

## California State Council Knights of Columbus



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# Golden State Knightletter

## ADVENT /CHRISTMAS SEASON



This Advent/Christmas we wish each and everyone a blessed and joyous season. As Catholics we celebrate along with many other Christians the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. There are many other events that occur during this joyous time of year. Let us not forget those feast days we celebrate during Advent:

Advent

December 2 –December 24, 2018

Advent Saints

Nov 30- St. Andrew (Christmas Novena)

Dec 4—St. Barbara

Dec 6—St. Nicholas

Dec 7—St. Ambrose

Dec 8—Immaculate Conception

Dec 9—St. Juan Diego

Dec 10—Our Lady of Loreto

Dec 11—Our Lady, Queen of Angels

Dec 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe

Dec 13—St. Lucia (St. Lucy)

Dec 14—St. John of the Cross

Dec 21—St. Thomas

Christmas

December 25, 2018 – January 13, 2019

*(following from the USCCB website)* Christmas is one of the most important days of the Church year, second only to Easter

itself. It is the feast of the incarnation, the feast of God becoming flesh (the Latin "in carne" means "enfleshment"). It is a uniquely Christian teaching, the Divine choosing to become one of us. Because of this belief, God is not only Transcendent, but also wholly Immanent, Emmanuel (God-with-us). While remaining Transcendent (meaning we must rise above our present condition to reach Him), He is at the same time Immanent (meaning He is with us as we rise toward Him). Every Eucharist is like Christmas where the bread and wine are transformed into His flesh, His Body and Blood, and, in a sense, He is born anew on the altar.

The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts, and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him...including the fact that he was born to die for us.

## Upcoming Events/Reminders

- **Safe Environment Certifications**
- **A "Knight Before Christmas" membership drive**
- **Culture of Life events—Order Walk for Life Shirts**
- **Marion ICON Program—Our Lady of Help of Persecuted Christians**
- **DD Mid Term Conference—January 2019**

## STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE



My Brothers in Christ,

I hope all is well. The fires in the state have drawn into perspective of the true nature of our brotherhood, as councils in the state have shown their solidarity in the efforts to help those effected, most particularly the total devastation experienced in the town of Paradise. To date, 69 of our brother Knights from council 7773 in Paradise have lost their homes due to the fire, with a possibility for this number to grow. As I have been reflecting on this complete tragedy, I can't help to think of how more relevant the Knights of Columbus is, and why we were founded by Father McGivney. We were founded to help our members and their families in their time of need. Our Order is not only there during these times of desperate need, but in everyday of our lives.

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is a treasure that we should share, not conceal or hide. Every Catholic man and his family deserve the same opportunity to grow in his faith. To be protected, him and his family, by the most ethical Catholic Insurance Company in the world. To be a part of our brotherhood, one founded by principles drawn by Holy scripture. As leaders and members of the Knights of Columbus, the responsibility rests on us to grow each year and to offer the same life changing opportunities that were offered to us. As I look at the report of councils that have not brought in a single new member this year, I ask myself why? Have the councils come to a point where they can't even find one man to join? Do they even understand why they bring in new members? My brothers, I have attached the list of 335 councils that have not even brought in one member this year. You can subtract 78 councils from this list that were suspended from the start of the Columbian year, that brings the real total to 257 councils that have not recruit a single member in 5 months. If each of these councils recruited 1 new member a month, we would have 1,285 members added to the state council and to the Order.

Think about it, more hands to do God's work. More resources to help our brothers in need. This really matters my brothers, and we need to keep reminding all the councils of this, never losing sight for the reason I described at the beginning of this letter and why membership is so important. Every Catholic man and his family deserves the gift of membership in the Knight of Columbus. We owe it to that brother who brought us in, never forget the gift that was given to each of us, and how membership in our Order has changed our own lives. And how it will change the life of the new member you bring in. I will leave you with that final thought. Wishing you all, a most blessed Christmas season.

For with God there is Nothing to Fear, "For Nothing is Impossible with God"

VIVAT JESUS!

**Joe Salaiz**  
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## CALIFORNIA COUNCILS WITH NO NEW MEMBERS AS OF 14 NOVEMBER 2018

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## **Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and Members California has been devastated by wildfires!**

**The Paradise Camp Fire is the worst wildfire in California History. 153,000 acres burned, 14,000 homes destroyed, 85 people killed, 296 people unaccounted for and thousands of people displaced. 80% of the town destroyed. 69 Brothers of Council #7773 in Paradise have lost their homes due to the fire. Completely burned out! California Columbian Charities was there to help. Each burned out Brother has or will receive a grant to accommodate their immediate "necessity of life" needs. Accumulated, the Charity has granted thousands in aid to these Brothers. Now is the time to replenish our funds to be able to support other Brothers that are in need throughout the State.**

All Councils are asked to donate. Councils should consider a donation of \$3.65 for each of their Council members. Financial Secretaries, please add the 365 Club as a voluntary donation when you send out the annual billing statements. **Donations are being accepted now, please send to address above. Please be generous!**

**Columbian Charities is dedicated to assisting California Brothers and their widows in distress.** For over sixty 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 \$123,000 to Columbian Charities! THANK YOU for reaching-out a helping hand to your less fortunate Brothers! You should be proud of your generosity.

In 2017 the Charity provided 52 Brothers, and widows, with \$136,000 in financial assistance. The need is great. **Please increase your contribution this year.**

*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**. The **Grand Knight** can obtain a charity application by calling the State Office at (909) 434-0460.*

## KEEPING RECORDS SECURE

Worthy Financial Secretaries and Worthy Faithful Comptrollers,

By now, everyone is aware of the disastrous fires in California causing the loss of life, property and so many things that all of us have don't think about, but have significant impact on us as we go forward with our lives and activities.

As officers in the Knights of Columbus, we have an additional responsibility to keep our records and members data in a safe environment. Our Worthy Financial Secretary in Paradise had recently converted to the online Member Management system and as a result, important information was safely retained within that system and this step will greatly reduce efforts necessary to resume council operations. Paper records were destroyed and this only points toward the need for each of us to consider alternate methods of retaining key records ongoing.

I believe this disaster should be considered as an eye-opening event for all of us. It doesn't take a catastrophic occurrence to cause the loss of important information, it can be as simple as a crashed hard drive on your personal computer. If you are using the Member Management system, there no loss except time fixing or replacing the PC.

