership with the requirements for achieving Star Council and take advantage of this opportunity. This Columbian Year it is essential councils complete Supreme's Safe Environment training requirements to be eligible for the award.

Regardless of the means or the method, continue to offer eligible Catholic men the opportunity to grow in faith and service afforded by membership in our Order. Especially during the month of May, let us be ever mindful of the love, strength and resolve inspired by our Holy Queen.

"Change a Life, Recruit a New Knight!"

May God bless,

Dave Abbott
State Membership Director
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membership@californiaknights.org

Run Through the Tape

Council Membership Challenge!



Recruit 5 Members from April 1 thru June 30



Meeting Your Council Insurance Goal

Meeting your council's insurance goal is a necessary requirement for achieving Star Council, which this year again carries a substantial financial reward. It is important to meet with your Field Agent early in the year and plan how this is to be accomplished. Even with the best of intentions, however, personnel changes, reassignments, illness and/or family emergencies can sometimes get in the way. Here are some things a council can do to add to their insurance numbers:

Reactivate Inactive Insurance Members – Most councils have one or more inactive insurance members on their roster. These men have let their membership lapse, but because of the highly regulated nature of the industry and contractual nature of insurance, continue to have a Knights of Columbus policy in force. If one or more of these men is reactivated, they count as both a new member and an insurance member. The State's *Welcome Back Brother* program periodically provides a list to local leadership of inactive insurance members who may have moved to your area from other councils. They likewise count as an insurance member if reactivated. Contact *Welcome Back Brother* Chairman Eric Watson at ericwats@sbcglobal.net or your District Deputy if you would like a copy of this list.

Juvenile to Adult – If a father who is a member of the Knights of Columbus purchases an insurance policy for his son, and the son joins after reaching age 18, he is considered an insurance member. They count as both a new member and an insurance member. It may occur infrequently, but it is worth asking members of your council if they have sons insured by the Knights of Columbus who have come of age and would like to join.

Member Annuities – Counted as insurance by Supreme, annuities are savings plans available to all members between the ages of 18 and 85. Members can open an annuity with a minimum investment of \$300, and new members \$100 within one year of joining. Consider opening an annuity for your council Chaplain if he does not have one already. The rate of return has a minimum interest rate guarantee (which is generally better than conventional savings accounts and CDs) and is tax deferred. Members opening annuities essentially count as insurance members as soon as the funds are received, and the paperwork processed by Supreme.

Fraternal Benefits Night – Most Field Agents are extremely busy scheduling appointments and doing follow up by day and meeting with members and their families at night. To the extent we can make their job easier, all the better. Schedule a Fraternal Benefits Night where council members and their families can meet with him as a group. Few members are fully educated on the fraternal benefits available to them, and with this knowledge comes an opportunity to purchase products and better provide for their family's future. If you live in a remote part of the state, consider meeting your Field Agent or General Agent half way at a time and location convenient to him.



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Brother Knights,

There is still time for all of us to make our membership goals for 2017-18. Keep in mind, our membership goals should always:

1. Increase the Faith and Action of fellow Catholic men through membership.
2. Strengthen our Council and parish with manpower for continued leadership and greater action.

An additional membership goal for this year is to attain Star Council and earn a \$4.50 per member credit from Supreme towards your next per capita payment. This can amount to a substantial amount of money. If you have 100 members, for instance, the credit would total \$450 which can be redirected to other council activities and charitable projects.

Yes! You still have time to achieve that goal. Here's how.... Hold an extended recruiting effort starting this coming weekend until you have met your quota.

Basically, you do all the actions you would for a regular Church Drive or Membership Blitz, however, you do it each weekend for the remainder of the Columbian Year, or until your membership goal has been met. This clearly sets a tone showing the need for men to act through service. When they hear the message week after week, it starts to become clear the message is directed towards them. Eventually, they will consider joining the Brother Knights!

