

## California State Council Knights of Columbus



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# Golden State Knightletter

## COLUMBIAN CHARITIES “THANK YOU”

Dear Brothers,

The Charity has been overwhelmed with appreciation and support with your generous donations towards the Paradise Camp Fire. Following the destruction of the town of Paradise, there have been many individual, Council, Assembly and other State Jurisdictions offering support. The Charity has received as of the end of February, 83 checks in the amount of close to \$50,000 to replenish the funds to continue our mission of "Brother Helping Brother." Checks have been coming in from across the United States to help those Brothers in need. The State Council of Oregon is to be commended for their three generous checks totaling \$8500. I have communicated with Oregon State Deputy, Francis Mohr thanking him for the support of his State Jurisdiction. In appreciation, I sent thank you letters to each individual, Council, Assembly and State Jurisdictions that supported our Brothers in need. On behalf of the Directors of California Columbian Charities 365 Club we express our sincere appreciation and thank you for all you do for the Charity. God Bless you for your support of the 365 Club/ California Columbian Charities. You should be proud of the assistance that you have provided for your Brother Knights and their families. The Brothers in Paradise were surprised when they found out how the Charity was supporting them so quickly. Here are two letters from Grand Knight, Jim Collins of Paradise Council 7773 and the reactions of the Brothers.

Thank you, "Brother Helping Brother"

Brother Stephen Peterson, FM  
California Columbian Charities  
President



### Upcoming Events/Reminders

- **Ash Wednesday - 6 March**
- **Lenten Community Events**
- **State Secretary Planning Meeting— 9 March**
- **State Free Throw Championships Fresno, CA —16 March**
- **Founders Day Membership Drives**
- **State Award Packages due 1 April**
- **Holy Week begins 14 April**

## COUNCIL 7773 GRAND KNIGHT "THANK YOU"

**Knights of Columbus Council 7773**  
**767 Elliott Rd.**  
**Paradise, CA 95969**



January 7, 2019

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

Dear Brother Knights,

Our council's Knights were elated when they heard that their fellow Knights who lost their homes to the Camp Fire would each be receiving a \$3,000 check. Those whose homes survived the fire didn't expect anything for themselves, so they were in shock when Columbian Charities sent one hundred \$100 gift cards with the directions that the Brother Knights would each receive a \$100 card. After they received their cards, our Knights were happy to pass out the remaining cards to needy parishioners.

The gift cards raised the spirits of all who received them. The cards came during some of our darkest hours when our Knights and parishioners were scattered everywhere trying to deal with the news that nearly 90 percent of them had to face: the total destruction of their homes and most of the town of Paradise.

Our Council has met for the first time since the fire. All those who attended expressed their sincere thanks for the generosity of California Columbian Charities. We have a renewed sense of Brotherhood and a pride in our membership in the Knights of Columbus.

May the Good Lord bless all of you and your families in the New Year.

In His service and yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jim Collins'.

Jim Collins  
Grand Knight

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Dear Brother Knights,

Twenty-two of my fellow council members whose home were destroyed by the Camp Fire were somewhat shocked when they each received a \$3,000 check from Columbian Charities. Forty-seven other members were also in shock when they found out that their homes were destroyed and that they, too, would receive a \$3,000 check. Most of the checks were two-party checks, so I witnessed many of my Brothers brought to tears of hope and thanksgiving when I accompanied them to the bank to cash their checks.

I also heard how Columbia Charities had to reach into its reserve accounts to issue all of these checks and how Supreme came to the rescue by sending money to help Columbian Charities fund the checks. I recall, in the past, overhearing fellow Knights question where their dues money went and how it was spent at the State and Supreme levels. Now I have been busy spreading the word about the tremendous generosity and support from State and Supreme in our hour of greatest need. I will always encourage supporting Columbian Charities and the 365 Club. I will also spread the word about Supreme's generosity.

Today I accompanied Brother Knight, Dave, and his wife to the bank to deposit Dave's check. As we waited in line, we exchanged stories of the Camp Fire. Dave and Shirley lost their dream home and spectacular landscaping to the fire. They regretted losing everything but were going to invest in landscaping at their new home with the Columbian Charities check. Their spirits were buoyed with hope for spring flowers and better times. I also spoke with Brother Knight, Mike, today. He had no insurance and lost his trailer and everything in it to the Camp Fire. A generous benefactor is replacing his trailer with a fifth wheel free of charge and he can use his \$3,000 check to furnish it and buy some new clothes.

Thanks for helping all of the Brothers in our Paradise council. We all have hope for a brighter 2019 because of your generosity. Praying that 2019 will bring you and your families many blessings.

In His service and yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Jim Collins'.

Jim Collins, GK

## STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE



My dear brothers in Christ,

I hope all is good with you and your family. As we prepare for the season of Lent, I like to share with you our experience in Mexico City delivering wheelchairs to those in need. We had a delegation from our state council made up of all the state officers, our Supreme board of director Jim Scroggin, three district deputies, state committeeman and wives. We also were honored to have his Excellency Bishop Kevin Vann from the diocese of Orange, along with former state chaplains Father John Grace and Father Art Albano.