All councils are strongly encouraged to use this online tool fully. We have developed training webinars to show you step by step what is available, how it can aid you and have mentors readily available to answer your questions. The vast majority of FS/FC who attend these sessions have gone on to future sessions and expanded their use significantly. Many are now using the system for billing, financial processing, record retention and accounting. However, there remains a significant number who are not using this tool adequately, keeping manual records and processes which are not adequately protected. Seasoned Financial Secretaries with self-created systems put the council at some risk in the event someone else must assume their duties unplanned.

The online Officers Desk reference provides guidelines for required records and retention of records under three categories, those being "Tax Issues", "Financial Issues" and "Protection of Membership and Financial Information". You should review these topics near future and consider what is best for protecting council records ongoing. Consideration should be given to electronic encrypted backup storage off site on an ongoing basis.

Each of you not yet using these tools need to be aware of the training and support promptly available to you by email or phone request. It truly is time to look to the future and take appropriate action. You can contact the State Leader Training Chairman or local trainer to put you on the path to protecting your council. We are here to assist you.

Ed Broadhurst  
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## MEMBERSHIP PRAYER

*Heavenly Father and gracious God, we come before you humbly, in thanksgiving and prayer.*

*As St. Augustine said: "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts cannot rest until they rest in You." We, as Knights of Columbus, are searching for You, as we do all to make You known and present amongst our members. We recognize that 'everything begins from You and by You is happily ended', and we are grateful for Your presence in all our undertakings.*

*It has been our source of encouragement to be called the 'right arm of the Church', while we invite new members to join us in our support of a vibrant and new evangelization within the parishes where we serve. We are restless, O Lord, as we seek to develop our Faith Formation, and firmly base our spirituality on our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and true Christian Patriotism. Grant us the courage and foresight to be able to see You present in all our endeavors.*

*We thank you Lord for all your guidance and blessings, and we continue to place all we do as Knights firmly in Your hands.*

*This we ask, through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Our Lady of Guadalupe, our Lady Queen of America, pray for us.*

*- Fr. John Grace, OSA*

*State Chaplain Emeritus*

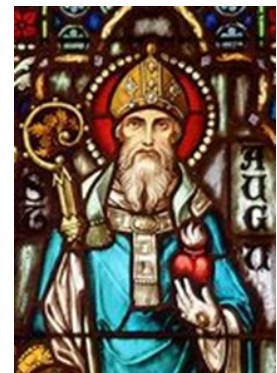
*Former State Chaplain 2004-5; 2006-7; 2007-8*

*Between March 2009 and Sept. 2013:*

*Supreme Office of Knights of Columbus, New Haven, Connecticut.,*

*- Director of Chaplain Programs and Development, and*

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



## MARION HOUR ICON

The new Marian Hour icons have finally arrived. It's a beautiful image. We received eight icons for California. Each chapter will be sharing an icon with an adjoining chapter. A schedule for distributing the icons is currently being developed. Each chapter will have the icon for six months then transfer it to the adjoining chapter. They will then have it for six months. However, if your chapter would like to use the icon for a prayer service at a special event, and the sharing chapter has it, contact their Icon Coordinator for availability. It's anticipated the program will continue for two years. There is ample time for your councils to host the icon.

State Deputy Joe Salaiz requested that the icons be assigned first to chapters that have a mission. Four of the icons will be assigned to the northern part of the state (including Central Chapter) and the southern part (including Kern-Inyo Chapter) will receive four icons. The goal is to distribute the icons to these chapters by October 10<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow.

Email or call me if you have any questions on the new Marian Hour Icon program.

God Bless.

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# FREE MEMBERSHIP FOR SEMINARIANS!

**Mark J. McMullen**  
Senior Vice President of  
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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR LIFE

November 20, 2018

Worthy State Deputies,

We're pleased to let you know that effective immediately, membership in the Knights of Columbus is free for all seminarians who join the Order online in the United States and Canada. Using the promo code SEM18 to join at [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus), seminarians can begin their membership in the Knights. After joining online, they also have the opportunity to join a Knights of Columbus council where they can continue to grow in their relationship with Christ and his Church through Faith in Action programs, fraternity and a built-in support network.

As you know, the Order has a long history of providing moral, financial and spiritual support for seminarians and all those discerning a religious vocation. Through Faith In Action's Refund Support Vocations program (RSVP), we raise funds to support our local seminarians, and perhaps even more importantly, we also provide our "adopted" seminarians with moral support and prayers for their success. At this difficult time for the Church it is crucial that we continue to support our seminarians, and offering free membership to those who join online is just one more way to do so.

The rectors at each seminary across the United States and Canada will be receiving a promotional packet including an introductory letter from the Supreme Knight, posters and brochures about this special membership offer for their seminarians in the coming weeks to ensure that program reaches those it was designed for. A sample of the letter, poster, and brochure, are attached in this email for your reference.

Seminarians who join online using this promo code may maintain their free membership for as long as they remain in seminary, by simply attesting to their continued enrollment at the time of their membership renewal. The process takes place entirely online. If a seminarian is ordained to the priesthood, he is granted honorary life membership and continues to be exempt from dues.

Please spread the word about this membership offer throughout your state and local teams. Making sure your immediate Stat Officer Team, District Deputies, Council Grand Knights, Chaplains and Pastors, will ensure that seminarians in your state have the opportunity to join the Order for free! Of course, if you know any seminarians personally, encourage them to join online at [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus) using the promo code SEM18.

Please contact Kevin Smith, Field Liaison with any questions you may have about this program. You can reach him at [kevin.smith@kofc.org](mailto:kevin.smith@kofc.org) or 203-752-4572.



## FREE MEMBERSHIP FOR SEMINARIANS! (continued)

### FAQ

#### **Are seminarians who are already members eligible to use this promo code for free membership?**

If a Seminarian has joined online in the past year, they can use the promo code at their time of renewal to attest and receive that year's dues for free.

#### **How does a seminarian renew his free membership each year?**

Seminarians who join online with the promo code will be prompted to re-attest to remaining in seminary each year as part of an automated, online renewal process. His free membership will automatically renew for that following year as long as he attests to remaining in seminary.

#### **Do priests use this promo code for free membership too?**

No, this offer is only available to current seminarians. Ordained priests will continue to be given Honorary Life Membership, per current policy.

#### **If a seminarian signs up with this promo code and leaves the seminary, will he be charged for membership?**

If a seminarian has joined the Order for free with the promo code, but leaves the seminary, he will be charged membership dues during the next year's renewal process. This process is automated and online.

#### **My councils have seminarians whose dues we cover. Can I stop paying those dues?**

No, this online promo code does not affect any billing processes for councils.

