

California State Council Knights of Columbus



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MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPREME KNIGHT

My Dear Brothers in Christ,

The California State Council is saddened by the situation mentioned in the letter below. We are asking you to share this letter with your council and entire membership as well as forwarding it to your State representatives (Congress & Senate). Share your solidarity with our Supreme Knight, your Catholic Faith and the Order.

Fraternally,
Joseph C. Salaiz
State Deputy

Dear Brother Knight:

There have been times in our country’s past when uninformed or prejudiced people questioned whether Catholics could be good citizens or honest public servants. That’s why Father McGivney chose the name “Columbus” for our Order — because the discoverer was the Catholic figure from American history most admired and accepted at the time. In fact, from our founding in 1882, until the election of Brother Knight John F. Kennedy in 1960, many still held that Catholics were unfit for public office. Throughout that time, the Knights of Columbus worked to counter such prejudice.

Sadly, it seems that in some quarters, this prejudice remains.ⁱ First, in 2017 a Notre Dame law professor was deemed unfit for a federal judgeship by a United States Senator who feared that “the dogma lives loudly within you.” Now, two more senators have questioned a Brother Knight’s fitness for the federal bench precisely because our Order holds firm to the Church’s teachings on the sanctity of life and marriage.

Upcoming Events/Reminders

- Resolution deadline 1 February 2019
- January Membership Raffle
- STAR Council reminders—Required Programs
- Priest Martyrs Submission
- “Feed the Athletes” Special Olympic events

MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPREME KNIGHT (continued)

Such attacks on the basis of our Catholic faith are hardly new. The Knights of Columbus was formed amid a period of anti-Catholic bigotry. We stood against that then, and we do so now. We have spoken out against persecution around the world for nearly a century. At the same time, here at home we stood against the Ku Klux Klan, including its attempts to ban Catholic education, and we published books on the black and Jewish contributions to American history decades before the Civil Rights movement. More recently, we stood with the Little Sisters of the Poor in their fight for religious liberty and have worked with both the Obama and Trump administrations — and both sides of the aisle in Congress — to help Christians, Yazidis and Shi'a Muslims targeted for genocide by ISIS.

From our very beginning, the Knights of Columbus has been an organization adhering to the teachings of the Catholic Church. As with the Church, our primary motivation in everything is Christ's great commandment, that we love God completely and our neighbor as ourselves.

As the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church explains, "Jesus Christ reveals to us that 'God is love' and He teaches us that 'the fundamental law of human perfection, and consequently of the transformation of the world, is the new commandment of love.'"ⁱⁱ

This love impels us to our great charitable endeavors on behalf of those in need. From inner cities in the United States to refugee camps in the Middle East our Order's donations over the last decade — more than one billion dollars and hundreds of millions of hours in volunteer work — are the result of this faith.

These works of charity have practical impacts that transform lives as we help people here at home and around the world. Our charity helped typhoon victims in the Philippines rebuild their lives and livelihoods; it brought prosthetics and rehabilitation to thousands of Haitian youth after the earthquake there; it puts coats on poor, cold children in some of our country's most impoverished neighborhoods each winter; it gives wheelchairs to those who otherwise could not afford them in countries like Vietnam and Mexico; and it provides education, housing and medical care to AIDS orphans in Africa.

This love also motivates us to stand with the Church on the important issues of life and marriage, precisely because the Church's teaching reflects and is based on that love. We stand with our Church because we believe that what our faith teaches is consistent with reason, is timeless and transcends the changing sentiments of any particular time or place.

We do not stand alone.

MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPREME KNIGHT (continued)

In his first message to our international convention, Pope Francis asked “each Knight, and every Council, to bear witness to the authentic nature of marriage and the family, the sanctity and inviolable dignity of human life, and the beauty and truth of human sexuality.”

And our positions on life are not new. My two predecessors as supreme knight spoke out forcefully to defend the rights of the unborn. In 1973, Supreme Knight John McDevitt wrote that Roe v. Wade was “a mortal blow to all who consider human life sacred.” He urged the Order to “to initiate or increase efforts to offset the harmful effects of this lamentable decision.”

My immediate predecessor, Virgil Dechant, said in 1977: “With some 1.2 million unborn babies being killed by abortion each year in the United States alone, we are confronted with an outrage against human life paralleled only by the ravages of a bloody war.”

Simply put, our positions are now, and have always been, Catholic positions.

We must remember that Article VI of the U. S. Constitution forbids a religious test for public office, and the First Amendment guarantees our free exercise of religion, freedom of association and freedom of speech. Any suggestion that the Order’s adherence to the beliefs of the Catholic Church makes a Brother Knight unfit for public office blatantly violates those constitutional guarantees.

Let us continue to express our love of God and neighbor by helping those in need and by standing with our Church, regardless of the popularity of doing so. Let us remember that our “Christian witness is to be considered a fundamental obligation.”ⁱⁱⁱ

Let us also remember that, from our founding, we have embodied the truth that a good Catholic is a good citizen who shows civility and dignity even in the face of prejudice.

May the inspiration of our founder prompt us to greater confidence in that love and encourage us to even greater works of charity.

Fraternally,

Carl A. Anderson

STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE



My dear brothers in Christ,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed time with your friends and family. Wow, time sure flies, and we are halfway through the fraternal year. Let me call to your attention as we reflect on our accomplishments for the last 6 months of the year.

