

CLAVERISM COMES TO THE GOLDEN WEST



WESTERN STATES DISTRICT HISTORY

Claverism came to the Golden West because of the dedication and perseverance of three Claver Men. Brothers Julius Pratt, George Theophile and Armand Duvernay were former members of Councils in New Orleans, Louisiana before migrating to Los Angeles, California. They felt a need for Fraternal Brotherhood in their new homeland and petitioned the Knights of Peter Claver National office for a Council in the Golden West. Their dream became a reality on April 20, 1941 when Queen of Angels Council No. 87 was chartered by Supreme Knight Alphonse P. Auguste. The Council was domiciled at Saint Odilia Roman Catholic Church (formerly known as Saint Odilia's Negro National Church). The Council was chartered with fifteen members with Brother Julius Pratt serving as the first Grand Knight. Queen of Angels Court No. 87 was chartered on October 25, 1942 by Supreme Lady A. R. Aubry with sixteen chartered members; Lady Barbara Davis was the first Grand Lady.

The second Council Chartered in the west was Golden West Council No. 95 on January 12, 1947, at Saint Patrick Catholic Church in Oakland, California. Second Court Chartered was Saint Patricia Court No. 95 on April 27, 1947 in Oakland, California. There have been thirty-four councils and thirty-seven Courts Chartered in the Golden West since that time. Councils and Courts are located in the following cities; Compton, East Palo Alto, Los Angeles, Oakland, Pasadena, Richmond, San Bernardino, Sacramento, San Diego and San Francisco, California; Phoenix, Arizona; Las Vegas, Nevada; Portland, Oregon; and Seattle, Washington.

The first Knights of Peter Claver National Convention held in the Golden West was at Los Angeles, California in August of 1948, under the leadership of Supreme Knight J. Roland Prejean and Supreme Lady A. R. Aubry. Convention meetings were held in Saint Patricks' and Holy Cross Church halls. During this convention the Supreme General Assembly established Gilbert Faustina Assembly No. 13 of Los Angeles, California, the first Fourth Degree Assembly in the West. William Knox Sr. Assembly No. 15 of Oakland, California was established in April 1954, and Immaculate Conception Assembly No. 38 was established in Seattle Washington in 1991. The Supreme General Chapter established Ellen Marie Jackson Chapter No. 13 and Rose L. Casanave Chapter No. 15 in February 1981; Our Mother of Africa Chapter No. 38 was established on August 21, 2004.

The Junior Daughter Court No. 87 was chartered in June 1947 and Junior Knight Branch No. 87 was chartered in August 1948 at Los Angeles, California. There have been fourteen Junior Branches and twenty-two Junior Courts Chartered in the Golden West.

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Western States District has had eleven (11) Knights serve as District Deputy

1. Sir Knight William J. Knox, Sr.
2. Sir Knight Herman Faulk
3. Sir Knight George Theophile
4. Sir Knight Oliver S. Lanaux, Sr.
5. Sir Knight Harry L. Wiley
6. Sir Knight Charles A. Stevens
7. Sir Knight Elmon Goodson
8. Sir Knight Mervin Hughes
9. Sir Knight Anderson F. Shaw
10. Sir Knight Gregory Warner, Sr.
11. Sir Knight Bruce Sampson

Western States District has had sixteen (16) Ladies serve as District Deputy

1. Lady Maggie Porter
2. Gracious Lady Ellen Marie Jackson (3 terms),
3. Lady Thelma T. Haynes
4. Lady Myrtle D. Wilson
5. Gracious Lady Jean D. Harris
6. Gracious Lady Rose L. Casanave
7. Gracious Lady Mary L. Jackson
8. Gracious Lady Theresa A. Wright
9. Gracious Lady Mary Lee Mayes
10. Gracious Lady Doris D. Tims
11. Gracious Lady Tamara Bell-Murray
12. Gracious Lady Micaela J. A. LeBlanc
13. Gracious Lady Sharon Pitre-Williams
14. Gracious Lady Renita Lloyd-Smith
15. Gracious Lady Lori McCoy Shuler
16. Gracious Lady Renita Lloyd-Smith

