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Golden State Knightletter

Our Lady of Fatima - International Pilgrim Virgin Statue



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St. M. Goretti, Elk Grove CA

California Mission Tour -

Our Lady of Fatima Visits 21 Missions and Several Other Locations in 21 Days

The world-famous icon was welcomed to California at Our Lady of the Rosary in downtown San Diego on August 31, 2019 for a beautiful summer evening mass for the inaugural visit of a complete tour of the California Missions and other parishes. The tour concluded at the newly dedicated Christ Cathedral in Orange, CA.

Brother Sir Knights **James Aitchison** and **Anthony DeBellis** also traveled along for three weeks on this pilgrimage and documented events along the way. More photos and information are contained in this issue.

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Upcoming Dates / Events — October 2019

Junipero Serra Chapter

Installation of Officers **Saturday October 12**

Columbus Day **Monday October 14**

ID Drive Weekends **October 18-20 (or through October)**

STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE *KNIGHTS OF FAITH!*



My Brothers,

It is hard to believe September is already here. Summer vacations are over, children are back in school and it is time to get down to work. Congratulations to the winners of the August *Summer Sizzle* membership contest! Brothers Stephen Hamilton of Council 1375, Patrick Moffatt of Council 4581 and Jose "Pona" Magana of Council 13403 were all the top recruiters during the month of August bringing in 4 new members each. There were a number of high recruiting districts during August but DD131 Jesse Gonzales in Chino Hills led the field with 8 new members. Once again, there was a tie for the top recruiting council with Councils 1849 in Sutter Creek, 5803 in Simi Valley and 11724 in Sacramento all bringing in 6 new members during August. All will receive \$100 gift cards to Out-back Steakhouse to enjoy the *Summer Sizzle*!

For September and October, we will continue to recognize top achievers with the "*Fall Feast*" membership contest. Again, for purposes of the contest, the count will reset to zero and only monthly intake will count toward awards. The top recruiter, district deputy and council bringing in the most members during the month of September will win \$100 gift cards good at a restaurant in their area. Scan and email all Form 100s for newly initiated candidates to membershiprecords@kofc.org by noon on Monday, September 30 for them to count toward the contest, or have them join online at www.kofc.org/joinus.

So, I have to ask, is your membership in the Knights of Columbus so exciting you want to share the benefits with other qualified Catholic men? Many of us will profess Knights of Columbus membership has made us better Catholic men, bringing us closer to our church and families, making us better husbands and fathers and more active in our parish. I'm sure you all know a man, young or old, whether it be at the Mass you attend, work or a friend who will benefit in a similar way from membership in the Knights of Columbus. Don't be shy, share your excitement and ask him to join today!

Our new *Faith in Action* program offers ample activities promoting charity and spiritual formation, especially for a young man faced with the reality of raising and providing for a young family. There are many things vying for his attention, and it is important we aid him in focusing on church, faith and family as the center of his life. If you have not already done so, I would recommend reading Knights of Columbus publication #10831 which describes how the *Faith in Action* program can be implemented in your council. It is available through *Supplies Online* (for those who have access to *Officers Online*) or on the Supreme website at <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/programs/10831-faith-in-action-booklet.pdf>.

The *Big Bang Quickstart* first quarter membership contest will also be coming to a finish at the end of September with many exciting gifts and prizes. Even more reason to get those Form 100s in. Stay tuned for more on this in the October edition of the *Golden State Knightletter*.

In all that you do, be **Knights of Faith – Knights of Charity – Knights of Action!**

May God Bless,

Dave Abbott

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WELLNESS PROGRAM

Thinking Positive for our Mental and Emotional Health

From Brother **Edward P. Huestis**
California PSD

This month we will focus on mental and emotional health with an article on thinking positive that appeared in my email Inbox recently that I wanted to share with the membership.

Something that I learned a long time ago and try to put into practice daily is the following:

**Life is 10% what happens to you
and 90% how you react to that
situation!**

Try to make the best out of each situation even if it seems to be a bad event. When something happens to me that is an inconvenience or disruptive, I try to ask myself, "What is good about this situation that I haven't thought about yet, or that I can be thankful for?" It forces me to think about something positive like the car that I was driving had a problem but at least I was near home and not on a long-distance trip somewhere, as an example.

