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## State Deputy's Message

My Brothers in Christ,

As we begin the refreshing Season of Lent, let us reflect on the way we think and ask whether our thoughts are pleasing to God. This is a time to focus on our inner lives—to be transformed by the renewal of our minds. This is a time of fasting—getting rid of unhealthy habits that may drag us down spiritually, but also a time of adding good habits, such as praying or helping others. It would be great to start everyday with the prayer that our Holy Mother taught us—the Rosary.

If you were one of the thousands (25,000+) that took part in the West Coast Walk For Life, then I surely commend you for your extreme efforts in attending this very important event that shows that we as Knights of Columbus and Catholics support the Right to Life in a big way. We need to remember that “Life” is a good choice for women and we need to “challenge” the belief that abortion is a good choice for women.

On the State website you will find a letter written by Bishop Cordileone of San Diego asking for our help in getting a Marriage Amendment on the November ballot. We face the possibility of losing the institution of marriage between a man and a woman as the basic foundation of society. The voters of California approved this amendment in the year 2000 and now our Supreme Court and State Legislature are trying to take it away. I encourage you to ask your Pastors for permission when seeking signatures on Parish property.



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We need 1.1 million VALID signatures by the end of April for the initiative to qualify. Therefore, our efforts are critical in achieving this goal. Our Supreme Council has donated \$250,000.00 to the cause and the State Council will follow up with a donation of our own very soon. Any Councils, Chapters and Assemblies that would like to contribute may do so by getting in touch with Marvin Hayes, Advocacy for the Culture of Life Chairman. You can also contact Marvin or the State Office on where to obtain the petitions needed to gather signatures.

On the membership side, our second Blitz is coming to an end. However, the numbers shown by our chapters, Districts and Councils leave a lot to be desired. As of February 2nd, there are still 169 Councils that have not brought in a new member this year. Our gains have been about 284 per month, but losses (typically suspensions) have totaled 115 per month, which nets out to about 170 per month. My Brothers, we CANNOT live up to Fr. McGivney's dream if we continue to suspend our Brother Knights without giving them a chance to respond. This is totally wrong! We will have one more big push in membership at the end of April with a special incentive that our State Membership Director, Ross Willour is working on.

What about new councils? We have at this time four new councils that have been started this year. The two newest are in Orange County, #14430, a Spanish Council and #14445 a Vietnamese Council. Congratulations to DD Ed Galvan and Jim Heil who did the most to get these new councils underway. Want to get a boost for your membership? If you claim or if your Council is responsible for more than one Parish, then the ROUND TABLE form should be filed with Supreme. It shows that those councils with round tables gain more new membership than those that do not have the program in place, because it gives your council the ability to recruit in a parish that is not your own. Our goal of 250 round tables is almost there. What can you and your council do to help us achieve it? If you are not interested, I will assign those Parishes to other Councils who would like the opportunity to do some extra recruiting before the Columbian Year comes to an end.

What about reporting? State reports for the awards part of our State Convention will be due soon. However, have you completed the required Supreme reports? All councils, except our newest one, have turned in the report of officers (185). As far as the other reports, report of directors (365), audit reports (1295), and fraternal surveys (1728), there are many councils that have not turned these in. As of this month, 196 on the report of directors, 188 on the audits, and 395 on the fraternal surveys. All of these reports are important in their own right and Grand Knights should make sure that they are completed. There is still time to get them in and still qualify for State and Supreme awards. Also, don't forget to turn in the Columbian Award. It doesn't matter how much you gain in new members or insurance promotion, you CANNOT attain the Star Council or Double Star Council Award without filing the Columbian Award application.

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I hope that you are or have made plans to attend the State Convention to be held in San Jose on May 16-18, 2008. Bill Glover, Chairman and his committee are planning a great weekend of events for all of us, especially for our ladies. As hotels tend to fill up fast, I hope you make your reservations on a timely basis and not have to go searching around for a place to stay. For more information, please contact the State Office.

