

California State Council Knights of Columbus



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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

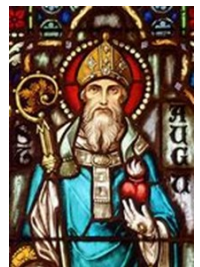
Former State Chaplain 2004-5; 2006-7; 2007-8

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.



Upcoming Events

2018-2019 Statewide Membership Drives

1st Quarter: QUICK START –Any Weekend during July/August/September

(Extend your QUICKSTART Drive until you have 25% or more of goal)

STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE



My Dear Brothers in Christ,

Since the May convention as you elected me to be your next State Deputy and entrusted me with guiding the ship of state. Anna and I would like to thank you for your emails, cards and phone calls of best wishes. As we as a State Council all prepare for the year ahead of us, I'm filled with anticipation, to a year dedicated to the blessed Virgin Mary, a year dedicated to faith in action. To quote the words of our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, *"Let us all as Knights redouble our efforts as men of faith-and men of action based on that faith."*

My brothers of California, it is critical that you start planning immediately as council officers. Planning is the key to any successful endeavor we do in life. It is important that you meet with your Pastor of your Church to plan for a calendar of events. The Grand Knight, Program Directors should be the ones present at this meeting. Your District Deputy can and should help you with what is needed for the presentation. Two projects you could share with your Pastor is the "Global Wheelchair mission" and the state wide "Feed the Athletes" program. The first is to deliver Wheelchairs in Mexico and designated areas in California. This is being planned for early 2019; more likely in the month of February. The Mexico distribution of wheelchairs will have us visiting the beautiful churches of Guadalajara, and in Mexico City, in addition to distributing wheelchairs, we will attend Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral, and at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. You can consider this a pilgrimage to some of the Holiest places in world. I ask all the councils to support this effort by donating two Wheelchairs for \$300.00 to the poorest of the poor.

The second project, "Feed the Athletes" is a partnership with the Special Olympics. Councils in the north for the first time will be able to participate, as councils in Southern California have done by providing food throughout the games. This project exemplifies all of our three principles of our Order and I encourage your council to support this State-wide effort, in "Our commitment to LIFE" that all lives matter.

As leaders of our Councils, Districts, Chapters and Field force of Benefit Agents we all have been entrusted to guide this organization into the future, and to guide its growth. As I highlighted a few of our programs, we must remember of the lives changed every day in ways that only we can do. Let me again quote our Supreme Knight, as we invite new men with their families that come into our Order, to have a chance to serve our Church and their communities in ways they never thought they could. It is through our new program of Faith, Family, Community and Life others can discover all we have to offer. Pope Benedict told us that Church has three missions. It has a mission to pray, it has a mission to evangelize, and it has a mission of charity. Our domestic church program simply says the Catholic family has the same mission. It has the mission to pray together, it has the mission to build up each other in the faith, and it has the mission to practice charity among the members of the family and for the family to reach out to other families. How many fewer individual Catholic families would be broken and suffering if we could get our families to pray more, build up each other in the faith, forgive, and reconcile and practice Charity.



My brothers, as the Supreme Knight says, let us be those men of Faith! How fitting as I write this letter on the feast day of St. Junipero Serra to the start our Columbian year in California.

May the Venerable Father McGivney be with us.

VIVAT JESUS!

Joe Salaiz
State Deputy
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2018-2019 STATE OFFICERS INSTALLATION

On July 7, 2018, the 2018-2019 State Officers Installation was held at St. Lorenzo Ruiz Parish in Walnut California. State Deputy Joe Salaiz installed State Secretary Dave Abbott, State Treasurer Steve Romy Quevedo, AlsBolton, State Advocate Dr. Noel Panlilio, State Warden Rene Trevino, and, Immediate Past State Deputy o installed was Most Reverend Monsignor Gerry Lopez, Vicar General, Diocese of San Bernardino as the State Chaplain.



Newly installed State Officers



Newly installed State Officers and their wives



State Officers with 4th Degree Color Corps escorts



Color Corps members included Vice Supreme Master Larry Campitiello and Supreme Board Member PSD Jim Scroggin



State Chaplain Emeritus Fr. John Grace OSA offering a prayer to those in attendance



Master of Ceremonies FA Jeffrey Storey who was spectacular!



State Chaplain Msgr Lopez and State Chaplain Emeritus Fr. John Grace, OSA



State Deputy Joe Salaiz delivered the keynote address



Some of the guests who attended the dinner

CEREMONIAL DEGREE'S

ADMISSIONS (1ST) DEGREES – JULY 2018

When: The First Tuesday Of Each Month Provided There Are Candidates
 Where: Hollywood Council 2406, Christ The King School
 Melrose and Vine St., Los Angeles, CA 90004
 Time: Sign-In At 7:00 PD, Degree At 7:15 Pm
 Contact: To schedule a Degree, The Hollywood Council Contact must be notified on the Friday prior to the Tuesday Degree date.
 Ramon Grijalva 310 748-1138; Butch Geraldez, PGK 323 350-0113;
 Larry Lacombe, PGK 323 663-2850

When: Every Fifth Tuesday
 Where: Council 3148 Clubhouse
 14450 Valerio St.
 Van Nuys, CA 91405
 Time: Sign-In At 6:30 PM, Degree At 7:00 PM
 Contact: Dennis Nodar GK 818 807-3579 Or Nodar.Kofc@gmail.Com
 Miguel Garcia Jr. 818 927-8162 Or Chevelle123115@gmail.Com

When: Thursday July 26, 2018
 Where: St. Margaret Mary Council 7864
 25511 Eshelman Ave.
 Lomita, CA
 Time: Sign-In at 6:30 PM, Degree at 8:00 PM
 Bring \$5.00 per candidate
 Contact: Team Captain Phil Talavera PGK 310 530-3058 or phil_lina@sbcglobal.net
 DD Ken Hall 310 749-1536 or kmhall2@outlook.com
 Dress Code: Sunday Attire

When: Every Last Saturday of each Month (July 28)
 Where: Our Lady of the Foothills Council 11612—Convent of OLA
 435 N. Berkeley Ave.
 Claremont, CA 91711
 Time: Sign-in at 9:00 AM—Degree start at 10:00 AM
 Dress Code is Business Casual

FORMATION (2ND) DEGREES – JULY 2018

When: Tuesday July 17, 2018
 Where: Fr. Emil Kapaun Hall, Westchester Co. 3744 –
 8049 W. Manchester Ave., Playa Del Rey.
 Parking and Entrance at Rear of Building.
 Time: Sign-In At 7:15 PM, Degree At 8:00 PM
 Contact: DD91 Marcelo.Cornejo, (310)-704-7565 Or Marcelo@Marcelocornejo.Com

