

District Deputy Report, December 2018
California Knights of Columbus, District 76

Grand Knights and Council members of Councils 1684 and Council 5300,

First of all welcome to Advent. The dictionary definition of “advent” is “the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event”. It certainly is the arrival of a notable person; for us it is Jesus Christ. So we have a few days for preparation for the Christmas celebration of the birth of Jesus and, as the Church liturgy reminds us, it is also a time of preparation for the second coming of Christ. So contemplate and celebrate.

Just a few things for this month from me, District Deputy for District76:


- 1st of course is RECRUIT new members. I know you are working on this. Keep it up.
- Safe Environment Training compliance:
 - a. There are four (4) members of every Council that need to complete this training:
 - i. Community Directory, Family Directory, Program Director and the Grand Knight.
 - ii. Note: every Council must have trained members in these 4 positions.
 - b. If you need it, here is the link to access the Safe Environment Training (Blue Presidium).
 - i. <http://kofc.org/un/en/members/programs/youth-activities/safe-environment-program.html>
- Columbian Charities assistance for Brothers affected by the California wildfires.
 - a. Please consider making an additional donation to Columbian Charities to assist in helping Brothers affected by wildfires and to help rebuilding Columbian Charities reserve funds. For example 69 Brothers of Council #7773, Paradise, CA have already been assisted by Columbian Charities.
 - i. Contact:
 - 1. California Columbian Charities, Inc., P.O. Box 4256, Cerritos, CA 90703. Call Knights of California State Office, 909-434-0460.
 - ii. Please see the image on the last page and the attached flyer from Columbian Charities.
- I attended the State Deputy Forum on Sunday November 18, with State Deputy Jose Salaiz, State Membership Director Michael Brault and State Programs Director Eric Watson.
 - a. Recruitment and retention were very important themes. Michael Brault reviewed and presented several ideas for recruitment and retention:
 - i. Using the on-line Form-100. Basic idea: Get'em signed up while they are thinking about it.
 - ii. Be a full time sales person/recruiter for Knights of Columbus.
 - iii. Hand out printed items after mass with your Council contact information: print your own postcards with the Council information on it.
 - iv. Have a regularly scheduled Formation (1st) Degree Ceremony, monthly if possible. This will facilitate getting new members (and new on-line members) involved in the Council.
 - v. There is more formalized procedure for removing non-dues paying Knights from the Council membership. It has been implemented to assure that every effort has been made to retain a Knight.
 - 1. Suggested more frequent use of Form-1831 for Knights that may be in some distress physically, financially or otherwise.

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- b. Bro. Eric Watson spoke about KofC programs and Star Council achievement. Bro. Eric volunteered his services to help any Council that has any questions or issues with California State Knights website.


Brothers, I hope that you and your families have a merry Christmas and a happy and blessed new year. See you in the year of our Lord 2019.

Yours in Christ, Francis C.(Chris) Arnoult, District Deputy, District 76



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**Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and Members
California has been devastated by wildfires!**

The Paradise Camp Fire is the worst wildfire in California History. 153,000 acres burned, 14,000 homes destroyed, 85 people killed, 296 people unaccounted for and thousands of people displaced. 80% of the town destroyed. 69 Brothers of Council #7773 in Paradise have lost their homes due to the fire. Completely burned out! California Columbian Charities was there to help. Each burned out Brother has or will receive a grant to accommodate their immediate "necessity of life" needs. Accumulated, the Charity has granted thousands in aid to these Brothers. Now is the time to replenish our funds to be able to support other Brothers that are in need throughout the State.

All Councils are asked to donate. Councils should consider a donation of \$3.65 for each of their Council members. Financial Secretaries, please add the 365 Club as a voluntary donation when you send out the annual billing statements. **Donations are being accepted now, please send to address above. Please be generous!**

Columbian Charities is dedicated to assisting California Brothers and their widows in distress. For over sixty years we have worked to provide CHARITY and to fulfill Father McGivney's mandate - **BROTHER HELPING BROTHER.**

At last year's "Parade of Grand Knights" you donated \$123,000 to Columbian Charities! THANK YOU for reaching-out a helping hand to your less fortunate Brothers! You should be proud of your generosity.

In 2017 the Charity provided 52 Brothers, and widows, with \$136,000 in financial assistance. The need is great. **Please increase your contribution this year.**

Columbian Charities is ready to provide financial assistance to your Council's Brothers in their time of need. Any member who has information about a Brother in distress should notify the Grand Knight. The Grand Knight can obtain a charity application by calling the State Office at (909) 434-0460.