Be proud to be a Knight of Columbus! Be proud to be able to change lives! Be proud to be able to change hearts and save lives too.

May Almighty God Bless you and May Our Lady of Victory Protect you.

Yours in Faith, Charity and Family,  
James R. Scroggin, PSD, VSM,  
State Deputy

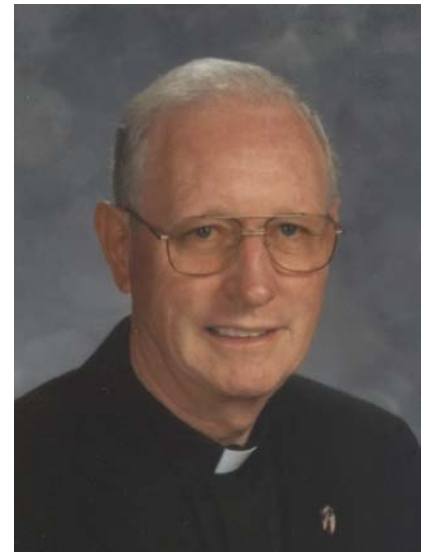
### State Chaplain's Message

Dear Brothers and fellow Knights,

Greetings to you and all your family members.

Last year, Pope Benedict XVI addressed a delegation of European bishops who met with him at the Vatican and said: "There are so many problems one could list that must be solved, but none of them can be solved unless God is put at the center, if God does not become once again visible to the world, if he does not become the determining factor in our lives and also enters the world in a decisive way through us. "In this, I believe that the future of the world in this dramatic situation is decided today: whether God – the God of Jesus Christ – exists and is recognized as such, or whether he disappears." These words are extraordinary, profound and even radical. They tell us that none of the problems of the world can be solved unless God "enters the world in a decisive way through us." These are powerful words for all Catholics, but especially for us Knights of Columbus. Through our many works of charity, we have made God "visible to the world", and we will continue to do so. (It was Emilio Moure who wrote on these lines last year).

We need to be prepared because our faith and moral code are being attacked continuously. We prepare by our daily prayer life as a Eucharistic people and by the deepening of our Faith Formation. Two notable events occurred during January that impressed me as being very fitting in this context. The first was the inauguration of Bishop Lori's first formal column of his Faith Formation for Knights as it appeared in Columbia Magazine. The preparatory work has been done. It now depends on our DDs and the individual Councils to take advantage of this unique opportunity as we prepare ourselves for the future. I pray earnestly for its success as it is taken up by every Council, and by the family of each individual Knight in the State.



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The second was the “Walk for Life” that took place in San Francisco. Much could be said about this, but let me just make this comment... we began with the Eucharistic Celebration, concelebrated by eight Bishops (all of them Knights?) and some priests and deacons. Then we had that wonderful Walk amid much opposition and heckling but we marched on in peace and harmony within ourselves, with one object in mind, to give witness to all life, human and divine. This was indeed faith in action, without too many words. Knights and families, thank you for all your preparation and participation in so many ways.

With every good wish and God’s blessing on you and your families.

Your brother Knight and Chaplain,  
Fr. John P. Grace, o.s.a., State Chaplain.

## Recruitment Chairman’s Report

Thank-you for your commitment to our Order! As of January 31, 2008 you have recruited 1,979 new members. However, our net membership gain is only 1176. That accounts for 64% of the state goal. Please continue to recruit qualified Catholic gentleman and make a strong effort to retain the members we have. In January we held our second membership drive. It produced hundreds of prospects. We need to move quickly to hold information forums, followed by First, Second and Third Degrees. Please ensure sponsors accompany their candidates to all degrees. It is imperative that Insurance Field Agents be invited to the information forums and all degrees and be given a chance to speak. These professionals will enhance your event by discussing one of the main reasons we were founded. Also, sponsors need to introduce the candidates to the council membership and help them to feel welcome and a part of the council. **All you need to do is ask.**

