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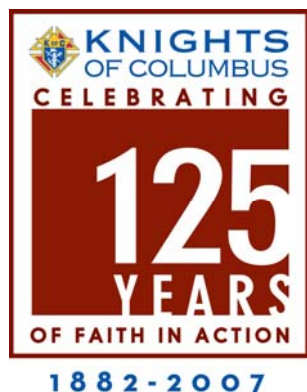
State Deputy's Message

My Brothers in Christ,

I want to extend my sincere appreciation for your support in electing me “again” to represent each and every one of you as State Deputy of the Great State of California. Our legacy continues to grow and each one of us must do our part in order for it to continue. We had an outstanding year in terms of membership growth under State Deputy, Emilio Moure. But we must hit the road running and continue our growth as we head into this next Columbian Year. To do this will take the cooperation of all of us—State Officers, Chapter Presidents, District Deputies, State Committeemen, Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators, State Squire Officers and Chief Squires. Remember, we are all on the same TEAM and must act accordingly in a positive manner in order to make and exceed our goals for the year.



The District Deputy's workshop was highly successful with 104 of the 115 District Deputies present. I commend all of the DD's and State Committeemen who took time from your busy schedules to be in Ontario to present and learn about the inner workings of the State Council and what is going to happen this year with our State Programs. For those not in attendance, please let the State Office know that you are ready for your materials so that you can hold your District workshops for all of your Council Officers and Directors. Some Districts do not have a District Deputy assigned and some have “interim” District Deputies assigned who are Chapter Officers. Some Brother Knight in these Districts need to “STEP UP” and be counted and do something positive for the “GOOD OF THE ORDER” so that the district will have the leadership that each one so desperately needs in order to succeed.



My Brothers, we have a great opportunity while celebrating the 125th Anniversary of our Order, to make things happen in California—to honor our Bishops and Priests, our families, and to continue to make the charitable donations in terms of dollars and hours that will make Catholics that are not associated with our Order sit up and take notice.

What about BELLA?? You will soon be contacted by representatives of Metanoia Films about setting up private showings of the movie, “Bella”. Our Supreme Director, Supreme Master and I and our wives were able to preview this wonderful film in New Haven and then we brought it to Ontario for an exclusive showing for the our State Council leadership. I don’t think there was a dry eye in the ballroom. Please listen to these young people when they call you and consider joining with other Councils and involving the members of your Parish and youth groups in showing this film in your communities. It is a wonderful film of “conversion” or metanoia and how one’s life has changed for the positive. Also, by taking up donations at the end of the film you can send a sizeable amount of money to a local pro life organization or to your Bishop for his pro life activities.

I want to thank Father John Grace for his continued support as State Chaplain and Fr. Paul Minnihan for continuing the Faith Based initiatives that were started last year and for agreeing to be an Associate State Chaplain. I also want to thank Msgr. John Coelho-Harguindeguy for also helping as an Associate State Chaplain. We need to continue to support our Bishops and Priests as never before. What better way than to purchase annuities for their retirement days. Make sure you have contact with your General Agents and Field Agents. Hold benefit nights. Invite, not only your members, but parishioners who might be interested in becoming part of the Order. These men are also available to help you during your membership drives and at any other function that you would like them to attend.

Your State Officers and Directors are here for all of you. If there are problems, all you need to do is ask. Be sure to use the proper chain of command so that there are no surprises along the way. The Knights of Columbus has had and continues to have many traditions—**TRADITIONS OF FAITH, TRADITIONS OF CHARITY, AND TRADITIONS OF FAMILY. WITH THE SUPPORT OF OUR HOLY MOTHER, OUR LADY OF VICTORY, HOW CAN WE GO WRONG?** Please pray the Rosary often and consider starting up Rosary Prayer groups in your Councils or Districts.

Our Lady of Victory, Pray for Our Faithful, Charitable Family,

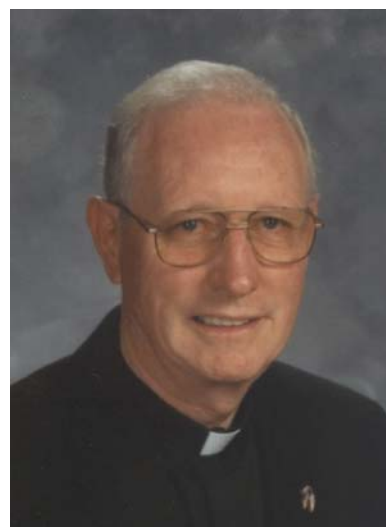
James R. Scroggin, PSD, VSM
State Deputy

State Chaplain's Message

Dear Brothers and fellow Knights,
Greetings to you and all your family members.

This is being written on July 1st, the beginning of a new Columbian Year.

Many thanks to all our Brother Knights who have shouldered the burden of office for the last year, and many of you for much longer than just one year. Let us pray for all who have accepted an office beginning today, that we may have a year abounding with many blessings, with much progress as we show ourselves to be true disciples of the Lord and the Order, and that we may be good stewards of the many gifts entrusted to our care.



