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THANK YOU MESSAGE!



This picture says it all! “Together we are the Best!” For the past three years I have been honored to have been the Editor of the Golden State Knightletter. As my duties continue to increase with my new position as State Advocate Elect, I realized that I will not be able to dedicate the amount of time to publishing a deserving GSK. Thank you to State Deputies Sonny Santa Ines, Romy Quevedo and Joe Salaiz for their patience and support these past three years. Your leadership and support of the GSK is a tremendous credit to you as Men of Prayer and as Men of Action. There are so many events and articles that were posted in the GSK that meant a lot to me and to you my fellow Brother Knights. Special “Thank You” goes out to everyone who submitted articles to the GSK. Special Shout Out goes to Grand Knight Zaki Mustafa Council 13403 (whose picture is above) and to the Livermore Council for their dedication to always, always wanting to showcase their respective Councils. Of all of the events that made a lasting impression on me was the strong reaction to the Paradise Fire and the passing of State Membership Director Matt McDonagh. Thank you and God Bless you and your families!

Vivat Jesus,

Rene Trevino, GSK Editor 2016-2019

Upcoming Events/Reminders

- Delta Drives all month of June
- Father's Day June 16
- DD Orientation June 20-21
- Last day to submit New Members June 28
- Star Council SP-7 due June 30
- State Officers Installation July 13 - Chico, CA

STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE



My Dear brothers in Christ:

It's hard to believe that a year has just passed. At our state convention, I talked about finishing the year strong and the importance of carrying the momentum into the next Columbian year. I cannot stress this enough, the importance of why we need to grow. Look around at what you see happening today, this constant attack on those of religious faith.

As our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has said many times, we are more relevant today than we have ever been before. As Knights of Columbus, we need to be those men of faith. Our country needs the

Knights of Columbus to be those men, standing up for religious liberty and for those who cannot stand up for themselves.

Our Bishop's turn to us, because they know they can count on us to give them support. Our faith in action program speaks of one who puts his faith into action. We must be constantly forming ourselves in the faith, and living as a shining example of a Christian life, one that so proudly represents, he who calls himself a Knight of Columbus.

My brothers, what is the definition of a Knight? It is man devoted to the service of a lady as her attendant or champion. Our lady is Mary the mother of Jesus. As sons of Mary we have to do our Lord's work in His vineyard. Quite often I ask this question, what could we accomplish if our numbers were greater? Who could we help? How could we change things around us? Mother Theresa would say, "Faith in action is love. And love in action is service." When we ask others to be a part of what we're doing, in reality we asking them to be a part of something bigger than ourselves. Something that is spreading the love of Christ to others.

To quote our Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori, in the 2019 June edition of the Columbia magazine, where he says; what about growth in the Knights of Columbus? Here, too, half measures will not do. For example, a business as usual membership drive may not bring the desired results. But when the council prayerfully commits itself to implementing the Faith in Action Model, it can truly make an impact. When Knights are seen as growing in their relationship with Christ in their daily life of prayer, banding together to serve actively the needs of the wider community, living the vocation of marriage and family joyfully and generously, and protecting vulnerable human life - lovingly. Then we will see others that will want to join our ranks. People are hungry. They are searching. They are looking for the real deal.

My brothers, let us be the real deal. California has a tremendous amount of potential for growth. That is the challenge to each of us my brothers, that is the reason I recruit for new members, and I hope that it is yours.

It is been a fantastic year and it has been my honor, serving each one of you, as your State Deputy.

Finally, I ask you to please pray for our IPSD Romeo Quevedo who is presently having a surgical procedure to determine the cause of internal bleeding. Also, please pray for the loss of our Brother PSD Richard "Dick" Cutting and for the Northern District Marshal Cleo Ordonez who is undergoing his final Cancer procedure.

God bless you.

Vivat Jesus!

Joe Salaiz

State Deputy

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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

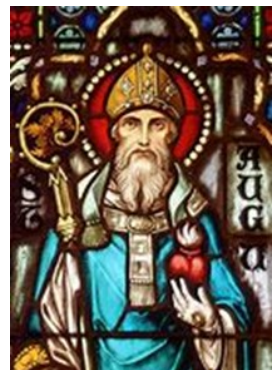
Former State Chaplain 2004-5; 2006-7; 2007-8

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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SPIRITUAL MESSAGE

THE CONFIDER

History of the Feast of the Sacred Heart

By: by Deputy Grand Knight **Mark Reinhardt**

[Adaptation from the Catholic Encyclopedia as reproduced by aquinasandmore.com, May 30, 2019]

Devotion to the Sacred Heart is a form of devotion to the person Jesus, and especially to His Love.

The Catholic Encyclopedia details a history of this devotion. It observed that from the time of Saint John and Saint Paul there has always been in the Church something like devotion to the love of God, Who so loved the world as to give it His only-begotten Son, and to the love of Jesus, Who has so loved us as to deliver Himself up for us. But, accurately speaking, this is not the devotion to the Sacred Heart, as it pays no homage to the Heart of Jesus as the symbol of His love for us. From the earliest centuries, Christ's open side and the mystery of blood and water were meditated upon, and the Church was beheld issuing from the side of Jesus, as Eve came forth from the side of Adam. But there is nothing to indicate that, during the first ten centuries, any worship was rendered the wounded Heart.

It is in the eleventh and twelfth centuries that we find the first unmistakable indications of devotion to the Sacred Heart. Through the wound in the side the wounded Heart was gradually reached and the wound in the Heart symbolized the wound of Divine Love. In the Benedictine and Cistercian monasteries devotion arose, although it is impossible to say what where the first texts. Saint Gertrude (d. 1302) had a vision on the feast of John the Evangelist. She was resting her head near the wound in the Savior's side and hearing the beating of the Divine Heart. She asked Saint John if on the night of the Last Supper, he had felt these delightful pulsations, why he had never spoken of the fact. Saint John replied that this revelation had been reserved for subsequent ages when the world, having grown cold, would have need of it to rekindle its love.