Keys to an extended recruitment drive:

- **Permission** – get authorization from your Pastor and the Church Office.
- **Announcements** – Pulpit announcements each week at every Mass.
 - Priest or pastor personal endorsements are ideal. All they need to do is ask men to join and to see the Brother Knights outside of church after Mass.
 - A Brother can give a one-minute message asking men to "Change Lives and Save Lives" by joining the Knights of Columbus. Include one or two points on how your Council contributes to your parish and its ministries.
- **Visibility** – Tables outside the exits of the church with flyers, posters, photos of Knights in action, K of C basketballs or soccer balls, etc.
- **Manpower** – One or two Brothers at each door who approach every man to ask him to join.
- **Information Sessions & Admission Degrees** – Plan a Council social or Information Meeting and follow it up with one or more Admission (1st) Degrees.
- **Follow up** – Call each contact to personally invite him to your Information Meeting /Degree within 48 hours. Don't be afraid to call on Sunday night!

Now imagine your parish with more Brother Knights, your Council with fresh volunteers and potential leaders, and their families engaged in the action of the Knights of Columbus and your parish. Go for it!

"Change a Life, Recruit a New Knight!"

Yours in Service,

Michael D. Brault
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California State Service Programs

Stephen Peterson, FM

2017 -2018

Worthy Brothers,

This Columbian Year is rapidly coming to a close. It is time to reflect on what your Councils have accomplished regarding the Service Programs. Now that you have completed and submitted your STSP-CA reports for State Awards, it is time to focus in on the important SP7 Columbian Application Report. This Application is for the Columbian Award which is recognition for the efforts of your Council's Programs. I believe that every Council should achieve the Columbian Award. I received many copies of the STSP-CA Reports and read them. I was very pleased by all the activities of the Councils to promote the Good of the Order for your members, parishioners and communities. All you have to do is take the information from the STSP-CA Reports and transfer to the SP7 Columbian Application Report.

Just remember that to achieve the Columbian Award, you will need four (4) activities in each category unless you achieved minimum requirements of a Supreme Featured Program in which case you only need one for the respective category. You will also need four (4) Domestic Church Activities and compliancy with the Safe Environment Program.

These reports are due June 30th, but it is strongly advisable to send them in early so discrepancies can be addressed. Please make sure these Applications are complete.

The Columbian Award is one of the three major requirements with Membership and Insurance for the Star Council Award. Even if your Council does not reach Membership or Insurance goals, it certainly qualifies for the Columbian Award with all the activities that the Councils have done this Columbian Year. It is just a matter of paperwork that is very simple to do. After all the paperwork is complete, continue your activities to carry your Council into the next Columbian Year.

This has been a great year for Programs with all the efforts from the members of the Councils. The Order continues to grow because of all the good work from the Council members. Be very proud of your achievements. There is still much to do these last two months of this Columbian Year with all of our ongoing Programs. Please continue your good work spreading the Good News through your activities and have a successful month of May.

Vivat Jesus!

Brother Stephen Peterson, FM

Service Programs Director



Operations

Rene Trevino

Operations Director

2017-2018

May 2018 Message

This month Operations wants to remind everyone that Council, Assembly and Chapter elections are to be held during May or June. The following is an excerpt of the Charter Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus pertaining to the rules regarding Council Officers and Elections. This important document can be found on the Supreme website under resources.

Chapter XIV

Laws Governing The Subordinate Councils

Officers

SEC. 126. The officers of each subordinate council shall be: Grand Knight, Chaplain, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Recorder, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Lecturer, Advocate, Warden, Inside Guard, Outside Guard and Board of Trustees; except that councils may provide by by-law for the election of two outside guards to alternate in their duties as such.