Last month I promised that I would give you more information about our special Chaplains' Meeting in New Haven at the end of May, '07. It would be more correctly called the Supreme Chaplain's Focus Group. It was never meant to be a decision making gathering, but rather a discussion group to get the feeling of what is happening and what needs to be done from the Chaplains' point of view at Council and State levels. In brief, we need to look more carefully at our formation as members of the Knights of Columbus. Can we say we have a K of C Spirituality? Have we ever even considered what should be our specific spirituality as Knights? In this context, Bishop Lori, our Supreme Chaplain, observed that we need a 'male spirituality'. Does that sound strange? Does that exclude the family? Not at all! Different Religious Orders and Congregations have their own special spirituality, and that gives them their direction within the Catholic Church. We have a unique advantage in that we are already well established within the Church, very well respected, and many pastors depend on the Knights when they wish to have something organized. All very true. However, the time has arrived for the Knights to look much more seriously at our Knights' Spirituality. Our whole approach must begin to exude a deep spirit of faith in who we are as God's chosen ones (by our Baptism), and how we are God's elect by our special calling as disciples. Yes, we have been called to a special vocation as Knights. We are merely Stewards of God's gifts, so we respond by accepting that responsibility as Knights. All our activities must spring from a deep spirituality, looking to make the presence of God evident in Council, Assembly, and Chapter meetings, so that we may be, and be seen to be, a truly faith based Order.

For the moment, I just wish that you be conscious of all this. Together we will see how this can best be developed and practiced.

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.

Bella

July 1, 2007

Worthy Grand Knights,

At our State Convention held in Ontario, CA during the month of May, State Deputy, Emilio Moure and Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, introduced all in attendance to “Bella.” While we were able to just view a snippet of the movie, there was not a doubt that it was a winner (Toronto Film Festival) and that it would be a movie worthy of our support.

During the State Deputy’s Orientation Meetings held in New Haven, CT earlier this month, I, along with all of the State Deputies and our wives from all jurisdictions were shown the complete movie, although not in its final cut. Needless to say, we were all very impressed, especially with the main actor, Eduardo and the producer, Leo. Besides, I don’t think there was a dry eye in the house. I requested that the movie be shown to the California State Leadership at the upcoming District Deputy’s Orientation. I was overwhelmed when the response was positive. Eduardo, Leo and a group of interns brought “Bella” to Ontario for an exclusive showing for our State Officers, District Deputies, and State Committeemen.

This movie is worthy of our recognition and support. I cannot wait to see it again. Our Supreme Knight stated, “That it could be about any Catholic family,” as it shows a strong “Pro Life” position, which we support with time and dollars every year. In fact, after the film, everyone in attendance brought out their wallets and purses and we collected \$1,300.00 for Project Rachel in the San Bernardino Diocese.

You will soon be contacted by a representative of “Bella” about setting up a viewing in your community. I urge each and every Council to support the showing of “Bella” by speaking with your Pastors and getting your Parishioners involved. More than one Council or a District could even get together to initially fund the showing of this outstanding film and then be reimbursed through the sale of the tickets. At the end a donation could be taken up and given to a Pro Life Organization in your community or to your Bishop for his efforts in this arena.

Your Supreme Council and State Council are very supportive of this film and I urge all Knights of Columbus and their families to stand up and do something positive in your communities. 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 Warden Message

My Brothers:

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the trust that you have placed in me to carry out the duties of State Warden for this Columbian Year.

As I mentioned in my address to the delegates at our convention in May, when I became a member of our great order back in 1981, I had no idea at that time, that I would be seeking a state office position.

During the month of June, I have come to realize what an overwhelming and awesome responsibility your state officers undertake.

With the help of the Holy Spirit, Our Lady of Victory and the support of the other State Officers, and the involvement of all members of this jurisdiction, I know that the State of California will again have a banner year under the leadership of our State Deputy, Jim Scroggin.

Faith, Family, Charity
Charlie Clark
State Warden

Membership Director's Message

Don't be afraid to share the "Experience of a Lifetime". For 125 years Catholic men like you and I have been given the opportunity to make a difference in our Church and our communities through our membership in the greatest Catholic lay fraternal organization in the world. Why don't we share that opportunity with every eligible Catholic gentleman; whether it be a good friend, a family member or just an acquaintance at church.

As we begin the Columbian year of 2007 – 2008, the team of chosen officers led by State Deputy Jim Scroggin is dedicated to lead our state to new highs in membership and fraternal activities, in the tradition of the leaders that have built this Order in California since its formation in 1902. We invite you to join us in this effort starting today by asking a qualified Catholic gentleman to join your Council thus growing and achieving new heights. Start by being visible, wear your name badge and lapel pin whenever possible and be ready to discuss the benefits of membership at all times.