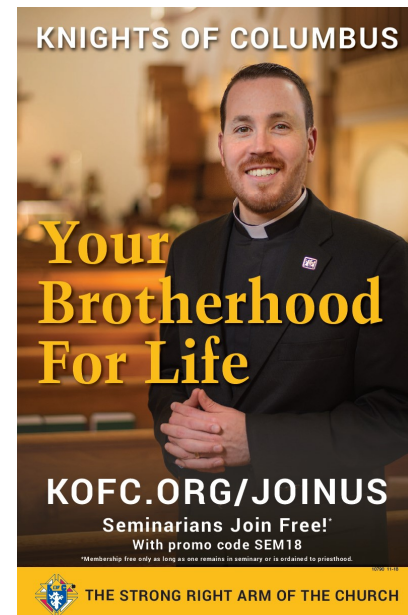
#### **If a seminarian joins online for free with the promo code, and transfers to my council, do I charge him dues?**

You do not need to charge dues to seminarians who transfer into your council after joining online with the promo code. During the next year's billing cycle, councils will have the option to make him exempt from membership dues.

Fraternally,



Mark McMullen  
Senior Vice President  
Membership and Fraternal Mission



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Brotherhood  
For Life

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Seminarians Join Free!  
With promo code SEM18

\*Membership free only as long as one remains in seminary or is ordained to priesthood.

THE STRONG RIGHT ARM OF THE CHURCH

## STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR MESSAGE

### “A KNIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS”

Worthy Brothers,

As of now, California still has 355 Councils that have not recruited even one new member! That is over half of our State's 707 Councils.

Challenge to every Council – bring in at least one “Knight Before Christmas.”

The key to your Council's success requires both Programs and Membership.

Programs grow the Order as good, Catholic men see the Knights of Columbus as an active group dedicated to serving the community and the Church. Even better, we should be known as men devoted to the deepening spirituality of ourselves, our families, and all Catholics. But we need more Brothers so we can do more service!

Advent is coming up very soon and it is a great time to both serve and to recruit.

Be sure that your Council plans and participates in a number of spiritual and service activities for Thanksgiving and for Advent. Just looking at Supreme's Faith In Action Overview page, we can see under Faith: Holy Hour, Marian Prayer – Our Lady of Persecuted Christians, Rosary Program, and Spiritual Reflection (which is a required Program). Part of the Family category, you have: Keep Christ in Christmas (which could include the Posada, Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrations, and Simbang Gabi), or, you could begin either the Family Prayer Night program or the Family Fully Alive program as ways to involve families in the spirituality of Advent. You could even implement the Consecration to the Holy Family as an Advent devotion. To serve the Community: Coats for Kids or Helping Hands (which is a required program and a great Thanksgiving project) could be organized. Finally, in the Life category, your Council could offer: Mass for People with Special Needs or a Novena for Life (another required program).

Is your Council still below 50% of its Membership goal?  
Is your Council still at zero new Members for this Columbian Year?

If so, plan to implement one or two of the programs highlighted (and linked to information pages on the Supreme website). Make sure your top recruiters attend your programs and ask them to seek out and recruit men who are NAKY's (Not A Knight Yet).

Each and every Council should be able to bring in at least one Knight Before Christmas.

Please forward this message to any Brother Knight who may choose to use it to help build your Council.

Yours in Service,

Michael Brault  
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***Be not afraid, for nothing is impossible with God!***

***Change a Life, Recruit a New Knight!***

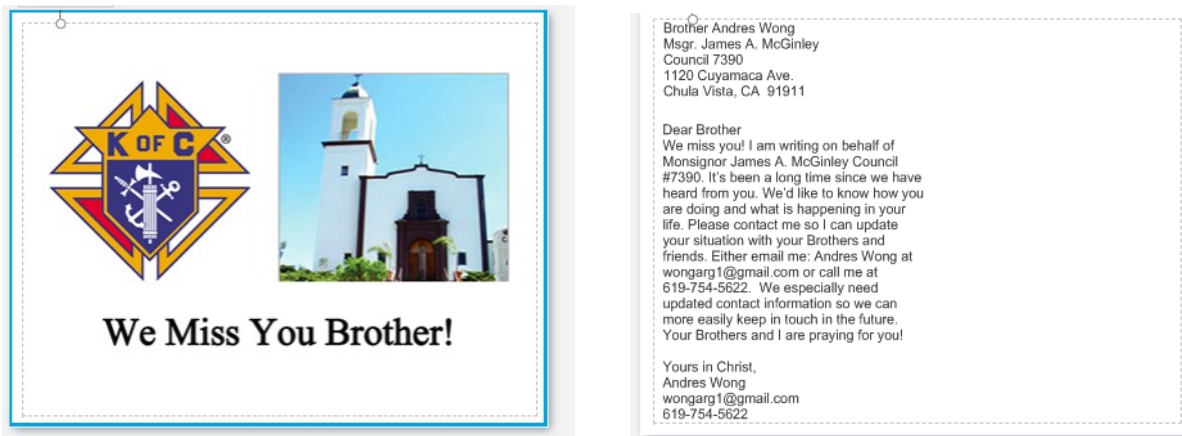
## WE MISS YOU BROTHER - POSTCARDS

Worthy Brothers,

What do you think happens to the dues notification letters sent out to Brothers who have not been participating in activities recently? Most will go into the circular file (the trash can). Brothers who are not actively engaged sometimes feel like they do not belong, so when they get the dues letter they think, "Oh, I'm not a part of that group anymore."

On the other hand, if a Brother were to receive a postcard like the one below (with a photo of your church on the front), curiosity will lead them to look at the back. They don't even need to open an envelope. You should find a high reply rate simply because they were interested enough to look at the message.

Below is an example of a "We Miss You Brother" postcard. You can have 250, high quality postcards printed with full color and a glossy front for about \$60.



Try this as another means of reaching out to those Brothers who you cannot reach by phone or by email.

Of course, if all else fails, make a home visit and knock on the door. Let's be like the Good Shepherd and go out to find our Lost Sheep-(I mean Brothers).

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## PROGRAMS DIRECTOR MESSAGE

Hi Brothers,

It is half way through the year. Has your council completed the 4 required programs? Is your council Safe Environment Compliant? If you answered yes to both of those questions then your council is on its way to achieving Star Council. If you answered no to either of the questions then your council has some work to get done quickly.

All councils must be Safe Environment Compliant this year in order to be eligible for any recognition from Supreme or the State Council. The following people must complete the Safe Environment Course on the Supreme website; Grand Knight, Program Director, Family Director and Community Director. The Family and Community directors must also complete a background check. As of the 30th of November only 49 councils in the state are Safe Environment Compliant.

