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# Golden State Knightletter

## 2020 State Convention

### SPECIAL Issue

95th State Deputy – Elect  
California State Council  
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**FIRST Virtual State Convention in History-  
Complete Convention information and Awards announced  
from our State Council 2020 Convention held Saturday  
May 16, 2020 are inside this issue.**

**A regular May 2020 issue will be published and available -  
so if you have any stories to share from you council  
participation with LEAVE NO NEIGHBOR BEHIND initiative  
please send them for publication. *-Editor***

## STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

### SPECIAL CONVENTION EDITION



My Brothers,

It gives me great pleasure to convey my greetings to you in this special "Convention Edition" of the Golden State Knightletter. The 118<sup>th</sup> Annual State Business Meeting and Convention was held "virtually" this past Saturday, May 16. It was well attended and actually consisted of two meetings – one for council delegates to conduct the essential business of the California State Council and a second to bestow awards and recognize the many achievements of the members and councils of California this Columbian Year.

My congratulations to the newly elected officers for next fraternal year; State Deputy Elect **Stephen Bolton**, State Chaplain Select **Fr. John Neneman**, State Secretary Elect **Dr. Noel Panlilio**, State Treasurer Elect **Rene Trevino**, State Advocate Elect **Greg Marracq** and State Warden Elect **James Larson**. It has been a pleasure working with all of you this Columbian Year. My special congratulations as well to current State Chaplain and Priest of the Year **Fr. John Cantwell**, Family of the Year **Jerry and Myra Williams**, and Knight of the Year State Warden Elect **James Larson**. Brother James wore many hats this year stepping unexpectedly into vacant positions and fulfilling all his obligations superbly.

The annual State Convention and Business Meeting is really all about you. Most years the State Convention is both a time to celebrate and to conduct the business of the State Council electing officers, voting on resolutions, and approving the annual state budget. Even more so it is all about assembling as a Brotherhood for hospitality, fellowship, and social interaction. Although our "virtual" meetings were perhaps no substitute for the latter, hopefully they did capture the essence of the State Convention which is a sense of accomplishment and celebration. Speaking optimistically, better times are ahead.

During the months of May and June please continue to focus on the five pillars of the "Leave No Neighbor Behind" program which includes supporting our Brother Knights, supporting our parishes, supporting our communities, feeding the hungry and participating in blood drives. There are many, many stories of Knights and Councils stepping up during the current emergency. All of this, of course, is to be done within your means with respect for your own safety and that of your family.



Furthermore, for the remainder of the year, we will be focusing on "throwing a Catholic Man a Lifeline." During times of anxiety and uncertainty, a Brotherhood like the Knights might be just what is needed to reduce stress for both himself and his family. For the remainder of the year, encourage qualified Catholic men to join online at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org). By entering the discount code "CAKOFc" they will receive half off the normal \$30 membership fee. There are also many "virtual" Exemplifications of Charity, Unity and Fraternity allowing them to join a council directly. Even though we are in a meeting hiatus, we can still extend our charity, fraternity, and sense of brotherhood to those who may need it the most.

The current COVID-19 is the third such pandemic the Order has endured during its 138-year history. Our founder, the Venerable **Fr. Michael J. McGivney**, succumbed at the young age of 38 to the Asiatic Flu pandemic of 1889-1890. The Order survived the H1N1, Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918, the Great Depression and two World Wars. Throughout it all we as Knights have been known for our faith, charity, and service. Times are no different now – and we will get through the current crisis showing the same courage and fortitude as those who have gone before us. Thank you for your charity and service! It has been my pleasure to serve you this Columbian Year.

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

May God Bless,

**Dave Abbott**, State Deputy

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A message from Rev. John Cantwell

### State Chaplain 2019-2020

My Dear Brother Knights and Ladies,

As this is the third time I have been appointed your State Chaplain, I am particularly honored to serve in this privileged capacity again. This year, I am working very diligently with all of our Chapter and local Council Chaplains as we emphasize the crucial importance of the SPIRITUAL aspect to our CHARITY endeavors. I am so impressed with our Worthy State Deputy Dave Abbott's support of this effort as well as his outstanding and effective leadership during these troubling times. We will pray with him as he must decide on whether to have a "Virtual" State Convention this year.



May the Lord Jesus and His Blessed Mother guide and protect us as we begin to see some light in the clouds.

My blessings to all of you good people.

**Father John Cantwell**

State Chaplain 2019-2020

In this Special Convention issue you will find the following record from the 2020 California State Convention hosted by State Deputy **Dave Abbott**.

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## Address to California Knights from SUPREME KNIGHT CARL A. ANDERSON

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SUPREME KNIGHT

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March 29, 2020  
Founder's Day

David M. Abbott  
State Deputy  
California State Council  
Knights of Columbus

Worthy State Deputy and dear Brother Abbott:

In my own name, and on behalf of my fellow Supreme Officers and Board of Directors, I extend greetings to you and all my brother Knights of the California State Council. In this time of worldwide uncertainty due to the coronavirus pandemic, it is prudent to conduct the business of your state convention virtually. Yet even amid the current disruptions, you and your brother Knights are called to be men of hope who must provide for the continued growth and good works of our Order.

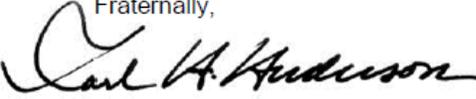
Each Knight participating in this convention has been entrusted with a sacred mission based on the vision of our founder, the Venerable Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney. As his spiritual sons, we carry on the vital work of building up our parishes, passing on the Catholic faith in our homes and ensuring the financial protection of our families. Father McGivney's life and legacy should inspire us each day as we continue to pray fervently for his canonization.

As we mark our Order's 138th anniversary amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for the Knights of Columbus is greater than ever before. Through the Order's *Leave No Neighbor Behind* pandemic response program, we can reach out to our brother Knights and their families, as well as to fellow parishioners, neighbors and the broader community. Our world needs Knights who will step out into the breach as sterling examples of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, offering a helping hand where one may be needed during this challenging moment in history.

Finally, I express my sincere gratitude to you, the state officers, district deputies, council officers, general and field agents, and each brother Knight who has contributed to our Order's mission in California.

May Our Lady of Guadalupe watch over and guide your virtual proceedings and protect the health of every Knight and his family, and may Venerable Father Michael McGivney intercede for us all.



Fraternally,  
  
Carl A. Anderson  
Supreme Knight

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**"Love one  
another as  
I have  
loved you"**

**The  
CALIFORNIA STATE COUNCIL  
Officers**

**Salute the Members and Councils  
throughout California  
who have stepped up to support  
their Church and Community  
during the Coronavirus pandemic.**

**Although we are not meeting in  
person, we know that everyone is  
working together in Unity as  
envisioned by Father McGivney  
so many years ago.**

**May God's Blessings be with You!!**



**2019-2020 State Officers**

**(L-R) James & Lisa Scroggin (Supreme Director), Joe & Anna Salaiz (IPSD),  
Stephen & Jane Bolton (State Secretary), David & Debbie Abbott (State Deputy),  
Rev. John Cantwell (State Chaplain), Noel & Fannie Panlilio (State Treasurer),  
Rene & Carla Trevino (State Advocate), Greg & Antoinette Marracq (State Warden)**

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## 2019 –20 ANNUAL REPORT, STATE DEPUTY DAVID M. ABBOTT

My Brothers,

Greetings and welcome to the 118th “virtual” Annual State Convention. It is hard to believe that nearly a year has transpired since I was elected as your State Deputy at the 117th Annual State Convention in San Diego. I have been deeply honored to serve you in this capacity. Much has transpired in the ensuing months, including the unexpected moratorium in large group gatherings caused by the coronavirus pandemic. This year, for the first time in my memory, we will be meeting “virtually” for the convention via teleconference and the Internet.

In traveling throughout the State for installations, forums and testimonials, I have had the opportunity to speak personally with a great many of you. I am and continue to be grateful for the leadership you have all exhibited in your chapters, districts, councils, circles and assemblies. Working together, there is no problem too great, no project too large, no charitable undertaking that we cannot accomplish working in His name. I am enormously proud to have served you in the capacity of State Deputy for the great State of California in this, the 118th year, of the California jurisdiction.

To my Brother Officers, State Chaplain **Father John Cantwell**, State Secretary **Stephen Bolton**, State Treasurer **Dr. Noel Panlilio**, State Advocate **Rene Trevino** and State Warden **Gregory Marracq**, please accept my undying gratitude for your help and support. I am also grateful for the insight and guidance of Immediate Past State Deputy **Joseph Salaiz** and all the Past State Deputies in California who continue to work tirelessly on behalf of the Order. I have been further blessed this year with the help and dedication of six individuals, State Membership Director **T.W. Starkweather**, Assistant State Membership Director **Larry Dietz**, State Program Director **Ricardo Saldana**, State Operations Director **Gene Hays**, Member Benefits Chairman **Todd Cabral** FICF, recently retired, and taking his place during the latter half of the year, Member Benefits Chairman, **Carlos Gutierrez** FIC. To all a hearty thank you.

Moreover, I wish to thank every one of you! The work of the Order is truly done in the councils, circles and assemblies throughout the state. Through your tireless efforts and many volunteer hours, you make a difference in the lives of many, changing and saving lives in our parishes and communities. For this you are all to be commended. But the work is not over yet. Much remains to be done as we transition into a new year, new leadership and an end to the current year which has been turned on edge by the coronavirus pandemic.

I chose as our benefactor this year the Good Shepherd, an ancient icon of Christ dating back to the first century. I believe it signifies the servant leadership to which all Catholic men and women are called. I chose as my motto “Knights of Faith – Knights of Charity – Knights of Action.” Assisting our priests and religious is central to our mission as Knights of Columbus, and at the very core of our common beliefs. As we grow the Order, so too do we increase our ability to be the defender of our Catholic faith and to help others. In his encyclical – ‘Caritas In Veritate’ (Love in Truth) – **Pope Benedict** reminded us that “Charity is at the heart of the Church’s social doctrine. Every responsibility and every commitment spelled out by that doctrine is derived from charity which, according to the teaching of Jesus, is the synthesis of the entire law.”

As our membership theme for the year I chose “*One new member per council per month.*” Every council has been asked to recruit at least one new member per month or at least twelve new members for the year. In my travels throughout the state I have often asked members why they joined the Knights of Columbus. The most common response is ‘to give back, to be a member of a community of like-minded Catholic men.’ Our Order remains and shall forever be united in service to our Church and fellowmen. I am grateful to all the councils who accepted the challenge to grow the Order to further our charitable mission and commitment to a Catholic Brotherhood.

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For many of us, the year began well in advance of July 1, 2019. Approximately one year ago, over Memorial Day weekend, the State Officers and Directors met in a retreat at South Lake Tahoe to plan and finalize the selection process for the District Deputies, Committee Chairmen and State Committeemen that would spearhead our many programs and activities in the coming year. For the District Deputies, 156 in all, it was at this meeting recommendations were made and finalized for submission to Supreme.

Before my official term began on July 1, 2019. Both my wife **Debbie** and I attended an orientation meeting held in New Haven, Connecticut, hosted by our Supreme Knight, **Carl Anderson**. It was well attended by State and Territorial Deputies from jurisdictions around the world as well as Officers, Directors and staff from Supreme. It was at this meeting we were given our goals and quotas for the year, including membership recruitment and net membership gain. In addition, we were asked to complete an 'Action Plan' for California addressing programs, membership growth and leadership which we worked on while we were there. As you can imagine, the orientation was a very intense but extremely worthwhile experience.

Last June, on the weekend of the 22nd and 23rd in Ontario, we held our first of two meetings for the District Deputies in California. The State hierarchy and District Deputies were joined by chairmen, committeemen and Chapter representatives from throughout the state, who set about familiarizing the incoming leadership with the many programs and activities available to councils and their members. We were honored by the attendance of many Past State Deputies and Supreme Director of Membership Growth for the US, **Matthew St. John**, and Territorial Growth Director, **Robert Kish**.

When July 1<sup>st</sup> finally arrived and we officially started the Columbian Year, it was my pleasure to install my fellow State Officers at my home parish of Our Divine Savior Church in Chico. My thanks to all who made the long trip to such a rural region of California. The installation was presided over by the State Chaplain, **Father John Cantwell**, along with my Pastor, **Father Martin Ramat**, and the religious of Our Divine Savior Parish.

In August, along with the rest of the State Officers, wives and Supreme delegates from California I attended the Supreme Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In addition to the business sessions, each state hosts a hospitality suite serving food and beverages specific to their local area. Suffice it to say, the California suite under the supervision of State Warden **Greg Marracq** and his wife **Antoinette** served California wines and cheeses which were very well received. We were joined by delegations from Poland and Ukraine which offered their exotic faire as well. We were also privileged to host a farewell reception for Supreme Director **Jim Scroggin** and his wife **Lisa** on the occasion of his retirement from the Supreme Board of Directors. If you have never had an opportunity to attend a Supreme Convention, I would encourage you to do so.

In November, along with State Chaplain **Father John Cantwell**, several of the State Officers and Knights of Columbus from throughout the nation, I was privileged to attend a wheelchair distribution in Guadalajara, Mexico. The hospitality of our hosts including State Deputy **Francisco Alonso Moreno-Munoz** and the State Officers of Mexico West was outstanding, and it was extremely gratifying to see the new hope and excitement given with the gift of mobility via this worthwhile program.

In November, **Debbie** and I attended the Supreme mid-term meeting in Orlando, Florida. We heard excellent talks from the Supreme Knight and program chairmen and learned how we were doing as a state overall. The groundbreaking combined Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity was introduced at that meeting which has subsequently been adopted by nearly every council in the California jurisdiction. This was followed by our own District Deputy mid-term meeting held in Ontario on January 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. The program included excellent talks by Territorial Growth Director **Robert Kish**, Supreme Trainer for the Western Region **Ken White**, State Membership Director **T.W. Starkweather**, State Program Director **Ricardo Saldana**, State Operations Director **Gene Hays** and our Supreme General Agents. The presentations were accompanied by breakout sessions for informal questions

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and discussion along with a program “Expo” featuring the many charitable programs and activities in which councils can participate.

On January 25th, **Debbie** and I along with the other State Officers and Directors joined 50,000 prolife enthusiasts at the Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco. This was my sixth walk, and each time I come away awe inspired at the growing number of people, both young and old, that are determined to change this nation and public policy to a culture of life. As members of the Knights of Columbus, we believe that every life is sacred, from the moment of conception until natural death. As Knights of Columbus, we are called to defend the dignity of every human life.

