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WILDFIRE SUPPORT - COLUMBIAN CHARITIES

My Brothers Knights of California,

Following is an update on the wildfires burning in California. The two of greatest concern remain the Woolsey Fire in southern California, which currently stands at 97,620 acres, and the Camp Fire in northern California which has burned 135,000 acres. The Camp Fire has proven by far to be the most destructive and deadly devastating the entire northern California town of Paradise, a community of approximately 30,000 people. It is estimated over 7,000 homes and businesses have been destroyed. The death toll currently stands at 42 known deceased with over 200 people still missing. The California National Guard has been ordered into the community to help search for human remains. Those residents who were able to evacuate safely are currently staying with family or at evacuation shelters in the nearby communities of Chico, Oroville and Gridley.

Paradise is home to Knights of Columbus Council 7773. It has been confirmed St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Paradise where the council meets is still standing (although it may have sustained damage), but the church hall and rectory have been destroyed. Emergency meetings have been scheduled by the council leadership in Chico, and they are currently attempting to contact all of their members. It has been confirmed at least 22 have lost their homes, and the number is likely to rise as evacuation orders are lifted and residents are allowed to return to the devastated area.

The best way to help those displaced and effected by this tragedy at this time is with financial contributions. You can help by sending your monetary donation to either of the following:

California Columbian Charities, Inc.
P.O. Box 4256
Cerritos, CA 90703

California State Council
Disaster Relief Fund
P.O. Box 2649
West Covina, CA 91793

Contributions will be used for direct assistance to Brother Knights who have lost their homes, direct aid to Paradise Council 7773 to replace articles destroyed in the fire and sustain operations, and general humanitarian aid to fire victims, first responders and those effected by the fire.

At this time, evacuation centers have been overwhelmed by donations of used clothing and no more is being accepted. Contributions of new clothing (including Coats for Kids) may be dropped off at a depot established by the Salvation Army at the former Koret Warehouse and Distribution Center at the Chico Municipal Airport, 1100 Marauder Street, Chico, CA 95973. It is asked all contributions of clothing be coordinated through the Paradise and/or Chico councils.

Again, as you learn of any confirmed losses please notify the President of California Columbian Charities, Stephen Peterson, who is copied on this message, Second Responders Chairman Joseph Galbraith, or our State Secretary David Abbott. I am grateful for the continuing assistance provided by agents of the Cabral Agency and Owens Agency who have worked tirelessly to contact and assist Brother Knights effected by this crisis.

May God bless the fire fighters, first responders and all those effected by these fires in this most difficult time,

Sincerely,
Joseph C. Salaiz,
State Deputy

Upcoming Events/Reminders

- **Safe Environment Certifications**
- **Faith in Action Required Programs**
- **Culture of Life events—Order Walk for Life Shirts**
- **Marion ICON Program—Our Lady of Help of Persecuted Christians**
- **Financial Secretary Award—NEW!**

STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE



My dear Brothers in Christ,

I would like you to take a moment to think back upon when you made your admissions degree and why you joined the Knights of Columbus. In most cases you may have wanted to give back to the Church or to get active in your community, to just simply try to make a difference. Soon you experienced being involved in a council activity. It could have been raising funds to provide Wheelchairs for the poorest of poor. Or It could have been standing in front of store raising funds for those with Intellectual Disabilities. Or It could have been helping out at a membership drive to grow your council. Many of our members talk of how their experience in the Knights of Columbus has been one that has made them a better Catholic, and better man. This would not, had ever happened, if no one had asked them to join. Membership in the Knights of Columbus is a gift and should be given to ALL. We will have to work hard to achieve our rightly place as one of the leading jurisdictions in the Order. Many of you might not know that the Shining Armor Award started here in California. This year we brought the state program back to honor "those who came before us." Those brother Knights who labored to build this jurisdiction and leaving us the legacy of all they had harvested. I often think as I travel around the state of the dedication it took by those brother Knights to build our state council to what we are today. I believe it took a belief that they were involved in something bigger themselves. A sense of purpose living out our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Actively making their contribution to the growth of our Order and to our Church.

Things happen when we all make it happen. They don't happen if we sit on the sidelines and watch everyone else. Every council should be membership active. Our Faith in Action program calls us to put our faith into action. To stay focused on the big prize, living Holy lives and letting our light shine for others to see. Membership in our Order will Draw more Catholic men and their families to a journey with Christ. I ask you to remember, as you gather together with your families for Thanksgiving, to not forget to thank God for the Knights of Columbus and all the amazing things that are being done in the name of Jesus Christ.

