

California State Council Knights of Columbus



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MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE

Editors Note: Following is a note from Arrowhead Desert Valley Chapter President Tony Despart which he sent to all members of his Chapter. His message is very clear and concise. Please take his message to heart.

Dear Brothers,

Hope all is well with you and your loved ones. Most of you are well aware of the increasing and heightened attacks on religious freedom, the unborn, and on Christian morality. As Catholics and Knights we are being assaulted from many fronts, whether it be from abortion activists, politicians, anti-religious organizations and media groups, or even sadly from some within our own faith.

For example, Notre Dame University is planning on covering up a mural of our patron, Christopher Columbus. Recently, a statue of Columbus was removed from downtown Los Angeles. Combine this with recent actions by California politicians that attacked a judicial nominee for being a Brother Knight, and it is evident that the Knights, and by extension the values and morals we hold dear, are being targeted. In my opinion, our enemies see the Knights as a growing threat and obstacle against their agendas and immorality; thank God that we are!

While I typically refrain from sending out this type of message and do so reluctantly to you my Brothers, I feel that it is necessary given the culture war that is now thrust upon us. It is no longer acceptable to sit idly by and ignore or avoid the challenge placed on us and our generation to defend our faith, values, and our order. I encourage you to be proactive in making your voices heard with legislators and those in authority in defense of our Catholic faith.

With this in mind, we MUST grow and strengthen our chapter and order. It is imperative that we add new members; there are several councils that have ZERO new members so far this year. In light of the current environment, the importance of adding new Brother Knights goes beyond mere quotas, accolades or awards; what we do or don't do now and in the immediate future will have a lasting impact on our order and our ability to serve as a force for good. Brothers, it is up to us to do our part, grow stronger and defend our faith. No one will do it for us.

Every council should strive to recruit at least two new members (or more) by the end of this Columbian Year, and have a mindset of recruiting on a regular, consistent basis. For those councils who have not recruited a single new member so far this year (and possibly the past few years), do you not believe in the importance of the Knights and what we are doing for our parishes and communities? Do you not want to help men in your parish become better Catholics, husbands, fathers and apostles for Christ? From my experience, councils that are active and vibrant attract men from their parish who want to join. If your council is having difficulty recruiting, an honest self-evaluation is in order to see what needs to be improved or changed to create a positive and welcoming environment. A council without growth is a sick and dying council. If your council needs help with recruiting, just ask. There are Brothers who are more than willing to assist you.

May God continue to bless you and our order. Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney pray for us.

Fraternally,

Anthony Despart
President
Arrowhead Desert Valley Chapter

Upcoming Events/Reminders

- **Wheelchair Distribution—Mexico City 13-17 February**
- **State Retreat Weekend 1-3 March**
- **State Secretary Planning Meeting—9 March**
- **State Free Throw Championships—16 March**
- **Founders Day Membership Drives**

STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE



My dear brothers in Christ,

This month we heard the reading of Saint Paul 1 Corinthians chapter 13. Where Saint Paul speaks of having these gifts, but he asserts here that it counts for nothing unless they are accompanied by, and give rise to, love. When we talk about Faith in action, we are talking about programs that are fundamentally rooted in faith as brothers in love for Christ.

Last month, councils participated in Pro-Life walks throughout the state. We showed our love for humanity, as brother Knights from San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego, joyfully supported all the pro-life walks. In San Francisco, I had a chance to speak in front of the archbishop of San Francisco and many priests throughout the archdiocese representing the Saint Francis Chapter. I talked about the impact that the Knights of Columbus would have if we had more members working together to bring more souls to Christ and how we can provide hope to many people throughout the world through our good works. I reassured the clergy who were present at the dinner I attended and said to them, at a time, when many are turning their backs on the church, WE as the Knights of Columbus are that one organization that stands in full support of our Bishops and Priests. This is the reason that we must grow! We must grow for our churches, we must grow for our schools and we must grow in defense of our Faith. Tony Despart the Chapter President of the Arrowhead desert Valley chapter said it best, for those councils who have not recruited a single new member so far this year (and possibly the past few years), do you not believe in the importance of the Knights and what we are doing for our parishes and communities?

Brothers, these are the reasons why we must recruit new members and how each of us are interconnected to helping one another. Each one of our state officers and myself are committed in helping you and your councils to grow. Brothers we are in this together, there is no other way. From the supreme Council, to the state council to our districts and our chapters each of us working together to grow the order. It is then when we are working together in great love as eloquently described by the great evangelizer Saint Paul the apostle. It is then when we abide in God's great love, we live out our faith, as the Scripture describes, so now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. My brothers let us be those Knights of charity, and give another man and his family the opportunity to change their lives.

God bless and Vivat Jesus!

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



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

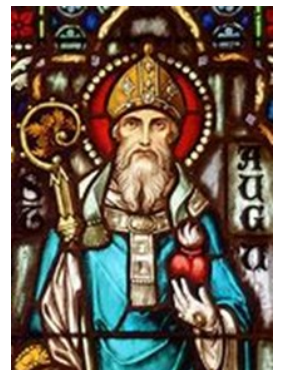
Former State Chaplain 2004-5; 2006-7; 2007-8

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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COLUMBIAN CHARITIES



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DDs, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and Members

2018 was a very active year for Columbian Charities especially in the last few months. As you know, 69 Brothers of Council #7773 in Paradise lost their homes due to the Paradise Camp fire. Completely burned out! California Columbian Charities was there to help within a few days. Each burned out Brother received a grant of \$3000 to accommodate their immediate "necessity of life" needs. The Charity President expedited these grants. Accumulated, the Charity granted \$207,000 in aid to these Brothers. The Charity had to withdraw from the contingency fund to accommodate the checks written. Supreme helped out with a donation of \$120,000 to the Charity. Also, generous checks in the amount of over \$25,000 from individual Knights, Councils and Businesses from our State and other States helped. The Charity is very appreciative of these generous donors. Now is the time to replenish our funds to be able to continue to support other Brothers that are in need throughout the State.

All Councils are asked to donate. Councils should consider a donation of \$3.65 for each of their Council members. Financial Secretaries, please add the 365 Club as a voluntary donation when you send out the annual billing statements. **Donations are being accepted now, please send to address above.**

Please be generous!

Columbian Charities is dedicated to assisting California Brothers and their widows in distress. For over sixty years we have worked to provide CHARITY and to fulfill Father McGivney's mandate - **BROTHER HELPING BROTHER.**

At last year's "Parade of Grand Knights" 2018, Councils donated over \$126,500 to Columbian Charities! THANK YOU for reaching-out a helping hand to your less fortunate Brothers! You should be proud of your generosity.

In 2018 the Charity provided 95 Brothers, and widows, with \$265,770 in financial assistance. The need is great. **Please increase your contribution this year.**

*Columbian Charities is ready to provide financial assistance to your Council's Brothers in their time of need. Any member who has information about a Brother in distress should notify the **Grand Knight**. The **Grand Knight** can obtain a charity application by calling the State Office at (909) 434-0460.*

STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR MESSAGE

Worthy Brothers,

Our Faith In Action programs are very engaging! Every single one is focused on Faith and designed for family participation. Hopefully, every Council Officer is going the Supreme website to click on the Programs tab and from there, open and review all the sub-tabs such as the Faith In Action Overview (that link is copied below for you). <https://www.kofc.org/un/en/programs/index.html> You can then suggest one or two new and exciting program activities for your Council to offer.