When: Wednesday July 25, 2018
 Where: Msgr. John Cawley Council 3629, St. Maria Goretti Hall
 3954 Palo Verde Ave.
 Long Beach CA (East side of Palo Verde, just South of Carson St.)
 Time: Sign-In At 7:30 PM, Degree at 8:00 PM
 Contact: Victor Magana, FS 562 420-3214 or vandsmagana@msn.com

CEREMONIAL DEGREE'S (continued)

When: Sunday July 22 - Orange County
 Where: Father Kass Council Hall,
 8410 Kass Drive,
 Buena Park, Ca 90621
 Time: Sign-In At 1:00 Pm, Degree At 2:00 Pm
 Contact: Nazaire Le Blanc DD 120, (714) 993 9943 Or Nazairesr2aol.Com

When: August 4, 2018
 Where: St. Anne's Dillon Hall
 385 North "F" Street
 Porterville, Ca
 Time: Registration – 11:00 Am-12:45pm / Degree Start – 1:00 Pm
 Contact: DD Rudolpho Casias Tel: 559 350-0416

Note: There Is A Knighthood Degree Immediately Following This Formation Degree

When: Tuesday August 7 - Orange County
 Where: Holy Spirit Parish Hall,
 17270 Ward Street,
 Fountain Valley, Ca 92708
 Time: Sign-In at 7:00 PM, Degree At 8:00 PM
 Contact: Rudy Lopez DD 113, (714) 862 7421 or rudylopez64@live.com

KNIGHTHOOD (3RD) DEGREES

When: July 21, 2018
 Where: Knights of Columbus Council
 729 West Ridgecrest Blvd
 Ridgecrest, Ca 93555
 Time: Registration – 12:30-1:00 Pm / Degree Start – 1:15 Pm
 Contact: DD Jose Gutierrez Tel: 661 932-6393

When: August 4, 2018
 Where: St. Anne's Dillon Hall
 385 North "F" Street
 Porterville, Ca
 Time: Registration – 11:00 Am-12:45pm / Degree Start – 1:00 Pm
 Contact: DD Rudolpho Casias Tel: 559 350-0416

Note: There Is A Formation Degree Immediately Preceding This Knighthood Degree

When: August 17, 2018
 Where: St. Peter Chaldean Cathedral
 1627 Jamacha Way
 El Cajon, Ca 92019
 Time: Registration – 5:15-6:30 Pm / Degree Start – 6:45 Pm
 Contact: DD Roark Galloway Tel: 760 521-3364

PATRIOTIC (4TH) DEGREES

When: October 13, 2018
 Where: Torrance Marriott Hotel
 3635 Fashion Way, Torrance Ca 90503
 Time: Tbd
 Contact: The Faithful Comptroller of your Assembly

Four Ways to Start the Columbian Year Right!

Annual Meeting with the Pastor – As soon as possible after your Council elections, arrange for a formal meeting between the new Grand Knight and the Pastor. The purpose of this meeting is to show support for the Pastor and for the parish. Bring along an Accomplishments List showing the events, activities, and donations supported over the past year or two by your Knights of Columbus Council. You can also print out this [Partial Menu of Services Knights Councils Can Do for Pastors and their Parishes](#) as a guide. Ask your pastor what he wants the Council to continue and find out if he has any special projects or events he would like. Try to make your Pastor feel supported by offering help whenever possible.

Set Your Council Calendar – Look over all of the events, activities, donations, etc. done by the Council last year. Pencil in onto your Columbian Year Calendar those events and activities you are likely to repeat. Try to add something new! Be sure to schedule the entire year ASAP then Review and Revise it at every Council Officers' Meeting. Ask your Service Program Chairs to begin planning major events AT LEAST three months in advance. Your Service Program Chairs should always have a brief report detailing the progress on upcoming events and the results of completed activities.

Set Your Recruitment and Ceremonials Dates – Once again, schedule in advance and calendarize your Membership Drives, Information Session Dates/Times, and your monthly or bi-monthly Ceremonial Degrees.

Try a Quarterly Membership Drive - Review this link of [2018-2019 CA Membership Drives](#) to plan your entire year of recruiting. Set your sights to attain 25% or more of the Council Goal each and every Quarter.

Set a Schedule for Information Sessions – Once you have your Membership Drive dates set, plan to host one or more Information Sessions within days of each Drive.

Plan a Monthly (or bi-monthly) Admissions Degree – Set the dates for your Degrees to be within one week of your Information Sessions. Or, you could hold a half hour Information Session followed by an Admissions Degree for those who are ready.

Focus on Building the Domestic Church – Your Council should measure the time and effort spent on projects and focus on activities and events that are Christ-centered. Will your events deepen the spirituality of our Brothers and others? Will your activities help families to show kids (and others) that God is with them always and especially in their homes? Building the Domestic Church is accomplished when Christ becomes the foundation and keystone of the life of the family at home. Then the Church is truly in the home. If we show men that this is our focus, more and more will choose to join us and follow our lead!

Yours in Service,

Michael D. Brault

California State Membership Director

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Welcome Back Brother

Did you know that there are well over 2,500 Inactive Brother Knights in California? These are men who, at one time were Active Brother Knights and who took out (and are maintaining) insurance policies.

Brother Eric Watson has crafted a letter **Welcoming them Back!**

These Brothers will be invited to use the Internet to see the dynamic presentations provided by Supreme. We hope that they will choose to rejoin the Active ranks of Brothers either via Online Membership or by seeking out a Council in a nearby parish to join.

If you have any inquiries, either notifications of Online Members who are in your area or men coming to ask about the Knights, be positive and give a hearty, "Welcome Back Brother."

It is important to note that Councils may only request the current year's dues when a Brother re-activates or joins through Online Membership.

Focus on Service. Focus on Faith. Focus on Fun. This will entice your Brother to continue on as a life-long member!

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Online Membership

On March the 19th of this year, California began admitting Brothers through Online Membership. Check out the www.knights.net website to see an engaging presentation designed to entice young men to join us. When on the webpage, click on the tabs and on the video embedded over the "To Be A Knight" photo.

Men who join this way become Online Members. They will print out an Online Membership card that allows them to visit Councils. Some of these new Knights will wait for you to call to invite them to your meeting and others may just show up. When they visit, show off!

The majority of Online Members will wait for your call to ask them to consider joining your Council. Ken Morris, our Online Membership Chair, will send a notification regarding the new, Online Brother from your parish or your area who has joined our Order and is seeking a Council. Contact him quickly and warmly invite him to an activity or a meeting. Arrange for a quick Admissions Committee review but keep in mind that he already is a Brother Knight.

You will want your Brother to join your Council since the Council will earn Recruitment Credit (and Insurance if he is Insured). Complete a Form 100 as a transfer and your Council will get the credit towards your Membership goal.