Tragically, Past Supreme Knight **Virgil Dechant** died unexpectedly in his sleep on February 15, 2020. Brother **Dechant** was the 12th and longest serving Supreme Knight holding office from January 21, 1977 until his retirement on September 30, 2000. He was succeeded by Supreme Knight **Carl Anderson**. Brother **Dechant** was a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of Pope Pius IX, Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St. Gregory the Great, Knight of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre and received the National Right to Life Award along with Senator **Jesse Helms** in 1998. He had the honor of escorting **President George W. Bush** to the funeral of **Pope John Paul II**. In 2012 he was awarded the Knights of Columbus highest honor, the Gaudium et Spes Award, by Supreme Knight **Carl Anderson**. The Gaudium et Spes Award was established by then Supreme Knight **Dechant** in 1992, with **Mother Teresa** as its first recipient. Our prayers and sympathy go out to his wife **Ann** along with his children and grandchildren who are and continue to be very much a part of our fraternal family.

As I have already mentioned, in my travels throughout the state to attend installations, testimonials, degrees, anniversaries and State Deputy forums I have had an opportunity to talk with many of you. I am ever impressed by your energy, dedication and many good works. It is through your tireless and steadfast efforts that the Order will grow and continue to flourish in the great State of California. I wish to thank all the Brother Knights who stepped up this year to serve in the State Council, chapters, agencies, districts, councils, circles and assemblies. Your efforts have been second to none. I wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge the 78,200 plus Knights and 635 plus active councils in the State of California for their hard work and dedication to the principles of our Order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

## MEMBERSHIP

To promote an engaged and vibrant Brotherhood into the future it is important we grow the Order. Increasing our membership is always a top priority. By increasing our numbers, we can carry out the vision and do the charitable work established by our founder, the **Venerable Father Michael McGivney**. Our Supreme Knight, **Carl Anderson**, has said many times over that “we have no less than a moral obligation than to offer every Catholic man the opportunity to join our ranks.”

We have been relatively successful during the first nine months of the Fraternal Year, but the current coronavirus pandemic has limited recruitment and membership outreach efforts during the final quarter. The Supreme Council has set a very aggressive membership goal for us this year. Our goal was to recruit at least 4,254 members by year end. It is highly likely this number will be adjusted down in the coming weeks given the coronavirus pandemic. There is a saying, “as goes California so goes the Order.” With your help, I am confident we can maintain our excellent reputation.

As of May 1, 2020, 135 councils in California have satisfied the adjusted membership requirement for the Supreme Star Council Award. In all 2,440 members have been recruited to the Order statewide. The equivalent to the Star Council Award for state councils is the Supreme Circle of Honor Award. Even if the state membership goal is adjusted down, it is estimated we will still need at least 500 plus more members prior to June 30<sup>th</sup> to meet the

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requirements for the Supreme Circle of Honor Award. This is roughly four members per district per month, or one well attended exemplification per month in each district for the remainder of the year. Under ordinary circumstances this might be achievable, however, limitations on group gatherings and a general cessation of meetings caused by the coronavirus makes this a challenging target.

As a solution to the cessation of meetings and ceremonials, many councils, along with the Supreme Council, are conducting “virtual” exemplifications with candidates and exemplars meeting via the Internet using tools such as WebEx, Zoom and GoToMeeting. Historically during difficult times, Knights have experienced a “Mobilization for Catholic Action” redoubling recruitment efforts and seeking new members. History has a tendency to repeat itself. Online membership, under the capable leadership of Chairman **Michael Brault**, also offers a viable alternative for joining, especially for younger Catholic men. Let us take pride in all that we do and be proud of our many accomplishments. You are the leadership of the Knights of Columbus and through your good works we will continue to grow **Father McGivney’s** dream.

Although better than it has been in recent years, retention of existing members continues to be an ongoing concern. What can we do to keep our members interested and engaged after they have joined? As of May 1, 2020, approximately 680 members have been suspended, yielding a net increase of 1,760 members statewide. Both the State and Supreme goal for the year is a net increase of 2,794 members which will likely be adjusted down before year end. Factoring in deaths and transfers out of state, California grew by a total of 445 members overall through the end of April.

As councils complete their quarterly or annual billing cycle, it is important a Retention Committee be engaged to contact members in arrears and determine if any extraordinary or extenuating circumstances exist. We are a fraternal organization, and financial hardship should not be a reason for suspension. The State Retention Chairman, **Joseph Hill**, and his team are available to assist in whatever capacity they can, including researching updated contact information for members you have not heard from in a while. Occasionally, it is even discovered one or more members on the council retention list is deceased.

The Shining Armor Award Program, this year under the leadership of State Chairman **Thomas Quintana**, also provides an important means of engaging new members by recognizing those who have completed a number of activities immediately after joining, including recruiting one new member. The Shining Armor lapel pin was automatically sent to existing members who recruited two or more members this Columbian Year. Thank you to all who are committed to growing the Order and engaging new members at the outset through the Shining Armor Award.

Equally important to membership gain is council growth. So far this year, five new councils have been added to the California Knights of Columbus family and four councils inactive for several years have been reactivated and returned to good standing. The state goal for the Fraternal Year is 20 new and reactivated councils. Again, limitations on group gatherings and a general cessation of meetings caused by the coronavirus will make this exceedingly difficult to achieve. Those projects in progress that remain incomplete will provide a good foundation for next Columbian Year.

Please join me in welcoming the newest members of our State family; St. Mel’s Council 17376 in Woodland Hills, Divine Mercy Council 17387 in Oakland, San Pedro Council 17432 in San Francisco, St. Anthony of Padua Council 17436 in Imperial, and St. Thomas Aquinas Council 17458 in Monterey Park. Several councils dormant for many years have also been reactivated or merged with other councils which include All Souls Council 14356 in Alhambra, Council 4939 in Blythe, St. Felicitas Council 9481 in San Leandro and Espiritu Santo Council 15620 in Fairfield. Several more new or reactivated councils are in the works, and I am grateful to those who are working so hard in our parishes, districts and agencies to grow the number of

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councils located throughout the state.

In churches and parishes where there is no council, Round Tables have proven to be an important means of providing Knights of Columbus assistance. So far this year 78 Round Tables have been established throughout the state. Parish Round Tables are often a precursor to the formation of a full council and provide opportunity for councils to reach out to nearby un-served churches and ministries.

California is a culturally rich and diverse state, and it is important we embrace the varied ethnic populations where they attend church and worship. Fully one-third of the new council development and council reactivation projects currently underway are ethnically based. Language is often a barrier, and resources exist within the state to perform exemplifications and training in both Spanish and Vietnamese. Under the guidance of Supreme Hispanic and Ethnic Development Director **Pona Magana**, people and support can be matched with need wherever a need arises. I would particularly like to thank Supreme Vice President for Hispanic and Ethnic Development **Jose Jimenez** and the State Regional Coordinators and Committeemen throughout California for all the fine work done this year – and the year isn't over yet.

## **SERVICE PROGRAMS**

We have had a successful year in our State Service Programs. I want to particularly thank and recognize all the Councils that participated in the State Awards Program. This is a great way to recognize and reward your membership for their hard work and achievements during the Columbian Year. I want to acknowledge the dedication of the following individuals who provided extraordinary leadership and guidance during the year; State Program Director **Ricardo Saldana**, Assistant State Program Director **Jim Larson**, Awards Chairman **Larry Mastin** and Forms and Reports Chairman **Hector Poblete**. I wish to extend my gratitude also to all the many committeemen who served so capably overseeing their respective program and for their hard work and diligence during the year.

We have had a remarkably busy and successful year in Faith Programs. An overarching goal for this year was promoting the continued adoption of the Supreme Council's *Faith in Action* program which is now in its second year. Among the many faith-based programs conducted during the Columbian Year, Past State Deputy **Ross Willour** served as Chairman for the Retreats Program, coordinating events with the help of committeemen in the northern, central and southern part of the state.

Our Lady has manifested Herself in many ways in many cultures and is an endearing part our Catholic faith. She is manifested this year in the form of our Silver Rose Program and the Our Lady of Persecuted Christians Icon Program, both under the capable leadership of Past Chapter President **Jerry Fong**. **Debbie** and I had the pleasure of picking up the Silver Rose at a small church near Reno, Nevada and being part of its entrance into California. Let us never forget the impact Our Lady, in Her many manifestations, has had on the western hemisphere, particularly Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas.

In Community Activities, the Food for Families Program experienced a record year with councils reporting a phenomenal amount of food collected statewide and donated to those in need. At the peak of the coronavirus pandemic Knights of Columbus assisted with food pantries throughout the state as well as delivering food to the homes of clergy, elderly and those in need. I am grateful to Chairman **Jacob Billeter** for a fine job. Again, through the generosity of chapters, councils, assemblies and circles statewide, we collected over \$450,000 for the American Wheelchair Mission – enough to purchase six containers of wheelchairs for distribution to veterans throughout the state. Brother **Lou Salvatore** has served as the State Wheelchair Chairman for multiple years and has done a remarkable job. Under the stewardship of Past State Deputy **Dr. Raymond Warriner**, the annual Fund Drive for People with Intellectual Disabilities raised over \$600,000 for

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schools, work training centers, residential care facilities, ARCs, camp recreations and Special Olympics organizations in California.

Family Activities this Columbian Year were under the direction of Past Chapter President **Ken Morris**. Council bulletins and year books were judged this year by Chairman **Thomas Quintana** and Committeeman **John Giltner**. Chairman **Froilan Panlilio** coordinated review of applications for the State Scholarships. In activities targeted for our youth, Chairman **Claire Tryon** coordinated the Essay Contest and Chairman **Bob Pineschi** the Poster Contest. California had one International winner in the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest from Council 12938 in Guasti. I am grateful to all the councils who promoted these programs and participated.

The State Basketball Free Throw Championship, under the leadership of Chairman **Roman Bejarano**, regrettably had to be cancelled due to the prohibition in large group gatherings caused by the coronavirus pandemic. State certificates were instead awarded to Chapter and District winners. Thank you to all who volunteered and participated. The State Soccer Challenge under the leadership of Chairman **Percy Park** resulted in two International winners from Councils 9202 in Lincoln and 14292 in Corona.

Life Activities hit new highs this year under the leadership of Life Director **Richard Marciniak**. As of May 1, with help from councils throughout the state twenty-one ultrasound machines have been purchased for pregnancy centers in California. All three walks for life, the West Coast Walk for Life, San Diego Walk for Life and One Life LA were all well attended and supported by the Knights of Columbus. A proposed Sacramento Walk for life at California's capitol planned for June has been postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic. Special Olympics Chairman **Jim Larson** has also done a remarkable job organizing funding and volunteer manpower to assist at Special Olympic events in northern and southern California including the new *Feed the Athletes* program, now in its second year.

## OPERATIONS

I would like to thank all the chairmen and committeemen who have given so freely of their time in support of State Operations, especially State Operations Director **Gene Hays**. I am grateful for their leadership and guidance during Columbian Year 2019-2020.

As you all know, the state convention originally planned at the Sacramento Doubletree Hotel May 14-16, 2020 had to be cancelled due to COVID-19. Instead we are holding "virtual" events on Saturday, May 16, to conduct the essential business of the state council which includes election of state officers, voting on resolutions and approval of the 2020-2021 state budget. We look forward to the 2020-2021 state convention which is planned at the Doubletree Hotel in Ontario May 20-22, 2021.

I also offer my profound gratitude to Brother **Peter Dreisbach** who has served in so many capacities as Audio-Visual Chairman, State Ceremonials Coordinator, Conferring Officer and Exemplar of the Fourth Degree. Brother **Peter** and his wife **Lorna** relocated to Washington State earlier this year where he continues to consult remotely on events and activities in California requiring his expertise. Thank you, **Peter**, for all your help over the years. You will be missed.

My thanks also go out to the State Webmaster **Thomas Quintana**, assisted by Brother **Larry Young**, for ably maintaining the state website at [www.californiaknights.org](http://www.californiaknights.org). In addition, Brother **Thomas** manages our state social media platforms which include Facebook, Instagram and Twitter along with YouTube which was newly added this year. All provide resources for learning what the latest and greatest Knights events are in the State of California. I would like to thank our Public Relations Committee, **Isaac Cuevas**, **Jimmy Aitchison** and **Anthony Watts** for keeping California Knights and their charitable acts at the center of attention, particularly during the coronavirus pandemic. Thanks to all who have contributed to improve our website and social

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media presence which is a constant work in progress.

Under Leadership Training, Chairman **Ed Broadhurst** took the program to new highs this Columbian Year. In addition to identifying trainers and scheduling training in California's sixteen chapters, several "online" trainings were provided through the course of the year targeted for District Deputies, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and council officers. He was further Assisted by the Supreme Trainer for the Western Region, **Ken White** and Territorial Growth Director **Robert Kish**, both of whom provided highly desirable training in recruiting, membership growth and development. The GoToWebinar platform used for online training was adapted during the height of the coronavirus pandemic to provide the State Planning Meeting, Fourth Degree Biennial Meetings, State Convention and a Fourth Degree Exemplification.

Let us not forget our founder, The **Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney** and the Father McGivney Guild. Thanks to Chairman **George "Skip" Frates**, we have seen more members join the Guild to pray for the canonization of our founder than we have seen in recent years.

I would also like to thank Chairman **Roark Galloway** for publishing the Golden State Knight Letter. Through his efforts, we continue to get informative news to our members of all the great works of charity that you, my Brothers, provide for those in need. I can tell you from personal experience, this is no easy task and we owe Brother **Roark** a great amount of thanks for all his hard work.

Finally, I would like to thank the other committees under Operations: Information Technology, Protocol, Resolutions, Good of the Order, Historical and Archives, State Convention and Nominating and Election Committee. They work quietly behind the scenes for our State Council to make your annual State Convention, this year a "virtual" Annual Meeting, one to remember.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

I am grateful for the help and assistance of the Administrative and Finance Committee this Columbian Year comprised of myself, Immediate Past State Deputy **Joseph Salaiz**, State Secretary **Stephen Bolton**, State Treasurer **Dr. Noel Panlilio**, Orange County Chapter President **Thomas Collins** and Past State Deputy **Edward Huestis**. The committee oversees the financial activity of the California State Council authorizing expenditures and long-term contractual obligations and reviewing monthly financial statements and bank activity as the year progresses. I am particularly indebted to our State Secretary **Stephen Bolton** and Brother **Thomas Collins** for their leadership in revamping the State Council account structure to conform to the Supreme Council's new Faith in Action activity structure. The changes will be adopted with the start of our new fiscal year on July 1, 2020.

## **STATE OFFICE**

The State Office continues to be central in handling the day-to-day affairs of the Knights of Columbus in the State of California. Our State Administrative Assistant, **Danalynn Hays**, and the part time employees and volunteers who assist in the State Office are indispensable. They maintain the State reports and records, respond to emails, answer phone calls and questions, compile our publications, distribute mailings, and generally serve the membership in the State of California. As a headquarters for the State Council and affiliated corporations, they have made my job as State Deputy much easier this Columbian Year.