This year the Supreme Council is requiring all council complete 4 mandatory programs in order to be eligible for Star Council.

Novena for Life

Spiritual Reflection

Helping Hands

Consecration to the Holy Family

If your Council has not begun the planning process with your pastor or completed these programs it is running behind and really needs to get started now. Don't wait till the end of the year and come up short.

Vivat Jesus,

Eric Watson

State Programs Director



# PAUTAS PARA EL CONSEJO HISPANO

Junio - 2018



El Caballero Supremo recientemente anunció la introducción del programa Fe en Acción. Se está implementando para simplificar la estructura de nuestros programas y alinear mejor los programas según las áreas prioritarias. La Fe en Acción será el nuevo concepto global de todos los programas recomendados por el Consejo Supremo.

Las nuevas categorías de programas que inician en el nuevo año fraternal son: Fe, Familia, Comunidad y Vida. Estas cuatro categorías representan nuestras prioridades como Orden.

**Fe:** Nuestro objetivo es fortalecer la fe de nuestros hombres y sus familias. Cuando ingresamos a la Orden, nos recordaron que debíamos formarnos constantemente sobre la fe católica. Esta formación va más allá de los hechos o las prácticas religiosas para alcanzar una verdadera conexión con un Dios lleno de amor y su hijo Jesucristo.

**Familia:** El Padre Michael J. McGivney buscaba fortalecer los vínculos familiares entre el padre y la madre y entre los hijos y sus padres. Nuestros programas de familia constituyen una evolución y la respuesta a una sociedad que trata de debilitar los vínculos familiares. Debemos dejar claro que la sociedad debe valorar a una familia que es fiel a Dios y a sus propios miembros.

**Comunidad:** Como Caballeros de Colón, estamos llamados a servir a nuestra familia y a Dios. Nuestro primer principio es la Caridad, ya sea en casa con nuestra familia o en nuestra comunidad. Éste es un aspecto clave de nuestra misión como Caballeros de Colón.

**Vida:** No podemos perder de vista el apremio de esta amenaza hoy en día. El respeto a la dignidad de la vida exige un compromiso con los derechos humanos en un amplio espectro, como Caballeros de Colón y como seguidores de Cristo.

Faith in Action	Fe en Acción
<b>Faith</b>	<b>Fe</b>
RSVP	Apoyo a las Vocaciones (RSVP)
Into the Breach	Firme en la Brecha
Marian Icon Prayer Program	Oración Mariana
Building the Domestic Church Kiosk	Kiosko Construyendo la Iglesia Doméstica
Rosary Program	Rezo del Rosario
Spiritual Reflection Program	Retiro Espiritual
Holy Hour	Hora Santa
Sacramental Gifts	Ofrendas Sacramentales
<b>Community</b>	<b>Comunidad</b>
Coats for kids	Abrigos para los Niños
Global Wheelchair Mission	Misión Global de Sillas de Ruedas
Habitat for humanity	Hábitat para la Humanidad
Disaster Preparedness	Preparados para Responder a Desastres
Free Throw Championship	Torneo de Tiro Libre
Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest	Concurso de Ensayos sobre Ciudadanía Católica
Soccer Challenge	Competencia de Fútbol Soccer
Helping Hands	Manos que Ayudan
<b>Family</b>	<b>Familia</b>
Food for Families	Alimentos para las Familias
Family of the Month/Year	Familia del Mes/Año
Keep Christ in Christmas	Celebra a Cristo en la Navidad
Family Fully Alive	La Familia Plenamente Viva
Family Week	Semana de la Familia
Consecration to the Holy Family	Consagración a la Sagrada Familia
Family Prayer Night new	Noche de Oración en Familia
Good Friday Family Promotion	Vivir la Semana Santa
<b>Life</b>	<b>Vida</b>
Marches for life	Marchas por la Vida
Special Olympics	Olimpiadas Especiales
Ultrasound Program	Programa de Ultrasonido
Christian Refugee Relief	Fondo de Auxilio para los Refugiados Cristianos
Silver Rose	Rosa de Plata
Mass for People with Special Needs	Misa para las Personas con Necesidades Especiales
Pregnancy Center Support	Apoyo a los Centros de Embarazo
Novena for Life	Novena por la Vida



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRIEST MARTYRS' 2018-19 AWARD OF SERVICE

The California State Council has expanded the Mexican Priest Martyrs' Award to include three more who were martyred: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, a Chinese martyr, St. Lorenzo Ruiz, the First Filipino canonized saint and St. Andrew Dung-Lac, an early Vietnamese Priest who was canonized. Fr. Augustine Zhao Rong, Fr. Lorenzo Ruiz, Fr. Andrew Dung-Lac along with the six Mexican priest who were martyred for their faith during various times of persecution of Christians throughout the world. 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 August 2018 through March 2019 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 and the Fr. Michael J. McGivney Priest of the Year Award given out at the California State Convention.

July 2018: St. Augustine Zhao Rong  
August 2018: St. Luis Batis Mexican Martyr Award  
September 2018: St. Lorenzo Ruiz Filipino Martyr Award  
October 2018: St. Rodrigo Aguilar Mexican Martyr Award  
November 2018: St. Andrew Dung-Lac Vietnamese Martyr Award  
December 2018: St. Miguel de la Mora Mexican Martyr Award  
January 2019: St. Pedro de Jesús Maldonado Mexican Martyr Award  
February 2019: St. José María Robles Mexican Martyr Award  
March 2019: St. Mateo Correa Mexican Martyr Award

### Q & A

#### **Who Can Nominate?**

*All councils, assemblies and chapters in California*

#### **Who is eligible to receive this award?**

*Chaplains for councils, assemblies and chapters.*

#### **How many awards will be given out each month?**

*All priests nominated will receive this award. This is not a competition but a recognition of dedication and service as a chaplain in the Knights of Columbus*

#### **What is the deadline to apply?**

*Deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month award is being given out.*

#### **Where is the nomination form?**

*It is on the State Website under Forms.*

#### **Where do I send the completed form?**

*Mail or Email or mail to*

*John D. Bertrand*

*1168 Sierra Linda Dr*

*Escondido, CA 92025*

*Email: [johnbertrand44@gmail.com](mailto:johnbertrand44@gmail.com)*

*Cell: 858-395-4123*

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRIEST MARTYRS' 2018-19 AWARD OF SERVICE DECEMBER 2018

**St. Miguel de la Mora**

**December Honoree for Chaplain Service Award**



**Please submit your nominations by December 15, 2018. Take the time and honor your chaplain by nominating him for this 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 August 7, 1927.