You and your Chapter should find innovative ways to convert these Brothers from Online Member to Council Member. Check out the [2018 Membership Recruitment Incentives](#) and you will find one that rewards the Chapter with the highest % of conversions from Online Membership to Council Membership.

Online Membership is new and exciting. It is the wave of the future and the portal through which many young men may find and join our Order. Embrace it!

Yours in Service,

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Partial Menu of Services Knights Councils Can Do for Pastors & Their Parishes

- ☐ Stand strongly in support of Pastors & Bishops fostering Catholic Family Values
- ☐ Support Vocations.
- ☐ Assist or initiate in Parish Social, Charitable, Spiritual & Community Events
- ☐ Organize Family Game Nights, Movie/Video Nights
- ☐ Set up/ conduct Parish or Youth Talent Contests
- ☐ Organize/Assist Parish Family/Youth Camp Outs
- ☐ Assist in recruiting for establishing Columbian Squires young boys group, Scouts
- ☐ Assist/ Administer/ Distribute Food for Families
- ☐ Volunteer for Parish Ministries such as Music, Hospitality, Readers, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, etc.
- ☐ Set up & take down tables & chairs for various Parish Ministries, Dinners, Bazaars, Festivals, Fiestas, Etc.
- ☐ Organize or help for hands-on Church Clean up or Renovation Projects
- ☐ Volunteer Leadership for Pastor's Pet Projects
- ☐ Help with and Lead Parish Fundraisers & Capital Campaigns
- ☐ Volunteer and support Parish Religious Education programs
- ☐ Organize and stimulate Building the Domestic Church with spiritual activities such as Holy Hours
- ☐ Plan and implement Parish Rosaries, 9/11 Prayer Service, Divine Mercy Sunday Hour of Prayer
- ☐ Initiate and put on Parish Breakfasts, Dinners
- ☐ Lead in Parking lot Ministry
- ☐ Volunteer for Parish Council positions.
- ☐ Help Minister to Parish Seniors, Sick & Housebound Parishioners
- ☐ Organize and run Parish Blood Drives
- ☐ Conduct American Wheelchair Mission Sundays
- ☐ Organize support for local PRCs (Pregnancy Resource Centers) and 40 Days For Life Vigils
- ☐ Support and participate in San Diego Walks for Life, Pro-Life Fundraising & Ultrasounds Fundraising
- ☐ Support for local Veterans' Centers and Veterans' Hospitals
- ☐ Publicity for the Parish in local media; newspapers, radio, TV
- ☐ Organize and run Drive to Help People with ID (Intellectual Disabilities)
- ☐ Help with Special Olympics.
- ☐ Set up and maintain Parish & Council Website & Social Media
- ☐ Sir Knights Color Corps as Honor Guard for visits from the Bishop and special Parish Events
- ☐ Color Corps Honor Guards at Rosaries and Funerals for deceased Knights and family members
- ☐ Knights' family participation in local parades
- ☐ Conduct Membership Drives for Knights and assist other Parish groups
- ☐ Support for Parish School
- ☐ Winter Coats for Kids Program

Supreme Quick Start Incentive

5 or more Recruits from July1-Sept 30 = \$50 from

Knightsgear Ongoing Star Recruiter Incentive

1 Recruited = Star Recruiter Pin

3 Recruited = Star Recruiter Hat

5 or more Recruited = Star Recruiter Polo Shirt

Note: These prizes are cumulative so as a recruiter continues, he earns pin then hat then polo shirt. Prizes will be sent to Chapter Presidents for distribution to the Chapter's recruiters.

Monthly Statewide Recruiter Incentive

1st Prize \$25 (minimum 5 Recruited during that month)

2nd Prize \$20 (minimum 4 Recruited during that month)

3rd Prize \$15 (minimum 3 recruited during that month)

4th Prize \$10 (minimum 2 recruited during that month)

Note: A prize will be awarded each month to the Top 4 Recruiters Statewide. In case of ties, the winner will be selected by random drawing from Recruiters who tied. If the top achievement level is not met, additional lower level prizes will be awarded.

Quarterly Chapter Recruiter Incentive

1st Prize \$25 (minimum 5 Recruited during that quarter)

2nd Prize \$20 (minimum 4 Recruited during that quarter)

3rd Prize \$15 (minimum 3 recruited during that quarter)

4th Prize \$10 (minimum 2 recruited during that quarter)

Note: Up to four prizes will be awarded each quarter to Top Recruiters from each Chapter. In case of ties, the winner will be selected by random drawing from Recruiters who tied. If the top achievement level is not met, additional lower level prizes will be awarded.

July 2018 Service Program Director Message

Worthy Brothers

Columbian Year 2018-2019 will be a year of change for service programs in the Knights of Columbus order wide. The Surge with Service program model is being replaced a new program model titled **Faith in Action**. Faith in Action adds new programs that emphasize the spiritual nature of our order and charity in our communities. As an order we need to refresh our image in our parishes, we need to be more than we are today!

Most of the existing programs will be placed in one of 4 activity categories Faith, Family, Community and Culture of Life. Others will be converted to initiatives grouped under a single program. Each of the program activity categories will focus on different parts of our lives and faith. Faith Activities promote the spiritual nature of our faith and order. Family Activities promote family as a place where our faith begins. Community Activities promote corporal works of mercy in our community. Culture of Life activities promotes life beginning with conception and ending in natural death.

The Supreme Knight is expecting that each council establish 4 programs order wide.

- ◆ Spiritual Reflection Program
- ◆ Consecration to the Holy Family
- ◆ Homeless Assistance
- ◆ Novena for Life

The criteria for state awards during the 2019 convention have changed to reflect the philosophy that good programs attract new members. Compliance with the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment requirements is a not optional at any level.

Incorporate family and membership into every program activity. Councils should provide the leadership and organization framework around all service events and at the same time invite eligible catholic men and families to participate. This may require a change of mindset for some councils who are used to providing the organization framework, leadership and manpower to accomplish the entire service event. Work with your pastor to become the team that gets things organized for your parish.

It is very important that council officers take the time to read the programs handbook as you start the new year. Plan your activities to include families and eligible Catholic men. Plan to have a great year.

Yours in Service,
Eric C Watson
Service Program Director



PAUTAS PARA EL CONSEJO HISPANO

Junio - 2018



El Caballero Supremo recientemente anunció la introducción del programa Fe en Acción. Se está implementando para simplificar la estructura de nuestros programas y alinear mejor los programas según las áreas prioritarias. La Fe en Acción será el nuevo concepto global de todos los programas recomendados por el Consejo Supremo.

Las nuevas categorías de programas que inician en el nuevo año fraternal son: Fe, Familia, Comunidad y Vida. Estas cuatro categorías representan nuestras prioridades como Orden.