A healthy, parish-based Council is likely to organize and host at least one Faith In Action program monthly and some Councils may be offering programs nearly every week.

Each **Faith In Action program** is also a **mini-membership drive**. Be sure to publicize all of your Faith In Action programs in the parish bulletin and (when appropriate) to the public. Make it clear that all are invited. Strong Catholic families will be drawn to these activities, many of whom will not yet be K of C families. You will have these non-Knight families as a captive audience when they attend an event your Council has organized and provided.

Assign a friendly Knight to be your “**Designated Recruiter**” at each and every one of your Council programs. His job is to mingle with the men and the families who are NAKY’s (Not A Knight Yet). He will make the family feel welcome, ask them how it is going, ask for their names, and he will introduce himself.

Near the end of the event (or when a family seems to be close to leaving), ask these simple questions:

1. Did you like what we did today?
2. Should we do it again sometime?
3. Would you consider helping us out a bit in the future?
4. Would you fill this out so we can invite you to help us sometime? (Contact Card, Council Landing Page, or Form 100)

It is likely that you will add at least one (probably more) new Prospect to your Master Prospect List from each activity. You should call him within a day or two to set up a one-on-one or a two-on-one Information Session/ Admissions Interview.

Furthermore, if you **invite him to a live or DVD Admissions Degree that same week**, you will have a higher likelihood that he will become a Knight. Timing is everything, get him while he is hot and interested!

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

Yours in Service,

Michael Brault
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Change a Life, Recruit a New Knight!***

PROSPECT LANDING PAGE

Worthy Brothers,

Below I have copied a two-page PDF document that describes the Prospect Landing Page. It will also be attached to allow you to print your own copies.

By using a smartphone, tablet, or laptop you can ask your Prospects to type in their contact information. This way you will be able to read the information! The Prospect will get an immediate email (sample shown below) and then continue to receive nurturing emails approximately once per week describing the work of the Knights of Columbus.

To apply for your customized Council Landing Page, go to

<http://info.kofc.org/pagerequest.html>

Once you have the Council Landing Page, you should send the link to your page to each of your recruiters so they can download the page to their own device (phone, tablet, computer) and save it as a Favorite in Bookmarks.

Now your Prospects will be sent a Welcome Email and will automatically receive additional K of C information weekly.

Note: Do NOT send the link as an email to prospects, post it on your website, or add it to social media. The Welcome Email includes the line, "We're glad to have met you,...." Therefore, the Prospect Landing Page is to be used when you meet your Prospects and invite them to share their contact information.

The Membership Director or the Grand Knight who will receive Prospect notification and information should set up a database to keep a record of your Landing Page Prospects. He should also call the Prospect personally to get to know him better and continue the recruiting process.

Be sure to scroll down to see the pages below or download and print the attachment.

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

Yours in Service,

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PROSPECT LANDING PAGE (continued)

BUILDING A PROSPECTING CULTURE IN YOUR JURISDICTION

In Brief:

Have you ever been convinced to join an organization you've barely heard of in one 30-second conversation? Then why do we expect that process to work for our councils?

Think about how many major events your councils hold in a year? Dozens? Hundreds? Thousands? Each of those events is an opportunity to *identify prospects*.

Now, with the introduction to Online Membership, **you can use Online Membership's platforms to efficiently and effectively collect prospects at events, nurture them over time, and get more of them to become members.**

Think about it: if all you do is collect a prospect card with someone's phone number, they have to hope and pray that that person answers the phone and remains interested. But if you're prospecting properly, you can still call them, but you can also collect their email, we can communicate with them on your behalf every week, tell them more about our story, get them to learn more about why they should become members, and ultimately get them to join.

Bad prospecting gives us one shot to make a man a member. Good prospecting gives us endless opportunities to engage.

Using Prospecting Landing Pages

A prospecting landing page is a digital version of a prospect card with some unique differences. First, **the digital prospecting tool allows you to follow up with a prospective member immediately.** Once the prospective member hits submit on the form, they will immediately receive a personalized email from someone in the council thanking them for their interest in the Knights. Second, they will automatically start receiving emails that have been hand crafted to give the prospective member more information about who the Knights are and what we do. Finally, it allows the online membership team to track the prospective members to better understand the content prospective members are interested in and clicking on.



Sample Email

Sample Email

A prospecting landing page will generate a personalized, custom email to all of your prospects. We'll work with you to customize it with your information.

10/19/2018 10:23 AM [Show Details](#)

Dear [Prospect name],

Thank you for your interest in the Knights of Columbus! We're glad to have met you, and hope that you'll join us in Council [#####].

You can take your first step to becoming part of the world's largest Catholic brotherhood by [joining the Knights online](#).

When you join online, please be sure to enter our council number, [#####], so that we can reach you with information about your local brotherhood of Knights.

If you have any questions about Council [#####], feel free to contact [Council Officer] at [Email address or phone number].

[Join online today.](#)

Yours truly,
[Grand Knight/Membership Director]



PROSPECT LANDING PAGE (continued)

Best Practices

To prospect effectively at events, councils should:

1 **Prioritize the collection of email addresses.** Of course, you should ask prospect members to join right there using the online membership application. But many won't. Would you normally take out your credit card and pay \$30 on a stranger's laptop? Neither will they. Focus on collection their email via the Prospecting Landing Page. They'll get the opportunity to join as soon as they get home, and we'll continue engaging them.

Have a raffle. Incentivize prospective members by offering something to them by filling out the page. Run a month long raffle in the back of the church, or at fish fries for a \$100 visa gift card, or at a big event like a men's conference, raffle off something like an iPad. The choice is yours but the incentive will get more people to fill out your form.



Talk to wives. Just because they can't be members themselves, they are your best recruiting tool. Allow them to give their email and they will pass the information along to their husbands.

Trust the process. The goal is to get these men interested in joining and learning more about us. It could take a week, a month, or even a year. That's ok. With their email, we can reach out and make sure they're hearing more and more about the Knights of Columbus. This is essential to growing our brand and showing prospective members who we really are.



Instructions and FAQ

How do I get a customized Prospecting Landing Page for my council?

Simply fill out the Prospecting Landing Page Request Form at info.kofc.org/pagerequest. You'll be asked for some basic information, including your council's name, state, and contact information for whomever is your council's point-person for recruitment.

In 2-3 business days, we'll get back to you to finalize your custom Prospecting Landing Page and Auto-Generated Prospecting Email.

How does our Prospecting Landing Page work?

When a prospect fills in his information on your council's customized Prospecting Landing Page, he will immediately receive an Auto-Generated Prospecting Email, customized for your council, thanking him for his interest in becoming a Knight. This customized email is generated by the Supreme Council's marketing software, Marketo. The prospect will also be enrolled into another Marketo program to receive weekly emails from the Supreme Council with information about the Order and how to join.

Will my council receive the prospective member's contact information?

Yes. A designated council member (we recommend Grand Knight or Membership Director) will receive an email every time a prospect fills out the form. Be sure to include the email address of this designated council member when you complete the Prospecting Landing Page Request Form to ensure your council receives every prospect's information.

What doesn't this form do?