To those of you who have sponsored men in the past but have notice that they have not become active, make a phone call or a face to face inquiry as to their reasons for not being active, it is your duty to that man to make sure he experiences of membership and not let him fall through the cracks.

Together we can make a difference in the life of Catholic men and their family as we encourage their growth both morally and spiritually through the opportunity to volunteer and make a difference in the community and the Church.

Ross Willour, PSD
Membership Director

Membership Recap for 2006-2007

Hearty congratulations to all those members of the state membership team who did their job and recruited new members this year. You helped our Worthy State Deputy, Emilio Moure attain some very specific goals while also helping to earn awards for your councils.

Our Worthy State Deputy attained the Supreme “Circle of Honor” by netting 162% of the supreme goal in membership. California finished in 5th place. We had a gain of 3,731 members, a loss of 1,438 members, and a net of 2,293 members for that 162%.

New council development fell a little short with 9 new councils with a goal of 12. The reactivation goal was 12 and our final total was 13. We easily surpassed, though late, the round table quota of 225 with 250.

Council Membership Awards given at the State Convention were:

Division I—1st Place—Council 14123

Division I—2nd Place—Council 10925

Division I—3rd Place—Council 14007

Division II—1st Place—Council 9497

Division II—2nd Place—Council 8728

Division II—3rd Place—Council 7467

Division III—1st Place—Council 9332

Division III—2nd Place—Council 12085

Division III—3rd Place—Council 11881

Division IV—1st Place—Council 9202

Division IV—2nd Place—Council 10094

Division IV—3rd Place—Council 9022

Division V—1st Place—Council 3148

Division V—2nd Place—Council 12451

Division V—3rd Place—Council 4567

Best Council Membership (Total Gain) Council 3148

Best Council Membership (Net Gain %) Council 14123

Best Council Overall Membership—Council 3148

Top Recruiters—Ron Novello—Council 9195

Rev. Msgr. Emad H. Al-Shaikh—Council 9332

Gerald Comer—Council 14241

Shining Armor Award winners were:

Council—#3368—Grand Knight Jerry Falkenhan
District—# 111—District Deputy Edward Ashbaugh
Chapter—Northern California Chapter—Chapter President David Abbott
Field Agent—Jim Jordan, Ficf—Don Krolak Agency
General Agent—Don Krolak, Ficf, Don Krolak Agency

The following councils in each chapter led the way with the top percentage of membership for the 2nd half of the Columbian year and were awarded a check for \$50.00 at the recent District Deputies Meeting held in Ontario:

Northern Chapter—Council #9202—533%
Redwood Chapter—Councils #9090, #4025, #12400—140%
St. Francis Chapter—Council #1292—200%
San Jose Chapter—Council #2469—220%
Oakland Chapter—Council #7467—260%
San Joaquin Chapter—Council #14123—640%
Junipero Serra Chapter—Councils #4593, #9486—100%
Central Calif. Chapter—Council #12085—380%
Kern-Inyo Chapter—Councils #12719, #9530—140%
Los Padres Chapter—Council #1684—200%
Mission High Desert Chapter—Council #6016—171%
Southern California Chapter—Council #3148—608%
San Gabriel Valley Chapter—Council #14007—440%
Orange County Chapter—Council #12451—375%
Arrowhead Desert Valley Chapter—Council #9497—660%
San Diego Chapter—Council 9332—420%

The Northern California Chapter made 100%(actual 115%) of the chapter membership goal and was presented with a check for \$1,000.00 to give to the Bishop of Sacramento for his seminarian fund.

The San Joaquin Chapter also made 100% (actual 102%) of the chapter membership goal and will be presented with a check for \$1,000.00 at the chapter installation of officers to give to the Bishop of Stockton for his seminarian fund.

Congratulations to all of the above for a great year!!

Jim Scroggin, PSD, VSM, SD
Former Membership Director

Recruitment Chairman's Report

Happy New Year and congratulations to all District Deputies, State Officers, Council Officers, Chapter Officers and Assembly Officers. We begin a new with new challenges, new goals and lots of new members to recruit. All you need to do is ask.

Our first statewide membership drive will be held September 15 – 16, 2007. You need to start planning NOW. You need to obtain permission from your Pastor NOW. You need to order recruitment material from the Supreme Office NOW. The details for a successful membership drive are located in the California Membership Campaign 2007- 2008 booklet. All you need to do is ask.

But do not wait until September to start recruiting. Recruiting is a year long effort. It is primarily one on one or two on one recruiting at Mass, at all Parish events and in your neighborhood. We will be having three state wide recruiting drives this year, but these are meant to supplement your ongoing recruiting efforts not replace them. I suggest you make a big push early in the year while the enthusiasm of the new council officers is high. All you need to do is ask.

Let your prospects know we understand the many commitments for his time. We only ask for the amount of time the prospect is comfortable contributing. Perhaps 2 hours for the MR Drive, two hours with his family for a corporate Communion or two hours working on a council or Parish project. With 8,760 hours in a year that is not a lot to ask. All you need to do is ask.