This article is from WebMD. Enjoy!

What Is Positive Thinking?

Positive thinking, or an optimistic attitude, is the practice of focusing on the good in any given situation. It can have a big impact on your physical and mental health. That doesn't mean you ignore reality or make light of problems. It simply means you approach the good and the bad in life with the expectation that things will go well.

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The Benefits of Positive Thinking

Many studies have looked at the role of optimism and positive thinking in mental and physical health. It's not always clear which comes first: the mindset or these benefits. But there is no downside to staying upbeat.

Some physical benefits may include:

- Longer life span
- Lower chance of having a heart attack
- Better physical health
- Greater resistance to illness such as the common cold
- Lower blood pressure
- Better stress management
- Better pain tolerance
- The mental benefits may include:
- More creativity
- Greater problem-solving skill
- Clearer thinking
- Better mood
- Better coping skills
- Less depression

When people in one study were exposed to the flu and common cold, those with a positive outlook were less likely to get sick and reported fewer symptoms.

During another study, women who were more optimistic were less likely to die from cancer, heart disease, stroke, respiratory disease, and infection.

And in a study of people over the age of 50, those who had more positive thoughts about aging lived longer. They also had less stress-related inflammation, which shows one possible link between their thoughts and health.

People with a positive outlook may be more likely to live a healthy lifestyle since they have a more hopeful view of the future. But researchers took that into account, and the results still held.

What Pessimists Should Know

That all sounds great, right? But what if you're naturally more pessimistic, meaning that you tend to expect the worst? No worries. It may help to see this positive thinking as a skill you can learn and benefit from, rather than a personality trait you either have or you don't.

There's research on this, too. In one experiment, adults who meditated daily on positive thoughts started feeling more upbeat emotions each day.

Other studies have shown that positive thinking helps people manage illness and eases depression, regardless of whether they are naturally optimistic or pessimistic.

First, Nix the Negative

Before you put positive thinking into practice, look for any negative thoughts that may be running through your mind. These include:

A bad filter. Do you overlook the good things about a situation and get wrapped up in the negatives? For example, you enjoy a fun dinner out with friends, but the restaurant gets your bill wrong at the end of the night. You leave feeling annoyed and frustrated, forgetting about the good time you had.

Taking the blame. Do you tend to take on the blame for something bad or disappointing that happens? For example, a friend declines an invitation from you, so you assume it's because she doesn't want to spend time with you.

Predicting disaster. This means you have one setback and then expect the worst to happen. For example, your car won't start in the morning, so you think the rest of your day is destined to be doomed.

Black-and-white thinking. Do you see things as either good or bad, with no middle ground? In this mindset, if things aren't perfect, they're automatically bad.

When you notice a negative thought, try to stop it and shift your focus to the positive. Think rationally about the situation. If it helps you to let go, you can give yourself and those around you grace. (You can still hold them accountable for their actions.)

Your negative thoughts won't go away overnight. But with practice, you can train yourself to have a more positive outlook. Remember, you aren't overlooking the facts. You're just including those that are good.

How to Practice Positive Thinking

Once you have a handle on negative thinking, it's time to play up the positive. Try these ways to do that:

Smile more. In a study, people who smiled (or even fake-smiled) while doing a stressful task felt more positive afterward than those who wore a neutral expression. You'll benefit more if the smile is genuine,

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though. So, look for humor and spend time with people or things that make you laugh.

With practice, you can add more positive thoughts to your life and enjoy the benefits that come with optimism.

Reframe your situation. When something bad happens that's out of your control, instead of getting upset, try to appreciate the good parts of the situation. For example, instead of stressing about a traffic jam, recall how convenient it is to have a car. Use the time that you're stuck behind the wheel to listen to music or a program you enjoy.