The form does not enroll a man as an online member, or add him to the Prospects tab of Officers Online. Once a prospect has joined online, and if he has indicated he's interested in joining your local council, his information will then appear in the Prospects tab of Officers Online.

What do I do if the form keeps auto-filling with information from the last person to fill it out?

This is probably a browser settings issue.

It can often be solved by using a "private" or "incognito" window of your browser, or by going into the browser settings and disabling cookies. This will prevent the browser from caching the previous user's answers.

[How to turn off cookies in Chrome](#)

[How to turn off cookies in Safari](#)

[How to turn off cookies in Firefox](#)

[How to turn off cookies in Internet Explorer](#)

WHY & HOW TO STRIVE FOR STAR?

Worthy Brothers,

Sometimes a Council informs us that they won't apply awards because the Council cares more about service. That ideal is laudable but why not accomplish both?

The Star Council award is designed to strengthen Councils thereby allowing each Council to improve, grow, and refresh.

When the Star Award is earned by a Council, It shows the parish and the public that the Council is active and exemplary. The Star Council Award may also attract Prospects.

The requirements for Star help Councils in these ways:

1. Membership Growth = Father McGivney Award

- A. Why this is important? Increased membership helps our Councils to be vibrant. New members are essential for the future of a Council since new members will eventually assume leadership positions. More Brothers joining means more helping hands for service. God will call some of our members home, therefore, we need new Brothers to take their places and keep the Council strong.
- B. How to accomplish this? Check your Council's Membership Goal and use every program activity as a way to reach out and invite Prospects to join our Order. (see Membership Message #30)

2. Insurance Growth = Founders' Award

- A. Why this is important? Fr. McGivney established the Order in part to protect widows and orphans. We, Brother Knights, should continue that legacy and ensure that our families will not have to struggle if the Angel of Death takes us unexpectedly.
- B. How to accomplish this? All Brother Knights, especially Officers and Degree Team members, should positively promote our K of C insurance. Councils should host an Insurance Benefits Night annually. Our Brothers should be told that our insurance is top rated and that insuring our families is the responsible thing to do. Promote insurance at our meetings. Invite and warmly accept presentations by your Field Agent. Degree Team Captains should invite Field Agents to give a talk at Degrees. Remind members that, too often, we have been asked to pass the hat to help with a Brother's burial expense so each Brother should see an Agent to guarantee that families will be covered adequately.

3. Service = Columbian Award

- A. Why is this important? Nearly all Brothers join the Knights out of a desire to serve the Church and community. Councils should plan a wide variety of prayer and volunteer programs to engage our Brothers and families with activities that are interesting and important. This helps both Retention since Brothers are serving on projects they support and it helps Recruitment since Prospects will also be attracted to these prayer and service opportunities.
- B. How to accomplish this? Look through the new Faith In Action guidebook and use the [Faith in Action Overview](#) from Supreme's website. Each source details multiple activities in each of our four categories: Faith, Family, Community, and Life. Be sure to plan and implement the four required program activities.

WHY & HOW TO STRIVE FOR STAR? (continued)

4. Submit Form 365 = Service Program Personnel Report

A. Why is this important? By submitting this report, both Supreme and the State will have contact information for your Council Directors and Committeemen. These Brothers may be sent information, messages, and invitations to trainings that will help your Council.

B. How to accomplish this? You may print a copy of [Form 365](#) and send it to FraternalMission@KofC.org or, easier still, the FS can submit via the Membership Management Application under the Officers Online section of the Supreme website.

5. Submit Form 1728 = Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity

A. Why is this important? This document helps your Council and the Order to maintain its tax-exempt status. It reports to the Federal Government the charitable giving and volunteer service of our Order. Filing this report, the IRS Form 990, and CA Form 199 allows Councils to fundraise without paying taxes.

B. How to accomplish this? [Form 1728](#) can be printed or submitted via Member Management. Councils may print and use the [Survey of Fraternal Activity Individual Worksheet](#) to help compute the totals.

6. Remain current with Supreme assessments

A. Why is this important? This allows Supreme to continue its work of developing and offering programs and materials to support Councils.

B. How to accomplish this? The Treasurer should send In the Council assessments now (2nd half of Per Capita, along with any other charges). Be sure that all charges and assessments sent in June are also paid on time.

i. Special Note: **Members from Councils that are suspended are *NOT* eligible for the free, Accidental Death Benefit offered to Brothers.**

7. Safe Environment Compliant – (complete both K of C and Diocesan)

A. Why is this important? We need to ensure the safety of the children whom we see by being informed and responsible guardians. Councils that are fully compliant will be protected if a child abuse lawsuit is filed. Compliance protects the Council, its Officers, and the Order.

B. How to accomplish this? Be sure that the Grand Knight, Program Director, Family Director, and Community Director each take all three modules of the [K of C Safe Environment Program](#). The Family and Community Directors must also submit the background check information. This training is done online (see link above). Directors who cannot or will not complete the training should be replaced by a Brother who will.

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

Yours in Service,
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FREE MEMBERSHIP FOR SEMINARIANS! (continued)

FAQ

Are seminarians who are already members eligible to use this promo code for free membership?

If a Seminarian has joined online in the past year, they can use the promo code at their time of renewal to attest and receive that year's dues for free.

How does a seminarian renew his free membership each year?

Seminarians who join online with the promo code will be prompted to re-attest to remaining in seminary each year as part of an automated, online renewal process. His free membership will automatically renew for that following year as long as he attests to remaining in seminary.

Do priests use this promo code for free membership too?

No, this offer is only available to current seminarians. Ordained priests will continue to be given Honorary Life Membership, per current policy.

If a seminarian signs up with this promo code and leaves the seminary, will he be charged for membership?

If a seminarian has joined the Order for free with the promo code, but leaves the seminary, he will be charged membership dues during the next year's renewal process. This process is automated and online.

My councils have seminarians whose dues we cover. Can I stop paying those dues?

No, this online promo code does not affect any billing processes for councils.

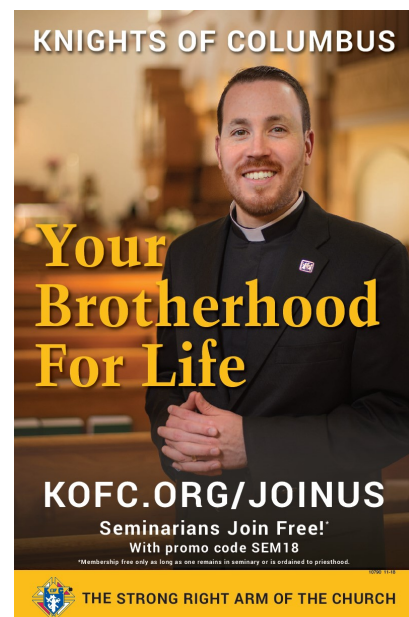
If a seminarian joins online for free with the promo code, and transfers to my council, do I charge him dues?

You do not need to charge dues to seminarians who transfer into your council after joining online with the promo code. During the next year's billing cycle, councils will have the option to make him exempt from membership dues.

