



APRIL 2013

TO ALL MEMBERS OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 1684

Dear Brothers:

During this our Centennial year, our Council is requesting your support and participation for two of our major events.

The first being held on Saturday, May 11 is our Latin Mass in Serra Chapel, Old Mission Santa Barbara. Our Chaplain, Father Charles Talley, will be our celebrant. A pancake breakfast will follow after the Mass, at Serra Hall. A map showing the street location of the Old Mission, public parking and Serra Chapel is included with this letter.

Our second being held on Saturday, June 22 is our Centennial Banquet at Bishop Diego High School. This event will feature special guests and a program. Included will be the installation of officers for Council 1684 and 5300. We open the doors for cocktails at 6:30 PM with dinner being served at 7:00 PM. This will be our final event honoring our 100th year as a council.

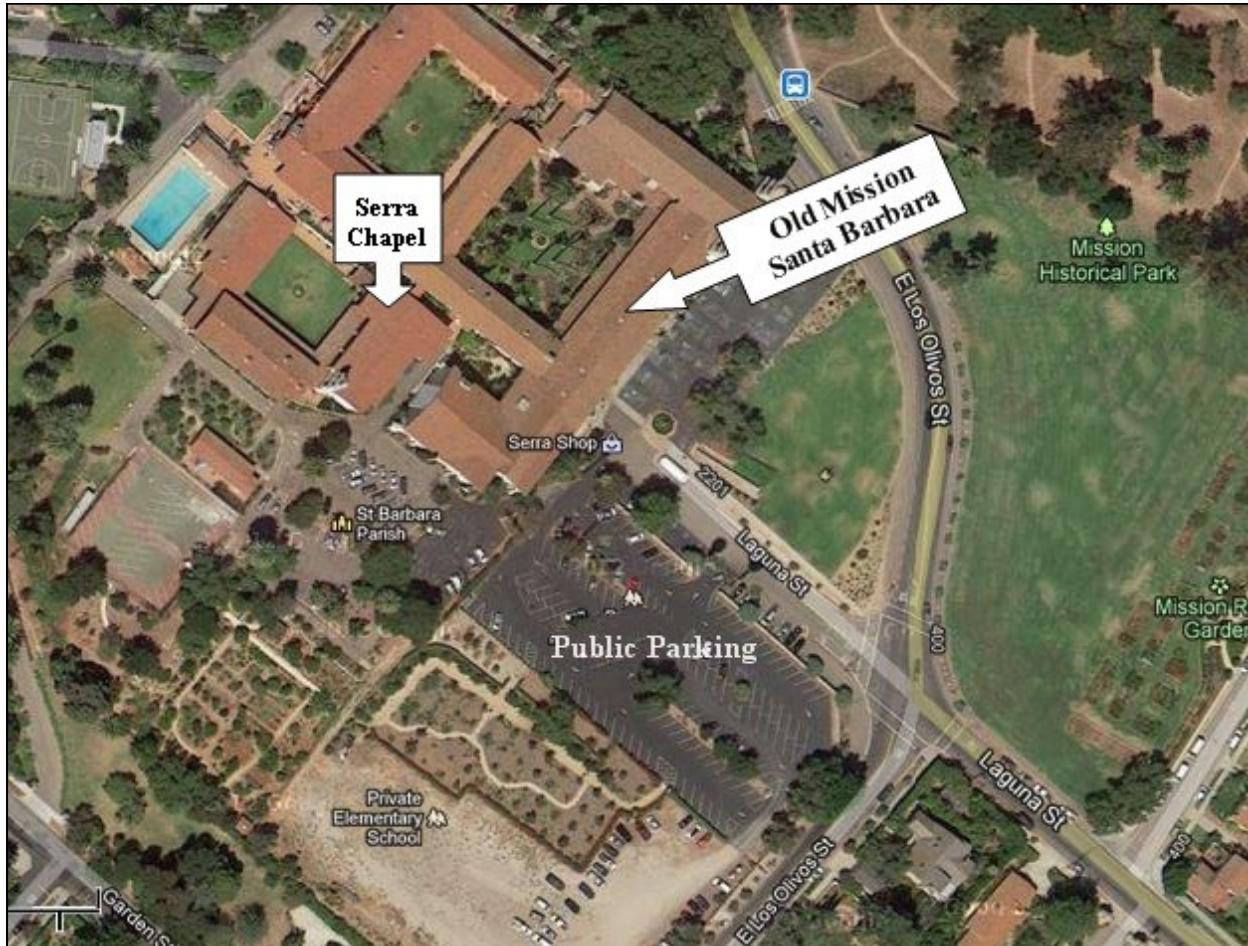
The events mentioned here can only be successful if you are present to show your support for our council. If you have not received a ticket, or your wish to obtain additional tickets, contact Ray Charpentier at (805) 845-1978.