Fe: Nuestro objetivo es fortalecer la fe de nuestros hombres y sus familias. Cuando ingresamos a la Orden, nos recordaron que debíamos formarnos constantemente sobre la fe católica. Esta formación va más allá de los hechos o las prácticas religiosas para alcanzar una verdadera conexión con un Dios lleno de amor y su hijo Jesucristo.

Familia: El Padre Michael J. McGivney buscaba fortalecer los vínculos familiares entre el padre y la madre y entre los hijos y sus padres. Nuestros programas de familia constituyen una evolución y la respuesta a una sociedad que trata de debilitar los vínculos familiares. Debemos dejar claro que la sociedad debe valorar a una familia que es fiel a Dios y a sus propios miembros.

Comunidad: Como Caballeros de Colón, estamos llamados a servir a nuestra familia y a Dios. Nuestro primer principio es la Caridad, ya sea en casa con nuestra familia o en nuestra comunidad. Éste es un aspecto clave de nuestra misión como Caballeros de Colón.

Vida: No podemos perder de vista el apremio de esta amenaza hoy en día. El respeto a la dignidad de la vida exige un compromiso con los derechos humanos en un amplio espectro, como Caballeros de Colón y como seguidores de Cristo.

Faith in Action	Fe en Acción
Faith	Fe
RSVP	Apoyo a las Vocaciones (RSVP)
Into the Breach	Firme en la Brecha
Marian Icon Prayer Program	Oración Mariana
Building the Domestic Church Kiosk	Kiosko Construyendo la Iglesia Doméstica
Rosary Program	Rezo del Rosario
Spiritual Reflection Program	Retiro Espiritual
Holy Hour	Hora Santa
Sacramental Gifts	Ofrendas Sacramentales
Community	Comunidad
Coats for Kids	Abrigos para los Niños
Global Wheelchair Mission	Misión Global de Sillas de Ruedas
Habitat for humanity	Hábitat para la Humanidad
Disaster Preparedness	Preparados para Responder a Desastres
Free Throw Championship	Torneo de Tiro Libre
Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest	Concurso de Ensayos sobre Ciudadanía Católica
Soccer Challenge	Competencia de Fútbol Soccer
Helping Hands	Manos que Ayudan
Family	Familia
Food for Families	Alimentos para las Familias
Family of the Month/Year	Familia del Mes/Año
Keep Christ in Christmas	Celebra a Cristo en la Navidad
Family Fully Alive	La Familia Plenamente Viva
Family Week	Semana de la Familia
Consecration to the Holy Family	Consagración a la Sagrada Familia
Family Prayer Night new	Noche de Oración en Familia
Good Friday Family Promotion	Vivir la Semana Santa
Life	Vida
Marches for life	Marchas por la Vida
Special Olympics	Olimpiadas Especiales
Ultrasound Program	Programa de Ultrasonido
Christian Refugee Relief	Fondo de Auxilio para los Refugiados Cristianos
Silver Rose	Rosa de Plata
Mass for People with Special Needs	Misa para las Personas con Necesidades Especiales
Pregnancy Center Support	Apoyo a los Centros de Embarazo
Novena for Life	Novena por la Vida

Faith Activities

Brothers, as we enter the 2018-2019 Columbian Year we face some challenges. The program structure has changed dramatically. Most of the programs we have supported in the past are still there. There are also some new interesting programs we need to incorporate into council activities and support. Also, the supreme and state council ask for more emphasis on certain programs. You **MUST** read the California State Program Manual to get the details. Additional information will be provided when received. Please stay flexible. We are on a learning curve.

John Giltner FDD, PGK, PCP
Faith Activities Chairman

Knights of Columbus Priest Martyrs' 2018-19 Award of Service

The California State Council has expanded the Mexican Priest Martyrs' Award to include three more who were martyred: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, a Chinese martyr, St. Lorenzo Ruiz, the First Filipino canonized saint and St. Andrew Dung-Lac, an early Vietnamese Priest who was canonized. Fr. Augustine Zhao Rong, Fr. Lorenzo Ruiz, Fr. Andrew Dung-Lac along with the six Mexican priest who were martyred for their faith during various times of persecution of Christians throughout the world. 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 August 2018 through March 2019 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 and the Fr. Michael J. McGivney Priest of the Year Award given out at the California State Convention.

July 2018: St. Augustine Zhao Rong
August 2018: St. Luis Batis Mexican Martyr Award
September 2018: St. Lorenzo Ruiz Filipino Martyr Award
October 2018: St. Rodrigo Aguilar Mexican Martyr Award
November 2018: St. Andrew Dung-Lac Vietnamese Martyr Award
December 2018: St. Miguel de la Mora Mexican Martyr Award
January 2019: St. Pedro de Jesús Maldonado Mexican Martyr Award
February 2019: St. José María Robles Mexican Martyr Award
March 2019: St. Mateo Correa Mexican Martyr Award

Q & A

Who Can Nominate?

All councils, assemblies and chapters in California

Who is eligible to receive this award?

Chaplains for councils, assemblies and chapters.

How many awards will be given out each month?

All priests nominated will receive this award. This is not a competition but a recognition of dedication and service as a chaplain in the Knights of Columbus

What is the deadline to apply?

Deadline is the 15th of the month sward is being given out.

Where is the nomination form?

It is on the State Website under Forms.

Where do I send the completed form?

Mail or Email or mail to

John D. Bertrand

1168 Sierra Linda Dr

Escondido, CA 92025

Email: johnbertrand44@gmail.com

Cell: 858-395-4123

Knights of Columbus Priest Martyrs' 2018-19 Award of Service JULY 2018

Saint Augustine Zhao Rong



The Martyred Saints of China, or Augustine Zhao Rong and his 119 companions are saints of the Roman Catholic Church that John Paul II canonized in 2000. They consisted of 87 Chinese Catholics, and 33 Western Missionaries from the mid-17th century to 1930. They were martyred because of being missionaries, and in some cases, for their refusal to apostatize. Many died in the Boxer Rebellion, in which xenophobic peasants slaughtered 30,000 Chinese converts to Christianity along with missionaries and other foreigners.

Although Christianity had spread itself around the world by this time, it did not reach China until the 600's, by way of Syria. Depending on China's relations with the outside world, Christianity over the centuries was free to grow or was forced to operated secretly.

The 120 martyrs in this group all died between 1648 and 1930. Most of them born in China were children, parents, catechists or laborers, ranging from nine years old to age 72. This included four Chinese diocesan Priests. The 33 from the western world were mostly Priests or Women Religious, especially from the Order of Preachers, the Paris Foreign Mission Society, the Friars Minor, Jesuits, Salesians, and Franciscan Missionaries of Mary.

