## California State Council Knights of Columbus





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# **Golden State Knightletter**

#### **MEMBERSHIP PRAYER**

Heavenly Father and gracious God, we come before you humbly, in thanksgiving and prayer.

As St. Augustine said: "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts cannot rest until they rest in You." We, as Knights of Columbus, are searching for You, as we do all to make You known and present amongst our members. We recognize that 'everything begins from You and by You is happily ended', and we are grateful for Your presence in all our undertakings.

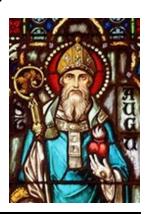
It has been our source of encouragement to be called the 'right arm of the Church', while we invite new members to join us in our support of a vibrant and new evangelization within the parishes where we serve. We are restless, O Lord, as we seek to develop our Faith Formation, and firmly base our spirituality on our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and true Christian Patriotism. Grant us the courage and foresight to be able to see You present in all our endeavors.

We thank you Lord for all your guidance and blessings, and we continue to place all we do as Knights firmly in Your hands.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, our Lady Queen of America, pray for us.

- Fr. John Grace, OSA State Chaplain Emeritus Former State Chaplain 2004-5; 2006-7; 2007-8 Between March 2009 and Sept. 2013: Supreme Office of Knights of Columbus, New Haven, Connecticut.,
- Director of Chaplain Programs and Development, and
- Assistant to Supreme Chaplain, Bishop, and later Archbishop, William E. Lori.



# Upcoming Events

2018-2019 Statewide Membership Drives

- Is your Tax Return Completed?
- Supreme Quick Start Initiative Ongoing
- 9 Saturday Pro-Life Novena
- Form 365 due!!!
- Keep Christ in Christmas order due 26 September

# STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE



My dear brothers in Christ,

Before I talk about what happen last month as a State Council, I must first offer my sincere condolences to PSD Ray Warriner for his loss of his wife Purita. As our hearts and prayers go out to his family, that our Lord will be with them to comfort them and bring them peace. May the perpetual light shine upon Purita, may she rest in peace.

My brothers, as August unfolded, each day I watched our state membership increase, hearing from many of you, as you reported of upcoming recruitment drives. Two New Spanish Councils came in August! Council 17085 in Riverside and our newest council for the state, council 17091 in Pittsburg. Many thanks to DD101 Pona Magana for his efforts to bring in our first council of the year in Riverside. As well as to Manuel Diaz Immediate Past Chapter President of Oakland, Frank Cabrera and Abraham Gonzalez for their success in starting the second Spanish council of this year in the Oakland Diocese Chapter. Because of their efforts and many others throughout the state, California finished in August, eighteenth in membership order wide. Can California do better? Absolutely! One idea, from the Nebraska State Council that I heard at the Supreme membership meeting, is to target eighteen-year-old High school seniors. I have asked our Worthy Membership Director Michael Brault to work with our Chapter Presidents to implement this membership program in our state. My brothers, we have so much potential for growth in our state and as I've said for many years now, it starts with membership. If we have more members, we can help more people by raising more money to help those in need and be that strong right arm of the Church. One that picks up many that are in need. A perfect example of this is our relationship with Special Olympics in California. I had the opportunity to attend two Special Olympics events in August. The first was in Long Beach, for the annual plane pull and the second event was in Walnut Creek for our "Feed the Athletes" program. This was the first time we as State Council have done our "Feed the Athletes" program in Northern California. Councils in Northern California and Southern California participated with Special Olympics as a state wide effort both on the same day and the same time, something that had not been done before. The program is done to provide sack lunches for families of the athletes and staff organizers of the events. It was great to see all my brothers working together in brotherhood, and I would like to thank all my brothers for your efforts as the event was a great success. You my brothers truly exemplified the principles of our Order and through your example other men will join us. As they become a part of our great history, men of faith. A history and a tradition of men that were visionaries and believed in our Order. Can we continue their legacy and be those men to make a real change in our state and in our country? I believe we can. Living out our Christian Catholic principles, that all things originate from almighty God and that we are one people under God, that is "One Nation Under God." Guided by our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. I believe that anything is possible with God! As long as we have the courage to believe in him. Let this year be the greatest year yet for California, as we bring in more men to join us, to be a part of our proud tradition, and to be those "Simon of Cyrene" of our times, as together we carry the cross of Christ!

For with God there is Nothing to Fear, "For Nothing is Impossible with God"

**VIVAT JESUS!** 

Joe Salaiz
State Deputy
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## STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR MESSAGE

Worthy Brothers,

Now that our Order has updated the Programs to our new Faith In Action model, it is time that Membership also reorganize its priorities.

In the past, Brothers have noted that Membership was too focused on numbers. Please help us to change that perspective. Membership should be all about offering opportunities to Catholic men and their families so they will want to participate.

Our goals should be to offer Membership as a way for a man to strengthen and deepen his Faith and to be a pathway for his entire family to become more active and involved in their Church. Review the Faith In Action Programs detailed at www.kofc.org/un/en/programs/index.html

It only will take a few minutes to see that each of the required activities shown on the link above are rooted in Faith and designed for entire families!

Look to our current Programs to see a multitude of ways that Brothers can enrich their Faith. Our Councils should be organizing prayer services, retreats, workshops and service projects that bring the light of Christ to each Brother and, through him, to the world. Endeavor to make your Council meetings more spiritual by heartfelt prayer and by asking the Council to sponsor more spiritual activities. Ensure that the Chaplain's Report is presented even when the Chaplain is excused. Review the Supreme Chaplain's Challenge from the Columbia magazine and ask all Bothers to accept the Challenge.

Find ways to merge Faith into all three other programs: Family, Community, and Life. In addition, your Council should discuss how to engage entire families in our Programs. When your parishioners see that Knights of Columbus programs and activities help families to connect to the Church through Faith In Action, they will seek that connection also.

So basically, we are asking Councils to use the activities and events found in our Faith In Action model as recruitment opportunities. Offer what good, Catholic men and families need then those who value their Faith will ask to join us (or at least be more open and receptive when we offer Membership).

Yours in Service,

Michael Brault

California State Membership Director

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Be not afraid, for nothing is impossible with God!

Change a Life, Recruit a New Knight!

### Maintaining A Master Prospect List Database

How often have you met with someone and encouraged them to join the Knights of Columbus?