The devotion was greatly increased by the visions of Sister Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690), a French Visitandine nun at the convent of Paray-le-Monial. She had a vision of Christ's Heart on the feast of Saint John that was similar to that of Saint Gertrude. Jesus permitted her to rest her head upon His Heart, and then disclosed to her the wonders of His love, telling her that He desired to make this known to mankind and to diffuse the treasures

of His goodness, and that He had chosen her for this work, (probably 1673, Dec. 27). In June or July of 1674, Sister Margaret Mary said, Jesus asked to be honored under the figure of His Heart of Flesh and asked for a devotion of expiatory love — frequent Communion, Communion on the first Friday of each month and the observance of Holy Hours.



In another vision, on the feast of Corpus Christi 1675, Sister Margaret Mary reported that Jesus told her, "Behold the Heart that has so loved men...instead of gratitude I receive from the greater part (of mankind) only ingratitude..." Jesus then asked for a feast of reparation on the Friday after the octave of Corpus Christi, bidding her to consult Father de la Colombière, then superior of the small Jesuit house at Paray. He recognized the action of the Spirit of God and consecrated himself to the Sacred Heart and directed Sister Margaret Mary to write down her account and to circulate it throughout France and England. Sister Margaret Mary Alacoque was canonized in the 20th century.

Christ's Sacred Heart of love is expressed most profoundly in the Blessed Sacrament. The Eucharist, God's giving of Himself, is celebrated joyously the Feast of Corpus Christi, which typically falls within the month of June. How appropriate this is! Devotion to the Eucharist and to the Sacred Heart are as inseparable as devotion is to the mystery of Christ's human and divine love. In the Sacred Host dwells the God-man, Jesus; in His Person pulses His Heart through which we are loved with the perfection of His humanity, the fullness of His Godhead, one Person who not only loves but is Love.

St. Peter Julian Eymard instructs us, "Let us learn to honor the Sacred Heart in the Eucharist. Let us never separate them."

Use the month of June to get acquainted or re-acquainted with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. You'll be glad you did!

REMEMBER WYATT



EQUIPPED FOR SERVICE

Basic training for Wyatt Goldsmith started long before he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 2004. Born in Redmond, Wash., Goldsmith excelled at skiing in high school and later joined the National Ski Patrol, learning the ins and outs (and ups and downs) of mountain rescue and first aid. The most important lesson he learned on the slopes, according to his parents, John and Lorie Goldsmith, was service to those in need.

Army Sgt. 1st Class Wyatt A. Goldsmith

*Sept. 21, 1982 –
July 15, 2011*

*Colville (Wash.)
Council 12273*

“When he got home at the end of the day after a patrol, we’d ask him how his day went,” his father recalled. “When he got to treat someone who was injured that day, he got a light in his eyes. He always had the personality of a rescuer and a caregiver.”

Donning the Green Beret, Goldsmith served three tours as a Special Forces medic — once in Iraq and twice in Afghanistan. During a battle on his first Afghanistan tour, he rescued some wounded Afghan soldiers after being hit by enemy gunfire himself. He later received the Bronze Star Medal with Valor for his actions.

Goldsmith recovered from his wounds and deployed to Afghanistan a second time. After enemy forces engaged his unit in Helmand Province on July 15, 2011, the 28-year-old

John and Lorie Goldsmith stand with a photo of their son, Wyatt A. Goldsmith, a Green Beret medic who was killed in Afghanistan in 2011.

medic once again attended to an injured Afghan soldier. This time, he was mortally wounded by a rocket-propelled grenade.

“Wyatt always said, ‘God loves medics,’” Lorie Goldsmith recalled. “I don’t think he had the same fear level that some people may have, at least at that moment when he died, because he was busy treating someone.”

Wyatt had joined Colville (Wash.) Council 12273 in 2002, in the footsteps of his father, and he made sure to take the Knights’ most important weapon with him into battle; while still in training, he wrote his parents to ask them to send him a rosary.

“He figured that as a Knight it was important that he have a rosary on him at all times,” said John Goldsmith, who now serves as grand knight of St. George Council 12560 in Post Falls, Idaho. “That rosary was on him when he was killed several years later.”

The Goldsmiths want the world to remember their son as a good soldier and a good Catholic who was serving others up to the moment he died.

“The best men in the military are men of faith,” Lorie said. “You have to be, to do the things they do and lead the people they lead. And Wyatt had that.”

John added, “With our faith in the teachings of the Church, I’m confident that I’m going to see him again.”

REMEMBER WYATT...the rest of the story...

I am Past Grand Knight and FFS of Colville WA council 12273. John Goldsmith (PGK) was Sir Knight Wyatt Goldsmith's father and the Brother who brought me into the Knights of Columbus. The loss of Wyatt was catastrophic in the small community of 4000 in northeastern Washington state, but his death brought about many incredible actions and reactions among all in that community.

Wyatt was a 1st Degree Knight, primarily because he was out of country and when home, the trip of over 100 miles to a Formation Degree and Knighthood Degree was never convenient or easy. Our council requested, through the State Deputy and Vice Supreme Master, that Wyatt be given the rank of Sir Knight, his patriotic sacrifice being evident and Supreme Knight Carl Anderson approved that request. VSM Wayne Hogan drove 400 miles to conduct a private ceremony with the family and presented a Chalice on the morning of the funeral. That chalice was eventually given to the Chaplain of USS Nimitz and holds the Blood of our Lord and Savior at mass for members of the military ongoing.

Wyatt was flown to a small airport 45 miles away from home and was accompanied by more than 100 escort vehicles, past hundreds of American flags to Colville for his final resting place. Wyatt's Special Forces Squad members and our Council Members stood coffin watch, escorted the family, oversaw a funeral which was attended by over 1000 people and lines of cars too long to get into the cemetery. We all stood in pouring rain which hid the tears and soaked the members of his band of brothers at the gravesite during their vigil. Wyatt was buried with full honors and the squad, the council and the community mourned. However, each and all took actions to continue to honor his memory.

Members of Wyatt's squad returned to the combat zone where Wyatt was killed. They searched and found every bead from his rosary and returned it to the family. The squad and their family regularly visited John and Lorie to provide comfort and continue to do so today.

Supreme Knight Anderson told Wyatt's story of honor and sacrifice at the Supreme Convention in Denver in August and the VSM hand delivered a letter from SK to the Family, again driving 400 miles to give comfort to family and council.

The council recognized their failure to provide a Formation Degree team, joined with another council to create a team and it was certified by the State Ceremonials Director who drove 400 miles to perform that function. The team was named after Wyatt. Our first performance was to a brother at death's door who passed away the next day before the Knighthood degree team could drive 150 miles to provide a ceremony.