To defray costs for these two events, we are asking for contributions. Donations can be sent to Ray Charpentier, 2412 Calle Soria, Santa Barbara, CA 93109.

Brotherly Yours,

Steven Romofsky

Steven Romofsky, Grand Knight



Instructions

Old Mission Santa Barbara is located on the corner of East Los Olivos and Laguna Streets. Public Parking is located on the southwest corner of the Mission.

To reach Serra Chapel, please walk to the Portico of the Mission, and when you reach the entrance to the Serra Shop, turn left and at the second door with the sign above saying *Office*, enter through this door. Council members will be available to direct you to the chapel.

After Mass, we will celebrate a Pancake Breakfast at Serra Hall.



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MAY – JUNE 2013
100th Anniversary

Special Dates and Activities

- May 2 11:00 PM**
Hour of Adoration
of the Blessed
Sacrament, Chapel
of the Poor Clares.

May 12 3:00 PM
Prayer Vigil to
End Abortion, in
front of the Planned
Parenthood office,
518 Garden Street

May 24 5:30 PM
Prepare Meal at
Transition House

June 6 11:00 PM
Hour of Adoration
of the Blessed
Sacrament, Chapel of
the Poor Clares.

June 9 3:00 PM
Prayer Vigil to
End Abortion, in
Front of the Planned
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518 Garden Street

June 28 5:30 PM
Prepare Meal at
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Steve Romofsky

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Financial Secretary Notes...

Two important events are scheduled for our Council. On Saturday, May 11, we celebrate our 100th Anniversary by holding a Latin Mass at the Serra Chapel, Old Mission Santa Barbara. Our Chaplin Fr. Charles will celebrate the Mass. We ask that Council members park in the general parking area located on the southwest side of the Mission. To reach Serra Chapel, please walk to the Portico of the Mission, and when you reach the entrance to the Serra Shop, turn left and at the second door with the sign above saying *Office*, enter through this door. Council members will be available to direct you to the chapel. After Mass, we will celebrate a Pancake Breakfast at Serra Hall. On Saturday, June 22 we will celebrate our Centennial with a banquet at Bishop Diego High School. Adding to this event is the installation of officers for Council 1684 and 5300.

If you have not received tickets for these two events, call me at 805-845-1978. If you have received tickets, please provide a monetary contribution to offset the Council's costs. My home address is to the left of this page.

Finally, our K of C State convention is being held in San Diego from May 16 -19. Our Council representatives are GK Steve Romosky and Trustee Marc Wietstock.

Ray Charpentier

Knights of Columbus - Santa Barbara Council #1684
Home Association Annual Meeting
Wednesday, April 10, 2013

President David Borgatello called the Home Association meeting to order at 8:16 p.m. Brother Deacon Nick Curran led the opening prayer followed by Brother John Green leading the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum of 19 members was present.

The membership approved the minutes of the April 12, 2012, meeting as read.

President Borgatello reported that Treasurer Bob Roux resigned and appointed John Green to fill the unexpired term.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer John Green reported a balance of \$292.00 in our checking account.

Investment and Financial Report:

Brother John Green took over for Brother Nick Curran after his retirement earlier in the year. Brother John distributed The Statement of Income, Expenses and Change to Net Assets for the year ending December 31, 2012. It shows Net Assets of \$464,363. The fruits of our investments resulted in a transfer of \$16,197 to the Council. Brother John also completed the Home Association Tax statements that will be filed on time.

Statement of Assets and Liability:

Brother John distributed The Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets which shows new assets of \$464,363 for the year ending December 31, 2012.

Old Business:

President Borgatello reported that nothing has changed regarding our arrangement to use Serra Hall.

New Business: None.

Nomination and Election of Board members:

Brothers Ray Charpentier and Al Anglin, whose terms expired, were nominated and re-elected for three more years. Brother Steve Romofsky was nominated to fill a vacancy on the Board created by the appointment of John Green as Treasurer and elected to a three year term.

The rest of the Board will continue to serve as follows:

Nick Curran	2 years to go
John Green	2 years to go
David Borgatello	1 year to go

President David Borgatello adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m. with a prayer by Deacon Nick Curran.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Anglin, Recorder

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



Steve Romofsky

Worthy Brother Knights, as you read this we will have just celebrated our April Dinner Social. April is a special month for us. Not only do we acknowledge the winners of our Essay Contest but we recognize our Past Grand Knights. We would not be here today if it not for the efforts of these men. This year has additional significance since it our Centennial and through this celebration we link with all of our past Grand Knights.

In March, we again raised Gaelic praise and celebrated St. Patrick's Day. Chef John Green prepared us savory corned beef and we enjoyed the music of Shepherd's Pie. No more fitting way to celebrate our Centennial St. Patrick's Day Dinner Social.