Do you still have that Prospect's contact information?

Every Council would benefit greatly if the Council were to establish a routine for collecting and maintaining Prospect Information. Someone should be designated as the archivist who will add Contact Information for Prospects onto a **Master Prospect List** for the Council.

Unfortunately, it is common to lose the information on our Prospects. Sometimes a recruiter takes a Contact Card home after an event or a Drive and misplaces it. Sometimes contact information notes are written on bulletins or scraps of paper and lost later.

It's common to pitch the benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus, but when the Prospect replies that he will think about it, we fail to get contact information. Then the Prospect walks away and you have no way to follow up.

Make it a point to add to your pitch something like, "You'll probably have plenty of questions about the Knights as you review this material. Would you please give me your name and phone # so I can call you to answer those questions?"

Here are some hints to help your Council to build its Master Prospect List database:

Ask all Brothers to add notes to their cell phones whenever they meet a prospect. Include:

Prospect's Name

Prospect's Phone #

Prospect's Address or Email (optional if time allows you to get it)

Notes about the Prospect (job, where you met him, his wife's name, any kids, etc.)

Snap photos of all Contact Cards completed during an event or Membership Drive.

Snap photos of all Form 100's completed during an event or Membership Drive.

Email this information to your Council Membership Director (or the Brother that maintains the database).

Use a Sign-In List (if appropriate) for events organized by your Council. This could be for Prayer Services, Mini Retreats, etc. Be sure the Sign-In List includes space for name, phone #, and email.

Make it standard operating procedure to send all of the above information to your Master Prospect List Archivist.

Your Master Prospect List could have columns for the following:

Date

First Name of Prospect

Last Name of Prospect

Prospect's Phone #

Text? (yes / no)

Email

Address

Event when contacted

Notes (job, wife, kids, interests, etc.)

Date of additional calls or contacts

Results or notes from additional call or contact

Continue using the **Master Prospect List** database to have a record of all contacts or calls until the Prospect becomes a Brother.

### **Worthy Shepherds and Apostles Program**

During the 2014-15 Columbian Year, California implemented the "Worthy Shepherd and Apostles Program" statewide. Please check with your Council to ensure that they are using the program or will begin to implement the program ASAP.

Jesus taught the parable of the Good Shepherd who would leave the ninety-nine in order to go out and **search for even one lost sheep**. In this lesson, our Savior was asking us Brother Knights to act as Apostles to act follow his message and **physically go out to find and bring back all of our Lost Brothers**. Hence the title of the program: Worthy Shepherd and Apostles.

The Shepherd is your Council Retention Chair. The Apostles are the Brothers on the Retention Committee who are committed to talking to each and every Brother, by phone or in person, three or more times per year.

To set this up, find Council members who enjoy visiting and talking to Brothers about what is going on in their lives. Give each Apostle responsibility to contact (approximately) ten specific Brothers from your Council Roster. Each Apostle is asked to talk to their list of Brothers quarterly (about every 3 months). They can use the Worthy Shepherd and Apostles Caller Script for Current Members as a guide for the conversation. The script guides the Apostle to:

Visit – get to know the Brother and his family,

Ask how the Council can help him and his family,

Ask for prayer requests, and

Invite him and his family to participate in an upcoming event.

We have found that Brothers who are called 2-4 times per year feel connected to the Council even if they are too busy to participate in many activities. When the next dues notification is sent, they are much more likely to send in their dues since they have a personal connection a Brother from the Council.

The process of calling each and every Brother will help your Council to identify your "Lost Brothers." The State will assist your Council in finding "Lost Brothers" if you email a list of Brothers whose phone numbers and or addresses are invalid to:

sirknightjhill@gmail.com or to Programs@CaliforniaKnights.org

When requesting help to find Brothers include: Full name, last known address, last known phone number, & birthdate.

#### We Miss You Brother - Postcards

Worthy Brothers,

What do you think happens to the dues notification letters sent out to Brothers who have not been participating in activities recently? Most will go into the circular file (the trash can). Brothers who are not actively engaged sometimes feel like they do not belong, so when they get the dues letter they think, "Oh, I'm not a part of that group anymore."

On the other hand, if a Brother were to receive a postcard like the one below (with a photo of your church on the front), curiosity will lead them to look at the back. They don't even need to open an envelope. You should find a high reply rate simply because they were interested enough to look at the message.

Below is an example of a "We Miss You Brother" postcard. You can have 250, high quality postcards printed with full color and a glossy front for about \$60.





Try this as another means of reaching out to those Brothers who you cannot reach by phone or by email.

Of course, if all else fails, make a home visit and knock on the door. Let's be like the Good Shepherd and go out to find our Lost <del>Sheep (I mean Brothers)</del>.

#### **IRS Information**



As you are aware, the Internal Revenue Service requires that all Knights of Columbus councils, assemblies, and chapters in the United States file an annual informational tax return. For most councils, this should be a simple process of reporting annual income on either Form 990-N or Form 990-EZ. This past January we provided detailed instructions for complying with this legal obligation; that guidance is set forth below.

The purpose of this email is to notify you that an online tax-filing service, the corporate name of which is <a href="FILE990.ORG">FILE990.ORG</a> LLC, has been promoting its services to Knights of Columbus councils. This company charges \$39.95 for the mere filing of a completed tax return with the IRS, a transaction for which the IRS does not charge a fee. In other words, a council can file its own tax return directly with the IRS for free.

We have received multiple reports from members who received an email solicitation from <a href="info@file990.org">info@file990.org</a>, which they erroneously assumed came from Knights of Columbus headquarters. Accordingly, they used this tax-filing service and paid the \$39.95 charge to <a href="FILE990.ORG">FILE990.ORG</a> LLC. Although the text included in these email messages features the name "Knights of Columbus," this company is NOT affiliated with or endorsed by the Knights of Columbus. We encourage you to review the guidance set forth below so that your council can avoid spending money for an unnecessary service.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Legal Department by email at <a href="mailto:tax.ein@kofc.org">tax.ein@kofc.org</a>. You can also contact the IRS customer service department at 1-877-829-5500.

You are welcome to forward this message to any relevant Knights of Columbus member or officer.

#### 2017 Tax Information for KofC Councils and Assemblies

The purpose of this advisory notice is to remind councils, chapters, and assemblies in the United States of their legal obligation to file an informational tax return for the 2017 tax year, and to provide detailed instructions on how to comply with this obligation.

