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State Warden
Steve Bolton

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Major Events

Majority of this issue is dedicated to the State Convention conducted on May 19-20 in San Diego.

Congratulations to all of the State Officers elected to their new offices for 2017-2018. Special congratulations go out to State Deputy (elect) Romy Quevedo!
115th STATE CONVENTION  
State Deputy's Message (continued from page 1)

We were honored to have the State Chief Squire Jonathan Smith address the delegates. We also heard the reports from Dan Moberg (American Wheelchair), PSD Ray Warriner (Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities), PSD Ross Willour (Retirement Homes), Supreme Director Jim Scroggin (Museum Association), Pat Brown (Properties) and Ed Bystran (Charities). Over $125,000 were collected through the Parade of Grand Knights. The ladies were gorgeous and had so much fun at the Ladies’ Luncheon. Thank you Mary Lima for putting it together.

We welcomed 27 new Brother Knights who took their Admission degree conducted by the team from Holy Spirit Council 9969 in Moorpark which was selected the Best Admission Degree team in 2016-2017. Congratulations to the winners of the various service programs and top Field Agents. Thanks to Brother Eric Watson and the Programs Committee for a well organized awards ceremonies. Thanks to the Chapter Presidents for serving as Assistant Wardens.

We were delighted to have Archbishop Gomez celebrate the Closing Mass with Bishop Vann, four priests and two deacons concelebrating. Thanks to the choir of Good Shepherd Council 9076 of San Diego under the direction of Brother Jed Banayat. Thanks to Brother Nick Vilicich for coordinating the liturgy and the Brother Knights of Good Shepherd Council 9706 of San Diego as Altar Servers.

And the banquet was spectacular. Emcee Gene Hays kept the program going. Congratulations to District Deputy 86 Vladi Rivera (current top DD), Mission High Desert Chapter Vince Calderon (current top Chapter), Pablo Contreras of the Baca Agency (top Field Agent), the Nick and Elizabeth Testa family of Regina Coeli Council 4953 in San Diego (family of the year), State Operations Director Rene Trevino (Knight of the year), St. Alphonsus de Ligouri Council 16112 in Los Angeles (Best Service Program) and St. James the Apostle Council 14541 in Fremont (Council of the Year).

Thanks to the Color Corps for being there at all functions and particularly at the adoration chapel. Thanks to Brothers Peter Dreisbach and Larry Young for providing the audio visual systems. Thanks to Marilyn Willour for putting together the souvenir book and to Brothers Nick Vilicich and Tom Quintana for taking pictures. Thanks to Marlene Brown and Manny Lima for organizing the very profitable and fun Country Store. Thanks to John and Ann Shea for making the Museum available to the attendees. Thank you Brother Rene Trevino for all your help.

Thank you everyone for helping make the state convention a success. Please thank your wife and children for me for allowing you to be a part of this wonderful Order.

Brothers, we have four more weeks left in this fraternal year. There is one more goal that we need to meet and that is membership intake. With every council’s assistance, we can make it. We ask that each council recruit or reinstate two more new or former members before June 30, 2017. It is not a huge number and it is not that difficult specially if we all pull together. May we count on you?

Let's make the final month of this fraternal year very exciting. Vivat Jesus!

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Opening Mass

Adoration Chapel

Closing Mass
115th STATE CONVENTION
Knights Got Talent, God Bless the USA, State Ladies Got Talent

Knights Got Talent

God Bless the USA

State Ladies Got Talent
Clergy Convocation

Saint Joseph (Mark Price)
115th STATE CONVENTION
Open Session, Chief Squire, Ladies Luncheon, Golf Tournament Winners

Open Session

Chief Squire

Ladies Luncheon

Golf Tournament Winners
115th STATE CONVENTION
Color Corps Competition, Supreme Veterans Award, State Deputy Award

Color Corps Competition

State Deputy Award Recipients
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State Banquet
115th STATE CONVENTION
Major Awards

Field Agent of the Year—Pablo Contreras of the Baca Agency

Family of the Year—Testa Family of Regina Coeli Council 4953 in San Diego

Current Top District Deputy - DD Vladi Rivera District 86

Knight of the Year—Sir Knight Rene Trevino, Saint Gregory the Great Council 10094

Best Service Program of the Year—St. Alphonsus de Ligouri Council 16112 in Los Angeles

Best Council of the Year—St. James the Apostle Council 14541 in Fremont
MAKING IT COUNT!

