

California State Council Knights of Columbus



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CY 2019—2020

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Golden State Knightletter

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

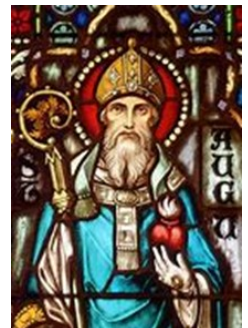
State Chaplain Emeritus

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*
- *Assistant to Supreme Chaplain, Bishop, and later Archbishop, William E. Lori.*



Upcoming Dates / Events — July 2019

- **July 1:** Council Form #185 Submission Deadline
Assembly Form #186 Submission Deadline
- **July 13:** State Council Officers Installation, Chico CA
- **July 2, 9, 16, 23** Delta Church Drive Training (online)
- **August 1:** Council Form #365 Submission Deadline
Assembly Form #1315 Submission Deadline



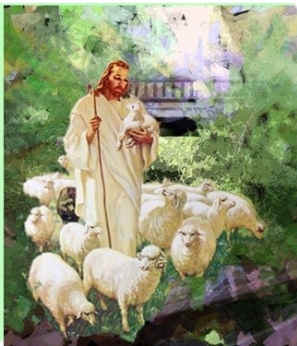
STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

EVERY MEMBER A RECRUITER!

My Brothers,

My congratulations to all the newly elected officers for the 2019-2020 Columbian Year. I am honored to serve as your State Deputy. By mid-year we will have reached the beginning of another decade – 2020! To mark the beginning of another decade, we have set an ambitious membership goal of growing the Order in California to 80,000 members. We must recruit at least 6,000 new members; roughly one new member per council per month. To accomplish this, it is important every member be engaged in recruitment. It is equally important to schedule frequent Admission Degrees and likewise take advantage of the new Online Membership as a means of introducing younger men to our Order. By offering membership to qualified Catholic men we renew the reasons most of us joined – charity, fraternal brotherhood, our common faith and the desire to "give back" to our church and community.

We also have many new programs to offer this fraternal year including the "**Purita Warriner**" Memorial Wheelchair Drive for veterans. Money contributed to this initiative will go towards providing wheelchairs to veterans including those participating in Honor Flights both in California and other jurisdictions. I know you will continue in all you do the great charitable giving for which California is noted, including the fund drive for people with intellectual disabilities, Special Olympics, Coats for Kids, Food for Families, Ultrasound Machines, RSVP Seminarians and many, many others. In addition to the traditional charitable programs there are many spiritual activities designed to further form our faith and engagement in our church. I hope you take advantage of the many activities offered and implement them in your council and parish.



I have chosen as my Icon for this Columbian Year the Good Shepherd. I feel it embodies the servant leadership which is consistent with the teachings of our faith and church. It is important we lead our councils, districts and chapters with the dignity deserving of our heritage as Catholic men. For my chosen bible verse, I have selected John Chapter 14, Verse 34: "Love one another as I have loved you." Love, especially as it is professed by our Lord, is the basis for all that we do. Finally, as my slogan I have chosen "Knights of Faith – Knights of Charity – Knights of Action." As Knights we are held to a high standard. How we practice our faith and provide for those in need is the true measure of our actions. Lead by example, and others will follow.

John: Chapter 14, Verse 34:

"Love one another as I have loved you."

There are several rewards and incentives we will have fun with as the year progresses. Chapters achieving 100% of their membership goal will receive \$1,000 for their Bishop's Burse. District Deputies, councils and recruiters will be eligible for cash awards, including an all-expense paid family vacation at year end. Supreme has announced they will again continue the \$4.50 per member rebate for councils achieving Star Council. There is much to look forward to and it is particularly important we start immediately! Have a wonderful year!

May God Bless, **Dave Abbott**, *State Deputy*

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Knights of Faith – Knights of Charity – Knights of Action

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WELLNESS PROGRAM

By Ed Huestis

There are many areas of personal wellness, including physical, financial, spiritual, mental, emotional, and sexual to name a few. The one area of wellness that forms a first impression to others when we meet them for the first time is our physical wellness.

So much of improving personal wellness comes down to education and awareness. We must take it upon ourselves to read up on what are good choices, and on the other hand what are bad choices, including what we feed our bodies for fuel that provides us with the energy we need throughout each day.