## **BOARD OF CHAPLAINS**

The Board of Chaplains under the guidance of State Chaplain Father **John Cantwell** has provided the spiritual leadership for the State Council this year. My thanks to the priests and religious that function at all levels in our state, including chapters, councils, circles and assemblies. Through your help and guidance, we are more informed in our faith, and have a growing understanding of the

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spiritual formation comprising the Church and works of our Order. The Board of Chaplains serves as a mechanism to bring priests serving the Order together for discussion and advice on the important decisions we face as Knights of Columbus. **Father Cantwell** has participated actively in the many meetings, activities and events of the State Council this Columbian Year. I am sure I speak for both myself and the rest of the State Officers in saying how grateful we are for his help and advice.

## AGENCIES

There were several changes to the insurance agencies located throughout California during Columbian Year 2019-2020. California Assembly Bill 5 had a major impact on our insurance program requiring our General Agents and Field Agents to cease working as independent contractors and become direct paid employees of the Supreme Council. After serving the Order for many years, General Agents **Todd Cabral** and **Ben Baca** chose to retire effective with the change on December 31, 2019. The area formerly covered by the Cabral Agency in northern California was taken over by General Agent **Carlos Gutierrez**, and Field Agent **Ron Sandoval** in southern California was promoted to General Agent taking over the area formerly served by **Ben Baca**. General Agents **Pablo Contreras** and **Steve Owens** continue to ably serve their respective areas of the state.

I cannot express enough the profound gratitude I have for our General Agents and Field Agents who continued to serve the councils and families of California even during a period of change and uncertainty. Truly, you exemplify the best that California has to offer in charity and fraternity. During difficult times – compounded even further by the coronavirus pandemic in the latter months of the year, Field Agents adapted by using “virtual” tools to meet online and over the phone with families to assess their financial needs. There are now four Agencies and nearly seventy Field Agents serving the Order in the State of California. Please join me in thanking General Agents **Carlos Gutierrez**, **Pablo Contreras**, **Steve Owens** and **Ron Sandoval** and their staff for doing an outstanding job this year – and, once again, it isn't over yet.

## SQUIRES

I had the pleasure of attending the State Youth Retreat this Columbian Year which was held at Trinity Pines in the foothills above Sacramento. There are currently nine Supreme Squires Circles in California and twenty-three parish or school sponsored Squires and Squires Rose youth programs. Under the able leadership of State Squires Chairman **Armando Mena**, the program continues to provide opportunity for youth to participate in charitable activities, advance their faith formation and aspire to leadership in their local area. I can tell you after spending time with these young people I am certain our future will be secure. I am especially grateful to our Youth Chaplain for this Columbian Year, **Father John Curran**, who has reached out and ministered to this community emphasizing the need for discernment and vocations.

## FOURTH DEGREE

The Fourth Degree under the leadership of Vice Supreme Master Sir Knight **David Ryan** and Masters Sir Knight **T.W. Starkweather**, Sir Knight **Ken Rose** and Sir Knight **Ray Forgette** also had a very successful year. Nineteen assemblies year to date have met their membership goal. The single largest exemplification for the Junipero Serra Province, which is comprised of assemblies in both California and Nevada, was hosted by Southern Master **Ray Forgette** on November 2, 2019 in Ontario advancing 155 candidates to the Fourth Degree. The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster a spirit of fraternity, patriotism, responsible citizenship and a love of country manifest in all that we do. I am particularly grateful to the Masters, Faithful Navigators, Color Corp Commanders and Sir Knights throughout the state for their help and so clearly exemplifying these ideals.

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## CHAPTERS

The principle objectives of the chapters are to bring about a closer union and more effective cooperation among the Knights of Columbus councils. They coordinate events, disseminate information on programs and activities, foster an informed leadership and generally promote the interests and general welfare of the Order. Obviously, the State Deputy cannot visit every council in the State of California during the year. Therefore, it is the chapters, led by the Chapter President, chapter officers and committeemen working hand-in-hand with our District Deputies and Field Agents who forge an important link to the council leadership, Bishops, clergy and parishes in their local area. I am grateful to all the Chapter Presidents, District Mentors and those who served in a leadership capacity in our sixteen chapters this Columbian Year for their guidance, assistance and support. From the chapter chairs come future state officers and State Deputies, ensuring continuity, leadership, vision and the success of the Order in California both now and in the future.

## CORPORATIONS

California has five not-for-profit corporations affiliated with the State Council, each with its own President and Board of Directors. Columbian Properties Incorporated, Former State Secretary Patrick Brown, President, holds all the real property owned by the State Council, including the building that houses the State Office in Fontana. Named the Frederick H. Pelletier Columbian Center, the building has approximately 20,000 square feet and is situated on approximately 1½ acres of land. The State Office occupies approximately 4,000 square feet with the remaining 16,000 square feet leased out to defray costs associated with purchase, construction and maintenance of the property. Built and occupied in 2000 a 15-year note used to purchase the property is now fully paid off. The building also houses the California Knights of Columbus Museum. This year the corporation purchased a second commercial property in Fontana to serve as income property helping finance operation of the California State Council.

The California Knights of Columbus Museum Association, Past State Deputy and Former Supreme Director **Jim Scroggin**, President, is charged with the responsibility of preserving the artifacts, records, and publications in possession of the State Council documenting the involvement of the Knights of Columbus over its rich 118 year history in the State of California and making them available for display. The Museum Association has adopted the slogan "Preserving Our Past to Educate Our Future." Under the stewardship of Curator **John Shea** and his wife **Ann**, the Association maintains a permanent exhibit at the State Office in Fontana periodically rotating memorabilia, clothing, documents, photographs, paintings, flags, pins, jewelry and other items from the collection for display. A small exhibition of items from the collection are also typically placed on display at state conventions (obviously this will not occur this year with a "virtual" state convention). The Association is a 501(c)(3) corporation and all gifts, whether monetary or historical in nature, are tax deductible.

The Frank Nigro Columbian Foundation Supporting People with Intellectual Disabilities Incorporated, Past State Deputy **Dr. Raymond Warriner**, President, served as a 501(c)(3) clearinghouse this Columbian Year for over \$600,000 raised by 265 participating councils through "ID Drives" for ARCs, schools, work training centers, residential care facilities, Camp ReCreations and Special Olympic organizations in their local area. Several councils have yet to report their proceeds, so this total should be even higher. Remember, in most cases, this is money collected from the general public and needs to be turned in immediately after the drive. This year marks the 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the founding of the corporation. In the years since its founding, a little over \$20,000,000 has been raised for those with special needs in the State of California. Next year, rather than \$600,000, let's make it \$1,000,000!

Columbian Charities Incorporated, Former Master **Stephen Peterson**, President, is truly about "Brother helping Brother." Perhaps known best through the "365 Club" and Parade of

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Grand Knights at the state convention, the corporation assists Brother Knights in times of difficulty and financial distress. So far 46 grants have been given out this year totaling \$81,758. The total could go as high as \$150,000 by year end. Your participation, and that of your council members, is crucial in keeping this program financially solvent, particularly in these difficult economic times. Please support the "365 Club" by mailing in your contributions this Columbian Year which are needed now more than ever before.

The Columbian Retirement Home Incorporated, Past State Deputy **Ross Willour**, President, following a 45-year tradition of service, continues to provide senior housing through operation of the Columbian Retirement Center in Marysville. This beautiful 20 room independent living residence is available to retired Brother Knights, wives and family members. In addition, the corporation is prepared to assist Brother Knights and their families with senior advisory services through *Senior Care Solutions*, a company providing personalized guidance and referrals to a wide array of senior housing and care facilities located throughout the state. They are also able to provide information on special pricing and discount rates, where applicable, and educational symposiums in your local area. Further information can be found on the Columbian Retirement Home website at [www.columbianretirementhome.org](http://www.columbianretirementhome.org).

I am grateful to all who have provided leadership and served on the Board of Directors of these corporations this Columbian Year. All are volunteers and have given tirelessly of their time and talents to advance the charitable efforts of the Knights of Columbus in the State of California.

## CONCLUSION

My Brother Knights, it has been a most interesting and fruitful year. The kindness, flexibility and commitment to our Catholic faith and Order demonstrated by all of you has served as my source of energy and inspiration this entire year. What can we not accomplish working together? The whole is truly greater than the sum of the parts. It is through your leadership, and the leadership of those who follow us that Father McGivney's dream, the Knights of Columbus, will flourish into the future. The current COVID-19 pandemic is the third such pandemic the Order has endured during its 138-year history. Our founder, the **Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney**, succumbed at the young age of 38 to the Asiatic Flu pandemic of 1889-1890. The Order survived the H1N1, Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918, the Great Depression and two World Wars. Throughout it all we as Knights have been known for our faith, charity and service. Times are no different now – and we will get through the current crisis showing the same courage and fortitude as those who have gone before us. Thank you for your charity and service! It has been my pleasure to serve you this Columbian Year. In all that you do be

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Respectfully submitted,  
**David M. Abbott,**  
California State Deputy



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## Election Results from the 2020 California State Convention

State Secretary **Steve Bolton** reported number of properly credentialed delegates attending:

- 6 State Officers
- 1 Immediate Past State Deputy
- 362 Delegates
- TOTAL = 369 voting delegates

IPSD **Joe Salaiz**, presided over the election of California State Council Officers, 2020 - 2021

2020 - 2021 California Council State Officers (Elect):

CALIFORNIA STATE DEPUTY - **Stephen Bolton**

CALIFORNIA STATE SECRETARY - **Dr. Noel Panlilio**

CALIFORNIA STATE TREASURER - **Rene Trevino**

CALIFORNIA STATE ADVOCATE - **Greg Marracq**

CALIFORNIA STATE WARDEN - **James Larson**

CALIFORNIA STATE IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY - **Dave Abbott**

State Deputy **Dave Abbott** presided over the election of the 2020 Supreme Convention Delegates:

### INSURANCE DELEGATES

**Jeffrey Knapp**, President - Junipero Serra Chapter

**Timothy Crews**, President - San Jose Chapter

**Anthony Despart**, President - Arrowhead - Desert Valley Chapter

**Kip Trombley**, President - Oakland Diocese Chapter

### ASSOCIATE DELEGATES

**Michael Jones**, President - Northern California Chapter

**David Waage**, President - Los Padres Chapter

**Thomas Collins**, President - Orange County Chapter

**Antonio Ty**, President - San Gabriel Valley Chapter

### ALTERNATES

**Mark Marchione**, President - Redwood Chapter

**Vladimir Rivera**, President - Southern California Chapter

**Tony Lizama**, President - Mission High Desert Council

**Eduardo Palomar**, President - St. Francis Chapter

**Archie Dalalo**, President - San Joaquin Chapter

**Armando Mena**, President - San Diego Chapter

**Leonard Sanchez**, President - Central Chapter

**Robert Pugh**, President - Kern - Inyo Chapter

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State Advocate **Rene Trevino** presented State Resolutions from committee :

**All Properly formatted and submitted resolutions were officially adopted**

All resolutions are provided in a separate publication.

Proposed 2020-2021 State Budget was submitted for consideration by State Secretary **Steve Bolton** and adopted. The State budget is also distributed as a separate document.

State Chaplain **Fr. John Cantwell** offered closing prayer,  
The Canonization of **Fr. Michael J. McGivney**.



By participating as a delegate in the 118th Annual “Virtual” State Convention and Business Meeting **you will automatically receive a bound copy of the Convention Program Souvenir Booklet via conventional mail.**

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## STATE DEPUTY ELECT - Brother STEPHEN BOLTON

### ELECTION Section:

ELECTED STATE OFFICERS provided some personal insights as their current term in office comes to a conclusion, and also provided some comments about their year to come in their new role guiding the California State Council in our 119th Columbian year 2020 - 2021.

They each have also graciously included some personal and Knights of Columbus career highlights.

My Worthy Brother Knights of Columbus here in California, I thank you all for trusting me and my fellow State Officers with your council's vote at our Virtual Convention May 16<sup>th</sup> 2020. I know it was different and I know a lot of us were not very comfortable with how things had to be done. I so missed thanking all of you for your trust in me, face to face.

***“BE BOLD and be proud of who you are and what you are.”***

I wanted to reach out to all of you today with a pledge to each of you that your State Council Team this next year will work as hard as we can to help all of your councils be the best they can be. This is a unique time in all of our lives and I understand that, however our Church and our Order are counting on us now more than ever before and we must hear that call and be there to do all we can moving forward to evangelize our Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

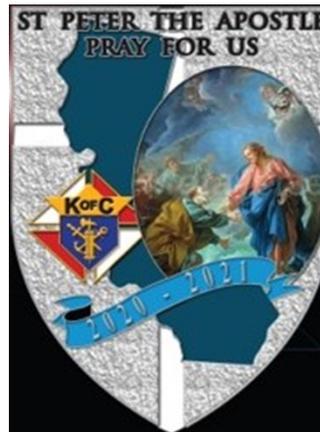
Our goals this next year have no numbers in them. Our number one goal is to be there for our councils. I do want to give every Catholic man in California the same opportunity that a Brother Knight gave me so many years ago which changed my life forever. Every time I hear our Supreme Knight say we have a moral obligation to give every Catholic Man the opportunity to be one of us, I agree with him completely.

We will have only three major goals for this next year.

- [1] To make every council in California a can-do council.
- [2] We will fully embrace Faith in Action; without our Faith we are lost.
- [3] We will help make every council in California a healthy council. Supreme has an example of a healthy council, they call it a Star Council.

We have our work cut out for us because so many of our councils are struggling in more ways than one.

We also have so many councils that have given up on Father McGivney's dream. That said, we all have to be open minded and we all must trust each other if we are to engage and to embolden the Knights of Columbus and take our Order to the next level here in California.



**Our State  
Pin for next  
year**

There are a little over 78,000 of us here in California and with our Ladies at our side, we are at 156,000. That is a good number, however there has to be at least 10,000,000 of us to go before our government in Sacramento or Washington DC if they are to listen to us. With that said, our motto this next year is simple.

***“BE BOLD and be proud of who you are and what you are.”***

***“Who you are, is a Proud Catholic American Citizen and what you are, is a member of the Knights of Columbus Family”***

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Remember that, preach that from the mountain tops. Engage everyone in your Parishes with the works of our Faith in Action Programs. Do not leave Father behind. He is the man you need to support the most moving forward. If Father is there with you, your Parishioners will be there with you.

**“After all of this, we will leave no one in our Parishes, in our Communities, or in our Country, behind. “**

I look forward to serving all of you this next year and I thank you again for your trust in me and my fellow state officers.

My God Bless you all for what you do in his name.

