## California State Council Knights of Columbus





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## Golden State Knightletter



## 365 Club-California Columbian Charities

Our State Deputy's message this month reminds of the recent tragedies we have experienced throughout our neighborhoods and with our members. Below is an excerpt from the State Council website post regarding California Columbian Charities. We all must keep in mind how we can help our fellow Brothers and their families in time of need.

## CALIFORNIA COLUMBIAN CHARITIES/365 CLUB



In 1955 the State Council created California Columbian Charities, Inc. The charity is dedicated to assisting California Brothers in financial distress, including their widows. For almost sixty years we have consistently worked to provide charity, the first principle of our Order, and to fulfill Father McGivney's mandate of BROTHER HELPING BROTHER.

During the past half-century, we have responded to **1930 requests** for assistance from Brother Knights in California and have given over **\$2,800,000** in relief. **In 2015, Columbian Charities assisted 53 Brothers and their families with \$127,000 in aid.** If you know of a Brother who is in need of assistance, please ask his council's Grand Knight to contact the California State Council office for Charity application forms. **We need your generous charitable and fraternal support to continue assisting Brothers in distress.** For the last five years donations to the charity have been much less than what is required to meet the needs of the many Brothers who are suffering because of our poor economy.

The 365 Club and the Parade of Grand Knights are the primary means of raising funds for California Columbian Charities. We ask that every Brother in California join the 365 Club and **donate a penny a day – either by adding an additional \$3.65 to their dues payment, or by a cash donation at council meetings.** The council should hold these funds until May when they can be brought to the State Convention and the Parade of Grand Knights. Every Council is asked to donate and very Brother is also encouraged to make a personal contribution. Checks or cash may be delivered at the "Parade" or mailed to this address: California Columbian Charities, Inc., P.O. Box 4256, Cerritos, CA 90703

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR GRAND KNIGHTS. HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

Who is eligible to obtain assistance? Any member of a California Council with at least twelve months good standing who needs temporary assistance, and the widows and orphans of such members.

How can California Columbian Charities help a Brother in need of assistance? By helping to relieve financial distress due to unemployment, sickness, family medical and hospital bills, overdue rent or mortgage payments, property tax, food, clothing, losses due to fire, flood or earthquake.

What is the first step to obtain aid for a Brother? If you know of a Brother who is in need of assistance, please notify his council's Grand Knight. Only the Grand Knight can obtain an application from the California State Council Office: P.O Box 2649 West Covina, CA 91792; (909) 434-0460, <a href="mailto:state.office@californiaknights.org">state.office@californiaknights.org</a>

## **Upcoming Events**

- Family Rosary Program Oct 28/29
- Priesthood Sunday Oct 29
- Order Free Throw Championship Kit Oct 27



## State Deputy's Message October 2017

Brothers, your prayers are badly needed at this time of tragedy and devastations brought by the Las Vegas shooting and the wildfires in our State. Driving home from the Southern California Chapter installations and testimonials on October 1st, we heard on the news about the shooting going on at the Mandalay Resort and Casino that night. The following day, I've learned that the son of newly installed DD Jerry Trost was shot in the foot.

His son is a Fourth Degree Knight, an Eagle Scout, husband, a leader and a Hero. Even though he was hurt, he was still able to help the wounded. One brother that did not make it is Brother Knight John Phippen. John died shielding a stranger from rain of bullets. His son was shot in the leg trying to save his father. Brother John was a Third Degree member of Saugus Council 12489. Go Fund Me account has been set up for The Children of John Phippen.

Last weekend we had a busy schedule. Saturday, October 7th, we had our installations and testimonials for the Redwood Chapter in Ukiah, Sunday, October 8th was Columbus Day Parade, Sunday night was Holy Angels Council's 25th Anniversary. Later that night, a swarm of fires supercharged by powerful winds ripped through Napa, Sonoma and Mendocino Counties. Let us keep all in our prayers for those affected by these wildfires in the north and in other areas of our State and still going on with less containment. If you or your Council would like to assist, you may send your check to the State Office or to California Columbian Charities, Inc.