Keep a gratitude journal. This may sound cheesy, but when you sit down each day or week to write down the things you're thankful for, you're forced to pay attention to the good in your life. A study found that people who kept gratitude journals felt more thankful, positive, and optimistic about the future. They also slept better.

Picture your best possible future. Think in detail about a bright vision for your future -- career, relationships, health, hobbies -- and write it down. When you imagine your life going well, research suggests, you'll be happier in the present.

Focus on your strengths. Each day for a week, think about one of your personal strengths, like kindness, organization, discipline, or creativity. Write down how you plan to use that strength in new ways that day. Then, act on it. People in a study who did that boosted their happiness and lowered their symptoms of depression at the end of the week. Six months later, those benefits were still going strong.

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[Catholic News Service](#)

SoCal native Cardinal William Levada, former doctrinal head, dies at 83



Cardinal William J. Levada, the former archbishop of San Francisco and of Portland, Ore., died in Rome Sept. 26, 2019, at age 83. He is pictured in a Dec. 20, 2011, photo. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

Southern California native **Cardinal William J. Levada**, former head of the Vatican's doctrinal congregation and retired archbishop of San Francisco and Portland, Oregon, died Sept. 26 in Rome. He was 83.

Born in Long Beach, Levada was one of three alumni of St. John's Seminary in Camarillo who would go on to become cardinals of the Catholic Church.

When **Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger** was elected **Pope Benedict XVI** in 2005, he named then-**Archbishop Levada** to replace him as head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the Vatican agency charged with protecting and promoting the church's teachings on faith and morals. It was the first time a U.S. prelate had headed the congregation, and Cardinal Levada served in that position until 2012.

In a message to the priests of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, **Archbishop Gomez** called **Cardinal Levada** "one of the most distinguished Church leaders of our time," citing among other achievements the Cardinal's work on the 1992 "Catechism of the Catholic Church."

Full Article: [WEBLINK](#) (<< click on link)

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The Portolá 250: Re-tracing the

READERS: These are excerpts from **James Aitchison's** blog, recording his experiences during this wonderful tour of our Golden State. To review the complete journey, please visit his blog at :

<http://theyearofprayer.com/blog/>

- Editor

SK **Anthony DeBellis**,
IPVS Caretaker **Patrick Sabat**, blogger SK
James Aitchison with
statue of St. J. Serra at
Mission San Diego—
DAY 1 of the tour. ►



By: James Aitchison

The year 2019 marks the 250th anniversary of the Portolá Expedition. From Sept. 1-22, a new trek termed the "Portolá 250" brought Catholics together across California to commemorate this anniversary of the founding of the 21 California Missions through a modern-day road trip. The goal was to revitalize Christianity in California with the same fervent spirit as those early missionaries.

As one reflects on the Portolá Expedition, one re-discovers the rich Catholic heritage derived from that first expedition over land into Alta California. Commissioned by King Charles II, the year was 1769 when Catalan-born explorer Don Gaspar de Portolá led the expedition. It had both a political purpose and a religious purpose to spread the Catholic faith and to establish a presidio and mission in San Diego and Monterey.

Commander Portolá's first-ever land journey from

San Diego to Monterey helped lay the groundwork for St. Junipero Serra's establishment of the first nine Missions along El Camino Real (Spanish for "The King's Highway"), which runs from San Diego to San Francisco and is essentially we know as Interstate 5 today.



First Mission visit -
Basilica San Diego de
Alcalá with Sir
Knights from San
Diego Diocese

Sunday
September 1, 2019
during the Mission
250th Jubilee.



The 2019 expedition kicked off on Sept. 1 at the first mission in Alta California, the Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá, and visited each subsequent mission on the way up and down the state. Led by the world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, the Portolá 250 compels Catholics to come together in prayer and public witness to help turn the United States back toward God and to promote the restoration of Christian values in California.

The statue was escorted during its September 1-22 journey by the World Apostolate of Fatima USA and the California Knights of Columbus and their color corps. Organizers hoped that the



The transport vehicle - with James' son **Alex Aitchison**

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Evangelization of California

statue's visit to 21 missions in 21 days, as well as to some sponsoring parishes, will shower graces on all the dioceses of California. In addition to the World Apostolate of Fatima and the Knights of Columbus, organizers also collaborated with Catholic Action for Faith and Family, Legion of Mary, home school networks, local newspapers and others to help bring about reparation and renewal in the state.