The upcoming month of May will bring the scholarship winners to our Dinner Social. One of our prime charitable works is the support of Catholic Education and the scholarships are our lead effort in that regard. Evaluating the candidates this year was particularly enriching because it demonstrated the caliber of these young people and the quality of the education they have received.

June marks the end of our Columbian Year, which means Officer Installation. We share this ceremony with Council 5300. This year we will cross things up and incorporate the installation ceremony into our June Centennial Banquet.

On the Centennial front, May 4th marks our 100th anniversary. We have two main events in our Centennial, the Latin Mass and the Centennial Banquet. By now you have each received tickets to these events. We look forward to your participation. The Latin Mass, Saturday, May 11, offers us the opportunity to return to our roots, celebrate a morning Mass and then share a meal as we break our fast from the night before. The Centennial Banquet, Saturday, June 22, is a chance for us to gather, enjoy each other's company, and witness all that has been done by our Council. Let me know if you would like to share a story or two about Council history

This next year the Council will have three goals, connect with our parishes, increase participation of new members, and improve recruitment. Our Council is somewhat unusual in that we are not affiliated with a specific parish, we have six. Our Brother Knights are members of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Our Lady of Sorrows, St. Barbara, Holy Cross, and San Roque parishes. These men are Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Parish Council Members, Financial Council Members, Deacons, Music Ministers, and serve in a

multitude of other stewardship roles in their faith communities. We need to raise the visibility of the Knights in the parishes and work with the Pastors to help where we can.

Several brothers have spoken to me about the need for our new members to become involved with Council activities. There is no better way to learn about our Council than to actively participate. Members need to attend our business meetings, attend our dinner socials, and participate in our fund raising activities.

The last goal is really an ongoing assignment for all Brother Knights, invite good men to join our Council. Addressing the first two goals will no doubt enhance our efforts for the third goal, however, make it a point during the summer to ask a man your see regularly at church to join our brotherhood. Tell him why you joined and invite him to our September Dinner Social. We need your help.

We will be discussing our Council goals during our business meetings this summer. Attend a meeting and share your thoughts. We need your input to address the needs of the Council and we will all be better served if you participate.

Lastly, I offer you a personal invitation to join with us and celebrate the culmination of our Centennial, observe the end of this Columbian Year, and rejoice for the dawning or another year of service by Council 1684. I offer Easter blessings for each of you my Brother Knights as we look forward to Pentecost.

Vivat Jesus

Steve Romofsky
Grand Knight

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GENERAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 1684

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2013

Sixteen members were present when Grand Knight Steve Romofsky called the Council meeting for March to order at 7:35p.m. Upon closing the meeting doors, Warden James Bauer verified membership cards, and the Grand Knight led the opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the February meeting were accepted as read.

The Worthy Grand Knight reported on the following items:

- Attendance of only 35 dinners sold for the March Social was disappointing in view of the outstanding meal prepared by John Green and his army of faithful culinary followers. The entertainment by "Shepherd's Pie" was likewise magnificent.
- The April 24 Social will feature the Essay Contest winners and cooking by Chef Brother Ralph Karleskint.
- The Council 1684 Centennial Latin mass will be held either on May 4 or May 11 at 9 a.m., with a pancake breakfast to follow in Serra Hall. The Grand Centennial celebration will be held on a Saturday in June. The dates will be forthcoming soon.

Under membership, there were no new applications.

Under communication, the Council received no new communication.

Under the Treasurer's report, the Council's March financial statement

The report from the St. Patrick's Day Social Dinner shows a loss to the Council of \$171.91 after \$555 (35 paying guests) in ticket sales, \$120 in other income, and \$846.91 in expenses.

The financial secretary reported four bills paid.

Under Unfinished Business,

- Brother Ray Charpentier's motion to change the Council's name to the Father Virgil Cordero Santa Barbara Council was brought to the floor after being tabled at the previous meeting. After discussion, the motion was defeated.
- The Grand Knight moved the election of nominees Bruce García (Treasurer) and Dale Ohmstead (Trustee) to fill vacant positions until the regular election of officers in June. It was seconded. After a brief discussion, the nominees were unanimously elected.

Under New Business,

- Brother John Green presented his work on the Council's 2012 tax return and financial statements. He pointed out that our tax return is an eleven page formality that shows we owe no tax. The highlights from our financial report show that the Council's income increased by over \$20,000 from the previous year. Our yearly donations to charity for 2012 were a whopping \$45,377.
- Brother John Green is taking on the responsibility of donating a new banner for the Council. Our old one is a

bit moth eaten. Hopefully, the new one will arrive before the June Centennial celebration.