There was a total of 45 wheelchairs that were given out by our delegation. We started day one, giving out wheelchairs at a rehabilitation center in the city of Hidalgo Northeast of Mexico City. We had a chance to tour the facility and to meet the clients as they were going through their therapy. This facility is a state-of-the-art facility known as the CRIT Center or Teletón as the locals would call it. Many of them travelled hours to reach the facility. The average weekly salary for most the clients was about 300 pesos. This equals to a little over \$15 a week. We were definitely visiting the poorest of the poor. They had such a grateful spirit and were so thankful that we were there to give them a Wheelchair. We had a chance to hear personal stories of their lives and they gave us gifts of gratitude of what little they had.

Day two, we went to the surrounding city called Pachuca where we made three home visits. There we had a chance to see how they lived, once again sharing with us their personal stories. How they displayed this tremendous grateful spirit, one that exhibited a true faith. This was definitely an experience that each of us felt and were touched by the courage that was displayed.

Day three, brought us to the Basilica of our Lady of Guadalupe where we had a mass said by Bishop Vann. This mass was also co-celebrated with Father John Grace and Father Art Albano. Such a beautiful experience with our lady right in front of us. We also had the privilege to watch Bishop Vann renew the wedding vows of DD 101 Pona Magana and his wife Judy. Later we had a chance to go to the Metropolitan Cathedral to tour and to see all the wonderful art work displayed throughout the cathedral. Truly we were doing God's work when we were down delivering wheelchairs. Thank God for organizations like the American Wheelchair Mission and their work to provide wheelchairs throughout the world.

Here in our own state, and in our own country, we have a humanitarian tragedy happening right before our own eyes. I'm sure you cannot help to notice the growing homeless population in cities throughout our state, but more noticeable in San Francisco and Los Angeles where the homeless population has reached an epidemic crisis. Councils in the Los Angeles area have already started to address some of these issues, by attending meetings with county supervisors and city officials. They are working with their churches to provide meals for the homeless, looking to find ways to provide shelters and to get them off the street. The need is great my brothers, and the humanitarian tragedy cannot be overlooked. We must do everything we can to address this growing problem.

Also, opening in theaters throughout the country on Founder's Day weekend is the movie *Unplanned*. It's a movie of Abby Johnson, who was one of the youngest [Planned Parenthood](#) clinic directors in the United States. She had worked at a clinic in Texas for eight years and became a community outreach director and media spokeswoman for the organization. One day she was asked to assist in an ultrasound-guided abortion at thirteen weeks gestation. After what she witnesses, she resigned, and became part of pro-life movement. On Friday March 8th we plan to have a special viewing of the movie *unplanned* at the Ontario Gateway hotel conference center. The movie will start at 7:15 PM and all are invited. Contact brother Richard Marciniak at [marciniakrb@gmail.com](mailto:marciniakrb@gmail.com) for more information.

One other thing, I'd like to mention before I close my letter is to make sure the chapters remember that our statewide free-throw contest is on March 16th in Fresno. There has been some confusion on the date, so please make sure that all your councils know that this is the day. Contact brother Dan Reitz for more information for the state-wide free-throw contest, and don't forget about the upcoming statewide Founder's Day recruitment drives. Contact Michael Brault for more information on all the incentives.

Last but not least, I like to mention that Northern California Chapter led all other chapters in the state for membership in the month of February. Congratulations my brothers and hats off to you my brothers!

Wishing you all a most blessed Lenten season.

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*

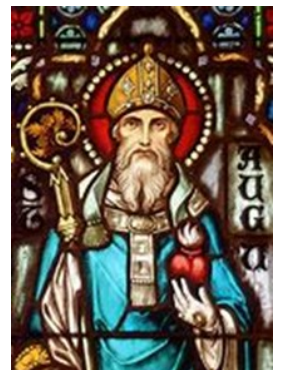
*Former State Chaplain 2004-5; 2006-7; 2007-8*

*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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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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## IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR BISHOP'S AND PRIEST'S

### ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER 2019 CLERGY NIGHT



On Saturday January 26, 2019 the Orange County Chapter Knights of Columbus hosted their annual Clergy Night. Chapter President Bill Schafer and all the members of the Chapter spent the night thanking our Clergy for their dedicated service. Most Reverend Kevin Vann, Bishop of Diocese of Orange, Most Reverend Timothy Freyer, Auxiliary Bishop Diocese of Orange along with many Clergy from throughout the Orange Diocese were in attendance. State Treasurer Steve Bolton with Lady Jane, State Warden Rene Trevino, with Lady Carla, State Operations Director FM Gene Hays, with Lady Danalynn and State Chaplain Emeritus Fr. John Grace, OSA represented the State Council at this wonderful event.



