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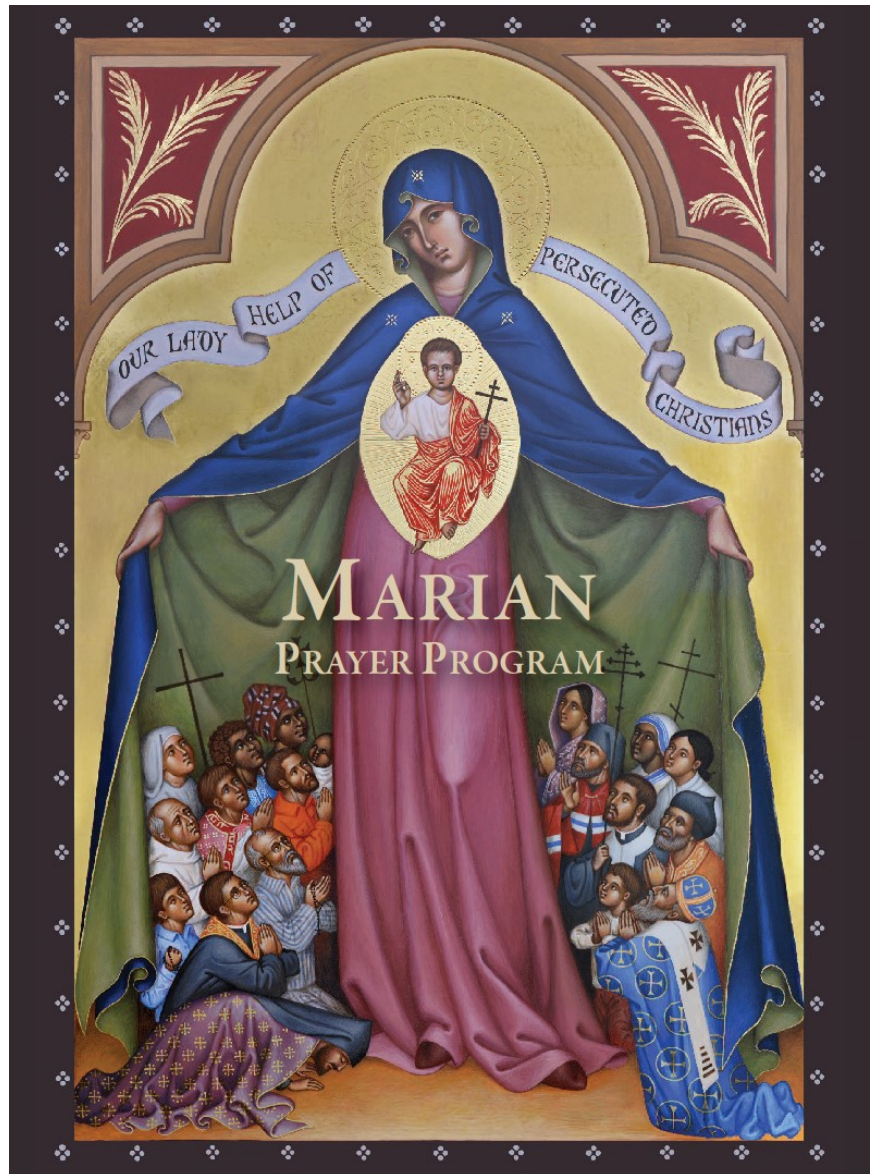
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See page 4 for more information regarding the State Council plan for the 2018-2019 Marion Icon program.

Upcoming Events

- Columbus Day Statewide Membership Drives
- Culture of Life events
- October - Holy Rosary Month
- All Souls Day and All Saints Day
- Marion Icon program—Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians

STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE



My dear brothers in Christ,

September has been another good month for membership in California with another new council being added in Upland to the Arrowhead Desert Valley Chapter. This is the second new council of the year in the Chapter, with more being developed for possible NCD's. Many thanks to DD 125 Nick Ewell and Sal Chabolla NCD State committeeman for their effort along with everyone else that made this happen.

September also seen the coming of the new Marian icon, Our Lady, Help of Persecuted Christians. Each icon was distributed to areas around the state to start our Order's Marian Prayer program in one of our California missions. Soon your council will have a chance to host a Marian Prayer service as the icon makes its way through the state. For any questioning in scheduling for the icon contact Jerry Fong at, jerryfong@comcast.net or 916-832-7394.

Last month I was privilege to attend several admission degrees, when after the new members were asked why they joined the Knights of Columbus the answer was the same, they wanted to be a part of something where they could serve the Church and help others. October is a month where our councils start our state wide membership drives. Traditionally on Columbus Day weekend. Our Order holds recruitment drives in all state council jurisdictions and are encouraged to have all their councils participate. We as a State Council are offering many incentives to councils, Chapters, District Deputies and individual recruiters. From cash prizes, Knight gear catalog items, and custom K of C table cloths, along with other special incentives.

The weekend of October 19 – 21 is also the weekend we raise funds for our state wide ID program, giving us again a chance to show other Catholics and those in our community all we do "In service to one and service to all."

Let us go out and recruit a new member in October, by changing a man's life and his family by inviting them to become a member of the greatest lay organization in the world, the Knights of Columbus. Extending this opportunity to every Catholic man and his family during this month of the most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

For with God there is Nothing to Fear, "For Nothing is Impossible with God"

VIVAT JESUS!

Joe Salaiz
State Deputy
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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

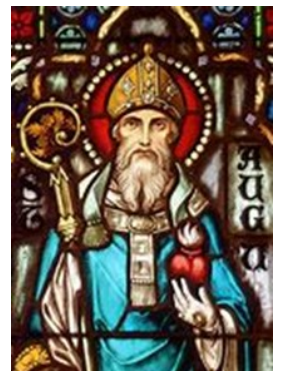
Former State Chaplain 2004-5; 2006-7; 2007-8

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.