In the years that followed, Wyatt was accorded the honors of having the Invocation room at the Medical Treatment Center in Seattle named after him, as was a Ski Run where Wyatt served as a Medical aide for several years. Ten families of Wyatt's Special Forces group have sought and received approval to name their sons after Wyatt.

Finally, John and Lorie have become incredibly involved in the Gold Star Family program, serving as counselors and providing comfort to many Special Forces families who have lost sons and husbands, traveling literally around the world to do so. They have moved and John is the WGK of his successful council in Idaho. The loss of Wyatt served as a gain to many people and organizations.

This story should serve as a reminder to us as Knights and Brothers that we all have the responsibility to our brothers in need. If we are asked or are needed to call or call upon our brothers and families, we should do so immediately and with their best interests at heart. Let us all recognize that special bond among our military and our fraternal brothers and step outside our routines and comfort zones to do for them what we hope they would do for us.

Remember Wyatt

Vivat Jesus!

Ed Broadhurst
Chairman, Leader Training

LIVERMORE PRIEST IS RECOGNIZED

Livermore Priest Earns Prestigious Award

Sunday May 19, 2019 Livermore, CA

The California Knights of Columbus presented the prestigious Mexican Martyr Award to Father Carl Arcosa, pastor of Livermore's St. Michael Catholic Church. Out of 75,000 Knights in the state of California, Father Arcosa received this award for exceptional service as Chaplain for the Livermore Knights of Columbus and for his outstanding pastoral work. This award was presented in front of his congregation on May 19th, 2019 after the large Filipino community at St Michael Church celebrated the inaugural Filipino mass at their parish. The Filipino mass will occur regularly on the third Sunday of the month. Additionally, the presentation coincided with the 12th anniversary of Father Arcosa's ordination, making it a truly special day for the pastor.

The Mexican Martyr award presented to Father Arcosa honors the memory of Saint Father Mateo Correa Magallanes, a Mexican Priest and Knight, who was killed by Mexican government forces on February 6, 1927 for refusing to reveal the confessions of his parishioners. Thousands of others were tortured or killed during this period of the Cristero War. Father Magallanes, along with 24 other Mexican martyrs, were canonized by Saint Pope John Paul II on May 21, 2000.

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.



Anthony Contarciego and Wesley Arnold present Mexican Martyr award to Father Carl Arcosa at the inaugural Filipino mass at St Michael Church in Livermore, CA



Saint Father Mateo Correa Magallanes

LIVERMORE ALTAR SERVER RECOGNIZED

Livermore Knights Recognize Dedicated Altar Server Xavier Pelican

(Livermore, CA – 5/19/2019)

The Livermore Knights of Columbus recognized devoted altar server, Xavier Pelican, for his outstanding service to St. Michael Church on Sunday May 19th. Xavier started participating in the 8 AM Sunday service in 5th grade and has been a dedicated server at that mass for 8 years through his entire middle- and high-school years. Grand Knight Wesley Arnold presented Xavier a special award and spoke on his behalf to the St Michael parishioners. Xavier is graduating from De La Salle High School. He will be continuing his studies at the University of Colorado at Boulder where he plans to remain active in his faith life while pursuing a degree in business.



Altar server Xavier Pelican receives Altar Server Award from Grand Knight Wesley Arnold and St Michael Pastor, Father Carl Arcosa

STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR MESSAGE

2018-2019 May Membership Message #2

Pentecost in California

Worthy Brothers,

More than half of the Catholic men in California are Hispanic. There are millions of prospects around us if we choose to follow the example given to us by the Apostles on Pentecost.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, the Apostles came out of hiding in the upper room and went out to the streets to spread the good news. They did not seek out only their friends and neighbors. They shared Christ with Jews, Greeks, Romans, Corinthians...with everyone. The Spirit gave them the gift of tongues so they could communicate with all whom they met in their native language. Doing so led to the conversion of 5,000 people in one day!

It is time for a K of C Pentecost in California. Our Brothers need to have the courage and the Faith of the Apostles. We need to spread the message that the Knights of Columbus has Faith in Action activities for all Catholics. They need to know that serving the spirit of Christ together with their families will keep them stay connected to the Church and will deepen their Faith.

We may not possess the gift of tongues, but we can offer our Spanish language Faith in Action materials. This way our Hispanic Brothers in Christ will know that the K of C is welcoming them and is offering Brotherhood to all. Reach out especially to the leaders of the Hispanic ministries in your church. Find ways for your current Brother Knights to support those other groups and their activities. Let them see and feel the strength that comes from unifying your parish with all people working together. Help them to see that the Knights of Columbus can be the group that brings all cultures of the parish into harmony through shared prayer, service, and activities.

Yours in Service,

Michael Brault

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



California Columbian Charities, Inc.
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Grand Knights and Convention Attendees!

On behalf of the Columbian Charities Officers and Directors,
thank you very much for your generous donations to the
"Parade of Grand Knights."

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

At this year's **"Parade of Grand Knights"** in San Diego you donated over \$110,000 to Columbian Charities! 229 Councils, 2 Chapters and 4 Assemblies participated. **THANK YOU** for reaching-out a helping hand to your less fortunate Brothers! You should be proud of your generosity.

Unfortunately in the last several years many Brothers needed financial assistance and your charity provided them with much-needed grants but had to dig into its reserve funds to meet the need. **Thank you for increasing your contribution this year.**

Councils who missed the convention should not overlook their donation. Every Brother is also encouraged to make a personal contribution. Checks from Councils and individuals may be mailed to the above address.

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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.

Once the packet is received by the Grand Knight, it is very important to follow the instructions and fill out the application in its entirety and send in all of the forms in the packet!