- April 6 and 7 are the Knights of Columbus Founder's Day. This will mark our big annual membership drive. All Knights are requested to help find new members this weekend in their own parishes. They are asked to coordinate their efforts with the Grand Knight.
- There was a discussion of ways to increase attendance at our socials and involve members who are not currently serving as officers. Some of these suggestions were:
 1. We have officer positions that have not been filled. We should fill them.
 2. Refine the way we contact members for socials.
 3. Assign more jobs during socials, i.e. one or two more bartenders, a set-up or clean-up crew, etc.
 4. Focus on either an important Catholic issue or a fellow Knight during some of the socials.

There was no District Deputy's report.

There was no Field Agent's report.

Under the Good of the Order, there was no news.

Under Prayers for the Sick or Distressed,

- Brother Ray Charpentier for Brother Robert (Doc) O'Brien who recently passed away
- Brother David Chávez for his brother Frank Mercie Padiña Chávez, a Vietnam War veteran who recently passed away from complications of Agent Orange poisoning
- Brother Garvan Kuskey for Elizabeth Love (recently deceased), the mother of Father John Love of St. Mark's Church.

Following a closing prayer by Worthy Grand Knight Steve Romofsky, the Council meeting for March adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Anglin, Recorder

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Pro-Life Report

Hurry Up and Die,” Gov’t Official Urges Old Folks



Mike Engler

A world on the Pill has an ugly future. That was the message of a conference held recently in Washington, D.C. Speakers told listeners that decades of anti-population propaganda and policies are devastating our world, both now and into the future. (The conference was covered by *Friday Fax*, published by the Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute, which I’m privileged to do some work for.)

“The world and the future will be poorer” because of the myth of overpopulation, said scientist Dr. Robert Zubrin, author of *Merchants of Despair*. Over the last 100 years the world has produced more resources than people, he stated, but the overpopulation myth endures, usually as a pseudo-scientific cloak for racism. Even in democratic countries, population policies are used to control minorities, often through coercion and lies, and usually with funding from the U.S. taxpayer.

Dr. Zubrin blamed the anti-life ideology on bad science and “anti-humanism.” Anti-lifers see people as parasites that endanger the earth. But “every man is born with a pair of hands...and a mind.”

Dr. Susan Yoshihara told listeners that for decades scholars have said lower birthrates would bring more peace, but “the opposite is true.” Declining birthrates in Europe and Asia could have devastating effects on trade and national security, warned the scholar of international relations and author of *Population Decline and the Remaking of Great Power Politics*.

Dr. Yoshihara, a former U.S. Navy squadron commander, doubts that technology can replace robust work forces or sufficiently manned military forces. She noted that countries are already struggling to maintain their armies, thanks to fertility decline and aging populations. Aggressive nations might decide to attack now, while they still have enough troops. The USA’s European allies are reluctant to back us in security matters because war is so costly, and this will result in more unilateral actions by the USA.

Jonathan Last, author of *What to Expect When No One’s Expecting*, spoke on the “freakonomics” of population decline. For example, Japan’s prime minister recently told his country’s elderly to “hurry up and die.” The aging Japanese population now buys more adult diapers than baby diapers.

Meanwhile, wolves are appearing in depopulated areas of Germany after being absent for 800 years. Germany has a surplus of prostitutes and a shortage of nurses, so the government has been training prostitutes to care for the exploding number of old folks.

Without immigration, the USA would be like Germany and the rest of Europe, Last said. But immigration can’t solve our demographic problem, because immigrants soon adopt the reproductive habits of their new country. DINK – Double Income, No Kids -- is the new norm in the industrialized countries of the world.

Every day it becomes more obvious that for 2,000 years the Church has been right in Her teachings about marriage, babies and the sinfulness of abortion and contraception. May our wayward world turn to Her for the light it so desperately needs.

**Mike Engler
Pro-Life Chairman**

GENERAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 1684

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2013

Nineteen members were present when Grand Knight Steve Romofsky called the Council meeting for April to order at 7:36 p.m. Upon closing the meeting doors, Warden James Bauer verified membership cards, and the Grand Knight led the opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the March meeting were accepted as read.

The Worthy Grand Knight reported on the following items:

- The April 24 Social will feature the first place Essay Contest winners and cooking by the incomparable Chef Ralph Karleskint.
- The Council 1684 Centennial Latin mass will be held on May 11 at 8:30 a.m. in Serra Chapel on the grounds of Old Mission Santa Barbara followed by a pancake breakfast at Serra Hall. Fourth Degree Knights should be dressed formally. Other Knights should wear a coat and tie. The tickets on sale for \$20 that cover both the Latin Mass and the Grand Centennial Celebration on June 22. Please purchase your tickets early.
- The Scholarship social will be held on May 22. Don't miss our \$24,000 donation to support Catholic schools in our area. The Knights will be barbequing chicken and tri-tip, so come hungry.
- The Grand Centennial celebration will be held on a Saturday, June 22 at 6:30 at Bishop Diego García High School. Please plan to attend and celebrate Council 1684's 100th birthday. There will be entertainment and the incomparable chef Ralph Karleskint will be even more incomparable.