This month's Program Spotlight is "Holy Family Prayer Program". As Supreme Knight said, "The family is the model place where the faith is transmitted to new generations, or where Christian values are lived. The evangelization of the family is central to our Building the Domestic Church initiative. Councils are encouraged to conduct Holy Family Prayer services – in the presence of the traveling Holy Family image in every parish where we are present. This Orderwide program is an opportunity for all families to be inspired by the example of the Holy Family and to dedicate themselves to building homes of communion, prayer, and love. Our State Chairman is Brother Gerry Fong who works with Districts and Chapters to set up a travel schedule for the images.

Also this month, we will continue to celebrate Priesthood Sunday. Please contact your Chapter President to celebrate Priesthood Sunday. Also, please contact our Chairman Brother Nick Villicich at nickv@marystar.org for more information.

Don't forget to schedule your church drives for this month. LET'S GROW THE ORDER!

Thank you.

**VIVAT JESUS!** 







State Membership Director Matt McDonagh 2017-2018

**OCTOBER 2017 Message** 

Following is an important article regarding Supreme Website Referrals:

## **Supreme Website Referrals, 2017-2018**

My Brother Knights,

There is an area in the Supreme Website (www.kofc.org) where Catholic men interested in joining the Knights of Columbus can request information on becoming a member. Located directly off the home page under "Becoming a Knight", there is a form they can fill out with their names, address, telephone number and email address requesting that they be contacted. These referrals are one of the easiest ways to recruit a new knight into our Order.

When the prospective member completes the New Member Inquiry Form on the Supreme Website, an email is generated automatically and sent to the State Deputy and State Membership Director in the State where the prospect resides. The email is then forwarded to the appropriate District Deputy for action. He will contact the prospect and discusses the best council for him to join.

The prospect is usually excited about the prospect of membership, that is why immediate contact should be established as soon as possible. One week is the allotted time to make contact. Not only it is important to act on the referral on a timely basis but also to do the follow up. If the prospect signed the Form 100 for membership and took his Admission Degree, the District Deputy must contact the Supreme Website Referrals Chairman by email regarding the status of the prospect for his records.

Worthy District Deputies, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, and Council Membership Directors, if a referral comes to you, please act on it as soon as you can then FOLLOW UP...FOLLOW UP...FOLLOW UP...FOLLOW UP...FOLLOW UP!

Remember: Every Member A Recruiter and a New Member per Council per Month!

Vivat Jesus,

Gil Eliares, PGK, FDD, PCP Supreme Website Referrals Chairman



EVERY
MEMBER
A
RECRUITER!





## California State Service Programs Stephen Peterson, FM 2017 -2018

October 2017

Worthy Brothers,

The first quarter of this Columbian year is over. Your action plan for the quarter should have been fulfilled along with your Fraternal Success Planner. Your action plan and entries in the Fraternal Success Planner should be prepared for the second quarter.

File your Service Program Activities Monthly Reporting Form for the activities of your Council so you may refer to them when the time comes to submit your April reports for Awards for the Convention and for the SP7 Reports for the Columbian Award.

Continue to use the Programs Handbook, the State Website, Surge...with Service, Golden State Knightletter and the State Chairmen and Committeemen for ideas and guidance. The second quarter has many opportunities for Programs. Keep Christ in Christmas Journey to the Inn, Poster and Christmas card sales. Adopt a Seminarian, Pilgrim Vessel for Vocation Awareness, Priesthood Sunday. Council Bulletin, Family of the Month and Food for Families. Squires, Youth Essay/ Poster, Free Throw Competition, Soccer Challenge and Coats for Kids. Ace Wings, Ultrasound Machine, Veterans Assistance, Second Responders, American Wheelchair Mission and Habitat for Humanity. Many of these programs are supported with articles in this issue of the Knightletter.