2018 DRIVE - JACKETS FOR THE HOMELESS

The 2018 Jacket Drive for the Homeless was an incredible success! In addition to providing much-needed jackets to those in need, my wife Loretta and I were blessed to have met so many kind-hearted and caring people, who graciously provided assistance and support. This year, over 15 different Councils and 2 Assemblies participated in the Jacket Drive (from San Diego to Chico, CA). Following is a summary of some of the jacket distribution areas, which was made possible through the overwhelming support provided by our Knights:

- The Del Rosa Council provided jackets to 13 Catholic Churches in the San Bernardino area, along with Mary's Mercy Center.
- Our State officers also gave out over 225 Jackets to our friends in need at the Salvation Army.
- Approximately 350 Jackets were distributed to our friends in Paradise, California, following the devastating fire that engulfed the city, and left many people without homes or possessions.
- The Catholic Diocese of San Bernardino provided assistance in helping identify locations where there was a need to serve.
- Jackets were provided to Catholic Charities in San Bernardino, CA.
- In conjunction with the American Red Cross, 250 homeless Veterans received new jackets in Orange County, CA.
- We worked with Caterina's Club, a non-profit organization in Anaheim, CA, and were able to distribute over 400 jackets to underprivileged children.

All of our Seminarians from Saint Junipero Serra House (Grand Terrace, CA) provided assistance by distributing jackets to the homeless in the Riverside/San Bernardino area (over 250 Jackets were distributed). The Seminarians also participated with our Chapter officers at Mercy House in Ontario, CA.

Overall, we were able to give out over 8,650 Jackets to our friends this last year, encompassing approximately 30 different Catholic churches, 10 churches/temples of the Christian and Jewish faith, and 35 Homeless Shelters.

The 2019 campaign will begin in June, and we will start delivering the jackets in October. If you (or your Council) are interested in participating, please contact us by July 4th, 2019.

Many thanks to all for your ongoing support, your outreach to those in need, and your servant's heart!

Together we are the Best

Zaki & Loretta Mustafa

Zaki Mustafa – Grand Knight 13403

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117TH STATE CONVENTION; SAN DIEGO, CA

State Deputy Joe Salaiz welcomed attendees to the convention stating it is a great pleasure to welcome them to the 117th Annual Convention of the California State Council. The convention theme for this is "Remembering those that came before us". As we remember the accomplishments of the past and those of the present, we will focus on the four principles of our Order. They have improved the lives of many people in our Church, communities and in many parts of the world. I hope all of you had a good time.

An Interview with State Deputy Elect Dave Abbott

State Deputy-Elect Dave Abbott is grateful for the opportunity to serve. He is the second State Deputy to come from Chico, California. PSD

John T. Donohue was State Deputy from 1932 – 1933. Dave has chosen "The Good Shepherd" as his Parton Saint and his motto will be "Knights in Faith, Knights in Charity and Knights in Action. The motto tells us what will be expected of us in the next Columbian Year. One of the State Deputy-Elect is to meet Supremes' membership goal of 6,000 net new members. Another goal is to reach the mark of \$1 million to support people with Intellectual Disabilities. In addition, Dave will emphasize "Feed the Athletes" as part of supporting Special Olympics. Another important program in his plan is to support the "Wheelchair Program for Veterans". Dave stated that the Chapter will have the opportunity to designate where the funds they raise will go. State Deputy-Elect Abbott will continue the tradition of holding State Deputy Forums to reach out to the membership.

The Knights of Columbus Insurance table was manned by **General Agent Steve Owens** and his team which provided lots of information to protect your family. Many ladies stopped by and asked questions. The Insurance Field Agents were there to provide information, no hard sell, just providing information. The Columbian Year 2018 is the 18th year of consecutive growth. The Order now has over \$113 billion of insurance in force. Our Field Agents visit families to ensure their financial needs are met in case of an unforeseen experience. Knights of Columbus annuities have a guaranteed rate of return which fluctuates each year. The Field Agents at the table provided the current rate and answered many questions.

Mazi Zarrin representing North West Ultrasound Inc. was available to discuss the mobile ultrasound machine and other products the company provides. The company has been working with the knights for 10 years. These devices are provided to pregnancy resource centers. When councils provide 50% of the cost, Supreme will provide the additional 50%.

*L to R: State LIFE Director **Hugh Largey**, State Ultrasound Chairman **Bernie Vitthus**, President **Mazi Zarrin** of Northwest Ultrasound - Exclusive Distributor of "MindRay" Portable Ultrasounds.*



L – R: State Deputy Joe Salaiz; State Secretary Dave Abbott; State Treasurer Steve Bolton; State Advocate Noel Panlilio; State Warden Rene Trevino; Immediate Past State Deputy Romy Quevedo



117TH STATE CONVENTION; SAN DIEGO, CA

Steve Sykes provided an exhibition of this year's Christmas Cards which help spread the evangelization of our Faith. No snowmen or Christmas trees can be seen. Steve mentioned the average council can make \$400.00 each year, for minimal hours of work. Many councils make much more. By the way, the tri-fold poster board is an attention getter.



The Country Store was well laid out and had lots of room to move around. Just a sample of what was available: Religious items, scented candles, jewelry, wreaths, Knights of Columbus material, books and other media. The RSVP booth run by **Vince and Maureen Giracello** for your knights' gear was constantly busy.



Past State Deputy Ross Wilour, pictured with family members above, made it a much better event.

The annual convention golf tournament was held at the Riverwalk Golf Club, with a shotgun start. The light rain and mist did not deter the hardy knights and family members from hitting the links. **Bob Lafave** (who filled in for **Joe Trechter** who had to work at the KC table) stated the course was wet, but he had a good time. The winning team won \$400.00, which covered the team's entry fee. The lunch was provided by the golf course and everyone seemed satisfied with the lunch voucher, which allowed everyone the ability to choose their own meal. The golf tournament was a family event.



What an Event! Thursday night's Fiesta celebration was hosted by State Deputy Joe Salaiz and his wife Anna. The room was packed. The music provided by "Felipe and The Bad Boys" had a lot of people dancing. Flora Huestis led some attendees in line dancing. Along with other attendees, it was a very festive fiesta. The food line was a little long at times, but that was because of the quality of the food, or perhaps the food was free. I talked to delegates David and Jeffery who thought the food was good and they had a good time. The State Officers were all wearing a "sombrero". Best Thursday Night yet.

117th STATE CONVENTION; SAN DIEGO, CA

ADORATION CHAPEL. The Blessed Sacrament Chapel was opened after the opening Mass on Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior was not alone in the chapel. Sir Knight Bill Uberti and Sir Knight Bob Ippolito from Joseph T. O'Callaghan Assembly 2652 stood as part of the rotating honor guard among the many knights in Colors that participated and provided their service. There were always many attendees who spend some time to visit the Chapel.