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

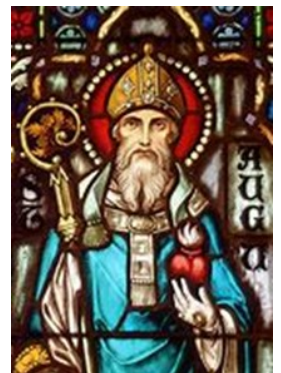
Former State Chaplain 2004-5; 2006-7; 2007-8

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.



REGIONAL GROWTH DIRECTOR MESSAGE



Bob Kish
Supremes Regional
Growth Director-
West

Brother Knights of California,

I would like to take this opportunity of introducing myself as the new "Regional Growth Director" for California. I recently made this career change to work for our Order after a 38-year successful Mechanical Engineering career. I didn't retire (*too young for that*), I made a career and a life change. I felt the call to do something more meaningful in my life. I wanted to do something that I enjoyed and something that made a difference in other people's lives.

Well Brothers, this call, this desire to do something different, came to fruition back in August 2017 when I received a call from Jose Jimenez from the Supreme Office. Supreme offered me a job as a new "Membership and Program Consultant". After several phone interviews and a lengthy 3 hours interview back in New Haven, Susie (*my Wife*) and I decided that this just might be the calling I was searching for. Late November 2017, I accepted the offer and now an Employee for the Knights of Columbus, Fraternal Mission Department since January 2, 2018.

Susie and I were both born and raised in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania and we married October 9th, 1982. I guess you could say we have always been the adventurous type, because in July 1989 we pulled up roots and moved to Oregon. Only a 3,000 miles trek west! Our two children were less than 2 years old at that time but now grown and still live in Oregon where we get to visit them often. No grandchildren to brag about yet, but we keep praying for them.

I joined the Knights of Columbus in Corvallis, Oregon. Having held several Council 1785 Officer positions, including a Star Council Grand Knight. I came up the State ranks, first as the State Special Olympics Chairman, District Deputy, State Warden, State Advocate, State Treasurer, State Secretary, 2014-2016 State Deputy, and Oregon State Charities President. While I was State Deputy, Oregon set new member intake records, formed 4 new Councils, met roundtable goals 2 years straight, "Circle of Honor" (2014-2015) and for the first time ever for the State of Oregon, the prestigious "Pinnacle Award" (2015-2016).

Brothers, I am honored and excited that California is one of my Jurisdictions. Obviously, California is my largest State. I have 7 other jurisdictions to fill the remainder of my calendar. My jurisdictions now include; California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Alaska, and Hawaii. Yes Brothers, I am busy and I look forward to working with all of you and helping California to succeed as well (*even though you're doing really well already!*).

I would be remiss not to mention and give a big Thank You to your former MPC Patrick Maloney for all his hard work in California. Pat was my MPC while I was State Deputy of Oregon. Pat has become a good friend and my mentor during this career transition.

I ask that you keep me in your prayers for traveling mercies and for a lengthy and successful career as your RGD.

I'm looking forward to meeting many of you during my travels around California.

Faternally,

Robert Kish
Regional Growth Director-West
Fraternal Mission
Supreme Council - Knights of Columbus

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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STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR MESSAGE

Worthy Brothers,

We are extremely blessed to be in the process of rolling out the new Faith in Action plan. The Supreme Website details this marvelously updated plan at...

<https://www.kofc.org/un/en/programs/index.html>

This webpage details 32 different Programs that are organized into the four categories of Faith, Family, Community, and Life. Each Program listed is a link that will take you to a detailed description of the Program including sections on: A Higher Purpose, Overview, Action Steps, and Resources (click on the Resources link).

The focus on Faith seems to touch a cord with many of the young, Catholic men in our parishes. They are yearning for ways to develop their spirituality both for themselves and for their families. The focus on Action gives men a concrete way to make a difference in the world and take a leadership role in the church or community and within their own families.

This is what young men, especially those with families, may be seeking. We need to let Prospects know that the Knights of Columbus has Programs that will fulfill their needs.

Get to know the 32 Programs and choose a couple of new ventures for your Council. Both your new members and your longtime Brothers will benefit by the addition of these Programs that truly embody Faith in Action.

For each of the four Categories there is one required Program to attain Star Council:

FAITH – SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

FAMILY – CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY

COMMUNITY – HELPING HANDS

LIFE – NOVENA FOR LIFE

Add each of these four, required Programs to your Council's activities calendar ASAP.

