

Brothers,

Many of you were able to attend the State Convention in Visalia and it was a pleasure seeing so many of you face to face.

Just because it is June does not mean that we are done, there is still a lot of work to be done. At the convention, we collected significant money and food for the St. Joseph's Table and Campesinos distribution. The Campesinos program just completed a distribution at AAC Grounds in Brawly on the 30<sup>th</sup>. There are still three more scheduled for June so there is time to donate and participate in physical distributions. They are:

June 6, 2026  
St. Mary Parish Gilroy  
11 1st St.  
Gilroy, CA 95020

June 13, 2026  
St. Gertrude's Catholic Church  
1663 E. Main Street  
Stockton, CA 95205

June 20, 2026  
Holy Family Catholic Church  
200 Antonina Ave.  
American Canyon, CA 94503

I want to encourage continued work in your communities with programs suited to the end of the school year. Engage the youth and the young adults of your parish with programs in and around the parish. During the process, invite those newly confirmed young men to join our Order. It is with working shoulder to shoulder that they see the great works inspired by Blessed Michael McGivney.

While you are completing your program calendar and inviting those men into your councils, it is also time to focus on the Columbian Award Application (Form SP-7). Remember, it is due on June 30<sup>th</sup>. That does not mean waiting until June 30<sup>th</sup> to complete it! As we have been saying all year. "Early is Easy!". The Columbian Award is only one component of the **Star Council Award** along with your Membership goal and the Fraternal Benefits Events. With four programs completed in each Faith in Action category, completing the SP-7 should be easy. I would strongly encourage you to provide four (4) separate programs in each category, 16 total programs, and IGNORE the "Featured Program Minimum Requirements met?" check box. With 16 distinct programs reported, you are not bound by the EXACTING requirements stated for Featured Program Status.

Remember that Cor itself should not be listed. The programs executed in your council's implementation of Cor (Holy Hour, Rosary Programs, Men of the World Bible Study, Into the Breach, etc.), do qualify. Also, cash donations alone do not qualify unless they result from the council's fundraising activities or are for a Faith in Action program activity (i.e., Ultrasound Initiative, Global Wheelchair Mission, etc.).

So again, now is not the time to sit back and relax! Don't coast into the new year! It's time to double down on program events, invite new and energized men into our councils and complete that Star Council process.

Start your planning early.

**Every program event is a membership opportunity!**

Thank you for all you do as Knights in California! Our Lady of Miracles, Pray for us.

Jim Hart  
State Program Director