

## **Commission for Claver Charities**

Our "Pennies a Day" program is finally ready to launch. The program calls for a pledge from each member in the Western States of two cents per day per year, plus \$10 on your birthday, for a total of \$17.30 per year or simply "round-up" to \$20.00. The Western States District Conference Board Officers have taken the first step and each have donated \$20.00 or more to kick off the program. For questions or additional information – see FAQ below.

We now encourage you to make your annual gift NOW to show your commitment and support.

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### **C4CC FAQ Sheet**

1) Does my small donation of \$17.30 or round up to \$20.00 really make a difference? And it most definitely will make a difference. It is not our single action but our collective effort that provides an amazing opportunity to meet our charitable goals and objections.

2) How did the C4CC come about?

The C4CC came about due to the increasing concerns over the small amount the Western States District was able to distribute at each Conference for charity. A concerned Council presented the plan to the membership at the 2018 WSDC. The plan was ultimately approved by the delegates at the 2018 conference.

History: Since 2012 the Western States District Conference has provided Charity Awards to many deserving entities. Councils and Courts applied for and have been awarded financial support for their charitable causes and endeavors, such as assistance to the homeless, support to local Catholic schools, meals programs, women's and children's shelters, youth programs, and many others. Currently, funds for our Charity Program are derived primarily from Conference dues (\$35 Councils; \$25 Courts) and occasionally through individual donations. The amount of money collected and available for disbursement is minuscule. Between 2012 and 2019 the District collected less than \$14,000, an average of only \$1,712.00 per year available for distribution. The new program has the potential to raise an estimated \$18,000 PER YEAR!

3) We already have a WSDC Charity Committee. Why do we need another one?

The sole purpose of the Commission 4 Claver Charities (C4CC) is to enhance what we already have but at a higher level. Every Knight and Lady in the Western States District will have the opportunity to pledge to donate two cents per day each year, plus \$10.00 on their birthday for a total of \$17.30 per year per member. The suggest is to round up to \$20.00. The program was created to develop and implement philanthropic initiatives to improve the quality of life for many in need in the Black Community within the Western States.

4) What makes the C4CC different from the WSDC Charity Committee which operates during Conference each year?

The WSDC Charity funds are derived from the Courts and Councils in the Western State District. The C4CC funds will come from the individual members of the Western States District. Everyone is asked to contribute and support this very worthy cause in which everyone can benefit.

5) Can donations be given online?

Yes, as a matter of fact, you can also make your contribution recurring on the WSD

website at [www.kpcwsdc.org](http://www.kpcwsdc.org).

This charitable donation was approved by the Western States District body. It was presented and approved at the 2018 Conference by the conference delegation, which represents all Councils and Courts in the district.