The Knights of Columbus, including all subordinate councils, assemblies, and chapters, (collectively referred to as councils) is a tax-exempt organization, recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a fraternal benefit society under Section 501(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code. Notwithstanding our tax exempt status, each council is required by law to file an annual informational tax return with the Internal Revenue Service.

Most councils will file the IRS Form 990-N electronic postcard (also known as the e-postcard). If your council's gross receipts are more than \$50,000 but less than \$200,000 and its total assets are less than \$500,000, you will need to file a Form 990-EZ. If your council's gross receipts are more than \$200,000 and its total assets are more than \$500,000, you will need to file Form 990.

#### What's New

Effective February 29, 2016, the IRS launched a new website for submitting Form 990-N (e-Postcard). Please refer to the Where to file section of this memo for more information.

#### Deadline to file annual return (all forms)

Each council must file its own tax return; there is no group or consolidated Form 990 filing. The returns must be filed by the fifteenth day of the fifth month following the end of the council's annual accounting period. For example, if your council's accounting period ends December 31, you must file a tax return by May 15 of the following year; if your council's accounting period ends June 30, you must file a tax return by November 15.

#### Need more time to file a Form 990 (paper forms only)?

Extensions are not available for Form 990-N (e-Postcard) filers. Extensions are only available to paper filers (990EZ or 990). If you need more time to file the informational return, you must file a request for an extension at least one month before the due date. For example, if your council's accounting period ends December 31, you must file a request for an extension no later than April 15; if your council's accounting period ends June 30, you must file a request for an extension no later than October 15. Federal law imposes a penalty of \$20 per day, up to a maximum of \$10,000, for incomplete or late filings, unless you can show reasonable cause. You may download the form for requesting an extension from the IRS website:

http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8868.pdf

### **IRS Information (continued)**

#### Where to file

Effective February 29, 2016, the IRS launched a new website for submitting Form 990-N (e-Postcard) filings. The Form 990-N (e-Postcard) can only be filed online and you may do so by using the link below. All new users must complete a onetime registration even if you were previously registered under the old system. You will also have to register if you lost your previous sign on and password. However, if you registered and filed last year, you will not need to register again.

You can access the IRS Form 990-N Electronic Filing System (e-Postcard) User Guide and Form 990-N e-Postcard Electronic Filing System by clicking the following links:

USER GUIDE Form 990-N (e-Postcard)

#### CLICK HERE TO FILE Form 990-N (e-Postcard)

All paper returns should be sent to: Internal Revenue Service Center Ogden, UT 84201-0027

#### If the IRS website will not allow you to file a Form 990-N

If the council EIN number has been revoked for failing to file for three consecutive years, has recently been reinstated with the IRS, or is a new council, the filing system may not allow you to file a 990-N. A council cannot file a Form 990-N unless it is on the Supreme Council's Group Exemption List, which is updated annually by the Knights of Columbus Legal Department. If you are unable to e-file, please contact the Legal Department by email at <a href="mailto:tax.ein@kofc.org">tax.ein@kofc.org</a>. You can also contact the IRS customer service at 1-877-829-5500.

#### Forms and Other Information Available on IRS Website

Forms 990-EZ and 990 are available in the forms directory on the IRS website:

http://apps.irs.gov/app/picklist/list/formsPublications.html;jsessionid=mXrFTNd5imPYNv53RNwukQ\_\_?indexOf-

FirstRow=0&sortColumn=sortOrder&value=990&criteria=formNumber&resultsPerPage=25&isDescending=false

We suggest you visit the IRS home page for tax-exempt organizations. It is an excellent resource for council officers who have questions or need information regarding their federal tax obligations:

https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits

We also suggest you visit the IRS web page explaining the annual electronic filing requirement for small exempt organizations:

https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/annual-electronic-filing-requirement-for-small-exempt-organizations-form-990-n-e-postcard

More information is also available on the Knights of Columbus website. Sign in under Officers and click on the "Forms" tab. By clicking on the icon next to "Form 990 Information" you will access a detailed memorandum on tax compliance, along with attachments.

#### Conclusion

In addition to the annual filing requirement, each council is also responsible for conducting its affairs in a manner that is consistent with what is expected of tax-exempt organizations. Failure to do so may result in a council losing its tax exempt status.

If you have questions relating to your council's tax reporting obligations, please contact the Knights of Columbus Legal Department by email at <a href="mailto:tax.ein@kofc.org">tax.ein@kofc.org</a>

Additional materials relating to United States federal tax compliance as well as many other topics affecting your council or assembly can be found on the Officer's Desk Reference (ODR). For a user name and password to the ODR, please contact Customer Service at 1-800-380-9995.

# **Supreme Quick Start Incentive**

5 or more Recruits from July1-Sept 30 = \$50 from

# **Knightsgear Ongoing Star Recruiter Incentive**

1 Recruited = Star Recruiter Pin

3 Recruited = Star Recruiter Hat

### 5 or more Recruited = Star Recruiter Polo Shirt

Note: These prizes are cumulative so as a recruiter continues, he earns pin then hat then polo shirt. Prizes will be sent to Chapter Presidents for distribution to the Chapter's recruiters.

# Monthly Statewide Recruiter Incentive

1st Prize \$25 (minimum 5 Recruited during that month)
2nd Prize \$20 (minimum 4 Recruited during that month)
3rd Prize \$15 (minimum 3 recruited during that month)
4th Prize \$10 (minimum 2 recruited during that month)

Note: A prize will be awarded each month to the Top 4 Recruiters Statewide. In case of ties, the winner will be selected by random drawing from Recruiters who tied. If the top achievement level is not met, additional lower level prizes will be awarded.

# **Quarterly Chapter Recruiter Incentive**

1st Prize \$25 (minimum 5 Recruited during that quarter)
2nd Prize \$20 (minimum 4 Recruited during that quarter)
3rd Prize \$15 (minimum 3 recruited during that quarter)
4th Prize \$10 (minimum 2 recruited during that quarter)

Note: Up to four prizes will be awarded each quarter to Top Recruiters from each Chapter. In case of ties, the winner will be selected by random drawing from Recruiters who tied. If the top achievement level is not met, additional lower level prizes will be awarded.

# **FAITH ACTIVITIES**

Brothers there are numerous Faith Activities for your council to be involved in. Go to the California State Program Handbook for the details.