COUNCIL AND COURTS ESTABLISHED IN THE WESTERN STATES DISTRICT

Council 87	Queen of Angels	Los Angeles, CA
Court 87	Queen of Angels	Los Angeles, CA
Council 95	St. Patrick (Golden West)	Oakland, CA
Court 95	St. Patrick	Oakland, CA
Council 96	Archbishop Cantwell	Los Angeles, CA
Court 96	Archbishop Cantwell	Los Angeles, CA
Council 99	St. Patrick	Los Angeles, CA
Court 99	St. Martin De Porres	Los Angeles, CA
Council 113	Holy Cross	Los Angeles, CA
Court 113	Lady Olivia Castille	Los Angeles, CA

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Council 120 Court 120	St. Benedict De Moor Fr. Drescher	San Francisco, CA San Francisco, CA
Council 121 Court 121	Holy Name of Jesus Sacred Heart of Jesus	Los Angeles, CA Los Angeles, CA
Council 127 Court 127	Fr. Cantillion St Columbia	Oakland, CA Oakland, CA
Council 128 Court 128	Father George Conboy Our Lady of Fatima	Los Angeles, CA Los Angeles, CA
Council 136 Court 136	Cathedral St Mary Cathedral	San Francisco, CA San Francisco, CA
Council 137 Court 137	Immaculate Heart of Mary Immaculate Heart of Mary	Oakland, CA Oakland. CA
Council 155 Court 155	St. Francis Assisi St. Francis Assisi	Palo Alto, CA Palo Alto, CA
Council 162 Court 162	St Paul St. Paul	Los Angeles, CA Los Angeles, CA
Council 175 Court 175	St Anne St. Anne	Sacramento, CA Sacramento, CA
Council 203 Court 203	Our Lady of Lourdes Pope John Paul I	Sacramento, CA Sacramento, CA
Council 207 Court 207	Bishop Alphonse Gallegas Sisters of the Holy Family	Sacramento, CA Sacramento, CA
Council 212 Court 212	St. Bernard St. Bernard	Oakland, CA Oakland, CA
Council 215 Court 215	St. Frances X. Cabrini St. Frances X. Cabrini	Los Angeles, CA Los Angeles, CA
Council 218 Court 218	Immaculate Conception Our Lady/Seat of Wisdom	Seattle, WA Seattle, WA
Council 220 Court 220	Transfiguration Transfiguration	Los Angeles, CA Los Angeles, CA

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Council 230 Court 230	St. Mark St. Mark	Richmond, CA Richmond, CA
Council 235 Court 235	St. Paschal St. Paschal	Oakland, CA Oakland, CA
Council 257 Court 257	St. Martin De Porres St. Martin De Porres	San Bernardino, CA San Bernardino, CA
Council 259 Court 259	St. Brigid St. Brigid	Los Angeles, CA Los Angeles, CA
Council 282 Court 282	St. Raphael St. Raphael	Los Angeles, CA Los Angeles, CA
Court 292	St. Anselm	Los Angeles, CA
Court 295	St. Michael	San Francisco, CA
Council 296 Court 296	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	San Francisco, CA San Francisco, CA
Council 306 Court 306	St. Albert the Great St. Albert the Great	Compton, CA Compton, CA
Council 310 Court 310	Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	San Francisco, CA San Francisco, CA
Court 319	St. Francis X. Cabrini	Los Angeles, CA
Council 336 Court 336	Fr. Jay Matthews Fr. Jay Matthews	Oakland, CA Oakland, CA
Council 358 Court 358	St. James the Apostle St. James the Apostle	Las Vegas, NV Las Vegas, NV
Council 369 Court 369	St. Martin De Porres St. Martin De Porres	Phoenix, AZ Phoenix, AZ
Council 371 Court 371	Christ the King Christ the King	San Diego, CA San Diego, CA
Council 384 Court 384	St. Rita St. Rita	San Diego, CA San Diego, CA
Council 389 Court 389	Bishop Carl Anthony Fisher Bishop Carl Anthony Fisher	Altadena/Pasadena, CA Altadena/Pasadena, CA
Council 400 Court 400	St. Michael St. Michael	Los Angeles, CA Los Angeles, CA
Council 402 Court 402	St. Jerome St. Jerome	Los Angeles, CA Los Angeles, CA

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WESTERN STATES DISTRICT CONFERENCE HISTORY

For the purpose of meeting jointly to discuss, improve and further the ideals of the Order and to promote such intellectual and cultural intercourse as shall be deemed fit and proper. The California State Knights of Peter Claver Conference was founded as a temporary organization, June 14, 1953 at Oakland California and authorized as a permanent experimental organization August 3, 1953, at Rochester, New York. The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary was included in the California State Conference as a temporary organization May 30, 1954 at Los Angeles, California. The Conference became permanent as the authorized Western States District Conference, July 31, 1955, at Chicago, Illinois.