John Giltner,
State Recruitment Chairman

**Form #100
Belongs in
All of These Places**

- Briefcase
- In Your Pocket
- Near Your Phone
- Glove Compartment
- Everywhere You Go!

**SIGN UP A
NEW MEMBER
TODAY!**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

New Council Development Report

Today, we are still pursuing Father MacGivney's goal of one council in every parish, and as shown by the excellent record, the Order has enjoyed over the past years, we are closer today than ever before. However, there is still a long way to go. During his first address to the State Deputies, Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, stated that, "We have nothing less than a moral obligation to offer every eligible Catholic man the opportunity and the privilege of membership in our Order." He also stated, "We must have a Knights of Columbus council in every parish."

The development of new councils is primarily the responsibility of the District Deputy, with the assistance of the State New Council development chairman, State / Chapter Membership / NCD Chairman and the Insurance Agent. The District Deputy should determine the potential of both the initial and future membership in the specific area under consideration. Are existing councils attracting the vast majority of Catholic men in the area, or are they "hitting and missing?" Always remember Father McGivney's dream of a Knights of Columbus council in every parish. This is still our goal and you should strive to achieve it within your district.

The days of a one council effectively serving five, or six or ten parishes are gone. Each priest deserves his own council and our job is to make sure he gets one. Over the last couple of years, I have chaired the New Council Development program in the state and I have seen a progressively steady growth among the District Deputies in pursuing Father McGivney's dream. As we install the councils within our districts, we must not miss our opportunities to speak to the pastors and the Grand Knights that are servicing more than one parish. Each year, the Supreme Council sets a quota for our State Council. At the District Deputies orientation meeting, we were told that the quota was eleven. We must not think of achieving the quota; rather, we must think of surpassing our quota. California has so much potential, but we must look within ourselves if we are to change the society we live in.

Our many programs look to help many people and we are actively taking part in changing many lives through our Wheelchair Program, the MR drive, Special Olympics and the many other programs that the Knights of Columbus support. There is no brother that can say if he has actively involved himself and his family with our programs, that it has not changed his life. Every eligible Catholic family deserves the opportunity to live out Father McGivney's dream and experience "the experience of a lifetime."

Joe Salaiz,
NCD Chairman

Public Information and Bulletins Report

The District Deputy Orientation meeting in June did not allow sufficient time for all the various Chairmen to get their programs across. This monthly Knightletter is an excellent vehicle to get the word across.

The Public Information (Public Relations) and Bulletins programs are on pages 91 through 95 in the State Program Handbook. These pages contain the information necessary for the judging and submission of your bulletins both mailed and electronic, your Web Sites and your Public Relations.

Your mailed bulletins are judged by division and must show the division on the front cover. It is very time consuming for a chairman to research your division. There are also new Postal requirements for those councils who send bulletins by bulk mail on a Non Profit Permit. Your mailing costs can be reduced by conforming to the new rule. Use of staples is discouraged as they interfere with the electronic readers. Just a fold and using a tab to hold the bulletin together is sufficient.

As you advertise your programs through the various means of Public Relations, remember to keep a copy aside to be submitted in April. Your Public Relations can be newspaper articles, a radio announcement, Church or Diocesan bulletin article and submissions to the Columbia Magazine. Public Relations can be any means of communicating your events.

Remember, Insurance and annuity advertising other than Knights of Columbus will be automatically disqualified. Promoting YOUR Knights of Columbus Insurance is the only insurance advertising acceptable.

Judging web pages and Electronic bulletins require that you request me to review your page or bulletin. My E-Mail address is on page 91. Feel free to contact me.

The time to begin making your reports and submissions for awards is as they occur then submitted by the deadline.

Roland Cormier,
Public Information and Bulletin Chairman.

The Natural Choice is Life

Service Program Director's Message

Congratulations and thank you for your leadership and participation in the charitable activities of our Order. Over the coming year, many demands will be placed upon you. You and your families will put in countless hours providing invaluable service to your, parishes, schools and communities. As a leader and member of your Council, District, Chapter or Assembly, we ask you look over the many programs and charities in the California Program Manual and give them your consideration. It is the objective of the State Service Program and committeeman to assist you in achieving your fraternal and charitable goals for the 2007-2008 Columbian year.

It is not our intent to “reinvent the wheel”. The programs are organized into the traditional “Surge with Service” categories recommended by Supreme and adopted by many Councils locally. In the California Program Manual, you will find directors, chairmen and committeemen for programs involving Church, Council, Family, Youth, and Community Activities as well as the Culture of Life. All are standing by to assist you with advice, answers and resources to help you with the good works of our Order. We trust you will find a “good fit” in your local area for many of the programs offered.