MARION HOUR ICON

The new Marian Hour icons have finally arrived. It's a beautiful image. We received eight icons for California. Each chapter will be sharing an icon with an adjoining chapter. A schedule for distributing the icons is currently being developed. Each chapter will have the icon for six months then transfer it to the adjoining chapter. They will then have it for six months. However, if your chapter would like to use the icon for a prayer service at a special event, and the sharing chapter has it, contact their Icon Coordinator for availability. It's anticipated the program will continue for two years. There is ample time for your councils to host the icon.

State Deputy Joe Salaiz requested that the icons be assigned first to chapters that have a mission. Four of the icons will be assigned to the northern part of the state (including Central Chapter) and the southern part (including Kern-Inyo Chapter) will receive four icons. The goal is to distribute the icons to these chapters by October 10th. More details to follow.

Email or call me if you have any questions on the new Marian Hour Icon program.

God Bless.

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OCTOBER— MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

OCTOBER is the Month of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary

“Never will anyone who says his Rosary every day become a formal heretic or be led astray by the devil.” - Saint Louis de Montfort



STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR MESSAGE

Worthy Brothers,

The 1st Quarter (July to September) is in the books. Score your Council on the following giving yourself 20% for each of the benchmarks that your Council has FULLY met.

Did your Council, District, and Chapter gain 25% of its Membership Goal and Insurance Goal in the 1st Quarter? 20% or Zero?

- If so, bravo! Keep up the good work, continue to do what you have in the 1st Quarter, and set your sights on reaching 50% or more by December 31.
- If not, make plans to catch up. What will you do differently or extra from now until the end of December to strive toward 50% of your membership goal.

Did your Council host Ceremonials? 20% or Zero?

- Every Council should host an Admissions (1st) Degree at least every other month.
- ◇ Ideally, a certified team will perform the ceremonial from memory.
- ◇ A team can learn the parts by reading and practicing the 1st Degree. Doing so monthly will allow your team to memorize the parts. Perhaps on alternate months you could host a Degree and the other months hold a practice session.
- ◇ When special circumstances prevent a Prospect from attending an Admissions Degree Ceremonial, you may use the DVD version of the Admissions Degree.
- ◇ Publish your Ceremonial information by submitting it your Chapter and use this form [2018-19 Schedule - California Ceremonial Degrees](#) to post your Degree Statewide. You may look for other posted Degrees using [Master List – 2018-19 California Ceremonial Degrees](#).
- ◇ Submit Form 450 Degree Exemplification Report for every Degree that is held (even for DVD Degrees).

Did your Council contact every Brother in your Council in person or by phone using the Worthy Shepherd and Apostles Caller Script? (see script below) 20% or Zero?

- Councils that talk to their Brothers, retain those Brothers.
- ◇ Talking to a Brother (using ideas from the script) in person is ideal. The Brother will feel the bonds of Fraternity when this is done, even if that Brother is not able to join in on the Council activities.
- ◇ Calling Brothers that you do not see personally lets those Brother know that the Council misses them and cares about them. In addition, trying to call each and every Brother every three months keeps your Contact List fresh and up-to-date. Simply send a request for updated contact information as needed to: SirKnightjhill@gmail.com or ericwats@sbcglobal.net

Did your Council hold one or more Faith In Action activities each month so far? 20% or Zero?

- One or two activities per month, spread across the areas of Faith, Family, Community, and Life will keep your Council on track to qualify for the Columbian Award and for Star Council.

Is your Council compliant for Safe Environment for this Columbian Year? 20% or Zero?

- The Grand Knight and the Program Director must complete the Safe Environment training (which is valid for two years).
- The Family Director and the Community Director must complete both the Safe Environment Training and submit authorization for a background check (valid for two years).

Yours in Service,

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Be not afraid, for nothing is impossible with God!

Change a Life, Recruit a New Knight!

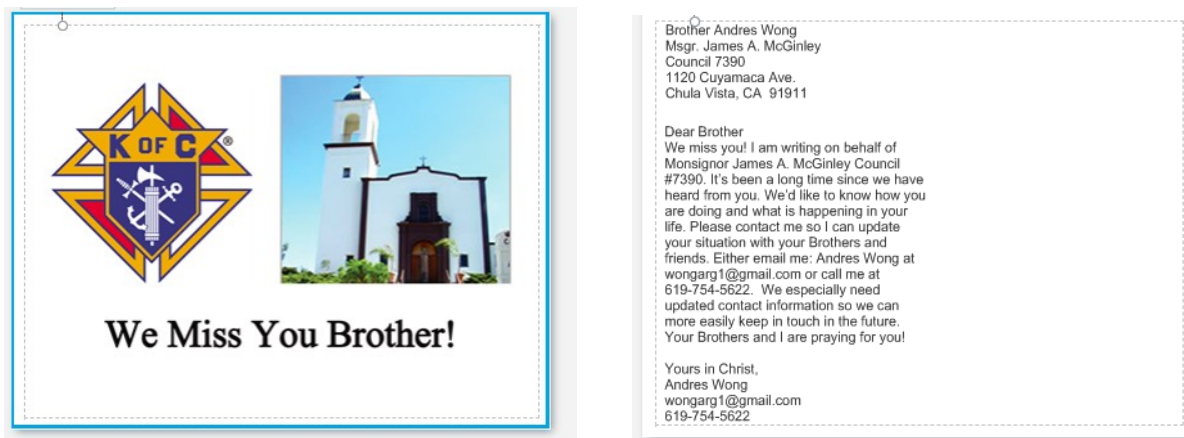
WE MISS YOU BROTHER - POSTCARDS

Worthy Brothers,

What do you think happens to the dues notification letters sent out to Brothers who have not been participating in activities recently? Most will go into the circular file (the trash can). Brothers who are not actively engaged sometimes feel like they do not belong, so when they get the dues letter they think, "Oh, I'm not a part of that group anymore."

On the other hand, if a Brother were to receive a postcard like the one below (with a photo of your church on the front), curiosity will lead them to look at the back. They don't even need to open an envelope. You should find a high reply rate simply because they were interested enough to look at the message.