The second and third quarter are when most of the Program Activities become events. Let us do our best to implement these programs for the Good of the Order and Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening our Parish.

Remember that every program event is an Opportunity for Recruitment. Let's get to work and have a very successful second quarter.

Vivat Jesus!

**Brother Stephen Peterson, FM Programs Director** 

## 2017-2018 State Soccer Challenge \* November 11, 2017

The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge is a competition designed for players to demonstrate the most basic soccer skill – the penalty kick. Open to all boys and girls in your community, ages 9-14, where each player will be allowed 3 practice kicks, followed by 25 kicks at the goal from the penalty line (12 yards from the goal).

State Chairman Soccer Challenge Program 2017-2018 State Co-Chairman Soccer Challenge Program 2017-2018

Percy Park (Jody) (06197 - 1903) Julio Jiminez (Laura) (03601 - 0065)

123 Ponderosa Court Folsom, Ca. 95630-4835 (916)983-3368-H (916)936-6145-C dbk576@aol.com 7659 Hesperia Ave.
Reseda, Ca. 91335-2140
(818)919-9545
jimenezjulio12@yahoo.com

## Northern State Soccer Challenge Coordinator 2017-2018

Richard B. Phelan (06197)
333 Montrose Drive #B (townhouse)
Folsom, Ca. 95630
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Northern State Soccer Challenge Location (Date: November 11, 2017):

St. Patrick-St. Vincent High School

1500 Benicia Road Vallejo, Ca. 94590 (707)644-4425

"www.spsv.org."

### **Northern State Chapters**

- 1. Northern California Chapter (1-16)
- 2. Redwood Chapter (17-23
- 3. St. Francis Chapter (24-31)
- 4. San Jose Chapter (32-36)
- 5. Oakland Chapter (37-49)
- 6. San Joaquin Chapter (50-56)
- 7. Junipero Serra Chapter (57-63)
- 8. Central Chapter (64-74)
- 9. Kern-Inyo (75-78)

## Southern State Soccer Challenge Coordinator 2017-2018

Luigi V. Zoni 7873 Highwood Ave. La Mesa, Ca. 91941-6349 (619)980-3313 luigizoni@aol.com

## Southern State Soccer Challenge Location (Date: November 11, 2017):

Rancho San Antonio:Home

2100 Plummer Street

Chatsworth, CA. 91311

Phone 818-882-6400 www.rachosanantonio.org Contact:. Brother John Crowe

**Southern State Chapter** 

10. Los Padres Chapter (79-83)

- 11. Mission High Desert Chapter (84-86)
- 12. Southern California Chapter (87-102; 152)
- 13. San Gabriel Valley Chapter (103-111)
- 14. Diocese of Orange Chapter 112-122)
- 15. Arrowhead-Desert Valley Chapter (123-135) 16. San Diego Diocese Chapter (136-151)

## 2017-2018 State Soccer Challenge Schedule (continued)

Attention All Northern and Southern State Chapter Presidents and Chapter Soccer Challenge Coordinators, your 2017 Northern and Southern State Chapter Soccer Challenge "results" must arrive to the attention of brother's Dick Phelans and Luigi Zoni "No Later Than" Saturday, November 4, 2017. Please make copies before you send the original Soccer Challenge Applications/Score Sheets (4578) with their attached "copy of their birth certificates"!

## 2016-2017 Knights of Columbus State Soccer Challenge Competition Schedule:

**10:00 - 11:00 AM Registration/Check-in** – All age groups 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, boys and girls \*All Participants (only) start practice at both goals after participant has registered

**10:45 to 11:00 AM Welcome Ceremony and Prayer** - State officer or Clergy \*Review of Rules and regulations with your officials\*

**11:00 - 11:45 Competition starts for ages 9 & 10 boys and girls** at both nets, 9-year-old at one net and 10 years old at the other (boys start first)