Fraternally,



Mark McMullen
Senior Vice President
Membership and Fraternal Mission



PROGRAMS DIRECTOR MESSAGE

Worthy Brothers,

As of January 31 only 81 council have attained Safe Environment Compliance in the state, however many more councils are under the false impression that they are compliant. Safe Environment Compliance is required to be eligible for state awards during the convention and any Supreme award. I know your councils work very hard during the year to support parishes and communities throughout the state and the State Deputy wants to be able to recognize that work with a thank you from the State Council.

Here is a list of just a few of the issues that I am seeing prevent compliance.

1. The form 185 was not submitted.
2. The form 365 was never accepted by supreme because the 5 required positions were not filled. The form MUST appoint the Program, Membership, Family and Community Directors along with a Retention Committee Chairman.
3. The form 365 was submitted however the Program Family or Community director did not complete the training in the 30 day window allowed and they were removed for their position by Supreme
4. The Family or Community director did not complete the Knights of Columbus back ground check. This happens because the permission form was not submitted or the complete Social Security number was not on the form or the Driver's License number was not on the form. Or another piece of information was missing.

Every Council should confirm in member management that they have members assigned as Program, Membership, Family, and Community Directors, in addition to a member assigned as Retention Chairman. The Grand Knight or Program Director should log in to Armatus Administration using the login and password they created when they took the Safe Environment Courses. Here is the URL in case you forgot your login:

<https://armatus2.praesidiuminc.com/Armatus/security/login;jsessionid=BE19748F78384AF77F050F2930EAC7BA?abandonedSession=true>

If you don't remember your logins you can send me an email with your council number and I will look it up. My email is programs@californiaknights.org

Don't forget to complete the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity form 1728 and the 4 mandatory programs; Spiritual Reflection, Helping Hands, Novena for Life and Consecration to the Holy Family.

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

FATHER MCGIVNEY GUILD

Father McGivney Guild

Brother Knights,

At the end of January, I received an update from Fr. Gabriel O'Donnell, OP, Vice-Postulator for the cause of Sainthood for our beloved founder, Venerable Fr. McGivney.

Fr. O'Donnell reported that the Roman process of investigation into his life and holiness is nearing completion and the investigation into a reported miracle is progressing. He goes on to say that the Guild plays an important role in making Father McGivney better known and spreading the word about his powerful intercession.

Many of our members are hesitant to join the Guild. Many think you are automatically a member if you are a Knight. Not so! Many apparently have never heard of the Guild. We simply have to do a better job of getting across to our members that our prayers are important and that joining this no-cost Guild is critical in showing our support.

As of January 2, 2019, there are 12,481 Guild members in our jurisdiction. I'm sure that includes family members and friends of Knights. I checked with my local Field Agent, Michael Wilson (#1 Agent in the State – attaboy!) and he tells me we have 76,564 Knights in California.

Our committee of Brother Knight Skip Frates and I, can't possibly reach everyone, but with your help we can make it happen.

At the next meeting of your Council, Chapter, or Assembly, please ask to have a few minutes' time during "The Good of the Order." Then ask those who do not belong to the Guild to raise their hand. Tell them we owe this to Fr. McGivney and the Church because of what the Order means to us. Ask them to take out their cell phone, punch in www.kofc.org and locate the McGivney Guild. They can put in their name and address and sign up right then and there!

Try this at your next work party or fund-raiser and you'll reach a different audience. Little effort – great results – you can make the difference.

Fr. O'Donnell reminds us that the spiritual heritage of Fr. McGivney is his precious gift to the K of C.

Talk to your District Deputies and Field Agent. Sometimes they can reach people that don't attend meetings. Remember, you don't have to be a Knight to join the Guild. Family members, friends, prayer group members may wish to join. There are also the advertisements in the "Columbia" if they want to use "snail mail."

Please accept this challenge - and I'd like your feedback.

Deacon Jim Crowley
Fr. McGivney Guild Chair
jimnanet@sbcglobal.net

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

The California State Council has expanded the Mexican Priest Martyrs' Award to include three more who were martyred: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, a Chinese martyr, St. Lorenzo Ruiz, the First Filipino canonized saint and St. Andrew Dung-Lac, an early Vietnamese Priest who was canonized. Fr. Augustine Zhao Rong, Fr. Lorenzo Ruiz, Fr. Andrew Dung-Lac along with the six Mexican priest who were martyred for their faith during various times of persecution of Christians throughout the world. All of them died because they chose to continue to serve their people despite the threat of death. We want to honor their sacrifice by creating an award in their name that will be given out during the year to the chaplains in California who give of themselves not only to their parish and diocese but also to the Knights as a chaplain.

The Knights of Columbus are forever thankful for the dedicated priests who not only serve their parish or community but who also take the time to serve the Knights of Columbus as chaplains.

The Knights want to honor and thank those dedicated priests for their service throughout the Columbian Year. Each month beginning in August 2018 through March 2019 we will honor the Knights of Columbus Chaplains who have displayed extraordinary service to their Council and Parish. These priests will automatically be considered for the yearly Fr. Juan Perez Award and the Fr. Michael J. McGivney Priest of the Year Award given out at the California State Convention.

July 2018: St. Augustine Zhao Rong

August 2018: St. Luis Batis Mexican Martyr Award

September 2018: St. Lorenzo Ruiz Filipino Martyr Award

October 2018: St. Rodrigo Aguilar Mexican Martyr Award

November 2018: St. Andrew Dung-Lac Vietnamese Martyr Award

December 2018: St. Miguel de la Mora Mexican Martyr Award

January 2019: St. Pedro de Jesús Maldonado Mexican Martyr Award

February 2019: St. José María Robles Mexican Martyr Award

March 2019: St. Mateo Correa Mexican Martyr Award

Q & A

Who Can Nominate?

All councils, assemblies and chapters in California

Who is eligible to receive this award?

Chaplains for councils, assemblies and chapters.

How many awards will be given out each month?

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

What is the deadline to apply?

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

Where is the nomination form?

It is on the State Website under Forms.

Where do I send the completed form?

Mail or Email or mail to

John D. Bertrand

1168 Sierra Linda Dr

Escondido, CA 92025

Email: johnbertrand44@gmail.com

Cell: 858-395-4123

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRIEST MARTYRS' 2018-19 AWARD OF SERVICE FEBRUARY 2019

**St. Jose Maria Robles Hurtado Mexican Martyr Award
February Honoree for Chaplain Service Award**



Please submit your nominations by February 15, 2019. Take the time and honor your chaplain by nominating him for this award

Father Jose Maria Robles Hurtado was a member of Council 1979. Ordained in 1913, he founded the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Guadalajara when he was only 25. On June 25, 1927, he was arrested while preparing to celebrate Mass. Early the next morning, he was hanged from an oak tree, but not before he had forgiven his murderers and offered a prayer for his parish. He went so far as to place the rope around his own neck, so that none of his captors would hold the title of murderer.

John Bertrand

Chairman

FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES REMINDER

The definition of a “reflection” is broad but should be a day-long event at minimum and could possibly encompass an entire weekend. Councils can attend religious retreats and days of reflection organized by other groups. However, if they are attending a reflection and not planning it themselves, council attendance should be significant with at least 10 percent of the council or a minimum of 10 members participating.

Reflections and retreats can be held at the council level, but councils could also collaborate with other councils in the area to host a Spiritual Reflection. If planning a retreat for the council, consider holding it on church property and have volunteers pack lunch or provide their own meals to defer costs.