The environment that we surround ourselves with is also important. This includes the air that we breathe that we subject ourselves to. There are healthy choices there that we can make as well.

Wouldn't it be great to have our health span equal to our life span? What this means is that when we can make those wise choices that can help extend our health span, where we continue to be relatively healthy and can remain functional without too much pain, up to the time of our natural death, we are then able to continue to enjoy those activities and causes that we are most passionate about, including our volunteer time with the Knights of Columbus and spending quality time with our wives and families. It also provides additional opportunities to travel and explore other areas and passions without being hampered due to physical limitations.

*Wouldn't it be great to have our health span
equal to our life span?*

There is a wealth of information out there for us to tap into very easily via the internet that can help us make those healthy choices from simply educating ourselves and becoming aware of those lifestyle changes that we can make to improve the length of our health span.

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Submitted by Brother **Victor L. Pesce**
Vice President, Columbian Retirement Home

COLUMBIAN RETIREMENT HOME, INC.

HALF WAY THERE - but a LONG WAY TO GO.

With the end of June, and the year half way gone, the Columbian Retirement Home Annual Appeal stands well short of the half way point to goal, with less than 500 donations received, 98% of which came from individual brother knights. For that which we have received we, and the hundreds of knights and widows that we have served, are truly grateful.

However, we remain far short of goal that will allow us to sustain our programs for our seniors. Beyond sustaining operations, we now depend on your support even more as we also face the near-term requirement to replace over age systems at our Marysville Retirement Center that have become difficult to support, inefficient and more and more costly to maintain.

This year we have especially reached out to all Grand Knights to lead their membership in approving a Council donation to the Columbian Retirement Home Appeal. To date, several councils have responded to this call, a few most generously. If your council was one of these, our thanks. If not, please ask your Grand Knight why not?

Individual donations are still always welcome, but Council donations are encouraged. If every council will support the Columbian Retirement Home's work for our senior knights and widows with a donation of even just \$1.00 per member, we can maintain our current support programs and begin to fund the upcoming cost for near term replacement needs of the building at Marysville.

Help the Columbian Retirement Home, Inc. fulfill its vision -

For every knight and spouse or widow, the dignity and safety of suitable, affordable housing in their maturity

Council and individual donations should be sent to:

Columbian Retirement Home, Inc.

P. O. Box 4338

El Monte, CA 91734-0438

California State K of C Ultrasound Program CY 2018-2019 Review

CY 2017-2018, our California Ultrasound Team posted a **Record 11 Ultrasounds** Approved & Placed with K of C Supreme Matching Funds.

This CY 2018-2019 we can report yet **another New Record with 13 Ultrasounds** being Delivered with K of C Supreme, etc. Matching Funds.

Our California Knights have supported the local funding and delivery of an accumulated **Grand Total of 76 Ultrasounds since 2009.**

In addition, there are three more completed ultrasound applications sent to Supreme which will result in those ultrasounds arriving in California during early CY 2019-2020.

Kudos to Many knights who were responsible for this accomplishment via:

Brother Knights worked together with increased communication between Councils, Supreme, and Pregnancy Centers.

Additional funding came from Individual Knights donations and new outside support.

Two individual knights personally donated \$10,000 each!

One Council donated \$40,000 to be used to support several locations!

The non-profit 4US.org donated 25% to several Ultrasounds being delivered!

You can view an interactive map of the difference we have made nationally & in California and hear **Supreme Knight Carl Anderson** acknowledge that 1,000 were obtained by Dec 2018. Please see the video by clicking on **www.kofc.org/ultrasound**.

With the close of Columbian year 2018-2019, I am happy to be able to pass the California Ultrasound Program Chairman position to be in good hands with a capable successor.

Brother Knight **David Cortens** will continue on as **Life Program Committeeman for the California Ultrasound Program**. Brother David was a major contributor to the success of this program over the last 3 years. His Knowledge and dedication is recognized and much needed for continued success.

