

My Brothers,

May has arrived, and we are approaching the end of the Columbia year. It is time to prepare for awards at the state convention and finish strong. At the beginning of the year, we aimed to make a positive impact in someone's life, and progress has been made.

April saw councils gearing up for their rewards by submitting applications before the first of the month. All award forms have been submitted and judged, and preparations for the convention are complete. Thanks go to every council, district deputy, and chapter president for ensuring that STSPs were submitted on time. This enabled the chairman for each faith in action category to review all applications within a reasonable timeframe.

The work is not finished, similar to the continuous effort required for membership. Councils should continue their programs actively. As stated by the Territorial Growth Director of the West, the relationship between programs and membership is crucial; programs drive membership growth.

As of April 29, California has recruited 3,511 new members, with 510 more needed to reach the goal. Councils are encouraged to hold more programs to attract these new members, utilize QR codes, and wear badges to promote their efforts. Achieving this target will benefit the state deputy significantly.

June 30, 2025, is the deadline to submit the SP-7 form. Councils should start submitting now, focusing on four strong programs in community, family, faith, and life categories. Ensure to include the program title and description, and avoid checking the feature program box unless certain report forms were submitted to supreme. Financial secretaries are advised to review each faith in action program thoroughly. For online submissions that are rejected, submit via PDF and email. It is recommended to have the District Deputy review the SP-7 for accuracy. For assistance, contact programs@californiaknights.org. A webinar is being planned to address SP-7 queries.

The featured program for May is Sacramento gifts, supporting parish families during significant events like first communions, marriages, baptisms, etc., through the distribution of small items.

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