My Brothers,

As members of the Knights of Columbus we are all volunteers. We donate our time, talents and energy in service to our church and community – and our only compensation is we have fun doing it! What better way to increase the service, fun and comradery than by sharing the opportunity of membership with other eligible Catholic men? It might be the man sitting next to you at mass, or the one who comes to your church breakfast every month. It might be someone recommended by your pastor, or it might be the pastor himself. The important thing is to ask. 10 million people in California identify themselves as Catholic; roughly 30% of the state’s population. With only 75,962 members in the Knights of Columbus in California there is a huge potential for growth. Think big! Let’s make the last few weeks of this Columbian Year count!

With 4 weeks remaining California has achieved 85% of its membership goal for the year. We need to finish strong and make the final 15% before year end. There are many exciting recruiting rewards serving as incentives. Those recruiting 3 members receive the “3 Star Recruiter Hat” pictured at the right. Don’t miss out on this one of a kind collectible that you can wear with pride. Those recruiting 5 members receive a “5 Star Recruiter Polo Shirt” pictured below. Councils recruiting 5 members during May and June 2017 will be awarded $100, no strings attached, and $25 for each additional member over 5. There is ample opportunity for councils to “cash in” on their recruiting efforts in the final weeks of the Columbian Year.

The ultimate reward comes from achieving Star Council. Supreme is once again extending the $4.50 per billable member rebate to those councils achieving Star Council. Essentially, it fully refunds the council’s per capita for the year. For most councils, this is a considerable amount of money. For councils with 100 billable members, for instance, it would be $450, all of which can be repurposed to charitable events and activities. There is no guarantee this cash incentive will be offered again next year so take advantage of this opportunity now!

As the Columbian Year draws to a close, words seem inadequate to convey my gratitude and appreciation for all you have accomplished. Remember the fun I mentioned above? It comes from working side-by-side with likeminded men who are committed to their church, community and improving the lives of others.

Remember: Every Member A Recruiter!

May God bless,

Dave Abbott

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WHEN DOES

5 = 100?

IN THE YEAR END MEMBERSHIP CONTEST!

COUNCILS RECRUTING 5 OR MORE MEMBERS IN MAY AND JUNE 2017 WILL WIN $100!

25$ ADDITIONAL AWARDED FOR EACH MEMBER IN EXCESS OF 5!

THIS OFFER EXCLUSIVELY FOR COUNCILS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.
THE DEVIL IS IN THE DETAILS

In the final weeks of the Columbian Year, it is important to make sure the "i"s are dotted and the "t"s are crossed. Are you close to achieving Star Council and only need a few more members to put you over the top? Time for that final push. Achieving Star Council carries a considerable financial bonus -- $4.50 per billable member which essentially negates your council's Supreme per capita for the year. In addition Supreme is awarding 10,000 VIP Points for each Star achieved up to 5 Stars, with bonus points for those councils repeating Star Council from last year. There is no guarantee these incentives will be offered again next year.

Submitting Form 100s – When submitting Form 100s to Supreme in the final weeks of the Columbian Year be sure and scan (or photograph them with your cell phone) and email them to membershiprecords@kofc.org. Form 100s sent by conventional mail may take up to 2-3 weeks to be processed given normal postage and handling time. Sending them to membershiprecords@kofc.org provides the additional security of an acknowledgement they have been received.

Complete Information – Look the Form 100s over very carefully before sending them to Supreme. Make sure all the required information and signatures are present including the members full name, mailing address and date of birth. Many Form 100s are delayed or even returned due to incomplete information. Make sure the Proposer's name and membership number is filled in. Individual proposers receive 2,000 VIP points for each member recruited.

Forms and Reports – Double check that all the necessary forms and reports required for Star Council have been submitted and received at Supreme. These include the Form 365 Service Program Personnel Report, Form 1728 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity and Form SP-7 Columbian Award Application. Even if Form 365 or Form 1728 are submitted late they will still count. It is essential, however, that all forms including Form SP-7 Columbian Award Application be received at Supreme no later than June 30. If you are uncertain a required form or report has been received at Supreme your District Deputy should have that information.

Meeting Your Council Insurance Goal – Work closely with your Field Agent or General Agent in meeting your council's insurance goal. It often takes several weeks to process an insurance application so the deadline is fast approaching if not here already. Encouraging members to open an annuity savings plan and reactivating inactive insurance members continue to be valuable tools in obtaining that final one or two insurance members that might still be needed.

In Good Standing - Has your council fully paid your Supreme per capita and related assessments for the year? This also includes any supply charges. Chances are pretty good your council is in "good standing" but it never hurts to double check. It is a requirement for achieving Star Council.