Below is an example of a "We Miss You Brother" postcard. You can have 250, high quality postcards printed with full color and a glossy front for about \$60.



Try this as another means of reaching out to those Brothers who you cannot reach by phone or by email.

Of course, if all else fails, make a home visit and knock on the door. Let's be like the Good Shepherd and go out to find our Lost ~~Sheep~~-(I mean Brothers).

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WORTHY SHEPHERDS & APOSTLES CHALLENGES / SOLUTIONS

Caller Script for Current Members

Contact the Brother in person or by phone. Use this list as a script for calls and contacts.

1. Get to know him. Find out what is happening in his life. Be a friend.
 - A. Open with, "I'm _____, a Brother Knight and I'm helping Council (Name and Number) to keep in contact with the Brothers of our Council. What's been happening in your life lately?"
 - B. Listen to his responses and comment when appropriate.
 - C. What's been happening in your family? (Note responses.)
 2. Thank him for continuing to participate in the legacy of Fr. Michael J McGivney. Remind him that Knights help their Brothers. Ask if there is any way the Council could help him or his family.
 3. Any prayer requests?
 4. Based on the information gleaned from getting to know him, invite him and his family to participate in an upcoming Council event or activity.
 5. Say, "You joined the Knights for a reason. What was that reason?" If needed ask, "What can the Council do to renew those goals or desires?"
 6. Ask him if there are other activities and services that the Knights could provide that would be valuable to him or his family.
 7. Remind him of the benefits of active membership in the Knights
 8. Tell him, "We have reached many milestones in recent years with nearly 2 million members worldwide. Our mission is focused on building the domestic church by fostering programs that support the evangelization of our catholic faith centered on the family and local parishes. Please join us, when you can, in our efforts to build up our Faith and to keep our families involved with the Church."
 9. Offer to meet or visit him in the future at church or at an event.
 10. If you need to remind him to pay his dues say, "I see that you have not yet paid your dues this year. Is there a problem with that?"
 - A. If he can't pay his dues remind him charity goes to Brother first so offer dues forgiveness.
 - B. If he can pay his dues say, "Well, keep in mind that the money we raise goes to charity so please send your dues in soon so we don't have to use the funds we raised for charity to pay your dues to Supreme."
 11. Offer to pray with or pray for him and his family. Ask him to join you in a prayer to close.
- If at any time in the conversation Challenges are brought up, listen to what your Brother has to say. Try to offer a positive solution (see suggestions below) and then **ask**, "**Doesn't that sound OK?**" Or, "**Isn't that right?**" Or, "**Don't you agree?**"

Challenge – I can't afford the dues because I am sick or disabled.

Solution –

- We are an Order that was founded on the principle of Charity. Ask the Council to forego collecting dues and only collect the minimal reactivation fee.
- Offer to help fill out Form 1831 for relief of per capita and dues.

Challenge – I can't come to the meetings.

Solution –

- That's OK, you can still help by volunteering for some of our projects or even just by attending some of our activities.
 - Pick the activities and service projects that meet needs and interests of you and your family. By participating, you and your family will feel the strength of the Brotherhood.
 - For those who are elderly or handicap offer to help with transportation.
 - Active membership helps the Council continue to do its charitable works.
- Give me your best phone # and email so we can let you know what our Council is doing.

Challenge – I don't have time to be in the Knights.

Solution –

- Did you know that our Council has done ----- for the church and ----- for the community? By staying current with your membership in the Knights, you are supporting the work of those who have the time to serve.
 - You aren't required to attend meetings so come if you can but don't worry if you can't.
 - You can still be an active Knight just by participating in one or two of the activities that fit your family's needs.
- Active membership helps the Council continue to do its charitable works.

WORTHY SHEPHERDS & APOSTLES CHALLENGES / SOLUTIONS

Caller Script for Current Members (continued)

Challenge – I'm angry at what the Council (or one of the Knights) has done.

Solution –

- What incident caused the anger?
- Please remember that we are only human and will make mistakes. Can you follow Christ by offering forgiveness? Can we start over fresh in Council (Name and Number)?

Benefits of reactivating membership in the Knights:

1. All Knights with an active membership have an automatic, accidental death benefit.
 2. Knights will receive the Columbia magazine.
 3. Knights and children of Knights may apply for State and Supreme K of C college scholarships.
 4. Knights help each other and their families to stay strongly connected to the Catholic faith.
- When there is a death in the family, a Brother Knight who is a Field Agent will assist your family with the funeral arrangements whether you are insured or not. You can't get that free help any other way.

For those in the Military, Police, Fire Fighters, or other peacekeepers:

1. The Matthew / Swift Scholarship program will provide funds to send your kids to four years at any Catholic University if you are killed or permanently disabled while serving in harm's way if the serviceman had any Knights of Columbus insurance or annuity.
- This is offered to those with active memberships who have ANY insurance with the Knights, even just a small annuity.

Be sure to keep notes regarding the call.

1. Date.
2. Name of caller.
3. Details regarding the Brother's situation.
4. The Brother's main reason for not participating in Council activities.

If the challenge was not solved, was this contact referred to a Chapter Officer or State Retention Committeeman for follow up?

Please send any additional suggestions especially Challenges / Solutions that you may encounter when contacting Brothers to Membership@californiaknights.org so that we can modify this Caller Script.

PROGRAMS DIRECTOR MESSAGE

Worthy Brothers,

The first quarter of the Columbian year is over and only 14 councils have completed mandatory Safe Environment training. I would like to thank the following councils for completing the training on time. Council 3109, 3148, 4112, 4922, 4970, 5392, 6066, 9590, 9718, 9969, 12542, 15625, 16028, and 16584.

Safe Environment training is NOT an optional activity, it is mandatory and MUST be completed to be eligible for any recognition at the State and Supreme level this Columbian Year. Until the training is completed the Supreme Council has stated that councils must not host activities where children may be present.