Under membership, there were no new applications.

Under communication,

- The Council received an invitation from Bishop Diego García High School to attend their Head of School Reception on Tuesday, May 14, at 5:30 p.m. at the La Cumbre Country Club. Contact Lori Willis, Director of Advancement, at 805-967-1266, ext. 119 for additional details.
- The Council received a letter expressing gratitude for our donation from Monsignor Gregory Cox of Catholic Charities of Los Angeles on behalf of Archbishop Gómez, the Board of Trustees, and their clients.

Under the Treasurer's report, the Council's April bank statement reflects a balance of \$3,813.48 after deposits of \$723 and expenditures of \$2,978.20.

The financial secretary reported eleven bills paid.

There was no Unfinished Business

Under New Business,

- Brother Mark Weitstock received his first communication from the Old Spanish Days organization. That means that Fiesta cannot be far behind. Knights should be thinking good thoughts about which days they wish to serve during that first week of August.
- Brother Ray Charpentier gave our slate of officers the first reading. The slate is: Steve Romofsky as Grand Knight, Hank Peterson as Deputy Grand Knight, Dale Ohmstead as Chancellor, Al Anglin as Recorder, Ray Charpentier as Financial Secretary, Bruce García as Treasurer, Richard Rink as Advocate, James Bauer as Warden, David Chávez as Inside Guard, Mitch Molitor as Outside Guard, Thomas Salgado, Sr. as Trustee (1 year), John Green as Trustee (3 year), Mark Weitstock (2 years),
- David Borgatello spoke of the need for the Council to be more organized with the bar and ticket sales for socials and large events like the Knights Nite Out and the Clergy Appreciation Dinner. That conversation sparked more ideas on how to involve new members.

Under the District Deputy's report, District Deputy Mike Ohler relayed the news that our Council's District has been taken away from him and we will have a new District Deputy in June. His name is Ray Centennial, Jr. Brother Mike expressed gratitude for the close bond established between himself and our Council during his time with us and said that he will continue to visit Council 1684 functions in the future.

There will be a First Degree Exemplification at St. Julies on Sunday, April 21, and a Second Degree at Holy Cross in Moorpark on April 24.

There was no Field Agent's report.

Under the Good of the Order, Brother Hank Gómez urged the Council's support of Council 5300's golf tournament benefitting St. Rafael School.

Under Prayers for the Sick or Distressed,

- Brother Mark Weitstock for Brother Doc O'Brien and his widow Pat.
- Brother Mark for his nephew's infant daughter Oliviana who is suffering the side effects of cancer treatment.
- Brother Mike Ohler for his son Anthony who underwent eye surgery after a kick to the face during a soccer match.

Following a closing prayer by Deacon Nick Curran, the Council meeting for April adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

The next Council 1684 business meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Anglin, Recorder

Deacon's Corner:

ANNIVERSARIES ARE A STRANGE THING

Anniversaries are a strange thing ...we tend to celebrate the longevity, or length of time of, or since an event; many times for something we personally had part of, or responsibility in its occurrence. We all love to celebrate our birthdays, when we had the least to do with our own birth. I'm fortunate to still be able to talk to my mother on my birthday, and thank her for her bringing me into this world and raising me the best she could.

But Anniversaries and Birthdays do seem to provide us a time to reflect on the time that has passed, since last time it was "celebrated".

This is no different than the "Celebration of the Mass". Every time we participate in the Mass we celebrate an anniversary of the Life, Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus. We celebrate and partake in the institution of the

Eucharist at the Last Supper; just as the Jews have taken part in the Exodus story of Passover for thousands of years.

The Eucharist enables us to become one with Christ, to put ourselves in the very presence of the Apostles and Jesus, when He said, "Do this memory of me". And, so we do remember, and we live the day over and over again, and try to emulate Christ and his life and his teachings.

So as we celebrate the 100th. Anniversary of our Council, let's take time to reflect on the good deeds our predecessors have done for our faith, and our community. We give thanks for all those who have led us in the past, and those will lead us into the future, all in the name of Jesus.