As of December 31, California finished 19th overall in the Order for Membership, with 40% of our membership intake goal accomplished. In our net gain, we achieved through December 46% of our goal, and our net net gain we achieved 50% of our goal. You might be asking yourself, what exactly do all these numbers really mean, does it mean that we're doing good, or does it mean we're doing bad, the answer is we need to do better, and we are short on our intake goal. We really Should have been at this time in the fraternal year at 45% or above in our intake goal. So, we have our work cut out for us in the second half of the year. Traditionally California is a second-half team and I know my brothers that you will continue to work hard in growing the order by recruiting more members. As you well know, and as I've said, in prior months, Membership must be the number one priority in every council. Remember my brothers, if we are not recruiting new members into our councils, the council will die. This is a plain and simple fact, we cannot escape this reality. With that said, I'd like to talk about new council development. 6 New councils were formed in the last 6 months, 4 new Spanish councils and 2 new English councils, with 8 more to go, to complete our quota of 14. In the area of Council reactivation, we are definitely making progress, as we continue to chip away at the long term suspended councils, by reactivating 5 councils from previous years and with a list of 5 other councils that were suspended as of October 10, 2018 we are slowly making the progress necessary to reach our quota of 66 suspended councils by June 30, 2019. But let us remember, we must continue to work to ensure that all the councils pay their supreme per capita on time. When the next per capita cycle comes up in April, we must be planning ahead before the councils are suspended. When we see the notices in March of pending council suspensions, we should be working to ensure that each council gets the per capita in to supreme on time. One of the best tools we have to identify new council development is a round table. So far, 102 roundtables have been reported to Supreme, our quota is 140 round tables for this fraternal year. My brothers, our quota should have already been achieved. If you have reported a parish round table in the past, and yet have not done so, I need your help to get our goal accomplished. Please contact our Worthy State Membership Director Michael Brault and work with him on getting the forms in to get this finished.

As far as our state programs, we've seen programs like our Marian icon program, Our lady, help of persecuted Christians, circulating through our California missions, and then throughout the churches and councils in the state. Our Silver Rose Program, that has now been completed. Also, I'd like to acknowledge our special partnership with Special Olympics, as we implemented our new program to feed the athletes State wide, this program has become a total success. My thanks to all the councils who participated in this most noble endeavor and truly representative of our continued dedication that every life counts. I would also like to acknowledge Grand Knight Zaki and his wife Larreta Mustafa for all they do to promote our helping hands program and by providing coats for thousands



STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE (continued)

of people in need throughout our country. Both Zaki and Larreta, are a true inspiration and are very special people. We owe a great deal of thanks for what they are doing in the name of Christ.

We also, have completed our soccer challenge and continue our efforts to raise funds for the intellectually disabled, our ultrasound program, vocations to the priesthood and religious life, along with our efforts by the 4th degree to help our veterans. All these programs continue and many more, as well as safe environment workshops, financial secretary training and state deputy forums. Working to get the information needed to the councils, to help the councils obtain Star council, and the districts, Star district. I have a few important dates for your council to remember. One, the report form 1728, the annual survey of fraternal activities is due on January 31, 2019. And on February 13th-17th we will be heading to Mexico City for a wheelchair distribution. If you are interested in going and need information, please contact our State Program Director Eric Watson at: programs@californiaknights.org

As I had said in last month 's newsletter, we were founded by Father McGivney, by divine revelation, to be a group of men there dedicated to the principles of protecting our families, if in event, such as a catastrophic disaster should happen. The fires that took place throughout the state were the worst in California history, more particularly the devastations that took place in the city of Paradise and the loss of 69 of our brother Knight's homes. Again, reaffirming why Father McGivney saw it fit that an organization like the Knights of Columbus should exist.

My brothers, as we go through this second half of the Columbian Year, let us focus on all we have to offer to every eligible catholic man and his family to join our Order, and what is necessary to achieve our goals that the Supreme Council has set for us. Let's us work together to achieve our goals and re-dedicate ourselves this coming new year. We have been given a great heritage, and there has been many who have come before us, that have built this for us, with the sense of great pride and belief in the principles of our order. California is one of the leading jurisdictions in the Order, we have seen the birth and adoption of many of our programs in the Order and we must continue to be that leading jurisdiction.

May the good Lord continue to bless our state jurisdiction and all the good works that is being done in the name of Jesus Christ.

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

VIVAT JESUS!

Joe Salaiz
State Deputy
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COLUMBIAN CHARITIES



California Columbian Charities, Inc.
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DDs, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and Members

2018 was a very active year for Columbian Charities especially in the last few months. As you know, 69 Brothers of Council #7773 in Paradise lost their homes due to the Paradise Camp fire. Completely burned out! California Columbian Charities was there to help within a few days. Each burned out Brother received a grant of \$3000 to accommodate their immediate "necessity of life" needs. The Charity President expedited these grants. Accumulated, the Charity granted \$207,000 in aid to these Brothers. The Charity had to withdraw from the contingency fund to accommodate the checks written. Supreme helped out with a donation of \$120,000 to the Charity. Also, generous checks in the amount of over \$25,000 from individual Knights, Councils and Businesses from our State and other States helped. The Charity is very appreciative of these generous donors. Now is the time to replenish our funds to be able to continue 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.

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

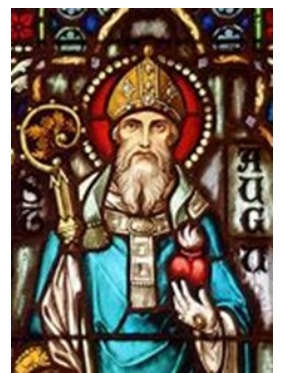
Former State Chaplain 2004-5; 2006-7; 2007-8

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 10th. 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 Membership and Fraternal Mission

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, 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 using the promo code SEM18.

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.