Many of the programs you have undoubtedly heard of before. The “Blue Rose of Mary for Vocations”, “Keep Christ in Christmas”, Wheelchair Foundation, Special Olympics, Columbian Squires, Free-throw, Soccer Challenge, Parochial Schools and Scholarships, Fund Drive for People with Intellectual Disabilities, Columbian Charities, Columbian Retirement Home and Advocacy for the Culture of Life, to name a few, are all worthy of your time and attention.

Through faith, charity, family and our devotion to the Holy Catholic Church, the dream of our founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, will truly continue to flourish and grow. It is the goal of your State Service Program committee to see every Council in California receives the Columbian Award – a necessary stepping stone to the Star Council Award. The Columbian Award is achieved by participating in at least four activities in each of the five “Surge with Service” categories. We look forward to serving you in the coming year.

Yours in Charity and Service,

Dave Abbott,

Service Program Director

Third Degree Schedule

Below is the current list of Third Degrees which have 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>
08/11/2007	Concord*	Steve Hagarty, DD # 34	925-680-8714	Oakland
	* This degree is not yet confirmed.			
09/22/2007	Watsonville	Ed Bystran, DD #42	831-661-1035	Junipero Serra

State Good of the Order Report

The Good of the Order Committee invites your ideas. The California State Council Bylaws, Section 5.3.7 provide as follows:

“The Good of the Order Committee shall consist of not more than five (5), nor less than three (3) members, at the discretion of the State Deputy. The duties of this committee shall be to study problems generally affecting the Order, and to formulate and present to the succeeding State council meeting its recommendations in such matters by means of resolutions.”

Traditionally, this committee has simply provided resolutions honoring the bishops of the diocese in which the State convention was being held, other appropriate religious, certain Supreme and State Officers and other dignitaries.

In reading the duties set forth in the Bylaws, it seemed to me that we should be more proactive. Therefore, our committee is encouraging councils to tell us their views of problems generally affecting the Order that they would like for us to study, and to send us draft resolutions or, at least, ideas for the committee to consider in proposing resolutions

I will pledge to you that this committee will take its job seriously and will follow through with any ideas that you present to us. We may or may not agree with you but we will give it a fair hearing. The earlier you give us your ideas the better chance we will have to study and consider them. If you wait until the last minute, forget it!

The names and contact information for the members of this committee are:

Casey Haas	seahaas@cwnet.com
Pat Castonguay	pcast@cwnet.com
Jose L, Quiroz, Sr.	jose43@sbcglobal.net

Fraternally,

Jack Willoughby,

State Good of the Order Committee Chairman

jackw@surewest.net

MR Drive News

This year's MR Drive is scheduled to be held October 19, 20 and 21, 2007. NOW is the time to start planning. During the last 19 years the California Jurisdiction raised \$11,373,121. If we are to achieve this year's goal of \$1,200,000 we need to begin the process. Turn in the MR Drive Council Chairman Form MR20 as soon as possible. The Chairman will receive valuable information and the required forms directly from the Columbian Foundation.

Columbian Foundation President, Frank Nigro, has three Regional Chairmen:

North – William Glover 408-629-8229 wjgglover@hotmail.com

Central – Brian L. Hallisy Sr. 209-862-1853 Kofc@sbcglobal.net

Southern – Jerry Constance 562-860-1777 jxconst@comcast.net

California Knightletter

Contact them with any questions you may have. Ask them to speak at chapter meetings Grand Knight Orientations and council meetings.

This is a very visible activity for the Knights of Columbus. We are raising funds from the public and returning it to the local community. These are not council funds and the MR Drive is not competing with other activities the council is supporting. Once again you are not using council funds.

Councils will be receiving their 2007 MR Drive information book shortly. If you need new aprons you must order them by August 15, 2007. The order form is on page 15 of the book. Also, you need to contact potential locations. A sample request letter to use the location is on page 23 of the book. Actually, if you follow the instructions in the book you will have a very successful drive.

Please let me know your success stories. How you have raised funds in the past? What was the most satisfying part of holding the drive? What did your council members have to say about the drive? I will share the information with the whole state membership. Please include council name, number and the chairman's name. Send your information to jldgiltner@aol.com.

John Giltner,
MR Drive PR Chairman

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

The Leatherby family is organizing a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina (formerly Yugoslavia), the place where our Blessed Mother has allegedly been appearing to six young people since June 24, 1981. Our Blessed Mother says her messages are for the entire world, to lead it to conversion and ultimately peace. ***“I have come to tell the world that God exists. He is the fullness of life, and to enjoy this fullness and peace, you must return to God.”*** For those of you who may not know, these apparitions have been the source of great grace and healing (both physical and spiritual) for over 20 million pilgrims from all over the world, which our family can confirm from personal experience. Thus, we are hopeful, that by arranging this pilgrimage, others might be able to travel to this place of conversion and to find for themselves this “new life”, full of joy, love, and peace.

