

Worthy Brother Knights,

March is here, Lent is coming, and we need to continue advancing our programs in all councils. Let's begin with are program of the month which is spiritual retreat, and this is a time to make sure that we keep an eye out for our state sponsored retreats. Your councils can also put one their own retreat as well. It's a good time to get together pray and talk about your spiritual journey. You can invite your priest, decans and if you have any other spiritual leader to put together a great retreat to refresh our spiritual life before the Easter season.

Let us continue with the Global Wheelchair Mission. Your councils can go out and 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 distributed thousands of wheelchairs to countries like the Philippines and Mexico, and supported veterans in hospitals and retirement homes. Your councils can do fundraisers, wheelchair Sundays and more. We are looking to raise enough monies for three crates of chairs. So, lets get out there and raise monies for this great cause. You can contact Louis Salvatore at loukofc76@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 430 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.

March 15th is the State basketball free throw and this year we will have two locations. One will be in the North at St. John the Baptist Church- Gallagher Hall gym 307 Montrose Drive Folsom, Ca. 95630 and the South will be at Mary Star of the Sea High School 2500 N Taper Ave. San Pedro Ca 90731. Registration will be at 9:00am and the Free Throw will start at 10:00am.

I would like to congratulate Ryder Maus the international 12-year-old youth soccer challenge winner from Council 9292 in Lincoln Ca.

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.

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