

MESSAGE FOR SEPTEMBER

“In his annual report at this year’s 141st Supreme Convention, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly called on Knights throughout the world to strive to be “First in Faith and Charity,” saying that strengthening Catholic men as followers of Christ must be the Order’s top priority” (Knightline, Vol 41, No.32). And all of us should have this at the back of our minds when we do our Faith in Action programs.

We are called to be Knights of our Lord and to build a team where together we can do great things all for the glory of God. With our Lord in our hearts and mind, there is nothing impossible to accomplish. Let us remember the words of our Jesus Christ to St. Peter: **“Come, follow Me.” May we follow Him through our Faith in Action Programs.**



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VISIBILITY CAMPAIGN

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:13-16)

How do we do this? By letting people know who we are and what we are and by showing them what we do. We need to be visible to people, especially to our fellow parishioners.

Councils are encouraged to have at least one event on a Sunday every month or ideally an event every Sunday in church like Prayers in the Pew, in front of the church like fundraisers for parish programs, or near the church in conjunction with parish events. This way the parishioners see with their own eyes the different activities the councils do in the parish. Hopefully these events will make them more curious about the Knights of Columbus, entice them to know more about our fraternity, and encourage and motivate them to join.

Another approach is to submit to programs@californiaknights.org short writeups/captions of council/district events, together with action photos for release in the state website and state facebook in case councils do not have a facebook account. (Note: action photos and no firing squad photos)

You can also submit your photos with captions to Supreme which has the magazine COLUMBIA. It has pages on KNIGHTS IN ACTION FAITH IN ACTION. Submit your council activities to knightsinaction@kofc.org. Council 10981 of District 172 San Diego Chapter was featured in the July/August issue.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Annual Campaign for People With Intellectual Disabilities

The official dates for the drive this year are **October 20, 21 and 22, 2023** (although councils are free to schedule and hold a fundraiser benefiting organizations serving people with intellectual disabilities at any time during the year).

For more information, simply link the ID Foundation website at www.columbian-foundation.org.

Feed the Athlete's" Program

The goal is to have every Chapter in the State to have a "Feed the Athlete's" event, and for Chapters who already host events to do everything possible to add more events. We have started off this Columbian Year with a BANG!! Last August 12, a Bowling Competition was held in Southern California in the City of Tustin in Orange County (Orange County Chapter) & a Softball Regional on the same day in Yuba City located in Sutter County (Northern California Chapter). Last August 19th & 20th there was a Softball Regional in Walnut Creek located in Contra Costa County (Oakland Chapter). On Saturday August 26th there is "The Bowling Championship" in El Cajon (San Diego Chapter).

Along with every Special Olympics event comes the prospect to recruit new members. Be sure to include a recruitment strategy as part of your plans. Thank you for your work to support people with intellectual disabilities!

Free Throw Championship

Since 1972, councils have sponsored the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for boys and girls from the ages of 9 to 14 to provide an athletic outlet and encourage the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition. Kids compete within their own gender and age and progress from local level to district, regional and state/province competitions. This program is a great way to introduce the Order to your community and recruit faithful family men of service.

For more information on this program, please contact programs@californiaknights.org, and Faith-in-Action@CaliforniaKnights.org

THREE NEW STATE PROGRAM INITIATIVES

WRAP (Women's Religious Assistance Program)

This program is designed to encourage great participation from each and every member as they put their Faith into Action. It will not only promote assistance to the Women's Religious Orders but also foster relationships with our nuns and sisters. We can help them in their needs as well as show them our full support in their service to humanity.

For more information on this program, please contact programs@californiaknights.org, Faith-in-Action@CaliforniaKnights.org and PSD Noel Panlilio at noel.panlilio.psd@californiaknights.org

The Campesinos (Farmworkers) Program (El Programa para los Campesinos)

California has many riches, including it being a state that is 80% agriculture, with tens of thousands of campesinos. Most individuals do not know that farmworkers are a large part of the working poor. They have seasonal jobs that most of the time do not afford them the basic necessities, for example, food being the number one need. This program is meant to assist our farmworkers and their families through a variety of already established Knights of Columbus programs.

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agricultura, con decenas de miles de campesinos. La mayoría de las personas no saben, los trabajadores agrícolas son una gran parte de los pobres que están trabajando. Tienen trabajos estacionales que la mayoría de las veces no les proporcionan las necesidades básicas, por ejemplo, la comida es la necesidad número uno. Este programa está destinado a ayudar a nuestros trabajadores agrícolas y sus familias a través de una variedad de programas ya establecidos de Caballeros de Colón.)

In line with St. Mother Teresa's concern for the needy and the poor and her "together we can do great things", this program will initiate for the farmworkers and their families -

BOX of HOPE

The GIFT of WARMTH

SHOWER of LOVE

For more information on this program, please contact programs@californiaknights.org, Faith-in-Action@CaliforniaKnights.org and

Chairman for Campesinos George Arias at kofcproud@gmail.com.

Cultural Devotional Practices

Hispanic, Filipino, Irish, Vietnamese, Chinese and other cultural groups have their own unique devotional practices, like novenas, processions, celebrations in honor of Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Semana Santa, San Lorenzo Ruiz, Sto. Nino, St. Patrick's Festival, Feast of Our Lady of La Vang. These devotional practices will enrich the spirituality of Catholic families.

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STATE PROGRAMS OF THE MONTH

September - Into the Breach (Featured) - FAITH

October - Family Rosary - FAITH

November - Helping Hands (Required) - COMMUNITY

December - Consecration to the Holy Family (Required) - FAMILY

January - Novena for Life (Required) - LIFE

February - Mass for People with Special Needs - LIFE

March - Spiritual Reflection (Required)(Featured) - FAITH

April- Good Friday Family Promotion - FAMILY

May - Marian Prayer - Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians - FAITH

June - Building the Domestic Church Kiosk - FAITH

FORM 10784

Councils are encouraged to submit Form 10784 (***Fraternal Program Report Form***) immediately after completion of the event. This can be done by online form submission. Councils can use this link to report program activity

<https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/spa/invite.html?lang=en&form=10784C.019> .

This report gives important real time data on council activities. Inputs are used in ongoing evaluation and improvements to our Faith in Action programs.

Additionally, incomplete submissions can not be counted towards the yearly total of submissions when councils are completing their Columbian Award applications (SP-7), according to Supreme Fraternal Mission.

For the month of July, there were 61 forms submitted from 24 councils.

FORM STSP

Form STSP is used for the State Council Program Awards. You can access this in our state website www.californiaknights.org under council forms.

INCENTIVE

The monthly \$100 Raffle incentive will be continued. Councils which provide program reports using the 10784 Form will be automatically entered into a monthly \$100 raffle. For the month of July, there were 61 forms submitted from 24 councils. The winner of the July \$100 raffle is Council 16185.