Election

SEC. 128. All officers, except the Financial Secretary, Lecturer and Chaplain, shall be elected annually, by ballot, at a regular business meeting held between the fifteenth day of May to and including the fifteenth day of June each year, and with the exception of the Trustees who shall serve for terms not to exceed three years as provided by Section 145, said officers shall hold their offices for the term of one year from the first day of July following, and until their successors are elected and qualified. Provided, however, that elective officers of councils identified with colleges and universities may be elected at a regular business meeting held between the first day of March to and including the first day of June in each year after written notice is given to the members of the date selected.

The Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight and Board of Trustees may annually select a priest to act as Chaplain, but such selection must be made in accordance with any rules established by the bishop of the diocese in which the council is located.

The Grand Knight shall select annually a Lecturer.

The Financial Secretary shall be appointed by the Supreme Knight. He shall hold office at the will of the Supreme Knight. He shall be compensated in a manner approved by the Board of Directors.

Please refer to your respective By-Laws for your specific rules, especially for Assemblies and Chapters. Please make sure you share your information with your members.


God Bless and Vivat Jesus,
Rene Trevino
State Operations Director
California State Council


California Knights of Columbus - 116th Annual State Convention May 17-19, 2018 - Sacramento, California Thursday Night BBQ and Chili Cookoff

The Great Barbecue Cook Off
Thursday May 17, 2018

The challenge has been made and the word is out already from a couple of Chapters that they are going to win it all.

This event is open to Chapters, Councils, and Assemblies.

 **CHICKEN *** TRI-TIP** 

 Each entry must cook at least 20lb of the category that they will compete in. 50% of judging will be done by appointed judges and 50% of judging will be done by attendees.

CHILI - Should be a large pot of chili

There will be Cash prizes in all three areas of competition.



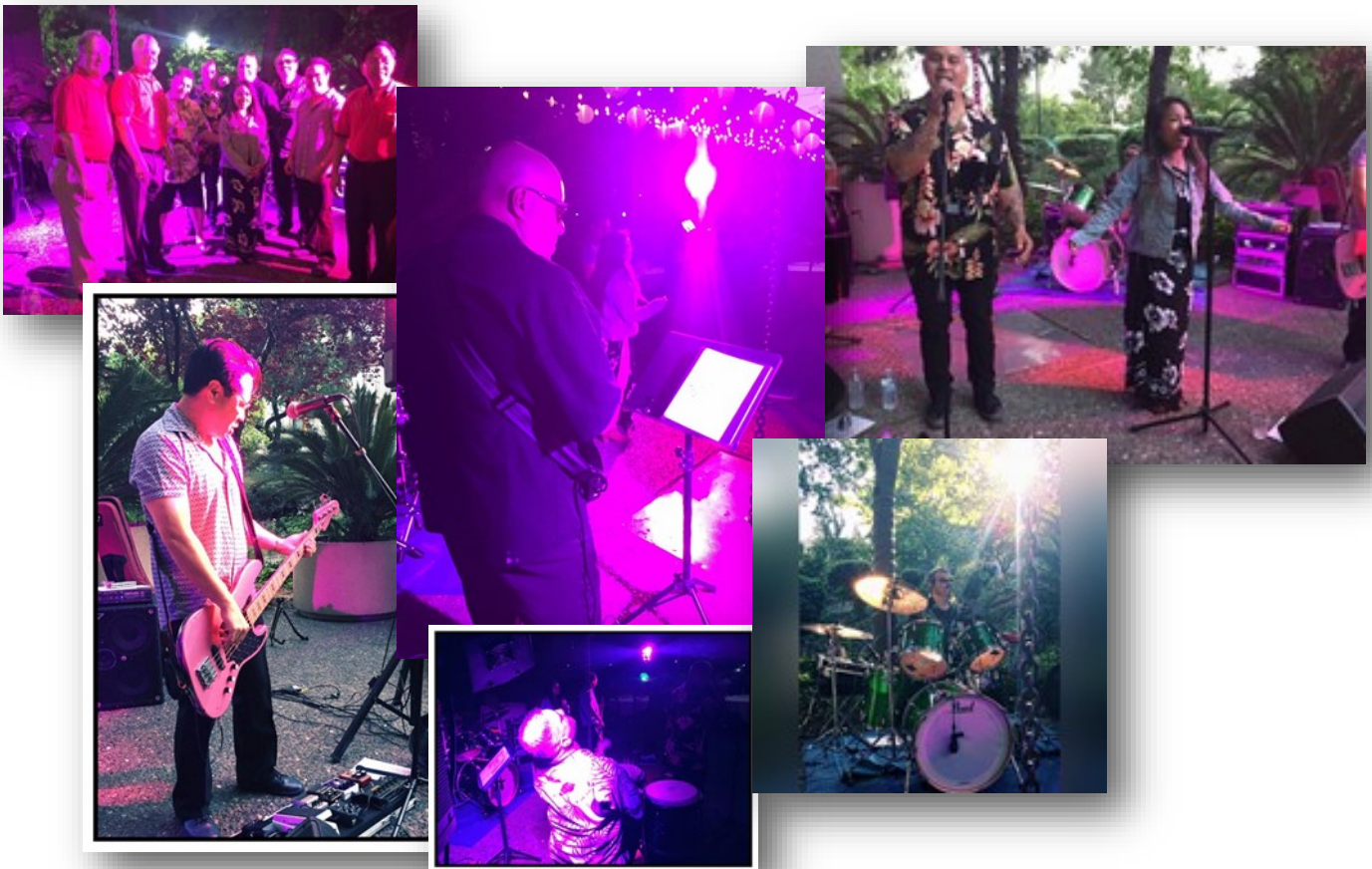
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California Knights of Columbus - 116th Annual State Convention May 17-19, 2018 - Sacramento, California Thursday Night Entertainment