The dates of the trip are Thursday, September 27th to Friday, October 5th, and the cost is \$2,095. We have worked very hard to keep the price at a minimum and believe you will find this is a much better rate than other pilgrimage operators, and especially when you factor in the European exchange rate for the US dollar and the prices of gasoline and air flights.

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Furthermore, the cost is all-inclusive, covering:

- round-trip bus transportation from Sacramento to San Francisco
- round-trip flights from San Francisco (other destinations available upon request)
- transportation to and from Medjugorje
- 7 days, 7 nights in a modern, lovely family pension in Medjugorje, just behind St. James' Church,
- **meals included** ,breakfast and dinner (no lunch)
- a private, local guide to Apparition Hill, Mount Krizevac, the Cenacolo Community
- talks by the Visionaries, and the monthly apparition of Our Lady
- day trip to visit Fr. Jozo, parish priest at the time of the first apparition, for talk and healing service
- time for confession, personal prayer, adoration services
- a priest to accompany our group, available for confession and spiritual guidance

We expect a group of approximately 25 to 35 people. If you or anyone you know might be interested in joining us, we would love to have you join us!

Due to the fluctuating cost of airplane reservations, we will need a confirmation as soon as possible, which can be emailed to Kimberly (Leatherby) Murin at kimberlytheresa@hotmail.com , and should include:

- * Name (as it appears on your passport)
- * Address
- * Phone number
- * Email address
- * Passport Number
- * Passport's date of issue and expiration
- * Date of birth
- * Any special requests you have for the flight (from different departure city to seat/meal preferences)

In addition, a non-refundable initial deposit of \$300 will need to be paid no later than July 23, 2007, to reserve your space. This deposit can be mailed to Kimberly Murin, 3730 Winding Creek Road, Sacramento, California 95864.

Should you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, and please feel free to invite any whom you feel might want or be called to join us!

May God bless you through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Kimberly Murin

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KofC San Gabriel Valley Chapter Officers' Installation Mass & BBQ Dinner



Sunday, August 26, 2007

Fr. Maguire Council #3851
4315 N. Vincent Avenue - Covina, CA

11:00AM Mass and Installation

12:00PM Social Hour

1:00PM BBQ Dinner / DJ Dancing

2:00PM Chili Cook-Off

and Horseshoe Tournament



Tickets:

\$20.00 Adult

\$5.00 Child under 12

(Grilled Cheese)

Deadline: August 17th

Send Checks to:

GENE HAYS, Chapter Secretary

1103 W. Oakdale Street

West Covina, CA 91790-3658

(626) 354-4297

genehays01@earthlink.net



Dress Code:

Jeans, Boots, Cowboy Hats



Honoring 2007-2008 Officers

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Fr. John L. Ukaegbu
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R. Eugene Hays, Sr.
Richard I. Delgado
Nestor E. Herrera
A. Joseph Catania

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Supreme Press Releases

June 13, 2007

[A.M. Best affirms Knights of Columbus rating of A++ \(Superior\)
Order's insurance program gets highest rating for 32nd consecutive year.](#)

(NEW HAVEN, CT) For the 32nd consecutive year, A.M. Best Company has assigned the Knights of Columbus its highest financial strength rating, A++ (Superior). A.M. Best is a worldwide rating and information agency, which conducts in-depth analyses and issues reports about the fiscal stability of insurance companies.

In its 2007 affirmation, A.M. Best cited the Knights of Columbus' "strong fraternal and insurance presence within the Catholic communities in the United States and Canada, its strong risk-adjusted capitalization as measured by Best's Capital Adequacy Ratio and its consistently positive statutory operating results."

The report also pointed to the K of C's "evolving fraternal programs in other countries such as Mexico, Poland the Pacific Rim territories and the Philippines, which could add to new membership growth going forward."

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson welcomed the A.M. Best report and, reflecting on the Knights of Columbus' 125th anniversary (1882-2007), said that A++ rating "is a result of continued and fervent adherence to our original mission of providing Catholic families with security and stability through top quality life insurance products." During the past decade, the amount K of C insurance in force has doubled to nearly \$64 billion.

The Knights of Columbus is an international fraternal benefit society and the world's largest lay Catholic organization with more than 1.7 million members. Last year members of the Knights of Columbus donated more than 68 million hours of volunteer service for charitable causes, and contributed more than \$143 million to charity.

June 28, 2007

[Vatican Secretary of State to Visit Convention Cardinal Bertone to
Address Knights and Receive Gaudium et Spes Award](#)

The Knights of Columbus announced June 28 that Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone will travel to the United States to attend and address the Order's 125th annual convention this August in Nashville, Tenn.

He will also receive the Order's Gaudium et Spes (Joy and Hope) award. The visit is Cardinal Bertone's first trip to the United States as Secretary of State.

"We are honored that Cardinal Bertone will be coming to the United States to attend our convention this year," said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. "To have the Vatican Secretary of State in attendance for our 125th annual convention is a great testament to the enduring legacy of our founder, the Servant of God, Father Michael J. McGivney."