Many councils are already conducting "Into the Breach" events. It is as simple as having the council chaplain or lecturer read a portion of the pamphlet at a council meeting and then discussing it. There is enough information in the pamphlet to last two Columbian years.

Supporting vocations is more than providing funds to seminaries. You should invite the seminaries to council and parish social functions and send letters of encouragement to them. We are losing more priest than we are gaining. We can help reverse this.

Now is a good time to hold a bishops' or religious' appreciation dinner. It is a good opportunity to acknowledge the milestones of serve for the clergy for their service i.e. 25, 50 years of service to God and the Church community. Ordinary Times is the lease busy time for the clergy, but they are still very busy.

It is an old saying "The Families that Prays Together, Stays Together". How true. Please work with you pastor and arrange a family rosary night for your parish. Now is a great time while the pastor is always busy, we are between the Christmas an Easter preparation, so this is your best chance. Remember the details are in the handbook.

Fraternally,
John Giltner
Fait Activities Chairman

# 9 SATURDAYS NOVENA FOR LIFE PROGRAM PRAYER— SEPT 1ST THROUGH OCT 27TH

Holy Spirit,
At the dawn of creation,
You brought order out of chaos,
Light out of darkness,
Life out of nothingness.

Breathe on us once again, And change this culture of death Into a Culture of Life.

Inspire in your people
A spirit of generous welcome
For each and every life,
No matter how unexpected or dependent
That life may be.
Holy Spirit,
You are the Advocate.
As you fill us with Yourself,
Make us advocates
For the unborn and all the vulnerable,
Until we are all united
In the endless life and joy
of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever. Amen.

Worthy Brothers, Councils, and Families,

Novenas are about inner healing, obtaining special graces, transformation and growing in virtue and holiness. They are not to be thought of as a magical formula, but rather a means for developing perseverance, good prayer habits and a deeper faith. When prayed in the right frame of mind (and heart), novenas bring us peace and joy regardless of the answer we perceive as received to our petition. When we pray a novena, we must take on Jesus' attitude in Gethsemane the night before he died. "Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done." (Luke 22:42.)

<u>Historical Note</u>: The word "novena" comes from the Latin "novem" which means nine. Thus, novenas always include nine of something: months, weeks, days, hours or even the same prayer repeated nine times. In ancient Rome, it was customary to pray for the dead over a nine-day period as a way to mourn and commit the soul to God's mercy. Mary, the Apostles and other followers of Jesus gathered to pray in the Upper Room during the nine days between Ascension and Pentecost. Although novenas have been part of the Catholic tradition since its earliest days, the Church didn't officially bless the practice until the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

<u>September 1st is "World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation"</u>. Leading your Novena gatherings for 9 straight Saturdays brings you through <u>October "Respect Life Month"</u> to <u>finish on Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup></u>. This, of course, provides for meditating on your Novena's words on other days as you may personally choose such as <u>Respect Life Sunday on October 7<sup>th</sup></u>.

Fraternally – For Life . . . .

Deacon John Charron

Culture of Life Novena for Life State Chairman

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# PAUTAS PARA EL

Junio - 2018

# CONSEJO HISPANO



El Caballero Supremo recientemente anunció la introducción del programa Fe en Acción. Se está implementando para simplificar la estructura de nuestros programas y alinear mejor los programas según las áreas prioritarias. La Fe en Acción será el nuevo concepto global de todos los programas recomendados por el Consejo Supremo.

Las nuevas categorías de programas que inician en el nuevo año fraternal son: Fe, Familia, Comunidad y Vida. Estas cuatro categorías representan nuestras prioridades como Orden.

<u>Fe</u>: Nuestro objetivo es fortalecer la fe de nuestros hombres y sus familias. Cuando ingresamos a la Orden, nos recordaron que debíamos formarnos constantemente sobre la fe católica. Esta formación va más allá de los hechos o las prácticas religiosas para alcanzar una verdadera conexión con un Dios lleno de amor y su hijo Jesucristo.

<u>Familia</u>: El Padre Michael J. McGivney buscaba fortalecer los vínculos familiares entre el padre y la madre y entre los hijos y sus padres. Nuestros programas de familia constituyen una evolución y la respuesta a una sociedad que trata de debilitar los vínculos familiares. Debemos dejar claro que la sociedad debe valorar a una familia que es fiel a Dios y a sus propios miembros.

<u>Comunidad</u>: Como Caballeros de Colón, estamos llamados a servir a nuestra familia y a Dios. Nuestro primer principio es la Caridad, ya sea en casa con nuestra familia o en nuestra comunidad. Éste es un aspecto clave de nuestra misión como Caballeros de Colón.

<u>Vida:</u> No podemos perder de vista el apremio de esta amenaza hoy en día. El respeto a la dignidad de la vida exige un compromiso con los derechos humanos en un amplio espectro, como Caballeros de Colón y como seguidores de Cristo.

Faith in Action	Fe en Acción	
Faith	Fe	
RSVP	Apoyo a las Vocaciones (RSVP)	
Into the Breach	Firme en la Brecha	
Marian Icon Prayer Program	Oración Mariana	
Building the Domestic Church Kiosk	Kiosko Construyendo la Iglesia Doméstica	
Rosary Program	Rezo del Rosario	
Spiritual Reflection Program	Retiro Espiritual	
Holy Hour	Hora Santa	
Sacramental Gifts	Ofrendas Sacramentales	
Community	Comunidad	
Coats for kids	Abrigos para los Niños	
Global Wheelchair Mission	Misión Global de Sillas de Ruedas	
Habitat for humanity	Hábitat para la Humanidad	
Disaster Preparedness	Preparados para Responder a Desastres	
Free Throw Championship	Torneo de Tiro Libre	
Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest	Concurso de Ensayos sobre Gudadanía Católica	
Soccer Challenge	Competencia de Fútbol Soccer	
Helping Hands	Manos que Ayudan	
Family	Familia	
Food for Families	Alimentos para las Familias	
Family of the Month/Year	Familia del Mes/Año	
Keep Christ in Christmas	Celebra a Cristo en la Navidad	
Family Fully Alive	La Familia Plenamente Viva	
Family Week	Semana de la Familia	
Consecration to the Holy Family	Consagración a la Sagrada Familia	
Family Prayer Night new	Noche de Oración en Familia	
Good Friday Family Promotion	Vivir la Semana Santa	
Life	Vida	
Marches for life	Marchas por la Vida	
Special Olympics	Olimpiadas Especiales	
Ultrasound Program	Programa de Ultrasonido	
Christian Refugee Relief	Fondo de Auxilio para los Refugiados Cristianos	
Silver Rose	Rosa de Plata	
Mass for People with Special Needs	Misa para las Personas con Necesidades Especiales	
Pregnancy Center Support	Apoyo a los Centros de Embarazo	
Novena for Life	Novena por la Vida	

# **FAITH IN ACTION SUPREME UPDATE**

Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Deputies and Worthy Program Directors,
Please forward this message below to who your respective responsibility is for: Committeeman, Chapter Presidents,
DD Mentors, Grand Knights and Council leaders, on the latest information on Faith in Action program.

