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## Grand Knights Letter January 2021

Worthy Brothers All and Family,

We hope you had a blessed Christmas and are renewed by the Spirit of the Christ during the Advent Season and are celebrating the many feasts of the Christmas Season. The last week of December was the celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family and it was observed at the annual masses. This year our council was granted access to the masses by our Pastor Fr. Oscar Mendez, OFM, so that we could incorporate the Knights of Columbus Prayer Program the Consecration of the Holy Family- a program of our Family Directorate.

I attended all the masses and like many brothers and Squires/Roses passed out the prayer cards. We had four celebrants, and each used the messages of the cards as part of their homilies. Our pastor asked the congregation to keep the prayer card and use it at home during difficult times. All thanked the Knights for the consecration prayer. It was a programmatic success reaching over 3,000 people.

*But for me it was a great affirmation of prayer especially when at the 7 PM Sunday mass one woman asked Fr. Alberto Villafan, OFM, to bless the cards and over 200 cards were raised to receive the blessing. Thank you Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore for the prayer.*

We have been blessed to pray the rosary and celebrate the Eucharist together this Columbian Year. Starting with our Installation Mass, forty Days for Life and Silver Rose celebrations and our successful monthly family rosary, plus we will celebrate the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity with Bishop Ramon Bejarano of San Diego on January 30, 2021, in St. Michael's Court.

The council has had great relations with our Franciscan Priests and Brothers with nine members and we have one Bishop-Bishop and Captain Joseph Coffey of the Military Archdiocese of Washington.

We have satisfied most the requirements for Star Council in record time and in spite of the COVID-19 19 impediments.

I want to thank you brothers who have stepped up to the plate for the first six months and stood with us in prayer and have lived Faith in Action to continue to stand and walk with us for these next six months. Have Blessed New Year!

Vivat Jesus and May the Light of Chris Light Your Steps,

Armando L. Mena

Grand Knight, Council # 3162



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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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The celebration of the Feast of the Consecration of the Holy Family at our parish. Council priests Fr. Sam Nasada, OFM and Fr. Peter Kirwin, OFM, with parish pastor Fr. Oscar Mendez, OFM, and associate pastor Alberto Villafan, OFM, led Knights and parish of over 3,000 celebrate with prayer cards.



Then Navy Chaplain and Captain Joseph Coffey and then San Diego Diocese Chapter KofC Vice President Armando Mena pose with the Patroness of the KofC the Empress of the Americas-Our lady of Guadalupe at the Light and Life banquet I 2018. Pope Francis has elevated the Right Rev. Joseph Coffey to Bishop of the Washington Military Diocese.

**PLEASE SEND US YOUR PHOTOS TO THE CRUSADER EDITOR**

## SQUIRES /ROSES PAGE

Welcome to our first page and thank you San Luis Rey Knights of Columbus Council # 3162 for your sponsorship since 2005.

This year we have had many activities:

1. We have packed over 1600 bags of food.
2. Conducted with the Knights 2 drive by food collections netting over 2500 pds. of food.
3. Sponsored and prayed the 2020 Silver Rose with over 70 people.
4. Attended the 2020 Steubenville Youth Conference via ZOOM.
5. Prayed a rosary at the Dia de Muertos Altars for families and KofC members.
6. Packed 8,000 LISTOS Back Packs.

Kira Alvarez, Chief Squire Rose, Javier Arguelles, Chief Squire



In December we invested one new Squire and one new Squire Rose at our meeting. The investiture was conducted by Chief Squire Javier Arguelles and Chief Squire Rose Kira Alvarez. We celebrated Christmas at our annual Christmas Party pictured below.



Our last photo op before the Covid 19 procedures took effect on limiting even outdoor activities. We are the St. Paul the Great Circle # 4974 and the St. Clare Squire Rose Circle # 006.

## News of the Month

### Annual Fraternal Survey

The Council will send link to the Annual “Fraternal Survey” to all Council members on January 2nd, via email. The survey only contains the four questions listed below. Your active participation in submitting your survey information is important to Council #3162 providing accurate volunteer data. We ask all Council members to be thinking about the charitable activities you have performed in 2020. Be thinking about the following categories:

- Visits you made to the **sick**
- Visits you made to the **Bereaved**
- The # of **blood donations**
- Hours of Fraternal Service to Sick/Disabled Members and their Families.

If you did not see the Annual Fraternal Survey email or have questions re: the survey, please email the Grand Knight at [kofc3162@gmail.com](mailto:kofc3162@gmail.com). We need **All Council Members** to participate in this Survey in order to gather a true reflection of Council #3162.

### 2021 Council Dues Notice

The 2021 Council Dues Notice have been **published on Dec 15<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions about your membership dues or the status of your membership card, please contact the Financial Secretary; the contact info is located on the back of your Council Membership card or in “The Crusader”.

Notice the Council **mailing address has Changed!** Please Mail your Dues payments to:  
**KofC Council #3162 , PO Box 5162, Oceanside, Ca. 92052**

If you are submitting payments by **electronic bank checks**, ensure you update our new mailing address at your bank’s online bill pay.