Yours in Service,

**Stephen Bolton**

Your State Deputy Elect



*State Deputy Elect 2020 — 2021 Steve Bolton and his wife Lady Jane at the 2020 Walk for Life San Francisco*

**Biography** - (I have been) married to my best friend Jane for 43 years — We have three adult children; Stephen Jr. - 42, Jennifer - 40 and Becky - 35. We have four grandchildren; Emma - 9, Harley – 7, Mackenzie-3 and Owen-1.

### Inside the Knights

- \* Grand Knight of Council 6020 2006-2007
- \* Chapter Chairman for Special Olympics 2005 – 2012
- \* Chapter Chairman for the I.D. Drive 2006 - 2015
- \* Chapter Chairman for Proud to be Catholic night at Anaheim Stadium and Barbeque 2009 - 2015
- \* Chapter Charities Day of Sharing Chairman 2002 - 2015
- \* Chapter Charities President 2008-2012
- \* Chapter Charities officer from 2003 - still serving
- \* California State Council State committeeman 2005-2009
- \* California State Council State Chairman for Special Olympics 2009 - 2015
- \* Chapter officer from 2007 thru 2013; President of Orange County Chapter 2012-2013
- \* Served as the State Chairman for Special Olympics from 2009-2015
- \* Served as the Programs Director for the California State Council 2015-2016
- \* Served as the Elected State Warden for the California State Council 2016-2017
- \* Served as the Elected State Advocate for the California State Council 2017-2018
- \* Served as the Elected State Treasurer for the California State Council 2018-2019
- \* Serving as the State Secretary for California State Council 2019-2020

### Accomplishment's as Chapter President

- \* Second out of 16 chapters in the State for Membership in my year as Chapter President.
- \* Chapter raised over \$158,000 in the I.D. Drive and was first in the state.
- \* Chapter raised over \$90,000 for wheelchairs for veterans in our area.
- \* Chapter raised over \$64,000 for our new bishop to support renovations of then new Christ Cathedral
- \* Wheelchair event acknowledged by the State Deputy in his report to the members at the annual Convention of the Knights of Columbus California State Council - 2013.
- \* Our Wheelchair event was also mentioned by our Supreme Knight in his report to the members at the 131st Annual Convention of the Knights of Columbus - 2013.

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### **Accomplishment's as Chapter President** (continued from previous page...)

- \* Special recognition award from our State Council for our Annual Day of Sharing event presented at the 2013 State Convention for the Knights of Columbus.
- \* Awarded the first annual Emilio Moure Award for our Wheelchairs for Veteran's program; this will be a annual Supreme Council award.

### **Honors received as a Member of the Knights of Columbus**

- \* Knight of the Year for Council 6020 in - 2003
- \* Knight of the Year for the Orange County Chapter Charities [Bishop Johnson award] – 2005 and again in 2018.
- \* Served as one of the State Delegates from the State of California to the 131st Annual Supreme Convention in San Antonio Texas - 2013.
- \* Honored by the Orange County Chamber of Commerce with its community service award for our Wheelchairs for Veterans program and our service to the people in our community with Special Needs. in my year as Chapter President - 2012-2013
- \* Honored by a Letter from Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger About my service to Special Olympics Southern California -2008
- \* Recognition award from Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez - 2013
- \* Recognition award from Congressman John Campbell - 2013
- \* Recognition award from Congressman Ed Royce - 2013
- \* Recognition award from CA State Assemblyman Donald Wagner - 68<sup>th</sup> district
- \* Recognition award from CA State Assemblyman Tom Daly - 69<sup>th</sup> district
- \* Recognition award from CA State Assemblyman Sharon Quick-Silva - 65<sup>th</sup> district
- \* Recognition award from Shawn Nelson; Ch. Orange County Board of Supervisor's - 2013
- \* Recognition award from the Mayor, City of Anaheim - 2013

### **Achievements outside the Knights**

- \* Helped form the Vince Ferragamo foundation in 1984 and served as a board member for that foundation for the last 34 years; I continue to serve on this board.
- \* Served as the chairman for the Vince Ferragamo celebrity golf tournament for many years that grossed over \$5,000,000 dollars for people with Special Needs over 30 years
- \* Serve Special Olympics in Southern California since 1984 - still serving
- \* Serve on the Advisory Board for Orange County Special Olympics from 2012 – serving as the Chair for the last three years.
- \* Serve as a Member of the Games Management Team for Orange County Special Olympics since 1991 - still serving
- \* Serve as a Member Games Management Team Southern California Special Olympics since 1993-still serving
- \* Serve as a member of the Board of Directors for Special Olympics Southern California 2018- Still serving.
- \* Served as a Board Member for the Annual Senior Games in Orange County 2003-2008
- \* Served as a member of the Parish Council at St. Bonaventure Parish in Huntington Beach CA from 2006-2009 and as President of the Parish Council in 2009
- \* February 2006 - Led a group of 42 Knights and parishioners from St. Bonaventure to New Orleans to assist in the re-building effort of homes after Katrina. We worked in a parish in the Ninth Ward District. Coordinated support from the Louisiana State Council to assist with meals and support for this trip.

### **Honors given to me over the years**

- \* Volunteer of the Year for Southern California Special Olympics - 2008
- \* Honorary member of the Speech and language development centers [High Tops] - 2009
- \* Person of the Year for Orange County Special Olympics – 2012

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## STATE CHAPLAIN DESIGNEE - FATHER JOHN NENEMAN

With the Current Covid-19 Pandemic comes great challenges.

With great challenge comes great opportunities!

Our 1st challenge is to not lose hope!

Keep the Faith by keeping up the practice of our Roman Catholic Faith!

Pray Daily, Attend Mass online, daily and every Sunday.

Stay solid in matters of Faith, because, when this pandemic ends we Knights and our families are going to be busy. Busy helping your Pastor!

Just like a war effort, it is going to be "all hands on deck" in helping the Pastor care for the needs of your parish.

All parishes are currently behind in Funerals, Weddings, Confirmations, Baptisms, 1st Communions & Confessions. When your church doors open, your Pastor & parish priests will be busy hearing Confessions and attending to the backlog of other Sacramental needs.

Please know, whatever your Council had planned for the Summer, Fall and Winter has now changed. Make certain your Council is ready to pivot and attend to the immediate needs of your Pastor and Parish in light of the Pandemic.

Your Pastor will be spread thin. As Knights of Columbus, I recommend you begin to form Ministry Teams to help support your Pastor as extra Ushers, Lectors, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, extra Funeral teams to help with setup & Church cleaning. And, most importantly, helping your Pastor in Disinfecting your Church and Pews between each and every Mass, Baptism, Wedding, Funeral, on top of the regular scheduled daily services.

Now is the time to gather the Knights and have a Council Plan ready to address the needs of your parish in light of the necessary changes from the Pandemic for 6 weeks beginning when your parish opens.

Be nimble and flexible as demands of your Pastor change throughout the day.

Be ready to stand watch at your parish doors if your Pastor needs help in limiting the amount of people that can enter and attend your parish services.

As Knights of Columbus, we do this with the help of our Families and welcome the opportunity to partner with other parish Ministries such as our teens and young adults. Build your KOC teams with a multitude of members of your parish, not just Knights.



Rev. John Neneman  
Diocese of Orange

Current as of May 2020

Rev. John Neneman is a Roman Catholic Priest from the Diocese of Orange in Southern California. Having completed seminary studies at Mt. Angel Seminary in St. Benedict, Oregon, Fr. John held several ministerial positions within his local diocese serving as Parochial Vicar in several parish assignments. He also served as Director of Vocations for his diocese and Rector & Chaplain at Mater Dei High School.

Fr. John is currently the Pastor at San Antonio de Padua del Canon in Anaheim Hills, California and serves the Anaheim Police Department as Chaplain as well as serving Catholic Charities of Orange as a Trustee. Fr. John enjoys coordinating tour groups to Israel as well as lending his voice in fundraising for The American Wheelchair Mission.

This will be Fr. John's 4th time as California State Chaplain!

Do you know what your Pastor and Parish need as we prepare to open our parishes?

**Ask your Pastor now, to understand the needs of this new reality in our parishes.**

**Fr. John Neneman,**  
State Chaplain Designee

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## STATE SECRETARY ELECT - Brother DR. NOEL PANLILIO

### *STATE SECRETARY ELECT – MESSAGE*

Worthy Brothers,

Being the State Treasurer for Columbian Year (CY) 2019-2020 has been a learning experience for me. Although my educational background is different from the Treasurer's duties, my work experience of serving as the Director for Administrative Services of a 250-bed hospital at the Angeles University Medical Center in 1990-1992, Board of Director of two Financial Institutions in 1990-1996, and Board of Director of Accurate Medical Diagnostic Center in 1993 to present, has provided me with the foundation to further serve the office and its tasks - such as: paying the bills and processing checks to pay vendors, committeemen, and other officers of the State Council.

As your State Treasurer for CY 2019-2020, I made sure that these checks were mailed out within 2-3 days upon receipt of the approved vouchers. Financial Statements (including bank statements), that have been received from both our Financial Institution and from our Accountant, have been reviewed for accuracy with the assistance of the Administrative and Finance Committee.

Moving forward, humbled by your given trust towards electing me as your State Secretary, I will continue to do my very best towards serving you and the CA State Council to the fullest of my capacity. My goal is to continue the work of my predecessor, State Deputy-Elect **Stephen Bolton**, and adopt changes in order to meet challenges brought about by these uncertain times.

I am blest for being a part of the "State Family". I am also fortunate for the endless support of my Lovely Lady, **Fannie**; and my two wonderful daughters - **Steffannie** and **Dianne**.

My hope and continued prayers are that we, my brothers all - as One Team and One Family, will always work and serve together. With God's infinite blessings, may we always be able to meet and even surpass expectations for the betterment of our Councils, our Order, but most of all - For His Greater Glory!

It has been with great honor and privilege to have served as your State Treasurer and the State Council's Bookkeeper for this Columbian Year 2019-2020.

Vivat Jesus!

**Noel M. Panlilio**

State Secretary-Elect

CY 2020-2021



**State Secretary Elect 2020 — 2021  
Dr. Noel Panlilio and his wife Lady Fannie with  
daughters Steffannie and Dianne**

### *KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – POSITIONS, ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS*

Bro. Noel M. Panlilio currently serves the Knights of Columbus California State Council as State Treasurer, of which he also serves as a Board Member of the Frank Nigro Columbian Foundation Supporting People with Intellectual Disabilities Inc., California Knights of Columbus Emilio B. Moure Museum, Columbian Retirement Home Inc., and Columbian Properties Inc.

Bro. Noel was elected to the positions of State Council Warden for Columbian Year (CY) 2017-2018, State Council Advocate CY 2018-2019, and State Treasurer CY 2019-2020. Being a CA State Officer, he was able to join the "State Family" participating in various State activities such as: Chapter Installations and Testimonials, Wheelchair Distributions in Mexico; State Free Throw and Soccer Challenge Championships; Special Olympics Feed the Athlete Activities; and Bishop Vocations/Clergy Vocations Fundraising events.

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Prior to being elected as one of the CA State Council Officers, Bro. Noel has served as the State Council Service Program Family of the Month/Year Committeeman in 2008-2009, State Council Service Program Council Activities Director in 2009-2011, State Council Keep Christ in Christmas Program Chairman 2014-2015, State Council Assistant Service Program Director in 2015-2016, and State Council Service Program Director 2016-2017.

Bro. Noel joined the Order on January 17, 1998, taking his First-Degree Exemplification at Saint Anne Council # 8627, Union City, of which he is still a current and active member. He became a Second-Degree Knight on January 29, 1998; and took his Third-Degree Exemplification on February 15, 1998. He had served in various elected offices of his council, including the Grand Knight in 2004-2005. During his term as Grand Knight, he led his Council to receive numerous awards as follows:

**Best Council Award (Over-All) CY 2004 – 2005**

**Star Council Award**

**State Deputy Award**

**First Place – Church Service Program (Division 5)**

**First Place – Membership (Division 5)**

**Second Place – Pro-Life Activities (Division 5)**

**Second Place – Council Bulletin (Division 5)**

**Second Place – Council Scrapbook (Over-All)**

**Third Place – Youth Service Program (Division 5)**

**Third Place – Family Service Program (Division 5)**

**Seventh Place – Council Service Program (Division 5)**

**Eight Place – Community Service Program (Division 5)**



Bro. Noel took his Patriotic Degree (Fourth-Degree Exemplification) on May 13, 2000. As a Sir Knight, he has served in elected offices of the San Lorenzo Ruiz Assembly 2627, including Faithful Navigator in 2005-2006. He led his assembly to attain the coveted **Civic Award**. He also served the Fourth Degree as Color Corps Commander for a period of two years. He is currently a Charter Member of Bishop Floyd L. Begin Assembly 3546.

Bro. Noel has served as District Deputy for the years 2011-2013 of which he led councils under his District to participate in several Service Programs including achieving 100% District participation supporting People with Intellectual Disabilities. He also served in elected offices of the Oakland Diocese Chapter, including Chapter President in 2013-2014, raising needed funds to support numerous Chapter activities. He led the Chapter to become one of the Outstanding Chapters in the State, thus earning a delegation seat to represent the CA State Council at the 2014 Supreme Convention held at Orlando, Florida.

Bro. Noel is an active parishioner of Saint Anne Parish, and has served as the Church Festival Co-Chairman, Co-founder of the St. Anne Medical Action and Response Team (SMART), and together with his wife Fannie and daughters — Stefannie and Dianne — coordinated the Council-sponsored Annual Flu Vaccination Clinic from 2006 to present which had been awarded as the CY 2008-2009 Best Council Activity.

## STATE TREASURER ELECT - Brother RENE Trevino



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ. This year as State Advocate, many challenges arose, some I never envisioned I would experience. During this year, I strove to 1) be consistent and 2) be fair and true to the Order, the State, the Chapters, the Councils, and every Brother Knight. I found these experiences have made me a better Brother Knight and more important, a better Catholic.

Since you have now elected me to be State Treasurer for next year, I will focus on Stewardship. Many of you know my personal mission pillars of Faith, Family, Fun and Finances which lead to Freedom. As State Treasurer (elect),

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... > *continued from previous page* - State Treasurer Elect Brother **RENE TREVINO**

I will take on these new responsibilities serious and you can count on me to be a steward of our State Council finances. I look forward to serving you this coming year. Both Lady **Carla** and I are honored to be serving the State Council and look forward to the time we can meet once again.

Fraternally,

Brother **Rene Trevino**

State Advocate

State Treasurer (elect)

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BACKGROUND:** Brother Rene Trevino became a member of the Knights of Columbus on May 20, 2003 and remains a Third-Degree member of Saint Gregory the Great Council 10094 in San Diego. He is also a Fourth-Degree member of Bishop Buddy Assembly 2122 in San Diego.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OFFICES HELD:**

**Grand Knight:** Brother Rene Trevino served as Grand Knight for Saint Gregory the Great Council 10094 in CY 2005-2006 receiving the State Deputy Award and Supreme Star Council Award.