OPENING MASS. On Friday May 17, 2019, at the official start of the state convention, His Excellency, **The Most Reverend Robert McElroy**, Bishop of San Diego, along with the **State Chaplain Reverend Monsignor Gerald Lopez** and another 14 priests concelebrated the opening Mass. About 52 knights in colors and 725 knights, family members and friends participated in this remarkable celebration of the Eucharist. In Bishop McElroy's homily, he started with a story that happened when he was in the seminary in Menlo Park some 30 years ago which included his experiences riding in a small airplane going to Alaska and a few more trips since his friend is a flight instructor. They came to a somewhat dangerous situation at times when it was snowing. In spite of those trials, the bishop felt peaceful, he put everything in the hands of God as what Jesus said to his disciples in the gospel, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God." He thanked the knights for what they do for the Church and the community in California. Before the final blessing, State Warden Rene Trevino announced the Juan Perez awardee and the Fr. Michael McGivney Awardee presented by State Deputy Joe Salaiz.

After the opening Mass our priests were recognized for their service to the Church, the Knights of Columbus and the community.

Fr. Juan Perez Award winners:

North: **Fr. George T. Snyder, Jr.** (submitted by St. Claire of Assisi Council 12887 Roseville)

Central: **Fr. Paul J. Hruby** (submitted by St. Julie Billiant Council 8397 Newbury Park)

South: **Fr. Canice Nwizu** (submitted by St. Diego Council 13469)

Fr. Michael J. McGivney Priest of the Year:

Fr. Jeffrey F. Henry (submitted by Rogelio Olaes Council 15625 Vacaville)



The **California State Museum** provided the history of the Knights of Columbus. The high top and tails were an age gone by, but what an age. Formal dress at all Knights of Columbus was the norm. What a sight it must have been. Just like Las Vegas, when the sun went down, men wore a jacket and a tie and women wore cocktail dresses. You have to look at our history

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O what a night! The weather was crisp the music was hot, and the food was good. And how about those dancers; what an electric crowd. **Rudy Flores** a visitor had a good time. The food and the drinks were good, everyone was getting along nicely. **Rick Silva** Grand Knight from Council 6039 had a good time but would have liked to have more food. He understood the chapters were doing the best they could, but the participation was much more than expected. There were many compliments on the change of venue. Most comments were about the event being casual, no need to dress up and a very social atmosphere and no cost.



All Knights, family members, and friends were invited to the open session of the California State Convention. Attendees were honored by the presence of **Deputy Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly**. Surprisingly he stated that the California jurisdiction is the most important jurisdiction in the Order - great praise from the home office. Patrick stated, if you get the knight you get the family, then you get the parish. DSK Patrick stressed California is at 70% of its membership goal. Keep working as hard as you have been, and you will meet that goal. The California Council supported 70 ultrasound machines and saved a generation of lives. We need to stay focused. Be there for the younger members. They have family issues and financial issues. How can we help them? Patrick also mentioned the Faith in Action Program. This program professes on how we can support the Church and our community.



The Parade of Grand Knights was scheduled for 11:15 AM, Saturday but was moved to 9:15 due to being ahead of schedule. Many of the Grand Knights were not present at the time so checks continued to come. At the Parade of Grand Knights, we collected over \$110,000. That was from 229 Councils, 2 Chapters and 4 Assemblies participating. As in the past, more checks will be forthcoming for weeks to the Cerritos address.



The closing Mass attended by over 820 Faithful Catholics was Concelebrated by **Most Reverend Jose H. Gomez** Archbishop of Los Angeles, **Most Rev. Kevin W. Vann JCD, DD**, Bishop of Orange and nine priests.

The 1,085 attendees at the Saturday evening banquet seem to enjoy themselves. As I walked around the banquet room, I was given many positive comments. **DD Tim Crews** District 33 stated the dinner was excellent especially the braised ribs. **PGK Delegate John**

Pozniak from San Jose enjoyed the raspberry sauce cheesecake. John added he thought the meeting was efficient and well run. **Jerry Lamb, PGK Delegate** from Council 12055 in Rosemond thought the dinner was good. Jerry also stated; the Convention was well organized; **FDD Bill Uberti** thought the dinner was great. The program was well planned and moved along smoothly. All comments concerning the convention were unsolicited.

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Convention Statistics: Here are some facts from the California State Convention:

489 registered delegates,
72 resolution voted on,
1085 Banquet attendees,
288 Ladies luncheon attendees,
25 visitors Mission San Diego de Alcala,
58 visitors to Viejas Casino.
Every event was a success.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2019-2020 STATE OFFICERS!

State Deputy Elect – Dave Abbott
State Secretary Elect – Steve Bolton
State Treasurer Elect – Dr. Noel Panlilio
State Advocate Elect – Rene Trevino
State Warden Elect – Greg Marracq
Immediate Past State Deputy – Joe Salaiz

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MAJOR AWARD WINNERS!

District Deputy of the Year: Jose “Pona” Magana; San Gabriel Valley District 101

Knight of the Year: James Collins, Grand Knight, St. Thomas More Council 7773, Paradise CA

Family of the Year: Nathaniel and Tiffany Hyder IV; Autumn, Nathaniel V & Noah; St. Michael Council 15656

Best Council in Programs: St. Michael Council 15625, Dominick Amadeo, Grand Knight

Council of the Year: Fr. Michael J. McGivney Council 16584; Alexander Quadra Sr., Grand Knight

Fisher of Souls (Top Recruiter): Jose “Pona” Magana; San Gabriel Valley District 101

Financial Secretary of the Year: Roger Olaes; St. Michael Council 15625 Travis AFB

Top Field Agent: Mike Wilson (#2 in the Order!)