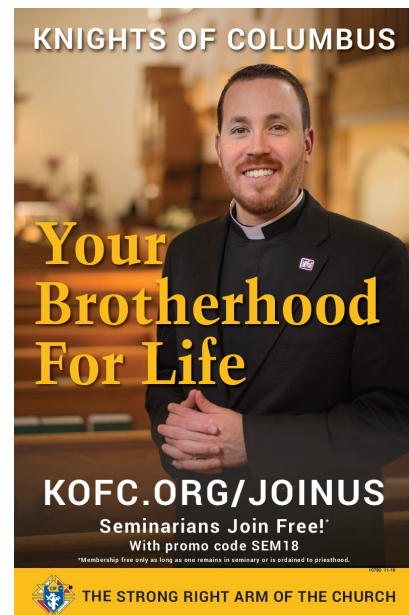
If a seminarian joins online for free with the promo code, and transfers to my council, do I charge him dues?

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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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 ADVOCATE MESSAGE

RESOLUTIONS

Noel M. Panlilio

State Advocate and Resolutions Committee Chairman 2018-2019

1. All resolutions, petitions, recommendations and proposed amendments to the State Council By-Laws must be submitted in writing and received by the State Advocate (care of the State Office) before but not later than February 1, 2019 who shall refer them to the Committee on Resolutions. The State Advocate shall, forty-five (45) days prior to the Annual Meeting on May 17 - 18, 2019 in San Diego, furnish via mail to the subordinate councils, two copies (one for each voting delegate) of the resolutions received by him with the Resolutions Committee's recommendations.

2. Any resolution submitted after the submission deadline (February 1, 2019), may be considered on the floor of the convention, if such resolution:

(a) has the approval of a majority of the members of the Resolution Committee AND

(b) is supported for presentation to the delegates by a two-thirds vote of the convention delegates.

These late resolutions will be considered by the Resolutions Committee if received anytime before the start of the Resolutions Committee meeting on the day proceeding the opening session of the Convention. Late resolutions will not be accepted if they involve finances, as the Administrative & Finance Committee will not have time to consider it. Late Resolutions should include written justification for late submittal. There will not be verbal arguments presented to the Committee.

3. Individual members may not submit resolutions to the Annual Meeting. Resolutions may only be submitted by a Council or the State Officers as a group. Additionally, a State Director or State Committeeman may submit resolutions on matters that relate only to the activities of the Director or Committee, if approved by the State Deputy.

4. In order to avoid a huge number of congratulatory resolutions, it is suggested to limit these to multiples of 25 years (i.e., 25, 50, 75 years etc.) unless there is a good cause for an exception.

5. No resolutions involving finance shall be considered at the annual meeting, unless submitted to the State Advocate as prescribed by item 1 above. Upon receipt of resolutions involving finance, the State Advocate shall immediately provide copies to the Chairman of the Administrative and Finance Committee. The Administrative and Finance Committee shall then provide advance notice to the State Advocate of the amount of increase or decrease that will result to the Per Capita Tax if such resolution is adopted.

6. All Council resolutions MUST:

A. show the **DATE** the resolution was adopted.

B. have the **SIGNATURE** of both the **GRAND KNIGHT** and the **RECORDER**.

C. Have the **SEAL** of the Council.

Resolutions must be presented in their ORIGINAL FORMS ONLY - NO FAX OR COPIES.

To avoid typographical errors in retyping resolutions, it is strongly recommended that an **electronic copy** of the resolution also be sent to state.advocate@californiaknights.org and state.office@californiaknights.org.

Noel M. Panlilio

State Advocate and Resolutions Committee Chairman

Tel: (909) 434-0460

Email: state.advocate@californiaknights.org

STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR MESSAGE

Worthy Brothers,

Please share this with all of your Members...

Up to \$1,500 in Raffle Prizes will be awarded for bringing in NEW MEMBERS during January. Two, separate \$500 Raffle Prizes will be drawn at the end of January, one for Recruiters and one for Councils.

- \$500 Raffle Prize to the Winning Recruiter
 - o One Raffle Ticket per Recruiter for Each New Member in January
- \$500 Raffle Prize to Recruiter's Council
 - o One Raffle Ticket for Each New Member in January

If California Councils bring in 500 or more New Members during January of 2019...

- Three Bonus \$100 Raffle Prizes will be drawn from the Council Raffle Tickets
- Two Bonus \$100 Raffle Prizes will be drawn from the Recruiter Raffle Tickets
 - o That is an extra \$500 in Raffle Prizes if CA gains 500 New Members!

A PDF Flyer is attached. Please print it or send out it to encourage your Council members to earn chances to win the raffle prizes.

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

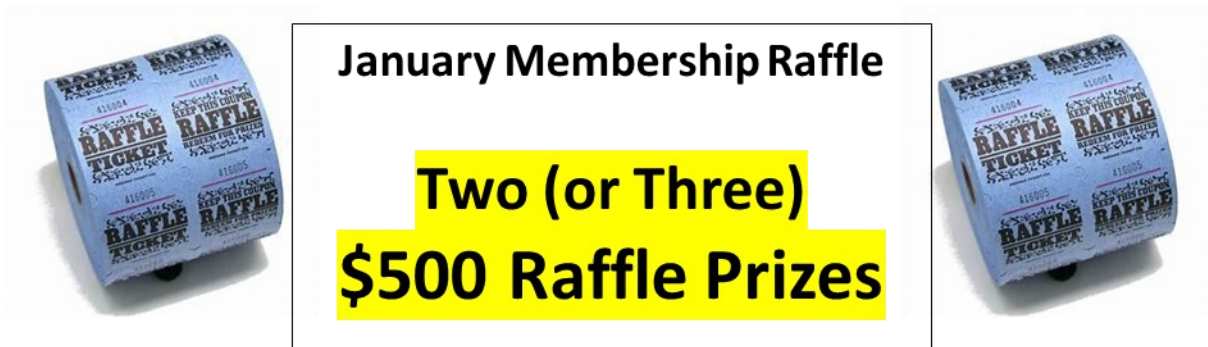
Yours in Service,

Michael Brault
California State Membership Director
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Be not afraid, for nothing is impossible with God!