**District Deputy:** Brother Rene Trevino was District Deputy for two consecutive terms from 2011-2013 receiving Star District recognition and the California State Deputy District Deputy Award (9<sup>th</sup> Place) in CY 2012-2013 and was instrumental in instituting Mary Star of the Sea Council 10117 in La Jolla in the same year.

**Chapter President:** Brother Rene Trevino was the San Diego Diocese Chapter President in CY 2015-2016 completing the year as the Number One Chapter in the jurisdiction; in that year, 21 Councils received Star Council (out of 105 statewide) and 6 District Deputies were Star District (out of 22 statewide) of which 5 were Shield Districts (out of 14 statewide); was instrumental in establishing Council 16517 at St. Catherine Laboure Parish at the completion of the Columbian Year.

**Faithful Navigator:** Brother Rene Trevino is Past Faithful Navigator of Bishop Buddy Assembly 2122.

**State Warden:** Brother Rene Trevino served as State Warden in CY 2018-2019.

**State Advocate:** Brother Rene Trevino is currently serving as the State Advocate where he has provided guidance and leadership to the State Council and local Councils throughout the state.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POSITIONS HELD:**

**State Operations Director:** Brother Rene Trevino was State Operations Director for two consecutive terms in 2016-2018.

**Special Olympics:** Brother Rene Trevino was Special Olympics World Games Chairman (South) in 2014-2015 where he assisted in coordinating services with the World Games organization and was an active supporter of the World Games acting as a group leader for the Track and Field events. Continues to be active in the San Diego Chapter serving as Special Olympics Chairman.

**District Marshal:** Brother Rene Trevino was District Marshal for the Saint Junipero Serra Province, Southern California District and as a Fourth Degree Ceremonial Degree Officer.

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### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AWARDS:

Brother Rene Trevino was California State Council Knight of the Year for 2016-2017.

**FAITH LIFE:** Brother Rene Trevino has served Saint Gregory the Great Parish for the past 15 years. He is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, a Lector, an Altar Server and serves on the Parish Development Steering Committee where he provides his architectural, contract expertise and talent. He has reviewed various projects to include parish hall expansions, new school development and installation of solar panel carports.

**PROFESSIONAL LIFE:** Brother Rene Trevino is a licensed Architect in the State of California and served in that capacity for 31 years for the Department of Defense where his last position was Executive Director, Navy Region Southwest, responsible for an annual \$1 billion budget and 29 major programs.

**VOLUNTEER LIFE:** Brother Rene Trevino is a member of the San Diego County Sheriff's Department Volunteer Patrol, serving over 3,000 hours and is the leader of the Sheriff's Volunteer Honor Guard.

**FAMILY LIFE:** Brother Rene Trevino has been married to his lovely wife Carla for forty-one years and have a daughter Becky. Brother Rene and Lady Carla currently reside in Poway, CA.

## STATE ADVOCATE ELECT - Brother GREG MARRACQ

Even though the second half of this Columbian Year has been somewhat put into slow motion the first half was very eventful. All the Chapter Installation/Testimonial were each similar and unique. Working with each Chapter President and Chapter were great experiences.

The District Deputy Orientation and Mid-Year meetings have their own challenges. The duties of the Warden are many at these events covering presentations, hospitality, and



logistics of meetings. Thankfully with the support of the other State Officers and then the Chapter Presidents serving as Assistant Wardens all goes well. But, the chance to work with the leadership sharing information and planning the future of our state is in its self very rewarding.

The Supreme Convention in Minneapolis was an intense event that spanned a very active week. The Worthy State Advocate, his Lovely Wife, my Lovely Wife and I were the first members of the State Family to arrive. We went to work immediately shopping and setting up the California State Hospitality suite which would serve as the base for the state officers, our delegates, and other brothers and sisters from our state. We served numerous meals each day. The suite was the gathering place before and after the Supreme Council business meetings and events. The suite on one particular day hosted officers and delegates from jurisdictions throughout the Order that came thru in great volume sampling food and drink native to our state. One of the highlights was at the Supreme banquet I fulfilled the State Wardens tradition of running down the



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main aisle waving our state flag stopping in front of the Supreme Knight and our Supreme Director **Jim Scroggin**. Then, running back up the aisle to meet our Worthy State Deputy.

I look forward to serving the state membership in the position of Advocate. There will be much to do in this position and as a member of the State Family. I expect to have interaction with many of our brothers during the year. We are a team that will have a lot to do as the health restrictions are lifted this coming Columbian Year.

Vivat Jesus!

### Brother Greg Marracq's Bio:

The one person that has been the most supportive and has been with me throughout my time as a knight has been my extraordinary and lovely wife, Antoinette, whom I could never thank enough for her unconditional love.

The most influential Knights in my life have been; my first Grand Knight PSD, **Vince Pacis** who told me after I took my First Degree that there was work to do but not to worry that your brothers will have your back. He has always been there to advice and support me thru the years. Brothers **Tony DeGuia** and **Ed Vocal** were my mentors and supporters. I have worked for and with PSD **Ed Huestis**, who has been and continues to be an inspirational fountain of knowledge whose support is invaluable.

I joined the Knights of Columbus as a Member of Holy Angels Council 10948 in Colma, California, in August 1993.

- Was the Council's Grand Knight in 1999-2000 earning the Star Council Award.
- Was recognized as Knight of the Year in 2010-2011, and Family of the Year in 1998-1999, 2002-2003, 2009-2010, and 2017-2018.
- Served as District Deputy for two terms from 2011 through 2013 achieved All Star Council District Award in both years, and attained a 100% District participation in the Intellectual Disabilities Campaign both years.
- Served as District Deputy Mentor for 2013-2014 and 2018-2019.
- Joined Archbishop Alemany Assembly 0076 later transferring my membership to the Maria Regina Assembly 2651 as a Charter Member.
- Served the Saint Francis Chapter as Chapter President in 2014-2015 with the Chapter achieving a First Place Award in Church Activities from the State Council.
- Served as Chairman for:
  - Chapter Intellectual Disabilities Drive Chairman in 2009-2010
  - Chapter Father McGivney Guild Chairman in 2013-2014
  - Chapter Membership Coordinator for two years, 2015 - 2017
  - Chapter Coats for Kids Chairman for three years, 2016 - 2019.
- Served the State Council as State Convention Chairman in 2015-2016 and 2017-2018

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- State Leadership
  - State Family of the Month/Year Committeeman in 2008-2009
  - State Council Family Director in 2009-2010 and 2010-2011
  - State Election Committeeman in 2011-2012
  - State Resolutions Committeeman in 2014-2015
  - State Coats for Kids Committeeman-North in 2016-2017
- Currently serving as State Warden in 2019-2020.
- Currently serving a second term as a member of the Board of Directors of California Columbian Charities, Inc.

I, my wife Antoinette, daughters Alejandra and Gabriela, were recognized as State Family of the Year in 2017-2018.

## STATE WARDEN ELECT - Brother JAMES LARSON

### Biography

I have been blessed to be married to Anna Andres Larson since 1988. We have two sons, Jonathan Larson age 30 who works at Amazon and Anthony Larson age 21 who is Licensed Vocational Nurse. Anthony is a third degree Knight and will take his Fourth Degree Exemplification next weekend (May 23, 2020).

I went through the RCIA program and received my Catholic sacraments in 1999. I have been a member of the Knights of Columbus for twenty years joining St. Lucy Council 12542 in West Long Beach in 2000. I went through the chairs and served as Grand Knight of St. Lucy Council in 2007-2008. I have been a Fourth Degree Knight since 2006 and a member in good standing of Gov. Peter H. Burnet Assembly #42 and presently serving as Pilot of Gov. Peter H. Burnet Assembly.

I served as District Warden during the 2009-2010 Columbian year and served three terms as District Deputy during the years 2010-2013 in which my districts received Star District status all three years.

I went through the chairs of the Southern California Chapter and served as Chapter President during the Columbian year of 2016-2017. I served as a voting delegate at the 2017 Supreme Convention in St. Louis, MO at which the California State Council received the 2017 Circle of Honor.

I have been lucky enough to serve at the State level in many different capacities including, the State Council's Administration and Finance Committee for two terms, 2015-2017 and on the State Council's Resolution Committee for three terms, 2017-2020 and serving on the Special Olympics Committee for three years, 2017-2020. I presently serve as a Board member on the Frank Nigro Columbian Foundation Supporting People with Intellectual Disabilities and as a director of the Columbian Charities, Inc. and I presently serve as the Assistant State Program Director for the 2019-2020 Columbian year.



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### Acceptance Speech

First and foremost, I want to thank God for everything in my life including granting me this unique opportunity to make a difference and help our Order achieve good. I would be amiss if I didn't thank my wife and family, for without them I wouldn't be able to do what I am doing today. They give me the strength to be all I can be. I would like to thank the California councils and voting delegates who elected me. I am humbled by your faith and trust in me. If not for the unity, fraternity and strength of the local councils we could not do all the charitable programs that help so many in need. You are the life blood of the Order. As you go, so goes the Order. I want to thank all the Knights that have took me aside, guided, and mentored me especially Past State Deputy Sonny Santa Ines and State Deputy elect Steve Bolton. Thank you. I want to thank my Council, St Lucy 12542 of West Long Beach, for giving me a group of Catholic Brothers that have kept me going in the right path for the last twenty years.

Brothers, this is a responsibility that I do not take lightly. It is an honor and a privilege to be able serve as an officer of the California State Council. Our common bond is our devotion to the Catholic faith and our brotherhood in Christ. We have joined together to help one another become better Catholics, find fellowship with like minded men and help those in need. We change lives, we save lives, we support our bishops and priests and we support our local parish church. I promise to stand with you on this journey of faith.

God bless all of you and Vivat Jesus.

### Jim Larson

State Warden Elect, 2020 - 2010

## 2019 - 2020 STATE CONVENTION CHAIRMAN - Brother ED HUESTIS, PSD



The Knights of the Northern California Chapter were looking forward to hosting the 118<sup>th</sup> Annual State Council Meeting and Convention, but due to the current situation, our State Convention was held virtually for the first time here in California on Saturday, May 16.

Planning for the State Convention is nearly an 18-month process as we started the planning process in January 2019. The State Convention 2020 Planning Committee met several times since then in person at the DoubleTree Sacramento where the convention was going to be held, as it was in 2018. I want to thank all the members of the State Convention 2020 Planning Committee, and especially for my wife **Flora**, for all the hours of hard work and dedication in striving to make this convention even better

than in 2018. The Northern California Chapter had a substantial growing list of volunteers ready to help ensure the success of this State Convention. I also want to thank all the State Officers for their ongoing support throughout this planning process.

The following individuals were members of the State Convention 2020 Planning Committee:

- Convention Chairman – **Ed Huestis**
- Assistant Chairman – **Brian Taglang**
- Assistant Chairman – **Gene Hays**
- Committee Advisor – State Warden **Greg Marracq**
- Consultant – **Flora Huestis**
- Consultant – **Antoinette Marracq**

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Consultant – **Ken Dorrance**

Finance Director – State Treasurer **Noel Panlilio**

Audio Visual Chairman – **Peter Dreisbach**

Assistant Audio Visual Chairman – **Larry Young**

Audio Visual Team Member – **Greg Keller**

Audio Visual Team Member – **Tom Quintana**

Banquet Seating Chairman – **Charles “Chick” Kretz**

Convention Awards Chairman – **Larry Mastin**

Convention Banquet Chairman – **Hector Poblete**

Convention Protocol Chairman – **Larry Campitiello**

Country Store Chairman – **Bob & Peggy Pineschi**

Election Committee Chairman – **Dan Beck**

Entertainment Chairman – **George Bagley**

Episcopal Chairman – **Gene Hays**

Fourth Degree Chairman – Master **T.W. Starkweather**

Golf Tournament Chairman – **Tim Fukuda**

Hotel Priority Reservations Chairman – Past State Deputy **Romeo Quevedo**

Ladies Luncheon Chairman – **Antoinette Marracq**

Assistant Ladies Luncheon Chairman – **Kim Cordano**

Liturgical Chairman – State Chaplain **Reverend John Cantwell**

Assistant Liturgical Chairman – **Romeo Cabrera**

Mass Coordinator – **Becky Fukuda**

Museum Chairman – **John & Ann Shea**

Northern California Chapter Coordinator – Chapter President **Michael Jones**

Assistant Northern California Chapter Coordinator – Vice-President **Don Harmata**

Opportunity Drawing Chairman – **Frank Donagher**

Souvenir Bag Distribution Chairman – **Louis Salvatore**

Souvenir Book Chairman – **Monica Saldana**

State Office Manager – **Danalynn Hays**

Thursday Night Event Chairman – **Tenari Tuatagaloa**

Ticket Sales Chairman – **Tom & Carmen Connolly**

Tours Chairman – **Jim & Bonnie Letcher**



It takes a lot of people working together as a team for an extended period of time to ensure a successful State Convention. **Thanks again to all of you!**

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We ended up utilizing the guidance and tools provided by the Supreme Council to conduct the business meeting portion of our State Convention. We were able to complete the required elements of our State Convention within one hour. This included the Election of State Officers, Election of Supreme Representatives, Report of the Resolutions Committee, and Adoption of the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year Budget for the State Council.

The second session of the State Convention was facilitated with the help of **Ed Broadhurst**, State Leader Training Chairman, utilizing Go to Webinar, to provide the Virtual Awards Ceremony, which included the State Insurance Awards, the American Wheelchair Mission Awards, Intellectual Disability Program Awards, State Program Awards, and information from the President of Columbian Charities, Inc., **Stephen Peterson**, on submission of the checks that are normally presented during the State Convention during the Parade of Grand Knights from funds raised and collected by the Councils from the "365" Club.

At the start of the session we heard from **Bishop Jaime Soto**, Bishop of the Sacramento Diocese; **Andrew Rivas**, Executive Director of the California Catholic Conference; State Deputy **David Abbott** with the Election Committee Report; State Deputy Elect **Stephen Bolton** with his message; and State Chaplain Select **Reverend John Neneman** with his message.

We wrapped up the session with a [Leave No Neighbor Behind](#) video and by hearing from State Chaplain and "Priest of the Year" **Reverend John Cantwell** with his remarks followed by the Closing Prayer.

The State Convention for 2021 will be held at the DoubleTree Ontario on May 21-22, 2021.

Let us pray that God the Father will continue to bless our Order and its works, that His Son will protect us, that the Holy Spirit will guide us, and that the Blessed Mother will intercede for us toward an ever brighter future for our Order, and especially here in California.

Stay safe and healthy!