Worthy State Deputy,

A note letting you know that <u>kofc.org</u> has been updated to fully incorporate Faith in Action. Please send this note to all your council before leaving for the Supreme Convention in Baltimore.

#### Website:

You can access all the resource by visiting <u>kofc.org/faithinaction</u> directly or by clicking "Programs" once you visit <u>kofc.org</u>. Additionally, the Domestic Church section of the website has been updated to be foundational and supportive of Faith in Action. I hope that you enjoy this more streamlined website experience for programs and find the resources we've prepared, valuable.

#### **Printed Resources:**

We are finalizing the print versions of all 186 resources (in English) and have sent them to WebbMason (our print vendor) so they can begin the process of preparing them for print and ordering. The Supplies Online portal will be updated to reflect Faith in Action, allowing for greater ease of locating those resources. At this point, if councils are looking to order Faith in Action print resources the shipping of Faith in Action resources will be delayed. I will let you know once Supplies Online is ready.

Additionally, Councils will soon be able to order both the *Faith in Action Guidebook* (EN, FR, SP) for \$2.00 and the *Faith in Action Collection* for \$15.00, shipping included.

#### **Translations:**

All resource have been turned over to our translations department. Our target for all translations to be complete is the end of August and updated to the website and print in early September.

#### Please excuse our Dust:

Surge with Service has been with us for a long time and we know there is a lot that we have likely missed and are still in the process of finding, update or eliminating all the printed and web resources. We need your help. As you find things, if they do not relate directly to Faith in Action, or they seem inconsistent, please let myself or someone on my team know by sending a note to fraternalmission@kofc.org. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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# Knights of Columbus Priest Martyrs' 2018-19 Award of Service

The California State Council has expanded the Mexican Priest Martyrs' Award to include three more who were martyred: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, a Chinese martyr, St. Lorenzo Ruiz, the First Filipino canonized saint and St. Andrew Dung-Lac, an early Vietnamese Priest who was canonized. Fr. Augustine Zhao Rong, Fr. Lorenzo Ruiz, Fr. Andrew Dung-Lac along with the six Mexican priest who were martyred for their faith during various times of persecution of Christians throughout the world. All of them died because they chose to continue to serve their people despite the threat of death. We want to honor their sacrifice by creating an award in their name that will be given out during the year to the chaplains in California who give of themselves not only to their parish and diocese but also to the Knights as a chaplain.

The Knights of Columbus are forever thankful for the dedicated priests who not only serve their parish or community but who also take the time to serve the Knights of Columbus as chaplains. The Knights want to honor and thank those dedicated priests for their service throughout the Columbian Year. Each month beginning in August 2018 through March 2019 we will honor the Knights of Columbus Chaplains who have displayed extraordinary service to their Council and Parish. These priests will automatically be considered for the yearly Fr. Juan Perez Award and the Fr. Michael J. McGivney Priest of the Year Award given out at the California State Convention.

July 2018: St. Augustine Zhao Rong

August 2018: St. Luis Batis Mexican Martyr Award

September 2018: St. Lorenzo Ruiz Filipino Martyr Award October 2018: St. Rodrigo Aguilar Mexican Martyr Award

November 2018: St. Andrew Dung-Lac Vietnamese Martyr Award December 2018: St. Miguel de la Mora Mexican Martyr Award January 2019: St. Pedro de Jesús Maldonado Mexican Martyr Award February 2019: St. José María Robles Mexican Martyr Award

March 2019: St. Mateo Correa Mexican Martyr Award

#### Q & A

Who Can Nominate?

All councils, assemblies and chapters in California

Who is eligible to receive this award?

Chaplains for councils, assemblies and chapters.

How many awards will be given out each month?

All priests nominated will receive this award. This is not a competition but a recognition of dedication and service as a chaplain in the Knights of Columbus

What is the deadline to apply?

Deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month sward is being given out.

Where is the nomination form?

It is on the State Website under Forms.

Where do I send the completed form?

Mail or Email or mail to

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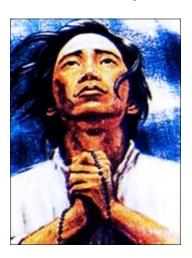
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# Knights of Columbus Priest Martyrs' 2018-19 Award of Service SEPTEMBER 2018

# Saint Lorenzo Ruiz September Honoree for Chaplain Service Award



# Please submit your nominations by September 15, 2018. Take the time and honor your chaplain by nominating him for this award

Lorenzo was born in Manila of a Chinese father and a Filipino mother, both Christians. He became a professional calligrapher, transcribing documents in beautiful penmanship. He was a full member of the Confraternity of the Holy Rosary under Dominican auspices. He married and had two sons and a daughter.

Lorenzo's life took an abrupt turn when he was accused of murder.

At that time, three Dominican priests, Antonio Gonzalez, Guillermo Courtet, and Miguel de Aozaraza, were about to sail to Japan despite a violent persecution there.

In Japan they were soon found out, arrested, and taken to Nagasaki. They were subjected to an unspeakable kind of torture.

In Lorenzo's moment of crisis, he asked the interpreter, "I would like to know if, by apostatizing, they will spare my life." The interpreter was noncommittal, but in the ensuing hours Lorenzo felt his faith grow strong. He became bold, even audacious, with his interrogators.

In 1987, Pope John Paul II canonized Lorenzo and 15 others: Asians and Europeans, men and women, who spread the faith in the Philippines, Formosa, and Japan. Lorenzo Ruiz is the first canonized Filipino martyr.

