

The Most Honorable Order of Christian Knights of the Rose ®

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Prayer of the US
Grand Priory

2014 END OF YEAR REPORT

Lord, take me where you want me to go, let me meet who you want me to meet, tell me what you want me to say, and keep me out of your way ~ Amen. Fr. Mychal Judge



During the course of this past year The Most Honorable Christian Knights of the Rose ® and The Most Honorable Order of Knights of Saint Michael the Archangel~Dagger Sub Rosa ® have contributed greatly to our communities and to charitable causes.

2014 Fraternal Activities

During the calendar year of 2014 our membership contributed more than **100 hours** for visits of individuals in nursing homes, hospitals and caring of the sick. Members made bereaved (visits of condolence) in the amount of **150 hours**. Members have traveled over **9,500 miles** to provide volunteer services and support. Members **volunteered** services to churches in excess of **2000 hours**, more than **1400 hours** to community related activities, and over **1000 hours** to other community related enhancement events.

Our membership **donated** in excess of **\$35,000** to charitable and benevolent causes.

Fraternal hours within the Order was in excess of **500 hours**.

And finally, over the course of the past year our membership has **volunteered** more than **400 hours** of fraternal service to sick and disabled members families.

Our Journey

Reflection by
Grand Prior
Michael C.
Kimball

As we travel this path together, and I reflect on our past year, I feel a deep sense of pride in each and every one of my brothers and sisters in the Order. What we have accomplished, what we continue to do, and how we continue to represent ourselves is both great and honorable. The passion and commitment to the tenants of the Order shine through in your daily lives and activities. Those who associate you with the Order, recognize your humbleness and at the same time recognize your strength and tenacity. It is these attributes that have assisted us in accomplishing the feats that we have and continues to allow us to stay the course that we have chosen. As a team we will always be challenged by change, but growth comes from change. I am proud of how each and everyone of you has contributed during those times of change which has allowed our group to evolve and be fluid in our growth. Each of us has a sense of the moral imperative with regards to our tenants and how we represent the Order. I am proud of that, and I challenge you to continue to be steadfast in your growth within the order, in your tenacity for promoting the tenants of the Order, in your fortitude for working in a collaborative effort to sustain the Order, while also helping to promote the growth of the membership of Order. I pray for God's blessing on each and everyone one of you, because each and everyone of you is a blessing to me. God Bless and God Speed.



KNIGHTS IN ACTION



Donations

This year the Knights of the Rose received a several donations from members and businesses. One local business generously donated \$1000.00 that will help with paying operational bills from our general fund.



On 12/14/14 we presented a \$500.00 scholarship to Jihad Nijmeddin who graduated with honors from the Fire Academy. This was our last scholarship presentation for the 2014 calendar year.

Charities Fund:

Jim Scariot our Knight in charge of Charities delivered 99 "Care Bears" to our brothers and sisters in need at the Veterans Hospital. Thus far he has raised enough money for the 26 bears in preparation for the 2015 donation.

With the help of our Historian **Charles Yuki and his wife Ann** we were able to assist a family in need this year with donations and goods in excess of \$500.00. The Charities fund donated \$200.00 for food, and diapers and the Order also donated an additional \$150.00 for clothing from monies raised at our Christmas Social.



Through the efforts of our Christmas Social and fund raiser we were able to give a \$500.00 donation to K-9 Companions. (Thank you Don and Sheri and everyone who bid against you!)



During our 2014 Christmas celebration we raised \$750.00 with our raffle and auction that went into our charities fund!

The success of our Christmas Social fund raiser would not have been possible if it were not for the combined efforts of the entire group! We give a special thank you, to Charles and Ann Yuki for all their generous donations for the auction! (There were so many nice and unique gifts including an array of tactical gifts!)

One of our very own member's Randy Wight, sits on their local board.

We also give a special thank you too so many of you who traveled so far to come to our social, to everyone who made time to be there and make it successful, and too the Lundgren's for their generous donation of the use of their home and all the food preparation.

This organization trains and provides service dogs to those in need, including many veterans and public safety personnel.



For more information on K-9 Companions you can go to their web site at: WWW.CCI.ORG

"Neil", Randy and Fr. Carl Presentation of Check



Bobby Clinton Memorial Scholarship Fund



Through the generosity of Gloria Clinton, on an annual basis, we provide scholarships to graduates from various academies.

In past years the applicants have been from Police and from Fire Academies.

Each year we award two Academy Scholarships.