Fraternally,

**Edward P. Huestis**, PSD

State Convention 2020 Chairman

**Save the date for the 119<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention**  
**May 20-22, 2021**  
**at the Doubletree Hotel in Ontario, California**

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## ALTERNATE PLAN for CLUB 365 DONATIONS



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



### Grand Knights and Brothers All

Due to the Coronavirus Covid-19, the State Convention will be held "virtually" via teleconference. There will not be a "**Parade of Grand Knights**", send your checks to the to the Charity Treasurer:

Knights of Columbus  
California Columbian Charities  
P.O. Box 497  
Gustine, CA 95322

All Councils are asked to donate. Councils should consider a donation of \$3.65 for each of their Council members. The 365 Club is the Charity's primary source of funds. **Please be Generous! Please include a return address so that the Award Ribbon will be sent to that designation.**

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

At last year's "Parade of Grand Knights" you donated over \$109,000 to Columbian Charities! THANK YOU for reaching-out a helping hand to your less fortunate Brothers! You should be proud of your generosity.

These are challenging times and we want to continue to help our Brothers. The need is great and we are not funded by Supreme. **Please increase your contribution this year.**

**Although the Convention is physically cancelled, Councils should not overlook their donation.** Every Brother is also encouraged to make a personal contribution. Checks may be mailed to the Gustine P.O. Box. Donations are welcomed at any time during the year.

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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. Only the Grand Knight can obtain a Charity application by calling the State Office at (909) 434-0460 or best by email at [state.office@californiaknights.org](mailto:state.office@californiaknights.org)*

SUBMITTED from Brother **Stephen Petersen**, FN  
CCC President

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**AWARDS Section:**

2019 - 2020 California State Program Awards and Recognition were presented in a Virtual Awards Ceremony on Saturday May 16, 2020, hosted by State Deputy Dave Abbott.

Here are the announced Award recipients.



**Join Us for the 118<sup>th</sup> Annual  
'Virtual' Award Celebration!**

**FIELD AGENTS, 100%+ Lancer Quota**

Announced by: **Carlos Gutierrez**, General Agent - *Gutierrez GA*

<i>PLACE</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>% Quota</i>	<i>Regional area</i>
<b>1</b>	<b>Paolo Pacana</b>	<b>313.41</b>	<b>Southern California</b>
2	Greg Bronson	271.02	Northern California
3	James Misa	243.53	Central California
4	Mike Wilson	224.21	Southern California
5	Brian Montone	217.57	Northern California
6	David Moeller	200.68	Northern California
7	Ernesto Literte	193.40	Los Angeles North West Coast
8	Robert Olivas	191.89	Southern California
9	Joe Ayroso	179.27	Northern California
10	Joe Flores	176.10	Southern California
11	Mark Yubeta	175.47	Southern California
12	Joe Sandoval	175.25	Los Angeles North West Coast
13	Alfred Lugo	163.17	Los Angeles North West Coast
14	Kevin Garza	162.84	Southern California
15	Jose Castaneda	148.51	Los Angeles North West Coast
16	John Mueller	139.64	Northern California
17	Ronald Restaino	132.82	Southern California
18	Dion Dangzalan	125.71	Northern California
19	Manuel Moreira Guerra	122.99	Northern California
20	Emeka Emu	121.52	Southern California
21	Andres Contreras	121.49	Central California
22	John Dymmer	115.52	Los Angeles North West Coast
23	Mark McEniry	113.54	Southern California
24	Michael McGranahan	111.17	Southern California
25	Steve Hudec	103.54	Central California
26	Robert Monaco	102.76	Southern California

TOP 10 places receive plaque, 11-19 receive certificate

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## American Wheelchair Mission

Announced by: **Louis Salvatore**, California State Chairman American Wheelchair Mission



### Mobility Awards 2019 - 2020

BEST COUNCIL	St. Denis, Diamand Bar, 11260	\$40,342
BEST DISTRICT DEPUTY	<b>Louis Salvatore</b> , DD - 15 100% District Participation 2 Wheelchair Sundays	\$71,644
BEST CHAPTER <i>Roy Olham Memorial Award</i>	Northern California Chapter <b>Michael Jones</b> , Chapter President	\$126,762

Watch the VIDEO SHORT: [California Knights: Joyful Blessings in Mexico](#) [click title for LINK]

## California Columbian Charities “365 Club”

Announced by: **Stephen Petersen**, President — California Columbian Charities

Columbian Year 2018-2019 — Assisted 95 Brothers with \$265,770

Columbian Year 2019-2020 — Assisted 51 Brothers with \$87,000 to date

2019 Parade of GKs = \$109,000 - 229 of 715 Councils participated  
also 2 Chapters and 4 Assemblies

2020 Parade of GKs = \$11,995 - 35 Councils, 1 Chapter, 1 Assembly to date

**SEND YOUR 365 Club Donations to:**

**Knights of Columbus**

**California Columbian Charities**

**P.O. Box 497**

**Gustine, CA 95322**



**NOTE:** Please include a return address so that the Award Ribbon will be sent to that designation

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## Membership Standings to date

Announced by: **Dave Abbott**, State Deputy

### District Deputies

Place	District Deputy Name*	Percentage (May 1)	District
1	Juan A. Torres	436.51%	130
2	Ronald M. Ytem	385.49%	46
3	Gary L. Hayes	357.14%	156
4	Jose Estevez	331.89%	85
5	Timothy J. Crews	309.52%	30
6	Nick A. Ewell	304.23%	129
7	Mike A. Palos	227.74%	110
8	Numeriano R. Tamoro	208.33%	22
9	Curtis P. Horner	200%	122
10	Hector C. Poblete	196.43%	16

### Councils

Division	Place	Council	Percentage (May 1)
1	1	17167, Salinas, Jaime Ayala, Grand Knight	833.3%
	2	17203, Palm Desert, Ronald L. Bridges, Grand Knight	625%
	3	2132, Ontario, William D. Portillo, Grand Knight	541.7%
2	1	15317, Hayward, Hector M Pedraza, Grand Knight	500%
	2	15750, American Canyon, Jodi M. Cruz, Grand Knight	466.7%
	3	12050, Grand Terrace, Manuel Palencia, Grand Knight	333.3%
3	1	4112, San Jose, Charley L Wilson, Grand Knight	500%
	2	1792, Hollister, David M. Fears, Grand Knight	333.3%
	3	10118, Alpine, Joseph A. Woestman, Grand Knight	333.3%
	4	15089, San Gabriel, Robert Castillo, Grand Knight	250%
4	1	2469, Gilroy, Daniel E. Villalobos, Grand Knight	291.7%
	2	5216, Coronado, Ernest J. Griffes, Grand Knight	250%
	3	16185, Fresno, Steven R. Korsinen, Grand Knight	183.3%
5	1	9195, Anaheim, John A. Lawson, Grand Knight	255.6%
	2	8627, Union City, Emmanuel V. Bernal, Grand Knight	188.9%
	3	4588, Livermore, Anthony Contarciego, Grand Knight	166.7%

All awards granted based on membership achievement through June 30, 2020

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## Campaign Supporting People with Intellectual Disabilities

Announced by: **Dr. Ray Warriner, PSD, State Chairman**

### Frank Nigro 2020 Columbian Foundation Grants

- Work Training Center for the Handicapped Chico, CA \$9,790
  - Project: Community Integration Program Start up Equipment
- Ride to Walk (68-0058893), Lincoln, CA \$2,500
  - Project: Arena Cover Replacement Project
- Arc Riverside County, (95-1907771), Beaumont, CA \$8,000
  - Project: Van for Community Integration Program Client Transportation
- Milpitas High School, Milpitas, CA \$10,000
  - Project: Special Education Life Skills Lab
- Scandia Elementary School, Fairfield, CA \$3,530
  - Project: Special Education Classroom Equipment and Supplies
- The Arc of San Diego County, San Marcos, CA \$6,180
  - Project: Easy Fire Front Loading Kiln



### Gross Participation Award, Chapter

FIRST	San Jose		83%
Second	Arrowhead Dessert Valley	Kevin Cavanaugh, Chapter Chairman	63%
Third	Northern California	Charles Beltz, Chapter Chairman	58%

### Chapter Revenue Awards

FIRST	Orange County	Jack Haney, Chapter Chairman Tom Collins, Chapter President	\$140,196.90
Second	Northern California	Charles Beltz, Chapter Chairman Mike Jones, Chapter President	\$87,940.26
Third	San Diego	Bob Villalobos, PSD, Chapter Chairman Armando Mena, Chapter President	\$63, 137.65

TOP DISTRICT	#5	Jeff Jones, DD	\$26,251.44
	Councils:	6149, 9202, 10379, 13518	

TOP COUNCIL	#13111	Msgr. Timothy J. Doyle	\$30,054.92
		Dan Harley, Grand Knight	

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## Benefactor-Gold

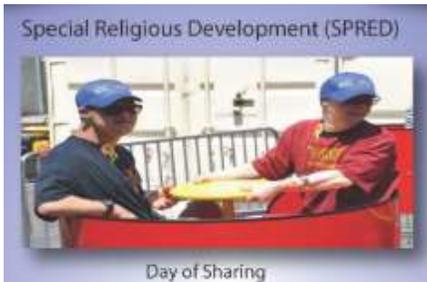
Level	Council Name	Council No.	Amount
Gold	Garden Grove	4581	10,584.86
Gold	St. Joseph's Parish	9202	11,523.44
Gold	Auburn	6149	11,758.00
Gold	Pope John Paul I	6020	12,000.00
Gold	Arden-Carmichael	4970	13,011.00
Gold	Bishop Wm R. Johnson	9487	18,921.92

Your donations supported over 170 programs throughout California

Intellectual Disabilities Drive  
Special Olympics Polar Plunge

**Frank Nigro Columbian Foundation**  
Supporting People with Intellectual Disabilities  
PO Box 3062 Cerritos CA 90703

## Benefactor-Silver



Level	Council Name	Council No.	Amount
Silver	Bishop O'Dowd	15083	8,015.92
Silver	Father Michael Potter	14581	8,120.00
Silver	Alemany	9022	8,200.00
Silver	Mary Help of Christians	5568	8,284.57
Silver	Tracy	7142	8,740.66
Silver	Balboa	9128	8,924.89



## Benefactor-Bronze

Level	Council Name	Council No.	Amount
Bronze	St. Angela Merici	9511	6,037.75
Bronze	Los Banos	3726	6,230.25
Bronze	St. Luke	9128	6,533.00
Bronze	St. Nicholas	10590	6,607.00
Bronze	Queen of Martyrs	4567	7,000.00
Bronze	St. Elizabeth	8747	7,493.22
Bronze	Centennial	7985	7,520.00



## 2019-20 Campaign Results

- 273 of 630 Councils Participated (43%)
  - 44 Councils over \$4000
  - 12 Districts @ 100%
- Over \$612,000 raised for Intellectual Disabilities Programs
  - 162 Different Programs received fund as identified by Councils
    - Largest recipients are:
      - Camp ReCREATION (Sacramento & Orange County)
      - Special Olympics (North & South)
  - 6 Grants to winning programs as identified by Councils totaling \$40,000

**"Empowering Programs that Empower People"**

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## Benefactor

Level	Council Name	Council No.	Amount
	Chief Solano	3585	4,002.00
	John N. Neumann	6965	4,008.00
	St. Elizabeth Seton	9022	4,030.00
	Regina Coeli	4953	4,051.00
	James Cardinal McIntyre	6332	4,215.00
	Our Lady of Mt Carmel	9665	4,231.08
	St. Denis	11260	4,279.49
	Palo Alto	2677	4,294.59
	Bishop Gallegos	6197	4,419.50
	St. Therese of Carmel	13124	4,422.48
	Crestline	7950	4,699.00
	Temecula Valley	9964	4,707.55

## Benefactor

Level	Council Name	Council No.	Amount
	Father Henry J. Banks	9740	4,841.30
	St. Cabrini	3472	4,848.50
	St. Victor	4112	5,000.00
	St. Michael	11632	5,034.50
	George A. Coit	2692	5,149.00
	Joseph P. Schultz	3589	5,153.00
	Hayward	1615	5,195.78
	Fair Oaks	6066	5,219.44
	Fr. Neil W. Seidl	13672	5,280.00
	St Leonardo Murialdo	10667	5,384.00
	Orange	15733	5,531.87
	Our Lady of Miracles	11653	5,658.30
	Father Henry J. Banks	9740	4,841.30

## 2019 - 2020 State Program Awards

Announced by: **Larry Mastin**, State Program Awards Chairman, and wife **Yolanda**

*TOP 3 Awards receive plaques; places 4 to 10 receive certificates*

## Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

*Individual winners receive \$100 gift card*

Division	WINNER	Council, No.	Grand Knight
5-7 Yr	Gavin Natividad	St. Genevieve Council, 14772	Max Luis Q. Dominguez
8-10 Yr*	Natalia Waked	St. Louis de Monfort, 11137	Matthew Olson
8-10 Yr*	Fiorella Nia Podesta-Riffel	San Secondo d'asti, 12938	Jason Padilla
11-14 Yr	Julianne Le	Fr. Peter J. J. Juba, 4922	Joseph Vasquez

\* = co-winners in division



G. Natividad



N. Waked



F. N. Podesta-Riffel



J. Le

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## Substance Abuse Poster Contest

Individual winners receive \$100 gift card

Division, Topic	WINNER	Council, No.	Grand Knight
8-10 Yr, Alcohol	Jenna Bulanadi	Holy Angel, 10948	Ruben Sy
11-14 Yr, Alcohol	Ami Pierce	St. Bonaventure, 6038	George Brown, III
8-10 Yr, Drugs	Mikela Vital	Holy Angel, 10948	Ruben Sy
11-14 Yr, Drugs	Makayla Fong	Holy Angel, 10948	Ruben Sy



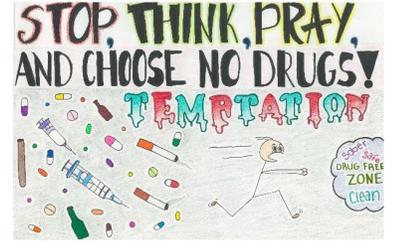
J. Bulanadi



A. Pierce



M. Vital



M. Fong

## Youth Essay Contest

Individual winners receive \$100 gift card

Division, Topic	WINNER	Council, No.	Grand Knight
8th Grade*, Keep Crist in Christmas	Joselin Espiritu	Bishop Begin, 7164	Andrew Trias
8th Grade*, Keep Crist in Christmas	Ariana Perez	St. Joseph, 10287	Hugh Lynch
4th Grade, Catholic Stewardship	Uchechukwu Aladi	Fr. Patrick Power, 4588	Anthony Contarciego
5th Grade, Catholic Stewardship	Sebastian Martinez	St. Bonaventure, 6038	George Brown, III
6th Grade, Catholic Stewardship	Nayoung Kim	Fr. Patrick Power, 4588	Anthony Contarciego
7th Grade, Catholic Stewardship	Leyla Gallo	Fr. Patrick Power, 4588	Anthony Contarciego
8th Grade*, Supreme Catholic Citizenship	Ethan Gonzalez	St. Joseph Basilica, 15965	Francisco Arroyo
8th Grade*, Supreme Catholic Citizenship	Miranda Massie	St. Joseph Basilica, 15965	Francisco Arroyo
9th Grade, Supreme Catholic Citizenship	Ethan Ngo	St. Ignatius of Antioch, 12587	Timothy Cox
10th Grade, Supreme Catholic Citizenship	Fredrick Fulzaas	St. Ignatius of Antioch, 12587	Timothy Cox
11th Grade, Supreme Catholic Citizenship	Alexia Ramirez	St. Ignatius of Antioch, 12587	Timothy Cox
12th Grade, Supreme Catholic Citizenship	Anna Lucido	St. Ignatius of Antioch, 12587	Timothy Cox

