

Western States Deputies NEWSLETTER

Second Edition - January 2024

January 31, 2024

Greetings My Brothers and Sisters of the Western States,

Welcome to What's Happening in the West.



We, the Deputies, created a place for all in the Western States District to submit a write-up, with or without pictures, on any activities that are celebrated by your Council and Court to share with the entire District.

We look forward to receiving future information so it can be shared. We are a little more than 2 months from commemorating our 71st Western States District Conference in Tempe, AZ. This year will be an important year as we hold elections to vote on members to continue to plan, facilitate, and execute the annual Conference meetings for both the Senior and Junior Divisions. It will be great to see everyone and rekindle acquaintances again.

There is still a lot of work to be done, committees are still diligently working and making recommendations. We, the Deputies, are ensuring that we recruit, retain, and expand in the Claver Spirit. In addition, we will host another informative hands-on workshop. Please use this opportunity to participate, enjoy, and learn. Finally, don't forget to submit applications on time for all awards, turn in your early bird raffle tickets, donate and participate in the auction and support the KPC Store and vendors.

Yours in Claver Always,

Brother Deputy Darrell Dickerson
Lady Deputy Karen Pinson



What's Happening Western States District?

HONORING DEACON MARVIN THREATT, PH.D.



WSDC President Gregory Warner presenting a proclamation and thank you to Deacon Threatt for his service as Past Western States District Chaplain.

On the occasion of Deacon's retirement from decades of selfless service and leadership to the Church and the Knights of Peter Claver.

CELEBRATING OUR VERY OWN



Knights of Peter Claver *Commendation*

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF DEACON MARVIN THREATT, PH.D.

City of San Diego in the Roman Catholic Diocese of San Diego

Prayerful greetings and blessings on behalf of the Knights of Peter Claver National Council Board of Directors and the National Court Board: namely, the National Chaplain the Most Reverend Martin D. Holley; and in our own names

The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary takes great pride in celebrating our brother, Deacon Marvin Threatt, Ph.D., on the occasion of his retirement from decades of service and leadership to the Church. Throughout his various assignments, Deacon Threatt has consistently given prayerful, thoughtful, and careful attention to the flocks which were entrusted to him – providing them with prayerful and trusted counsel since his ordination in 1983. We also celebrate and express our appreciation for Deacon Threatt's 22 years of service and sacrifice in the United States Navy as well as his decades of selfless work in the field of education.

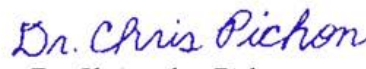
In addition to his 20+ years of membership with our Noble Order, he also utilized his God-given talents to conduct retreats, workshops and leadership training seminars throughout the country, particularly regarding education, youth and young adult ministry, as well as contemporary spirituality and worship. He is a veteran social justice activist and community organizer whose other involvements include the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan for inner city parishes (San Diego), the African American Catholic Evangelization Center in Los Angeles and NBCCC, NBCC, NABCD, and NAAACD. Internationally, through Friends of the Poor, Inc., he has contributed to building three schools, an Aids/HIV Center, two Churches and an orphanage in Nigeria.

Deacon Threatt, thank you for service, for your love, for your care. Know that your Claver family is appreciative and grateful for all you have contributed and that we wish you well as you take on your next well-deserved title of "retiree"!

May God continue to lead and bless your life and all you do.

Given in the City of San Diego,
on this Tenth day of June
in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-three


Micaela J. Le Blanc
Supreme Lady


Dr. Christopher Pichon
Supreme Knight and Chief Executive Officer

COORDINATING COUNCILS & COURTS CCC

Who Are We!



Lady Marla Clark-Sanders - President

Lady Pam Hunter - Vice President

Lady Zackrea Jones - Secretary

Brother Gregory Warner - Immediate Past President

Western States District **EXCITING EVENTS**

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES AWARDS \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS



November 19, 2023 - at this year's Annual Black History Mass, St. Martin de Porres - Court 257 awarded six \$500 partial scholarships to African American High School Students attending Catholic High Schools in the Diocese of San Bernardino. Financial support is to assist families with the cost of books, uniforms, field trips, and other expenses related to academic activities at Catholic High Schools.

MEMBERS OF COURT 257



2023 Peter Claver Awards Program

Receipents



Reverend Kenneth C. Ugwu, SSJ
Holy Name of Jesus Church
Los Angeles, California



Brother Mark Mance
St. Lawrence Church
Los Angeles, California



Deacon David Estrada
St. Benedict Church
Montebello, California



Father Claude Williams
St. Peter & Paul Church
Wilmington, California

2023 Peter Claver Awards Program (PCAP)



St. Brigid's Father Keke



The Wiley's



Very Important Clavers



**Lady Deputy Karen Pinson
Father Kenneth Ugwu &
Father Claude Williams**

Los Angeles Catholic Prayer Breakfast September 19, 2023



**Members of the Western States District
Joins the Early Morning Rosary, Mass, and Breakfast
Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral**

Dignitaries include:

**Most Esteemed Micaela LeBlanc-Supreme Lady
Lady Deputy Karen Pinson-District Deputy
Very Faithful Franz Aubry-Supreme Comptroller
Very Faithful Greg Warner-Supreme Scribe/WSDC President
Lady Marla Clark-Sanders, CCC President
and other dedicated and loyal Clavers**

ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA CHURCH UNIT 369



Most Worthy Chris Pichon, Most Esteemed Micaela LeBlanc, Brother Deputy Darrell Dickerson, and Lady Deputy Karen Pinson joins Unit 369 to celebrate the anniversary of the naming of St. Josephine Bakhita Church in Phoenix, AZ.