Here is a Check list for Safe Environment Compliance.

- ⇒ Officers Chosen for Term form 185 successfully submitted.
- ⇒ Service Program Personnel Report form 365 successfully submitted.
- ⇒ Grand Knight has completed the Safe Environment training (All 3 Courses).
- ⇒ Program Director has completed the Safe Environment training (All 3 Courses).
- ⇒ Family Director has completed the Safe Environment training (All 3 Courses and a back ground check).
- ⇒ Community Director has completed the Safe Environment training (All 3 Courses and a back ground check).

In order to successfully submit the Service Program Personnel Report form 365 the Program Director, Membership Director, Family Director and Community Director Information must be filled out. After the form 365 is successfully submitted the Membership Director, Family Director and Community Director will get an email with instructions on how to complete the Safe Environment requirements. They will have 45 days to complete it or be removed from the position.

It takes a couple of hours to complete the training including the back ground check. Get it done quickly.

Vivat Jesus,

Eric Watson

State Programs 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

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

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Email: johnbertrand44@gmail.com

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRIEST MARTYRS' 2018-19 AWARD OF SERVICE OCTOBER 2018

St. Rodrigo Aguilar Aleman

October Honoree for Chaplain Service Award



Please submit your nominations by October 15, 2018. Take the time and honor your chaplain by nominating him for this award

Father Rodrigo Aguilar Alemán of Union de Tula in Jalisco was a member of Council 2330. After a warrant was issued for his arrest, he took refuge at the Colegio de San Ignacio in Ejutla, celebrating Mass and administering the sacraments.

Rather than escape when soldiers arrived, Father Aguilar Alemán remained at the seminary to burn the list of seminary students, and thus protect them from being known. When the soldiers demanded his identity, he told them only that he was a priest.

He was taken to the main square of Ejutla, where the seminary was located. He publicly forgave his killers, and then a soldier gave him the chance to save himself by giving the "right" answer to this question, "Who lives?"

But he replied, "Christ the King and Our Lady of Guadalupe." The noose that had been secured to a mango tree was tightened, then relaxed twice. Each time it was relaxed, he was asked the same question and each time he gave the same response. The third time the noose was tightened, he died.

John Bertrand

Chairman

9 SATURDAYS NOVENA FOR LIFE PROGRAM PRAYER SEPT 1ST THROUGH OCT 27TH

Holy Spirit,
At the dawn of creation,
You brought order out of chaos,
Light out of darkness,
Life out of nothingness.

Breathe on us once again,
And change this culture of death
Into a Culture of Life.

Inspire in your people
A spirit of generous welcome
For each and every life,
No matter how unexpected or dependent
That life may be.
Holy Spirit,
You are the Advocate.
As you fill us with Yourself,
Make us advocates
For the unborn and all the vulnerable,
Until we are all united
In the endless life and joy
of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever. Amen.

Worthy Brothers, Councils, and Families,

Novenas are about inner healing, obtaining special graces, transformation and growing in virtue and holiness. They are not to be thought of as a magical formula, but rather a means for developing perseverance, good prayer habits and a deeper faith. When prayed in the right frame of mind (and heart), novenas bring us peace and joy regardless of the answer we perceive as received to our petition. When we pray a novena, we must take on Jesus' attitude in Gethsemane the night before he died. "Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done." (Luke 22:42.)

Historical Note: The word "novena" comes from the Latin "novem" which means nine. Thus, novenas always include nine of something: months, weeks, days, hours or even the same prayer repeated nine times. In ancient Rome, it was customary to pray for the dead over a nine-day period as a way to mourn and commit the soul to God's mercy. Mary, the Apostles and other followers of Jesus gathered to pray in the Upper Room during the nine days between Ascension and Pentecost. Although novenas have been part of the Catholic tradition since its earliest days, the Church didn't officially bless the practice until the 19th century.

September 1st is "World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation". Leading your Novena gatherings for 9 straight Saturdays brings you through October "Respect Life Month" to finish on Saturday October 27th. This, of course, provides for meditating on your Novena's words on other days as you may personally choose such as Respect Life Sunday on October 7th.

Fraternally – For Life . . .

Deacon John Charron

Culture of Life Novena for Life State Chairman

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FAITH ACTIVITIES

Has your council set a date for a family rosary? It is easy to conduct. With the pastor's permission you can hold the service in the church, or any other place convenient to the council. Make this opportunity available to the parish as well. Remember this is a family event. To assist councils, supreme has a kit (#SR-kit) to guide you through the process. Ask your financial secretary to order the kit.

There are many faith-based activities your council can participate in. Please refer to the Californian State Program Manual. If you need a copy e-mail me at john-giltner@att.net and I will send you a PDF file of the manual.

What has your council achieved this quarter. The state council only knows if you submit a report. As mentioned last month, this is a great time to conduct a clergy appreciation dinner.

Fraternally,
John Giltner
Faith Activities Chairman

RSVP PROGRAM

JUST IMAGINE...

Just Imagine...where would our beloved church be without priests? If we have no priests, we have no Mass. If we have no Mass, we have no eucharist. If we have no eucharist, we have no church.

The shortage of priests in the Catholic Church is a major concern, not only in the United States, but throughout the world. According to the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, CARA, here in the United States, currently, for every 3 new priests that are being ordained, 10 will be lost to retirement or death.

If we go back some 50 years or so, in 1965 there was 35,925 diocesan priests. Today, we have 25,760. That is over 10,000 less priest in a period of 52 years.

Brother Knights, as you can see by these figures, we find ourselves coming very close to a religious crisis due to a lack of priests. Fortunately, as Knights of Columbus of the great state of California, we are in a unique position to put 76,040 soldiers of God, to help turn around this downward trend of men that enter the seminary.

The Refund Support Vocation Program (RSVP) or Seminarian Support Program (SSP) as I refer to it, provides each of our Councils an opportunity to support the young men that are currently in the seminary. These disciples of God have made the commitment to become our future priests and for that alone, they deserve our continued support.