John Bertrand

Chairman

## FAITH ACTIVITIES

**MARIAN PRAYER PROGRAM PRODUCT:** The ICON of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians. The icon travels throughout your jurisdiction, and when the Marian image is brought to your parish, it can service as a centerpiece for Marian devotion. **PRICE:** It's free, but the Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians Prayer Program Booklet (#5050) and Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians Prayer Card (#10740) can be ordered through Supplies Online. **PLACE:** Your parish. **PEOPLE:** Council and parish members can participate in the Marian prayer service.

And why **PROMOTE** it? The image of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians fosters devotion to the Blessed Mother and recalls minding the sufferings of our brothers and sisters in the faith. A prayer service will raise awareness in our larger communities, and better help us stand in prayerful solidarity with persecuted Christians.

Invite each family of the parish and offer those who attend a copy of A Scriptural Rosary for the Family (#319). Councils can schedule services on any day of the week, at any time of the year, with the guidance of their pastor. Councils should hold rosary prayer services at least four times a year to successfully meet program requirements.

To learn more about the Into the Breach Program, visit [kofc.org/breach](http://kofc.org/breach).

Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians is the 18th Marian image sponsored by the Knights of Columbus since 1979.

**ROSARY PROGRAM PRODUCT:** A regular rosary prayer service for families and parishes. **PRICE:** Kits with rosary rings, rosary prayer guides and leader books can be ordered by your council at no cost. **PLACE:** Your church. **PEOPLE:** Knights and their families, as well as other members of your parish.

And why **PROMOTE** it? Frequent praying of the rosary deepens a devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, patroness of the Knights of Columbus. This prayer can truly change our lives, because we direct our minds and hearts toward the Lord. The program itself emphasizes the importance of prayer in community and as a family.

Fraternally,  
John Giltner  
Fait Activities Chairman

## CONSECRATION OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Dear Worthy Sirs,

This December we have an amazing opportunity to entrust thousands of families to the patronage of the Holy Family. Our hope and goal is for as many families as possible to begin preparations this Advent for a consecration to the Holy Family to take place on Dec. 30th, the Feast of the Holy Family. As you may know, the 30th is a Sunday. Because it falls on a Sunday, we were hoping the consecration could take place at the end of each Mass. This way it would require minimal effort on the part of the council and parish and give that many more families the opportunity to participate in the Consecration. Of course, this is at the discretion of the pastor, but something I am hoping you will discuss with him and your council.

Any consecration requires adequate spiritual preparation. I would like to direct you to the resources we have to help guide and prepare families at [www.kofc.org/consecration](http://www.kofc.org/consecration). In addition to these resources you could also direct them to the Keep Christ in Christmas prayer materials and Building the Domestic Church kiosk booklets, "A Scriptural Rosary for the Family" and/or the booklets on Mary and Joseph.

Again, we encourage you to advertise this to your council families and fellow parishioners soon, so they can prepare and dive more deeply into the season of Advent and the Incarnation. You will also want to order the prayer cards for the day of the consecration. These and other program materials can be ordered through Officers Online under Family Programs.

If you have any questions, please contact your state Family Directors. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your council brothers.

### Call to action:

- Discuss as a council and with your pastor about coupling the Consecration to the Holy Family with Mass on Dec. 30th.

- Advertise this to the parish to provide adequate time to prepare for Consecration throughout Advent.

- Direct parishioners to printable support documents or order more online.

- Order Prayer Cards for the day of the consecration.

Thank you for your time, and I wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely in Christ,

Sean Pott  
Program Manager, Faith Initiatives  
Knights of Columbus

## LIFE WELLNESS CHAIRMAN'S HOLIDAYS MESSAGE

Hello, my Brother Knights,

This time of year we traditionally *abandon all thoughts and hopes* of maintaining our diets, exercising, and all-around healthy activities - *at least 'til New Years Resolution Day!*

Yes, **Thanksgiving and Christmastime** are ready to add weight to our frames - and in many cases, make us fatter than we already are!

Along with altered diets and activity, *stress and anxiety* are *unwelcome additions* to "The Season". *Hustling* to get the outdoor lights up; getting the tree set-up; *shopping* for gifts in the local mall (**now including EXTENDED BLACK FRIDAY - and online**). *Waiting for guests* to show-up for a visit. **Christmas parties galore!**

Doing all of these things plus maintaining a work schedule that might include fellow employees taking time-off, can *trigger increasing workloads*.

All of this may occur as we *try* to maintain a veneer of good cheer!

### So, how do we maintain some sense of calm amidst this tornado of a season?

"The Season to be jolly", for many people, *can be a frightening, sad experience provoking anxiety/stress which can be severe and near-debilitating. Bouts of depression often occur*, especially for those who have been widowed or who live alone, or suffer from chronic illnesses.

### Some recommendations that have helped others:

**Avoid alcohol** during the season. Alcohol might seem to be an anxiety reliever, but it ultimately leads to more anxiety/stress and may exacerbate any underlying depression.

**Continue an existing exercise program.** If you haven't exercised in a while, don't just hop on a treadmill and run vigorously for a half hour at 5mph and at a 5 degree incline!

**Before starting an exercise program** - talk with your doctor about any existing or potential health conditions that might need to be considered, such as coronary artery disease, thyroid disorders, diabetes. Upon his advice, talk with a trainer at a local health/fitness club. Getting a program started **NOW** rather than later will make a great early Christmas gift to yourself.

**Back-off the sweets and salty foods** (my favorites!) and work on fruits and veggies.

Another consideration is to seek counseling with a professional if anxiety is a recurring, or worsening, problem for you. Anxiety is a medical condition and can be treated. You can benefit from counseling and, possibly, medications that can help you control the condition.

**As Catholics, we also have the benefit of Prayer and Faith.** Always keeping this in mind **as we go into the Season of Christ's Birth!**

**Merry Christmas!**

God Bless each of you!

**Michael Cushing, MD, Culture of Life Wellness Chairman**



## KofC Life Matters - Defending Every One

### T-Shirts for 2019 Major California Walks for Life

Each shirt declares that you are a part of something bigger that proclaims the truth of Life to all who see your message.



Please visit

[www.kofclifematters.com](http://www.kofclifematters.com)

front view

back view

## Loving and Defending Every Life!

Proudly wear your Classic Pro-Life T-shirt walking with tens of thousands at California's Walks for Life along with Knights of Columbus, families, and friends in support of the greatest life-saving and life-changing movement of our times.

Our very affordable prices of **\$8** (youth XS - youth L), **\$10** (adult S - XL), and **\$12** (adult 2XL - 4XL) make it easy to qualify for **Free Shipping!** All orders must be a minimum of 10 shirts or more and can be a mix of various sizes.