Deacon Randy

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Photo Section

MARCH 14 - ST. PATRICK'S DAY SOCIAL & DINNER



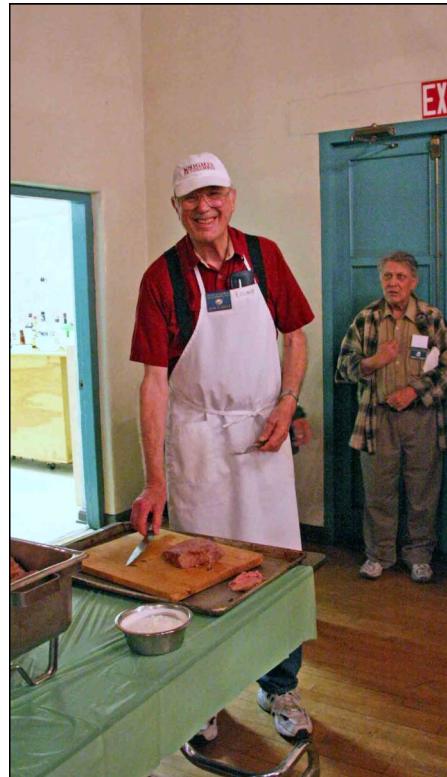
Music was provided by *Shepherd's Pie Irish Music*.



The second half of the music group.



There was ample food for everyone.



Brother John Green prepared the corn beef; it was delicious. This chef certainly has the magic touch.

FOR MAY AND JUNE HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO BROTHER KNIGHTS

May Birthdays

- 5 Joseph Corsaro
- 6 Ted Smith
- 19 David Borgatello
- 20 Lino Leon
- 24 William Sangster
- 25 Jose Contreras
- 26 Juan Garcia
- 30 Paul Maxwell

June Birthdays

- 3 Frederic Cogburn
- 12 Marc Russo
- 15 John Green
- 16 Alex Saucedo
- 17 Paul Smith
- 19 Raymond Michaud
- 22 Arthur Coats
- 29 Cyril Ebner
- 29 Randy Saake

REMEMBERING ONE OF OUR DEPARTED BROTHERS

Dr. Robert Dean O'Brien, M.D. 1926 - 2013

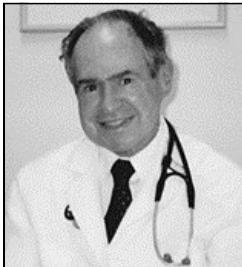
Robert Dean O'Brien, one of our most warmhearted brothers passed quietly away in his sleep on March 6, 2013. Funeral services were held March 12 at Welch- Ryce-Haider Funeral home; Fr. Paul Sretenovic celebrating the Mass of Christian Burial. Robert was laid to rest at Calvary Catholic Cemetery.

Robert was born to Joseph Michael and Elsa Marie O'Brien of Detroit, Michigan on August 29, 1926. Robert was one of eight siblings: sisters Barbara, Kathleen, Dolores, Jo Ann, and Judy, and brothers Jack and Bill. In 1944 Robert graduated from Detroit Central Catholic High School, and in 1950 he earned a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Biology from Loyola University, Los Angeles. During the Korean War, Robert served in the US Army being assigned to Fort Detrick, Maryland as a science researcher. In 1958, Robert earned a Medical Doctor's Degree at Georgetown University. He went on to complete an internship at Los Angeles General Hospital followed by a two year family medicine residency at Santa Barbara General Hospital. Robert made Santa Barbara his hometown practicing medicine for 41 years, retiring in 2002. During his professional years as a medical doctor, Robert served on the medical staffs of St Francis, Cottage and Goleta Valley hospitals. He helped establish the Santa Barbara Hospice and served over 20 years on the Cottage Hospital Institutional Review Board. In 1998, Robert was named the St. Francis Medical Center Physician of the Year.

Robert was married to C. Patricia Hall at St. John's Catholic Church on May 21, 1960, in Crystal Springs, Mississippi. From their marriage of 52 years were born two children, David and Maureen. He became a member of Council 1684 on April 1, 1960, and in later years served as Advocate of our Council until 2010.

Robert O'Brien is survived by his wife, Patricia; their two children, David M. O'Brien and his wife Lisa, and Maureen A. O'Brien and her husband Douglas Gervasi; two grandchildren Megan E. and Matthew J. O'Brien; brother Bill O'Brien and his wife Helen; sisters Kathleen Sims, Dolores Ericson, Jo Ann Perry, and Judy Gerhard and her husband Joe, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be given to Santa Barbara Visiting Nurse & Hospice Care Foundation or the St. Francis Foundation.



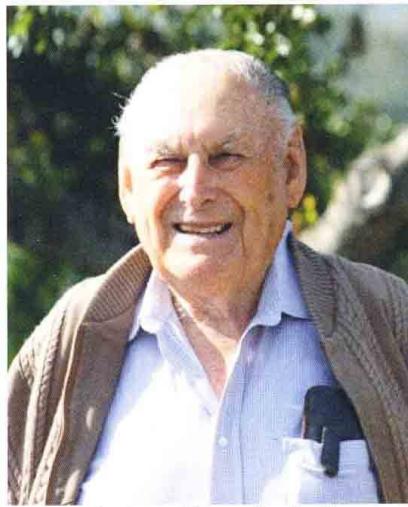
MARIO F. BORGATELLO

Happy 95th Birthday on April 18th

Mario, at age 18, joined the Knights of Columbus Council #1684.