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### INSTALLATION MASS OF MOST REVEREND DANIEL GARCIA, BISHOP OF MONTEREY

On Tuesday, January 29th, 2019, Color Corps members from throughout Central California, led by Central Master Ken Rose participated in the installation Mass of Most Reverend Daniel Garcia, Bishop of Monterey. Assemblies represented included: 054 - Archbishop J. J. Cantwell, 069 - Padre Palou, 077 - Santa Rosalia, 3447 - Cristeros de Santa Cruz



From left to right:

CCC Thomas Coleman, SK Larry Escobar, FN Charles deBord, PFN Jim Perrine, CCC Reyes Galaviz, Unknown Sir Knight, District Marshal Larry Young, District Marshal Skip Frates

center:

Most Reverend Daniel E. Garcia, Bishop Diocese of Monterey

SK Rusty Gonzalez, Master Ken Rose, PFN Robert Goodfellow, PFN Jim Gagnon, SK Dan Beck Jr (partially hidden), SK Sherman Jones, PFN Chris Will, SK Chuck Jones, SK Mose Thomas, CCC Larry Gonzales.

## STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR MESSAGE

Worthy Brothers,

Explaining the many benefits of Membership can help your Council to recruit and retain members. It is especially important to review some of the benefits of Membership at your Information Session prior to the Admissions ceremony.

Reminding current Brothers of the benefits of membership can be a persuasive tool for your Retention Committee.

Make sure that your recruiters and your Retention Team keep a copy of this message to use as they perform their duties.

The benefits to maintaining membership in the K of C include:

- K of C Councils are helping to build the Faith and keep families connected to the Church through our Faith in Action programs. Just being a Knight supports our efforts.
- A Knight receives a subscription to the monthly Columbia magazine.
- His dues helps the Council and the Order to do works of charity, so he is helping in that work even though he may not be able to participate.
- He can visit and be welcomed at any K of C Council meeting or event worldwide
- He continues to be part of the "Strong Right Arm of the Church" as stated by our last three Popes.
- Brother Knights generally offer warm friendship to all Brother Knights - we are Brothers in Christ.
- He can ask for assistance if under financial stress from Columbian Charities.
- Knights and children of Knights can apply for K of C college scholarships.
- Each Brother in good standing has an automatic, free, accidental death benefit.
- A Brother has access to all K of C Insurance programs and policies.
- Brothers who pass away in good standing will be added to the perpetual prayer list. A Mass is said for these members daily at St. Mary's in New Haven, CT.
- When a family member of a Knight passes away, a Field Agent for the Knights of Columbus Insurance will assist the family with funeral arrangements - insured or not!
- Brother Knights can be called upon to offer assistance if needed, for instance, a Brother may offer a ride to an event or a meeting to a member in need.
- Councils that implement the **Shepherd and Apostles Program** will attempt to connect with all Brothers in person or by phone three to four times each year or will visit with a Brother to keep them informed about Council activities (see attached)
- Councils should assist a disabled Brother to file Form 1831 Disability Waiver. Once approved, there will be no Per Capita assessments to the Council and the Brother should not pay dues as long as his disability exists.

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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## “GROWING YOUR COUNCIL”

Worthy Brothers,

A vibrant Council should be constantly renewing and refreshing its membership. Growth in membership will provide more volunteers for our Faith in Action programs. The Brothers and their families who participate in our Faith in Action programs will become more firmly bonded to our Church and to each other as a family. Therefore, membership and participation in K of C events is truly a blessing to the Brother Knights and their families.

This is why Councils are given a Membership Recruitment Goal. Bringing in more members will help the Council to do more programs which in turn will strengthen your parish. This can become an upward spiral as more members leads to more programs which leads to more members....

So how is your Council doing? Ask your Grand Knight or Financial Secretary for both the Council's Membership Goal and the % achieved thus far. You have four months left in this Columbian Year. Try your utmost to attain your Council Goal thereby bringing more men and families into the Order and its Faith in Action activities.

How many more Brothers does your Council need to meet its Membership Quota? Divide that number by four (4 months remain in this Columbian Year). Plan Church Drives or have recruiters at all of your program activities. Find out what a man and his family needs and show him a program or activity that satisfies those needs. Find a way to get Prospects for Membership. Then, schedule Information Sessions and Admissions Degrees each month until you have reached or exceeded your goal.

There is an Order-wide Founders' Day Church Drive set for March 23-24, 2019 (or an alternate weekend as needed). Take a look below at a repeat of Membership Messages about Church Drives Drive. Be sure to schedule one or two Information Sessions and one or two Admissions Degrees for the week or two after the Drive.

Keep in mind that we each need to be working on replacing ourselves in the Order. Recruiting new Brothers means that there will be someone to carry on in your footsteps to continue the work that you may be doing now. Getting new members to participate in the planning and implementation of Faith in Action programs helps build our future leaders.

During March or April your Council should be setting up a Nomination Committee to create a slate of Officers for the upcoming Columbian year. This slate of Officers should be ready to present at your Council's May meeting. There should be thirteen Officers in each Council.