Change a Life, Recruit a New Knight!



**Recruiters Get One Raffle Ticket For
Each New Member Recruited During
January**

**Recruiter's Council Gets One Raffle
Ticket For Each New Member**

- **\$500 to Winning Recruiter**
- **\$500 to Winning Council**
- **Five Extra \$100 Prizes if
California Gains 500
Members in January!**

PROGRAMS DIRECTOR MESSAGE

Worthy Brothers,

The New Year is here already and the Columbian year is half over. Is your council having a successful year? How do you know if it is? Well here is a check list to help you determine where you are at for the year.

- ◆ Form 185 has been submitted and accepted by Supreme.
- ◆ Form 365 has been submitted and accepted by Supreme.
- ◆ The Grand Knight, Program Director, Family Director and Community Director have completed the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment training.
- ◆ The Family Director and Community Director have completed all paperwork necessary for Supreme to conduct a background check.
- ◆ The Council has held a Spiritual Reflection Program.
- ◆ The Council has held a Helping Hands Program.
- ◆ The Council has held a Consecration to the Holy Family Program.
- ◆ The Council has held a Novena for Life.
- ◆ Form 1728 has been submitted and accepted by Supreme.
- ◆ The Council has met or is on track to meet its Recruiting Goal.
- ◆ The Council has met or is on track to meet its Insurance Goal.

If your council can check off all these items already your council is most likely eligible for the State Deputy Award and Star Council Award, Congratulations! If your council is still working on the check list you can still achieve Star Council!

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
Faith	Fe
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
Community	Comunidad
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
Family	Familia
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
Life	Vida
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 15th 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

Cell: 858-395-4123

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRIEST MARTYRS' 2018-19 AWARD OF SERVICE JANUARY 2019

St. Pedro de Jesús Maldonado Mexican Martyr Award January Honoree for Chaplain Service Award



Please submit your nominations by January 15, 2019. Take the time and honor your chaplain by nominating him for this award

Father Pedro de Jesus Maldonado Lucero was a member of Council 2419. Forced to study for the priesthood in El Paso, Texas, because of the political situation in Mexico, he returned home after his ordination in 1918 despite the risk. Captured on Ash Wednesday, 1937, while distributing ashes to the faithful, Father Maldonado Lucero was so savagely beaten that one eye was forced from its socket. He died the next day at a local hospital. His tombstone aptly described this martyr in four words: "You are a priest."

John Bertrand

Chairman

FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES REMINDER

Encourage deep personal encounter with God. Knights of Columbus councils work with their pastors to organize a regular Holy Hour of eucharistic adoration. Prepared for the men of the parish, this Holy Hour could include a reflection, communal rosary, prayers for intercession by St. Joseph or Knights of Columbus founder, Venerable Michael McGivney, and various other aspects as decided by the council.

The chivalric character of the Knights of Columbus and the Church's long tradition of spiritual combat resonate with men today – especially as threats from the world and the devil are so keenly felt. Eucharistic adoration in the form of a regularly scheduled Holy Hour is a simple, direct, and meaningful way to address these needs. It is familiar to many, easy to organize, and something everyone can participate in together regardless of age, vocation, stage of life or membership status. Councils can organize their Holy Hours in a variety of ways and incorporate aspects such as: perpetual adoration, the sacrament of reconciliation, prayer for particular intentions and more.

Working with your pastor, obtain his permission and recommendations on conducting a regular Knights of Columbus Holy Hour. In conjunction with your pastor, select the dates for your upcoming Holy Hours well in advance. To satisfy program requirements, Holy Hours should be organized at least four times per fraternal year (quarterly). However, councils are strongly encouraged to hold Holy Hours on an even more regular basis.

Build public interest! Promote each Holy Hour in your parish and larger community through a variety of efforts: Prominently display promotional posters (which can be ordered through Supplies Online), Bulletin announcements, Pulpit announcements, Posting on your council and parish website / social media pages.

Conduct your Holy Hour. The structure for a Holy Hour is broad and left to the discretion of your council. The primary objective is that all in attendance grow closer in faith with their brothers through a prayerful interaction with the Eucharist and with each other. Aspects of a Holy Hour could include: Rosary, Reflections, Intentions, Scripture, Liturgy of the Hours, Prayers for intercession by our founder or saints, Sacrament of reconciliation and Participation in perpetual adoration.

On the day of the Holy Hour, consider wearing Knights of Columbus apparel and have the council membership director bring brochures and membership documents (including *Prospect Cards #921A*). Do not forget that this event is a recruiting opportunity! Consider hosting a brief fraternal gathering following the conclusion of your Holy Hour.

John Giltner
Faith Activities Director

GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY PROMOTION



Although all of us are getting ready for Advent and the birth of Our Lord on Christmas, it is not too early to plan for the Celebration of Our Lord’s death on Good Friday and of course the greatest feast of the Church – the Resurrection. The Good Friday Family Promotion Program stresses two main elements. The first is attending the Good Friday liturgy as a family. The second is to support our fellow Christians being persecuted in the Holy Land.