John Giltner
Convention PR Chairman

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Culture of Life Activities Division 1

1	13555	Fr. William J. Brelsford	Michael Harvey	Los Angeles
2	16770	Castro Valley	Dwight Speir	Castro Valley
3	16438	Monsignor Mulcahy	Louie Lorenzano	La Puente
4	17037	Vallejo	Robert Martinez	Vallejo
5	16584	Reseda	Alexander Quadra, Sr.	Reseda

Culture of Life Activities Division 2

1	12055	Our Lady of the Desert	Alfred Glover	Rosamond
2	16293	St. Joseph	Ramiro Gonzalez	Upland
3	1849	Amador County	Joseph Trassare	Jackson
4	15489	St. Clare of Assisi	Anthony Colombo	Santa Clara

Culture of Life Activities Division 3

1	15625	St. Michaels Catholic Community	Dominick Amadeo	Fairfield
2	11033	Epiphany Council	Raul Sajona	San Francisco
3	8747	St. Elizabeth	Gunawan Alisantosa	Milpitas
4	3571	Monsignor Corr	Patrick Au	Pasadena
5	15034	Fr. Michael J. McGivney	Daniel Rodriguez	Valinda

Culture of Life Activities Division 4

1	9332	Valle De Oro	Leo McGarry	Spring Valley
2	4970	Arden-Carmichael	Joseph Romanazzi	Carmichael
3	6038	St. Bonaventure	Charles Cooper	Concord
4	9213	Holy Family	Cruz Herrera	Kingsburg
5	16185	Holy Spirit	Stephen Socha	Fresno

Culture of Life Activities Division 5

1	9714	Saint Augustine	John Paes	So. San Francisco
2	4588	Father Patrick Power	Don Arnold	Livermore
3	4922	Father Peter J.J. Juba	Glen Howard	Orange
4	7987	Father John C. Murphy	Edward Belmessieri	Dublin
5	9076	Good Shepherd	Renato Del Rosario	San Diego

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Faith Activities Division 1

1	16584	Reseda	Alexander Quadra, Sr.	Reseda
2	16770	Castro Valley	Dwight Speir	Castro Valley
3	16438	Monsignor Mulcahy	Louie Lorenzano	La Puente

Faith Activities Division 2

1	15317	St. Joachim	Jose Katigbak	Hayward
2	1849	Amador County	Joseph Trassare	Jackson
3	9580	Aptos-Resurrection	Patrick Mc Menamy	Aptos
4	12055	Our Lady of the Desert	Alfred Glover	Rosamond
5	15489	St. Clare of Assisi	Anthony Colombo	Santa Clara

Faith Activities Division 3

1	15625	St. Michaels Catholic Community	Dominick Amadeo	Fairfield
2	11033	Epiphany Council	Raul Sajona	San Francisco
3	15034	Fr. Michael J. McGivney	Daniel Rodriguez	Valinda
4	14531	St. Mary of Assumption	Dante Burgos	Stockton
5	971	Santa Cruz	Frank Benko	Santa Cruz

Faith Activities Division 4

1	6038	St. Bonaventure	Charles Cooper	Concord
2	16185	Holy Spirit	Stephen Socha	Fresno
3	9332	Valle De Oro	Leo McGarry	Spring Valley
4	10494	Father Oliver McGivern, O.H.	Oscar Miranda	Apple Valley
5	4970	Arden-Carmichael	Joseph Romanazzi	Carmichael

Faith Activities Division 5

1	6066	Fair Oaks	Michael Ochoa	Fair Oaks
2	4588	Father Patrick Power	Don Arnold	Livermore
3	7390	Chula Vista	Delbert Clark	Chula Vista
4	8627	Saint Anne	Julieto Basa	Union City
5	9969	Holy Cross	David Gressman	Moorpark

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Family Activities Division 1

1	17037	Vallejo	Robert Martinez	Vallejo
2	16438	Monsignor Mulcahy	Louie Lorenzano	La Puente
3	16770	Castro Valley	Dwight Speir	Castro Valley
4	16584	Reseda	Alexander Quadra, Sr.	Reseda

Family Activities Division 2

1	16293	St. Joseph	Ramiro Gonzalez	Upland
2	15317	St. Joachim	Jose Katigbak	Hayward
3	1849	Amador County	Joseph Trassare	Jackson
4	12055	Our Lady of the Desert	Alfred Glover	Rosamond
5	15489	St. Clare of Assisi	Anthony Colombo	Santa Clara

Family Activities Division 3

1	15625	St. Michaels Catholic Community	Dominick Amadeo	Travis AFB
2	3571	Monsignor Corr	Patrick Au	Pasadena
3	11033	Epiphany Council	Raul Sajona	San Francisco
4	971	Santa Cruz	Frank Benko	Santa Cruz
5	14158	Divine Mercy	Domingos Fernandes	Sacramento

Family Activities Division 4

1	6038	St. Bonaventure	Charles Cooper	Concord
2	9213	Holy Family	Cruz Herrera	Kingsburg
3	14541	St. James the Apostle	Vincent Padiapco	Fremont
4	9679	St. Frances Cabrini	John Cruz Jr	Yucaipa
5	4970	Arden-Carmichael	Joseph Romanazzi	Carmichael

Family Activities Division 5

1	5803	Simi Valley	Robert Smith	Simi Valley
2	9969	Holy Cross	David Gressman	Moorpark
3	9665	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Christopher Morales	San Diego
4	7987	Father John C. Murphy	Edward Belmessieri	Dublin
5	9076	Good Shepherd	Renato Del Rosario	San Diego

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Community Activities Division 1

1	16770	Castro Valley	Dwight Speir	Castro Valley
2	16438	Monsignor Mulcahy	Louie Lorenzano	La Puente
3	16584	Reseda	Alexander Quadra, Sr.	Reseda
4	17037	Vallejo	Robert Martinez	Vallejo

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Community Activities Division 4

1	10494	Father Oliver McGivern, O.H.	Oscar Miranda	Apple Valley
2	6038	St. Bonaventure	Chuck Cooper	Concord
3	9679	St. Frances Cabrini	John Cruz Jr	Yucaipa
4	9511	St. Angela	Hector Morales	Brea
5	9213	Holy Family	Cruz Herrera	Kingsburg

Community Activities Division 5

1	9714	Saint Augustine	John Paes	So. San Francisco
2	4588	Father Patrick Power	Don Arnold	Livermore
3	4901	St. John Paul II - Vaca Valley	Juan Briceno	Vacaville
4	9665	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Christopher Morales	San Diego
5	3851	Father Maguire	Jacob Van Olphen	Covina

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Essay & Poster Contest Winners