Organizers of the Portolá 250 hope that their event will be the beginning of a new chapter in the storied history of Catholicism in California.

Special News 'Public Square' Announcement

On September 9, 2019 James was invited to sit in studio with KUSI (San Diego) reporter **Paul Rudy** which was broadcast and is available to view online:

<https://www.kusi.com/tracing-the-footsteps-of-saint-junipero-serra-21-missions-in-21-days/>



SK Anthony DeBellis with his son Michael at Mission San Diego at the beginning of the Mission Tour

21 Day Mission Pilgrimage received Support From Rome

His Eminence Raymond Cardinal Burke Calls All to Prayer just as the Pilgrimage to Visit 21 Missions in 21 Days Commences



From Rome during the [Operation Storm Heaven Event](#), the Mass celebrated by **Cardinal Burke** was powerfully streamed live across the world from his private chapel to more than 150,000 Rosary Warriors. The Mass was said in Latin by **Cardinal Burke** who also gave a homily and blessing in English, giving great significance to the purpose of the pilgrimage and for the organizers who just began earlier that day to retrace St. Junípero Serra's steps in California. Setting a clear context of the Good Samaritan, **Cardinal Burke** instructs that love of neighbor is perseverant, has no boundaries, and extends to every man without discrimination. This love constantly goes beyond the call of duty without hesitation and without request for the person needing care to qualify with merit..

... His Eminence then gave a blessing for California and prayed for the organizers of the pilgrimage and in particular, the efforts of the Knights of Columbus who have deployed statewide, Catholic Action for Faith and Family, Legion of Mary, the World Apostolate of Fatima, The Blue Army, and many more local volunteers at each visit location.

LINK to view SERMON from His Eminence Raymond Cardinal Burke

https://www.catholicaction.org/portola_250_cardinal_burke_sermon



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TRACING THE FOOTSTEPS OF SAINT JUNÍPERO SERRA

21 Missions in 21 Days



Mission Santa Cruz

“Always go forward and never turn back.”
~ St. Junípero Serra

EL CAMINO REAL

THE KING'S HIGHWAY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Mission San Rafael Archangel

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Old Mission San Jose

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Mission Santa Cruz

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Carmel Mission Basilica

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Mission San Antonio de Padua

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Mission San Miguel

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Mission San Luis Obispo

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Mission Santa Ines

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Mission San Buenaventura

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Mission San Francisco Solano

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Mission Dolores

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Mission Santa Clara

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Mission Juan Bautista

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Mission Nuestra Senora
de la Soledad

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

La Purisma Mission - -

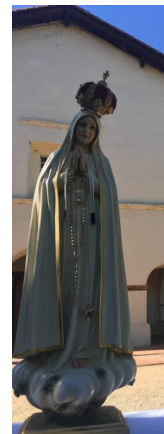
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Mission San Gabriel

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Mission San Juan Capistrano

Mission San J



Mission San Jose



Mission Santa Barbara



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St. M. Goretti, Elk Grove CA

Juan Bautista



Mission Dolores



▲ Mission San Luis Rey de Francia ▼



Mission San Diego de Alcalá



- - - State Historic Park

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Mission Santa Barbara

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Mission San Gabriel

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Mission San Luis Rey de Francia

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Mission San Diego De Alcalá

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21 Missions in 21 Days... continued

Additional visits to parishes during this tour:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

Our Lady of the Rosary
San Diego, CA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church
Carlsbad CA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

St. Mary Catholic Church
Escondido, CA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

St. Edward the Confessor
Dana Point, CA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

La Purisma Catholic Church
Orange, CA

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church
Claremont, CA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

St. Andrew Catholic Church
Pasadena, CA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Bakersfield, CA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

St. Joachim
Madera, CA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Steps of the California State Capital
Sacramento, CA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church
Elk Grove, CA