To date there have been seventeen (17) Western States District Conference Knights of Peter Claver Presidents:

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| 1. William J. Knox, Sr. | 10. Darrell Washington |
| 2. Henry D. Faulk | 11. Rufus Fisher |
| 3. Oliver S. Lanoux, Sr. | 12. Fred McLaurin |
| 4. John D. Haynes, | 13. Joseph Connors |
| 5. Harvey M. Osborn | 14. Gregory Warner |
| 6. Clifford Young, | 15. LeRoy Titus |
| 7. John Waller, | 16. Robert Williams |
| 8. Arthur Trevigne, Sr. | 17. Andrew Knox |
| 9. Ray Mayes | |

To date there have been seventeen (17) Western States District Conference Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Presidents

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| 1. Rose L. Casanave | 10. Olivia Cormier |
| 2. Marie Walker | 11. Bernadette Beals |
| 3. Melba Stovall | 12. Cheryl Pyles |
| 4. Thelma T. Haynes | 13. Sharon Pitre-Williams |
| 5. Irma Evans (2) | 14. Bettye Brown |
| 6. Margaret Bacon | 15. Renita Lloyd-Smith |
| 7. Priscilla Greene | 16. Franz Aubry |
| 8. Ellen Marie Jackson | 17. Barbara Williams |
| 9. Theresa A. Wright | |

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Western States District members elected at National Conventions were:

1. Gracious Lady Alma S. Bramlette, Vice Supreme Lady
2. Gracious Lady Mary L. Jackson, National Treasurer
3. Sir Knight Oliver S. Lanaux, Sr., National Lay Board Member
4. Brother Craig Guillory Director General Junior Knights
5. Sir Knight Elmo Pratt, Director General Junior Knight
6. Gracious Lady Olivia Cormier, Supreme Purser, Fourth Degree Supreme Chapter
7. Gracious Lady Rose Dennis, Supreme Inner Sentinel, Fourth Degree Supreme Chapter
8. Sir Knight Ferdinand DeJan, Supreme Purser, Fourth Degree Supreme Assembly
9. Sir Knight Vernon Torregano, Supreme Comptroller, Fourth Degree Supreme Assembly
10. Sir Knight Darrell Dickerson, Supreme Scribe, Fourth Degree Supreme Assembly
11. Gracious Lady Franz Aubry, Supreme Comptroller, Fourth Degree Supreme General Chapter
12. Gracious Lady Micaela J. A. Le Blanc, 14th Most Esteemed Supreme Lady KPCLA

To date there have been eleven District Conference Junior Knight Directors:

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| 1. Sir Knight Emile Adams, | 7. Brother Kazzie Mack, |
| 2. Sir Knight Norman Parker, | 8. Sir Knight Darrell Dickerson |
| 3. Sir Knight Elmo Pratt, | 9. Sir Knight Marty Blount |
| 4. Sir Knight Darrell Dickerson, | 10. Sir Knight Darrell Dickerson |
| 5. Sir Knight Alvin Gibson, | 11. Knight William Lewis |
| 6. Sir Knight Ian Heisser | |

To date there have been seven District Conference Junior Daughter Directresses:

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| 1. Gracious Lady Patricia Burnett | 4. Lady Faith Otis |
| 2. Gracious Lady Zenobia Phillips | 5. Lady Sheila Thomas |
| 3. Lady Kimberly Williams | 6. Lady Lydia Price |
| 7. Lady Rachel Warner | |

There are four Fourth Degree Assemblies (Sir Knights) in the Western States District:

Assembly #	Assembly Name	Location
Assembly 13	Gilbert Faustina	Los Angeles, CA
Assembly 15	William Knox, Sr.	Oakland, CA
Assembly 38	Lloyd Berteaux	Seattle, WA
Assembly 49	Lewis A. Roberts, Jr.	Las Vegas, NV

There are four Fourth Degree Chapters (Ladies of Grace) in the Western States District:

Chapter #	Chapter Name	Location
Chapter 13	Ellen Marie Jackson	Los Angeles, CA
Chapter 15	Rose L. Casanave	Oakland, CA
Chapter 38	Our Mother of Africa	Seattle, WA
Chapter 49	Grace Lorraine Taplin	Las Vegas, NV