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest	8th Grade	Leah Marie Lopez	St. Bonaventure - Council 6038
Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest	9th Grade	Jasmine Martinez	Our Lady of the Desert - Council 12055
Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest	10th Grade	Luke Harris	St. Ignatius of Antioch - Council 12587
Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest	11th Grade	Julia Galloway	St. Luis de Montfort - Council 11137
Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest	11th Grade	Anna Lucido	St. Ignatius of Antioch - Council 12587
Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest	12th Grade	Kathryn Lucido	St. Ignatius of Antioch - Council 12587
Catholic Stewardship Essay Contest	4th Grade	Sebastian Martinez	St. Bonaventure - Council 6038
Catholic Stewardship Essay Contest	5th Grade	Kailey Gandolfo	Fr. Patrick Power - Council 4588
Catholic Stewardship Essay Contest	6th Grade	Lela Gallo	Fr. Patrick Power - Council 4588
Catholic Stewardship Essay Contest	7th Grade	Eva Marie Drazek	St. Bonaventure - Council 6038
Keep Christ in Christmas Essay Contest	8th Grade	John Arcidiacono	Pittsburg - Council 2956
Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest	5-7 Years old	Liliana Perez	San Seconda d'asti - Council 12938
Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest	8-10 Years old	Chayra Mae Sercena	St. Genevieve - Council 14772
Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest	11-14 Years old	S, Andres Coronel	Henry F. Giroud/Robert Heimann - Council 1
Drug Abuse Awareness Poster Contest	8-11 Years old	Gracy Barrios	St. Louis de Montfort - Council 11137
Drug Abuse Awareness Poster Contest	12-14 Years old	Victoria Ybarra	Angel Gate - Council 1740
Alcohol Abuse Awareness Poster Contest	8-11 Years old	Jenna Bulanadi	Holy Angels - Council 10948
Alcohol Abuse Awareness Poster Contest	12-14 Years old	Ginessa Colombana	Pittsburg - Council 2956
Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest	8th Grade	Ella Parish	Arroyo Grande Council 1375
Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest	11th Grade	Ryan Garmo	St. Augustine Council 16237

RSVP Award

Council 16185	Fresno	Stephen Socha, Grand Knight	\$20,000 - 20 Seminarians
Council 1990	Redonondo Beach	Matthew Straup, Grand Knight	\$7,700 - 8 Seminarians
Council 4060	Danville	Steven Battles, Grand Knight	\$6,000 - 9 Seminarians

State Deputy Award

Fr. Michael J. McGivney - Council 16584	Alexander Quadra, Sr., Grand Knight
St. Mary of the Assumption - Council 14531	Dante Burgos, Grand Knight
Fr. Patrick Power - Council 4588	Don Arnold, Grand Knight

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Feed The Athletes

Chapter	Chapter President
Northern California Chapter	James Letcher
San Jose Chapter	Michael Armstrong
Oakland Diocese Chapter	Art Londos
Kern-Inyo Chapter	Robert Pugh
Diocese of Orange Chapter	Bill Schafer
Arrowhead-Desert Valley Chapter	Anthony Despart
San Diego Diocese Chapter	Jose Villaman
Southern California Chapter	Nicholas Vilicich

Best Programs in the State

Service Activity Category	Council Name	Grand Knight	Project Title
Faith	Fresno - Council 16185	Stephen Socha	Seminarian Support
Community	Father Patrick Power - Council 4588	Don Arnold	Camp Fire Victim Relief II
Culture of Life	Monsignor Corr - Council 3571	Patrick Au	Rosary at the Federal Court
Family	Father Frank Colacicco - Council 4060	Steve Battles	Camp Suzanne, Get on the Bus

Academic Scholarship Winners

Awardee	Council #	Council Name	Grand Knight
Michael McGivney	10991	Holy Spirit	Kevin Bruno
Allison Morisey	14158	Divine Mercy	Domingos Fernandes
Ashley Morisey	14158	Divine Mercy	Domingos Fernandes
Annemarie Arnold	4558	Fr. Patrick Power	Don Arnold
Thomas Wood	6149	Auburn	Tim Schott
Rachel Mershon	3687	Corona	Robert Herrera
Zaccary Bradt	9594	St. Anne's	Paul Pudenz

Squire Scholarship Winner

Awardee	Council #	Council Name	Grand Knight
Andres Gutierrez	4558	Fr. Patrick Power	Don Arnold

Lifetime of Charity

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Livermore Knights Recruit 100 new members in two years

An incredible thing is happening in Livermore, California. In the past twenty-two months, one hundred men joined the Livermore Knights of Columbus! On May 25, Father Sergius Propst became the newest member. The council now has 412 Knights with 25 more awaiting induction in the months ahead.



Livermore's 100th new Knight, Fr. Sergius Propst (left) and Grand Knight Wesley Arnold

California has 75,000 Knights in 706 councils. The Livermore council was ranked number one for 2018 and 2019! This council does 3 – 5 service events per week all year long. Their support of charitable causes is legend. A March event raised and delivered over 30,000 dollars of supplies in one day for the Paradise fire victims and was the state's best community program of the year. This is one of the many ways Livermore Knights perform works of charity and service.

The new members are from all ages and walks of life, including:

3 priests and 5 seminarians

23 Hispanic men

9 men under the age of 21

21 men under the age of 30

1 man over the age of 90

Tom McCaffrey, a Navy Captain who led this recruitment drive, served as last year's Grand Knight and this year's Membership Director. He said "Our council strives to give Catholic men opportunities to live their faith through actions of service. With the abuse crisis tainting the Church's reputation, it is especially important for lay members to show the world what it means to be Catholic. We are not defined by the past behaviors of a few bad actors. Rather, we are defined by the good works we do in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. This principal is the foundation of our council. Men eagerly sign up to participate in our active Catholicity."

Current Grand Knight Wesley Arnold is inspired by the members' support of numerous outreach programs. Although it is challenging to coordinate the efforts of so many volunteers, he says "It has been an honor to lead these men in the good works they perform. Being a Knight is one of the most rewarding experiences a man can have."

The Livermore Knights include men from St. Michael and St. Charles Borromeo parishes. Anyone interested in learning more or joining can check out the council website at <http://www.livermoreknights.org>.

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Las Positas Veterans Win Ken Logsdon Memorial Scholarships

May 16, 2018 Livermore, CA

Three Las Positas College military veterans received \$500 scholarships from the Livermore Knights of Columbus. The recipients were Pedro Magana (USMC), Katherine Pagni (USMC) and Amy Smith (US Army). They all have outstanding academic records and a recent history of superior service to our country. The awards were presented on May 16th at the LPC 42nd Annual Student Scholarship Awards ceremony at Cornerstone Fellowship.

