

District Deputy Report February 2023

My Brothers,

The month of February is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Family. At this time last year, I highlighted a video recently released by the Supreme Council on [St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father](#) which can be easily located on the Supreme website and YouTube. February provides opportunity to further expand our devotion to Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and the examples they provide us in our own lives and family relationships. Be assured life at that time was not easy, but regardless, their concerns then are still very much our concerns today. Is our family safe and free of worry, do we have sufficient means to live our lives, and perhaps most importantly, do our values honor God, human dignity and a respect for life?

Fittingly, the State featured program for February is Widow and Widowers' outreach. Reach out to those in your council and parish who have lost a loved one. Invite them to a council meeting or special event. If you have not done so recently, give them a call and update their contact information so they can routinely be included in council correspondence, notifications and activities.

Something new being introduced in California this Columbian Year is the *Evangelization and Faith Formation Program*. Key to the program is a suggested second optional meeting each month open to all men in the parish focusing solely on fellowship and faith formation. Called the "Cor" meeting (short for "Cor ad cor loquitor - Heart speaks to Heart" the famous quote from John Henry Cardinal Newman) it is based on the premise young men are looking for a faith-centered approach to membership with content and fraternity that helps them grow their devotion and become better men, husbands, and fathers. It also presumes what parishes and families need are men who grow as faithful leaders, furthering their faith formation with accountability in what they do. Watch for further information on this exciting new program.

If you have not heard already, free membership for those joining online has been extended through June 30, 2023. By entering the code "Blessed McGivney" in the online application found on the Supreme Council website at www.kofc.org/joinus, first-year membership dues will be waived. The online application can also be easily accessed with the camera on your cellphone using the QR Code included with this article. Be sure and enter your membership number in the appropriate line on the application so you get credit for the recruitment.



Those who sign up online will immediately begin receiving emails, *Columbia Magazine* and a membership card allowing them to attend council meetings. They can easily be moved into a council if accepted by a vote of the members and by attending a welcoming ceremony of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Online members count as new members when they join a council. Let's all commit to bringing in three or four new members by year end!

Once again, my compliments to the councils in District 2 for the support you provide your Pastors and parish community. Godspeed to the many events and activities you are planning in the new year! Thank you for your charity and service!

May God bless,
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