Augustine Zhao Rong was a Chinese Soldier, who accompanied Bishop John Gabriel Taurin Dufresse, a Paris Foreign Mission Society member, to his martyrdom in Beijing. Augustine was baptized and not long after was ordained as a diocesan Priest. He was martyred in 1815. Beatified in groups at various times, all 120 of these martyrs were canonized in Rome, on October 1st, 2000. The Church celebrates them on this Feast Day, July 9th.

Vocations Update

Thank you for your support of our seminarians through the Seminarian Support Program (SSP) - RSVP Program and the vocation dinners that you may have hosted this past Columbian Year. Our Church, our Bishops and Seminarians are grateful!

Suggested Council Budget for Vocations 2018 – 2019 Columbian Year:

Large Councils:

- **SSP - RSVP:** \$2000 or more, 2 seminarians at \$1000 each
- **Vocations Dinner:** \$1000 for 2 tables
- **Parade of GK's gift to Bishop:** \$1000 or more
- **Donation to St Patrick's or St John's Seminary:** \$500

Total: \$4500 or more

Small Councils:

- **SSP - RSVP:** \$500 or more, 1 seminarian at \$500 each
- **Vocations Dinner:** \$500 for 1 table
- **Parade of GK's gift to Bishop:** \$500 or more

Total: \$1500 or more

All of us, as Knights of Columbus, can make a difference!

Rick Jarrett

Partnership With Habitat for Humanity By Michael Ochoa, HFH State Chairman 2018-2019



As a featured Knights of Columbus Community program, Habitat for Humanity offers KofC councils continued opportunities to help our communities and families.

Last year, Knights, at the local level, reported donating more than 1.3 million volunteer service hours and \$1.7 million to Habitat for Humanity helping to build or renovate houses for deserving families in need.

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, Christian organization founded in 1976 that seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness one family at a time. The organization assists in providing quality-built, affordable homes to needy families by cooperatively involving the future homeowner with community volunteers and suppliers to build or renovate their home. To date, Habitat for Humanity has provided more than 3 million people with safe, personal shelter.

In addition to a down payment, recipients work alongside the construction crew and volunteers, and are then provided an affordable mortgage plan. Knights look favorable on the mission of Habitat for Humanity, which not only helps people to become homeowners, but actively involves them in their homes' preparation and construction. This teaches them valuable skills, develops confidence and provides experience. In addition, many families will create "sweat equity" with the hours of actually working to build their home.

At your local level, your council has a unique and rewarding community opportunity to volunteer and help Habitat for Humanity. Explore and join this great community volunteer effort.

Contact the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate in your community. Visit www.habitat.org or e-mail volunteer@habitat.org for information on your local affiliate. They will be able to brief you on the volunteer opportunities available to council members, prospects and families.

Columbian Award Requirements for Habitat for Humanity.

When your council conducts a Habitat for Humanity project and meets the minimum requirements below, it's eligible to fulfill all four Columbian Award Community Activity requirements.

- Complete and submit the Partnership Profile Report with Habitat for Humanity (**#10092**).
- Donate a minimum of \$1,000 and 200 man hours to the project.
- Complete and submit the Columbian Award Application (**#SP-7**) no later than June 30, 2017
- Under the Community Activities section, indicate participation with Habitat for Humanity.
- Complete and submit your council's Service Program Personnel Report (**#365**).

Complete and submit the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (**#1728**) no later than Jan. 31, 2017.

For the most up-to-date information on how your council can participate with Habitat for Humanity, please visit the Knights of Columbus website, <http://www.kofc.org> or the Knights of Columbus Fraternal Training Portal.

Contact me or my Committeeman if you or your council needs assistance with Volunteering at Habitat for Humanity:

California State Council, Columbian Year 2018-2019

Habitat for Humanity Chairman:

Michael Ochoa, 916-730-3178

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FAMILY ACTIVITY PROGRAMS

Dear Brothers,

As we start our new Columbian year, we have a fresh start, a fresh new outlook, and new leaders. We have had some recent changes, new requirements, and certain categories that have been moved or removed. So please make sure that you look in your program handbooks for clarification. I urge all of you to encourage your members to become more active participants in the Family Activity programs so that you can show your parishioners how the Knights are not just about fundraising, but also about caring for the spiritual well being of our brothers and sisters in Christ, and their families. This is so important as we have so many parishioners falling away from the Church currently. Let's help our Priests bring back our lost flock and those parishioners who only come once or twice a year and bring them back every Sunday. Let's get them involved more spiritually, and when we do, we can get them involved in the Knights of Columbus. They will see how strong we are in our faith. Let's us set the example my brothers!! I need all of you to step up and be examples of strong Knights, and more importantly, strong Catholic gentlemen!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call upon any of the chairman of the programs, or myself. We are here to help you in any way we can.

Vivat Jesus!

Tim Fukuda
Family Activities Director

Brother Knights,

Well another Columbian Year is underway. As chairman for the Family of the Month Program for the State I look forward to tasks ahead. Every Council has been asked by Supreme to sponsor a Family of the Month program at their council. That in itself seems to be a no brainer. All the Grand Knight or your Family of the Month Chairman needs to do is choose family each month to honor at the council level and submit form 1993A to the State by the 15th of the month. What could be easier? Yes that is pretty easy. The family chosen should show at least the following attributes:

- a. The family contributes their time and talents to the Church, Community and Council activities
- b. The family genuinely enjoys each other
- c. The family shares positive and enriching experiences
- d. The family communicates openly and honestly
- e. Prays and attends Mass together

The above attributes are just starting points to help with your hunt for 12 special families in your Council to honor during this Columbian Year.

We need to try and make our councils more inviting to the young family men in our parishes so when we ask them to join the brotherhood they can see a real benefit for them and their families to get involved. Some of the ways this can be done is to sponsor one or more of the many youth activities available through the State and Supreme.

Free Throw Contest

Soccer Challenge

Poster Contests

Essay Contests

Etc. etc. etc. etc.

When you have a Council activity involve the whole family. Invite the whole family to help with the programs. Have tasks the younger children can do.

I look forward to receiving your Family of the Month recipients during the upcoming months.

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Mulqueeney

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State Family of the Month Chairman



Supreme Council Featured Family Activities Program

Since 2012 the inception year of the Food for Families Program, the Knights of Columbus had already donated \$8.5 Million and 14.7 million pounds of food to local food banks, local food pantries, community food banks and soup kitchen.

The Knights of Columbus is continuing the tradition for raising awareness of the issues behind poverty and hunger and committed to ending hunger in local communities by requesting the local Councils to participate in the Order-wide Food for Families Program.

