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## **Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and Members California has been devastated by wildfires!**

**The Paradise Camp Fire is the worst wildfire in California History. 153,000 acres burned, 14,000 homes destroyed, 85 people killed, 296 people unaccounted for and thousands of people displaced. 80% of the town destroyed. 69 Brothers of Council #7773 in Paradise have lost their homes due to the fire. Completely burned out! California Columbian Charities was there to help. Each burned out Brother has or will receive a grant to accommodate their immediate "necessity of life" needs. Accumulated, the Charity has granted thousands in aid to these Brothers. Now is the time to replenish our funds to be able to support other Brothers that are in need throughout the State.**

All Councils are asked to donate. Councils should consider a donation of \$3.65 for each of their Council members. Financial Secretaries, please add the 365 Club as a voluntary donation when you send out the annual billing statements. **Donations are being accepted now, please send to address above. Please be generous!**

**Columbian Charities is dedicated to assisting California Brothers and their widows in distress. For over sixty years we have worked to provide CHARITY and to fulfill Father McGivney's mandate - BROTHER HELPING BROTHER.**

At last year's "**Parade of Grand Knights**" you donated \$123,000 to Columbian Charities! **THANK YOU** for reaching-out a helping hand to your less fortunate Brothers! You should be proud of your generosity.

In 2017 the Charity provided 52 Brothers, and widows, with \$136,000 in financial assistance. The need is great. **Please increase your contribution this year.**

*Columbian Charities is ready to provide financial assistance to your Council's Brothers in their time of need. Any member who has information about a Brother in distress should notify the **Grand Knight**. The **Grand Knight** can obtain a charity application by calling the State Office at (909) 434-0460.*