The opportunity to be **California's Ultrasound Program Chairman** for the last three years has been a special blessing for me. I have met and communicated with **so many good Pro-Life dedicated Brother Knights**. Your continued support for Catholic Values, especially the Sanctity of Life and protecting the most vulnerable is needed more now than ever.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally – For Life,
Brother Knight "Pro-Life" Bernie Vitchus

This information was submitted to GSK by Brother
Hugh Largey. -Editor

Seminarian Support Program (RSVP) Appeal 2019-2020

Worthy outgoing Grand Knights, Worthy Incoming Grand Knights, soon you will be planning your 2019-2020 Council budget. I hope and pray that if your Council has not previously included in their annual budget a monetary support to our seminarians thru the Seminarian Support Program (RSVP), that this will be the year that your Council chooses to participate in this worthy program. If the seminarians in your Diocese have previously received the support of your Council, God Bless you!

We have over 500 seminarians in our great state, yet, we only reached out to 163 of them with some financial support this fraternal year. We can do better. We will do better!

I ask for each Council to invest in the future of our Church by supporting a seminarian. Send them a birthday card, a Christmas card or a just a well wishes card. Reach out to them with a text message on a regular basis. Commit your Council, Assembly and Chapter do donate \$500 this coming Columbian year to help defray the everyday living expenses of a seminarian. But most of all, pray for them at each meeting as a group and daily in your personal prayers.

Here are some action steps to follow in order to participate in the Seminarian Support Program (RSVP).

1. Locate a candidate to support. If you need help, contact your pastor or diocesan vocations director. You can contact me as well, since I have a list of most if not all the seminarians in the state.
2. After a candidate's name and address is secured, prepare and send a letter of introduction from your Council, Assembly or Chapter.
3. Define how money is to be raised.
4. Define how the relationship will be managed.
5. All funds should be sent directly to the seminarian, unless expressly requested differently by the vocation's director of your Diocese. A word of caution, unless the check is made out to the seminarian, you will not receive a refund from Supreme.
6. When presenting money to an RSVP candidate, notify me so I may keep an accurate accounting of those seminarians that are receiving support as well as of those that are not. I would also provide this information to each Diocese upon request.
7. RSVP assistance also involves prayer and moral support. Send them letters – i.e.: birthday, Christmas, Easter, and welcome back to school greetings – each fraternal year.
8. Encourage members and their families to keep seminarian or postulant in their prayers.
9. Invite seminarian or postulant to all council activities and include in mailing of newsletter or other communications.
10. Invite seminarians or postulants to make a presentation to the council, parish, and/or parish youth groups on what it means to prepare for priesthood or religious life.
11. Make sure to offer congratulations and support to your seminarian or postulant on their ordination.
12. Apply for a refund from Supreme Council office – to be eligible for refund, monies must be given directly to an individual (not a an institution of fund)); money given to an individual must be vocations related and donated between July 1st – June 30th of the respective fraternal year; paid with a check drawn from the Council, Assembly or Chapter account; and copies of check or other documentation must accompany application for refund. Refer to the RSVP Refund Application (#2863, **attached**) for exact details and procedures for filing for this refund. **Please send me a copy as well!**

Please remember that without new seminarians, we will have no priests. Without priests, we will have no eucharist. Without eucharist, we will have no Church.

Vivat Jesus!

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THE COUNCIL YEARBOOK PROGRAM IS BACK

Three Awards (1st, 2nd & 3rd) will be given to the council that creates the most informative council year book which documents the council's many fraternal activities throughout the Columbian year. The activities should reflect the four principles of our order. Yearbook competition is on a statewide basis and not on a division basis. You are competing with every council in the State of California for these awards.

Judging will take place at the annual state convention in May.

Council Yearbook Guidelines

The following guidelines have been established as basis for the council yearbook awards.

- There will be no points for fancy covers.
- Each yearbook will be judged entirely on its contents alone.
- **Dedication Page** – State the reason you are dedicating the yearbook, provide a picture as appropriate, if applicable to the dedication. To whom or to what you dedicating your yearbook is your decision.
- **History Page** – Write a brief history of your council containing the pictures if possible and past accomplishments of your council. Length is not a key factor, but it must be informative.
- **Required Pictures** – Individual and or group pictures of all council officers elected or appointed, to include the council chaplain or spiritual director if any, properly labeled with the title of office and name of council officers. Another set of individual and or group pictures of all program directors properly labeled with title and name of directors on the following page. Additional pictures are required and identified as to the activity. Where it is possible, identify all the people in the picture. Activities - a picture of the activity director to appear on the first page of each activity stating the name of the activity. A separate page of each activity with a description is desirable. A maximum of six pictures per activity. The size of the activity does not matter, but it must be a council activity performed during this Columbian Year.

