



## CA State Deputy June 2021 message

Brothers All,

June is here and the path forward is exciting. While we will be recognizing and awarding everyone for their wonderful achievements throughout the month, we want to stay true to our commitment to finish this year strong. Stay tuned and participate in all testimonial dinners and chapter installations as well as the newly added **State-Wide degree** on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June...help grow what is already 12 locations who will put on a ceremony of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity in their parish or chapter.

It should be noted there are almost 250 councils 'one' yard from the endzone to Star Council, so we need to bring those to completion. Additionally, in these days of a waning pandemic, we are obliged to continue to step out and step up to help Father prepare to receive more and more of his parishioners back to Mass and other parish activities.

**In Gratitude.** As your State Deputy for this 2020-2021 year, I along with my wife, Jane would like to take a moment to thank all you worthy brothers from the bottom of our hearts for allowing us to serve you, to be with you, and for your visible commitment of Christ as it comes to us through the Church. I also want to add my deep gratitude to Fr. John Neneman for serving this fraternal year as our State Chaplain and for reminding us that we can choose to look forward and that, "being the arms, the legs, the body, the voice, the presence of Christ is not just the role of the clergy."

My Brothers, moving forward in this commitment, it's not a question of "what if" for the Knights of Columbus, but "what's next".

**It's a New Era!** From the beginning, we relied on Saint Peter, the Great Apostle and patron for the Columbian Year to inspire us to find a way to begin again. We just needed a fresh start to work on the two clear anchoring goals we set which were to create 1) Can Do Councils for Father, and 2) Healthy Councils/Star Councils. In this new era, we look forward to another fresh start. I'm confident after battling through this year where we were advised 'but refused' to 'be quiet and go home', that we are stronger, more skilled and more united than ever.

With newly elected State Deputy for the 2021-2022 Columbian Year, Dr. Noel Panlilio set to take the helm with a powerful vision and an organized action plan, we are poised to grow our order as never before while coming together as a family to be raised up spiritually and emotionally as well as to serve our parishes and our communities.

## Prayers in the Pew Monthly

'Bringing this Columbian Year to a strong finish with our faith formation', please find June's edition of [\*Prayers in the Pew\*](#) which calls us back to the greatest gift of all, the Holy Eucharist as we celebrate the feast of the Body and Blood Christ (Corpus Christi).

Please take time to recite the Memorare, study the Faith Fundamental section on Eucharistic Adoration, and embrace the Spiritual Challenge from our California State Chaplain, Fr. John Neneman who I've been proud to serve with this year.

In closing my Brothers, we must be engaged going forward. As we move forward into this New Era, let us remember that fear is useless. What we need is Faith. Be Bold!

Yours in Service

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