The RSVP does not only provide financial support, but perhaps even more important, it provides much needed moral support to our seminarians. I ask that all Councils, Assemblies and Chapters sponsor at least one seminarian this fraternal year. Then, keep in touch with your sponsored seminarian. Send them birthday cards, Christmas cards or just a "well wishes" cards. You can even reach out to them with text messages on a regular basis and remember that care packages are always welcome.

Your monetary support provides assistance to our seminarians for their day-to-day expenses, such as purchasing personal toiletries, repairing a flat tire or paying for car insurance, none of which are covered by the Dioceses.

As father Fr. Dan Avila, the Vocations Director of the Diocese of Fresno stated, "There is no greater duty for a Knights of Columbus Council than supporting the seminarians, they are the future of our beloved church."

Brothers, let's us be part of the solution, and not part of the problem. Let us all work together in supporting our seminarians and thus ensuring that our church is here for eternity.

God Bless,

Rod Olguin
RSVP Chairman

CULTURE OF LIFE

Ever supporting **fundamental Catholic moral teaching on the Sanctity of Human life**, this Columbian Year our State Council has **updated Culture of Life Activities** to “Save Lives by Changing Lives” for the most vulnerable.

Faith in Action supports the unborn through the newly **Featured NOVENA FOR LIFE** Chaired by **Deacon John Charron** Deaconjohn@smpoway.org

Other recommended **Faith in Action** opportunities include: **Pregnancy Center Support/Adopting a PRC or Clinic, Abortion Pill Reversal** (visit: HeartbeatInternational.org), **Ultrasound, Mobile Ultrasound Initiatives, Local Walks for Life** organized in conjunction with a local center, 40 Days for Life, etc., as well as the carried over **January 2019 Anniversary of Rowe v. Wade 3 Major CA Cities Walks**.

Abortion Providers in California receive financial support from your government's funded tax dollars of over \$500 Million each year - whereas Pregnancy Centers exist only on donations!

Some councils donate time and money to Pro-Life Organizations but more is needed. Many local Pregnancy facilities are not even aware of what we Knights can do. Why not change this by at contacting your local Pro-Life Pregnancy Center and learn what they do and what they need?

Our voluntarily compiled data indicate there are currently approximately 173 CA Pregnancy centers. 89 of these are Medical Clinics. These pregnancy Medical Clinics provide many medical tests free of charge to their clients.

A Snapshot of California Pregnancy Centers:

Most Pregnancy Clinics offer free services including ultrasounds, are non-profit and faith based.

Their primary focus is to help mothers choose life.

These pregnancy center clinics serve over 100,000 women in California every year.

An average pregnancy center's budget is under \$250,000, while clinics' costs are much greater.

Most are associated with a church or faith-based group, Catholic and Protestants often serve on a board of the same center.

Aligned with Catholic Christian Pro-Life Doctrine, the Knights Ultrasound Initiative has in its time been responsible for influencing pregnancy centers' movements, values and services.

The Pro-Life movement lead by pregnancy centers is now the largest civil rights movement in history – as advocating for the civil rights of the unborn, regardless of race or gender.

With now approximately **700 California Knights Councils** and **over 78,000 Members strong** - we could provide so much more vitally needed practical help to pregnancy centers **starting today!**

For further information or questions, please contact **any** of our State Life Team Members below: Each has a specialized expertise area of responsibility. If they do not know an answer, they know who does!

Fraternally – For Life . . .

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RESPECT FOR LIFE

Br. Knights & Pro Life Friends

The Churches International **RESPECT FOR LIFE** month of October is a month where we focus on many Culture of Life Activities such as:

40 Days for Life where ask our Knights to participate in the local current 40 Days for Life Campaign

supporting their Parish's Respect for Life programs and

organizing their Council and parish for the upcoming One Life LA Walk for Life to be held this January 19, 2019: (flyer attached) - make an appointment with your Pastor to plan your parish's participation.

be sure to keep updated on One Life LA by accessing ONELIFELA.ORG - your will find the latest info and even more importantly materials available from the Archdiocese for your use and distribution.

also, remind your members the Church and Supreme considers it their Christian Duty to exercise their voting rights (last day for voter registration prior to elections is October 22nd)

The Archdiocese has just sent us the attached 2019 One Life LA Walk for Life Flyers in English & Spanish: be sure to distribute these to your Knights, Parish Community and communities and do forward this email to all your members and pastor.

God Bless-



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BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

What is the Building the Domestic Church program? The Building the Domestic Church program refers to existing and new initiatives focused on the work of the New Evangelization, the strengthening of our praises, and the growth of the Order. This program is designed to help our members and their families live the Catholic faith more fully so that each home is truly a domestic Church, reflecting the holiness of the Universal Church in every Knights of Columbus household. In addition, the program seeks to integrate our members and their families more fully into the sacramental and social life of the parish. The question each council needs to ask of its parish pastor is “How can we help?”

Why is the Building the Domestic Church program being required by the Supreme Council at this time? How will it change our councils? Following the lead of his two predecessors, Pope Francis had identified the family as the key to revitalizing the Church, most recently during his pastoral visit to the United States. The Knights of Columbus has always been an organization dedicated to the well-being of the family, with numerous programs designed to strengthen the faith of its members and enable them to be better husbands and fathers. Building the Domestic Church is not so much a change of direction as it is a refocusing on the core mission of the Knights of Columbus. By integrating our members and their families more fully into the sacramental and social life of their parish, we hope to strengthen our families, revitalize our parishes, and grow our Order. To the extent that our councils will change, we expect that they will become more fully committed to this essential mission.

Help strengthen the domestic church (our families) by providing exceptional religious education materials to all Catholics. *Building the Domestic Church Kiosks*(#BDC-K) contain engaging, faith-based literature and are available for councils to distribute to members, parishioners, and the general public.

Elbert D. Holmes, Jr.
Building the Domestic Church - Chairman

GET YOUR “WINGS”! BE PRO-LIFE ACE!