Let Prospects know that your Council is truly strengthening the Faith of its members and that life-changing actions are being implemented. Soon Catholic men who are not yet Knights will view your Council as a vibrant and dynamic group and they will be drawn to join.

Our Faith in Action Programs will Help your Council Membership to Spiral Up. The Holy Spirit will inspire you and Christ will be visible through your actions. More men will join. You will spiral up your Faith, you will spiral up your Action, and you will spiral up your Membership!

Please forward this message to any Brother Knight who may choose to use it to help build your Council.

Yours in Service,

Michael Brault
California State Membership Director
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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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PROGRAMS DIRECTOR MESSAGE

Worthy Brothers,

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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Cell: 858- 395-4123

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

St. Andrew Dung-Lac

November Honoree for Chaplain Service Award



Please submit your nominations by November 25, 2018. Take the time and honor your chaplain by nominating him for this award

A Vietnamese diocesan priest who suffered martyrdom is *Andrew Dung-Lac, who is honored by being the representative of the 117 martyrs in the Roman Calendar. His name was originally Dung An Trân, and he was born about 1795 in a poor and pagan family in Bac-Ninh in North Vietnam. When he was twelve the family had to move to Hà-Nôi (Hanoi) where his parents could find work. There he met a catechist and got food and shelter from him. He also got education in Christian faith for three years, and was baptized in Vinh-Tri with the Christian name Andrew (Andrew Dung).

After learning Chinese and Latin he became a catechist, and thereafter taught catechises in the country. He was chosen to study theology, and on 15 March 1823 he was ordained priest. As parish priest in Ke-Dâm he was tireless in his preaching. He often fasted and lived a simple and moral life, he was a good example for the people, and many were baptized.

In 1835 he was imprisoned under emperor Minh-Mang's persecutions (he was called Vietnam's emperor Nero), but his freedom was purchased by donations from members of the congregation he served.

To avoid persecutions, he changed his name to Lac (Andrew Lac) and moved to another prefecture to continue his work. But on 10 November 1839 he was again arrested, this time with Peter Thi, another Vietnamese priest whom he was visiting so that he might go to confession.

Once again Andrew was liberated, along with Peter Thi, in exchange for money. Their freedom was brief. They were soon re-arrested and taken to Hanoi, where both suffered a dreadful torture. Finally, they both were beheaded 21 December 1839. Andrew was beatified in the first group on 27 May 1900.

John Bertrand

Chairman

FAITH ACTIVITIES

From the Supreme Knightletter

Rewrite Your Council's Faith Story With the “**Five Ps of Success**”

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION PRODUCT: A retreat for rejuvenation. This could be a “Knights Only” retreat that you plan under the guidance of your chaplain, or it could be an event you organize for men or families of your parish. **PRICE:** Will vary on the retreat length, style and number of attendees. **PLACE:** Your parish or a retreat center. **PEOPLE:** Council members, men of the parish or entire families.

And why **PROMOTE** it? Religious retreats are radically rejuvenating spiritual events that often leave a lasting impact on a relationship to their faith. Yet, too often, retreats seem only to be offered to students and youth. Working with their pastors, Knights of Columbus councils can hold low-cost retreats of their own. It creates annual opportunities for prayer and reflection as a fraternity. It's also a great way to introduce potential recruits to your council.

HOLY HOUR PRODUCT: A regular hour of eucharistic adoration. Prepared for the men of the parish, this Holy Hour could include a reflection, communal rosary, various prayers and hymns with the aid of the pastor or chaplain. **PRICE:** Just one hour of a man's time; the value to his soul is priceless. **PLACE:** Your church. **PEOPLE:** Knights and other members of your parish, especially potential recruits.

And why **PROMOTE** it? A Holy Hour encourages a personal encounter with God. Now, more than ever, devout Catholics need time to pray. Eucharistic adoration is a way to address these needs. It is familiar, easy to organize and something everyone can participate in together.

To satisfy program requirements, councils must organize a Holy Hour at least four times per fraternal year. However, councils are strongly encouraged to hold Holy Hours even more frequently.

If your council is unable to organize a retreat on its own, you can attend a local Catholic retreat — or visit the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C. — to satisfy the requirement. However, council attendance should be significant, with at least 10 percent of the council or a minimum of 10 members participating.

The definition of a “reflection” is broad but should be a day-long event at minimum and could possibly encompass an entire weekend. Be creative: Make a pilgrimage to a nearby basilica, monastery or convent. Celebrate Mass with your chaplain or pastor.

Council participation in Spiritual Reflection is required to qualify for Columbian Award.