In order to promote this program in your Council as well as in your parish, the Supreme Council has made available several materials which are free or very inexpensive. These include two 17” x 11” posters (one vertical and one horizontal) entitled By Your Holy Cross, which depict Our Lord’s crucifixion as seen below:

*By Your holy cross,
You have redeemed
the world.*



Bring your family to the Good Friday
Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion

Date: _____
Time: _____
Contact: _____

GOOD FRIDAY
LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Faith in Action Family

#10638 - free

*By Your holy cross,
You have redeemed
the world.*



Bring your family to the Good Friday
Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion

Date: _____
Time: _____
Contact: _____

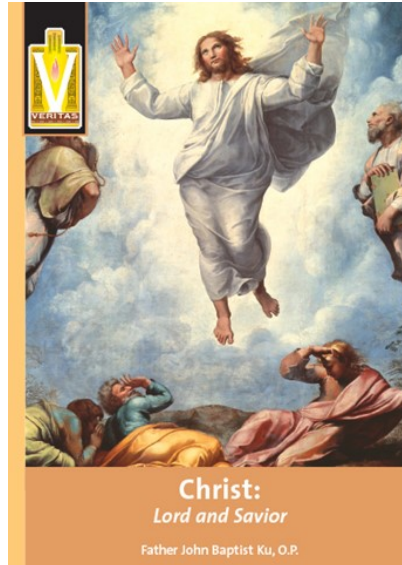
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LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Faith in Action Family

10573 - free

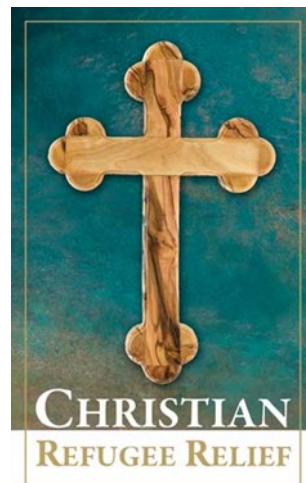
GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY PROMOTION (continued)

Additionally the pamphlet *Christ: Our Lord and Savior* is available. This 36 page work helps us to better understand Jesus through scripture and the sacraments, and how He can transform our lives.



#358 - \$1.00 a piece; larger discount available for orders over 100

Also available are Christian Refugee Relief Prayer Cards which contain a beautiful prayer on the back side of the card reminding us of our persecuted Christian brothers in the Middle East, and asking for peace among all peoples.



#10340 - \$3.00 for 100

These promotional materials can be ordered by your Council Financial Secretary through Supplies Online. More information on the Good Friday Family Promotion can be found on the Supreme Website as follows: www.kofc.org → For Members → Programs → Faith in Action → Family → Good Friday Family Promotion. Make sure you put this program on your Council calendar and order your supplies now so your Council and families will have a very meaningful Good Friday Liturgy and ultimately a very Joyous Easter.

Bill Uberti, PGK, FDD
Good Friday Family Promotion Chairman

SACRAMENTAL GIFTS

My Brother Knights,

Baptism gives new life, Eucharist nourishes life, and Reconciliation restores life when it is broken, Confirmation strengthens our Holy Spirit. It is about strengthening what God has given, and continues to give, to his sons and daughters.

Most young people are just beginning to pass into early adulthood when they receive the sacrament. But Confirmation is not about coming of age. Confirmation does not end our formal religious education. We never outgrow a need for a deeper knowledge and appreciation of our faith.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is not a rite of passage, nor a graduation from religion class. Rather, it's all about what God is doing for us his daughters and sons.

What is God doing? Strengthening the divine life which he gave at Baptism, nourishing us in the Eucharist, and reconciling with us in Penance. Why? So that the individual can better defend and witness to the faith through the gifts and workings of the Holy Spirit. And there are—and will be—many situations where we are called upon to defend and witness to our faith.

Sometimes there isn't an I, but a We. Which brings me to the Sacrament of Marriage.

Marriage is a partnership between a man and a woman ordered toward their mutual good and the procreation and education of children. As a partnership, it is a union of equals who come together to form a new family. Marriage is something no one can enter into lightly because there are people involved. And where there are people, there should be protection of rights so that no one gets hurt.

There was a time when a couple could go off by themselves, exchange vows, and this was considered a valid marriage. But being human, people, particularly men, began to abuse this situation. So the Church, in an attempt to protect both the dignity of persons and the good of the sacrament, took steps to make sure that the freedom of both individuals was protected and honored. Thus, there are requirements before getting married.

In addition, for baptized persons, Jesus raised the human institution of marriage to the dignity of a sacrament in which the love of a husband and wife truly make present the love of Jesus for the Church.

A couple go before their faith community (represented by a priest and at least two witnesses) and exchange their vows publicly because the significance of what they are doing is truly a public matter. This newly formed family is a part of both the civil and the religious community with responsibilities and privileges. The civil society recognizes the new social unit of a family; the Church recognizes both a new social unity within the parish and a new public witness to Jesus' love for his Church.

Work with your pastor to support ministries that prepare couples for marriage and also for those that are to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Reyes Galaviz DD 57 FDD, PFN, PCP
Sacramental Gifts State Chairman CY 2018-2019

STATE SOCCER CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIP



A Higher Purpose

Provide an athletic outlet for youth ages 9 to 14, boys and girls in your community. Designed for players to demonstrate their skills in the penalty kick. Councils can sponsor a competition by ordering a Soccer Challenge Kit, or volunteer to host and/or support the district, regional and state/province championships.

Overview

The Soccer Challenge is a fun way for Knights of Columbus councils to engage youth in their communities with an athletic event that encourages the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition. Children demonstrate the most important skill in soccer – shoot-

ing accuracy on the penalty kick – and compete to reach the international level of competition. The program also offers an opportunity to introduce the Knights of Columbus to the community and recruit faithful family men of service.

The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through Council, District, Chapter and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters in New Haven, CT, based on scores from the state-level competitions. All boys and girls 9 to 14-years-old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent.