Fall Greetings Worthy Brother Knights and Families,

To acknowledge Brother Knights for their dedication to LIFE, some seasons back, this year's Programs Director Brother Eric Watson introduced the ACE Wings Award Program. “**ACE**” in this case **stands for Pro-Life: without Apology, without Compromise and without Exception**. This prestigious Pro-Life lapel pin is what dedicated California Knights, meeting qualifying requirements, may earn symbolizing their commitment to life from conception to natural death.

While there are probably a large number of your council members that could qualify to be an ACE Wings recipient, however, each council may select *only one* honored member per Columbian Year to receive this award.

Perhaps you have a new council member who is off and running - helping and assisting with your council's Pro-Life programs. This would be a wonderful acknowledgement of those efforts, an extra Wings set can also be presented to his spouse. Councils can even select a parish member who is not even a brother knight. **A ceremonial presentation could be done after Mass by your District Deputy**, as a great transition into your council's membership drive.

Are there requirements for one to win this award? Yes, a recipient must participate in 5 Pro Life events. There is a list on the submission form with the requirements to earn your Wings. The form link is shown below. The list is fairly comprehensive.

Initial Requirements to potentially earn the Pro-Life ACE Wings Award include, but are not limited to, **participating in 5 events from any of the following**:

Sidewalk Counseling; Youth/Family Rally Volunteer/work at a PRC or a Women's Center; Christian Service 4 Life; 40 Days for Life Campaign; California Pro-Life Lobby Day; One of the 3 Major CA Cities Walks for Life; Standing for Life Banquets; Hosting a Group Pro-Life Rosary; Marching in Pro-Life Parades; Special Olympics Volunteering; Prayerful Processions/Peaceful Protests; Entertaining Residents of or Working or Volunteering at a Hospice; Nursing Home/Assisted Living Center; Nursing Home or Assisted Living Center; Veteran's Hospital.

Any work being done for your local area pregnancy centers could qualify too. So, please consider selecting one of your special Brothers worthy of earning their Wings!

Click Below To Download and
[Get The ACE Wings submission form link.](#)

Looking forward to receiving your submissions!

Sincerely,

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COUPLES RETREATS

Couples Retreats – Initiative

Marriage between a baptized man and a baptized woman is not only a covenant, but also a sacrament. A sacrament is an outward sign of God's love. Marriage as sacrament is holy and important to the Church.

The couple relationship is, in essence, a "little Church", filled with the same gifts of our big Church. The gifts of a sacramental marriage are contagious love, being life-giving (aka children), raised above the ordinary and healing. These gifts of our sacrament make God tangible and visible. They are meant not only for ourselves but for the benefit of the Church and, indeed, the world.

The love of Christ present in our relationships is called our "couple power". This is an incredible gift that is meant to be shared with a world that is longing for hope. Our "Couple Power" enables us to go out on mission in ways that might challenge us as individuals.

There are three organizations available to Catholic couples that support healthy, sacramental marriages; Catholic Engaged Encounter, World Wide Marriage Encounter and Retrouvaille.

Catholic Engaged Encounter is an in-depth, private, personal, marriage preparation experience within the context of Catholic faith and values. The weekend is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper, more meaningful life together in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church according to its Church law.

Though Catholic in origin, the Engaged Encounter Weekend is not limited to Catholic couples. The lessons generally call a man and a woman, as a couple, to strive for a sacramental way of life through the vocation of marriage. The weekend offers each couple insights and tools to enrich their relationship and strengthen their love for one another.

For more information or to schedule a weekend, go to <http://engagedencountersd.org/> or write to: sandiegoee@gmail.com

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is the largest pro-marriage organization in the world and promotes weekend experiences for couples who want to make their **good** marriage **even better**.

If you're looking for a way to increase the love and romance in your marriage or need time just for the two of you, A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Experience may be the answer! Instead of simply listening to lectures about how to improve your marriage, you will actually learn a practical communication technique and have an opportunity to rediscover your hopes and dreams for your marriage. Most people think their marriage is "fine". World Wide Marriage Encounter has a saying: "Never let a FINE marriage get in the way of a FANTASTIC marriage."

Weekends are for Catholic priests and religious too! Their commitment to serve their people is similar to the commitment of a husband and wife in marriage. Weekend tools can help priests see their ministry in a whole new light and connect more meaningfully with those they serve.

For more information or to schedule a weekend, go to <http://www.wwme.org/find-a-weekend>.

The **Retrouvaille** Program is for Married Couples Struggling in their Relationship. This program is for couples with marital problems that want marriage help. Those who are considering marriage separation and those who are already separated or divorced are encouraged to consider the Retrouvaille Program. There is always hope of reviving your relationship.

Today's unchallenged acceptance of divorce suggests that many friends, families, and church communities are providing only limited support for marriages. Retrouvaille is a program that is solely dedicated to providing the necessary support to help save marriages, as we believe in the value of marriage and desire to promote its growth and reconciliation when possible. Although recognizing that all marriages cannot be saved, more struggling couples could certainly be helped by learning the effective tools of communication offered in the Retrouvaille Program.

For more information or to schedule a weekend, go to <https://www.helpourmarriage.org/>.

All three organizations offer Spanish speaking weekends. WWME and Retrouvaille both have ongoing group support after your retreat to help keep your marriage strong.

To find a location and set a date or for more information go to www.wwme.org

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FREE THROW COMPETITION

Every year the Knights of Columbus in California sponsor a Basketball Free Throw Championship Competition as our State Tournament. Last year we added a 3 PT shooting for 15-18 old boys and girls. This competition directly involves the winners of each Council, District, and Chapter. The winners at the State Championship become eligible for the International competition, which is sponsored by the Supreme Council. This Supreme competition is based upon the winning scores of individuals at the State level competition, from throughout the order.

