



CA State Deputy March 2021 message



Dear Knights of Columbus, Brothers in Christ,

Just a few short months ago during our Christmas 2020 message, your California State Officers encouraged everyone to draw from our faith knowing there is always light at the end of the tunnel. Interestingly, exactly one week after the California Knights concluded our annual Pro-Life Novena in January, the US Supreme Court ruled that California must open churches again. I'm too shy to claim direct causality, but we can boldly suggest the possibility of the power of prayer!!! Indeed, our churches are reopening. There are restrictions, but the light at the end of the tunnel is getting much brighter. As our parishes open the doors for us to have Mass indoors again, California Knights have an important role to help father ramp up his readiness with trained volunteers looking to serve as Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Hospitality people, etc. Stay tuned for notices and mark your calendars for the new date, March 2nd, where we will hold an 'orientation webinar' where you can learn more about what is involved with making a commitment to these special roles within our parish communities.

It's a new day and I'm motivated by the words from our incoming Supreme State Deputy, Patrick E. Kelly who said, "we must find a way." So, as we help father get ready, we also need to be attentive to those men who are looking for opportunities to grow in their faith. While we await a return to normal where people become comfortable interacting in-person, **offering these men an online membership is a great first step we can do and must do** to help them discover where they want to make a difference in their local parish community and council.

Finally my Brothers, please find and share **March 2021's edition of [Prayers in the Pew Monthly](#)**. You will discover the importance of making an offering of ourselves and our activities to the Lord...daily. The material will continue to aid us in our preparation to celebrate Lent more fully. Take special note to:

- Recite the Daily Offering Prayer
- Participate in the Featured Faith in Action Program of the Month, SPIRITUAL REFLECTION (Retreat for Men)
- Embrace the Lenten Spiritual Challenge from our California State Chaplain, Fr. John Neneman to make the [Daily Offering a habit in your life.](#)

Please continue to be safe out there and remember that fear is useless. What we need is Faith. Be Bold!

Yours in Service,
Stephen E. Bolton
State Deputy 2020-2021