**URGENT REMINDER: FINAL ORDER CUTOFF TO BE JANUARY 3RD WITH ORDERS BEING SHIPPED BY JANUARY 11TH.**

All major credit cards accepted.



## COUPLES RETREATS

### Couples Retreats – Initiative

Marriage between a baptized man and a baptized woman is not only a covenant, but also a sacrament. A sacrament is an outward sign of God's love. Marriage as sacrament is holy and important to the Church.

The couple relationship is, in essence, a "little Church", filled with the same gifts of our big Church. The gifts of a sacramental marriage are contagious love, being life-giving (aka children), raised above the ordinary and healing. These gifts of our sacrament make God tangible and visible. They are meant not only for ourselves but for the benefit of the Church and, indeed, the world.

The love of Christ present in our relationships is called our "couple power". This is an incredible gift that is meant to be shared with a world that is longing for hope. Our "Couple Power" enables us to go out on mission in ways that might challenge us as individuals.

There are three organizations available to Catholic couples that support healthy, sacramental marriages; Catholic Engaged Encounter, World Wide Marriage Encounter and Retrouvaille.

**Catholic Engaged Encounter** is an in-depth, private, personal, marriage preparation experience within the context of Catholic faith and values. The weekend is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper, more meaningful life together in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church according to its Church law.

Though Catholic in origin, the Engaged Encounter Weekend is not limited to Catholic couples. The lessons generally call a man and a woman, as a couple, to strive for a sacramental way of life through the vocation of marriage. The weekend offers each couple insights and tools to enrich their relationship and strengthen their love for one another.

For more information or to schedule a weekend, go to <http://engagedencountersd.org/> or write to: [sandiegoee@gmail.com](mailto:sandiegoee@gmail.com)

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** is the largest pro-marriage organization in the world and promotes weekend experiences for couples who want to make their **good** marriage **even better**.

If you're looking for a way to increase the love and romance in your marriage or need time just for the two of you, A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Experience may be the answer! Instead of simply listening to lectures about how to improve your marriage, you will actually learn a practical communication technique and have an opportunity to rediscover your hopes and dreams for your marriage. Most people think their marriage is "fine". World Wide Marriage Encounter has a saying: "Never let a FINE marriage get in the way of a FANTASTIC marriage."

Weekends are for Catholic priests and religious too! Their commitment to serve their people is similar to the commitment of a husband and wife in marriage. Weekend tools can help priests see their ministry in a whole new light and connect more meaningfully with those they serve.

For more information or to schedule a weekend, go to <http://www.wwme.org/find-a-weekend>.

The **Retrouvaille** Program is for Married Couples Struggling in their Relationship. This program is for couples with marital problems that want marriage help. Those who are considering marriage separation and those who are already separated or divorced are encouraged to consider the Retrouvaille Program. There is always hope of reviving your relationship.

Today's unchallenged acceptance of divorce suggests that many friends, families, and church communities are providing only limited support for marriages. Retrouvaille is a program that is solely dedicated to providing the necessary support to help save marriages, as we believe in the value of marriage and desire to promote its growth and reconciliation when possible. Although recognizing that all marriages cannot be saved, more struggling couples could certainly be helped by learning the effective tools of communication offered in the Retrouvaille Program.

For more information or to schedule a weekend, go to <https://www.helpourmarriage.org/>.

All three organizations offer Spanish speaking weekends. WWME and Retrouvaille both have ongoing group support after your retreat to help keep your marriage strong.

To find a location and set a date or for more information go to [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org)

Vern Snyder  
Couples Retreat Committeeman  
858-444-6246 [snyder87@san.rr.com](mailto:snyder87@san.rr.com)

## FREE THROW COMPETITION

Every year the Knights of Columbus in California sponsor a Basketball Free Throw Championship Competition as our State Tournament. Last year we added a 3 PT shooting for 15-18 old boys and girls. This competition directly involves the winners of each Council, District, and Chapter. The winners at the State Championship become eligible for the International competition, which is sponsored by the Supreme Council. This Supreme competition is based upon the winning scores of individuals at the State level competition, from throughout the order.

The details and rules for the competition are in the Basketball Free Throw Kit (#FT-KIT) which Grand Knights or Council Basketball Chairman, can order "FREE" from Supreme. Also this year if you have any questions concerning the program, you are able to go to the K of C web site and it will answer all your questions. This is a youth program activity, which can be one of your council's most enjoyable and rewarding event that your council can hold each year.

### Eligibility:

1. All boys and girls ages 9-14 shoot Free Throws,  
3 PT shooting for boys and girls ages 15-18 as of January 1, 2019 are eligible to compete.
2. All contestants must register using the official "K of C" entry form /score sheet (#1598).
3. Entry form must have a parent or guardian signature.
4. Proof of age, must accompany entry form through all levels of competition.
5. Contestants may only participate in one Council competition.
6. Winners at the Council level, will advance to the District shoot, District winners will advance to Chapter level, and only Chapter winners will be eligible for State competition.

### "Important Dates"

June 30, 2018: Councils/Chairmen "ORDER KITS" from Supreme Fraternal Services.

January 2019: Local Council Competition held (Report to Supreme is due by Jan. 31  
Please send a copy to the State Free Throw/3 PT Chairman Don Reitz at  
[dreitz3997@gmail.com](mailto:dreiz3997@gmail.com)

February 2019: District level competition held (within first two weeks of the month). Chapter level of competition held prior to March 1, 2019.

March 1, 2019: Chapter Winners information will be submitted State Free Throw Chairman by March 5, 2019

March 23, 2019: Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw/ 3 PT Championship will be held on "MARCH 23, 2019" at San Joaquin Memorial High School in Fresno CA. Same location as last year.

There will be refreshments just like last years championship, the contestants will receive a ticket for the free meal. I believe there will be a lot of food to choose from.

State Basketball Free Throw/3 PT. Chairman:

Don Reitz,

559-970-0183.

[dreitz3997@gmail.com](mailto:dreiz3997@gmail.com)

## NEW FINANCIAL SECRETARY OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Financial Secretaries are generally the most utilized and least recognized officers of the councils. Also, though the Financial Secretaries do not directly control suspensions, they have a significant influence on the council's attitude and activity in this area.

The purposes of this award are to motivate Financial Secretaries to:

- Use Member Management for billing and council transactions
- Submit all Supreme forms on time
- Reduce the number of suspended members from their council
- Raise the standard of all Financial Secretaries by recognizing the best of the best.