Every council should be taking steps to implement the new Faith in Action programs, ideally at least one program from each category. See how easy it is to get started by looking at each program considering the 5 Ps (place, price, product, people and promotion).

SACRAMENTAL GIFTS

PRODUCT Gifts to be given to recipients of Baptism, First Communion and Marriage. **PRICE:** Depends on your gift(s) and the number of recipients. **PLACE:** Your church. **PEOPLE:** Your council, your pastor and parishioners.

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And why PROMOTE it? The sacraments are the most important events in the life of the domestic church. Knights can help families understand this and better value these events through prayer and gifts. As the families become more integrated into the life of the church, they will turn to the Knights, knowing that they are always ready to pray for them, support them and help them.

BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH PRODUCT: The Building the Domestic Church Kiosk and its 225 booklets. PRICE: \$150.00 USD (including shipping). PLACE: A prominent location in your church or parish hall, provided you get your pastor's permission. PEOPLE: People who might benefit include those considering Catholicism, families, Mass attendees, men's groups, parish retreats and youth groups.

And why PROMOTE it? It's important that every parish has exceptional religious education materials available for anyone to study. The Domestic Church Kiosks contain engaging, faith-based booklets, perfect for members, parishioners and the public. Councils purchasing a Kiosk will also receive a set of 225 booklets of the most popular CIS resources aimed at helping Catholics to live out the Church's vision for our families.

Obtain your pastor's permission and, under his direction, plan the best way for you to present the gift. Check out the Sacramental Gifts Brochure (#10727) for details and gift ideas.

Assign a council member to be responsible for receiving and setting up the kiosk and replenishing the booklets when supplies are low. Councils can purchase the refill booklets in bulk at a reduced rate.

REFUND SUPPORT VOCATIONS PROGRAM PRODUCT: The support of seminarians and religious. PRICE: For every \$500 your council gives, the Supreme Council will refund \$100, up to \$400 per seminarian. PLACE: Your parish and community. PEOPLE: Seminarians identified with the help of the jurisdiction RSVP chairman, diocesan vocation director, your council chaplain or parish pastor.

And why PROMOTE it? Men who are in seminary need the moral and spiritual support of the Catholic laity. Knights and our families stand in solidarity with seminarians and those discerning vocations. They need our help, whether that be financial or with our moral support and prayers.

Set an annual goal for your RSVP fundraising efforts. Then conduct various events in your parish and community to reach your goal. Potential fundraising activities include asking your pastor to allow a second collection earmarked to support seminarians or a "Seminarian Breakfast" during which seminarians supported by your council meet the parish and pray together.

INTO THE BREACH PRODUCT: A weekly study group centering on the Into the Breach Booklet (#340) and Study Guide (#10683). PRICE: The cost of providing a copy of the booklet and study guide to each of your study group attendees. Or, they can access both items free online. PLACE: An appropriate meeting venue, such as a parish hall. PEOPLE: Knights and other members of your parish, especially men who may become Knights.

And why PROMOTE it? Times of crisis and uncertainty must be met by Catholics with honesty, integrity and justice, as well as complete dedication to virtue. Bishop Thomas Olmsted's Into the Breach identifies the enemies of the faith — both spiritual and temporal — and draws up a battle plan for us to fight for our own souls, spread the joy of the Gospel, heal the wounds within ourselves and others and steadily transform the world. This program is also a great recruiting tool, so be sure to welcome prospective members to join you each week.

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MARIAN PRAYER PROGRAM PRODUCT: The icon of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians. The icon travels throughout your jurisdiction, and when the Marian image is brought to your parish, it can service as a centerpiece for Marian devotion. **PRICE:** It's free, but the Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians Prayer Program Booklet (#5050) and Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians Prayer Card (#10740) can be ordered through Supplies Online. **PLACE:** Your parish. **PEOPLE:** Council and parish members can participate in the Marian prayer service.

And why **PROMOTE** it? The image of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians fosters devotion to the Blessed Mother and recalls minding the sufferings of our brothers and sisters in the faith. A prayer service will raise awareness in our larger communities, and better help us stand in prayerful solidarity with persecuted Christians.

Invite each family of the parish and offer those who attend a copy of A Scriptural Rosary for the Family (#319). Councils can schedule services on any day of the week, at any time of the year, with the guidance of their pastor. Councils should hold rosary prayer services at least four times a year to successfully meet program requirements.

To learn more about the Into the Breach Program, visit kofc.org/breach. Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians is the 18th Marian image sponsored by the Knights of Columbus since 1979.

