

Worthy Brother Knights

Wow—it is already October! Where has the time gone? I hope your councils are off to a great start and are actively planning and participating in meaningful programs throughout your communities.

As we begin another busy month, I want to highlight several important updates, deadlines, and programs that need our attention.

Form 365 & Safe Environment Requirements

We currently have only **400 of 721 Form 365s submitted**. We need the remaining councils to complete and submit their Form 365 as soon as possible.

Form 365 is important for two reasons. First, completing these requirements helps your council meet its **Safe Environment and Star Council requirements**. Second, it provides the State Council with current contact information for your council's program leadership so we can communicate directly with your directors about important programs, resources, and updates.

Please remember:

- Your **Program Director, Community Director, and Family Director** need to complete the required Safe Environment training.
- Your **Community Director and Family Director** also need to complete the required background check.

Please make this a priority for your council.

If you have questions or need assistance with the Safe Environment requirements, please contact **Larry Dietz at the State Office** at larry.dietz@califroniaknights.org.

State Soccer Challenge

The **State Soccer Challenge** is scheduled for:

November 21
St. Patrick's School
900 West Branch Street
Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

Councils should now be working on their **Council, District, and Chapter Soccer Challenges** so that your winners are ready to advance.

Please send all required forms and information to **Jeff Lambert** at jeff_lambert79@hotmail.com.

Let's make this year's Soccer Challenge a great experience for all of the young people participating!

Silver Rose Schedule

The **Silver Rose** continues its journey throughout California during October. The current schedule is:

October 2–8: Arrowhead Desert Valley

October 8–14: Southern California

October 14–20: San Gabriel Valley

October 20–25: Orange County

October 25–31: San Diego

If you have any questions or issues regarding the Silver Rose, please contact **Chairman Jerry Fong**. You may also reach out to me, and I will be happy to assist.

The Silver Rose is a wonderful opportunity for councils and communities to come together, so please support and promote it as it travels through your area.

Central Coast Celebration for Life

The **Central Coast Celebration for Life** will take place on **Saturday, October 10, in Santa Barbara**.

Councils in the area are encouraged to participate and support this event. Additional information can be found at celebrationforlife.com.

Program of the Month: Frank Nigro Columbian Foundation

One of this month's featured programs is the **Frank Nigro Columbian Foundation Supporting People with Intellectual Disabilities Drive**.

This is an important program that gives our councils an opportunity to directly support children and adults with intellectual disabilities in our communities.

Please remember to complete the appropriate **participation form**, which can be found on the California State Council website.

Councils may also consider directing eligible funds toward **Feed the Athletes**, which continues throughout the year.

This is a great opportunity for Knights to demonstrate our commitment to charity by supporting individuals, families, and organizations in our local communities.

Program of the Month: Campesinos Program

Our second featured program this month is the **Campesinos Program**.

This is an excellent opportunity for councils to serve agricultural workers and their families while potentially receiving program credit in areas such as **Food for Families, ASAP, and Coats for Kids**, when the applicable program requirements are met.

Many agricultural workers spend long hours helping provide the food that reaches our tables, yet some families face challenges providing food, clothing, diapers, and other basic necessities for their own households.

Through this program, councils can help provide:

- Food
- Clothing
- Coats
- Diapers
- Baby supplies
- Other essential items needed by families

This is an opportunity to put our principle of **Charity** into action and provide meaningful assistance to families in need.

If your Chapter has not yet scheduled a **Campesinos Drive**, please begin working on one as soon as possible. Let's make sure we are reaching the communities and families who can benefit from our support.

Moving Forward

Brother Knights, October gives us many opportunities to put our faith and principles into action. Whether it is completing your Form 365, becoming Safe Environment compliant, hosting a Soccer Challenge, supporting the Silver Rose, helping people with intellectual disabilities, or assisting agricultural families through the Campesinos Program, **every program makes a difference**.

Thank you to all of our Grand Knights, District Deputies, Chapter leaders, Program Directors, Chairmen, and Brother Knights who continue to give their time and talents in service to others.

Let's continue working together to make this a successful fraternal year.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

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