John Bertrand

# **CULTURAL OF LIFE ACTIVITIES OVERVIEW & UPDATE**

#### Worthy Brothers All,

This Fall Season signals a "quickening" of follow-through by CA Councils working to implement Supreme's new **FAITH IN ACTION** model.

Please see in this month's GSK Newsletter **LIFE** articles *new* featured, activities - ones essential to achieve the Columbian Award, Star Council, as well as familiar year after year ones that continue to further the legendary good works of "These Men They Call Knights"

Please see In this Columbian year's State Handbook, a new Culture of Life Activity recommended for your consideration to support: our **Abortion Pill Reversal Initiative (APR)** whose research and development was led by one of our own CA Brother Knights of Columbus and a Culture of Life State Committeeman - **Dr.George Delgado MD**, of San Diego.

#### (New Update)

Due to the overwhelming response to his now **Lifesaving/LifeChanging Medical Breakthrough**, Dr. George has turned over the full official responsibility for connecting women/girls nationwide who've had a change of heart just after having started a chemical abortion to be able to call an **APR Hotline (877) 558-0333 • Open 7/24 • Staffed By Heartbeat International**. They then direct all calls received to be in contact with local authorized Doctors in their area who can quickly help them with their request. Heartbeat International's website is at: <a href="heartbeatinternational.org">heartbeatinternational.org</a>

(Other News) In response to many Brothers asking if they can still obtain **Ultrasound Supporting** "Life Before Birth Calendars" for Calendar Year 2019 as a proven effective vehicle to raise more funds to support their Councils or Assemblies Pro-Life Activities, Please see the attachment below for the publisher's (Exclusive Terms & Pricing Offer for CA Knights of Columbus).

Their original date to order by August 15<sup>th</sup> was extended in recognizing with their change of officers and chairmen some Councils needed more time to get their orders in – but this OFFER will be subject to while their supply lasts by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally – For Life . . . **Hugh Largey**Culture of Life Activities State Director

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# **GET YOUR "WINGS"! BE PRO-LIFE ACE!**

#### Fall Greetings Worthy Brother Knights and Families,

To acknowledge Brother Knights for their dedication to LIFE, some seasons back, this year's Programs Director Brother Eric Watson introduced the ACE Wings Award Program. "ACE" in this case **stands for Pro-Life:** *without* Apology, *without* Compromise and *without* Exception. This prestigious Pro-Life lapel pin is what dedicated California Knights, meeting qualifying requirements, may earn symbolizing their commitment to life from conception to natural death.

While there are probably a large number of your council members that could qualify to be an ACE Wings recipient, however, each council may select *only one* honored member per Columbian Year to receive this award.

Perhaps you have a new council member who is off and running - helping and assisting with your council's Pro-Life programs. This would be a wonderful acknowledgement of those efforts, an extra Wings set can also be presented to his spouse. Councils can even select a parish member who is not even a brother knight. A ceremonial presentation could be done after Mass by your District Deputy, as a great transition into your council's membership drive.

Are there requirements for one to win this award? Yes, a recipient must participate in 5 Pro Life events. There is a list on the submission form with the requirements to earn your Wings. The form link is shown below. The list is fairly comprehensive.

Initial Requirements to potentially earn the Pro-Life ACE Wings Award include, but are not limited to, <u>participating in 5 events</u> from *any* of the following:

Sidewalk Counseling; Youth/Family Rally Volunteer/work at a PRC <u>or</u> a Women's Center; Christian Service 4 Life; 40 Days for Life Campaign; California Pro-Life Lobby Day; One of the 3 Major CA Cities Walks for Life; Standing for Life Banquets; Hosting a Group Pro-Life Rosary; Marching in Pro-Life Parades; Special Olympics Volunteering; Prayerful Processions/Peaceful Protests; Entertaining Residents of <u>or</u> Working <u>or</u> Volunteering at a Hospice; Nursing Home/Assisted Living Center; Nursing Home or Assisted Living Center; Veteran's Hospital.

Any work being done for your local area pregnancy centers could qualify too. So, please consider selecting one of your special Brothers worthy of earning their Wings!

Click Below To Download and Get The ACE Wings submission form link.

Looking forward to receiving your submissions!

Sincerely,

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# SAFE ENVIRONMENT SUPREME UPDATE

Brother Knights,

As we begin the new fraternal year 2018-2019, take a moment to review the below summary of safe environment requirements relating to the new Faith in Action model.

#### Council Youth Activities Require the Presence of Fully Compliant Grand Knight and Directors

The Order expects that you and the family and/or community director be present at all activities sponsored by the council where minor children are present to ensure that all Safe Environment policies and procedures are followed.

All Knights of Columbus activities where minor children are present require at least one member who has been trained and background checked and there should never be fewer than two fully trained members in attendance.

Visit <a href="www.kofc.org/safe">www.kofc.org/safe</a> or the Officers' Desk Reference for more information.

Roles	Trained	Background Check	ARMATUS Administration
Grand Knight	1		1
Faithful Navigator	1		
Program Director	1		1
Family Director	1	✓	
Community Director	<b>V</b>	<b>✓</b>	
Columbian Squires			
Chief Counselor	1	<b>✓</b>	
Adult Counselor	1	1	

Click chart to view larger

#### **Requirement Summary**

Grand knights and program directors must complete the three required safe environment training modules within 30 days of notification by Praesidium, the Order's strategic partner in safe environments and youth protection.

Family directors and community directors, (and Squires counselors, if any) must complete the three required safe environment training modules and provide consent for a background check within 30 days of notification.

Any directors and counselors who have not completed the required training and background check authorization within 30 days of notification are subject to removal from their roles. The noncompliant member, grand knight or the state deputy will be notified of removal(s).

Leaving one or more of program, family or community director roles vacant DOES NOT exempt the council from the safe environment requirements. The council must list a program director, family director and community director who, along with the council's grand knight, are fully compliant with the requirements of the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program in order to be eligible to receive the Columbian Award and Star Council Award.

Safe environment training and background checks from other organizations, regardless of source or provider, will NOT be accepted in lieu of the obligation to complete the requirements of the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program.

Timely filing of the *Officer Chosen for the Term* (#185) and *Service Program Personnel Report* (#365) forms. Beginning July 16, 2018, the Knights of Columbus Office of Youth Protection, through Praesidium, will send email notifications to members appointed to the roles shown above.