ROSARY PROGRAM PRODUCT: A regular rosary prayer service for families and parishes. **PRICE:** Kits with rosary rings, rosary prayer guides and leader books can be ordered by your council at no cost. **PLACE:** Your church. **PEOPLE:** Knights and their families, as well as other members of your parish.

And why **PROMOTE** it? Frequent praying of the rosary deepens a devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, patroness of the Knights of Columbus. This prayer can truly change our lives, because we direct our minds and hearts toward the Lord. The program itself emphasizes the importance of prayer in community and as a family.

Fraternally,
John Giltner
Faith Activities Chairman

FALL CULTURE OF LIFE EVENTS

Event Master of Ceremonies & San Diego-based Culture of Life Family Services (COLFS) Medical Director & Developer of the *Abortion Pill Reversal Process (APR)* **Dr. George Delgado**, presented on October 20th his organization's 9th Annual Pro-Life Persons of the Year Award to Light & Life Foundation's founders **Brother Knights Greg Anthony & Steve Beuerle - not pictured here.**

Over 400 were in attendance at this "Pro-Life is Good Gala & Auction" to raise life saving life changing funds benefitting San Diego County's premier Catholic Pro-Life 501-C3 PRC, Medical Clinic, & Research Center.

"Four Knights in Black"



Pictured - L to R: **Richard Marciniak**, CA K of C Culture of Life Walks for Life State Chairman; **Keynote Speaker San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone**; **Dr. George Delgado, M.D.**, Medical Director Culture of Life Family Services (COLFS) & CA K of C Culture of Life Abortion Pill Reversal Initiative State Committeeman; **Hugh Largey**, CA K of C State Council Culture of Life Activities Director

FALL CULTURE OF LIFE EVENTS

The **California Pro Life Leadership Congress Luncheon** took place Friday, September 21st at the downtown LA San Antonio Winery.

Knights of Columbus State Council CA Walks for Life State Chairman **Richard Marciniak** hosted, and emceed this CA State Knights sponsored “kick-off” for October Respect Life Month featuring several Pro-Life State and National organization Leaders speaking on related ways they cooperate and support each other in the Culture of Life Movement.



Program Presenters: L to R: **Joe Schrippa**, Options United Board; **Steve Karlen**, National Director 40 days for Life; **Brian Johnston**, Director Western National Life; **Hugh Largey**, CA K of C State Council Culture of Life Activities Director; **Richard Marciniak**, CA K of C Culture of Life Walks for Life State Chairman; **Joe Langfeld**, President Human Life Alliance; **Kathleen Domingo**, LA Archdiocese Office of Life, Justice & Peace, Senior Director; **Michael Brault**, CA K of C State Council Membership Director & San Diego Diocese Chapter Charities President

CULTURE OF LIFE PREGNANCY CENTERS SUPPORT

Continuing to maintain our much appreciated relationship through the auspices of **The Office of Los Angeles Archbishop Gomez**, the need for support of (Pro-Life) Pregnancy Centers is readily apparent when people see the impact this activity has on addressing the crying needs of the homeless and desperate poor in California's largest Diocese. **This, of course is so in keeping with our Founder's First Principle – Charity!**

We Brother Knights have been highlighting the need for support to our sponsored PRCs that unlike Planned Parenthood receive zero of the more than \$500 Million in government taxpayer paid funds that go to support the denying of life to now over 60 million unborn children since Roe v Wade.

During the last 4 months & especially October Respect Life Month, forums such as the Ronald Reagan Library, the Pasadena Country Club have provided complimentary meals as a draw for audiences to learn of our message.

At **Southern California Chapter Meetings**, **Knights Councils** have made life saving donations of \$300-\$500, donations of diapers, blankets, toys, and In Kind Labor.

In November, we hosted the **Christians Service 4 Life** event attended by hundreds of students at the Staples Center.

Our program has tied-in with **Job Fairs** to also promote the upcoming January 19th One Life LA Walk for Life with a goal of generating support from a hoped for attendance of 35,000.

Knights are expected with their presence to also lend their support in January to the San Diego Walk for Life and the West Coast Walk for Life over the weekends of January 19 & 26 respectively.

Fraternally – For Life

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Support for Pregnancy Center Support
State Chairman
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T-Shirts for 2019 Major California Walks for Life

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Proudly wear your Classic Pro-Life T-shirt walking with tens of thousands at California's Walks for Life along with Knights of Columbus, families, and friends in support of the greatest life-saving and life-changing movement of our times.