Action Steps:

- Contact your local parish food pantry, community food bank or soup kitchen to ensure they will be able to receive food donations and inquire if they have any specific needs.
- Obtain permission from the appropriate person (pastor, business owner(s), etc.) to set up the food drive at the church or store and to display posters.
- Request your local Food Banks to provide the Food Bins
- Request nearby retail stores for empty boxes so there is a place to store donations.
- If a Council will be conducting the Food Drive at the parish, have flyers available for distribution or placed in the pews announcing the details of the Food Drive.
- Request for pastor for permission to make an announcement before or after Mass about the Food Drive.
- Be sure to include a written announcement in the parish bulletin.
- For monetary donations, be sure to have a secure receptacle in the collection area for cash and checks.

All non-perishable food donations, but are especially in need of these nutritious items:

- Meals in a can (soup, stew, chili)
- Tuna or canned chicken
- Peanut butter
- Canned foods with pop-top lids
- Canned fruit in its own juice or water
- Low-sodium canned vegetables
- Olive or canola oil
- Spices
- Low-sugar whole grain cereals
- Healthy snacks (granola bars, nuts, dried fruit)

**Please avoid items packed in glass. No candy or soda please.*

The food collected should be delivered to local food banks.

To assist your council in its participation in the Food for Families Program, the following materials are available from the Supreme Council.

Food for Families Reimbursement Program Refund/Plaque Application (Item # 10057)

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) Due 6/30

Columbian Award Application (#SP-7) Due 1/31

For additional information on the Food for Families Program, please contact the Supreme Council at 203-752-4270.

Thank you,

Isaias Hernandez, State Council Chairman

Max Baylosis, Committeeman, North

Carlos Cuellar, Committeeman, South

FAMILY WEEK

Every year we dedicate a special week in August for families called “Family Week”, a program which started many years ago. August is also the month to commemorate the birth (August 12) and the death (August 14) of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney.

Each family is a unit and is an integral part of the world society. Togetherness within a family is very important. We all know that time fleeting and how we spend this time is important. Due to our busy schedules, work and other commitments, spending time together gets difficult. This program promotes and encourages us to try and bond with our spouses, children and grandchildren in whatever activities possible like going to church and praying together, spending time outdoors in the park, getting involved in community services such as doing a rosary crusade or some other exciting adventure, whether big or small. We can all be creative with how to spend time with one another on the foundation of love, faith and commitment to each other.

As we approach this particular week in August, let us all make an effort in encouraging more familial bonding, spiritually and physically, with our earthly family with the guidance of our heavenly Father. Let us be present for one another, making each moment count.

By Bert Morales Family Week Chairman C Y 2018-2019



Worthy Brothers All,

Since we live in a more secular than ever society, we look forward to Columbian **Year 2018 – 2019** to put into practice our Order's new **FAITH IN ACTION** model - with its wide spectrum of changes and carried over **Culture of Life Activities**. While change is always with us, certain fundamental **TRUTHS** always govern our good deeds.

I recently came across an allegorical article that seemed to combine so well our scientific and faith-based understanding of the existence of human life from the moment of conception forward, and the gift of our Faith that supports our common sense belief in the Ultimate Eternal Existence of **God**:

Early Life Observations

-Author Unknown

In a mother's womb were two babies. One asked the other: "Do you believe in life after delivery?" The other replied, "Why, of course. There has to be something after delivery. Maybe we are here to prepare ourselves for what we will be later." "Nonsense" said the first. "There is no life after delivery. What kind of life would that be?"

The second said, "I don't know, but there will be more light than here. Maybe we will walk with our legs and eat from our mouths. Maybe we will have other senses that we can't understand now."

The first replied, "That is absurd. Walking is impossible. And eating with our mouths? Ridiculous! The umbilical cord supplies nutrition and everything we need. But the umbilical cord is so short. Life after delivery is to be logically excluded."

The second insisted, "Well, I think there is something and maybe it's different than it is here. Maybe we won't need this physical cord anymore."

The first replied, "Nonsense. And moreover if there is life, then why has no one ever come back from there? Delivery is the end of life, and in the after-delivery there is nothing but darkness and silence and oblivion. It takes us nowhere."

Well, I don't know," said the second, "but certainly we will meet Mother and she will take care of us."

The first replied "Mother? You actually believe in Mother? That's laughable. If Mother exists then where is She now?"

The second said, "She is all around us. We are surrounded by her. We are of Her. It is in Her that we live. Without Her this world would not and could not exist."

Said the first: "Well, I don't see Her, so it is only logical that She doesn't exist."

To which the second replied, "Sometimes, when you're in silence and you focus and listen, you can perceive Her presence, and you can hear Her loving voice, calling down from above."

Maybe this was one of the best explanations to the concept of GOD.

Fraternally – For Life . . .

Hugh Largey

Culture of Life Activities State Chairman

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California State Culture of Life Ultrasound Program CY 2017 – 2018 REVIEW And

CY 2018-2019 Goals & Guidance reflecting the New FAITH IN ACTION Model

As of July 1st 2018, California Councils co-sponsored and facilitated the delivery of a total of **ELEVEN** life changing - life saving Ultrasounds, the largest number of Ultrasounds obtained in a Columbian year here. This record was achieved by Our Knights supporting Councils partnering with Supreme's initiatives to identify Pregnancy Clinics that had the resources to utilize an ultrasound and met our common faith-based pro-life requirements by their local area Catholic Diocese.

As of this date, **FOUR** Council Ultrasound Initiatives have received Diocese & Supreme approval to proceed towards obtaining an Ultrasound this Columbian Year.

Other Pregnancy Centers/Clinics interested in obtaining an Ultrasound will need to be identified and qualified in order to be added to our cumulative number of successful Ultrasound deliveries under Supreme's Ultrasound Initiatives. Our **realistic goal** for this Columbian year is to identify and help obtain **SIX Additional** qualified Ultrasound recipients through our continuing contact and research efforts for approved Pro-Life Pregnancy Clinics.

This new Columbian Year will involve additional and more diverse Culture of Life Activities focusing on *separate from Ultrasound Pro-Life goals*.

One such new Culture of Life Activity is the **Pregnancy Center Support Program** which focuses on ***other than Ultrasound*** Pro-Life interests such as how Councils can "adopt" a Pregnancy Center. More information on this and other new Culture of Life Activities such as the Abortion Pill Reversal *Initiative* can be found in this year's **State Programs Handbook**.

Please Note: Participating in Ultrasound Program does not satisfy the programming requirements for the Pregnancy Center Support Program. The two activities are separate and cannot be double-counted.

California State Programs have State Chairmen and State Committeemen to help you find what you're looking for! Please visit websites www.californiaknights.org and www.kofc.org.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally – For Life . . .