The Easter season is upon us. RCIA candidates will soon be welcomed into the Church. These men are prime prospects for our Order. Why not make joining the Knights of Columbus a continuation of their formation. Let them know there is no better way to acclimate into the parish than by becoming a member of the local council. Let them know that committed knights and their families are doing their best to practice Christ’s commandments. We serve our fellow man, especially those less fortunate, and standing together in Christian witness, we are a light in a world darkened by materialism, cynicism, and secular humanism. **All you need to do is ask.**

John Giltner, PGK, PCP, FDD, State Recruitment Chairman



## New Council Development Program Report

I'd like to announce that last month, we brought in our fourth new council of the year. This new council was a Vietnamese council, Council 14445. District Deputy 85 Brother Denny Riopel and our State Chaplain, Father John Grace, were responsible for the formation of this new council. So far this year as a State Council, we have started two new Spanish councils, one English-speaking council and one Vietnamese council in Orange County. Also, at St. Joseph's in Orange County, District Deputy 86 Ed Galvan, after more than a year of hard work and persistence, he was able to start a new Spanish council. I was honored to attend the Orange County Chapter testimonial; they held their mass at St. Joseph's in Santa Ana, where the council hosted it. I was glad to see the enthusiasm of the parishioners and the kind hospitality that was given to us. Brother Ed has two other parishes where he is trying to start new councils and continues to work hard for our order. This month in Mecca, where our other Spanish council is, we will have a 1st and 2nd degree that will advance 20 brothers to the honors of 2nd degree. So far, District Deputy 100 Jay Figueroa is ready to advance 83 brothers to the 3rd degree. When he chartered the council, the Bishop of San Bernardino, Bishop Barnes, was present. Brother Jay should be congratulated for all the hard work he has done, along with all the other District Deputies that have started new councils this year. As I wrote in last month's letter for new council development, I spoke about the potential in California. Eleven new councils as a quota is a low number considering this state's potential. We have to continue spreading the word and asking every eligible brother to join this great order. Can we get seven more councils before the end of a Columbian year? Can we reach our quota this year? I believe we can. We must go out and ask every pastor we know, "Do you need a council, Father?" and "How can we help you?" These are the words that he needs to hear. I wish you the best of luck and may Almighty God bless us.

Joseph C. Salaiz, NCD Chairman

## Round Table Program Report

As of February 1<sup>st</sup> we have renewed 217 Round Tables. California still needs 33 to make our quota. By comparison, Quebec has 398 roundtables. All it takes is three steps to accomplish this.

- 1- Remove form # 2629 from your forms booklet or download a copy from the State or Supreme website.
- 2- Re appoint last years Coordinator/ Liaison or select a new one for every Parish your Council Serves. Make sure this Brother is an active member of each Parish.
- 3- Complete the form and Mail or Fax it to Supreme.

Many new members are now coming in from Round Table parishes and not the Home Parishes. Try having a mini-membership blitz at your Round Table parishes.

Donald M Keegan, Parish Round Table Special Consultant

## Third Degree Schedule

Is your District planning a Third Degree in June through September this year? It is not too soon to secure the facilities and get your request for a team to your area coordinator.

Below is the current list of Third Degrees which have been requested and/or scheduled. Contact the Host District Deputy listed for further information.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Host District Deputy</u>	<u>HDD Phone</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
01/27/08	San Diego	Michael Brault, DD # 110	619-548-3190	San Diego
02/09/08	Carmichael	Frank Donagher, DD # 8	916 361 7032	Northern California
02/23/08	Vallejo	Fred Kerstad, DD # 13	707-642-1344	Northern California
02/24/08	Buena Park	Denny Riopel, DD # 85	714-750-9039	Orange County
03/30/08	Covina	Stephen Johnson, DD # 79	626-290-6268	San Gabriel
03/15/08	San Francisco	Romeo Quevedo, DD #23	650-255-8441	St. Francis
03/29/08	Modesto	Richard (Steve) Day, DD #41	209-996-2851	San Joaquin
03/29/08	Pismo Beach (This degree is not yet confirmed.)			Junipero Serra
03/30/08	Covina	Stephen Johnson, DD # 79	626-290-6268	San Gabriel
04/05/08	Sacramento	Matthew Lucien, DD # 9	916-429-8598	Northern California
04/06/08	Sacramento	Jack Willoughby	916-791-0216	Northern California
<b>N.B. The above Third Degree will be preceded by a Second Degree. BOTH DEGREES WILL BE IN SPANISH.</b>				
04/13/08	Merced	Nick Notarnicloa, DD # 47	559-592-2240	Central
04/20/08	Apple Valley	Ron Mana	760-949-6437.	Arrowhead - Desert Valley
04/26/08	Danville	Hugo Zarate. DD # 32	510-799-0433	Oakland
06/01/08	Alta Dena	Gary Ganibi, DD # 78	626-798-9048	San Gabriel
06/22/08	San Clemente	Tom Gillespie, DD # 91	714-962-5712	Orange County