Some of this year's new members may step into leadership roles next year. Be sure to mentor and nurture your new Brothers so they can confidently say, "Yes!" when asked to serve as a Council Officer.

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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# CHURCH MEMBERSHIP DRIVE PLAN

## The Preparation Phase

- ☐ Obtain the pastor's permission to conduct a Membership Recruitment Drive at the church during a specific week-end.
- ☐ Advertise the event weekly in the parish bulletin building up to when it is to be held.
- ☐ Order recruitment materials from the Supreme Council Supply Department (allow four to five weeks for delivery).
- ☐ Inform the insurance representatives about the dates of the recruitment drive.
- ☐ Contact Brother Knights to sign up to cover a specific Church door or location for each Mass for each day of the drive.
- ☐ Your goal is to have two or more recruiters at each door for each Mass.

## The Execution Phase

- ☐ Arrange for a membership recruitment announcement to be made during each Mass by the priest endorsing the council.
- ☐ Setup a canopy and hang some posters mounted on cardboard or foam core (attach with garden wire).
- ☐ Hang a "Join Us" poster – a printed list current Council members (priests & deacons at the top) with blank lines below. Write names of Prospects who have signed a Form 100 on the lines.
- ☐ Setup informational tables at every door of the church. Have plenty of prayer cards, prospect cards, membership flyers, Online Membership cards, and pencils on hand to distribute to men and families as they exit the church. Print a flyer with times, dates, and locations for Information Sessions and Admissions Degrees. Include displays such as a photo board of Knights in action, K of C basketballs, soccer balls, and other visuals that will grab attention.
- ☐ Before and After Mass: Have Brother Knights near every exit of the church – not behind tables!
- ☐ Before Mass: Ask your recruiters to hand out prayer cards before Mass and say, "This is a gift from the Knights of Columbus. Come see us after Mass."
- ☐ After Mass: Have Brother Knights on hand to answer questions and to collect prospect referral cards or names and contact information as men leave the church with their families.
- ☐ Arrange for Your Admissions Committee to interview those men who sign a Form 100.

## The Follow-Up Phase

- ☐ Personal contact must be made with every prospect within 48 HOURS.
- ☐ Inform each prospect and his family of the date, time and location for both the Informational Seminar and the Admissions Ceremony. Invite them to both events (they can be one meeting – Info Session followed by Degree).
- ☐ Offer transportation if necessary.

## The Orientation Phase

- ☐ Distribute recruitment brochures about the Order for prospects and their families to read.
- ☐ Request that your council's Chaplain start the event with a prayer and some words about the Order and its mission.
- ☐ Consider showing one of the recruitment videos available from the Supreme Council Supply Department (available at [https://www.kofc.org/en/videos/download/membership\\_videos.html](https://www.kofc.org/en/videos/download/membership_videos.html))
- ☐ Make the requirements for membership known to those assembled.
- ☐ Offer each prospect a Membership Document (#100) to fill out before the event's conclusion.
- ☐ Have brother Knights on hand to assist prospects in completing these forms.
- ☐ Conduct an Admissions Committee review on the spot for those who sign the Form 100.
- ☐ Conclude the event with some light refreshments.
- ☐ Inform the candidates of the dates of upcoming Admissions Degrees.

## The Admissions Degree

- ☐ Schedule one or more Admissions Degrees no more than two weeks after your informational session.
- ☐ Contact the candidates to remind them of the Degree date.
- ☐ Ensure they have transportation to the location.
- ☐ Order degree certificates from the Supreme Council Supply Department as a fitting way to recognize your new brother Knights.
- ☐ Be sure to invite the new members to get involved in a Program or Activity, explain the Shining Armor Award program, and remind them to update their contact information whenever necessary.

## ORDER-WIDE FOUNDER'S DAY DRIVE

Worthy Brothers,

This year, your Council should be focused on implementing Faith in Action. To do so you need motivated Brothers. Your Council will help all Brothers to be rooted in Faith and become better men. Therefore, sharing the gift of membership in the Knights strengthens our Church, our families, and ourselves.

### **Order-Wide Founders' Day Membership Drive Saturday, March 23, and Sunday March 24, 2019**

There is still time to organize and conduct a successful Columbus Day Drive if you start NOW!

As always, if the dates of an Order-Wide Drive conflict with parochial needs, shift to another weekend sometime within a month of the official Drive.

Goal = 100% of California Councils schedule, report, and participate in the Columbus Day Membership Drive by the end of March.

Please use online link to report your Council's Membership Drive

[2018-19 Schedule of Membership Drives](#)

At the end of your drive, you should report the results of the drive using

[2018-19 Results of Council Membership Drives](#)

Both of these links (and others) can **always** be found at [www.CaliforniaKnights.org](http://www.CaliforniaKnights.org)

Click on the "Membership" tab near the top of the webpage, then select and click the "Membership Links" option and choose the link you need.

District Deputies will be contacting Grand Knights to ensure that their Councils have submitted plans for the Columbus Day Membership Drive (or your planned alternative).