If members serving in these roles do not receive an email from Praesidium by Sept.1, it may be either 1) there is no email on file with the Knights of Columbus, or 2) the council has not yet updated/submitted its Forms #185 and #365 (and #468 for Columbian Squires counselors) to indicate the members' role assignments. Members should not forget to look for email notifications from Praesidium in their inbox or spam folder.

Email notification provides usernames and passwords necessary to complete the required training and, in a separate email, the link to provide background check authorization (when applicable). Usernames and passwords are unique to each recipient and cannot be forwarded or used by another member.

You may check the compliance status of the family director, community director and program director (and Squires counselors, if any) by accessing Praesidium's Armatus Administrative dashboard.

# **WELLNESS GREETINGS!**

#### Wellness Greetings, My Brother Knights!

As you've likely noticed, California has been setting some new weather records this summer! One "nice" thing about the heat out West, it's generally a **dry heat** (although we can also run into some **humidity**).

Originally a "Jersey girl", my wife laughs when I gripe about the humidity here. Jersey's a place (with humidity from Hell) which can leave you soaking wet after 10 steps just trying to get to the car!

The heat that we've been experiencing this summer can cause **dehydration** quickly, and happen before you realize it.

When you breathe, water is moving back and forth as you inhale and exhale. As you inhale, your airways help to moisten the air going into your lungs. As you exhale, moist air is released along with **CO**<sup>2</sup>. The dryer the air - the more water your body needs to be able to keep this process moving smoothly.

Even more important is the need for your body to maintain blood volume. Because water is the main component of your blood and the billions of cells in your body, as you "dry out", your body kicks in mechanisms to help it retain water, at the expense of other parts of the body.

Kidneys are the major water control mechanism of your body. When your brain senses the increasing concentration of the blood, it sends hormonal signals to your kidneys, telling them to work harder to retain as much water as possible to maintain your bodily functions.

This can lead to real problems for people who have congestive heart failure, or chronic kidney disease, to name two very important organ systems.

Generally, for most healthy people to stay well-hydrated, six to eight - sixteen ounce bottles of water are needed daily! Always try to drink 16-20 ounces of water when you get up each morning. The amount of water intake also depends on your size, muscle mass and body weight.

If you are physically, vigorously active on a hot day, you'll need more water, to constantly replenish your fluids. Drinking coffee or other caffeinated beverages causes an increase in urination, which then counters the benefits of drinking more water.

One simple method of checking your fluid needs is to check your urine. If it's getting increasingly more yellow each time you void, you are already "behind the power curve".

If you have *any* medical conditions, always check with your doctor on what he or she can recommend in the face of your condition.

Have a good rest-of-the-summer. Stay Cool! Be healthy, and above all – Wishing you Well . . .

Fraternally – For Life,

Michael Cushing, MD Wellness Program California State Chairman programs@californiaknights.org

# **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS**

### **Dear Worthy Grand Knights:**

Thank you to all the Council's that have been participating in the Keep Christ in Christmas Program over the past 10-15 years. It is indeed a Worthy Program promoting:

- Evangelization
- Fund Raising

It is an easy and fun Program. Council's make approximately 40% profit. To place an order simply fill out the Council Order form and email it or fax it to me. You can find the form on the State Council website (<a href="www.californiaknights.org">www.californiaknights.org</a>). We then ship you or you can will call if in Southern CA, I am in San Bernardino, CA. Please do not prepay with a check. The order will come with an invoice that will be due in 30 days.

All the boxes of Cards come with the MSRP on them, so they are easy to sell and tell Parishioners the price without having to look up pricing on a price sheet.

We do offer a discount on early ordering through Sept 26 on the Spanish Assortment and the English Assortment cases. So please take advantage of this benefit.

The best tip for a successful program is to put in your Church's bulletin in October an announcement that the Knights will begin selling Religious Christmas Cards the first Sunday in November and sell through the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in December. This has produced the best results.

We have the Christmas Cards and other items such as Our Lady of Guadalupe pins in stock now, and we are ready to ship.

Keep Christ in Christmas! Steve Sykes

# FRATERNAL BENEFITS STORY

The venerable servant of God, Father Michael J. McGivney had a vision. It was a vision of service to Catholic families, especially in times of greatest need, especially in times of death. He established a society that would care for the widows and orphans of our departed brothers. His legacy continues today.

In her 70's, Beatrice (not her real name) faced a challenging situation when her husband, a Knight for more than 50 years, passed away. She would receive his social security, but would no longer receive her own. Her income was cut nearly in half, but her expenses were not. She had co-pays and other medical expenses from Albert's (not his real name either) final illness. She had two grown children living in her home, one unemployed and the other underemployed. Albert left her enough life insurance for his final expenses, and a couple of annuities. Beatrice was nervous about her financial situation. She was worried about her immediate expenses and about her future income. I met with her not only to complete the claim, but to help her make sense of her situation and plan for the future.

Though the family had lived in my city for many years, Albert had never joined a local council. I attended Albert's small funeral and was the only Knight present. I met with Beatrice again to deliver the check from the Knights of Columbus. This provided immediate comfort and relief. I met with her a third time to assist her in making a claim for the annuities Albert had with another company. I met with her a fourth time to help her set up her own annuity, with the Knights of Columbus, to guarantee her an income for life. As difficult as it was for Beatrice to adjust to life without Albert after so many years together, after our meetings she was at peace and confident about her future. She would have enough. All of this was in keeping with our mission, to render financial aid to our members and to the beneficiaries of our members. This is a wonderful thing. But something equally wonderful happened along the way...

Stay tuned for part II of the story next time...

Editors Note: This is the first of many articles we will be posting that tell a real story of the service our Field Agents provide to not only you, but to your family in times of need.

# WHY ARE SUBMITTING YOUR REPORTS AND FORMS SO IMPORTANT?

We are asked, on occasion, why do we need to submit these reports? There seem to be so many of them. Also, the deadlines seem so arbitrary. Well, let me try to answer these concerns. Yes, there are many reports to submit. Each one has their own purpose and each one is important not only to your council but also to the bigger picture of the Knights of Columbus. Let's take each one separately.

Form 185 – Report of Officers: This form has several purposes. It tells Supreme and your State Council who is in charge of each of vital areas of running your council. It also is used to send emails and flyers to the key players. This form is needed by your council to ensure that all the key positions are covered. Imagine the effects if your council did not have an Advocate, or a Chancellor. It would add to the inefficiently of your meetings and probably not meeting your membership goals.