11:45 - 12:00 PM 9 & 10 boys and girls tie breakers if needed, if not move to Awards \*Presentation of the Awards after, participants to receive a medallion for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place

12:00 - 12:45 Competition starts for ages 11 & 12 boys and girls at both nets, 11-year-old at one net and 12 years old at the other (boys start first)

**12:45 - 1:00 PM 11 & 12 boys and girls tie breakers** if needed, if not move to Awards \*Presentation of the Awards after participants to receive a medallion for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place

1:00 - 1:45 Competition starts for ages 13 & 14 boys and girls at both nets, 13-year-old at one net and 14 years old at the other (boys start first)

1:45 - 2:00 PM 13 & 14 boys and girls tie breakers if needed, if not move to Awards

\*Presentation of the Awards after participants to receive a medallion for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place

\* Refreshments and snacks will be provided by the local "host" District and/or Chapter for the 2017-2018 Northern and Southern State Soccer Challenge competition locations.

\*IF A BOY OR GIRL ARRIVES PRIOR TO THE END OF THEIR GROUPS COMPETITION PLEASE ALLOW THEM TO COMPETE, IF THEIR GROUP HAS FINISHED THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE\*

\*Tie breakers will be handled between the Chairmen of the North and the South and they will declare the Winner for that age group.

This year the 2017-2018 State Soccer Challenge Program and Competition has been divided into "two" regions. One in the Northern region and the other in the Southern region running simultaneously on the same date and time schedule.

The "1st place winners" from both 2017-2018 State competitions with the "highest score" by age group 9-14, boys and girls will determine the 2017-2018 California State Soccer Challenge Champions. All the 2017-2018 Soccer Challenge form/score sheets (4578) along with copies of their birth certificates will be sent to and verified by the State Chairman. The State Co-Chairman, Northern and Southern Regional Coordinators should have already verified their paperwork before sending them to the State Chairman. These 2017-2018 California State Soccer Challenge Champion Trophies will be awarded at their local Chapters meeting at a later date.

Good Luck and God Bless to all of the State level Soccer Challenge participants traveling from all "sixteen" State Chapters along with their parents, guardians, friends and siblings. Please have a safe trip to the competition and home after the competition.

Strong and faithful God, as we come together for these contest, we ask you to bless these athletes. Keep them safe from injury and harm, instill in them respect for each other, and reward them for their perseverance. Lead us all to the rewards of your kingdom where you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen

Yours in Christ,

Mahalo and Aloha,

SK Percy Park, PGK, PFN State Chairman Soccer Challenge 2017-2018



## Knights of Columbus Partnership With Habitat for Humanity





The Knights of Columbus Northern California Chapter Meeting was held on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at St. Mel's Parish Center in Fair Oaks, CA. Michael Jones, Habitat of Humanity Chairman, CA State Council introduced Laine Himmelmann, Corporate Development & PR Officer, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento as the guest speaker during lunch. Laine discussed the Build for Unity Project, volunteering, fundraising and thanked the Knights of Columbus Councils, other faith organizations, families, Schools and Businesses that volunteered to support the Build for Unity Project (2 homes) which held its home dedication June 22, 2017.

Patrick Wagner, Grand Knight, Fair Oaks Knights of Columbus, Council #6066, Stanley Zezotarski, Grand Knight, Divine Mercy Knights of Columbus, Council #14158 and Michael Jones, PGK, Raymond Renwald Council #7241 each presented Laine with a \$1000 check. They also commented on their appreciation for the work of Habitat for Humanity.

Through a combination of fundraising and volunteering to help build new houses for a deserving family who would otherwise not be able to afford a home on their own, local Councils can make a significant difference within their community.

HFH volunteering benefits and helps councils in many ways because participation:

- Generates a renewed interest in Council activities.
- Increases active retention of those involved.
- Rejuvenates brother knights not seen at general meetings.
- Helps the community and supports our Bishop.

From Habitat for Humanity to the Special Olympics, and Global Wheelchair Mission, these Partnership Programs find ways to team up and help those in need.