Be creative! Make a pilgrimage to a nearby basilica, monastery or convent. Celebrate Mass with the religious or your chaplain/pastor. It is strongly encouraged that councils incorporate Mass within their program, celebrating the liturgy with your chaplain/pastor. Also, incorporate opportunities for other sacramental and liturgical activities such as confession, Eucharistic adoration, a rosary or all of these.

John Giltner
Faith Activities Director

GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY PROMOTION



The Good Friday Family Promotion Program is an excellent way to strengthen the faith of your Council and your Parish by gaining a greater understanding of Our Savior's great love for us through His sacrifice on Good Friday. This year Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of Lent comes on March 6th. Good Friday takes place on April 19th. The purpose of this new Family Program is to increase the attendance at the Good Friday Liturgy by attending the services as a family. In addition, this Liturgy helps us to raise the visibility of the plight of Christians in the Middle East.

Grand Knights should meet with their pastors to gain support for this program by showing him the tools the Supreme Council has made available to promote family attendance on Good Friday. These include the following:



Good Friday posters #10638 (shown above) and #10573 which are free and can be displayed in the Church vestibule as well as in the Parish Hall and other meeting places

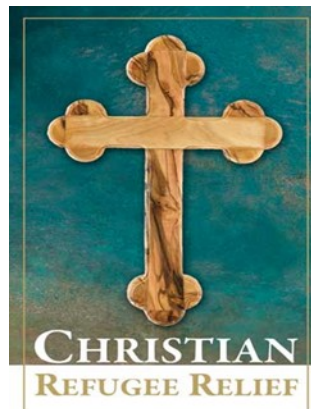
GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY PROMOTION (continued)

Additionally the pamphlet *Christ: Our Lord and Savior* is available. This 36 page work helps us to better understand Jesus through scripture and the sacraments, and how He can transform our lives.



#358 - \$1.00 a piece; larger discount available for orders over 100

Also available are Christian Refugee Relief Prayer Cards which contain a beautiful prayer on the back side of the card reminding us of our persecuted Christian brothers in the Middle East, and asking for peace among all peoples.



#10340 - \$3.00 for 100

Once approved by your pastor, draft pulpit announcements describing the significance of Good Friday in conjunction with the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil) and promote this program at your weekly Lenten Fish Fries. These materials can also enhance Station of the Cross liturgies during Lent.

Bill Uberti, PGK, FDD
Good Friday Family Promotion Chairman

SACRAMENTAL GIFTS

My Brother Knights,

Baptism gives new life, Eucharist nourishes life, and Reconciliation restores life when it is broken, Confirmation strengthens our Holy Spirit. It is about strengthening what God has given, and continues to give, to his sons and daughters.

Most young people are just beginning to pass into early adulthood when they receive the sacrament. But Confirmation is not about coming of age. Confirmation does not end our formal religious education. We never outgrow a need for a deeper knowledge and appreciation of our faith.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is not a rite of passage, nor a graduation from religion class. Rather, it's all about what God is doing for us his daughters and sons.

What is God doing? Strengthening the divine life which he gave at Baptism, nourishing us in the Eucharist, and reconciling with us in Penance. Why? So that the individual can better defend and witness to the faith through the gifts and workings of the Holy Spirit. And there are—and will be—many situations where we are called upon to defend and witness to our faith.

Sometimes there isn't an I, but a We. Which brings me to the Sacrament of Marriage.

Marriage is a partnership between a man and a woman ordered toward their mutual good and the procreation and education of children. As a partnership, it is a union of equals who come together to form a new family. Marriage is something no one can enter into lightly because there are people involved. And where there are people, there should be protection of rights so that no one gets hurt.

There was a time when a couple could go off by themselves, exchange vows, and this was considered a valid marriage. But being human, people, particularly men, began to abuse this situation. So the Church, in an attempt to protect both the dignity of persons and the good of the sacrament, took steps to make sure that the freedom of both individuals was protected and honored. Thus, there are requirements before getting married.

In addition, for baptized persons, Jesus raised the human institution of marriage to the dignity of a sacrament in which the love of a husband and wife truly make present the love of Jesus for the Church.

A couple go before their faith community (represented by a priest and at least two witnesses) and exchange their vows publicly because the significance of what they are doing is truly a public matter. This newly formed family is a part of both the civil and the religious community with responsibilities and privileges. The civil society recognizes the new social unit of a family; the Church recognizes both a new social unity within the parish and a new public witness to Jesus' love for his Church.

Work with your pastor to support ministries that prepare couples for marriage and also for those that are to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Reyes Galaviz DD 57 FDD, PFN, PCP
Sacramental Gifts State Chairman CY 2018-2019

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

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.

dreitz3997@gmail.com

SPECIAL OLYMPICS FEED THE ATHLETES

Worthy Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, District Deputies, Chapter Officers and Leadership,

The new Feed the Athletes initiative is off to a fast start. This initiative entails Knights providing funding and volunteer support for meals at Special Olympics sporting events across the state. Orange County Chapter has already had at least four Feed the Athlete events that have fed thousands of athletes and the Oakland Chapter as well as the Northern California Chapter have also had Feed the Athletes events. We are planning events in northern California in the spring and the Southern California summer games at California State University Long Beach will be in June and the summer games we serve meals to over 2000 at a three-day event.

Thank you, Brothers, for all the support you have shown this new initiative. We couldn't do it without you! Make sure you report your Special Olympics event participation using the State's service program monthly activity report form at, <https://www.californiaknights.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Monthly-Service-Program-Activity-Report.pdf>.

The funds raised through the Columbian Foundation for the Feed the Athletes initiative during this Columbian year will be presented to Special Olympics at the State Convention in May to underwrite meals at Special Olympics sporting events next year. If you haven't already done so, please consider a special fundraiser event to support the Feed the Athlete initiative. We have attached a donation form for your convenience. This can also be done through your Columbian Foundation Supporting People with Intellectual Disabilities drive (i.e. Tootsie roll drive). There is a check box on the ID distribution form specifically for the Feed the Athlete program.

Did you know that Special Olympics has Global Messengers that can come out and speak at your council and chapter meetings? Global Messengers are Special Olympics athletes who help spread the message and vision of the movement as well as the benefits they have gained by participating in Special Olympics. Global Messengers are available to attend and speak at special events to deliver their inspirational messages. To request a Global Messenger for your event in Southern California, please complete the online request form. Try to provide a minimum of two weeks prior to the event. Most Global Messengers will have a guest attending the event with them. In Southern California the request form is at: <https://www.sosc.org/globalmessengerrequest>. In Northern California please email your requests to Matte@sonc.org.

Brothers, as with any new program there is an evolving aspect to it. We expect this initiative to pick-up momentum every year. The Feed the Athletes initiative is a part of Supreme's featured program, Special Olympics. Please join in on celebrating the intrinsic worth and dignity of every single human being because without the support of you and our Brother Knights, Special Olympics participants would not be able to participate in the events they love as well as receive important other benefits such as health checkups, new friends, self-confidence and a sense of belonging.

God bless.

Fraternally,

Jim Larson
State Special Olympics Chairman; Jlarson800@yahoo.com

WHEELCHAIR MISSION

Worthy DDs

Please give this information to the GKs in your councils

Correctly reporting after doing a fund-raising event for the Wheelchair program. I have attached a blank copy of the Global Wheelchair mission report form, that is to be completed after the fund-raising event.