Mario F. Borgatello was born on April 18, 1918 in Santa Barbara, California, the youngest of five children to Secondo Borgatello and Josephine Prato Borgatello. Six short months after Mario was born, Secondo passed away leaving Josephine to raise five young children on her own. Times were very tough and they did the best that they could to get by on a daily basis with much help from Santa Barbara County Social Services. As a way to feed the family, Josephine began providing boarding for the immigrants that would come from Italy as gardeners and stone masons.

In the late 1920's Mario and his older brother Charles started collecting food scraps to help feed the hogs that their mom was raising. Over the years this hauling business has evolved into what is now known as MarBorg Industries. In 1938 Mario met Marguerite Saulsbury, the love of his life. They were married in November of 1941 at St. Joan of Arc Church in Las Vegas. Mario and Marguerite (Peggy) were married for 70-years and had two sons, David and Mario Jr. Peggy died June 1, 2011. Since then the family has blossomed to 7 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. Grandchildren are Theresa Carlson, Anthony Borgatello, Brian Borgatello, Andrea Forey, Kathy Koeper, Kristine Trockmorton, Kerri Boeddeker. Great-Grandchildren are Austin Borgatello, Brian David Borgatello, Sophia Borgatello, Nathan Borgatello, Katie Delgadillo, Kristie Delgadillo, Dane Carlson, Bella Carlson, Anthony Borgatello, Adriana Borgatello, Kylie Koeper, Jacob Koeper, Benjamin Boeddeker, Hunter Boeddeker, Harrison Boeddeker, Samuel Boeddeker, Victoria Throckmorton, Travis Trockmorton, Juliana Forey, Nicholas Forey and Lucy Forey.



Mario has been a KC member for 77 years.



Four color photos were taken at Mario's 93rd birthday. Black and white photo is of Mario, Peggy, and their two sons. We thank K of C Council 5300 for permission to publish the above story and photos.

ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS EVALUATE POPE FRANCIS

By Deacon Nick Curran

Ashlie Bissell from Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, and Chloe Redit from Notre Dame School, like Pope Francis, and they explained why they like him so well that the Knights of Columbus Council 1684 awarded each of them \$200 plus a moment in the spotlight.

On April 24, the moment arrived at Serra Hall when the Council honored students from Our Lady of Mount Carmel School and Notre Dame School at its Annual Essay Contest Dinner.

The question that these seventh graders addressed: "What qualities would you like to see the new pope have, what issues should be addressed, and why?"

Joining Ashlie from Our Lady of Mount Carmel is Cory Williams, second place winner of \$100, and Megan Plant, third place winner of \$50. Joining Chloe from Notre Dame is Matthew Garcia, second place winner of \$100, and Nirvit Pradhan, third place winner of \$50. A total of 28 essays were submitted to the Council for consideration.

Ashlie and Chloe had their parents cheering them on as they delivered their essays to the audience.

Charles and Kerry Bissell were at

one table supporting Ashlie. Wayne and Alice Redit were at the next table supporting Chloe. Chloe's younger sister and grandfather also were in attendance. So was Sr. Judy Flahavan, Notre Dame School's principal. Both Ashlie and Chloe delivered their essays with poise and a strong voice.

Karen Regan, principal at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, could not attend since she was at special event at Bishop Garcia Diego High School. Her mother, who is retiring from the staff in June, was being honored by the school.

Essays of the first place winners appear below and on Page 14.

Knights of Columbus Essay

By Chloe Redit

Since the new pope has already been chosen I will mention only two qualities I would like to see. One quality that I think is important for the new pope to have is social justice. To have or display social justice is to show kindness to all people of all races and religions, and to treat everyone with respect.

One more quality I think is important for the new pope to have is humility. Humility is important for anyone with a lot of power to have so that they don't let it get to their head. From what I can see the new pope, Pope Francis I, is humble. He doesn't wear fancy clothes or jewelry. Beside the fact that he is pope he tries to live a simple life.

One issue the new pope will have to address is church scandals. I have faith that he will be able to handle it. He will have to assure people that these scandals don't define the whole church community and that not everyone makes the same mistakes. He will also have to tell them that it is in the past.

Another issue that I think the new pope should address is homelessness and poverty. This is especially important to me because my mom works for the Housing Authority of Santa Barbara

to help homeless people find homes and less fortunate people find affordable housing. It has become more of an issue lately. If the pope chooses to address this issue it will not only help homeless people find homes, but open their eyes to the Catholic faith. This will show them that there is still hope and that God is always with them.