Additional ideas for this Drive have already been sent out as "Membership Message #6, Planning Your Next Church Drive." If you missed it, open the three attachments to this message to review the full planning message.

Get ready! Get set! Grow!

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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## FOUNDER'S DAY DRIVE - PREPARE NOW

Worthy Brothers,

This year the Order wide Founders' Day Church Drive is scheduled for March 23 – 24, 2019. It is time to prepare for this Membership drive now.

Here's some reminders of what you need to do to prepare and execute a Church Drive:

- Get permission from your Pastor or church to hold a Membership Drive.
- Set the dates – March 23 & 24 is suggested but change as needed to accommodate parish needs.
- Let your District Deputy and Field Agent know about your Church Drive.
- Ask for bulletin announcements for the two weeks prior to the weekend.
- Arrange for bulletin and pulpit announcements for the weekend of the drive.
- Set and publish dates for Information Sessions and Admissions Degrees.
  - \* It would be best to plan for two Info Sessions and two Admissions Degrees. One set the week after the Drive and another set the following week.
  - \* Arrange for the Admissions Committee to be at each Information Session so the Prospects can be vetted.
  - \* Invite Brother Knights to attend the Information Sessions and vote on the Prospects that same night.
- Look for other Council's published Information Sessions and Admissions Degrees.
  - \* Create a flyer showing all nearby Information Sessions and Admissions Degrees.
  - \* Offer to bring Prospects to a nearby Information Session or Admissions Degree if they cannot attend the ones hosted by your Council.
- Order Recruitment materials NOW.
  - \* Order 100 or more of one, specific recruitment flyer so every Prospect gets the same message. (Order Spanish flyers as needed.)
    - 24 Hours Can Change Your Life #10099 or
    - Why You Should Become A Knight #10100 or your choice.
  - \* Order 500 – 1,000 Prayer Cards
    - Brothers should offer a Prayer Card to everyone as they enter the church on the days of your drive. Say, "A gift from the Knights of Columbus. Come talk to us after Mass."
  - \* Order Form 100's and any other recruitment materials that you will use at your Information Sessions.
  - \* Order Admissions Degree kits.
- Setup coverage for each door of the church for the weekend of the drive.
  - \* Ask each Brother Knight to help out **at least for the Mass he attends**.
  - \* For each Mass, assign Brothers to specific church entrances.
    - Brothers will stand near the entrances and offer Prayer Cards to all who enter saying, "A gift from the Knights. Come talk to us after Mass."
    - Brothers will leave the church immediately after the Final Blessing to take their assigned door.
      - ^ Offer the recruitment flyer to every family saying, "Would you like information about the Knights of Columbus?"
      - ^ As they take it, say, "You'll probably have some questions about the Knights, right? Could you give us your contact information so we can call you to answer your questions?"
      - ^ Offer you smartphone or a pad with your Council Landing Page (see MM #25) to collect his information or offer him a Prospect Card #921e.
      - ^ If a man shows strong interest, refer him to your recruitment table to complete a Form 100.
  - \* Assign a Brother to create a Council Prospect Database with the Contact Information for all Prospects. He can snap a photo of each Prospect card to enter later. The landing page will send the Contact information automatically but contact information should be extracted and added to your Council's Prospect database.
- Within 24-48 hours, call each Prospect.
  - \* Ask if he has any questions.
  - \* Ask about his family.
  - \* Tell about some of the Council activities he and his family may like.
  - \* Invite him and his family to one of the upcoming information sessions.
  - \* Offer to give him a ride to the Information Session or tell him that you will be there looking forward to meeting him in person.

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## 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.

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.

## WHY & HOW TO STRIVE FOR STAR? (CONTINUED)

### 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> half of Per Capita, along with any other charges). Be sure that all charges and assessments sent in June are also paid on time.

**\* 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,

Michael Brault  
California State Membership Director  
[Membership@CaliforniaKnights.org](mailto:Membership@CaliforniaKnights.org)  
619-548-3190

***Be not afraid, for nothing is impossible with God!  
Change a Life, Recruit a New Knight!***

## WORTHY SHEPHERDS CALLER SCRIPT

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

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

If at any time in the conversation Challenges are brought up, listen to what your Brother has to say. Try to offer a positive solution (see suggestions below) and then **ask**, "**Doesn't that sound OK?**" **Or**, "**Isn't that right?**" **Or**, "**Don't you agree?**"

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

**Solution** –

\* We are an Order that was founded on the principle of Charity. Ask the Council to forego collecting dues and only collect the minimal reactivation fee.

\* Offer to help fill out Form 1831 for relief of per capita and dues.

**Challenge** – I can't come to the meetings.

**Solution** –

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

## WORTHY SHEPHERDS CALLER SCRIPT (CONTINUED)

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

**Solution** –

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

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

**Solution** –

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

Benefits of reactivating membership in the Knights:

All Knights with an active membership have an automatic, accidental death benefit.