To be considered for judging, your council yearbook must be in the designated room prior to 11:00AM Friday at the State Convention. Late entries will not be entertained. Grading of yearbooks will commence at 11:30 AM.

John Giltner FDD, PGK, PCP
Yearbook Chairman

Star Council Outreach Program

Worthy Grand Knights. It is never too early to consider reaching for the stars – “Star Council” I mean. The first step, and the easiest step, is getting your required forms submitted to Supreme, with a copy to your District Deputy.

By now you should have submitted your Form 365 – Service Program Personnel Report (This is an important form, so Supreme knows who to provide the chairman with important information about their programs. You should also be working on your council semi-annual audit which is due to Supreme by August 15.

I know you will be getting reminders from various levels of the knights' bureaucracy, but once I get a list of which councils have submitted the required forms, I will tailor my e-mails and phone calls to those council that need a reminder.

The normal procedure is if a form is not submitted on time,

- ◆ the State Deputy gets a call
- ◆ he then calls the assigned District Deputy, who in turn calls the Grand Knight
- ◆ if the District Deputy has a copy of the required form, he can send it to Supreme, eliminating a call to the Grand Knight. (That is why it is always good to keep the District Deputy in the loop.)

By the way the Report of Officers Chosen Form 185 was due to Supreme by June 30.

Have a fabulous year

John Giltner FDD, PGK, PCP
State Council Outreach Chairman

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Mar Toma Council 10981 (St. Peter Chaldean Cathedral, Chula Vista CA) Celebrates 2019 High School and College Graduates

Brother Steve Mattia, DGK– Mar Toma Council 10981

On June 20, 2019 the Knights of Columbus **Mar Toma Council #10981** celebrated our annual graduation party honoring high school and college graduates in the Chaldean community. The night was our best yet with over 250 guests and 100 graduates. We were joined by distinguished guests ranging from principals from local high schools to the president of a local community college. Our keynote speaker was San Diego Superior Court Judge **Polly Shamoon**, herself a member of the Chaldean community and graduate from local schools. And of course we were honored to have four of our diocese priests and four nuns that serve our church.



Photos — courtesy of **Brother Mattia**

*Brother Knights of Mar
Toma Council 10981*

*Hosting 2019 Graduation
Recognition for Chaldean
Students in their Church
Community*

*Graduates of professional
trade schools, community
colleges and universities
received certificates, gifts
and some scholarship
from community donations*



The students this year exemplified some of the best in our community. With many high school students being accepted into major colleges such as UCLA and Stanford, with grade point averages reaching as high as 4.68. Along with college and professional graduates entering the fields of law, business, medicine and engineering. We even had one student with a degree in aerospace engineering, a rocket scientist.



“ ... many high school students ... accepted into major colleges such as UCLA and Stanford, with grade point averages reaching as high as 4.68”

This event has always been a favorite of our council and we look forward to it every year. With the help of generous donors and sponsors, we were able to award \$20,000 in scholarships to some of the top students. Those in attendance had a great time and we as a council look forward to another successful event next year.



Families, religious leaders, academic administrators and community supporters attended the recognition and awards dinner celebration

Southern California District Celebrates San Diego Diocese 250 Year Jubilee of First Mission – and Mark the End of an Era for Cape and Chapeau Fourth Degree Regalia

SK Roark Galloway- District Marshal, SK Fred Hall- PFN, SK Jaime Delgado

Saint Junipero Serra Province, Southern California District, Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree



A total of 24 Sir Knights, including a contingent from Santa Clarita Assembly 2421 participated at this celebration where a majority took advantage of the “last opportunity” to display our colorful capes and chapeaus. Santa Clarita Assembly led by CCC **Brian Ortiz** and members from his Color Corps traveled from the farthest northern District boundary to be in attendance.