### 365 Club Donation

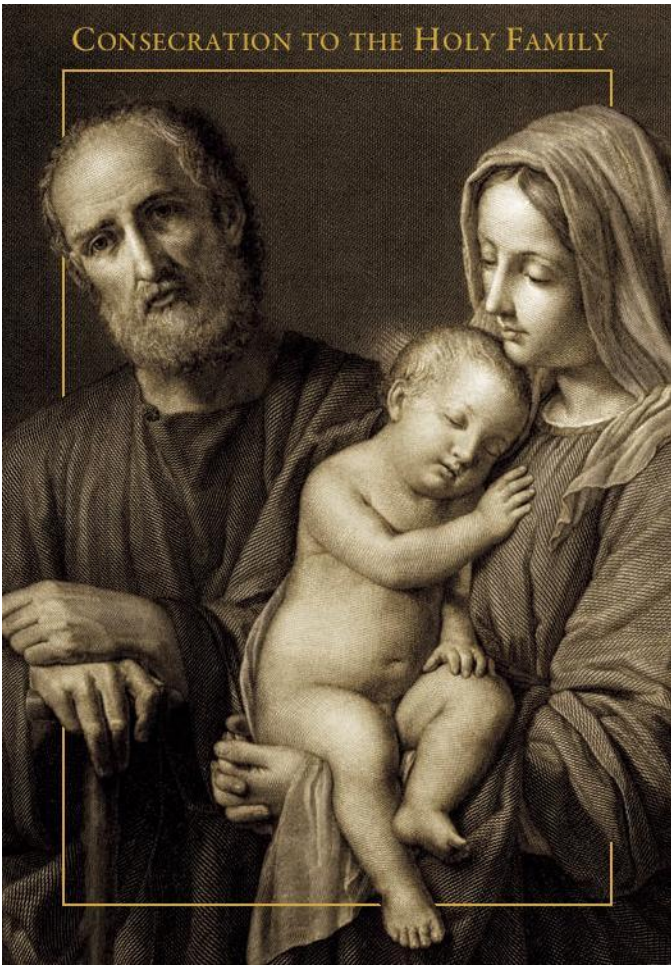
In 1955, the State Council created California Columbian Charities, Inc. The charity is dedicated to assisting California Brothers in financial distress, including their widows. For almost sixty years, we have consistently worked to provide charity, the first principle of our Order, and to fulfill Father McGivney’s mandate of BROTHER HELPING BROTHER. We ask that every Brother in California join the 365 Club and **donate a penny a day, by adding an additional \$3.65 to their dues payment**. This will provide every Brother in your Council an opportunity to practice charity, unity and fraternity. We hope that 100% of the active Councils in California will contribute. The council should hold these funds until May when they can be brought to the State Convention. For more information on the 365 Club and other state council programs, please visit the KofC State Council website at [www.californiaknights.org](http://www.californiaknights.org). Also, there is a link on our Council website.

### “Keep Christ in Christmas” Christmas Cards Sale

Outstanding work done from September through November by the Knights of Columbus in support of the Knights Religious Vocations Program. Funds raised are going to help support two Franciscan Seminarians this Columbian Year.



## Prayer Cards



O Lord Jesus,  
 you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth.  
 There you grew in age, wisdom and grace  
 as you prepared to fulfill your mission  
 as our Redeemer.

*We entrust our family to you.*

O Blessed Mary,  
 you are the Mother of our Savior.  
 At Nazareth you cared for Jesus  
 and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home.

*We entrust our family to you.*

O Saint Joseph,  
 you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary,  
 and gave us a model of fatherhood  
 while showing us the dignity of work.

*We entrust our family to you.*

Holy Family,  
 we consecrate ourselves and our family to you.  
 May we be completely united  
 in a love that is lasting, faithful  
 and open to the gift of new life.  
 Help us to grow in virtue,  
 to forgive one another from our hearts,  
 and to live in peace all our days.  
 Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer,  
 diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need.

May our home, O Holy Family,  
 truly become a domestic church  
 where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.  
*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!*



Prayer composed by Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, Supreme Chaplain.

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## 9th Annual



Never Alone: Meeting their Needs at Every Turn

## A Hybrid Event January 11 - 16, 2021

### PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- Mon | Tues | Wed | Fri | Webinars
- Thu | Virtual concert with Ryan Ellis
- Sat | Outdoor Mass @ The Immaculata parish (USD) & Cathedral Catholic High School  
Celebrants: Bishop McElroy and Aux. Bishops Dolan & Bejarano  
(Bilingual Mass, live-stream optional, must bring a face mask, a chair, and wear blue)
- Non-denominational services
- Car caravan in Downtown, San Diego  
(Bring life-affirming signs and decorate your car)

Register, view the schedule & exhibitors on the website

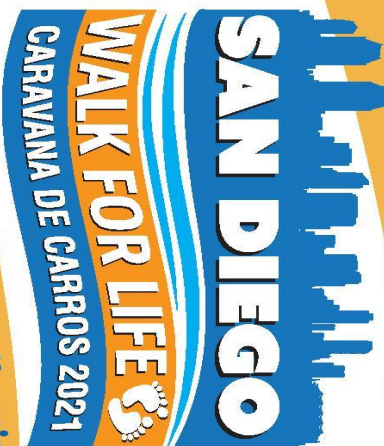


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## 9a Caminata por la Vida



Nunca Solos: Respondiendo a sus Necesidades en Cada Momento

## Evento Híbrido Enero 11-16, 2021

### Programa:

- Lun | Mart | Miér | 7 p.m. Seminarios virtuales en inglés
- Thu | 7 p.m. Concierto virtual con Ryan Ellis
- Vier | 7 p.m. Seminario virtual en español
- Sat | 10 a.m. Misas al aire libre, La Inmaculada (USD) y Preparatoria Católica Cathedral  
Celebrantes: Obispo McElroy y Obispo Auxiliar Dolan  
(Misas bilingües, se transmitirán virtualmente, traer cubreboca, silla y usar una prenda azul)
- 10 a.m. Servicios de distintas denominaciones
- 1 p.m. Caravana de carros, Centro de San Diego  
(Decora tu auto y trae tus pancartas)

Consulta el programa, regístrate y visita a los exhibidores en el sitio web



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