Knights will receive the Columbia magazine.

Knights and children of Knights may apply for State and Supreme K of C college scholarships.

Knights help each other and their families to stay strongly connected to the Catholic faith.

When there is a death in the family, a Brother Knight who is a Field Agent will assist your family with the funeral arrangements whether you are insured or not. You can't get that free help any other way.

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

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

Be sure to keep notes regarding the call.

1. Date.
2. Name of caller.
3. Details regarding the Brother's situation.
4. The Brother's main reason for not participating in Council activities.
5. If the challenge was not solved, was this contact referred to a Chapter Officer or State Retention Committeeman for follow up?

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



# 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
<b>Faith</b>	<b>Fe</b>
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
<b>Community</b>	<b>Comunidad</b>
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
<b>Family</b>	<b>Familia</b>
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
<b>Life</b>	<b>Vida</b>
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](http://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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month award 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](mailto:johnbertrand44@gmail.com)*

*Cell: 858-395-4123*

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRIEST MARTYRS' 2018-19 AWARD OF SERVICE MARCH 2019**

**St. Mateo Correa Magallanes Mexican Martyr Award  
March Honoree for Chaplain Service Award**



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

Father Mateo Correa Magallanes, who was a member of Council 2140, was arrested and taken to Durango. While in prison, he was ordered by the commanding officer on Feb. 5, 1927, to hear the confessions of his fellow prisoners. Then the commander demanded to know what they had told him. Of course, Father Correa Magallanes wouldn't violate the seal of confession, and so, the next day, he was taken to a local cemetery and executed by the soldiers.

John Bertrand

Chairman

## FAITH ACTIVITIES REMINDER

Brothers, we need to continue strengthen the domestic church (our families) in California by providing exceptional religious education materials to all Catholics. Building the Domestic Church Kiosks contain engaging, faith-based literature and are available for councils to distribute to members, parishioners, and the general public.

By organizing activities in your parishes, councils will educate and evangelize using the rich resources found in the Catholic Information Service (CIS) Building the Domestic Church series of booklets.

Since 1948, CIS has been the major evangelical arm of the Knights of Columbus. Through multiple booklet series and various media formats, CIS makes our Catholic faith accessible and continually provides tools for catechesis and faith formation. Councils can purchase a Building the Domestic Church Kiosk online and will receive the first set of 225 booklets of the most popular CIS resources, aimed at helping Catholics to live out the Church's vision for our families.

Working with your pastor, obtain his permission and recommendations on placing a Building the Domestic Church Kiosk (#BDC-K) in a prominent location in the vestibule of the Church.

Order the Building the Domestic Church Kiosk (#BDC-K) through Supplies Online, the supply ordering portal available on Officers Online. The Building the Domestic Church Kiosk (#BDC-K) is available to councils in the U.S. and Canada for \$150.00 USD (including shipping) and comes with 225 booklets and the kiosk.

Assign a council member to be responsible for receiving and setting up the kiosk. Replenish the booklets when supplies are low by order Building the Domestic Church Kiosk Refill (#BDC-R) through Supplies Online, the supply ordering portal available on Officers Online.

In collaboration with your parish faith formation leader, plan activities to promote the materials in the Building the Domestic Church Kiosk (#BDC-K). Have council members assist in the teaching events associated with the booklets and/or lead one or more of the faith-based group activities. Potential programs where the booklets can be used include: Adults studying to enter the Catholic faith, Continuing education, Men's groups, Family ministries, Parish retreats, Evenings of reflection, Youth ministry programs, Council membership formation, Active booklet distributions after Mass. Build public interest for the program! Promote the Building the Domestic Church Kiosk (#BDC-K) and activities associated with it in your parish bulletin. Prominently display promotional posters (which can be ordered through Supplies Online)

Bulletin announcements, Pulpit announcements, Posting on your council and parish website / social media pages,

John Giltner FDD, PGK, PCP  
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 6<sup>th</sup>. Good Friday takes place on April 19<sup>th</sup>. 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.

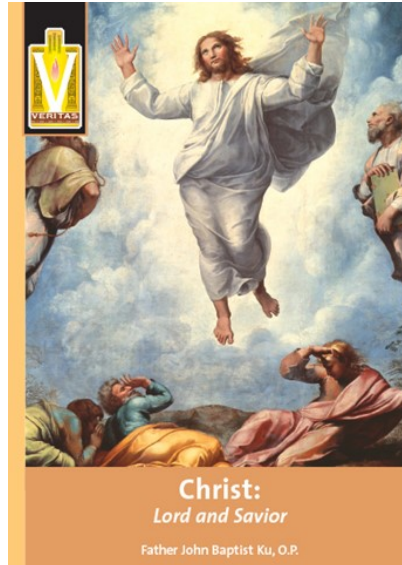
Grand Knights should meet with their pastors to gain support for this program by showing him the tools the Supreme Council has made available to promote family attendance on Good Friday. These include the following:



