

Worthy Brother Knights,

January went by fast with the 3 Walk for Life's and the Novena for Life. I would like to thank every one who came out and attended these events. I would like to also thank our Worthy State Deputy Jim, Lady Anna and Fr. Budi for filming the Novena. This was a great time for show our support for life. Let's keep up the push to show the world that we as Knights of Columbus and Catholic American we support the right to keep life in all ways from Life right up to Death.

February is here and now we have to keep on pushing our programs in all councils. So, I would like to start off with two programs of the month. The first program is Holy Hours in which we are encourage the deep personal encounter with Christ, the Eucharist adoration and a form holy hours and Eucharistic procession. As catholic gentlemen, we believe in the real presence that Jesus Christ is truly present in body, blood soul and the divinity in the Eucharist. So I would like to to all councils to hold at least one Holy Hours it can be one sponsored by your council our one you bring into you parish.

The second is the Global Wheelchair Mission. This is how we are going to make a difference in someone's life by giving them the gift of mobility in the parts of the world that are most needed. Through our partnership, we have given out thousands of wheelchairs two countries like in the Philippines, Mexico, and even we have supported our own veterans in veterans' hospitals, retirement homes, and more. Your councils can do fundraisers, wheelchair Sundays and more. We are looking to raise enough monies for three crates of chairs. So, let's get out there and raise monies for this great cause. You can contact Louis Salvatore at louko76@yahoo.com

As the year is halfway over, we need to make sure that we have all form 365 turned in as of now we have 427 out of 721 councils. Let us get these filled out via Member Management so your councils can get your correct Safe Environment certified. This is to protect you, your council, and the children. Once again, your program director, Community and Family Directors need to be Safe Environment certified, and the Community and Family Director needs to have a background check. This needs to get done as soon as possible and if you have any questions, you can contact Larry Dietz at the State Office @ larry.dietz@califroniaknights.org.

I would also like to thank our councils throughout the state of California, including those in the Southern California region for all their support and dedication to the wild fires that have been happening in the Los Angeles County area. I want to give a big shout out to Southern California chapter San Gabriel chapter and our orange chapter for their support in our helping hands program where we are supporting our brother knights as well as our communities around us. This all couldn't be done without the support and dedication from our chapter disaster, relief chairman for the south Jerry Pearman. I would like to also thank our our president California Colombian charities for him and his teams dedication to pushing out checks to our brothers in need. I would also like to thank all the councils out there for their support who have donated to support these brothers in need. This is how we all can support helping hands, leaving no neighbor behind as well as you are all making a difference in someone's life, with this type of support.

April 1 is the deadline for all awards forms for state awards for the state annual meeting. When you're filling out these forms, please make sure that you are filling them out correctly and fully and they are being sent to the email address faith-in-action@califroniaknights.org. In the memo line of your email make sure you put what faith program it is so get sent to the correct chairman. The April 1 deadline is a hard deadline and needs to be set accordingly. The best way to get your full points is

to make sure that you send a report in with the grand night signature and supporting documentation via email is the best way to do this in a timely processing manner. Make sure the program director is cc on all submissions at programs@califroniaknights.org.

Its that time again if you are going to take part in the BasketBall Free Throw Challenge which start in January for Councils, February will be Districts and Chapter, and the State will be on March 15. You can order the kit though the Supreme website. Also, if you would like to d the essay contest you can order your information though the [Supreme website](#) you can order it though Supreme supplies online and if you have any question, please contact Joseph Hill @ programs@califroniaknights.org. Also, [the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest](#) Should have been submitted to brother Bob Pineschi at pineschibob@yahoo.com.

Don't for get to fill out form [10784](#) When you finish a program or award your family of the month.

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