The "Caballeros Del Norte" plus April of the Carlos Gutierrez Agency put on a great show at the 2018 California State Convention in Sacramento:

Dion Dion Dangzalan, vocals; April, vocals; Rene Perez, guitar; Joe Ayroso, bass; Jeff Carvalho, percussion; Paul Morassutti, percussion



"Faith, Family and Friends"

California Knights of Columbus - 116th Annual State Convention May 17-19, 2018 - Sacramento, California Opening Mass

The Annual State Convention was officially started with the Opening Mass which was celebrated by Most Reverend Jaime Soto, Bishop Diocese of Sacramento. In addition to Bishop Soto, Most Reverend Kevin Vann, Bishop Diocese of Orange, State Chaplain Art Albano and many other Priests and Deacons from throughout California celebrated Mass.



California Knights of Columbus - 116th Annual State Convention May 17-19, 2018 - Sacramento, California Father Juan Perez Awards

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.

Receiving the Award for the Southern Region is Rev. Fr. John Fahnestock, MSC Victor Valley Council 4228 Hesperia

Receiving the Award for the Central Region is Rev. Fr. Mark D. Wagner St. Joseph Council 10644 Modesto

Receiving the Award for the Northern Region is Rev. Fr. Mark D. Wiesner Fr. Patrick Power Council 4588 Livermore



**State Vocations Chairman John Bertrand
State Operations Director Rene Trevino
State Deputy Romy Quevedo
State Chaplain Fr. Art Albano**



**State Deputy Romy Quevedo and State
Chaplain Fr. Art Albano presenting the Fr. Juan Perez
Award for the Northern Region to Fr. Mark Wiesner**



Fr. Mark Wiesner accepting his award

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California Knights of Columbus - 116th Annual State Convention May 17-19, 2018 - Sacramento, California Friday Night Entertainment



Many thanks to Brother Gil Eliares as the Friday night entertainment chairman who provided a team of 60's and 70's music led by The Time Bandits Band, great music for the guests danced the night away! 60's , 70's dance contest and of course worthy prizes awarded.