As a featured Supreme Knights of Columbus Community program, Habitat for Humanity offers Councils continued opportunities to help our communities and families. I want to thank Council #7241, #6066 and #14158 donations of \$1,000 to help sponsor funds for the next 2018 Build for Unity Project.

Thank you for participating in our Community program and "Building a Better World".

God Bless You, Michael Jones, FDD, PGK, PFN, Habitat for Humanity California State Council Chairman

## **Knights of Columbus**

## **Keep Christ in Christmas**

## **Check list for October**

- 1. Hopefully by now you have received your packets and sent out your letters or inquired about running your program at the local schools. Your program can be running now.
- 2. This program is open to all children (not just Catholic) ages 5-14. Age determination as of November 1. So, ask within your community.
- 3. An entrant may create as many posters as they want and submit them to the Chairman.
- 4. Ask your members to be part of a judging committee because your deadline is coming up, middle of December.
- 5. Please make sure all entrant forms are completed with 3 signatures, parent, entrant and witness (usually a Knight). Make sure these are attached to the back of the poster. Each poster will need one. (No school addresses please.)

Hopefully, you will be receiving many wonderful, creative, and beautiful posters that represent Keeping Christ in Christmas.

Thank you for your participation in Keeping Christ In Christmas. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Yours in Christ,

**Bob Pineschi** 

**Knights of Columbus** 

California State Poster Chairman

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## **VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION SUMMER SPORTS CLINIC 2017**

The San Diego Chapter of the Knights of Columbus were privileged to sponsor the tenth Veterans Administration Summer Sports Clinic in San Diego, California. There are only two Veterans Administration Sports Clinic in the United States each year. Aspen, Colorado being the other venue where the Winter Sports Clinic is held. It was with great admiration and respect to be able to sponsor for the fifth year in a row our Wounded Warrior athletes for the 2017 Summer Sports Clinic. The service and sacrifices of our participating Wounded Warriors athletes can never be repaid.

The Summer Sports Clinic was held September 16-22, 2017. The athletes were housed at the Wyndham Hotel in downtown San Diego. On September 16, at the Wyndham Hotel the San Diego Chapter of the Knights of Columbus were acknowledged and given a recognition plaque for their sponsorship of the tenth annual Summer Sports Clinic. The San Diego Chapter donated 150 cases of water and 2000 pounds of fruits and snacks for the various refreshment stations during the week long event.

The Summer Sports Clinic is a paralympic event which provides an ongoing opportunity for rehabilitation and recreational activities for our injured Veterans. Many of these brave patriots suffer from a range of injuries including: traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury and loss of limb. Watching these valiant Warriors push each other to their physical extremes is both inspirational and motivating. The goals of the Summer and the Winter Sports Clinics is to prepare our injured Veterans with early intervention methods on how to recover from serious bodily injury by strengthening both their bodies and their minds.

More than 100 injured Veterans participated in the annual San Diego Summer Sports Clinic. The weeklong event is held at local beaches and picturesque venues across San Diego County. All Wounded Warrior athletes participate in different athletic events including: Surfing, Kayaking, Archery, Sailing, and Bicycling. The Wounded Warriors are divided into different teams and are awarded medals upon completion of their participation in all the sporting events.

It is a privilege for our Knights of Columbus to sponsor and to honor the service and the sacrifices of these Wounded Warriors. I want to extend my sincere appreciation and an especial thank you to our Brother Knights for their support in making this Summer Sports Clinic a success.

If any Brother Knight is interested in reaching out to support our Veterans, at any of our seven Veteran's Hospitals in California please contact me. Our Knights of Columbus are committed to "Serving Those Who Serve."

Vivat Jesus, Carlos Cuellar PGK, PFN State Veteran's Assistance Chairman California State Council Knights of Columbus









In 2009, the Knights of Columbus launched the coats initiative designed to keep kids warm in harsh winter climates. With many families with young children struggling in tough economic times, there was a clear need to provide warm winter coats to children in their communities. And so, the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program was born.