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

St. Margaret Mary
Oakland, CA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption
San Francisco, CA



*Our Lady of the Rosary,
San Diego, CA*



*Color Corps stand post at St. Elizabeth Seton
Catholic Church, Carlsbad, CA*



Knights on Bikes met up with IPVS Tour at St. Andrew's, Pasadena CA



*Color Corps procession with IPVS at St. Maria
Goretti Catholic Church, Elk Grove CA*



*Adoration at La Purisma Catholic Church,
Orange, CA*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Our Lady Queen of Peace
Santa Clara, CA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Christ Cathedral
Orange, CA

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SK Thomas McKenna (at dais), President and Founder of CATHOLIC ACTION. During visit at St. Andrew Catholic Church, Pasadena, CA



Brother **James Aitchison** riding in on the final stop on the back of the front bike of Brother **Rajesh Rajput** from Knights on Bikes lead the arrival at Christ Cathedral, Orange, CA

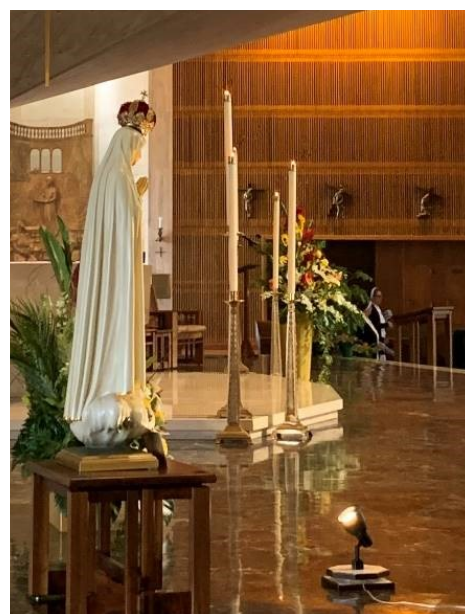


Sir Knights with IPVS, St. Mary Catholic Church, Escondido, CA

Photo: Courtesy of FN Joseph McCoy



Nighttime Adoration at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Santa Clara, CA



IPVS at the Altar, Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, San Francisco, CA

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A word of “Thanks” from James Aitchison....

Much Gratitude to California Knights for being Champions of Faith throughout the Portolá 250.

We originally intended to visit 21 Missions in 21 Days to celebrate the founding of the missions; but due to widespread demand, we ended up with 35 total stops/events on the tour. Without the Knights' preplanning and ground support efforts, we wouldn't have been able to arrive home after it was all said and done and say, “it was a successful and amazing journey!”

Town by town and parish by parish, the Knights demonstrated Faith in Action. They attended to everyone's needs, ushered, stood guard over the Pilgrim Statue and executed flawless protocol. Tirelessly, with the utmost patience and with a joyful spirit, they provided a quiet inspiration as they performed their service impeccably.

Along the more than 3-week Portolá 250, two things were abundantly clear to us, (1) there is a pent-up demand, a deep hunger for people to have God, prayer and devotion back in their lives, and (2) the Knights of Columbus are going to have to take a leadership role. We were proud to meet so many Knights and to witness their demonstration that although they are indeed men of action and men of service, they first and foremost are Men of Prayer.

Once again, our heartfelt thanks to all brother Knights and Knights on Bikes.

Blessings,

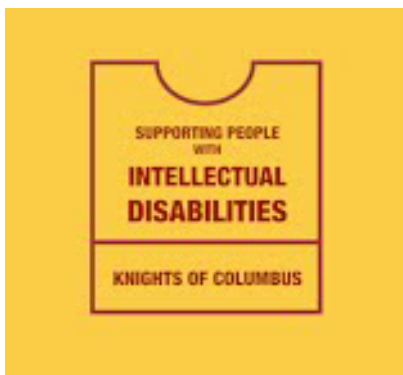
James Aitchison and Anthony DeBellis

4th Degree Knights of Columbus

Co-Architects of The Portolá 250 & The Year of Prayer



Worthy District Deputy and State Leaders,



My Friends, I again turn to you for help. It is Sept and we need to plan and execute the 2019-20 Campaign to Support People with Intellectual Disabilities. They need us.