The details and rules for the competition are in the Basketball Free Throw Kit (#FT-KIT) which Grand Knights or Council Basketball Chairman, can order "FREE" from Supreme. Also this year if you have any questions concerning the program, you are able to go to the K of C web site and it will answer all your questions. This is a youth program activity, which can be one of your council's most enjoyable and rewarding event that your council can hold each year.

Eligibility:

1. All boys and girls ages 9-14 shoot Free Throws,
3 PT shooting for boys and girls ages 15-18 as of January 1, 2019 are eligible to compete.
2. All contestants must register using the official "K of C" entry form /score sheet (#1598).
3. Entry form must have a parent or guardian signature.
4. Proof of age, must accompany entry form through all levels of competition.
5. Contestants may only participate in one Council competition.
6. Winners at the Council level, will advance to the District shoot, District winners will advance to Chapter level, and only Chapter winners will be eligible for State competition.

"Important Dates"

June 30, 2018: Councils/Chairmen "ORDER KITS" from Supreme Fraternal Services.

January 2019: Local Council Competition held (Report to Supreme is due by Jan. 31
Please send a copy to the State Free Throw/3 PT Chairman Don Reitz at
[dreitz3997@gmail.com](mailto:dreiz3997@gmail.com)

February 2019: District level competition held (within first two weeks of the month). Chapter level of competition held prior to March 1, 2019.

March 1, 2019: Chapter Winners information will be submitted State Free Throw Chairman by March 5, 2019

March 23, 2019: Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw/ 3 PT Championship will be held on "MARCH 23, 2019" at San Joaquin Memorial High School in Fresno CA. Same location as last year.

There will be refreshments just like last years championship, the contestants will receive a ticket for the free meal. I believe there will be a lot of food to choose from.

State Basketball Free Throw/3 PT. Chairman:

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WHY ARE SUBMITTING YOUR REPORTS AND FORMS SO IMPORTANT?

We are asked, on occasion, why do we need to submit these reports? There seem to be so many of them. Also, the deadlines seem so arbitrary. Well, let me try to answer these concerns. Yes, there are many reports to submit. Each one has their own purpose and each one is important not only to your council but also to the bigger picture of the Knights of Columbus. Let's take each one separately.

Form 185 – Report of Officers: This form has several purposes. It tells Supreme and your State Council who is in charge of each of vital areas of running your council. It also is used to send emails and flyers to the key players. This form is needed by your council to ensure that all the key positions are covered. Imagine the effects if your council did not have an Advocate, or a Chancellor. It would add to the inefficiency of your meetings and probably not meeting your membership goals.

Form 365 – Service Program Personnel Report: Programs are the driving force of the success and growth of a council. These are the key programs that must be covered and there needs to be leadership in place to have the program run successfully. By having a brother in charge of each program greatly improves the chances that that program will run smoothly. This list is also needed to find out who are the key players in the areas dealing with youth. This list is used to determine who to send the Safe Environment Training and Certification requirements to.

Form 1295 – Semi-Annual Council Audit: There is an old saying that I have used that has served me well. "Trust but verify". The semi-annual audit does just that. We trust that our council's "Money Men" are keeping the books straight, but we need to be positive. The council depends on this fact, so does State and Supreme. There are horror stories of money mis-management in many businesses and charitable organizations. We want to make sure that we are not one of them. This process insures that. As a side note, if your council does not submit an audit for two consecutive times, then your bonding from Supreme will be removed, and that is a very big deal!

Form 1728 – Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities: If we say that we are a charitable organization that donates hours and money to causes that we believe in, how do we prove that? We prove that by compiling all of the activities that each council does on one form and submit it, with all the other councils within the Knights of Columbus, so Supreme can show that we "Walk the Talk". This not only insures our tax-free status, but it also is great advertisement of how impactful the Knights of Columbus is in our world.

Service Program Monthly Activity Report: The completion and submission of this form each month is of special emphasis. Outside of any newsletter articles and reports at the chapter meetings, there is really no other formal process to see what councils are doing throughout the year. This form is used to tell what activities your council has done that month. It must be submitted to the State Activity Chairman and the State Service Program Director. It is important that they be kept in the loop as to what your council is doing. A side benefit of this is that this form will make it much easier for you, towards the end of the Columbian year, when you submit your STSP-CA for the state awards competition.

STSP-CA - State Council Service Program Awards Entry Form: All the hard work your council has done, throughout the year, needs to be shared with others and should be recognized. This is accomplished by submitting the STSP-CA form. These packages are submitted and then compared with other councils in the same division. The best of the best will be recognized at the state convention in San Diego this coming May. Most councils put in a lot of effort to serve their parish and community. They usually get a thank you from the parishioners and/or a pat on the back from their pastor. For many this is more than enough. However, it is also nice to know that all their hard work, when lined up against other councils, is also recognized as one of the best in the State of California. It requires extra effort to put the package together. However, if your council is also submitting the Service program Monthly Activity Report, then the load is greatly reduced.

In conclusion, the forms and reports that must be submitted can be a hassle. But, it is also necessary. There are many parts that need to work to keep this Knights of Columbus machine running smoothly. If each of us do our part, then we will have the assurance that this great organization is accomplishing God's will because of our efforts!

Brother Richard J. Baker
State Reports and Forms Chairman

FRATERNAL BENEFITS STORY

So today I went out to a death claim. It was my first appointment. Actually, it is my only scheduled appointment, everything else today is a drop in.

Her husband died three weeks ago at 60, a year younger than I, of Cancer. He had a \$5000 policy that earned \$1800 in PUA 's but had a \$1000 loan so she might clear \$5800.

Her husband had always told her he had a great policy at work that carried into retirement and she would be OK.

H. R. at his job has since informed that no, he never had that benefit. Instead she gets about \$400 a month from his pension. Our \$5800 dollars and his \$400 a month. That's it.

She was in tears. She is battling a deep depression from his loss and now she may lose her home. When I asked her to sign the paperwork for her claim with us She walked over, broke down and cried. I held her, and she cried into my shoulder.