### *Notes on Spanish Degrees:*

On April 6, 2008, there will be SPANISH 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Sacramento. Two councils from two different districts will co-host the event. Infant Mary Council 4964 in Citrus Heights (District 6) and Our Lady of Guadalupe Council 9799 in Sacramento (District 11) will do the honors.

Now is the time to start recruiting your Spanish speaking (or bi-lingual) 1<sup>st</sup> Degree members for this once a year ceremony. We also will have a delegation of Knights from Tijuana, Mexico joining us! Mark your calendar for April 6th and join us for a wonderful event. Contact Jack Willoughby (see above) with any questions.

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There will also be a SPANISH 1<sup>st</sup> Degree at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Sacramento on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, one week before the above degrees. So, sign up your Hispanic candidates to get their 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees within a week's time. Contact Jack Willoughby for more information

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## Service Program Director's Report

The first few months of the new calendar year can be a busy time for Council affairs as dinners, socials, fundraisers and parish events all demand attention and manpower. It is also a particularly busy time for youth activities.

If your Council sponsored a basketball free-throw contest, the local shootout should have occurred during the month of January. District and Chapter competitions typically happen during the month of February. The statewide free-throw contest is scheduled for Saturday, March 15 at San Joaquin Memorial High School in Fresno. Further information can be found on the California State Council website at <http://www.kofc-california.org> (select "Youth" and "Free Throw Championship Information"). All entry forms *must be received in advance* via the District Deputy and Chapter Chairman and must include proof of age.

If you have participants in the Youth Poster contest, Chapter winners are due to the State Poster Chairman, Brother Dennis Jereza, by March 1, 2008. For those with entrants in the Youth Essay contest, Chapter winners with accompanying entry forms are due to the State Youth Essay Chairman, Gerald Constance by March 28, 2008. Further information on both programs can be found in the *California Program Handbook*, pages 111-121.

Brother Knights with children entering college may wish to apply for one of several scholarships offered by the California State Council. Applications are due to the State Scholarship Chairman, David Walker, by March 1, 2008. Application forms and instructions can be found on the State Council website at <http://www.kofc-california.org> (select "Youth" and "State Scholarship Information").

Regardless of the many activities and hectic pace, consider finding time for rest and spiritual renewal at one of the State Council sponsored retreats scheduled for the last weekend in February and the first weekend in March. Held at locations in the north, central and southern regions of the state, specific information can be found on page 10 of the December issue of the *California Knightletter* which is available for download on the State Council website.

May God bless you in your endeavors as we do His charitable work.

Yours in Charity and Service,  
Dave Abbott, Service Program Director.

## Family of the Month

The following are the California winners of the "Family of the Month" contest, obtained through a random drawing held at the Supreme Council office from among many nominees submitted by councils throughout the order.

### December 2007

Family of  
Robin & Susan Murray  
Council 1990 – Redondo Beach

### December 2007

Family of  
Ron & Barbara Laplace  
Council 3103 - Fortuna

MR Drive News

Brothers we are getting closer to our stated goal, thanks to your hard work in support of the 2007 fund raising drive to help, The Columbian Foundation for People with Mental Retardation, Inc. MR Foundation President, Frank Nigro is pleased with the pace that the funds are being turned in. With 271 councils reporting, funds received are \$616,421 for an average of \$2,275 per reporting council.