California Fires in Northern and Southern California Fall 2018

Authorities searching through the blackened aftermath of California's deadliest wildfire released on Wednesday the names of about 100 people who are missing, including many in their 80s and 90s, and dozens more could still be unaccounted for. Officials in Northern and Southern California said Tuesday that search crews had found more bodies, bringing the death toll from the so-called "Camp Fire" to 48 and the statewide total to 50.

The Knights of Columbus 2018 Southern Soccer Challenge Program and Competition has been postponed until Saturday, December 1, 2018 in Chatsworth California, because of "fires" near their competition site.

Once, the Southern Soccer Challenge competition is completed then we'll be able to determine the 2018 California State Soccer Challenge "champions" from the "highest scores" by age groups, 9 through 14, boys and girls, from the Northern and Southern State Soccer Challenge "winners".

The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge program is sponsored annually and runs from September 1st through the 2nd Sunday in November with winners progressing through their Council, District, Chapter and State levels of competition. The **International champions** are announced by the K of C international headquarters in New Haven, CT, **based on scores from the State/Regional-level competitions**. All boys and girls, ages 9 to 14-years-old, are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions.

Our Knights of Columbus State Soccer Challenge competitions are being run at "two" separate locations, because of the size of our State and logistics to **accommodate "16" State Chapters, "152" Districts, "692" Councils** and our Soccer Challenge competitors along with their parents who travel with them to and from all levels of competition. I would like to introduce our brother Knights who facilitate, help and promote this Knights Youth program. Job well done my brothers!

STATE SOCCER CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIP (cont'd)

The 2018-2019 Northern State Soccer Challenge Competition was held on Saturday, November 10, 2018 at the following location and "hosted" by brother's Hector Poblete, DD #16 Council 874, Marc Rose, GK Council 7268, Benny Beltran GK Council 874 (official photographer), Robert Martinez GK 13271, Gerado La Sola GK Council 14836 and associated Knight volunteers from these councils.

St. Patrick-St. Vincent High School
1500 Benicia Road
Vallejo, Ca. 94590
(707)644-4425
"www.spsv.org."
Contact: Dave Smart

Special thank you and much gratitude to Dave Smart, Business Manager and Stephan Foley, Director of Buildings and Grounds at St. Patrick-St. Vincent High School in Vallejo for allowing the Knights of Columbus the use of their Soccer Practice Field for our annual Northern State Soccer Challenge Program and Competition for the past six years.

Northern State Soccer Challenge Coordinator 2018-2019

William Manos (Gayle) (13672)
4501 Wawona Circle
Fair Oaks, Ca. 95628
(916)813-8864-C
(916)965-3834-H
wjmanos@gmail.com

Northern State Chapters

1. Northern California Chapter (1-16)
2. Redwood Chapter (15-21)
3. St. Francis Chapter (22-27)
4. San Jose Chapter (28-32)
5. Oakland Chapter (33-45)
6. San Joaquin Chapter (46-52)
7. Junipero Serra Chapter (53-59)
8. Central Chapter (60-70)
9. Kern-Inyo (71-74)

Southern State Soccer Challenge Coordinator 2018-2019

Luigi V. Zoni (14550/2449)
7873 Highwood Ave.
La Mesa, Ca. 91941-6349
(619)980-3313
luigizoni@aol.com

STATE SOCCER CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIP (cont'd)

The 2018-2019 Southern State Soccer Challenge Competition was held on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at the following location:

Rancho San Antonio:Home
2100 Plummer Street
Chatsworth, CA. 91311
Phone 818-882-6400
www.rachosanantonio.org
Contact: Brother John Crowe

Special thank you and much gratitude to brother John Crowe at Rancho San Antonio Home in Chatsworth for allowing the Knights of Columbus the use of their Soccer Field facility for our annual Southern State Soccer Challenge Program and Competition for the past couple of years. We had to cancel the original date of Saturday, November 10, 2018, because of the "fire" near Chatsworth and reschedule to Saturday, December 1, 2018 at the same location.

Southern State Chapters

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10. Los Padres Chapter (75-79)
 11. Mission High Desert Chapter (80-82)
 12. Southern California Chapter (83-99)
 13. San Gabriel Valley Chapter (100-109)
 14. Diocese of Orange Chapter 110-120)
 15. Arrowhead-Desert Valley Chapter (121-133)
 16. San Diego Diocese Chapter (134-150)

"Congratulations" to the following contestants who have competed at the different 2018 Soccer Challenge levels of competition within their local Northern and Southern regions in addition to having the "highest" scores within their age groups 9 through 14, boys and girls at their **2018 Knights of Columbus Northern and Southern State level competitions have been named the 2018 California State Soccer Challenge Champions.**

"Introducing" your 2018-2019 California State Soccer Challenge "champions" from both the 2018 Northern and Southern State competitions:

9 Years old Boys "State Champion"

Carter Hayes - City of Fresno; Council 16185; District 66; Chapter Central Cal; Total Score 175/500

9 Years old Girls "State Champion"

Michelle Tran - City of Oakhurst; Council 12085; District 63; Chapter Central Cal; Total Score 175/500

10 Years old Boys "State Champion"

Paul Nguyen - City of San Diego; Council 9076; District 139; Chapter San Diego Diocese; Total Score 210/500

10 Years old Girls "State Champion"

Alyssa Jansen - City of Lincoln; Council 9202; District 5; Chapter Northern Cal; Total Score 200/500

STATE SOCCER CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIP (cont'd)

11 Years old Boys "State Champion"

Owen Cannon - City of Elk Grove; Council 11236; District 12; Chapter Northern Cal; Total Score 210/500

11 Years old Girls "State Champion"

Patricia Duffy - City of Romoland; Council 9986; District 130; Chapter Arrowhead-Desert; Total Score 180/500