Material was sent to most Financial Secretaries via email on the first week of July. Please work with your Councils to get the program going. The traditional Drive weekend is Oct 18-20 but they can do the program at any time. Bob Burnside (rjfb@pacbell.net) is an expert in “How to Order Tootsie Rolls”, reach out to him or others for assistance.

More information is available on our web site Columbian-Foundation.com or feel free to email me. Let's make 2019-20 the best year ever.

Thanks for Supporting People with Intellectual Disabilities

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562-926-5538 (answering machine)

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Worthy Grand Knights and Worthy Financial Secretaries

You are now deeply involved in the new fraternal year with many tasks (and goals) ahead of you. So much to consider, plan and implement and it can be a bit daunting. Along with the goals of growth and programs lies the need for clear and consistent administration of your council and members.

Our Leadership Training committee have a significant number of tools and people to aid you this year. Are you aware that there is a training mentor available in each of the 16 Chapters in California? Do you know that Supreme's Online Member Management and Billing systems offer a coordinated approach to administration, billing, financial processing, accounting and retention?

Yes, we do have such men and aids. Yes, you can view live and recorded online training sessions from your home at your convenience! There are several sessions available to FS to better

understand their responsibilities, maintain effective billing, support the retention process and handle funds and disbursements in accordance with the By-Laws of the order and provide the Grand Knights with assistance in managing budgets and planning.

The links below will take a Financial Secretary (or Faithful Comptroller) to introductions to Responsibilities and Member Management for administration. The other link will take a Grand Knight (or Faithful Navigator) to a similar introduction to Member Management and expectations of support an FS can provide. Access the link, register and a recorded session will commence. Once you have viewed the session, email training@californiaknights.org with your name, council (or assembly) number and email address to request and receive handouts referenced in the session(s).

FS Responsibilities. This session will show you how to access the Officers Online system and give you an overview of your primary responsibilities.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5711868745692564739>

Member Management for Administration for New FS. This session covers the administrative process, record keeping, communications and supports the features of Member Billing and accounting.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4391446540599065091>

Intro to Member Management for GKs. This presentation addresses use of the Member Management application online for Council and Assembly administration. It also makes you aware of the type of support available from your Financial Secretary and Faithful Comptroller.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8941313616247648003>

Other topic sessions are available to assist you and your officers and anyone is welcome to attend. Questions?? Contact me at the information below

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San Diego Diocese Installation and Testimonial Dinner

By Brother John Giltner

We gathered at the Serra Center and Garden at Mission San Luis Rey Parish in Oceanside August 30, 2019. The evening events started with Reverend Father Frank Pulgese celebrating the Mass. Father's thought-provoking homily focused on "You never know when the Master will come".

Following the Mass, State Deputy Dave Abbot read the charge of each officer and received a promise of each officer to live up to the charge and preform the duties of their office. The installation was followed by a dinner in the Serra Center Garden; perfect venue, on a perfect night for the gathering. Master of Ceremonies State Treasurer, Rene Trevino, introduced the State Officers, Chapter Officers and other



*IPSD Joe Salaiz (L) and
San Diego Chapter President Armando Mena (R)*

dignities.

At his installation as San Diego Diocese Chapter President Armando Mena laid out his goals for this Columbian Year. "As knights we are called to assist the bishops and priests with the evangelization, catechism and ministry of the church. It is the call we receive in our baptism; confirmation and this chapter and our families will help with the light of faith by:

- Building the domestic church by impacting on 2000 families utilizing faith in action programs
- Recruit and train two hundred (200) knights, squires and families as Eucharistic Ministers through parishes and diocese seminars
- Recruit and assist one hundred (100) knights, squires, families with training as catechists including KofC scholarships for classes provided by the diocesan institute
- Recruit and assist three hundred (300) knights, squires, families to serve as youth ministry volunteers by assisting with safe environment training from the diocese Increase number of RSVP funds to help more seminarians and religious with KofC receptions at three (3) seminaries
- Assist the diocese with the development of a youth ministry academy for confirmation candidates to become church ministers before/after confirmation
- Assist the diocese with the identification and development of support for deaconate class
- Celebrate with the diocese the 138th anniversary of founding of the Knights of Columbus with a Mass on February 7 or 8th 2020.
- Diocese wide celebration of Memorial Day with memorial Pyx on May 25, 2020. Participating councils would donate at least 5 Pyxes to their parish to honor veterans including Catholic chaplains who served with dedicated Pyx.