As of January 15, 2008 (the latest data available) the new leaders are:

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Gross Contribution</u>	<u>Chapter Coordinator</u>
Northern California	\$105,246	Young D. Stewart, PSD
Orange County	\$99,903	Roland Cormier
Arrowhead/Desert Valley	\$59,517	Dietrich K. Rubelius
<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Average per Council</u>	<u>Chapter Coordinator</u>
Orange County	\$4,995	Roland Cormier
San Joaquin Chapter	\$3,739	Al Haman
Redwood	\$2,795	Robert Roche
<u>Council</u>	<u>Gross Contribution</u>	<u>Grand Knight</u>
9487	\$37,000	John A. Piccolo
4041	\$22,254	Dean R. Henderson
982	\$18,796	Joseph L. Mangiameli

We are still looking for support from the 139 councils that did not participate this year. It is never too late to hold a Parish Drive or make a council contribution. We are also looking for the funds from the 107 councils that held a drive, but have not turned in the funds. Do not wait for all funds from sponsors to be received. We need each council to turn in their funds as soon as possible. If additional funds are received you can make a second contribution to the MR Foundation and you will receive credit for all funds turned in. Another friendly reminder, these are public funds and are entrusted to councils to be passed to the MR Foundation in a timely manner. Thank-you for your cooperation!

The Columbian Foundation for People with Mental Retardation, Inc is dedicated to high standards through a total commitment to quality in people and in the service it provides. Everyone's help is needed. Thank-you for your participation!

A final request! Some councils decided not to hold a MR Drive this year. Frank Nigro is extremely interested in knowing why. Your input could have an effect on future MR Drives. Please provide him the reason, as well as any constructive criticism, you are willing to share. Mail to: Frank Nigro, PSD, 11292 Reagan St., Los Alamitos, CA 90720. Again thank-you for your support!

John Giltner, PGK, FDD, MR Foundation PR Chairman

## Public Information / Bulletin News

It is hard to believe that we have passed the mid point of our Columbian Year. In the case of bulletins, Public Relations and Web Sites, it is time to consider getting the necessary articles ready to submit for judging. Judging must be completed by the beginning of April in order to relate the results to the Council activities and Program Directors.

Thus far, I have not received as many bulletins as there should be. So many councils produce excellent Newsletters and do not submit them for recognition. Divisions 1 2 and 3 have hardly any participation. This makes my job easier, however is it fair to the council members who work so hard in the various programs and not be noticed?

It is not too late to send in your Public Relations, your Web pages and for the lower divisions, your bulletins.

All the information that you need is on pages 91 through 95 in the State program Handbook.

Hoping to hear from many of you.

Roland Cormier, Public Information / Bulletin Chairman

## State Scholarship News

One of the most overlooked Knights of Columbus Programs is the State Scholarship, designed specifically for high school seniors planning to enter College or continuing students currently enrolled in a College or University. Deadline for submittal of an application portfolio is March 1, 2008

The Scholarship Program offers 11 \$1,000 scholarships plus 1 \$500 scholarship, has helped many students in California to afford to begin College and others to stay in College and provides no restrictions to the type of school, whether a public or private institution.

Qualifications of Scholarships, Required Documents, Scholarship Application, Verification of Eligibility, Personal Statement Requirements, Application Portfolio Deadline and Portfolio Submittal Location are all found on Pages 124 through 127 within the California State Council Program Handbook and the State Council Website. Every Grand Knight in every Council has a copy of this Handbook

You can't possibly imagine the words of gratitude and prayers of thanksgiving that come to us from winning Scholarship recipients and their families. Yet, how many times I have the words from Brother Knights, "If I only knew about it, my son or daughter would have applied for it because they might qualify for a Scholarship".