12 Years old Boys "State Champion"

John Siddens - City of Elk Grove; Council 11236; District 12; Chapter Northern Cal; Total Score 170/500

12 Years old Girls "State Champion"

Iris G. Finn - City of San Diego; Council 9332; District 147; Chapter San Diego Diocese; Total Score 250/500

13 Years old Boys "State Champion"

Anthony Reyes - City of Turlock; Council 2557; District 52; Chapter San Joaquin; Total Score 155/500

13 Years old Girls "State Champion"

Emily Lawson - City of Fresno; Council 16185; District 66; Chapter Central Cal; Total Score 225/500

14 Years old Boys "State Champion"

Evan Cannon - City of Elk Grove; Council 11236; District 12; Chapter Northern Cal; Total Score 210/500

14 Years old Girls "State Champion"

Hannah Beaumont - City of Coarsegold; Council 12085; District 63; Chapter Central Cal; Total Score 210/500

A heartfelt thank you, along with much appreciation and gratitude to all of our "16" State Chapter Presidents, Chapter Officers, Chapter Committeemen, Districts Deputies, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and brother Knights who promoted and participated in this year's 2018-2019 Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge program and competitions. Thank you to all of our Council, District and Chapter Soccer Challenge Coordinators working with all of our youth at the grass roots level promoting and coordinating their local competitions throughout our great State during this Columbian Year 2018-2019.

Special thank you to our two 2018 State Regional Soccer Challenge Coordinators worthy brother's William Manos, Northern State Coordinator and Luigi Zoni, Southern State Coordinator for all of their dedication, time, support and help during this year's competitions at all levels within their local regions, councils, district and chapters.

Thank you to worthy brother's Joseph C. Salaiz, State Deputy, David Abbott, State Secretary, Stephen Bolton, State Treasurer, Dr. Noel Panlilio, State Advocate, Rene Trevino, State Warden, Romeo D. Quevedo, Immediate Past State Deputy, and Eric Watson, State Program Director.

Kudos to worthy brother Richard Baker, Awards Chairman, sister Danalyn Hays, State Office for your help, direction and support during this Columbian Year 2018-2019 for our Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge Program and competitions.

STATE SOCCER CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIP (cont'd)

Start planning now to get your 2019 Free Throw Championship contest off to a running start. Since 1972, councils have sponsored the **Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Championship** for boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14 (starting in the fraternal year 2013-2014). The championship is set up to have the contestants compete within their own gender and age group. All competition starts at the local level. Winners move on to the district, regional, and state or provincial levels. From there, some make it to the international level for championship competition in their group.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship program is a great way to provide entertainment and enjoyment for the young people in your community. To start planning, there are steps that you should keep in mind:

Order the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship Kit (#FT-KIT) using this order form. You can also use the order form in the Council Report Forms Booklet (#1436) or call the Department of Fraternal Services at 203-752-4270.

Schedule a date and location for the event. Contact schools, community centers and youth centers to reserve a basketball court.

Council Competitions: Early January 2019 is recommended

District Competitions: Early February 2019 is recommended

Chapter Competitions: Late February 2019 is recommended

State Competition: 2019 State Free Throw Championship will be held in March 2019 at a location TBA in Fresno.

The importance of helping today's youth become tomorrow's leaders is also a huge focus of the Order. Through activities as the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, the Substance Abuse Poster Contest and the annual Soccer Challenge and Free Throw Championship programs. The Knights of Columbus assists youth in building a strong sense of civic and religious responsibility.

Knights of Charity

Every day, Knights all over the world are given opportunities to make a difference - whether through community service, raising money or prayer. We celebrate each and every Knight for his strength, his compassion and his dedication to building a better world.

Vivat Jesus,

Mahalo and Aloha,

SK Percy Park, PGK, PFN

Nor Cal Chapter Soccer Challenge 2018-2019

Nor Cal Chapter Special Olympics 2018-2019

State Chairman Soccer Challenge 2018-2019

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

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

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.

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

ULTRASOUND PROGRAM STATUS & OTHER PATHS TO SAVE BABIES

Half way through this Columbian year, California councils have received Supreme matching checks for four Ultrasounds

Informed Women's Medical Clinic in Gilroy
Alternatives Pregnancy Center in Sacramento
Care Net Pregnancy Care Center in Lancaster
Bakersfield Pregnancy Center

K of C Supreme has developed additional help in raising the funds toward matching Supreme funds for an ultrasound for diocesan approved pregnancy center. Supreme arranged for 4us to assist with fund raising if needed. The last two ultrasound requests were able to utilize this approach for the required council funds. Information on this approach can be found at www.4us.org. Why not contact the California State Ultrasound Program team at the end of this article to help with this path?

There are many additional opportunities to help save babies from abortion. Many Pregnancy Medical Clinics already have an ultrasound but it costs them significant operating costs for an ultrasound as well as ultrasound maintenance.

Abortion pills use is increasing instead of surgical abortions. In Fact, the California Assembly and Senate passed a bill which require California funded Universities and Colleges to dispense abortion pills. Fortunately, the governor vetoed this bill but will be re-introduced next legislative session. Fortunately, there is an Abortion Pill Reversal which was developed by Brother Knight Dr. George Delgado. MD. This pill and procedure needs to be taken within a short time after taking the Abortion pill. Many approved Pregnancy Clinics can administer this procedure which costs \$500 and requires monitoring via an ultrasound. More information is available via various Pregnancy Clinic and administered by Heartbeat International www.heartbeatinternational.org. If your council donates the \$500 to an approved Pregnancy center for the Abortion reversal pill please include documentation to California State K of C and you will be recognized at the State Convention.

