

District Deputy Report May 2022

My Brothers,



May is the month of Mary – a month traditionally devoted to motherhood, and especially the Holy Mother. Our Lady has manifested Herself in many ways in many cultures and is an endearing part of our Catholic faith. One of her manifestations, the “Pokrova”, is particularly important given recent events in Ukraine. The “pokrova” in Ukrainian, or “cover”, is a powerful icon of Our Lady and sign of Mary’s protection. She is surrounded by angels and depicted holding her scarf or veil above people to serve as a shield – a prayer of many Ukrainians today. Please pray the senseless aggression and bloodshed will cease. Let us never forget the power and impact Our Lady, in Her many manifestations, has had on the world.

May is also the month of the State Annual Meeting – this year held May 20 and 21 at the DoubleTree Hilton in Sacramento. If you have not already done so, be sure and elect your council delegates and get them registered as soon as possible. Space is limited for in-person attendance, and a link for virtual participation will be released as the dates get closer. The essential business of the state council is conducted at the State Annual Meeting, including electing the state officers, delegates to the Supreme Convention and important resolutions effecting the way we conduct our affairs. Each council is entitled to two voting delegates. The Annual Meeting is also a reminder we are part of a much larger organization spanning the nation and world. Forms for delegate credentials were sent to council Financial Secretaries in March. If they have been lost or misplaced, council officers may request duplicates by emailing the State Office at state.office@californiaknights.org.

May is also the month to make certain all the requirements for Star Council have been met. Have all the required forms and reports been sent to Supreme? Has your council met their Supreme membership goal? Have your council officers and directors completed the mandatory Safe Environment training available at kofc.org/safe? A great way to wrap up the challenging years we have recently experienced would be to take home the Star Council award! Don’t forget my challenge of dinner at the Sierra Nevada Taproom in Chico for the leadership of the council with the highest membership gain by year end.

A few of the councils in District 2 have yet to fully promote and participate in a Fraternal Benefits Night, which is also a requirement for Star Council. Another opportunity is coming up on May 16, 2022, with a statewide virtual fraternal benefit briefing featuring CPA Ed Slott, an expert financial planner, speaking on retirement planning. It is never too soon to plan for your financial future and that of your family. The seminar can be viewed on a computer, tablet, or smartphone and requires pre-registering at <https://tinyurl.com/SlottMay16> (or by scanning the QR Code included with this article). In order to meet the requirement for Star council, it is important to publicize this opportunity within your council and parish (all Catholic men and their families are welcome to attend). For further information, see the flyer included elsewhere in this month’s newsletter.



As always, thank you for your charity and service!

May God bless,
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