Bernie Vitchus

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Mass for People with Special Needs: A Call to Knights to Help Create an Inclusive Church, Where ALL Are Welcome

We Knights have always been called to action to support the material and spiritual needs of our Church, Diocese, and parish communities. Now, under the Knights of Columbus new *Faith in Action* program framework, we are called to help bring Catholic adults and children with special needs – and their families – into full inclusion and participation in our liturgy and parish life through the new “Mass for People with Special Needs” program.

“Special needs” is a term that encompasses our fellow Catholic adults and children with Down syndrome, autism, Tourette’s syndrome, traumatic brain injury, or other intellectual disabilities.

For people with special needs, attending Mass may be difficult, because their intellectual disabilities may cause them to behave oddly or to be disruptive, and in a Mass setting, this behavior can create distractions and conflict with other attendees. Many special needs families may be hesitant to attend Mass or other parish activities for fear of embarrassment, to avoid disruption and distraction of other parishioners, or, sadly, because of unhappy experiences they have had with insensitive parishioners.



Our Mass for People with Special Needs program builds on existing initiatives within the Catholic Church -- the Holy See, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), and many Dioceses and parishes -- that already serve the needs of special needs Catholics. In California, the Dioceses of Los Angeles, Oakland, Orange, San Bernardino, Sacramento, San Jose, and others have special needs programs in place, which include special needs catechesis and Masses. For many families with special needs children and adult members, these special needs Masses make all the difference in their faith lives.

The KofC Mass for People with Special Needs program seeks to support and expand on these efforts.

What can we do as Knights to help support these special needs Masses? Please consider taking the following actions in your Council and Chapter to help implement this new *Faith in Action* program:

- Designate a Program Director or Program Chairman to oversee the Mass with Special Needs program in your Council or Chapter.
- If your Diocese or Parish already has a special needs program, talk with your Diocese staff or Pastor to see how your Council or Chapter can provide support.
 - ◊ Help to set up special needs Masses in your Parish or Diocese.
 - ◊ Provide support to post-Mass receptions, so that family members may meet and share with each other. Help with set-up and clean-up.
 - ◊ Help support special needs catechetical programs, providing financial support for materials, volunteering as catechists, and helping to set up or fund special activities.
- If your Diocese or Parish does not have a program for people with special needs, work with your Diocese staff or Pastor to start a such a program.
- Continue to support the Annual Fundraiser for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities, Special Olympics, and the Columbian Foundation.

For more information about this new service program, please contact Brother Dennis LaFlam, State Chairman-Mass for People with Special Needs Program, djlaflam@sbcglobal.net, (510) 505-4297.



California Columbian Charities, Inc.
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California Columbian Charities (365 Club) 2018

In 1955 the State Council created California Columbian Charities, Inc. The Charity is dedicated to assisting California Brothers in financial distress, including their widows. For almost sixty years we have steadily worked to provide CHARITY, the first principle of our Order, and to fulfill Fr. McGivney's mandate. Funding for the Charity is provided through the generosity of California Councils and individual Brothers, from special events sponsored by the Council and through bequests. Every Knight of Columbus Brother in California is asked to join the **365 Club** and contribute one penny a day, or more. The Charity is truly **Brother Helping Brother** since Supreme does not supplement the Charity. During the past six decades we have responded to over **2200 requests** for assistance from Brother Knights in California and have given almost **\$3,100,000** in relief. **Last year in 2017 Columbian Charities responded to requests from 54 Brothers and widows with over \$139,000 in aid.** We need your generous charitable and fraternal support to continue assisting Brothers in distress. The best way to accomplish this is for the Financial Secretary to request donations by adding an additional line to the Council's dues billing statement: **"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. Individual donations are **accepted the entire year**. Remit your donations to the address below.

California Columbian Charities: Columbian Charities is collecting funds to assist our Brother Knights and their families who have been impacted by financial distress. Checks can be sent to:

California Columbian Charities, Inc.

P. O. Box 4256

Cerritos, CA 90703

Thank you for your Generosity! Many Councils, Assemblies and Chapters made fraternal contributions at the Sacramento Convention "Parade of Grand Knights." Over **\$123,000 was donated to the "365" Club – California Columbian Charities.**

Brother Stephen Peterson, FM

President – California Columbian Charities

Brother Helping Brother!

Charity Begins at Home - 'BROTHER HELPING BROTHER'

The 2018 Silver Rose Run



The first Silver Rose Run started 58 years ago (1960) by the Columbian Squires in Mexico. They began the run to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Knights of Columbus in Texas joined the run a year later. In the mid-1990s it was included as a Supreme Council program. Today there are eight Silver Rose routes in the United States. More information on the Silver Rose Story is available at <http://www.runningoftherose.org/en/>.

This year Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Run began on March 4, 2018 in Alaska and is making its way down through British Columbia, Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Nevada. California will receive the Silver Rose in Las Vegas, Nevada on August 12, 2018. On September 16, 2018 it will be transferred to our Brother Knights in Yuma, Arizona then continue its journey through New Mexico and Texas. The Silver Rose will end its journey on December 12, 2018, Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day, at the Basilica in Monterrey, Mexico.

California will be accepting the Silver Rose in Las Vegas, Nevada from the Nevada Knights on August 12, 2018. Then it will travel through Northern California Chapter, Oakland Chapter, St Francis Chapter, San Joaquin Chapter, Los Padres Chapter, Southern California Chapter, San Gabriel Valley Chapter and finally to San Diego Chapter. The Silver Rose schedule is currently being coordinated with these eight participating chapters. If your council is in one of these chapters, and are interested in holding a Silver Rose prayer service, contact your Silver Rose Chairman or Chapter President.

We are honored again to have the California Knights On Bikes provide an escort for the Silver Rose during its travel through California. They will escort the Silver Rose when it's being transferred to the next chapter on the schedule, if riders are available in the area. For information on the Knights On Bike contact Brother Dan Hargis, California Knights On Bike Chapter President at dhargis@sftran.org or phone: 661-706-1340.

Contact me if you have questions on the Silver Rose program.

Fraternally,

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What Does It Take To Win An Award?

Brothers, the one question I am asked the most is: "What does it take to win an award at the state convention?" I have heard all the excuses by people who didn't win: It is rigged; only certain councils will be selected; my paper-work must have been lost; we just barely missed the deadline; I didn't know that was a requirement, etc... I've heard them, and over the years I've even used some of them myself. But what it comes down to are just a few key points. Let's briefly go over each one.