Cardinal Bertone is the highest ranking Vatican official after the pope and has responsibility for overseeing many of the Vatican's internal and external affairs. He has served in that position since being appointed by Pope Benedict XVI in 2006. Prior to his role as Secretary of State, Cardinal Bertone served as Secretary for the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, where he worked closely with then Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger. In 2003, he was installed as archbishop of Genoa and was made a cardinal the same year.

Cardinal Bertone will serve as principal celebrant and homilist for the convention's opening Mass on Tuesday, Aug. 7, and will bring a special message from Pope Benedict XVI to be read during the opening session of the convention Tuesday afternoon.

He will address the cardinals and bishops attending the convention, as well as the Knights of Columbus board of directors on Wednesday evening.

On Tuesday evening the Knights of Columbus will present him with the Order's Gaudium et Spes award during the annual States Dinner.

Cardinal Bertone will be the seventh person to receive the award. The first recipient was Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta in 1992 and in 2005, Jean Vanier, founder of l'Arche, became the most recent recipient.

The award is named Gaudium et Spes in honor of the 1965 "Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World" adopted by the Second Vatican Council. A landmark of social teaching, Gaudium et Spes remains a foundational document in the renewal of pastoral action for the Catholic Church. The award is designed to recognize individuals for their exemplary service to the Church and humanity in the spirit of Christ as articulated by the work of the Second Vatican Council.

Catholic News Agency Press Releases

[Knights set new records for charitable giving, volunteer service](#)

New Haven, June 11 ([CNA](#)).-The Knights of Columbus has set a new record for charitable giving and volunteer service in 2006.

The Knights' annual survey shows that charitable contributions totaled \$143,816,004 for 2006, exceeding the previous year by more than \$4 million. Of the total amount, \$35,133,393 was donated by the Supreme Council, and \$108,682,611 by the local councils and other groups within the lay fraternity.

The survey also shows that the Knights offered a total of 68,270,432 hours in volunteer service in 2006, up more than four million hours from 2005. Among the volunteer activities, the Knights visited the sick and bereaved (six million visits). As well, 393,807 Knights donated blood to blood banks.

Other volunteer efforts were linked to the Knights' continued commitment to the states affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005. The Knights have donated more than \$10 million to the relief efforts in the region.

Over the last 10 years, the Knights of Columbus has donated nearly \$1.25 billion to charity, and provided in excess of 593 million hours of volunteer service.

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest lay Catholic organization, with 1.7 million members on four continents.

[Knight's 125th Supreme Convention draws major Catholic media coverage](#) 📺

New Haven, July 3 ([CNA](#)).-The head of the Knights of Columbus has announced that their upcoming 125th annual convention is garnering more attention as three major Catholic media groups have said they will provide coverage of the event.

The outlets that have committed to cover the event are Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN), Salt & Light Television, and Sirius Satellite Radio's The Catholic Channel.

The most extensive live coverage will be provided by EWTN, which will broadcast uninterrupted coverage throughout the opening day of the convention. The network will also bring in its News Director Raymond Arroyo to anchor the telecast. EWTN will provide translation for its Spanish speaking audience and as usual make its live broadcast available on the internet.

The American television network's coverage will include the Opening Mass, which will be celebrated by the Vatican's Secretary of State, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, the Supreme Knight's annual report, and the States Dinner program. EWTN will also include live interviews and pre-recorded segments about the K of C throughout the day.

Salt and Light, a Catholic television network from Canada, plans to broadcast live segments of Tuesday's activities, including the Mass, the Supreme Knight's report and States Dinner program. It will also be present throughout the convention to conduct interviews with delegates and Church leaders for its nightly program ZOOM and its weekly current affairs magazine, FOCUS. Salt & Light will also be preparing a documentary on the Knights of Columbus during the convention.

Sirius Satellite Radio's The Catholic Channel (channel 159) will broadcast its Busted Halo Show, hosted by Paulist Father Dave Dwyer, from the convention Wednesday, Aug. 8 from 7-9 p.m. (EDT). The Catholic Channel will provide periodic updates and interviews throughout the convention and Cardinal Edward Egan, Archbishop of New York, will record his weekly program, A Conversation with the Cardinal, from the event in Nashville.

Columbian Squire Convention News

Over 100 California Squires and Counselors enjoyed their 56th Annual Squire Convention June 29th-July 1st at Mills College in Oakland. State Chief Squire James Frohlich of San Clemente Circle #1124 conducted an interesting and fun program that climaxed in an Award Banquet that recognized the achievements of 12 Circles.

All awards were presented by State Deputy and Supreme Representative Mr. Emilio Moure who installed all the newly elected State Squire Officers. Mr Frank Nigro, Past State Deputy and State MR Chairman presented the State MR Circle of the Year Award to Napa Circle #494, a 3 time winner.