\* = co-winners in division

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## Scholarship Winners

<i>Scholarship</i>	<i>WINNER</i>	<i>Council, No.</i>	<i>Grand Knight</i>
\$1000 Academic	David Baker	Fair Oaks, 6066	Michael Ochoa
\$1000 Academic	Maria Ott	St. Stanislaus, 10694	Jorge Alvarado
\$1000 Academic	Gabriella Hernandez	Brawley, 2130	Paul Zamarripa
\$1000 Academic	Theresa Wood	Auburn, 6149	Thomas Epperson
\$1000 Academic	Azelie Wood	Auburn, 6149	Thomas Epperson
\$1000 Academic	Angela Filosa	St. Joan of Arc, 9206	Michael Harkleroad
\$1000 Academic	Allison Morisey	Divine Mercy, 14158	Nathan Hall
\$1000 Academic	Michael McGivney	Fr. James Highland, 10991	Shawn O'Brien
\$1000 Jerome J. Junk Seminarian		*** no applications received ***	
\$1000 Fr. Joseph Geary, PSD		*** no applications received ***	
\$1000 Fr. Joseph Geary, Squires	Jonathan Laksana	Divine Mercy, 14158	Nathan Hall

## Faith Activities Council Awards, DIVISION 1 - 3

<i>DIV</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Council, No.</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Grand Knight</i>
<b>1</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>Fr. Michael J. McGivney, 16584</b>	<b>70th Anniversary Triduum Mass</b>	<b>Alexander Quadra</b>
1	2nd	Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe en Vallejo, 17037	Rosary Program	Luis Peralta
1	3rd	Castro Valley, 16770	Holy Family Retreat	Dwight J. Speir
1	4th	Our Lady of Visitacion, 12683	[ not specified]	Glenn J. Lobo
1	5th	St. Elizabeth, 8747	[ not specified]	Gunawan Alisantosa
1	6th	Msgr. Mulcahy, 16438	[ not specified]	Alejandro Hernandez
<b>2</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>St. Joseph, 16293</b>	<b>Day Novena for our Nation</b>	<b>Salvador Chabolla, Jr.</b>
2	2nd	St. Clare of Assisi, 15489	Prayer Bible Class	Kevin Ward
2	3rd	Our Lady Miraculous Medal, 15671	[ not specified]	Corey Schultz
2	4th	Marian, 3773	[ not specified]	Gil Eliares
2	5th	Our Lady of the Desert, 12055	[ not specified]	Alfred Glover
<b>3</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>St. Michaels Catholic Community, 15625</b>	<b>Into the Breach</b>	<b>Dominick Amadeo</b>
3	2nd	St. Joachim, 15317	Simbang-Gabi	Hector Pedraza
3	3rd	Santa Cruz, 971	Spiritual Retreat	Frank Benko
3	4th	La Puente, 4436	[ not specified]	Francisco Mena
3	5th	Fr. Patrick J. Scanlan, 9986	[ not specified]	James Duffy

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## Faith Activities Council Awards, DIVISION 4, 5

<i>DIV</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Council , No.</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Grand Knight</i>
<b>4</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>St. James the Apostle, 14541</b>	<b>Our Lady of Fatima</b>	<b>Marcial Vasco</b>
4	2nd	Arden-Carmichael, 4970	Day of Reflection Retreat	Miguel Sabral
4	3rd	St. Bonaventure, 6038	Marian Icon Prayer	George Brown, III
4	4th	Fr. Oliver McGivern, O.H., 10494	[ not specified]	Oscar Miranda
4	5th	Valle De Oro, 9332	[ not specified]	Jack Crutchfield
4	6th	Holy Family, 9213	[ not specified]	Anthony Gonzales
4	7th	Holy Spirit, 16185	[ not specified]	Steven Korsinen
4	8th	Fr. Neil W. Seidl, 13672	[ not specified]	Bernie Sabonis
<b>5</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>Saint Anne, 8627</b>	<b>Spiritual Reflection Retreat</b>	<b>Emmanuel Bernal</b>
5	2nd	St. Mel, 17376	Men's Retreat Fully Alive	Tito Montro
5	3rd	Fr. John C. Murphy, 7987	Evangelization Retreats	Vincent Borgese
5	4th	St. John Paul II - Vaca Valley, 4901	[ not specified]	Juan Briceno
5	5th (tie)	Oxnard, 750	[ not specified]	Michael Hernandez
5	5th (tie)	Fr. Patrick Power, 4588	[ not specified]	Anthony Contarciego
5	6th	Fr. Peter J.J. Juba, 4922	[ not specified]	Joe Vasquez
5	7th	Simi Valley, 5803	[ not specified]	Christopher Smith
5	8th	Saint Augustine, 9714	[ not specified]	Renato Dandan



***Best Faith Activities  
Program In State***



**70th Anniversary Triduum Mass**  
**Fr. Michael J. McGivney Council**  
**#16584**  
**Grand Knight Alexander Quadra**

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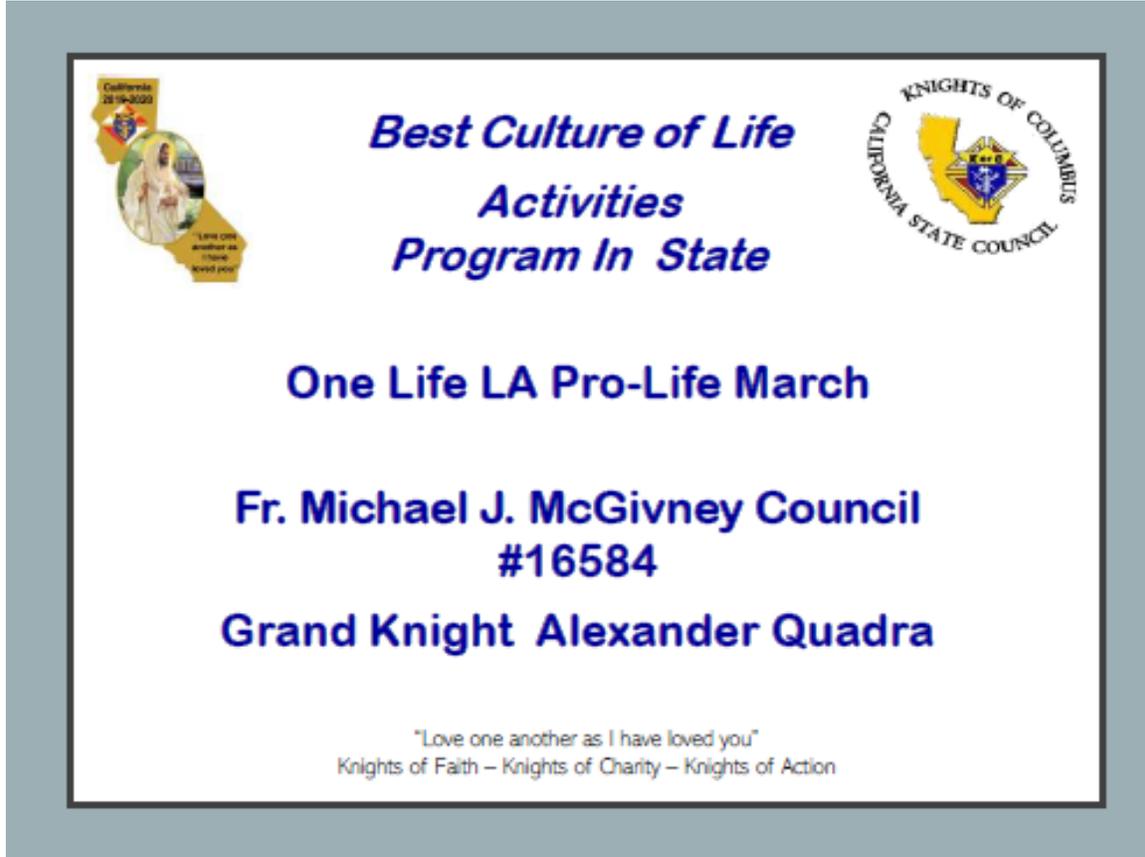
## Culture of Life Council Awards, DIVISION 1 - 5

<i>DIV</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Council , No.</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Grand Knight</i>
<b>1</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>Fr. Michael J. McGivney, 16584</b>	<b>One Life LA Pro-Life March</b>	<b>Alexander Quadra</b>
1	2nd	St. Joseph, 16293	Pregnancy Center Support	Sal Chabolia, Jr.
1	3rd	Msgr. Mulcahy, 16438	Intellectual Disabilities	Alejandro Hernandez
1	4th	Castro Valley, 16770	[ not specified]	Dwight Speir
1	5th	Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe en Vallejo, 17037	[ not specified]	Luis Peralta
1	6th	St. Leonard Murialdo, 10667	[ not specified]	Vince Fisher
<b>2</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>Our Lady of the Desert, 12055</b>	<b>Pregnancy Center- Women's Clinic Fundraiser</b>	<b>Alfred Glover</b>
2	2nd	Marian, 3773	Novena for Life; 40-Days for Life	Gil Eliares
<b>3</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>St. Michaels Catholic Community, 15625</b>	<b>Novena for Life</b>	<b>Dominick Amadeo</b>
3	2nd	Epiphany, 11033	Prayer for the Unborn	Robert Lasirona
3	3rd	Santa Cruz, 971	Walk for Life - West Coast SF	Frank Benko
3	4th	Fr. Partick J. Scanlan, 9986	[ not specified ]	James Duffy
<b>4</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>St. James the Apostle, 14541</b>	<b>Novena for Life</b>	<b>Marcial Vasco</b>
4	2nd	St. Bonaventure, 6038	Emergency Annual Blood Drive	George Brown, III
4	3rd	Fr. Oliver McGivern, O.H., 10494	Blood Bank Drive	Oscar Miranda
4	4th	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 9665	[ not specified]	Jon Vance
4	5th	Holy Spirit, 16185	[ not specified]	Steven Korsinen
4	6th	Arden -Carmichael, 4970	[ not specified]	Miguel Sabral
4	7th	Holy Family, 9213	[ not specified]	Anthony Gonzales
4	8th	San Francisco, 615	[ not specified]	Michael Bennett
4	9th	St. Lucy, 12542	[ not specified]	Melchor Tandoc
4	10th	St. Mary of Assumption, 14531	[ not specified]	Dante Burgos
<b>5</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>Fr. Maguire, 3851</b>	<b>Mass For Those With Intellectual Disabilities</b>	<b>Jacob Van Olphen</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>Fr. Patrick Power, 4588</b>	<b>Novena for Life</b>	<b>Anthony R. Contarciego</b>
5	2nd	Fr. Frank Colacicco, 4060	Walk for Life SF	James Fiedler
5	3rd	Saint Anne, 8627	Walk for Life-West Coast S.F.	Emmanuel Bernal
5	4th	Oxnard, 750	[ not specified]	Michael Hernandez

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## Culture of Life Council Awards, BEST IN STATE



## Family Activities Council Awards, DIVISION 1, 2

<i>DIV</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Council , No.</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Grand Knight</i>
<b>1</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>Fr. Michael J. McGivney, 16584</b>	<b>Annual School Carnival</b>	<b>Alexander Quadra</b>
1	2nd	Castro Valley, 16770	40 days for Life	Dwight J. Speir
1	3rd	Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe en Vallejo, 17037	Consecration of the Holy Family	Luis Peralta
1	4th	Our Lady of Visitacion, 12683	[ not specified]	Glenn J. Lobo
1	5th	St. Leonardo Murialdo, 10667	[ not specified]	Vince Fisher
1	6th	Msgr. Mulcahy, 16438	[ not specified]	Alejandro Hernandez
<b>2</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>St. Clare of Assisi, 15489</b>	<b>Outdoor Stations of the Cross</b>	<b>Kevin Ward</b>
2	2nd	St. Joseph, 16293	Annual School Carnival	Sal Chabolla
2	3rd	Our Lady Miraculous Medal, 15671	40 days for Life	Corey Schultz
2	4th	Our Lady of the Desert, 12055	[ not specified]	Alfred Glover
2	5th	St. Mary of the Assumption, 14531	[ not specified]	Dante M. Burges
2	6th	Marian, 3773	[ not specified]	Gil Eliares

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## Family Activities Council Awards, DIVISION 3 - 5

<i>DIV</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Council , No.</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Grand Knight</i>
<b>3</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>St. Joachim, 15317</b>	<b>Posadas</b>	<b>Hector Pedraza</b>
3	2nd	St. Michaels Catholic Community, 15625	Consecration of the Holy Family	Dominick Amadeo
3	3rd	Santa Cruz, 971	Our Lady of Fatima	Frank Benko
3	4th	Epiphany, 11033	[ not specified]	Robert Lasirona
3	5th	St. Elizabeth, 8747	[ not specified]	Gunawan Alisantosa
3	6th	St. Augustine, 9714	[ not specified]	Renato Dandan
3	7th	La Puente, 4436	[ not specified]	Francisco Mena
3	8th	Fr. Patrick J. Scanlan, 9986	[ not specified]	James Duffy
<b>4</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>Arden-Carmichael, 4970</b>	<b>Consecration of the Holy Family</b>	<b>Miguel Sabral</b>
4	2nd	Valle De Oro, 9332	Community Building Bonfire	Jack Crutchfield
4	3rd	Holy Spirit, 16185	Parish Carnival	Steven Korsinen
4	4th	St. Bonaventure, 6038	[ not specified]	George Brown, III
4	5th	St. James the Apostle, 14541	[ not specified]	Marcial Vasco
4	6th	Fr. Oliver McGivern, O.H., 10494	[ not specified]	Oscar Miranda
4	7th	Fr. Neil W. Seidl, 13672	[ not specified]	Bernie Sabonis
4	8th	Holy Family, 9213	[ not specified]	Anthony Gonzales
4	9th	San Francisco, 615	[ not specified]	Michael Bennett
4	10th	St. Angela, 9511	[ not specified]	Chuck Miller
<b>5</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>Saint Anne, 8627</b>	<b>Family Picnic</b>	<b>Emmanuel Bernal</b>
5	2nd	Fr. Patrick Power, 4588	Christmas Gift Baskets for Family	Anthony R. Contarciego
5	3rd	Simi Valley, 5803	Memorial Family Mass	Christopher Smith
5	4th	Fr. Frank Colacicco, 4060	[ not specified]	James Fiedler
5	5th	Father John C. Murphy, 7987	[ not specified]	Vincent Borgese
5	6th	Holy Cross, 9969	[ not specified]	Larnoe Dungca
5	7th	St. John Paul II - Vaca Valley, 4901	[ not specified]	Juan Briceno
5	8th (tie)	St. Augustine, 9714	[ not specified]	Renato Dandan
5	8th (tie)	Oxnard, 750	[ not specified]	Michael Hernandez
5	9th	Cypress, 8599	[ not specified]	Rolando Arenz
5	10th	St. Louis de Montfort, 11137	[ not specified]	Matthew Olson