The next issue he should address is to change the global image of the church. This means that he will need to attempt to right the wrongs that have been done by the church and help people understand that we are truly a good faith. One way he can do this is to address the issue of child abuse. Sources say this is the issue he should address first. Another issue he should address is gay marriages. These are ways he can help the global image of the church. The global image of the church is very important because if it is good then more people will want to convert to Catholicism. The global image of the church is tarnished and it will do us well to repair it.

I think that so far Pope Francis is doing a fine job as pope, but if these issues get addressed he will really excel. I am glad that he was elected because he seems like a good, just, and humble person and that is the type of person I would like leading the church. I hope to see these issues addressed and hope that Pope Francis succeeds as the pope.

Leading a Billion to Hope

by Ashlie Bissell

Who will lead us on our journey to eternal life? What is the definition of pope; a pope is the leader of the Roman Catholic Church. There are 1.2 billion Catholics in the world today and the pope is the leader of all of them. At the same time the pope is so much more than just a religious leader; he is the spokesperson of our Catholic faith, what we stand for, and our beliefs. Finding this leader is not an easy task, it takes a long process to elect a new pope. The first step of this process is to gather all of the cardinals of the world, under 80, in the Sistine Chapel. This meeting is called a conclave and about 115 cardinals take place in it. While in the conclave the cardinals take secret votes to elect the new pope. After each voting they add up all the votes and if one cardinal is winning by two-thirds they are the new pope. If there is no conclusive vote then they burn the ballots with a chemical making the smoke black. If there is a winner they burn the ballots with a chemical making the smoke white. After seeing the white smoke we know we have a new religious leader and he comes out onto a balcony and gives a speech and states what his new name as pope will be. In the weeks past we have seen this process in Vatican City. Our new pope, Pope Francis, was elected in result of this system. So far the pope has been surprising in some ways and I have been impressed with his style of ministry. The fact that the pope is a major religious in the world comes with some security challenges. Past popes have had many precautions taken in order to keep them safe. When Pope Francis went out to meet and talk with people with no barriers that really impressed me and showed me he looks like he is going to be a good pope willing to make the changes the church needs to make.

Compassionate. Good to the poor. Well rounded. These are just some of the many qualities a person must have in order to be a good pope. I think that his holiness should be loving, kind, and wise. Our holy father should lead the Catholic Church in a new direction and listen to God to find this path. In life on earth we need guidance from God. We cannot do it alone! We all need help, especially the pope, leading a billion people in the right direction and helping them develop their spiritual lives is not an

easy task. The supreme pontiff shouldn't be afraid to make big changes if he feels called. He should realize the changes needed to be made and tackle them head on. I want the bishop of Rome to really go out in the world and help people and spread Catechism. He should be fluent in many languages because I feel it is more powerful to be able to preach the good news to someone in their native language.

With being an influential spiritual leader in the world comes great responsibility; many decisions must be made on significant issues in the Catholic Church must be made by this person. Some issues I hope the pope will address are helping the poor in our world more. I think as Jesus's ministry on Earth we are obligated to take care of the less fortunate and help them to find work and food. I also think he should try to put the child abuse issue to rest. World economics and how larger countries treat smaller ones should also be an issue he should take care of. Some possibly drastic changes need to be made. Less people are going to church and there is a shortage of priests. Part of this problem is that many people feel unwanted or rejected by the church. Jesus didn't judge anyone and neither should we. The church is meant to be the one place where you can feel safe and not worry about ever being judged. Even if having nontraditional relationships was not the original way doesn't mean that we should judge and outcast the people who want to live their lives like that. The church needs to welcome all of any kind judging and pushing people away isn't going to do any good. The church needs to be changed from its old ways of thinking, the times are changing and so the church needs to also. There should be a greater role for women, we are all equal and men shouldn't have all the roles in church.

As the times and technology are changing the church should also. I am not by any means saying out with the old and in with the new, but I think there should be some changes. I hope that God will lead the new pope to make the right decisions. I hope that more people will feel called to go to church and not feel unwanted. I want the pope to put out the message that all are forgiven no matter who you are and what your past is like. You can always turn back to God; no sin is too great for him to wash away. With a new age comes a new church, let's follow Pope Francis to eternal life with Jesus.

Photo Section

APRIL 24 - ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS



Ashlie Bissell, 7th grade student at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, reads her essay.



Chloe Redit, 7th grade student at Our Lady of Notre Dame, reads her essay.



The Bissell family provides a cheering section for their daughter Ashlie.



The Redit family were present having an opportunity to hear Chloe read her essay.



Thanks to Eileen Curran for taking photos.



Sr. Judy Flahavan, Principal of Notre Dame School, comments on the evening's event.

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