Since the program's inception, the Knights of Columbus in the United States and Canada has given away more than 310,000 coats to children in need. Approximately 2,000 local Knights of Columbus councils have participated in their communities.

Brothers don't be afraid to reach out to your parish for help. You will be surprised by the support of the members of your local parish if you ask. Just explain to them about the need and the good that they can do by teaming up with the council and working together.

Every Knights of Columbus council is eligible to participate in Coats for Kids. Coats can be purchased at a cost of \$220 per case of 12 (including shipping) for orders shipped to addresses in the continental United States, and \$245 (including shipping) for orders shipped to Canada and other addresses outside the continental United States. Access the Coats for Kids order form at kofc.org/forms.

All cases will contain either boys' coats or girls' coats (never both). The size distribution in each case is: two Size S (8), four Size M (10-12), four Size L (14-16) and two Size XL (18). Smaller sizes are also available, and will automatically be included on orders of six cases or more. For orders of less than six cases in which small sizes are desired, please indicate that on the Coats for Kids order form. http://www.knightsgear.com/coats-for-kids

Chairman Luigi Zoni, Chairman: 619.980.3313; luigizoni@aol.com

Northern Committeeman Greg Marracq: 650-996-5752 marracqs@comcast.net

South Committeeman Elipidio Andrion: 562.883.2587; eandrion@hotmail.com

Or direct any questions regarding Coats for Kids to the Department of Fraternal Services at 203-752-4625 or fraternalservices@kofc.org.

Ctrl + click to follow the links below to you tube videos that you can use to promote this program

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q06aiZAJPEU or https://youtu.be/NKi95pWpZ\_I



# 2017-18 Knights of Columbus Supreme Essay Competition



The Supreme topic is: "Going to the Peripheries"

Discuss the role of the Catholic Church going to the Peripheries, then <u>select one</u> of the following ideas to complete the Essay.

- Describe the work of one widely known Catholic who went to the periphery.
- Describe the work of one widely known historic Catholic who went to the periphery.
- Describe the work of one person in your life, who helps alleviate human suffering.

## **INSTRUCTIONS for writing Essay**

- Essays must be 500 to 750 words in length.
- Essay must reflect the assigned theme and be the student's original work.
- Essay must be typed and double spaced
- Essay must have Title of essay Topic on the Cover page only
- Personal name is NOT to appear on the Essay, only on the Completed Entry sheet stapled to the back of the Essay.
- Essay will be scored by the Instructions on the front of the entry form

**COUNCIL Award: At Council discretion** 

**CHAPTER AWARD: At Chapter discretion** 

STATE AWARDS: 1st Place - \$100 gift card plus plaque each per grade level

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$50 gift card plus plaque each per grade level

SUPREME AWARDS:1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$300, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$100 each per grade level

#### Target dates:

- Student Essays for Council to Council Essay Chairman by <u>January 15, 2018</u>
- Council winners to Chapter Chairman by February 01, 2018
- Chapter winners by grade to State Chairman by March 6, 2018
- State Winners to be announced at the State Convention May 2018.

## **Knights of Columbus**

## Substance Abuse Poster Program

## October Checklist

- 1. Your kit should be ordered. If not, contact the Supreme Knights of Columbus website and order one, it's FREE.
- 2. Send the sample letter that is enclosed with the handbook,or contact your local schools to inform them about your contest.
- 3. This program is a great, creative outlet for your youth. It is open to all children ages 8-14 years old. Age determined as of January 1, 2018.
- 4. Important, in this contest only one (1) poster can be submitted per child and it needs to be their own original work.
- 5. All posters need to be 11 x 17 inches to qualify for judging.
- 6. Entry forms need to be completed and attached to each poster. Don't forget to grade your poster. This is important if they qualify for the International competition.
- 7. Your Council Level needs to get a committee together before you judge the local Council posters. Judging should be done by January 31,2018.