Our very affordable prices of **\$8** (youth XS - youth L), **\$10** (adult S - XL), and **\$12** (adult 2XL - 4XL) make it easy to qualify for **Free Shipping!** All orders must be a minimum of 10 shirts or more and can be a mix of various sizes.

URGENT REMINDER: ORDER CUTOFFS TO BE NOVEMBER 19TH WITH ORDERS BEING SHIPPED BY NOVEMBER 30TH. FINAL ORDER CUTOFF TO BE JANUARY 3RD WITH ORDERS BEING SHIPPED BY JANUARY 11TH.

All major credit cards accepted.



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

Vern Snyder
Couples Retreat Committeeman
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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:

Don Reitz,
559-970-0183.

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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

FATHER MCGIVNEY GUILD

Why Join the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild?

By joining the Guild, we are saying we intend to pray for Sainthood for our Founder. Membership is free and the more sign-ups, the better. Join us by sending your name and address to “The Father McGivney Guild, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3326”. Family and friends can sign up, too!

You will receive periodic newsletters concerning the cause that are really interesting.

Pray often: “Venerable Michael McGivney, Apostle of the Young and protector of Christian Family Life, Intercede for us.”

California Chair
Deacon Jim Crowley
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California Columbian Charities
P. O. Box 4256
Cerritos, CA 90703



For over 60 years California Columbian Charities has provided kindness and generosity to California Knights by fulfilling Father McGivney's mandate of **BROTHER HELPING BROTHER.**

In the past we have responded to over 2200 requests to provide Brothers with their family's critical needs and have given more than \$3,100,000 in relief. **In 2017 Columbian Charities responded to 68 requests from Brothers and widows with 52 grants and \$135,000 in aid.**

If you know of a Brother who is in severe financial distress please ask his council's **Grand Knight** to contact the State Council office for Charity application forms, (909) 434-0460, or state.office@californiaknights.org.

We need your generous charitable and fraternal support to continue assisting Brothers who cannot provide for themselves. For several of the past years donations to the charity have been much less than what was needed to meet the needs of our many Brothers who had suffered because of the poor economy. This is a California State Council program. **Supreme does not provide any funds.**

The "365 Club" and the **Parade of Grand Knights** are the primary methods of raising funds for California Columbian Charities. We ask that every Brother in California join the "365 Club" and donate a penny a day - either by adding an additional \$3.65 (or more) to their dues payment, or by a cash donation at council meetings. The council may hold these funds until May when they should be brought to the State Convention and the **Parade of Grand Knights**.

If a council misses the convention it should not skip its donation. Please mail all council and personal checks (payable to Californian Columbian Charities) to the above address. These donations may be sent at any time.

Although the "365 Club" and **Parade of Grand Knights** involve only one donation a year at the State Convention, further donations are appreciated by Columbian Charities and by your Brothers in distress.

Thank you for your generosity.

Every Council's Financial Secretary should introduce the Council members to the "365 Club" so that all Brothers have the ability to contribute to Columbian Charities. To join each Brother is asked to donate a penny a day (\$3.65 or more, per year) to the Charity. The best way to accomplish this is for the Financial Secretary to add an additional line to the dues billing statement (including those sent to non-dues paying Honorary Members): **"365 Club – Please add a \$3.65 donation to Columbian Charities."** This will provide every Brother in the Council an opportunity to support our charity.

We urge Councils to start employing the "365 Club" option during their next dues billing cycle. Financial Secretaries have many responsibilities in carrying out their duties; however, Brothers are losing their jobs, their health insurance and their homes during hard times. We need to extend to them a helping hand and we know that every Brother in every Council wants to participate.

Charity Begins at Home - BROTHER HELPING BROTHER



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The purpose of the Keep Christ in Christmas program is to promote the true spirit of Christmas in your home, schools, parishes and communities. The Advent Season is approaching and there are activities your Council can promote. These activities are: Journey to the Inn, Light up for Christ, Advent Wreath Blessing, Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest and the Christmas Card sales fundraiser. The Christmas Card sales and other Christmas Fundraising items can be ordered though Steve Sykes. His email is steves@wcsdist.com.

If your Council is considering running one of these outstanding programs, you can go to the Knights of Columbus Supreme website under Family Activities for more information. Click on Resource to download what you need for Keep Christ in Christmas Poster program, Journey to the Inn and other Keep Christ in Christmas resources.

Lastly, if your Council is running the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster program for your youth, you will need to download the forms at the Supreme website and print them off yourself. It takes 6-8 weeks to receive a kit. The judging DEADLINE for the Council Level, KCIC Poster program is December 31. Then the winners need to be sent to the Chapter for the Chapter Level Competition as soon as possible..