Added Incentives - In addition to state and Star Council incentives, don't forget Supreme is giving a Free Building the Domestic Church Kiosk with over 100 booklets on family and faith formation to councils recruiting 12 members during the second half of the year. If your council has already won this award Supreme will provide a booklet refill for recruiting 6 members during the final 3 months of the year. All good reasons to make sure the "i"s are dotted and the "t"s are crossed!
STAR COUNCIL

Fr. Ramon Marrufo, Chaplain of the San Diego Diocese Chapter said: “Star Council should be the expectation of every council in California.”

It is the best measurement of council growth, protection of families, programs, charitable footprint and compliance with Supreme’s reporting and financial requirements.

In addition, Supreme is rewarding Star Councils this fraternal year with financial incentives of $4.50 per capita credit for every billable member next fraternal year.

Is your council on track to be Star Council this fraternal year?

☐ Membership
☐ Insurance
☐ Form 365
☐ Form 1728
☐ Form SP7
☐ Good Standing
STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE
June 2017

Worthy Brothers,

Just a reminder, the **Columbian Award Application Form (SP-7)** is due on June 30, 2017. SP-7’s should be submitted the earliest possible time before this deadline. Please note that aside from annually conducting and reporting at least **four (4)** major involvement programs in each of the surge for service program categories, a minimum of **four (4) of these programs** must be designated as **Building the Domestic Church Activities**. The following are the 12 Supreme-designated “Building the Domestic Church” activities/events:

**Simple Supper and Stations; 5th Sunday Rosary Program; Consecration to the Holy Family; Father’s Day Affirmation of Wedding Vows; Food for Families; Holy Family Prayer Program; Journey to the Inn; Keep Christ in Christmas; Into the Breach; Family Fully Alive; Family Week Celebrations; and Catholic Information Services (CIS) - Building the Domestic Church Series**

For ideas on specific activities to conduct or questions, please call me at the phone number below or State Deputy Sonny Santa Ines at (562) 925-1827.

The following remaining activities for the month of June 2017 are:

- **Father’s Day Affirmation of Wedding Vows**: Sponsor this event during or immediately following all masses, celebrated the weekend of Father’s Day, June 18th. Knights and their wives – including all married couples of the parish – will have the opportunity to affirm their commitment to their marriage vows.

- **Food for Families Reimbursement Program Refund and Plaque Application (#10057) Submission**: This form outlines council’s support for food pantries, food banks and soup kitchens. Just like the Columbian Award Application Form (SP-7), the Food for Families Reimbursement Program Refund and Plaque Application is due on June 30, 2017.

As we celebrate Father’s Day on June 18th, I would like to greet and thank all fellow fathers for the dedication and love you provide for your families. Also, I would like to take a moment to thank you, my worthy fellow knights, for a very productive and wonderful year.

I am honored to have served you as the State Service Program Director for this Columbian year and look forward to further serving you as the State Warden for CY 2017-2018.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

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Operations
Rene Trevino
Operations Director

June 2017 Message

This month Operations wants to remind everyone that we have one month left in the Columbian Year and our focus needs to be on conducting at least one or more Admission Degree. Although it may be a huge stretch, we highly encourage each Council to conduct and Admission Degree this month and finish the year with a bang.

Along these lines, we conducted an Admission Degree at the recently completed State Convention in San Diego. We have 27 new Brother Knights who attended this Degree. Each new member received several gifts for attending this special exemplification.

Many thanks and congratulations to the Admission Degree Team from Holy Cross Council 9969 in Moorpark. They delivered a perfect exemplification worthy of being the “Best Admission Degree Team in California, 2016-2017”. Here are the team members:

**Grand Knight:** Mike Hickey  
**Deputy Grand Knight:** Tony Nelson  
**Chancellor:** Andy Willrodt  
**Financial Secretary:** John Cleary  
**Warden:** Richard Kohnke  
**Inside Guard:** Steve Desautels  
**Soundman:** Mike Mars  
**Advisor and Warden’s Assistant:** Los Padres Chapter President Mike Ohler

And special thanks to **San Diego Chapter President Ken Morris** for being a Warden’s Assistant during the Degree.

Honored Dignitaries for the Exemplification were:

**The Most Reverend Kevin W. Vann, JCD, DD** – Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange  
**Supreme Director Michael Wills**  
**Supreme Director Jim Scroggin**  
**State Deputy Sonny Santa Ines**
EVERY MEMBER A RECRUITER!

THANK YOU Brother Pat Brown, this year’s Convention Chairman, for being a strong leader and for a wonderful and successful convention!

THANK YOU State Deputy Sonny and First Lady Irma for being true leaders to all Brothers and Sisters in California!