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

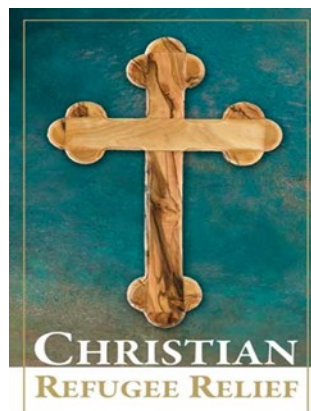
## GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY PROMOTION (continued)

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 16, 2019:** Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw/ 3 PT Championship will be held on "MARCH 16, 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

## ESSAY PROGRAM

Worthy Brothers in Christ,

By this time Chapters should have had their Judging of all 3 Essay programs accomplished. The deadline to have them to me was Feb 25th. I realize that some of the Chapters never received their Supreme Essay Kits until January 2019 and others had a problem downloading the KCIC & State Essay Forms from the State website.

In the Essay Update #5 of February 2019, I extended the deadlines to **March 15th, 2019**. If there are any Chapters or Councils still judging I would appreciate your getting the winners to me by the new deadline date or sooner.

Despite the glitches here and there I want to thank you all for your efforts in promoting and participating in this year's **State Essay** ("Catholic Stewardship") for 4th thru 7th graders, **Keep Christ In Christmas Essay** and the **Supreme Essay** (Catholic Citizenship) programs for 8th thru 12th grades.

I would like to thank the 10 Chapters who participated in the **Supreme Essay**, the 6 Chapters that submitted **Keep Christ In Christmas** Essays. and 4 Chapters that promoted the State Essay Program, **Catholic Stewardship**. Your efforts help to promote a great youth program, that in one way or another promotes the Family, Our Faith and religious values.

The 16 Essay winners will be announced on May 18th at State Convention in San Diego.

I will be sharing the winners Essays in folders for all to read at a table at the State Convention. We need to showcase the outstanding Youth programs. Please stop by and read and see all the outstanding writing of our youth which also includes the Poster programs

If there are any questions, please contact me.

God's Blessings on all.

**"YOUTH ARE OUR FUTURE"**

Bro. Claire Tryon  
Ca State Essay Chairman, 2018-2019, 2019-2020 Elect  
5773 Pepperridge Way  
Concord, CA 94521-5817

## 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

## KNIGHTS IN ACTION

### Students Win Livermore Essay Contest

Thursday February 7, 2019 Livermore, CA

Fifth- through eighth-grade students of St. Michael School won recognition for exceptional essays submitted to the annual Livermore Knights of Columbus Essay Contest. In this year's competition, each grade level wrote about a different topic, all of which prompted students to compose essays explaining how influences in their lives, such as home, school and church, inspire them to live upstanding lives and serve their community. The competition was stiff this year as students at each level wrote inspirational compositions with a very diverse set of topics. Cash prizes were awarded to the students who were judged to have written the best essay at each grade level during a special recognition ceremony at the February 7 school-wide assembly.

The first-place winners were (Kailey Gandolfo 5<sup>th</sup> grade), (Lela Gallo, 6<sup>th</sup> grade), (Josephine Gallo, 7<sup>th</sup> grade) and (Amira Sain, 8<sup>th</sup> grade). These students' winning essays are submitted for competition at the state and national levels.

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. This essay contest is one of the many youth activities they endorse and support.



**Knights Wesley Arnold and Mike Taranowski with essay contest winners Amira Sain, Kailey Gandolfo, Josephine Gallo and Lela Gallo.**

## MEXICO WHEELCHAIR DISTRIBUTION



**Editors Note:** Following article from the Knights of Columbus website. Photos courtesy of American Wheelchair Mission and Randy Hale.

In Mexico City there is a grandmother who is battling cancer while acting as the sole caretaker for her two teenage grandchildren – one of whom (the granddaughter) has difficulty walking. They live in an area where the average weekly wage is \$15 (300 pesos).

This past February, Knights representing the California State Council visited this family and gave the girl the gift of mobility – a brand new wheelchair. That gift, one of many made during the trip that lasted from Feb. 13 to 17, was part of the Knights of Columbus' Order-wide partnership with the Global Wheelchair Mission.

Since 2009, the Knights of Columbus has partnered with the Global Wheelchair Mission, founded by Chris Lewis – a Knight of Columbus and son of comedic legend Jerry Lewis. Its goal is to provide aid to those who lack the freedom of mobility in our communities and around the world.

In Mexico, the Knights had the opportunity to visit and distribute wheelchairs with Lewis at the Children's Rehabilitation Institute Teletón (CRIT) center in Hidalgo, a facility that provides care for children and adolescents with physical disabilities through a rehabilitation model centered on the family.

These CRIT Centers are just totally state of the art," said California State Deputy Joseph Salaiz. "They rival to our children's hospitals here in this country."

Salaiz also described distributing a wheelchair in another, more remote location.