NOW is the time for students and their families to begin the application process in order to meet the deadline of March 1, 2008. NOW is the time for all Councils and Brother Knights to promote this valuable Program that supports the youth of our State.

God Bless,

David Walker, Chairman, California State Scholarship Committee

K of C Retreats



*The Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos*  
300 Manresa Way, Los Altos, CA 94022-4659  
(650) 948-4491 main phone, (650) 948-0640 fax



February 29 to March 2, 2008  
(Friday evening until Sunday afternoon)

**"Zacchaeus, Come Down! Lazarus, Come Out!"**

A Silent Retreat for the Knights of Columbus - \$220

Jesus took the measure of the men he met. He called them powerfully and abruptly from isolation, slavery and death into communion, service and a new life. During this retreat weekend, as Brother Knights, we will learn to hear the call of Christ our King and be prompt and diligent in our response to His call to service.

† Attend this retreat and welcome the blessings it will offer! †

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The spiritual director will be Fr. Kevin Ballard, SJ. He was born in San Francisco and raised in a traveling military family. He joined the Society of Jesus in 1972 and was ordained in 1985. Fr. Ballard's ministry, mainly in parishes, has also included community organizing, high school teaching and retreat work. Three years serving in Kathmandu, Nepal were a highlight and his delight. He has an ongoing interest in Ignatian Spirituality and the Spiritual Exercises.

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Non-Knights are also invited to attend.

You may register for this retreat by mail to the above address;

By calling the JRS of Los Altos at (650) 948-4491;

Or on-line at: <https://www.jrclosaltos.org/login.jsp?eventID=2025>

There is more to the Jesuit Retreat Center than spiritual growth. During this retreat you will have access to the center's lovely 40 acre grounds, outdoor shrines, chapel, conference facilities and great view of the Silicon Valley / San Francisco Bay; plus two nights private lodging and six delicious meals. Jesuit Retreats are a quality experience at a bargain price.

For more information contact the following Knights:

Coastal area - Ed Bystran, KofC@bystran.com, (831) 661-0135

Central area - Jim Letcher, JLetcher@cwnet.com, (916) 663-4463

## State Convention News

### Convention Public Relations Chairman Report

The California Knights of Columbus 106th Annual State Convention to be held at the Doubletree Hotel in San Jose, California on May 16 and 17, 2008 is only four month's away. Have you made your reservations? This is a great opportunity to make your visit to the San Jose/San Francisco Bar Area a family vacation. Come a day or two early or stay a few extra days and enjoy the many local attractions. The famous San Francisco wharf and Pier 39 are just miles away. The peak tourist season will not have started, so hotel rooms will be reasonable and the attractions should not be that crowded.

Non delegates to the convention have a choice of two tours on Friday May 20, 2007. Tour A will go to Winchester Mystery House and then it will proceed to Santana Row, an upscale shopping center, home to many luxury restaurants and outlets. Tour B will visit the Filoli Center & Garden and then it will proceed to the Cantor Arts center at Stanford University home of the largest collection of works in bronze by Auguste Rodin outside of Paris.

Friday night entertainment - Don't be the only people in the hospitality suite Friday evening. Join the state family and all the delegates and their wives for a musical Friday night of entertainment with the Country Line Trio. You worked hard all day. The Friday Night entertainment is meant to give you a chance to relax with friends and have some fun for only \$15.00. Do you remember where you were when you first heard "Where Have All The Flowers Gone" and "Tom Dooley". I don't, but I am looking forward to having the Country Line Trio refresh my memory. You are going to have to arrive early, if you want to sit as a group, as we expect the show to be a sell out.

A chance to play golf for free on Thursday May 15, 2008! First here are the prizes.