Chapter President Mena also stated the membership goal of the chapter is to recruit 1,000 new members.

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State Deputy Dave Abbot reminded the chapter officers of the oath they just took and the obligation to fulfill the duties of their office. The need to continuously recruit new members is vital to the chapter as well as each. The state goal is 6,000 new members. If San Diego makes its goal of 1,000 new members, I am one sixth of making the state goal.

San Diego Diocese Chapter Officers



*L-R: Front row: **Mgsr. Frank Pulgiese**, **Armando Mena**, President, **Tom Davis**, Vice President, **Michael Bordwell**, Secretary, **Luigi Zoni**, Treasurer **Andy Huelskamp**, Warden, **Don Rakestraw**, Assistant Warden.*

*Back row: **Jesse Ramirez**, Trustee, **Tony Villaman**, Trustee, **Ken Morris**, Trustee.*

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From Brother Richard Marciniak
California State Director, Culture of Life



Brother Knights & Culture of Life Friends,

Here's an awesome Pro-Life opportunity!

Unplanned the most successful Pro Life film in history and a Box Office sensation.

As a result of the California Knights unprecedented support of the Pro-Life movie, *UNPLANNED*, the Producer/Directors of *Unplanned* have granted the Knights of California special privileges and wholesale DVD prices to:

- Purchase DVD's for your personal use to promote our Pro-Life mission to **DEFEND LIFE** or for personal gifts or to sell for fundraising for your Council and Parish programs
- access to show the *Unplanned* Movie as a **Fundraiser** for your Council and/or Parish programs
- Show *Unplanned* at your Council, Parishes & Schools to promote our Pro-Life mission to **DEFEND LIFE!**

This is an exceptional program provided to the Knights in THANKS from *Unplanned* for our outstanding support of the theatrical release which made it an all-time movie success, far exceeding expectations.

To place your Order, please click here or copy to browser:

<https://www.unplannedfilm.com/kofcgroups>

Below is a personal message from Brother Mike Manhardt, *Unplanned* Co-Producer, along with information on how to obtain *Unplanned*.

Blessings to You & Your Family,



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Letter from Brother Mike Manhardt, Co-Producer of *Unplanned*, to the California Knights

Brother Knights,

I write to thank you with all the gratitude in the world for your role in making *Unplanned* the most successful Pro Life film in history and a Box Office sensation.

It is because of YOU that more than 100 abortion workers sought help leaving the industry after the film's release. It is because of YOU that 6 states, with more to follow, have signed Pro-Life legislation since the film's release. It is because of YOU that countless children and mothers >>

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>> will be spared the tragedy of abortion.

Here is how you, your Council, or your Church can participate in the continued success of *Unplanned*, and benefit your local Council and/or Parish:

Order Licenses for Screenings, DVD and Blu Ray-Release: The Knights and their Councils have the opportunity to License the film and purchase DVD's at wholesale prices to sell at Screenings and Council events.

DVD's can be the ultimate ministry tool—imagine handing out dozens of DVD's at youth events, outside abortion centers, or at your next Pro-Life rally. *Unplanned* is currently the #1 seller on Amazon, but for a higher price, plus shipping fees. Order directly from the [Knights link](#) to fully support this effort!

Showing the film at your Council, Churches and Community groups is a great way to bring the community together and reflect on the Pro Life message and our obligation as Knights to spread it.

Unplanned has arranged a discounted package with licensing for the Knights.