ANCESTRAL MASS



The African American Catholic Center for Evangelization (AACCFE) sponsored the Fourteenth Annual Archdiocese of Los Angeles African American Ancestral Memorial Mass on Saturday, November 11, 2023, at 12:00PM. It took place at the “Negro National Church of Los Angeles”, St. Odilia Catholic Church, established in 1926 and today recognized as the “Mother Church” for all Los Angeles’ African American Catholics.

Western States District **CLAVER TURNOUTS**

ANCESTRAL MASS - ST. ODILILA



UNIT 87 TURNOUT FOR RECRUITMENT SUNDAY AT
ST. AGATHA CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LOS ANGELES



CLAVER TURNOUTS

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**ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA - COURT 369 ATTENDS THE INSTALLATION OF
FATHER ANDREW MCNAIR - WESTERN STATES DISTRICT CHAPLAIN
PHOENIX, ARIZONA**



CLAVER TURNOUTS

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NCICC TURNOUT - ST. PETER CLAVER DAY



NCICC TURNOUT WITH BISHOP BARBER AT FOUNDER'S DAY NORTHERN CALIFORNIA



CLAVER TURNOUTS

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**2023 FOUNDERS DAY
ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH
LAS VEGAS, NV
11/5/2023**



**Special guest appearance by
Lady Deputy Karen Pinson-District Deputy
Very Faithful Franz Aubry-Supreme Comptroller
Past Worthy Supreme Knight Arthur McFarland**

CLAVER TURNOUTS

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**HONORING FOUNDERS DAY
VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA
2023**



**4th Degree Knights - Assembly #15
Oakland, California**

**Knights of Columbus join Sir Knight Ruben Flores, Sir Knight Maurice
Harper to celebrate Founders Day**

CLAVER TURNOUTS

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**PALLIUM MASS & RECEPTION-ST. ELIZABETH ANN SEATON
LAS VEGAS, NV - 11/5/2023**



**Pallium Mass & Reception
to present vestments to
Archbishop Leo Thomas**



Junior Establishment



**St. Josephine Bahkita - Unit 369
Phoenix, Arizona**



Junior & Senior Courts - Phoenix, Arizona

Our Juniors



Junior Convention
St. Bernardette Junior Court 162



Junior Convention
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Junior Court 121



Junior Convention
Transfiguration - Junior Court 220



Junior Courts 358 & 369



Junior Training Day at
Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church
Juniors from Courts 121, 162, 220

Our Juniors



Newly Elected Junior National Officers

**Jr. Daughter Caitlyn Oppong
Western States Jr. President**

**Jr. Daughter Michelle Oppong
Newly Elected National Treasurer**



Lady Deputy Karen Pinson and Very Faithful Franz Aubry with Junior Grand Lady Ochuko Orkeh-Jr. Court 121 and Western States District Junior Daughter Treasurer Krystyna Holbert-Jr. Court 121 at the 2023 National Convention

Our Juniors

PARISH YOUTH DAY IN OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA
OCTOBER 15, 2023



Western States District
Junior Knight Conference Officer
Elijah Mohammed
with
Mentor Brother Ansel Augustine

*In
Loving
Memory*



WESTERN STATES DECEASED MEMBERS Jul - Dec 2023

Ladies



Lady Jeannette Batiste - CT 99
Lady Laura Goodly - CT 257
Lady Margaret Jones - CT 99
Lady Brenda Harris - CT 358
Lady Lola Loudd - CT 400
Lady Catherine Solomon - CT 306

Knight

Brother AD Ervin - CN 336

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual
light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of
all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. Amen.

STOP GUN VIOLENCE

Call-in # 1 (351) 999-3082

JOIN US AT 7AM FOR DAILY PRAYER TO END GUN VIOLENCE



Knights of Peter Claver, Inc.



A Prayer to End Gun Violence

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit,

We come before you again, angry and saddened by the senseless acts of random gun violence that plague our streets. Hear our cry, O God, listen to our prayers!

Please help us to turn our anger into support and our sadness into compassion. We pray for the dead; may they rest in peace. We pray for the wounded; may they find healing.

Guide us by your abiding light to be peacemakers in our world. Although we find ourselves in a broken world in which hurting people hurt other people, it is no mystery that you are a God capable of healing our world through justice and fairness.

May your presence fill us and others with the thirst for unity, wholeness, and the desire to see all people valued as created in your image and likeness.

We pray in the name of our triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. AMEN!

--Based upon Psalm 61