1st place (All men) team low score \$400

2nd place (All men) team low score \$300

3rd place (All men) team low score \$200

1st place (Men & woman or all woman) team low score \$400

2nd place (Men & woman or all woman) team low score \$300

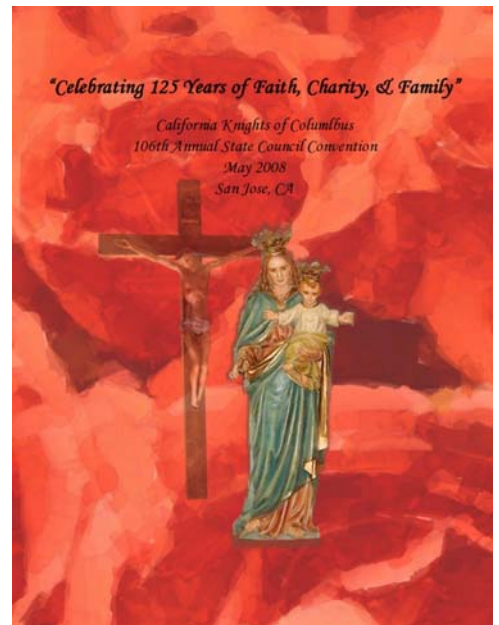
These prizes and several additional prizes that are available could cover the cost of admission. It all depends on how you play in the tournament. Even if you do not win, you will have a great afternoon of fun and fraternity. At the modest cost of \$90.00 you will have the opportunity to play with knights and their ladies from throughout the state. Also, you will have access to a golf cart; you will receive a sleeve of golf balls, and a banquet lunch. We are limited to 144 participants at the Los Lagos Golf Club so you need to make your reservations early. This year's chairman, Ralph Manfredo, is looking forward to providing you a great event.

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Chapel - Please stop by the San Carlos Room for some quiet time and reflection. The Adoration Chapel will be open Friday from 10:00 AM until 9:00 PM and Saturday from 7:00 AM until 9:00 PM. Come in relax, talk to our Lord and Savior and your week end will be complete.

Review the options in the pre convention booklet that was mailed to all Financial Secretaries or check the State website <http://www.KofC-california.org> for details. The state convention is an opportunity for our families to connect with other families, and share our faith and fraternalism. The State Deputy looks forward to seeing all of you at this year's state convention. And we will be welcoming a VERY special guest.

John Giltner, PGK, FDD, State Convention PR chairman.



## Council 4540 News

Father Grealy Council #4540 will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary on February 16, 2008 at St. Rose of Lima Parish Church in Roseville, CA. The Council is the oldest continuously operating Council in Placer County. It was started at the behest of T. Bunker, the District Deputy at the time, and a member of Sacramento Council #953, in 1957. The Council was sworn in on February 13, 1958, and served Roseville, Citrus Heights and Rocklin. Three other Councils have been spun off from the Fr. Grealy Council: Infant Mary #4964 in Citrus Heights; St. Clare Council # 12887 in Roseville; and the latest, St. Joseph Mareello Council, 13518 in Granite Bay.

The celebration will commence with a Mass at 5:30 PM at St. Rose Church. A 4th Degree Color Corp will be in attendance. The Mass will be concelebrated with St. Rose Pastor and Council Chaplain, Rev. Michael McKeon, Msgr. Vito Mistretta, Pastor emeritus of Holy Family Church, and Chaplain emeritus of Infant Mary Council, Rev. Paul V. Ricks, Chaplain of St. Clare Council and Rev. Arnold R. Ortiz, Chaplain of St. Joseph Mareello Council. Also concelebrating and the homilist, will be Rev. William Breault, S.J.

Following the Mass, there will be a social and banquet in the St. Rose Parish Hall. Music will be provided by the 30's 40's, and 50's orchestra. The guest speaker will be the Worthy State Warden, Charles Clark, representing the Worthy State Deputy James Scroggin.

## Council 2431 News

On Sunday, January 13th, the Alhambra Council 2431 of the Knights of Columbus celebrated its 85th Anniversary with a gala banquet at Monterey Hill Restaurant in Monterey Park. “The event was very well attended and everyone seemed to have a really good time. We were very pleased with the turn out, and we would like to thank everyone for coming. We would also like to thank our sponsors for helping to make the event a success,” said Dean Smith, Deputy Grand Knight and the event coordinator.