To place your Order, please click here: <https://www.unplannedfilm.com/kofcgroups>

Please help us educate people regarding the need to obtain a License for all public showings:

Showing the film in public without a license is Piracy - even when there is no fee being charged to the attendees and no matter where the DVD or BluRay disc was purchased and as long as the venue is public, including churches, halls and "private rooms or private halls".

Showing the film in your Church/Council is a great way to bring the community together and reflect on the Pro-Life message and our obligation as Knights to defend life.

Once again, thank you on behalf of the entire *Unplanned* team.

May God bless and reward you for all you do to promote the Culture of Life.

Yours in Christ,

Br. Mike Manhardt

Unplanned, Co-Producer



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Garden of Innocence San Diego Commemorates 200th Burial - Baby Roger

California Garden of Innocence prepares for 400th burial overall in Fresno, or San Francisco

SOURCE: San Diego Union Tribune Published Sep 30, 2019 Author: Pam Kragen

“Adam, Jaren, Angel ... John, Sebastian, Star ... Anthony, Billy, Carmelita ... Solomon, Natalie, Dylan ... Maya, Michelle and Roger.”

Under threatening gray skies Saturday morning, these and 185 other names were recited one by one at the Garden of Innocence. These are the 200 abandoned babies who have found a home and surrogate family in a quiet, tree-lined knoll at El Camino Memorial Park in Sorrento Valley.

Over the past 20 years, a group of dedicated volunteers have collected these unwanted babies from local morgues, given them a name, placed them in a handmade wood coffin or urn and provided them with a grave, a grave marker and a well-attended memorial service complete with a release of doves.

Saturday's service commemorated the recent interment of Roger, the 200th baby buried in the plot since the first child, Adam, was placed nearby on June 19, 1999.

There to sing a song of farewell for Roger and all the other babies was **Elissa Davey**, who founded the Garden of Innocence two decades ago because nobody else would.

... Over the years, Davey has expanded the project to 13 other cities in California, Oregon and Missouri. This month, the 400th baby will be buried at a Garden of Innocence, either in Fresno or San Francisco. Davey's goal before she dies is to have a Garden of Innocence in all 50 states, but her savings for the national project has dwindled to just \$6,000.

... Each burial, sometimes for two or three babies at a time, features a procession by members of the Knights of Columbus, songs, a heart-shaped funeral wreath of red roses and a reading of a unique poem written for each child. Attendees gather in a large circle and pass the breadbox-size caskets one to another by hand, a gesture Davey said is designed to touch each baby with the loving hands of their newly adopted family.

Our Gardens

San Diego
Tulare
Bay Area
Fresno
Kern
Sierra
By The Sea
Merced
Roseburg, Oregon
Orange
GOI in the Pines
Humboldt

Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Assemblies have made an effort from the beginning to establish and be closely in contact with each local Garden of Innocence jurisdiction to receive notification of burials and to arrange for call-outs.

There are several Sir Knights serving on local Boards of Directors with these Gardens throughout California

Thank you to all of the Fourth Degree Knights in Regalia who have and continue to participate and show their support.

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District Deputy REMINDERS-

- ◆ Form Admission Degree programs for your Councils, and Formation Degree Team for your District
- ◆ Visit your Councils, obtain Council event calendar for CY 2019-2020
- ◆ Make sure NEW COUNCIL OFFICERS PROGRAM LEADERS are **SAFE ENVIRONMENT COMPLIANT** as needed
- ◆ Check your "STAR TRACKER" Reports
- ◆ SUPREME Per Capita payments due OCTOBER 10 to avoid being placed in "suspension" status.
- ◆ OCTOBER Suggested Programs:
 - ◆ Coats for Kids
 - ◆ Food for Families
 - ◆ 40 Days for Life

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Worthy Brother Knights All,

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

Submission deadline– 10th of every month for current newsletter

Please indicate "GSK Article" in your subject line. If you are including photos please try to make sure participants are identified, and photo credits provided.

PLAN AHEAD– If you wish to promote a program, please submit your information for publication the issue month **PRIOR** to your event dates, as publication will be in the 2nd half of the calendar month.

EXAMPLE: Program Event in DECEMBER; submit for publication by NOVEMBER 10.

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