

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CALIFORNIA STATE COUNCIL



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St. Mother Teresa

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*“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)*



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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. And we can do this through our Faith in Action Programs.



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VISIBILITY CAMPAIGN



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Councils are encouraged to have at least one event on a Sunday every month (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 parishes. 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.



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Another approach is to submit to programs@californiaknights.org and Faith-in-Action@CaliforniaKnights.org action photos of council/district events with short writeups/captions for release in the state website, the state facebook in case councils do not have a facebook account, and in Constant Contact which reaches out to more than 55,000 of our brother knights. (Note: action photos and no firing squad photos). Our State Office has come out with a monthly newsletter. For the programs page, we would like to showcase the different council events through photos and brief captions (5Ws and 1H).



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EXAMPLES



Lancaster Council's "Deep Pit BBQ Beef" for the Sacred Heart Annual Parish BBQ.

(Lancaster Council 2455 is under District 92 Mission High Desert Chapter.)



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St. Augustine Feast Day

Last August 26, the Knights of Columbus Council 9714 (St. Francis Chapter) celebrated the parish feast day with parishioners and their families. Mass started at 9:00am followed by a procession of the Holy Eucharist, with the statues of St. Augustine and his mother, St. Monica, and their relics.



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You can also submit your photos with captions to Supreme which produces 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.



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FRATERNAL PLANNER



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If you have not done so, maximize the use of the Fraternal Planner (pages 4-6). Plan out the programs/events your respective councils will implement for the year in coordination with the parish activities. This will help you a lot when it's time to submit your SP7.



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SUPREME WEBSITE

To know more about Supreme Featured and other programs on Faith, Family, Community, and Life, as well as forms, kindly go to www.kofc.org. Click on FOR MEMBERS box, scroll down and click on PROGRAMS box, and you will see all the Faith in Action resources and program descriptions.



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STATE WEBSITE

For more information about programs at the state level, please go to www.californiaknights.org and click on Programs tab. Click again and it will show you the California State Council Programs Handbook 2023-2024. It contains all the programs we offer this Columbian Year.

Click on the arrow down and it will show you the drop down menu (State Programs Director, Faith Programs, Family Programs, Community Programs, Life Programs). Our goal is to have monthly updates so that everyone gets the latest in the area of programs.



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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



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THREE NEW PROGRAMS



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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.



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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.

(California tiene muchas riquezas, incluyendo ser un estado que es 80% 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.)



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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 Senora de Guadalupe, Semana Santa, Posadas, 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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COMMUNICATING WITH PROGRAM LEADERS

Due to privacy concerns, we cannot include personal email addresses and phones in the handbook which has been released in the state website. In case you do not have the contact info, the best and fastest way to get in touch with program leaders is via email. Please address your emails ATTN: (the concerned program chairman) to:

programs@californiaknights.org

and

Faith-in-Action@CaliforniaKnights.org



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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> and click on FORM INVITATION.

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

For the month of July, there were 61 forms submitted from 24 councils. For August, there were 81 forms submitted from 34 councils. There is improvement but we need to continue improving on this.

Additionally, incomplete submissions cannot be counted towards the yearly total of submissions when councils are completing their Columbian Award applications (SP-7).



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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.

Councils are encouraged to fill this form right after they submit Form 10784 to Supreme and keep this on file. By March, council can select the best top 4 and submit them before April 1 for the State Awards. We have 2 former state programs directors chairing the State Awards/Forms: Jim Hart and Tony Ransick.



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INCENTIVE

The monthly \$100 Raffle incentive has been continued. Councils which provide program reports using the 10784 Form will be automatically entered into a monthly \$100 raffle. One raffle ticket for each form submitted. For July, there were 61 forms submitted and the winner is Council 16185 under District 70, Central Chapter. For August, there were 81 forms submitted and the winner is Council 4438 under District 98, Southern California Chapter.



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SP-7

When preparing the SP-7, make use of the 10784 and STSP forms you have submitted. Submit SP-7 on or before June 1 to allow time to submit a revised one if the one submitted was not accepted or rejected.



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MEMBERSHIP AND PROGRAMS

“Together we can do great things.” This is the slogan of our Worthy State Deputy Greg Marracq. And whatever great things we do, we do for the greater glory of God (Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam - AMDG) and not for our own personal glory.

Our programs are key to the survival of the Knights of Columbus. Without them, what is the reason for being a part of the Knights of Columbus? We know that Blessed Michael McGivney established the order to help families. And this is integral in our programs.



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Why are we motivating and encouraging Catholic gentlemen to join the order through membership drives and delta church drives? If not to have more members to implement our faith in action programs. Without our faith in action programs, we are just a “men’s club”.

Why are we doing fundraisers? If not to have funds to implement our programs. Without our faith in action programs, we are just a “fundraising organization or foundation”.

Thus the importance of our faith in action programs.



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Members are essential if we are to embark on our faith in action programs. How can we implement our programs if we do not have members to do them? Programs and membership go hand in hand. They are the two sides of a coin. This was emphasized by Worthy State Deputy Greg Marracq at the Northern California Chapter banquet last July. He called Worthy State Membership Director Ed Dantes and me to the podium. He gave each one of us a coin and said the two of us represent the two sides of the coin. I assume the coin represented the Knights of Columbus.



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I believe in directing all councils to gather Catholic men and their families to our fold through the various faith in action programs where we would be able to activate them, as well as our current knights, to meaningful involvements in our parishes. If our members and candidates are inspired by our programs, if they find **meaning** in the things our councils do for the Knights of Columbus, they will constantly be involved with the Knights of Columbus and be energized to attend council meetings and participate in council events and programs.



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**“I can do things you cannot,
you can do things I cannot;
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- St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



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**AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM
(For the Greater Glory of God)**

**IN CORDE JESU
(In the Heart of Jesus)**

**VIVAT JESUS
(May Jesus Live)**



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