1. **You MUST have a strong desire to win.** This is first because it is the most important. I believe that if the "Want to" is bad enough, then the "How to" will find a way. How bad do you want to win? To win in anything you must want it more than the people ahead of you. You must dig deeper than most. You must put forth your best effort, and a little bit more. You must be willing to sacrifice being comfortable for a short period of time to be one of the best for eternity. (Just like our faith)
2. **You must know the rules.** Imagine playing in a game without not knowing the rules. How can you expect to win if you don't know that it takes to win? Luckily, the rules of winning awards at the state convention are written down in multiple places. One of the first places you should go to are the State Programs Handbook and the State Operations handbook. These are digitally, given to all the Chapter Presidents and the District Deputies. Another place is to look up the individual award on the California Website. Type in "awards" on its search engine. The website is: www.californiaknights.org. Another good thing to do is to contact the various State Service Program Chairmen. They usually have tips and handouts to make your journey easier.
3. **You must have a game plan:** Once you decide what you want, then put together a plan to achieve it. Look over your projects for the year. Do they line up with the awards given? This may require you to discard old projects and take on new ones. This may also require you to evaluate the projects that have had the most impact and ask yourself: How could it be done better? Remember, you will need to submit 5 projects per "Faith in Action" category. So, make sure you submit five strong projects.
4. **You must rally the team.** One can never win against ten. If you try to "Be the Man" then you will wear out and remain frustrated all the time. However, if you sell your vision to the team and get them to "buy in" to your vision then several of your leaders will step up and help you achieve the council's goals. The winning councils have a team focus. They constantly bring up what they are going for. It is mentioned at every meeting. It is said over and over again until the entire team knows what the objective is. If you do this, you will notice that leaders will pop up that you didn't expect. People want to win. They just need a leader to take them to the Promised Land. You must be that leader!

Final Warning: It is easy to get caught up in the heat of competition and forget why you are competing. Before you decide to be recognized as one of the best in the state, spend time in prayer. Pray with your core group. Don't pray for victory. Pray for guidance. Pray for wisdom. Pray for perseverance. Pray for the right people. But most of all, pray for a right heart. The best councils in the state are recognized because they are also some of the most impactful organizations in their community. The awards won are the results of an intense focus on helping to build the Body of Christ.

Brother Richard Baker

State Awards Chairman

KofC 4970 Installation, Meeting info and Fireworks wrap up

Brothers, Friends, Three pictures of the installation of KofC 4970 Officers for 2018-2019 is attached. Great turnout and great get together later at Mark and Monica's.

Also our Fireworks booth chairmen, Joe Kievernagel and Don Cotton, thank all volunteers at the week long booth operation. Many of the volunteers worked more than one shift and some just about the whole week. The 4th was hectic closing late but bringing in some \$14,000 gross. Overall about \$32,000 was raised bringing in well over our goal of \$10,000 net to fund our scholarships and other youth programs for the current Columbian Year. Final report will be at the July 10th business meeting starting at 7:30 at OLA St. John Hall with a great pre-meeting dinner hosted by Gary and Cheryl Mello at 6:30 PM. All are invited to the dinner.

The Officers and some committee men discussed the new Supreme Program "Faith in Action" last week. This meeting came up with an organization structure to implement those new programs that are somewhat do-able. To do so, a short overview will be discussed at the business meeting with many of the programs in need of a coordinator. These programs, an entirely different direction from Supreme and State, will be challenging but amazing new direction combined with many of our current award winning programs to continue. You gotta be part of this.

Fraternally, GENE GOBBO



4th OF JULY BBQ FOR LIVERMORE VA HOSPITAL

The Knights of Columbus from Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon, and Danville hosted an Independence Day BBQ for the residents, family, and staff of the Livermore VA hospital on July 4th. The annual event brought together more than 50 community volunteers, including youth involved in Scouting and American Heritage Girl organizations, to celebrate our national holiday with 150 veterans, family members, and VA hospital staff.

With experienced Knights manning the grill, the VA residents were treated to traditional Fourth of July fare - hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, cookies and root beer floats. The hospital's serene hilltop venue, combined with perfect weather under beautiful blue skies, provided a stunning background for this fun event. The veterans shared their moving stories and experiences with eager listeners. Everyone who participated came away with a greater appreciation for the significant contributions these heroes have made to protect the freedoms that we all celebrate on this patriotic holiday.



Knights preparing meals to serve to 150 residents, guests and staff.

Knights of Columbus Help Birthright of Concord

The Livermore Knights of Columbus donated over \$3,700 to Birthright of Concord to support their mission assisting young women in crisis pregnancy situations. The funds were raised specifically for Birthright through a Baby Bottle Campaign launched in May. The parishioners at St Charles Borromeo Catholic Church took home empty baby bottles on Mother's Day and brought them back on Father's Day filled with generous donations.

The funds were presented at a Knights of Columbus council meeting on Thursday, July 5th. On hand to receive the funds were Libby Field and Pat Depaoli, leaders at Birthright of Concord. After enjoying dinner with the Knights, Field spoke to the council about Birthright International, the desperate needs of young women in a crisis pregnancy situation and Depaoli explained how Birthright of Concord is helping Tri-Valley women and children. Field and Depaoli expressed their deepest gratitude for the gift.

Grand Knight Wesley Arnold thanked Depaoli and Field for allowing the Knights to support their mission and for sharing moving stories with the council.

This donation is a portion of more than \$100,000 donated by the Livermore Knights of Columbus over the past year to local charities and churches.

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



Libby Field and Pat Depaoli, Birthright of Concord, accept donation from Grand Knight Wesley Arnold and Culture of Life Director Nick Libby

Coronado 4th of July Parade



State Deputy Joe Salaiz and his wife Anna being driven by San Diego Chapter Secretary Tom Davis and his wife Mindi.

The San Diego Chapter, led by Chapter President Tony Villaman, hosted the State Deputy Joe Salaiz, State Secretary Dave Abbott and State Warden Rene Trevino at the 2018 4th of July Parade held in Coronado. This parade is the largest 4th of July Parade west of the Mississippi. Many thanks to the San Diego Chapter and all of the Brother Knights and their families who marched in this years parade. Also, want to thank the members of Sacred Heart Council in Coronado for providing lunch to all of the participants following the parade.



State Deputy Joe Salaiz and wife Anna (red car) and State Secretary Dave Abbott and wife Debbie (white car)



State Warden Rene Trevino and wife Carla (blue car) and San Diego Chapter President Tony Villaman and wife Cecelia (white car)



State Chaplain Emeritus Fr. John Grace, OSA rode with State Warden Rene Trevino and his wife Carla



MUSEUM TO HONOR 4TH DEGREE

The **California Knights of Columbus Emilio B. Moure Museum Association** will be honoring the 4th Degree this next Columbian Year by providing some historical facts and artifacts associated with the 4th Degree including the changes of uniforms over the years. The Museum Board of Directors at the last meeting voted to approve the project and have it ready to go in time for the State Convention to be held in San Diego in May of 2019. All Brother Knights, Councils and Assemblies that would like to donate to the project may send a check made out to the above-named Museum Association and send to P.O. Box 693, Riverside, CA 92502-0693.

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