Each Chapter will submit their nomination for their Financial Secretary of the Year based on the criteria below. The 16 nominees will be evaluated and the winner will be determined based upon measurable and subjective criteria. The Financial Secretary of the Year will be recognized on the final night of the State Convention in San Diego.

### **Award Criteria – Measurable & Required**

- Forms 185, 365, 1295 & 1728 must be submitted to Supreme
- Suspended members less than 2.5% of total council membership
- Supreme and State per capita and Chapter dues are paid
- Required council leaders complete their Safe Environment Certification
- Complete required Online Training for Financial Secretaries
- Ties will be based on the council that has the lowest suspension percentage

### **Award Criteria – Subjective (DD's Suggested Criteria)**

- Use of the Membership Management System
- Have the insurance representative promote the insurance program at business meetings at least quarterly. (In cases with no assigned FA, request and read a message from the GA)
- 990 & 199 tax records submitted
- Financial Secretary sends list of delinquent members to the Retention Committee
- Council's Shepherd & Apostles Program in place

Further information on the implementation and processing of this award will be sent to the Chapter Presidents, District Deputies, Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries.

Brother Richard J. Baker  
State Awards Chairman

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS FEED THE ATHLETES

Worthy Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, District Deputies, Chapter Officers and Leadership,

The new Feed the Athletes initiative is off to a fast start. This initiative entails Knights providing funding and volunteer support for meals at Special Olympics sporting events across the state. Orange County Chapter has already had at least four Feed the Athlete events that have fed thousands of athletes and the Oakland Chapter as well as the Northern California Chapter have also had Feed the Athletes events. We are planning events in northern California in the spring and the Southern California summer games at California State University Long Beach will be in June and the summer games we serve meals to over 2000 at a three-day event.

Thank you, Brothers, for all the support you have shown this new initiative. We couldn't do it without you! Make sure you report your Special Olympics event participation using the State's service program monthly activity report form at, <https://www.californiaknights.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Monthly-Service-Program-Activity-Report.pdf>.

The funds raised through the Columbian Foundation for the Feed the Athletes initiative during this Columbian year will be presented to Special Olympics at the State Convention in May to underwrite meals at Special Olympics sporting events next year. If you haven't already done so, please consider a special fundraiser event to support the Feed the Athlete initiative. We have attached a donation form for your convenience. This can also be done through your Columbian Foundation Supporting People with Intellectual Disabilities drive (i.e. Tootsie roll drive). There is a check box on the ID distribution form specifically for the Feed the Athlete program.

Did you know that Special Olympics has Global Messengers that can come out and speak at your council and chapter meetings? Global Messengers are Special Olympics athletes who help spread the message and vision of the movement as well as the benefits they have gained by participating in Special Olympics. Global Messengers are available to attend and speak at special events to deliver their inspirational messages. To request a Global Messenger for your event in Southern California, please complete the online request form. Try to provide a minimum of two weeks prior to the event. Most Global Messengers will have a guest attending the event with them. In Southern California the request form is at: <https://www.sosc.org/globalmessengerrequest>. In Northern California please email your requests to [Mattc@sonc.org](mailto:Mattc@sonc.org).

Brothers, as with any new program there is an evolving aspect to it. We expect this initiative to pick-up momentum every year. The Feed the Athletes initiative is a part of Supreme's featured program, Special Olympics. Please join in on celebrating the intrinsic worth and dignity of every single human being because without the support of you and our Brother Knights, Special Olympics participants would not be able to participate in the events they love as well as receive important other benefits such as health checkups, new friends, self-confidence and a sense of belonging.

God bless.

Fraternally,

Jim Larson

State Special Olympics Chairman; [Jlarson800@yahoo.com](mailto:Jlarson800@yahoo.com)





## KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The purpose of the Keep Christ in Christmas program is to promote the true spirit of Christmas in your home, schools, parishes and communities. The Advent Season is approaching and there are activities your Council can promote. These activities are: Journey to the Inn, Light up for Christ, Advent Wreath Blessing, Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest and the Christmas Card sales fundraiser. The Christmas Card sales and other Christmas Fundraising items can be ordered through Steve Sykes. His email is [steves@wcsdist.com](mailto:steves@wcsdist.com).

If your Council is considering running one of these outstanding programs, you can go to the Knights of Columbus Supreme website under Family Activities for more information. Click on Resource to download what you need for Keep Christ in Christmas Poster program, Journey to the Inn and other Keep Christ in Christmas resources.

Lastly, if your Council is running the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster program for your youth, you will need to download the forms at the Supreme website and print them off yourself. It takes 6-8 weeks to receive a kit. The judging DEADLINE for the Council Level, KCIC Poster program is December 31. Then the winners need to be sent to the Chapter for the Chapter Level Competition as soon as possible..

If you need more information, please contact me, Bob Pineschi, Knights of Columbus, California State Poster Chairman at [pineschibob@yahoo.com](mailto:pineschibob@yahoo.com). Wishing you all a Blessed Christmas Season. Merry Christmas.

## FRATERNAL BENEFITS STORY

### A Grandfather's Gift

Early in my career as a Field Agent, I received a phone call from one of our members that wanted to surrender one of his life insurance policies. After speaking with him over the phone, I learned that the policy was purchased on his granddaughter and was intended to be a gift after college graduation. I set the appointment to review the policy.

During the appointment with the member and his wife, I spoke about the fact that purchasing a life insurance policy for his granddaughter when she was a year old was a wonderful act of love and caring. Furthermore, the small sum of money that he would gift to her from surrendering the policy, would not last as long as keeping the policy and offering her some security for the future. Moreover, with support from his wife, he made the wise decision to keep the policy.

During the month of May, I received a subsequent phone call from the member. He wanted to tell me about his granddaughter's college graduation. I could sense the pride, love, and joy in his voice when he recounted the story of giving his granddaughter the life insurance policy and the value it provided for her in the future. To his surprise, she was overcome with emotions of love and deepened feelings of connection to her grandfather because of his gift to her, and said that it meant more to her than any amount of money.

~ A Knights of Columbus Field Agent

### A Lot for a Little

One of the first families I met with happened to be new to the Knights of Columbus, for he just joined a month before and I was his first contact as a field agent.

After explaining to the member and his wife, with handouts documenting all aspects of the Order, our history, what we're about, how we were formed, I discussed the fraternal benefits for their family associated with his membership. Not knowing what to make of it, the couple heard me out. Once I saw that they were more comfortable with their understanding of the Order and what we do to protect families, I proceeded to start asking questions.

Through this fact finding, I found that their current life insurance coverage was substandard to what they were trying to accomplish. After several discussions and meetings, they finally decided to proceed with life insurance from the Knights.