"At one of the other places that we gave a chair, we were up at 9,000 elevation. It was a very remote area on a hill," said Salaiz. "They just were so happy that we were there, that we thought about them, to present them a chair."

Participants in the trip included Knights, their wives, two former California state chaplains and Bishop Kevin Vann of the Diocese of Orange. Bishop Vann, a friend of Salaiz's, was so enthusiastic about joining the Knights on this wheelchair distribution that he canceled other plans so he could participate.

"It was really a blessing that he was with us," said Salaiz. "Everywhere we went in Mexico, people were coming up to him asking for blessings. It was just tremendous to have him with us."

Bishop Vann also offered a very special blessing for Knight José "Pona" Magana and his wife, Judy, who were on the trip. The trip happened to coincide with the anniversary of the day they got engaged.

When Bishop Vann heard the Maganas' story, he suggested they reaffirm their wedding vows. So they did.

"I don't know how many times we were told, 'We can't thank the Knights of Columbus enough for what you're doing'," said Salaiz. "It was just a tremendous trip altogether."



## MEXICO WHEELCHAIR DISTRIBUTION (continued)



DAY ONE - Distribution of over 35 wheel-chairs to the needy.



## MEXICO WHEELCHAIR DISTRIBUTION



DAY ONE (continued) - Distribution of over 35 wheelchairs to the needy.



DAY TWO - Distribution of wheelchairs to 3 needy youths at their respective residences.

## MEXICO WHEELCHAIR DISTRIBUTION



DAY THREE - Visit and Mass at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Basilica

## CALIFORNIA STATE CONVENTION MAY 16-19, 2019

Thursday evening May 16, 2019 State Deputy Joseph Salaiz and Anna his wife invite you to a **FREE** Fiesta Celebration. However, you must pre-register to ensure the proper amount of refreshments are available. Not sure what to expect? But it is a Fiesta so, everyone goes home happy.

The principal celebrant for the opening convention Mass at 8:00 am Friday May 17, 2019 will be The Most Reverend Robert W. McElroy, Bishop of the Diocese of San Diego. What better way to start your day and get your mind set on the business at hand?

The business meeting starts at the conclusion of the Mass. Each Council should have elected two delegates by now. Providing council delegates with a small stipend, will help defray their expenses. If you do not send delegates to vote, you can not complain about the results. Also, you should be preparing your check for the 365 Club, Parade of Grand Knights, Bothers helping Brothers. The Paradise fire affected many knights and their families, so please be generous.

You think your Assembly Color Corps is the best. Come to watch the State 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Color Corps Competition on Friday May 17, 2019 at 5:00pm. You will see who the best really is and pick up some tips on how your assembly can improve. Please come and see which assembly wins the trophy.

Following the Color Corps Competition, there will be a **FREE** Tailgate Party. This is another chance to spend time with member and their families from throughout California and exchange ideas and renew friendships. This is a sports themed event, so wear your favorite sports attire. Prizes will be awarded for the best attire.

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



## CALIFORNIA STATE CONVENTION MAY 16-19, 2019

### Mission San Diego de Alcala & Old Town San Diego Thursday, May 16, 2019 2 Tours in 1

#### **Mission San Diego de Alcala**

The first part of your tour will begin at the historic mission founded by Father Junipero Serra in 1769, there ended up being a total of 21 missions along the California coast. You will have a docent led tour of about 90 minutes. At the conclusion of the tour you will be able to spend time in the meditation garden, also a visit to the gift shop.

#### **Old Town San Diego**

Upon leaving the mission, you will begin traveling on to Old Town. This space is filled with food, folklore and fun Life for the Mexican Americans during 1821-1872, beautiful Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. Many stores from that early age that you can see come to life. You will be on your own to take in the sights here.

**\$35.00 per person**

**Bus departs from the Town & Country Resort at 10:30 a.m. and returns at 3:30 p.m. Limited seating make reservations early. Deadline April 15, 2019.**



## CALIFORNIA STATE CONVENTION MAY 16-19, 2019

### Viejas Casino & Resort Including the Viejas Outlets Friday, May 17, 2019

Perhaps you will find your fortune at Viejas and then spend it at the Viejas Outlets Mall?

**\$15.00 per person**

Do you like Slot Machines, Texas Hold'em, Black Jack, Roulette, Keno or Bingo and shopping? If so, then this tour is for you. Do not miss your opportunity to try your luck and join us on a trip to the beautiful Viejas Casino and Resort. You can spend your day enjoying gaming and dining at the resort, and if you choose, spend additional time relaxing and relishing the scenery, soothing cascades and artisan-crafted sculptures, when strolling through the Viejas Outlets, reveling in the premier San Diego Shopping Experience.

A light snack will be provided on bus to casino, guest must be 21 to participate in this tour. Guest will be required to obtain and utilize their Viejas Casino V Club Card at least once during their stay at the Casino.

**Bus departs from the Town & Country Resort at 9:30 a.m. and returns at 4:30 p.m. Limited seating make reservations early. Deadline April 15, 2019**



## 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 Friday 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.