We sat for another forty-five minutes and talked about her husband, his illness, her situation and her depression. Before I left we prayed together, and she cried on my shoulder again as I got up to leave. He was an orphan member here and I will be contacting the local council to see if they can come and mow her lawn and give her some moral support.

I offered her help with Social Security and whatever other paperwork I can help her with.

Please pray for her. She is in a rough spot.

~ A Knights of Columbus Field Agent

A Brother Knight died in a motorcycle accident in Porterville, CA.

The Brother Knight left behind 3 kids (one in elementary school and two in high school).

He had a few Knights policies along with some policies from another corporate company he got prior to joining the Knights.

I met with his wife within a week of his accident and she was obviously still very upset.

However, she was happy that a real person (agent) from the Knights of Columbus was meeting with her to get the forms in order for the claim.

She mentioned that she was having trouble tracking down the other insurance companies (they had changed names).

After we got everything in order, I mentioned that if she was interested she could continue to access the Knights benefits for up to one year.

I sent the claim forms immediately to home office for processing and she had the death benefit soon after.

About a month or two after I initially met with her she called me and said she would like to get some more life insurance on herself.

I met with her and got her insurance set up.

While there she stated that she had finally got a hold of someone at the other insurance company and that they were finally going to mail her the claim forms to fill out.

This was probably about 1-2 months after I initially met with her!

I hear a version of this tragic story all the time.

Many members ask "what happens if I'm gone, how does my wife access the death benefit?"

I always tell them about my "Porterville Story".

~ A Knights of Columbus Field Agent

FRATERNAL BENEFITS STORY

A family of four applied for Life Insurance. One of the children had medical issues. Both parents were worried that their child with medical issues would have only a slight chance of getting approved.

Three members were approved as applied for, but the child they were worried about was deemed uninsurable and therefore denied. Because they applied through our Fraternal Organization, the child (uninsurable by other companies) was provided the option to apply for the Family Fraternal Benefits. This benefit extends to minor dependents of our Fraternal Brothers in good standing and the child who was initially denied insurance was provided with an insurance policy. His parents had peace of mind knowing that their son, upon reaching the age of 18, could join the Knights of Columbus brotherhood and add more insurance for himself. His parents were overjoyed and thankful to the Knights of Columbus for taking care of their needs and concerns.

~ A Knights of Columbus Field Agent

A man passed away leaving a widow and two sons. His widow was left to face the uncertainties of life and aging on her own. When I came to see her, she had reams of documents in boxes and strewn across her table. I told her that her husband had a life insurance policy with the Knights of Columbus, of which she was not aware. When I told her the amount she paused, smiled softly, and said "He always took such good care of me." Even after he passed away, he touched his wife dearly by this thoughtful gift, so helpful for her on the road that lies ahead. She feels in so many ways that he is still with her now, still looking after her. All of a sudden that life insurance which before seemed nothing more than a promise, has become a tangible part of her life.

~ A Knights of Columbus Field Agent

I met a widow recently to process a claim for her husband's policy.

Upon entering their house I saw that she was still sad. She led me to the dining table. I offered my condolences and we talked for a little while about how her husband died.

We completed the necessary forms for the claim. Then she told me that he only had a small policy for

\$5,000. She explained that it was not going to cover the burial expenses, which were about \$10,000. At that point, I explained to her that the policy was now worth more than \$20,000. She was very surprised. She told me she couldn't believe it. I reassured her that the benefit amount was correct. I gave her a statement reflecting the amount. She was so relieved because she would have enough money for the funeral and then some. And I told her that is the power of Whole Life Insurance from the Knights of Columbus; protecting all members and their families.

~ A Knights of Columbus Field Agent

This is a story about a young member of the Knights of Columbus who died tragically in a car accident when he was 26 years old. He did not have any life insurance. After I became aware of his death, I notified the family that because he was a member in good standing, the Knights of Columbus will provide an accidental death benefit.

We gave a check to the family for \$2,500. They needed every cent for the funeral costs and unexpected expenses. His father, a Past Grand Knight, and his entire family were extremely grateful.

~ A Knights of Columbus Field Agent

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Knights Recognize Dedicated Altar Server Mariah Turner

Mariah Turner was presented with the Knights of Columbus Altar Server Award after serving her final mass at St Michael Church on August 26th. The award was presented in recognition of Mariah's dedication and outstanding service; she started her service in 5th grade, often beginning her day at 5 am to serve morning masses. After serving regularly and faithfully for 8 years, Mariah will be heading to London where she will be continuing her education with studies at the London School of Fashion this fall.



KNIGHTS IN ACTION

St. Timothy Council 10802 in Escondido, California paid tribute to the remembrance of 9/11 with a ceremony at the Parish's flag staff. There, the flag was lowered and retired, and a new one was raised in triumph, and then lowered to half-mast. The new flag is one of thirteen flags that flew over the Arizona Memorial in Honolulu, Hawaii on 9/11/2017. It was donated to St. Timothy Council 10802 by special arraignments with the Arizona National Memorial Association and the National Park Service. During the ceremony, a re-dedication to the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a series of prayers and songs were offered up for the souls of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for the safety of our Country, our Community, and our Families.



Programs Director Frank Tooker leads the participants in the re-dedication of the Pledge of Allegiance while Past Grand Knight Pat Burke and Grand Knight Carl Mayers retires the flag. Assisting are Chancellor Chuck Crandall and District Deputy Mark Zecca.

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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California State Convention Thursday Night Event

Sports Enthusiasts! Come to the Stadium and Cheer your Favorite Team! We will be providing a space for you to have a great Tail-Gate Party to cheer your Favorite Sport, Team, Team Member, or just have fun with the State Family doing their best to cheer their Favorite Team, TEAM CALIFORNIA!. So wear your favorite Sports clothing and bring your Chapter to sponsor a Team Area and have a great fun time with all. There will be Games and prizes as well as chances to bid on some great sports items and gifts. So come join us in May 2019 at the Town and Country Resort for this fun filled evening.