A little over a year later, I received a call from the council, telling me the first new member I met with had passed away due to a heart attack at the age of 48. After I got over the shock, I called the widow with my condolences and told her not to worry moving forward that the Knights would be with her through this tragic time.

After the dust settled, the widow couldn't have been more gracious with her thanks to me and the Knights of Columbus because his wish to be buried in the Philippines would be fulfilled. Not only did she have enough money to fly him home, but also used some of the proceeds for additional insurance for herself.

~ A Knights of Columbus Field Agent

### A Lot for a Little

A widowed, older member that I regularly saw at council meetings asked me to review his policies with him because he had a number of policies with the Knights and other companies. He knew that his Knights' policies were quite small and wondered if he would be better off just surrendering them and keeping one or more of his larger policies. To his surprise these small policies turned out to be over \$80,000 of insurance and growing. His monthly premium was only \$40. He decided to surrender the policies he had from another company because he was getting more insurance for less money with his Knights' policies.

~ A Knights of Columbus Field Agent

## CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE

November proved to be catastrophic in parts of the state as wildfires ravaged communities in northern and southern California. The Woolsey fire in the mountains and canyons north of Los Angeles burned to 80,000 acres destroying 500 or more structures before it was contained. The Camp Fire in northern California exploded to 150,000 acres destroying the town of Paradise, a community of approximately 27,000 people.

As Paradise residents fled for their lives, evacuation shelters were opened in the nearby towns of Chico, Oroville and Gridley. Knights of Columbus Councils in the area sprang into action providing food and volunteers in the first hours of the disaster. Paradise is home to St. Thomas More (STM) Church and Paradise Council 7773 Knights of Columbus. As the days wore on STM Church and the Council 7773 leadership worked diligently to locate Brother Knights and parishioners to determine their needs.

Although STM Church was spared from the fire, both the parish rectory and church hall (which housed the church offices) were destroyed. St. John's Church and Chico Council 1137 provided temporary headquarters for the displaced parishioners. With financial assistance from the California State Council, Knights of Columbus Council 13765 at Our Divine Savior Church in Chico prepared and served Thanksgiving dinner to bring STM parishioners together.

Many, many Knights of Columbus Councils throughout California and the nation have provided aid and assistance. To date it has been confirmed 69 Brother Knights living in Paradise lost their homes, and the number will likely grow to 80 or more. The Supreme Council has stepped in with a \$120,000 grant which will be matched by California Columbian Charities so \$3,000 can be given to each Brother Knight whose place of residence has burned. \$100 gift cards are also being provided by the Supreme Council and councils in the local area for emergency needs.

State Deputy Joseph Salaiz and State Membership Director Michael Brault visited the Chico/Paradise area on December 2, attending a Sunday mass offered for STM parishioners and speaking with church and council leadership. There is overwhelming need for the long-term recovery of the fire ravaged area. At this time contributions of food, water and clothing are discouraged as there is little in the way of facilities to store them. Financial contributions are encouraged and may be sent to:

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

California State Council  
Disaster Relief Fund  
P.O. Box 2649  
West Covina, CA 91793

For those wishing to contribute directly to the STM Church recovery, a special trust fund has been established by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Sacramento. Contributions may be made by mail, telephone or online and designated specifically for the "Camp Fire." For further information see <https://www.scd.org/catholic-foundation/fire-assistance-fund>.

## CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE (continued)

### Thanksgiving Dinner for Paradise St. Thomas More Parishioners



State Program Director Eric Watson talks with District Deputy 2 Lou Gervais (who lost his home to the Camp Fire)



Brothers from Council 13765 in Chico prepare Thanksgiving dinner



Brothers from Council 13765 in Chico serve Thanksgiving dinner



STM parishioners displaced by the Camp Fire enjoy Thanksgiving dinner



STM parishioners enjoy ice cream sundaes for dessert



STM parishioners try on coats sent from Knights of Columbus in southern California



## CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE (continued)



GK Jim Collins from Paradise council 7773 speaking to over 250 parishoners at Divine Savior Church in Chico.



State Deputy Joe Salaiz presenting \$66,000.00 to GK Jim Collins from Paradise council 7773 on behalf of the Supreme Council and the California State Council for council members who lost their homes.



Victims of the Camp Fire receiving needed gift cards which were donated from other Councils throughout California.

# MATTHEW P MCDONAGH ASSEMBLY 3784 INSTALLATION

A wonderful Installation for the new 4th Degree Assembly, The Matthew P McDonagh Assembly 3784, Pasadena, CA. The Assembly is named after Sir Knight Matt McDonagh, PGK, PFN, PCP, FDD and recently the Membership Director 2017-2018. The McDonagh family donated the Assembly banner in Matt's Honor. Good food and great company.





## KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Knights of Columbus Council #9679

Helping the Yucaipa Board of Realtors pass out Thanksgiving turkeys for local families



# KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Zaki Mustafa is with Loretta Krugle Mustafa helping with Coat distribution throughout San Bernardino Diocese



Father Lenny and this team are getting ready to feed and cloth our friends in need tomorrow -- Our KOC Chapter President Anthony Despart answered the request from Sister Chilee by supplying them with over 200 Jackets

KOC 12938 will be keeping our friends in need warm this winter -- Loretta Krugle Mustafa and I thank you for your support!!



Thank you Nick Ewell for keeping our friends warm in San Bernardino area -- Loretta Krugle Mustafa and I thank you for your support !!!



### MUSEUM TO HONOR 4TH DEGREE

The California Knights of Columbus Emilio B. Moure Museum Association will be honoring the 4th Degree this next Columbian Year by providing some historical facts and artifacts associated with the 4th Degree including the changes of uniforms over the years. The Museum Board of Directors at the last meeting voted to approve the project and have it ready to go in time for the State Convention to be held in San Diego in May of 2019. All Brother Knights, Councils and Assemblies that would like to donate to the project may send a check made out to the above-named Museum Association and send to P.O. Box 693, Riverside, CA 92502-0693.



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### California State Convention Thursday Night Event

Sports Enthusiasts! Come to the Stadium and Cheer your Favorite Team! We will be providing a space for you to have a great Tail-Gate Party to cheer your Favorite Sport, Team, Team Member, or just have fun with the State Family doing their best to cheer their Favorite Team , TEAM CALIFORNIA!. So wear your favorite Sports clothing and bring your Chapter to sponsor a Team Area and have a great fun time with all. There will be Games and prizes as well as chances to bid on some great sports items and gifts. So come join us in May 2019 at the Town and Country Resort for this fun filled evening.