The Livermore Knights established these scholarships in 2013 to honor Lance Corporal Ken Logsdon, USMC, a fourth degree Knight and charter member of the Livermore council. Ken's selfless devotion to his country, community and church benefitted countless thousands over more than half a century. His incredible contributions are remembered in perpetuity by these annual scholarships.

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. These scholarships are part of their outreach and support of local veterans.



Knight Dennis Lundbom (left) congratulates Veterans Katherine Pagni (USMC) and Amy Smith (US Army)

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Smokin' Hot Ribs Competition Shines in Livermore

Thousands of BBQ-loving, classic-car-adoring, blues fans flocked to Livermore Saturday for the 9th Annual Ribs, Chili, Cars, Brews and Blues Festival. With perfectly blues skies and a majorly expanded venue, they were not disappointed. The day started in the pre-dawn hours on Saturday morning, when dozens of teams had arrived early to fire up their grills and start preparing their own secret versions of ribs, chili and salsa. Each team came in hungering to win prizes, and bragging rights, in the official Kansas City Barbeque Society competition. Classic car owners rolled in after sunrise, lining streets with their immaculately polished beauties while local microbreweries prepared to pour their crafted beers to complement the great food. All through the morning mouth-watering aromas were saturating the entire area. Festival-goers started arriving mid-morning, were greeted by welcoming hosts and spent the day enjoying the amazing food, perusing the booths with specialty items and desserts while kids played in the games area.

While the attendees were enjoying a relaxing day, the competition teams were hard at work. The competition was extremely tight and pressed the judges hard this year. At the end of the day, top honors for Ribs went to the "Hello BBQ" team; the "Phal Verde" team took home the award for best Chili and "Big Shot BBQ" won over the judges with their winning Salsa. The car competition spanned a range of categories; a few of the winners were a 1932 Ford Phantom ("Pre-1950 car", Peter Hale), a 1956 Chevy hardtop ("Post-1950 car", Mike and Lydia Vetere), a 1941 Chevy Coupe ("Best Custom", Victor Lagorio) and a 2011 Dodge Inaugural Edition ("Best of Show", Tony and Tracy Danial).

Even with long hours of preparation, the sponsoring Knights of Columbus team was enthusiastic. As Deputy Grand Knight Anthony Contarciego said, "it was great to see so many families out together enjoying the festival today. We are proud to be able to host this great event in beautiful downtown Livermore. Our team is especially energized knowing that the proceeds will be used to help those in need in our community and the TriValley. We look forward to an event bigger and better event next year."

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. They have a packed schedule of activities carried out by an enthusiastic group of volunteers. Readers can learn more at www.livermoreknights.org.



Livermore Knights Dan Corral and John Robinson enjoying ribs during a break at the 9th Annual RCCBB event this Saturday in Livermore.

KNIGHTS IN ACTION



José "Pona" Magana, 49, remembers his grandmother in Guadalajara, Mexico, telling him stories about the Cristero War and the Caballeros de Colón. But Magana, who grew up in Mexico and southern California, was not interested in becoming a Knight himself until a priest challenged him: "Are you serving this parish? Do you know that God brings you to his way so you can bring more men to his way?" Magana couldn't sleep that night, thinking about this message. The very next week he joined Rancho Cucamonga Council 13403 in Alta Loma, Calif.

Since then, he has recruited 88 members and helped establish two new councils. He serves as district deputy of District #101 in California and as state coordinator for Hispanic development.

SETTING AN EXAMPLE

My wife is my angel; she prayed for me to come back to God, and he gave me the strength to change. I've changed a lot. I've been sober now for 26 years. My daughter is 26, and my son is 23. They've

never seen me drink or do drugs because I've been sober.

The Knights trained me to become a better Catholic man; a better husband and father; a better brother, and a better neighbor, too. As a member of the Knights of Columbus, you are an example for every man around you.

Think about our families. As fathers, we educate our family with our actions. What are men doing out there if they're not Knights? So, let's bring more men into the Knights of Columbus.

We are fishermen for God, like St. Peter. If you bring in one man to the Knights of Columbus, then he is going to bring his family with him, too. We're called to bring those men and their families to God and the Church. It's not just a project — it's our mission.

FAITH-FILLED RECRUITING

I tell men about how they can grow in their faith. That's what we need — faith in action. I talk about Father McGivney and share booklets like *Building the Domestic Church* and *Into the Breach*.

I never make them promises, but we need to state what is true. We've got the greatest organization of Catholic men in the whole world. We've got to go out there and say that.

There's a lot of potential here, especially for the Hispanic community. We can be more and more effective. I hope to start three more councils before the end of this fraternal year.

WORKING WITH FAMILIES

A lot of prospective recruits say, "You know what? I don't have time." But it doesn't have to be time away from your family. You could have them help too. Here's an example. One brother Knight came with his family to help sell hot dogs. We forgot signs, so I asked the little kids, "Hey, are you gonna help me?" "Yeah!" "Can you make this sign — hot dogs for \$5?" And they did it! They were so happy and proud to help. And it was fun! Yeah, we've got to work with the family. And guess what? Their wives, they're the ones who say, "Come on, husband, sign up."

ANNUAL CHRIST BRINGS HOPE RECOGNITION AWARD EVENT

The Annual **Christ Brings Hope Recognition Award Event** was presented at the **LA Millennium Biltmore Hotel** (site of several past years of Academy Awards presentations).

This year's May 30th Dinner Award was presented to **Most Reverend Jose H. Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles** by the **Catholic Relevant Radio/Immaculate Heart Media** by Los Angeles Catholic AM Network Station 930.



Pictured L to R: **State Culture of Life Activities Director Hugh Largey & Laura, PSD Ray Warner, State Deputy Joe Salaiz & Anna, Janet Puchik & Gerry Puchik** Chairman of Providence Holy Cross Hospital Foundation ; **Producer of the Most Successful Pro-Life Movie *Unplanned* - Mike Manhardt, State Walks for Life Chairman Richard Marciniak & Barbara.**

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Santa Clara High School awards ceremony 2019, Knights of Columbus Oxnard Council 750 presented 2 scholarship awards of \$500.00 each.