The theme for the banquet was “Celebrating 85 Years of Service to Our Church and Community,” and in keeping with that theme, the assembled guests were treated to a selection of music that included popular songs from nearly every decade of the 20th Century, dating back to the time of the Council’s founding during the Roaring 20’s. To further set the tone, each of the tables was separately designated to represent one of the decades and they were festively decorated and adorned with pictures and trinkets unique to that particular decade.

The program included brief speeches of congratulations from various invited guests and dignitaries. Fr. Paul Menke, the Pastor of St. Thomas More Church in Alhambra, one of the churches currently serviced by the Alhambra Council, led off the festivities and was followed to the podium by representatives of several of Alhambra Council’s charitable partners, including the Wheelchair Foundation, the Marian Homes and Five Acres. (For links to each of these charities, and for more information about Alhambra Council’s involvement with them, visit Alhambra Council’s website <http://kofc2431.googlepages.com/alhambra>.)

After that, James Baker, Jr., President of the San Gabriel Valley Chapter of the Knights of Columbus, offered words of congratulations and encouragement and District Deputy #78 Gary Ganibi delivered a message of greetings and congratulations from Knights’ California State Deputy James Scroggin. The final speaker was Alhambra City Councilman, the Honorable Dr. Steven Placido who presented Grand Knight Armando Cabrera with a proclamation from the City Council recognizing and congratulating Alhambra Council 2431 for its 85 years of dedicated service. Councilman Placido also invited Cabrera and Smith to attend the City Council meeting the following evening for a more formal and public presentation of the Proclamation. (See photo next page).

When the speeches were over, the guests were shown a video slideshow presentation on the history of the Council. (A link to this video is also available on the Council’s website). The program then culminated with a “raffle-style” give-away of a variety of door prizes which were specially donated for this event by more than half a dozen sponsors. . After that, the music continued and dancing ensued until the remaining guests decided to call it an evening.



The Mayor of Alhambra, Luis Ayala (r.) presents a Proclamation of Congratulations to Grand Knight Armando Cabrera (c.) at the Alhambra City Council meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup>, with DGK Dean Smith (l.) standing by.

### Prayers for Brothers, Family, and Friends

Please pray for the repose of the souls of our deceased Brother Knights, relatives, and friends:

Bishop Juan Alfredo Arzube, former auxiliary of Los Angeles, was called to the Lord on December 25, 2007 at the age of 89. During his 53 years as a priest, Bishop Arzube served primarily at parishes in downtown Los Angeles and other Spanish speaking communities. He was active in assorted efforts to assist immigrants, supervised the erection of a shrine at Our Lady of Guadalupe, a mission church where he served, and supported the creation of the Episcopal Commission of the Alta Baja Bishops, for bishops from U.S. and Mexican border states. Cardinal Roger M. Mahony presided at Bishop Arzube's funeral at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Former General Agent Don Gould passed away on Tuesday, January 22, 2008.

Let us remember our members, relatives and friends who have had medical attention recently, or will have in the near future:

Bernie Gardner, Southern California District Master.

Irma, daughter of District Deputy Eduardo Galvan.

Robert Wilke, Orange County Chapter President and Former District Deputy.

Brian Hallisy Sr., Former District Deputy and Past Chapter President of San Joaquin Chapter

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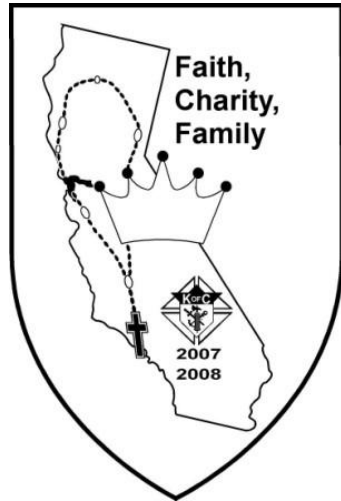
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