If you need more information, please contact me, Bob Pineschi, Knights of Columbus, California State Poster Chairman at pineschibob@yahoo.com. Wishing you all a Blessed Christmas Season. Merry Christmas.

NEW FINANCIAL SECRETARY OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Financial Secretaries are generally the most utilized and least recognized officers of the councils. Also, though the Financial Secretaries do not directly control suspensions, they have a significant influence on the council's attitude and activity in this area.

The purposes of this award are to motivate Financial Secretaries to:

- Use Member Management for billing and council transactions
- Submit all Supreme forms on time
- Reduce the number of suspended members from their council
- Raise the standard of all Financial Secretaries by recognizing the best of the best.

Each Chapter will submit their nomination for their Financial Secretary of the Year based on the criteria below. The 16 nominees will be evaluated and the winner will be determined based upon measurable and subjective criteria. The Financial Secretary of the Year will be recognized on the final night of the State Convention in San Diego.

Award Criteria – Measurable & Required

- Forms 185, 365, 1295 & 1728 must be submitted to Supreme
- Suspended members less than 2.5% of total council membership
- Supreme and State per capita and Chapter dues are paid
- Required council leaders complete their Safe Environment Certification
- Complete required Online Training for Financial Secretaries
- Ties will be based on the council that has the lowest suspension percentage

Award Criteria – Subjective (DD's Suggested Criteria)

- Use of the Membership Management System
- Have the insurance representative promote the insurance program at business meetings at least quarterly. (In cases with no assigned FA, request and read a message from the GA)
- 990 & 199 tax records submitted
- Financial Secretary sends list of delinquent members to the Retention Committee
- Council's Shepherd & Apostles Program in place

Further information on the implementation and processing of this award will be sent to the Chapter Presidents, District Deputies, Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries.

Brother Richard J. Baker
State Awards Chairman

FRATERNAL BENEFITS STORY

True Stories from the Field Fraternal Accidental Death Benefit

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 of Columbus Insurance Story from the Field

I recently met with a member for the first time who is 90 years young. He asked me to review his policies. He was still physically able, had great sense of humor, and was financially comfortable. He had worked hard during his lifetime resulting in pensions from two different retirements. His house was paid for. His living expenses were covered for the rest of his life. However this isn't the only smart thing this member was able to accomplish on the modest salary he had for all his working years. He proved that the products we offer can be a valuable financial tool.

He believed in Whole Life Insurance enough to purchase three policies at different stages of his life and reaped the benefits of PUAs and cash accumulation. His death benefit from these policies has more than doubled over the years and the cash value is well over the amount of money he paid in premiums. He also has two annuities with the Knights. He used one for life income with a 15-year period that he has been collecting on for 19 years. This allowed his daughter to retire from her job early and take care of both of her parents until her mother passed, now allowing her father live his later years with family. The second annuity is available if need be or just to be added onto the great legacy the life policies will provide.

~ A Knights of Columbus Field Agent

A Story from the Field

I met with a member's wife in May. She had previously completed a form to surrender her policy. Home Office in New Haven began processing the paperwork. They requested that I verify that the Social Security number. I stopped by to see her and while I was there, I asked about her reason for surrendering her policy. After listening to her, I explained the benefits of keeping the policy. After our discussion, she decided to keep the policy. We had also discussed her husband becoming a Knight and insuring him and their children, just as her grandfather had insured her. We scheduled another appointment. She called a couple of times to reschedule. When I met with her, she again talked about surrendering the policy. Her monthly payment was only \$4. Once again, we discussed the benefits of keeping the policy and insuring her husband and her children. This was on Thursday afternoon and we made an appointment for the next day to meet with her and her husband.

Later that evening I received a text from her saying that tomorrow would not be a good time to meet. Maybe next week, she said. So I texted her on Tuesday and received no response. I tried Wednesday and no response. So I left her a voicemail. Her husband returned the call from her phone. I explained who I was and what his wife wanted to do concerning insuring him and their children. He paused and told me that she passed away on Friday by suicide. After the initial shock, I expressed my condolences and let me know that I was there to help in any way.

I believe that I was meant to meet with her to keep her policy in force for her family.