All Photos — courtesy of Lady **Charlene A. Delgado**

At 12:00 noon on Sunday June 30, 2019 a Southern California District call-out celebrated 250 year jubilee at the Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá founder Saint Junipero Serra Feast Day Mass with celebrants **Rev. Peter Escalante** and **Rev. Bill Springer**.

It was a beautifully warm, clear mid-day celebration with a comfortable breeze, which included an after-mass procession with a relic of Saint Junipero Serra around the mission grounds and ending at the altar once again within the Mission Basilica.

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Rev. Peter Escalante (center) processing with monstrance containing relic of Saint Junipero Serra



Rev. Peter Escalante (center) and **Rev. Bill Springer** (right) process with St. Junipero Serra relic

Brothers SK **Bernie Garcia** SK **Chris Wamsley**, and SK **Fred Hall** of Bishop Buddy Assembly 2122 worked many hours behind the scenes with member of Mission Staff **Linda**



Hewett to ensure the successful pre-planning with Mission Staff and Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree were in agreement and sharing expectations which produced a very enjoyable and memorable event.

>> As the choir and musicians signaled the beginning of mass from their loft, the precession was led by District Marshals **Frank Contreras** and **Roark Galloway**, Vice Supreme Master **Larry Campitiello** and District Master **Ray Forgette** down the long narrow aisle, stopping near the altar space. The appropriate salute was presented as the religious procession proceeded to their places. The Color Corps took their positions for the mass, attended by a standing room only gathering of the faithful.

At the conclusion of mass, the relic was carried by **Rev. Peter Escalante** under a white lace canopy and processed the main plaza fountain and a statue of St. Junipero Serra- then through the east side entrance then a right turn to the altar where the relic containing monstrance was carefully placed for display on the altar for several hours allowing parishioners and visitors the opportunity to meditate with Saint Fr. Serra.

“ ... this is the last opportunity for Fourth Degree members to display cape, feathers and chapeau regalia. What better finale than to pay homage to our Provincial patron and the start of Christianity in California?”

-Worthy Master Ray Forgette
Saint Junipero Serra Province
Southern California District



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!



Like running a marathon – continuous sustained effort ensures the success of your Council and our Order

During the month of July keep the momentum going by:

- **Scheduling and holding at least one Admission Degree**
- Recruiting in conjunction with council activities and events
- Getting permission from your pastor to recruit after Masses
- Arranging for bulletin and pulpit announcements
- Challenging your recruiters to bring in at least one new member
- **Holding a council social night and/or open house**

Request a Delta Church Drive Kit from chuck.davlin@kofc.org today

Every Member a Recruiter!

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Knights of Faith – Knights of Charity – Knights of Action

District Deputy REMINDERS-

- ♦ Complete online DD Training
- ♦ REACH OUT to Grand Knights of your councils
- ♦ Get **FORM 185's** submitted to DD, Chapter, State and Supreme
- ♦ **FORM 365** Due AUGUST 1- encourage your councils to submit before deadline
- ♦ Complete your DISTRICT MEETING with your Council Leadership Teams
- ♦ **SOCCER CHALLENGE** is coming soon!
Find out which Councils in your District participate in this program so you can schedule a DISTRICT CHALLENGE EVENT.
- ♦ Council AUDIT **FORM 1295-1** Due by AUGUST 15.
- ♦ Make sure NEW COUNCIL OFFICERS PROGRAM LEADERS are **SAFE ENVIRONMENT** COMPLIANT as needed

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Worthy Brother Knights All,

I consider this to be a high honor and significant responsibility to communicate meaningful stories and events from our Councils, Assemblies, Chapters, Districts, Chapters. I am a native to this Golden State having lived in Ventura, Contra Costa, Yolo (U.C Davis– *Go Aggies!*) and San Diego Counties... and have experienced the beauties of our ocean, lakes, central valley farmlands, mountains and desserts God has gifted to us. We are as diverse and beautiful as our landscape– and together will make Columbian Year 2019-2020 an exemplary example of what a State Council should accomplish when we are all “pulling in the same direction!”

PLEASE send me your comments, stories, events, successes, awards, recognitions, celebrations... and photographs to proudly show our California Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism!

Roark Galloway, PGK

Editor, California Golden State Knightletter

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