Please contact your local Pregnancy Center to learn additional ways how your council can help save baby's lives via the above paths or simply checking with your local Pregnancy Center.

Fraternally,

Bernie Vitichus, Ca K of C State Council Ultrasound Program Chairman

[bvitchus@aol.com](mailto:bvitichus@aol.com) 714.771.0984

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Committeeman Oscar Martinez greenscene@icloud.com 408-592-8244

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 !!!

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Livermore Knights of Columbus' Season of Charity Wraps with Christmas Gift Drive

Sunday December 17, 2018, Livermore, CA

The Knights of Columbus delivered gifts to more than 100 Livermore families on Saturday, December 16. Donations and gifts were contributed by St. Michael Parish, the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Community of Pleasanton, Catholic Youth Organization and St. Charles Borromeo Parish. Over \$20,000 of gifts were collected and distributed, including more than a dozen bicycles.

Knights and their families who helped deliver the gifts were moved by the experience of bringing a bit of Christmas spirit to less fortunate members of the Livermore community. Seminarian Paul Park, the newest Livermore Knight, blessed the gifts at the beginning of the morning and participated in deliveries with the Knights.

At the same event, Knights delivered over 100 new winter coats to Livermore children. These coats were distributed part of the national K of C Coats for Kids program.

Recently, the Livermore Knights organized a rapid response to assist victims of the Camp Fire. Knight Carl Biscevic, a SF Firefighter, spearheaded the effort. Coordinating with the Gary Arnet, Deputy Grand Knight of the Chico Knights of Columbus to understand the actual needs of those they were helping locally, Biscevic led a team and a communications campaign that resulted in donations of over \$10,000 in cash and gift cards and over \$20,000 of new items from parishioners at St Michael Catholic Church in just over 5 hours on Sunday, November 18th. The Knights then formed a caravan of trucks and trailers to deliver the goods to Chico, where members of K of C Council 1137 coordinated the delivery of the goods directly to those in need.

These campaigns follow on a steady chain of charitable activities by the Livermore Knights, who have provided more than \$15,000 in donations to charitable organizations over the past couple of months. These include Tri-Valley Haven, The Dominican Sisters of San Jose, Livermore Homeless Refuge, St Michael RCIA, Shepherd's Gate, California Columbian Charities, Catholic Daughters of America, and Open Heart Kitchen.

The Livermore Knights have also delivered funds to St Michael School to pay for much-needed new picnic tables for their courtyard and to support student's educational-finance needs.

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal organization devoted to works of charity. They raise funds through various community events and donate the net proceeds to worthy causes, mostly in Livermore and the Tri Valley region. They have a packed schedule of activities going into the new year. Readers can learn more at www.livermoreknights.org.

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Livermore Knights of Columbus' Season of Charity Wraps with Christmas Gift Drive



FINAL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE DELIVERY OF GIFTS TO 100+ FAMILIES



IRVING GARCIA WRAPS CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR A LIVERMORE FAMILY



ABOUT HALF OF THE DONATED GIFTS



BICYCLES READY FOR DELIVERY

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

ID Drive at St. Peter and St. Paul Roman Catholic Church, Alta Loma CA had some super-cute helpers this morning for the #KofC #IDDrive, raising money for our friends with Intellectual Disabilities.



KNIGHTS IN ACTION

San Diego area Knights of Columbus working at the Waves of Appreciation event at the San Diego Airport. They handed out treats to the active military flying out to visit family during the Christmas holiday.



KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Garden of Innocence Burial Service at El Camino Memorial Park in San Diego.



KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Thank You to Bellarmine College Prep for inviting the Knights of Columbus to be a part of their Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration. Thank You to Bishop Emeritus Carlos Seville S.J. for being the principle celebrant. Our Lady of Guadalupe: Empress of America pray for us!



Knights from Northern and Central Districts supported Most Reverend Myron J. Cotta, Bishop Diocese of Stockton, with the dedication of the annual Nativity placed on the steps of the California State Capital in Sacramento.



CALIFORNIA STATE CONVENTION MAY 16-19, 2019

The convention fun starts with a golf tournament on Thursday May 16 at the Riverwalk Golf Club. Cost to enter the tournament is \$99.00, but if you sign up as a foursome, the cost is only \$375.00. Among the many prizes is \$400.00 for the team with the low gross score.

There will be a FREE Fiesta on Thursday evening hosted by State Deputy Joseph and Anna Salaiz. While this is a FREE event you must order tickets, so the chairman knows how many plan to attend.

The principal celebrant for the opening convention Mass will be The Most Reverend Robert W. McElroy, Bishop of the Diocese of San Diego.

Fourth Degree help is needed for the 2019 State Convention for the opening and closing Masses as well as standing a post at the Chapel on Friday and Saturday. There will be three types of dress allowed the chapel: 1st New uniform Regalia with Beret, service baldric with sword and white gloves. 2nd Current Regalia with cape, chapeau and service baldric with sword and white gloves. 3rd Tux or dark suit with social baldric and white gloves. (Social Baldric must be worn under the jacket and no swords or head cover.

We look forward to seeing you there!

John Giltner
Convention PR Chairman



CALIFORNIA'S FIRST MISSION

The California Knights of Columbus 2019 convention to be held in San Diego will offer an opportunity to visit Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá. This is the first California mission founded by Saint Junipero Serra on July 16, 1769. Mission San Diego's simplicity and rough-hewn reflects the character and the spirit of the founding padres. Today the San Diego Mission is recognized as the "Mother of the Alta California Missions". It has a restored church with its campanario bells that calls worshipers and visitors to daily Mass and community events in an active functioning parish. Thank you, Albert G Giordano Ph.D., KHS for details taken from his book.

John Giltner
Convention PR Chairman



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.