Please send only your Council winners to the Chapter Level.

Brothers, Thank you for all you do for our youth to promote Substance Awareness. If we can prevent one person from abusing drugs or alcohol in their life we have helped them and their family and you need to be proud.

Please call if you have any questions.

Yours in Christ.

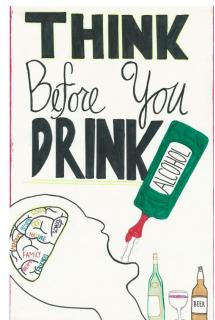
Bob Pineschi

Knights of Columbus

California State Poster Chairman

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## **COUNCIL BULLETINS**

Happy October to everyone, ever since I joined the Knights of Columbus in San Diego, I get valuable information about council projects thru the council bulletins. Through the council bulletins, you could tell how active your council are at certain activities. With good, sound, fun, family oriented activities and proper planning, you could get more brother knights to participate and volunteer their time. Spread the news to brother knights who could not attend council meetings that future activities are in the planning stage and your council would like to get some feedback from them and get their involvement and incorporate their feedback to your activities. This would make your activities more interesting and may encourage your brother knights to participate. The more participation you get from your council members depend on how you publish your bulletin.

Bro. Walter

Walter D. Nolasco, PGK, PFN Knights of Columbus California State Council



Operations
Rene Trevino
Operations Director

October 2017 Message



It is not too early to begin planning to attend this Columbian Year State Convention. Here is a note from our State Convention Chairman Brother Greg Marracq:

#### **Brothers and Sisters.**

The State Convention will be returning after a long absent to our State Capitol May 17th thru 19th. Sacramento has a lot to offer with fun and adventure for the whole family. The convention will be packed full of events where we will all come together to enjoy each other's company and activities. Of course the business of the State Council will need to be conducted but that is only part of why we are there. The convention will be head quartered at the Doubletree Hotel. You will have a choice of accommodations, we have made arrangements at 7 different hotels so you will be sure to find one that suits your needs. Below you can see some of the highlights of the convention. Vivat Jesus! Brother Greg Marracq, Convention Chairmen

Thursday Night BBQ Cook Off Contest



**Golf Tournament** 



**Friday Night Dance Party** 



Tours, Sites to See and Places to Play













MARDI GRAS AT THE LADIES LUNCHEON







**Holy Mass** 







## **Mexican Martyrs Prayer Service**

The Knights of Columbus for over 135 years have been promoting vocations to the priesthood. This prayer service is intended to continue that long tradition by reflecting on the gift of priests to the church. Specifically, we also honor those six Mexican Priest Martyrs who gave their lives for their people who were all Knights of Columbus Brothers. It involves the entire parish family and supports the Domestic Church. Details with the complete Prayer Service are available in the 2017-18 Program Handbook.

## **Mexican Martyrs Service Award for Chaplains**

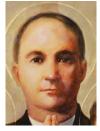
The six Mexican priests were martyred for their faith during a time of turmoil in Mexico when Catholics were being persecuted. All of them died because they chose to continue to serve their people despite the threat of death. We want to honor their sacrifice by creating an award in their name that will be given out during the year to the chaplains in California who give of themselves not only to their parish and diocese but also to the Knights as a chaplain.

The Knights of Columbus are forever thankful for the dedicated priests who not only serve their parish or community but who also take the time to serve the Knights of Columbus as chaplains. The Knights want to honor and thank those dedicated priests for their service throughout the Columbian Year. Each month beginning in September 2017 through February 2018 we will honor the Knights of Columbus Chaplains who have displayed extraordinary service to their Council and Parish. These priests will automatically be considered for the yearly Fr. Juan Perez Award given out at the California State Convention. Details can be found in the 2017-18 Operations Handbook.