The first option (Wheelchair Sunday parish drive) is only used when the American Wheelchair Mission team comes to your parish and does a presentation which includes a video and a second collection. Any other activity which does not have the team coming to your parish is just a normal council fundraiser for wheelchairs.

I have also attached a correctly completed form, where a council did a fundraiser, other than an official wheelchair Sunday.

If the DDs want me to give progress reports, then I need these reports, every time a council does anything for wheelchairs, even if they just mail a \$300-dollar check to the American wheelchair mission. This is the only way of me having any chance of giving an accurate update.


So here is what I would like to see. A council does an event, wheelchair Sunday or not, the form #10071 is correctly filled out, then it is emailed to the state programs director, Brother Eric Watson, with copies to Danalynn, and to me Louis Salvatore at loukofc76@juno.com .

This is to be done monthly, as I will be putting monthly updates into the GSK. I hope this addresses any concerns.

You will notice that on this form there is a section where a council can request information on how they can conduct a wheelchair Sunday.

Fraternally
Louis Salvatore
State Wheelchair Chairman
loukofc76@juno.com
(707)301-0332

WHEELCHAIR MISSION (continued)

 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS <small>IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL</small>	GLOBAL WHEELCHAIR REPORT FORM <i>The Global Wheelchair Mission is a partnership between the American Wheelchair Mission and the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation</i>
Council Number _____ Location _____ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 80%; margin-left: 100px;"> City State </div>	
"Wheelchair Sunday" Parish Drive <i>A very effective and successful program to: 1) Raise funding for the delivery of life-changing wheelchairs, 2) increase awareness of the charitable works by the Knights of Columbus, and 3) inspire men to proudly join the Knights of Columbus.</i>	
<input type="radio"/> Our Council has conducted a "Wheelchair Sunday"	
The total amount of donations received during the weekend?	\$ _____
How many new members were inspired to join your Council as a result of the presentation?	_____
<input type="radio"/> If your council would like information on how to conduct a "Wheelchair Sunday" please review the "Wheelchair Sunday" video and Handbook by visiting the Knights of Columbus section at: www.cdnwheelchair.ca	
Other Fundraising Activities for the Canadian Wheelchair Mission <i>Briefly describe any other activities your Council did this year to raise funds for the Canadian Wheelchair Mission (e.g., Pancake Breakfasts, Car Wash, Dinner/Dance, etc.)</i>	
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Total amount of dollars raised during other fundraising activities: \$ _____	
Total amount of man-hours spent to raise funds this year: _____	
Total amount of donations to the Canadian Wheelchair Mission this year: \$ _____	
Date: _____	(Signed) _____ <div style="text-align: right;">(Grand Knight)</div>
Mail Original To: Supreme Council - Fraternal Mission.	(Signed) _____ <div style="text-align: right;">(Financial Secretary)</div>
Mail Copies To: State Deputy, District Deputy	
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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

WALK FOR LIFE SAN DIEGO

State Warden Rene Trevino and Carla his wife braved the early morning cold weather to WALK FOR LIFE on Saturday January 19, 2019. They were joined by State Membership Chairman Michael Brault, Fr. John Grace, OSA State Chaplain Emeritus and a few hundred knights and family members. There was also a recorded crowd of 4,000 attendees.



The Color Corps from throughout San Diego presented the colors, followed by the Pledge of allegiance and led the procession.

The focus this year was on pregnant women whose child was diagnosed with the Down Syndrome and their choice to have the baby or not. There were several emotional speakers who spoke of the joy of bringing the pregnancy to fulfillment. His Excellency, The Most Reverend John Dolan, Auxiliary Bishop of San Diego shared his personal experience about a family member who was diagnosed with the Down Syndrome.



The Most Reverend Robert McElroy, Bishop of the Diocese of San Diego also addressed the attendees stressing the importance of protecting life from the conception to grave. In addition to those who marched at the San Diego Walk for Life, that was held at Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street, there were numerous vendors providing important information on organizations that support the dignity of life. The state council would have liked to see more members participating, but we all have other commitments. Hopefully you can join us next year.

John Giltner
State Faith Activities
Chairman

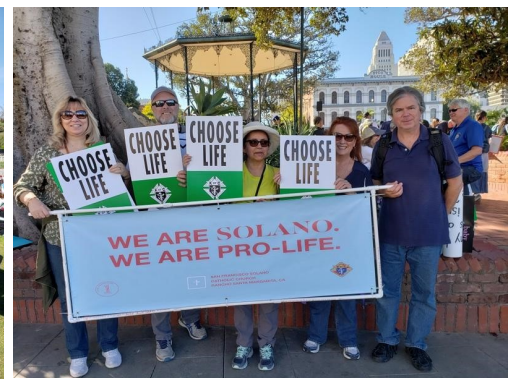


ONE LIFE LA

Also on Saturday January 19, 2019 ONE LIFE LA was conducted. State Deputy Joe Salaiz and his wife Anna were joined by State Treasurer Steve Bolton and wife Jane along with State Advocate Noel Panlilio and his wife Fannie for the walk. They joined His Excellency Most Rev. Archbishop Gomez, Archdiocese of Los Angeles and thousands of Brother Knights from throughout Southern California for a wonderful event.

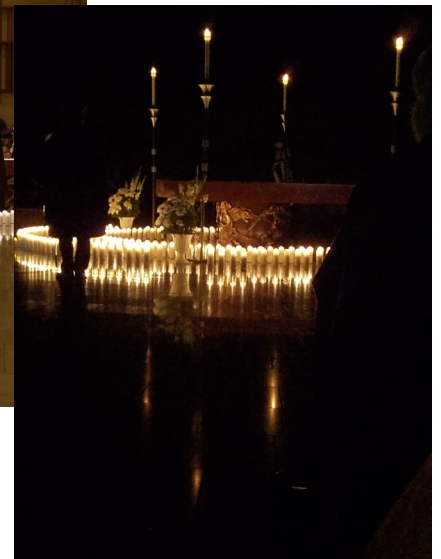


ONE LIFE LA (continued)



REQUIEUM MASS FOR THE UNBORN

After the ONE LIFE LA walk was completed the Requiem Mass for the Unborn was celebrated by His Excellency The Most Rev. Archbishop Gomez in the Cathedral Our Lady of Angeles. The Mass Procession was led by Color Corps members from throughout Southern California (some came from as far as Brawley and San Diego) and our State Officers. 180 candles were lit to emphasize the number of abortions performed in Southern California that day.



SAN FRANCISCO CLERGY NIGHT

State Deputy Joe Salaiz and his wife Anna, State Secretary Dave Abbott and State Advocate Noel Panlilio and his wife Fannie attended the San Francisco Clergy Night At the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, San Francisco with His Excellency The Most Rev. Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone & Former State Chaplain Fr. Art Albano.



WEST COAST WALK FOR LIFE

State Deputy Joe Salaiz and his wife Anna, State Secretary Dave Abbott and State Advocate Noel Panlilio and his wife Fannie attended the West Coast Walk for Life in San Francisco on Saturday January 26, 2019. They were joined by thousands of Brother Knights from throughout Northern and Central California for this blessed event. Our State Deputy Joe Salaiz proclaimed during the morning Mass celebrated by His Excellency The Most Rev. Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, Archbishop Diocese of San Francisco.