Reno PD K-9 Follow-up



Over the course of 2013 and 2014 we committed ourselves to assist with the Reno Police Department K-9 fund raiser project. One of our members has a son who works for the department and is a K-9 Officer. As a result we donated **over \$7000.00 through a donation drive** which allowed the K-9 unit to self fund and purchase **temperature warning devices for each K-9 unit, remote release devices and remote window control devices for each K-9 unit.**

Benevolent Causes

The Honorable Order of Christian Knights of the Rose ® and the Most Honorable Order of Knights of Saint Michael the Archangel ® continue to remain in service to our communities locally and at large.

The Order donates produce on a Monthly basis to the Carmelite Monastery. Approximately 16 to 17 cases of produce are donated each month which equals approximately 200 cases per year. If you look at the wholesale cost alone it averages approximately \$150.00 per month in donations.

This is just one of the many examples of what our membership is capable of doing and continues to do through our Chapters and Commandries.

Every Act of love is a work of peace no matter how small.



The Honorable Order of Christian Knights of the Rose and the Most Honorable Order of Knights of Saint Michael the Archangel made additional donations to the following causes this year: **\$1000.00** toward the **Monterey County Sheriff's Memorial** project. And the **Monterey County H.E.R.O.E.S** project which stands for:

Honoring Emergency Responders Of Every Service in Monterey County.

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Business Benefactors Fund

This past year has been such a blessing with our business benefactors fund and through the efforts of our Business Ambassador and **through the donations from more than a half of dozen business benefactors!**

To date the fund has received \$80,000.00 this year alone!! We have spent close to \$70,000.00 on line items needed to complete manufacturing of a Public Safety Utility Truck that will provide support peninsula wide for the Monterey Peninsula. This regional rescue vehicle is the same size as a class 1 fire engine.

This vehicle will be available for call out in times of need for S.W.A.T. team missions, citizen rescues, and other circumstances requiring a rescue vehicle during enforcement operations where criminal elements threaten the safety of our citizens and threaten the safety of those public safety personnel who serve our communities. Additionally, the vehicle will be available county wide for use in Search and Rescue, and Recovery operations.

This fund is also providing a \$300.00 "bite Sleeve" for Officer Manny Fernandez of the Seaside Police Department. The sleeve is used to train his patrol dog on how to handle violent suspects in a manner that allows an officer to take them into custody with the least amount of injuries to the suspect. Our fund Committee is looking into providing 2 active shooter shields for the Monterey Airport Police who currently do not have this asset available should they need it for a violent intruder event inside, or on the premises of the airport authority.

These are just a couple of examples of what our partnership with the business community can do for public safety and common defense through our Business Benefactors fund. The Order of Saint Michael looks forward to our continuing efforts to provide public safety and common defense personnel with life-saving equipment and projects that benefit both entities in their cause to protect the communities that we serve.



Order of Saint Michael Awards Public Safety and Common Defense Awards and Recognition Program



The Most Honorable Order of Knights of Saint Michael the Archangel has always been committed to the support of Public Safety and Common Defense. In honoring their service, the Order has a recognition program for, life saving, merit, valor, injury in the line of duty, and other acts that meet the recognition / award criterion. The awards program was very active through the mid 2000's but was put on temporary hold to up-grade the program. Through an on-going effort to support Public Safety, the Order of Saint Michael is working on a partnership with the Monterey County Peace Officers Association which will re-establish and launch our recognition program in a collaborative effort as we partner with the Monterey County Peace Officers Association. The awards and recognition program is a self funded program that is supported by the Order. Additionally the program will be supported by the business benefactors fund in furtherance of the welfare of Order. The awards program will be reinitiated this year as we recognize outstanding and deserving members of our Public Safety Community.

Ambassador to Italy



If you are interested in Europe, and in particular to Italy and Rome, well.... standby. We may be having our first Italian investiture in late Autumn creating our first Italian Priory! The potential for this is 20 Carabinieri (Italian State / Federal police) coming aboard! Thank you to the efforts of **Sir Richard Menn**, our Italian Ambassador! Currently we have 3 newly appointed Knight Commanders in Italy for the **Order of Saint Michael**. They are **Cav. Dott. Vincenzo Ferrara (Grand Prior of Italy)**, **Cav. Dott. Angelo Musa (Maestro Commandante of Northern Italy & Sardinia)**

(**Baron de Musa**), and **Maresciallo Capo ~ Giuseppe Ferrara (Maestro Commandante of Southern Italy & Sicily)**