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## Family Activities Council Awards, BEST IN STATE



## Community Activities Council Awards, DIVISION 1, 2

DIV	Place	Council , No.	Activity	Grand Knight
1	FIRST	St. Mel, 17376	Veterans Mass Celebration	Tito Montero
1	2nd	Fr. Michael J. McGivney, 16584	Annual Medical Fair	Alexander Quadra
1	3rd	Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe en Vallejo, 17037	Free Throw Championships	Luis Peralta
1	4th	Castro Valley, 16770	[ not specified]	Dwight Spier
1	5th	Msgr. Mulcahy, 16438	[ not specified]	Alejandro Hernandez
1	6th	Devine Mercy, 17847	[ not specified]	Albert Morrison
1	7th	St. Francis, 12683	[ not specified]	Glenn Lobo
2	FIRST	Our Lady of the Desert, 12055	ID Drive/Food for Families	Alfred Glover
2	2nd	Our Lady Miraculous Medal, 15671	ID Drive	Corey Schultz
2	3rd	St. Joseph, 16293	ID Drive/Clergy Appreciation	Sal Chabolla
2	4th	St. Clare of Assisi, 15489	[ not specified]	Kevin Ward
2	5th	Marian, 3773	[ not specified]	Gil Eliares
2	6th	St. Joachim, 15317	[ not specified]	Hector Pedraza

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## Community Activities Council Awards, DIVISION 3 - 5

<i>DIV</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Council , No.</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Grand Knight</i>
<b>3</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>St. Michaels Catholic Community, 15625</b>	<b>Helping Hands / Feed the Poor / Coats for Kids</b>	<b>Dominick Amadeo</b>
3	2nd	Epiphany, 11033	Walk for Life	Robert Lasirona
3	3rd	La Puente, 4436	Helping Hands-Vets	Francisco Mena
3	4th	Santa Cruz, 971	[ not specified]	Frank Benko
3	5th	St. Mary of the Assumption, 14531	[ not specified]	Dante M. Burgos
3	6th	St. Elizabeth, 8747	[ not specified]	Gunawan Alisantosa
3	7th	Fr. Patrick J. Scanlan, 9986	[ not specified]	James Duffy
<b>4</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>Holy Spirit, 16185</b>	<b>Soccer Challenge/Crab Feed</b>	<b>Steven Korsinen</b>
4	2nd (tie)	St. Bonaventure, 6038	Free Throw/Super Bowl Party	George Brown, III
4	2nd (tie)	Valle De Oro, 9332	Outreach in Tecate, MX	Jack Crutchfield
4	3rd	Fr. Oliver McGivern, O. H., 10494	Festival Fundraiser	Oscar Miranda
4	4th	Arden-Carmichael, 4970	[ not specified]	Miguel Sabral
4	5th	Holy Family, 9213	[ not specified]	Anthony Gonzales
4	6th	St. James the Apostle, 14541	[ not specified]	Marcial Vasco
4	7th	Fr. Neil W. Seidl, 13672	[ not specified]	Bernie Sabonis
4	8th	San Francisco, 615	[ not specified]	Michael Bennett
4	9th	St. Frances Cabrini, 9679	[ not specified]	John-Richard Cruz, Jr.
<b>5</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>Fr. Patrick Power, 4588</b>	<b>Wheelchair Mission/Crab Feed</b>	<b>Anthony R. Contarciego</b>
5	2nd	Saint Anne, 8627	Child Abuse Awareness	Emmanuel Bernal
5	3rd	Fr. John C. Murphy, 7987	Thanksgiving Outreach	Vincent Borgese
5	4th	Fr. Maguire, 3851	[ not specified]	Jacob Van Olphen
5	5th (tie)	Fr. Frank Colacicco, 4060	[ not specified]	James Fiedler
5	5th (tie)	Holy Cross, 9969	[ not specified]	Larnoe Dungca
5	6th	Oxnard, 750	[ not specified]	Michael Hernandez
5	7th (tie)	St. John Paul II - Vaca Valley, 4901	[ not specified]	Juan Briceno
5	7th (tie)	Fr. Peter J. J. Juba, 4922	[ not specified]	Joe Vasquez
5	8th	Simi Valley, 5803	[ not specified]	Christopher Smith
5	9th	Cypress, 8599	[ not specified]	Ronaldo Arenz
5	10th	St. Augustine, 9714	[ not specified]	Renato Dandan

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**Community Activities Council Awards, BEST IN STATE**



**Council Awards, BEST SERVICE PROGRAMS IN STATE**



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## RSVP - Refunds Support Vocations Program

<i>PLACE</i>	<i>Council Name, No.</i>	<i>Grand Knight</i>	<i>Donations</i>	<i># Sponsored</i>
<b>FIRST</b>	<b>Holy Spirit, 4588</b>	<b>Steven Korsinen</b>	<b>\$23,000</b>	<b>23</b>
2nd	St. Anne, 9594	Russell Stark	\$8,000	16
3rd	Los Crusados, 1990	Christopher Charan	\$7,100	7
4th	Fr. Frank Colacicco, 4060	Jim Fielder	not specified	not specified
5th	St. Martin of Tours, 14550	Donald Rakestraw	not specified	not specified
6th	Pope John Paul I, 6020	Daniel Orozco	not specified	not specified
7th	St. Columbian, 3926	John Kampmann	not specified	not specified
8th	Stella Maris, 3772	Louis Gardner	not specified	not specified

## Priest Recognition Awards

<b>Fr. Juan Perez Awards</b>		
Northern District	<b>Fr. Thomas Czeck OFM</b>	Castro Valley Council 16770
Central District	<b>Fr. Rolly Astudillo</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes Council 4438
Southern District	<b>Fr. Richard Humphry</b>	Arrowhead Desert Valley Chapter



**Priest of the Year  
Award**



**Fr. John Cantwell**  
**State Chaplain**

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## FEED THE ATHLETES Chapter Awards

CHAPTER	Chapter President
Orange Diocese	<b>Thomas Collins</b>
Southern California	<b>Vladimir Rivera</b>
Northern California	<b>Michael Jones</b>
San Jose	<b>Timothy Crews</b>
Los Padres	<b>David Waage</b>
Kern-Inyo	<b>Robert Pugh</b>
San Gabriel Valley	<b>Antonio Ty</b>
Arrowhead-Desert Valley	<b>Anthony Despart</b>
Oakland	<b>Kip Trombley</b>
San Diego	<b>Armando Mena</b>

## State FINANCIAL SECRETARY of the Year




***Financial Secretary of  
The Year***

***Deacon Randy McMahon***

***Msgr. John F. Sammon Council  
#14335***

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**KNIGHT of the Year, FAMILY of the Year**



***Knight of  
The Year***

***James Larson***  
***Assistant State Program  
Director***

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***Family of  
The Year***

***Jerry & Myra & Matthew  
Williams***  
***St. Anne Council #8627***

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**COUNCIL of the Year - BEST IN STATE**




***Best Council in State  
For The Year***

***Salinas Council #17167***

***Grand Knight Jaime Ayala***

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**TOP RECRUITERS of the Year - BEST IN STATE**




***Top Recruiters of  
The Year***

***Ron Ytem***

*District Deputy #46*  
*18 Personal Recruits*

***John Dymmer***

*FA with Owens Agency*  
*17 Personal Recruits*

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## STATE DEPUTY - Honor of Distinction Awards

Joe & Anna Salaiz  
 Steve & Jane Bolton  
 Noel & Fannie Panlilio  
 Rene & Carla Trevino  
 Greg & Antoinette Marracq  
 T.W. & Jackie Starkweather  
 Ricardo & Monica Saldana  
 Gene & Danalynn Hays  
 Robert & Susie Kish  
 Ken & Delta White  
 Ken & Julie Rose  
 Ray & Denise Forgette  
 Jose "Pona" & Judy Magana  
 Carlos & Rosemary Gutierrez  
 Steve & Dion Owens  
 Thomas & Suzanne Collins

Pablo & Alma Contreras  
 Ron & Maria Sandoval  
 Ed & Flora Huestis  
 Dr. Raymond Warriner  
 Jim & Lisa Scroggin  
 Pat & Marlene Brown  
 Stephen & Deborah Peterson  
 Ross & Marilyn Willour  
 Tim & Stephanie Carvalho  
 Larry & Tina Dietz  
 Thomas & Gabriella Quintana  
 Roark & Sharon Galloway  
 David & Tracy Ryan  
 Joseph P. Hill  
 Father John Grace, OSA  
 Father John Curran, L.C.

**A FINAL WORD FROM:** Brother **Larry Mastin**, State Program Awards Chairman

*I would like to thank all the councils for your hard work this year documenting your service activities. It is a testament to the principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity put in action that make the Knights of Columbus leaders in our parishes and communities.*

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## Ricardo Saldana State Program Director 2019-2020

My Worthy Brothers in Christ,

Congratulations on a wonderful and amazing Columbian year. On behalf of my wife Monica, it was our pleasure and honor to serve as your Program Director for the great State of California!

During these challenging times we are encouraged to turn to our programs to find ways to help those in need. Be proud that the Knights of Columbus quickly launched the *Leave No Neighbor Behind* initiative. We are working hard to provide PPE equipment to hospitals and religious communities serving those throughout the world. We are partnering with community food banks to make sure food is available to those who need it. We are donating blood through community blood drives to provide much needed blood to hospitals. We are reaching out to our Brothers & Widows in need. We are serving.

To be a Knight of Columbus is to exemplify what it is to be a modern catholic man. We are Fathers, Husbands, Brothers, Sons and Catholic Gentlemen. We visibly serve the Catholic Church and all those in need of service. Faith in Action programs put us in the public's eye. Purchasing ultrasound equipment, wheelchairs for Veterans, walks for life, raising food for families, keeping Christ in Christmas and praying the rosary together are only a few things we do. Implementing our programs help strengthen our foundation of faith. They encourage us to put our Faith in Action.

Your councils are leading by example and forging the way for the next generation of Knights and their families.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank and recognize my program directors: Matt Troiano – Faith Activities, PCP Kenneth Morris – Family Activities, PCP James Larson – Community Activities and PCP Richard Marciniak – Life Activities and to those who helped along the way. Your devotion and commitment to our esteemed order shined bright this Columbian year.

I would also like to extend my sincere gratitude to our Worthy State Deputy Dave Abbott for your endless faith in me, for always answering my calls/texts, and being a true shepherd, guiding me through this Columbian year. Thank you to the State Family (husbands & wives) your welcoming friendship is something that kept Monica & I looking forward to every meeting. We all had fun getting business done. Finally, thank you to my lovely wife Monica a.k.a. "Mrs. Program Director". You never falter at being my better half, I could not have done ANY of this without you. I LOVE you!

In closing, I would like to leave you with our State Deputy's words:

***Be Knights of Faith, Be Knights of Charity & Be Knights of Action!***

May God Bless us ALL!

Ricardo Saldana  
State Program Director 2019-2020

*In closing....*

## IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY JOE SALAIZ



"I guess if I was to reflect on the year that just has passed I would say it was definitely a Columbian year filled with more change and challenges. I've been extremely proud to serve with the

current state officers, anyone who has an opportunity to observe us as a group will know that we have truly bonded together as one state family. Working together for the common good of each and everyone of our councils and for every member in the state. Truly doing the Lords work. For Anna and I, this road to become a state officer has taken a journey of 12 years.

We both are thankful to the many brother Knights, their wives, and families, for the kind hospitality and care along the way. As I transition out as a state officer and move on to other endeavors I wish nothing but the best to our current state officers with nothing but continued success. Let us go out and be BOLD into the future, may the good shepherd watch over us, and may we never forget to "Be not afraid" for "nothing is impossible with God." "

### Joseph C. Salaiz

Immediate Past State Deputy  
Knights of Columbus  
California State Council

### From your GSK Editor / Chairman...

In putting together this record of our historically brief but VERY significant convention for this year— there is one message. CALIFORNIA KNIGHTS demonstrated; regardless of social events and obstacles that unexpectedly exist currently, the Knights of Columbus survive and move forward with creative, team developed solutions in response to unimaginable challenges, illustrating what a positive faith-centered organization can accomplish when we are all working and contributing in such an amazingly cohesive manner. These men - **our State Officers and staff** — are here at this time to lead our California State Council during very unusual and challenging times with grace, patience and clarity that are rarely combined - but UNSTOPPABLE when it forms the perfect combination. Perhaps this best compares with "Apollo 13" with the famous quote, "**FAILURE is not an option**" ( watch the movie ).

There are 6 gentlemen I must acknowledge for their mentorship, encouragement, support, generosity - and inspiration during my career as a Knight, but especially so this past year... to continually strive to be a better Knight and to accept challenges beyond my "comfort zone".

SK **Gene Hays**, State Operations Director  
SK **Rene Trevino**, State Advocate  
SK **Dave Abbott**, State Deputy  
SK **Ray Forgette**, Master — Southern California District  
SK **Larry Campitiello**, Former Vice Supreme Master  
SK **Father John Grace**, OSA

THANK YOU!

SK **Roark Galloway**, PGK

*Golden State Knightletter*



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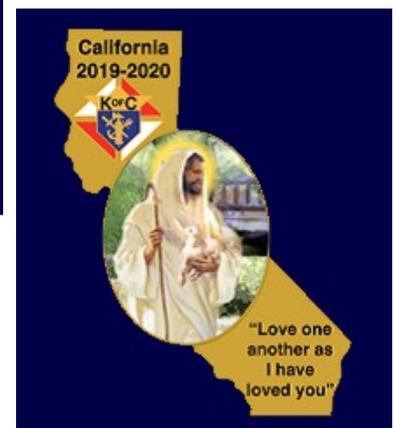
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