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California Knights of Columbus - 116th Annual State Convention May 17-19, 2018 - Sacramento, California Ladies Luncheon



Ladies Luncheon was a successful MARDI GRAS TEAM fund raising event. Many thanks to the Ladies luncheon committee.



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California Knights of Columbus - 116th Annual State Convention May 17-19, 2018 - Sacramento, California Banquet

State Deputy
Romy Quevedo
addresses the
Banquet



Keynote Speaker was Supreme Secretary
Michael J.. O'Connor



State General Agent Carlos Gutierrez
addresses the Banquet and introduces
the Field Agent of the Year



State Deputy Elect Joe Salaiz addresses the banquet



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California Knights of Columbus - 116th Annual State Convention May 17-19, 2018 - Sacramento, California Major Awards

FAMILY OF THE YEAR: GREG AND ANTIONETTE MARRACQ



COUNCIL OF THE YEAR COUNCIL 4588 FATHER PATRICK POWER, LIVERMORE SK THOMAS E. McCAFFREY, GRAND KNIGHT



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**CO-KNIGHT OF THE YEAR
SK THOMAS E. McCAFFREY**

GRAND KNIGHT, COUNCIL 4588 FATHER PATRICK POWER , LIVERMORE



**CO-KNIGHT OF THE YEAR
SK CARLOS CUELLAR
VETERANS ASSIST CHAIRMAN**

(accepting the award for Brother Carlos is Vice Supreme Master Larry Campitiello)



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**BEST COUNCIL IN PROGRAMS
COUNCIL 10512 ST. LUKE, EL CAJON
DON MERCURIO, GRAND KNIGHT**



**TOP FIELD AGENT OF THE YEAR
JEFFREY CARVALO
GUTIERREZ AGENCY**



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**STATE CHAPLAIN OF THE YEAR
REV. FR. JOHN P. GRACE, OSA
ST. AUGUSTINE COUNCIL 16237, SAN DIEGO**



**BEST IN STATE COLOR CORPS
St. John Paul II #3504 from Elk Grove, CA led by CCC Larry Navarrette.**



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**SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD
FIRST LADY RUSSELL QUEVEDO**



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California Knights of Columbus - 116th Annual State Convention May 17-19, 2018 - Sacramento, California Color Corps Competition

California State Color Corps Competition was held with five teams from throughout the State competing. Thank you to all of the teams who practiced all year and competed. Congratulations to St. John Paul II #3504 from Elk Grove, CA, this years winner! They were led by CCC Larry Navarrette. The team consisted of FN Terry Rees, GK Richard Thompson, Faithful Comptroller Larry Stanton, Bobby Aglubat, Romeo Gonzalvo, and Jesus Velasco. Alternates were Joe Wilhelm and David Howard Momoh.



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California Knights of Columbus - 116th Annual State Convention May 17-19, 2018 - Sacramento, California Closing Mass

Closing Mass on Pentecost Sunday was celebrated by Most Reverend William K. Weigand, Bishop Emeritus Diocese of Sacramento. In addition to Bishop Weigand, Most Reverend Kevin Vann, Bishop Diocese of Orange, State Chaplain Art Albano and many other Priests and Deacons from throughout California celebrated Mass.



California Knights of Columbus - 116th Annual State Convention May 17-19, 2018 - Sacramento, California State Family Photos



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CALIFORNIA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWLY ELECTED STATE OFFICERS FOR COLUMBIAN YEAR 2018-2019



State Deputy Elect – Joe Salaiz

State Secretary Elect – Dave Abbott

State Treasurer Elect – Steve Bolton

State Advocate Elect - Dr. Noel Panlilio

State Warden Elect – Rene Trevino

Immediate Past State Deputy – Romy Quevedo



Newly elected State Officers with their wives. Also pictured are Bishop Kevin Vann, Diocese of Orange and State Chaplain Fr. Art Albano

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"EVERY MEMBER A RECRUITER!"