~ A Knights of Columbus Field Agent

FRATERNAL BENEFITS STORY

The Power of Protection

My transition into being a new Knights of Columbus Field Agent has been a vocation invitation almost validated directly by the Holy Spirit Himself. After recently being placed in hospice care in July 2018, my mother passed away very recently in early September 2018, at the very outset of my new career in this field. My father, having been a Knight since the early 1990s, had purchased a life insurance policy for my mother within the past year from his local agent in Orange County. I had not envisioned that one of my initial exposures to a death claim benefit would be as a result of my own mother's passing, but making decisions about her final expenses, in concert with my dad and the funeral home, was easier knowing that her insurance benefit would cover the appropriate expenses. Years of life experience have taught me that combining emotion and trauma is not the best time to make decisions – my father's decisions on behalf of my mother during an extremely difficult emotional period were greatly facilitated knowing that she had a policy in place to cover her final expenses.

~ A Knights of Columbus Field Agent

Experience from the Field

I called a member for an appointment and he told me that they were uninsurable but I persisted and finally agreed to meet with me. I wrote policies on both him and his wife who had breast cancer in the past. He was declined and she was rated, I convinced them to take the policy and they did. Two months later she went to the doctor not feeling well and it was determined that she had cancer and it was terminal. Six months later she passed and the order paid the claim. He was so grateful that I stayed on him for an appointment and that I pushed him to take the policy.

~ A Knights of Columbus Field Agent

A Story from a Knights of Columbus Field Agent

Upon contacting the wife of a recently deceased member, she told me that she knew her husband had a small policy with the Knights and that she was anxious to receive it because needed it to help pay for his funeral and some final medical bills. When I met with her to complete the claim, I explained that her husband's policy was now worth more than three times the face value of the policy. She was relieved and grateful because now that would completely cover her husband's final expenses and she would not have to dip into their savings.

~ A Knights of Columbus Field Agent

The Personal Touch

We, as Knights of Columbus, were able to be of service to a long time, 4th degree Knight that also happened to be a WWII veteran. In his later years, his health deteriorated, and his wife would take him to the VA Hospital for his medical appointments. On one such visit, he tripped and fell backwards on a set of stairs. He hit his head on the cement and because of his fall, he went into a coma and died several days later.

He was an uninsured member of the Knights of Columbus, but he did have a long-standing life insurance plan with a reputable company, which he purchased before joining the Knights. When I met with his widow, I informed her of our Knights Accidental Death policy. I also offered to help her with any of her husband's final need arrangements. She said she would let me know if she needed anything.

Later, I called again to let her know I had a check from the Knights that I wanted to deliver to her. She was very impressed and remarked favorably of our personal and prompt service. She said that the Knights of Columbus were very considerate of all their members and she was grateful for our taking care of her. She had not received the death benefit from the other company yet and she felt their service was cold and impersonal. She did receive the death benefit later from the other company.

~ A Knights of Columbus Field Agent

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

FEED THE ATHLETES—NORCAL

Knights of Columbus - Northern California Chapter "Feed the Athletes" Special Olympics Flag Football Regional @ UC Davis. Special thanks for Past State Deputy Romy Quevedo, State Advocate Noel Panlilio, State Programs Director Eric Waston, Special Olympics Chairman James Larson, and all of the Brother Knights from throughout NORCAL for supporting the Flag Football Regionals.



FEED THE ATHLETES—SOCAL

Knights of Columbus - Southern California Knights from throughout the Region supported the SOCAL Regional Special Olympic Fall Games recently. Special thanks for State Deputy Joe Saliaiz, State Treasurer Steve Bolton and all of the Brother Knights from throughout SOCAL for supporting the Southern California Special Olympic Fall Games.



KNIGHTS IN ACTION

ID DRIVE—YUCAIPA

The Knights of Columbus Yucaipa Council #9679's Annual Tootsie Roll Drive. We had a great time raising funds for local students with intellectual disabilities!! A huge thank you goes out to our Council Officers and members, our Columbiette Women's Auxiliary, the Yucaipa Fire Department, the local Ruff Ryders Youth Baseball Team, Laura Figueroa and the SFXC Parish Youth Group, Stater Bros Markets, Rocky L. Cobb at Cobb's Printing, the Yucaipa/Calimesa News Mirror, the Yucaipa City Council, and all those who assisted us in this year's initiative. We greatly appreciate the support from the people of Yucaipa and Calimesa. This was a record breaker for our Council! Thanks Yucaipa/Calimesa, it truly does take a village!



ID DRIVE—SAN LORENZO

Knights of Columbus Council 3518 of San Lorenzo, CA have successfully concluded today their Tootsie Roll Drive for 2018 which is an ongoing program supporting and assisting people with intellectual disabilities for many years now. Funds raised will be sent to the Columbian Foundation and will benefit the Diocesan SPRED.(Special Religious education for the (intellectually disabled).



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.