WEST COAST WALK FOR LIFE (continued)



KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Livermore Students Raise Funds for Science Camp

Sunday January 13, 2019 Livermore, CA

The Knights of Columbus joined forces with sixth grade students from St. Michael School, and their parents, to host a delicious breakfast for hundreds of parishioners and visitors. This hugely successful event raised much needed funds for the students to attend Science Camp this Spring.

Science Camp is a popular weeklong field trip that engages young people in a program to explore the natural world, to build community with others, and develop skills. Working in small groups, students share their discoveries and grow as ecological stewards.

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



Knight William Beiringer checks supplies as 6th Graders serve breakfast during Science Camp fundraiser at St Michael Large Hall

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Livermore Knights of Columbus Contribute to Special Education Programs

Wednesday January 15, 2019, Livermore, CA

The Livermore Knights of Columbus donated \$2,375 to the Livermore Joint Valley Unified School District for special education programs in support of students with intellectual disabilities. The funds were presented at a School Board Meeting on January 15.

Grand Knight Wesley Arnold explained how the Knights of Columbus have been ardent supporters of persons with intellectual disabilities for almost five decades. The Livermore Knights raised these funds from their annual Tootsie Roll Drive managed by Knight Jim Gagliardi. Generous donations were supplied by parishioners of St. Michael and St. Charles Borromeo parishes. Donations were also provided by customers of Walmart which graciously allowed Knights to collect at the Livermore store.

Special Education Coordinator, Frank Selvaggio, accepted the donation. He expressed appreciation for the much-needed funds. He also complimented the Livermore Knights on their long history of supporting special education.

This donation is a portion of over \$25,000 donated by the Livermore Knights of Columbus in the past few months to local charities and churches.

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Knights Wesley Arnold, Jim Gagliardi and Anthony Contarciego present a \$2,375 check to Special Education Coordinator, Frank Selvaggio

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Livermore Knights Advance a Large Fourth Degree Cadre

Saturday February 2, 2018 Rohnert Park, CA

Thirteen Livermore men attained the fourth and highest degree of the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, February 2, in Rohnert Park. The Livermore contingent comprised an impressive 13 out of the 70 total aspirants for the Exemplification Ceremony from Northern California. The Livermore group included three seminarians (Juan Carlos Ponce, Paul Park and Ron Pangan), a 21-year old (Luke Gregory), a father-son pair who advanced together (Jeffrey and Christopher Choate) and the Livermore council's 2018 Knight of the Year (Irving Garcia). In addition, Edwin Henriquez, Richard Howes, Alberto Loza, Walter MacInnes, Renato Maranon and Michael Valeant advanced to Sir Knight status. These candidates, along with almost 40 supportive friends, fellow Knights and family members were inspired by an emotional and inspiring ceremony extolling our country's rich history of faith-filled patriotism. The ceremony was followed by a mass of celebration offered by Bishop Robert Vasa of Santa Rosa. The day concluded with a fun-filled banquet for all and a celebratory party.

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Livermore Knights families, friends and fellow Knights join with Bishop Robert Vasa after the exemplification ceremony and mass.

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Well Done Sir Knights. Approximately 80 Color Corps members attended the Funeral of Officer Natalie Corona. Daughter of Merced Corona, a retired Sheriff's Sgt. from Colusa County, a Sir Knight with Santa Maria Assembly #1959 in Marysville, a Former District Deputy, and a Past Grand Knight of John Paul II Council #14112 in Arbuckle. Rest in Peace Officer Corona.



KNIGHTS IN ACTION

On December 20th, 2018, our 'Holy Family of the Mountains' Council #7950, in conjunction with the Mother Cabrini Mission Circle of St. Frances Cabrini parish of Crestline, Ca. delivered a huge quantity of food, blankets, sheets, shampoo, soap, deodorant, and other necessities to the migrant caravan located in La Morita, Tijuana, Mexico. The knights were assisted by Fr. Jesse Esqueda of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Hundreds of refugees are residing in the area in tents and sleeping on the floor in a local warehouse. Most recently the migrants were moved from the Tijuana border to an area close to the parish. For years now, council 7950 has been helping the local parish of St. Eugeenes in Tijuana where Fr. Jesse is the mission superior, through donations of food, supplies and funds for education. Now with the addition of hundreds of refugees, the needs have greatly expanded.



HEROISM IN PARADISE

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HEROISM IN PARADISE

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KNIGHTS SAVE LIVES AND LEAD RELIEF EFFORTS AFTER THE WORST WILDFIRE IN CALIFORNIA HISTORY



Jim Collins (center), grand knight of St. Thomas More Council 7773 in Paradise, stands with fellow members David Lemire (left) and Greg Kidder in front of the gutted rectory of St. Thomas More Church. Photo by Alisa Duenas

David Lemire was dropping off his 10- year-old daughter at school last November when he noticed smoke moving over the steeple of St. Thomas More Catholic Church. Minutes later, the smoke became darker. Then dense ash the size of potato chips started falling from the sky.

Lemire became worried and informed Greg Kidder, the facility manager at St. Thomas More, that he was leaving with his daughter and son to pack supplies.

Today, ash is all that remains of approximately 19,000 buildings, including the homes of 69

Knights, in Paradise, Calif. At least 86 people lost their lives and 90 percent of the town's residences were razed in the state's deadliest and most destructive wildfire. Dubbed the Camp Fire, because it began on Camp Creek Road in Butte County, the blaze burned for two weeks, scorching over 150,000 acres.

Heavy winds caused the inferno to spread rapidly Nov. 8, and within hours it engulfed Paradise. Many of the town's 27,000 residents, including members of St. Thomas More Council 7773, barely escaped, leaving their possessions behind. "Paradise has been compared to Hiroshima after the Bomb," said Grand Knight Jim Collins. "It's not much of an exaggeration."

Several members, including Lemire and Kidder, acted swiftly to save others, even as their own homes were about to be devoured by the flames. Joined by Collins and other local K of C leaders, they have since been instrumental in relief efforts. Meanwhile, Knights around the country also responded, sending supplies as well as donating more than \$200,000 to assist in the recovery.

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ESCAPE FROM PARADISE

When Lemire returned home with his children Nov. 8, he told his daughter to start filling the truck with clothes and other provisions while he checked on their elderly neighbor, Peggy, whom he had been helping for the past year.

"I told her, 'Look, we got to get out of here, I think there's a serious fire coming up the ridge,'" Lemire recalled.

Peggy refused to leave. But over the next halfhour, the situation became critical. Lemire heard the sound of exploding propane tanks and people screaming in the distance. The sky became pitch black.

"I ended up having to pull her from her bathroom to the front door, and she started crying," he said. "I kept saying, 'I love you. I can't leave you here!'"

Lemire helped Peggy to her car, raced back to collect her medicine and then evacuated the premises.

By now, the raging fire had reached his own doorstep, and there was no time left for Lemire to hook up his trailer. As he drove through the inferno, he told his children to keep their heads down and away from the windows.

"Fire was on both sides of the street," Lemire said. "I could hear the whistling of the propane tanks, the relief valves going off. I could hear explosions. It sounded like a war zone."