Newly elected State Squire Officers for the term 2007-2008 are:

State Chief Squire	Stephen Codekas of Indio Circle #4783
State Deputy Chief Squire	Gabriel Bisconer of Napa Circle #494
State Notary Squire	Wolfgang Hagarty of Concord Cir #5119
State Bursar Squire	Zachary Conley of Livermore Cir #4413
State Marshall Squire	Michael Schnexnayder of Escondido#4449
State Sentry Squire	Zachary Moser of Oxnard Circle # 582
State Arm Captain Squire	Kyle Newman of San Bernardino Cir #505
State Pole Captain Squire	Ken Bules of Hesperia Circle #4306

Congratulations to the new officers.

Many thanks go to retiring State Father Prior, Fr. John Grace, OSA of San Clemente who has stepped down after 3 years of dedicated service to the California State Squires. Replacement Father John Neneman of Oranges celebrated the closing Mass. Fr John proved a big hit with the Squires as well as the 30 Counselors on hand. Welcome aboard, Fr. John Neneman!

Circle of the Year	Hesperia Circle #4306
Squire of the Year	Johathon Cleland, Hesperia Circle #4306
Counselor of the Year	Mr. Ernest Stein, Oxnard Circle #582
Co-Chief Counselors of the Year	Mr Al Gomez, San Bernardino Circle #505 Mr. David Rangel, Hesperia Circle #4306
Alter Server of the Year	R.J. Garozynski, Indio Circle #4783
State Squire Committeeman/ Year	Mr. Mark Refe, Orange County Chapter

The Squire Circles honored for their participation in the areas of Spiritual, Service, Membership, Circle, Civic, Social, and Athletic activities were:

Hesperia Circle #4306	San Bernardino Circle #505	Indio Circle # 4783
Livermore Circle #4413	Oxnard Circle #582	Buena Park Circle #1707
Oceanside Circle #4974	San Jose Circle #4938	Laguna Niguel Circle #5001
Napa Circle #494	Antioch Circle #4710	Escondido Circle #4449

Daly City Circle #4716 was recognized for achieving the Top Membership of 1050%.

The newly formed Concord Circle #5119 was also welcomed to the Convention.

Council 3368 News



Assumption Council Knights joined State Deputy Jim Scroggin and State Secretary Bob Villalobos for the Annual 4th of July Parade in Coronado, Calif. Councils and Assemblies from the San Diego area participated in the parade along with a float that was built by Magellan Assembly Knights.

Prayers for Brothers, Family, and Friends

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

Brother Robert Worley, Former District Deputy, Former State Free Throw Coordinator, and State Committeeman passed away on Saturday, June 23, 2007.

Monsignor Arthur Lirette, Former State Chaplain, passed away on Monday, June 25, 2007.

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

His Excellency Stephen Blaire, Bishop of the Diocese of Stockton.

Brother Vince Giracello, Faithful Navigator and State Committee Chairman.

Brother. John Gorman, Past Grand Knight and Former District Deputy.

California Knightletter

From the Webmaster

Attention ALL CHAIRMEN! Have you checked the State Web Page lately? Are the forms which your participating Councils need up to date? DO NOT ASSUME someone is updating the forms automatically. The Webmaster has no way of knowing about changes in state forms if you don't send him the new form. If you don't have a modifiable version of the form, or if you would like to create a new form, contact the webmaster and he'll be more than willing to help you.

Is there a portion of the California State website that presents your upcoming or recent events, or other aspects and information about your program? If so, is it out of date? (Youth, Squires, etc.) If not, would you like to have some pages on the site? The current rebuilding of the webpage is an excellent time to review it. Again, contact the webmaster.

If you want your council, assembly, or chapter website linked from the state web site, www.kofc-california.org, please have the webmaster send the link information, as well as contact information to Peter Dreisbach at CaKofCwebmaster@comcast.net.

All information regarding Council, Assemblies, Districts, and Chapters and their officers on the web site is provided by the state office. If it's wrong on the web site, it's probably wrong at the state office. **Please copy the state office on all corrections sent to the webmaster.**

Also, please note that minor changes are grouped and made once a month when the *California Knightletter* is posted. This will save time given the new back up procedures.

About The *California Knightletter*

The *California Knightletter* is posted to the California State Council Web Site after the fifth of each month for download in PDF format. PDF readers can be downloaded for free from www.adobe.com. Both the full color and black & white version will be available for download and distribution.

Would you like to see your Council news here? Prepare up to one page including pictures, describing your Council's recent events or achievements. Please send in Word format (.doc) to the Editor. Picture formats (.jpg, .gif, etc.) are acceptable for pictures and artwork. When preparing these reports, please be sure to write them in the third person, identify all persons in the photos, and describe the event completely. Remember: Who What Where When Why.

Also, we will publish one page flyers for golf tournaments, Bishop's Vocation dinners, testimonial or significant Council anniversary dinners, and other major events.

All input for the newsletter should be sent directly to Peter Dreisbach at CaKnightletter@comcast.net.

The deadline for the next newsletter will be August 3rd.

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