## **Congratulations to our September Awardees:**

Fr. John Grace, OSA - Saint Augustine Council 16237, San Diego; Fr. Patrick V. Kirsch - Council 16570, Eastvale; Fr. Scott Herrera, Regina Coeli Council 4953, Escondido; Fr. Matthew D. Stanley, Palo Alto Council 2677, Fra Crespi Assembly 54, Palo Alto; Fr. Charles P. Kelly, St. John Vianney Council 5322, Rancho Cordova; Fr. Johnson Abraham, Council 15344, Concord.

## November: Saint Miguel de la Mora Mexican Martyr Award



Father Miguel de la Mora de la Mora of Colima belonged to Council 2140. Along with several other priests, he publicly signed a letter opposing the anti-religious laws imposed by the government. He was soon arrested and, with his brother Regino looking on, Father de la Mora was executed without a trial by a single shot from a military officer as he prayed his rosary. It was Aug. 7, 1927.

## TRAINING WEBINAR OPPORTUNITIES

This year the State Council has implemented a great tool on how to reach out to our over 76,000 Brother Knights and provide invaluable training opportunities via Webinars. Between Supremes' webinar training sessions and our new State webinar sessions, Brother Knights can receive information on a myriad of topics ranging from Council Leadership, effective council operations, membership recruitment, outreach programs, Financial operations, and other pertinent topics.

One of key aspects of these webinars is that they are archived and available for viewing later. However, you must register for the webinar to gain access to the archived session.

Recently, Supreme offered "Council Officer Training" on October 18<sup>th</sup>. State Training Chairman Brother Ed Broadhurst offered Financial Secretary training on October 9th and October 12<sup>th</sup>. Both of these sessions are available to FS, FC and District Deputies by request to training@californiaknights.org.



Here are a couple of recent Supreme training sessions that are available on the Supreme website. And, if you missed them, they are available in their On Demand Webinar Portal.

Upcoming webinar training opportunities are:

#### Supreme

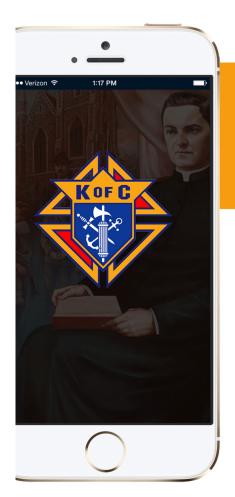
November 8th - "Star Council Award - Building Mission" December 13th - "Setting the Stage for Council Success"

## **California State Council**

November 30<sup>th</sup> – State Deputy Forum for Kern/Inyo, Central, San Joaquin and Junipero Serra Chapters

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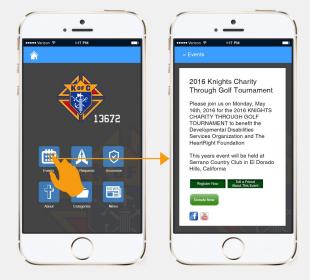
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## **Knights In Action**

## **Oakland Chapter News**

Oakland Diocese Chapter President, Manuel J. Diaz, and Chapter Vice President, Art Landos, had an audience with the Oakland Diocese Bishop Michael Barber to discuss assistance the Knights can provide to support his Vocation goals. They presented him with check from the State Council to be used for Vocations. The Bishop expressed his gratitude to the Knights of Columbus for their continued support. He mentioned that the thoughtfulness of the Knights of Columbus makes a lasting impact in the Diocese by helping with the formation of our future priests. May our Lord reward you and thank you to the State Council for your generous donation.



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## SAN FRANCISCO COLUMBUS DAY PARADE



Our Worthy State Deputy and Brother Romy Quevedo was driven by Brother Gil Eliares, current Supreme Website Referrals Chairman. The parade was seen by thousands of people on a warm and beautiful Sunday. The crowd was very cheerful to see the Color Corps and the words Knights of Columbus written on the side of our car giving us big hands in every street we pass by. There was a dozen Color Corps led by Former Master JC Greco. The Columbus Day parade is getting bigger and bigger every year. We will plan for a much bigger parade next year.