Lemire would know. A veteran of the Iraq War, he retired in 2007 after 25 years of service in the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force.

He and his children prayed during the 20-mile drive to Chico, a trip that usually took 40 minutes but lasted more than five hours.

Kidder, meanwhile, was busy coordinating the evacuation plan back at the church and school, together with St. Thomas More's pastor, Father Godwin Xavier. When



Rubble lines a residential lot after the Camp Fire, burning in the distance Nov. 9, consumed a neighborhood on Skyway Road in Paradise. AP Photo/Noah Berger

he had first seen the smoke a few miles away, Kidder was unconcerned, since previous fires had always been contained. Before long, however, an emergency order to evacuate was issued.

"It was a matter of hours," recalled Kidder, whose priority was the safety of the more than 220 students. A steady flow of parents soon began picking up their children.

"When we got most everyone off the property, we were down to 23 students, and we had to load them into cars," Kidder said.

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"The cars, driven by staff, headed to an assembly point in Chico. Kidder stayed behind to check every room in the church and school and to shut off the gas and electricity.

"It was one of those things where you just act," he said. "For me, it was executing the plan — processing what needs to be done and crossing things off my list."

STICKING TOGETHER

In Chico, Jim Collins made an effort to contact all of the Knights in his council, and he learned that 69 had lost their homes.

"In my own neighborhood, six homes out of about 60 were left," he said. "In other areas, where you had 100 homes, it was zero."

Kidder also made phone calls to confirm the welfare of parishioners.

The day after the fire, I just focused on our people. We made a gallant effort to gather them and keep them together," Kidder said. "What they had was gone."

Lemire went from shelter to shelter offering his services, volunteering up to 20 hours a day. He became a hub of information and helped place about a dozen families in homes.

The St. Thomas More community initially found refuge at the Newman Catholic Center in Chico, as well as support from St. John the Baptist Church and Chico Council 1137.

Later, the parish set up administrative offices at Our Divine Savior Catholic Church, also in Chico. There, Knights from Paradise collaborated with members of Henry F. Giroud- Robert Heimann Council 13765. Council 1137 also set up a centralized distribution center and hosted free dinners for displaced parishioners.

When Kidder arranged a campground in an empty lot next to the church, Lemire offered to put to use the engineering skills he learned in the military. He cleared the land and, together with local Knights, installed plumbing, septic tanks and electricity. The lot now houses five RVs, including one for a widow of a Knight who died several days after the wildfire started.

For many, the big question is whether they will rebuild in the Paradise or not.

"A lot of people have been walking around in a zombie-like state, just overwhelmed by having to rebuild and trying to figure out their next move," said Collins.

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Ronald Galla, a member of Council 7773, greets parishioners during a lunch Knights organized at Our Divine Savior Catholic Church in Chico.

To assist victims, Collins established a disaster relief initiative to distribute supplies and funds to those in need, with the motto "Arise and Rebuild." Following Sunday Masses, Collins and other Knights, including Kidder, have handed out pillows, blankets, backpacks filled with supplies and over \$10,000 in gift cards. The initiative has also raised \$140,000 to cover one year of rent payments for 10 families in the community.

"If we just chip away at it, person by person, and we use the money wisely, we should be able to plug the holes in the dike and help folks get back on their feet," said Collins.

MOVED BY CHARITY

Nearly two months after the Camp Fire left his neighborhood in ruins, Collins was allowed to evaluate the damage to his home.

"We have water now, but we can't drink it because it hasn't been purified," Collins said. "We're one of the lucky ones; at least we have something to go back to."

Kidder and Lemire both lost their homes. It took Kidder almost a month to find a semi-permanent residence, an apartment in Chico, for him and his wife. Lemire currently lives on the campsite he helped set up and continues to maintain while assisting other service projects in the area.

In the weeks following the fire, Lemire heard from Peggy's daughter, who thanked him for saving her mother's life.

"The Knights at all levels have jumped in there and participated in the outreach," said Kidder. "There's guys within the parish who are saying, 'I need to become a Knight, because they really take care of each other.'"

To help victims of the California wildfires, donate to kofc.org/disaster.

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CALIFORNIA STATE CONVENTION MAY 16-19, 2019

The business portion of the convention starts at 9:00 a.m. with the opening of the California State Council Meeting. Each subordinate council is authorized two delegates to the business meeting where resolutions will be voted on, as well as the 2019-2020 fraternal year's budget. Delegates will also elect officers for the coming Columbian year. It is important that delegates read the resolutions prior to the meeting that will be sent to the council Financial Secretary, so they can make an informed decision.

On Friday, for non-delegates there will be a tour to San Diego de Alcalá, the first of the twenty-one great California Missions, marks the birthplace of Christianity in the west coast of the United States. It is California's first Mission Church. This remarkable and significant historical shrine provides an understanding and appreciation of the beginning of Catholicism in this corner of the world, so remote from the Mother Country of Spain and yet so similar.

Today the Mission, which was founded in 1769, serves as an active parish church and cultural center for people of all faiths who are welcome to visit and relive the grandeur and excitement of more than two centuries of California history and tradition.

For thousands of years, the American Indians lived in this area that we now know as the great state of California. Most of the maps before the 18th century depicted California as an island. In 1542, Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo, an explorer commissioned by the monarch of Spain, arrived in San Diego Bay, and according to the Spanish tradition named it San Miguel, after the saint whose feast day was closest to the landing. In 1602 Sebastian Viscaíno, leading another Spanish expedition, entered the harbor and renamed it San Diego after Saint Didacus of Alcalá, who died in Alcalá de Henares, Spain, on November 12, 1463, and whose feast day was closest to the landing. San Diego, who was born in 1400 in San Nicolás del Puerto, Spain, was also the name of the flagship for this expedition.

Upon leaving the mission the tour will continue to Old Town San Diego with its many shops and restaurants. The earliest indications of people living in San Diego date back 9,000 years. They called themselves Kumeyaay. When the Spaniards arrived, they used the word Diegueño to identify the Indians associated with the Mission. In 1542 explorer Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo reported that the native Indians, "were good natured and an attractive people." With the arrival of the Spanish settlements in 1769, many Kumeyaay retreated to the hills.

A second tour will take you to Viejas Casino and Resort. Enjoy the excitement of the best in San Diego casino action with the addition of 1,000 amazing all new slots! They have sought out the latest games and designs. Nothing but the best will do for Viejas guests! Many of these new slots offer play with multiple reels and lines, as well as a variety of interactive progressives that increase your chances for more wins and more jackpots! Across from the casino is Viejas Outlets. It features dozens of America's most popular brand names in apparel, accessories, footwear, housewares, and so much more!

Please plan your tour early.
John Giltner
Convention PR Chairman



CALIFORNIA'S FIRST MISSION

The California Knights of Columbus 2019 convention to be held in San Diego will offer an opportunity to visit Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá. This is the first California mission founded by Saint Junipero Serra on July 16, 1769. Mission San Diego's simplicity and rough-hewn reflects the character and the spirit of the founding padres. Today the San Diego Mission is recognized as the "Mother of the Alta California Missions". It has a restored church with its campanario bells that calls worshipers and visitors to daily Mass and community events in an active functioning parish. Thank you, Albert G Giordano Ph.D., KHS for details taken from his book.

John Giltner
Convention PR Chairman



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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