**Form 365 – Service Program Personnel Report:** Programs are the driving force of the success and growth of a council. These are the key programs that must be covered and there needs to be leadership in place to have the program run successfully. By having a brother in charge of each program greatly improves the chances that that program will run smoothly. This list is also needed to find out who are the key players in the areas dealing with youth. This list is used to determine who to send the Safe Environment Training and Certification requirements to.

Form 1295 – Semi-Annual Council Audit: There is an old saying that I have used that has served me well. "Trust but verify". The semi-annual audit does just that. We trust that our council's "Money Men" are keeping the books straight, but we need to be positive. The council depends on this fact, so does State and Supreme. There are horror stories of money mis-management in many businesses and charitable organizations. We want to make sure that we are not one of them. This process insures that. As a side note, if your council does not submit an audit for two consecutive times, then your bonding from Supreme will be removed, and that is a very big deal!

Form 1728 – Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities: If we say that we are a charitable organization that donates hours and money to causes that we believe in, how do we prove that? We prove that by compiling all of the activities that each council does on one form and submit it, with all the other councils within the Knights of Columbus, so Supreme can show that we "Walk the Talk". This not only insures our tax-free status, but it also is great advertisement of how impactful the Knights of Columbus is in our world.

Service Program Monthly Activity Report: The completion and submission of this form each month is of special emphasis. Outside of any newsletter articles and reports at the chapter meetings, there is really no other formal process to see what councils are doing throughout the year. This form is used to tell what activities your council has done that month. It must be submitted to the State Activity Chairman and the State Service Program Director. It is important that they be kept in the loop as to what your council is doing. A side benefit of this is that this form will make it much easier for you, towards the end of the Columbian year, when you submit your STSP-CA for the state awards competition.

STSP-CA - State Council Service Program Awards Entry Form: All the hard work your council has done, throughout the year, needs to be shared with others and should be recognized. This is accomplished by submitting the STSP-CA form. Theses packages are submitted and then compared with other councils in the same division. The best of the best will be recognized at the state convention in San Diego this coming May. Most councils put in a lot of effort to serve their parish and community. They usually get a thank you from the parishioners and/or a pat on the back from their pastor. For many this is more than enough. However, it is also nice to know that all their hard work, when lined up against other councils, is also recognized as one of the best in the State of California. It requires extra effort to put the package together. However, if your council is also submitting the Service program Monthly Activity Report, then the load is greatly reduced.

In conclusion, the forms and reports that must be submitted can be a hassle. But, it is also necessary. There are many parts that need to work to keep this Knights of Columbus machine running smoothly. If each of us do our part, then we will have the assurance that this great organization is accomplishing God's will because of our efforts!

Brother Richard J. Baker State Reports and Forms Chairman

# **FAMILY FOCUS FOR LIVERMORE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Capping off the Knights of Columbus Family Week, the Livermore Knights of Columbus sponsored a weekend of activities to strengthen families and the Livermore community. The Father Patrick Power Council #4588 coordinated a Hispanic Family Retreat with themes designed to strengthen families, a Family Mass with a special consecration to the Holy Family, a rosary for Knights in need, an old-time family picnic with food, music and games and the 2018 K of C Soccer Challenge. With over 100 attendees on both days, the event brought the council together for two days of reflection, fun and community-building.



Knights' families enjoying a weekend of fun and reflection

#### LIVERMORE KNIGHTS PROVIDE SUPPORT TO SEMINARIANS

The Livermore Knights of Columbus donated financial support to three local seminarians at St Michael Church in Livermore this week. Wesley Arnold, Grand Knight of Father Patrick Power Council #4588, presented the donations to Caldelario Jimenez and Juan Carlos Ponce and to Annette Mayne, mother of Nathaniel Mayne. Jimenez and Ponce are enrolled at St Patrick's Seminary and University in Menlo Park. Mayne is a Dominican Novice Brother in San Francisco. Each seminarian was presented with a donation that will help them to continue studies for their vocations. The Grand Knight commented that the "community is very fortunate to have three young from Livermore men answering the call for religious vocations. We are honored to support them and look forward to continued interactions".





Grand Knight Wesley Arnold with Candelario Jimenez and Juan Carlos Ponce

Wesley Arnold, Annette Mayne, mother of Nathaniel Mayne and Father Carl Arcosa, Pastor

#### LIVERMORE KNIGHTS RECOGNIZE DEDICATED ALTAR SERVER

The Livermore Knights of Columbus recognized devoted altar server, Michael Thaete, for his outstanding service to St. Michael Church on Saturday August 11<sup>th</sup>. Serving his parish for 8 years as an altar server, beginning in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Michael was one of St Michael's "very active servers, not only serving weekend Masses but also numerous weddings and funerals. Additionally, he has helped with altar server training and has been a mentor to new servers" said Anne Staal, St Michael's altar service director. Grand Knight Wesley Arnold presented Michael a special award and spoke on his behalf to the St Michael parishioners. Michael will be attending Sonoma State University in the fall.



Altar server Michael Thaete with parents, John and Michelle

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#### **MUSEUM TO HONOR 4TH DEGREE**

The California Knights of Columbus Emilio B. Moure Museum Association will be honoring the 4th Degree this next Columbian Year by providing some historical facts and artifacts associated with the 4th Degree including the changes of uniforms over the years. The Museum Board of Directors at the last meeting voted to approve the project and have it ready to go in time for the State Convention to be held in San Diego in May of 2019. All Brother Knights, Councils and Assemblies that would like to donate to the project may send a check made out to the above-named Museum Association and send to P.O. Box 693, Riverside, CA 92502-0693.









# **California State Convention Thursday Night Event**

Sports Enthusiasts! Come to the Stadium and Cheer your Favorite Team! We will be providing a space for you to have a great Tail-Gate Party to cheer your Favorite Sport, Team, Team Member, or just have fun with the State Family doing their best to cheer their Favorite Team, TEAM CALIFORNIA!. So wear your favorite Sports clothing and bring your Chapter to sponsor a Team Area and have a great fun time with all. There will be Games and prizes as well as chances to bid on some great sports items and gifts. So come join us in May 2019 at the Town and Country Resort for this fun filled evening.

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