



# Knights of Columbus

Council 1684 • Santa Barbara, California

## MAY - JUNE 2015

### **Special Dates and Activities**

**April 30 11:00 PM**  
**Hour of Adoration**  
 of the Blessed  
 Sacrament, Chapel  
 of the Poor Clares.

**May 10 3:00 PM**  
**Prayer Vigil to**  
**End Abortion,** in  
 front of the Planned  
 Parenthood office,  
 518 Garden Street

**May 22 5:30 PM**  
**Prepare Meal at**  
**Transition House**

**June 4 11:00 PM**  
**Hour of Adoration**  
 of the Blessed  
 Sacrament, Chapel of  
 the Poor Clares.

**June 14 3:00 PM**  
**Prayer Vigil to End**  
**Abortion,** In Front of  
 the Planned Parenthood  
 office, 518 Garden St.

**June 26 5:30 PM**  
**Prepare Meal at**  
**Transition House**

<b>May 13</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Officers Meeting</b> <b>General Council Meeting &amp;</b> <b>Home Association Meeting</b> <b>Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street</b>
<b>May 27</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Social Hour 6:30 PM 7:00 PM Dinner</b> <b>Council 1684 - Scholarship Dinner</b> <b>Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street</b> <b>Council 1684 presents scholarships to students</b> <b>attending Bishop Diego, Notre Dame and</b> <b>Mt. Carmel School.</b>
<b>June 10</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Officers Meeting</b> <b>General Council Meeting</b> <b>Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street</b>
<b>June 20</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Latin Mass &amp; Installation of Officers -</b> <b>Begins with a Latin Mass at Serra Chapel, Old</b> <b>Mission Santa Barbara.</b>
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Followed by District Warden Installation and the</b> <b>Installation of Officers of both Council 1684 and</b> <b>5300, also held in Serra Chapel .</b>
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Pancake Breakfast at Serra Hall, 2210 Garden</b> <b>Street</b>

### *Financial Secretary Notes*

The Council's been busy during March and April with St. Patrick's Day Dinner on March 11 and First Degree Exemplification on March 25. While attendance was light at the St. Patrick's Day Dinner; Irish music by Willie Quinn and his daughter provided exceptional entertainment throughout the evening with Irish melodies. For the First Degree Exemplification three men of Council 5300 became new members of the Knights of Columbus: David Fedorko, Patrick Gildea, and Michael Le Baron.

For April we held a Second Degree Exemplification . Taking the Second Degree were Michael LaBaron and Patrick Gildea from Council 5300 and Bradley Apodaca and Luis Pelayo from Council 1684. Our District Deputy Ray Centeno conducted the ceremony. On April 22 we held our annual dinner celebrating grade school essay winners. Receiving first prizes of \$200 each is Aly Pakes from Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Kaitlyn Rodriguez from Notre Dame School. The dinner was well attended by parents and siblings as well as brother knights and their wives.

On Wednesday May 13, we will have a Council meeting followed by a Home Association Meeting. We ask that you attend this meeting since the Home Association represents

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**GRAND KNIGHTS  
REPORT**

**W**orthy Brother Knights, we have just celebrated our April Dinner Social. April is a special

*Steve* month for us because it gives us the opportunity to acknowledge the winners of our Essay Contest, who join us for the meal along with their families. Congratulations to the Seventh Grade classes at Notre Dame School and our Lady of Mount Carmel School for participating in this contest.

On April 26, it was my pleasure, along with Worthy Financial Secretary Ray Charpentier, to attend the Third Degree exemplification for four of our Brothers: Bradley, Chris, Dave, and Luis. Please welcome these men to full membership in our order. Worthy Brother Herb, who presented the Degree and who has overseen the last several Third Degrees that I have attended, repeated his invitation for all Brother Knights to attend one First, Second, and

Third Degree each year. He said, and I agree, that we can each learn something new when we attend a Degree. Plan to attend at least one Degree this next Columbian Year. Your Council hosts several First and Second Degrees each year so travel and schedule should not be an issue.

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. Our Worthy Brother Deacon Nick Curran has overseen the scholarship program again this year. We appreciate his fine work in support of this program. The caliber of the students this year is again outstanding.

June marks the end of our Columbian Year, which means Officer Installation. We share this ceremony with Council 5300. The installation will follow a Latin Mass and precede a Pancake Breakfast. Please plan to attend and bring a guest. What a great way to mark the end of another Columbian Year.

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.

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 want to encourage all Brother Knights to invite good men to join our Council. Make it a point during the summer to ask a man you 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 to continue the growth of our membership.

Easter Blessings on all of you and your families and Vivat Jesus

**Steve Romofsky**

Grand Knight

**Financial Secretary Notes...**

is the financial foundation of our Council. You can show your support by attending. On May 27 we again have our annual scholarship dinner honoring students from Bishop Diego, Notre Dame and Mt. Carmel School. On Saturday June 20 is the installation of officers of Council 5300 and 1684 beginning with a Latin Mass followed by installation ceremony, the event being held at Serra Chapel, Old Mission Santa Barbara. Parking is available in the back of the chapel. Following the installation will be a pancake breakfast at Serra Hall for bother knights and their wives.

Another event in May is the Knight's State Convention. This year it is being held in San Diego May 16-17. We do have a new member joining our Council. Transferring into our Council is David Nordella, presently residing in Point Hueneme. And yes, David is also our K of C insurance field agent.

*Ray Charpentier*

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**Deacon's Corner:**

**WE NEED TO BE FORGIVING, LOVING AND COMPASSIONATE**

Although we are still in the midst of our Easter season, with Jesus's promise of eternal life fulfilled in his own resurrection, it is also a very busy time in our community and lives.

Summer is quickly approaching, and with that comes lots of activities and many with our family, friends and loved ones. May and June bring Mother's Day and graduations, traditionally lots of weddings and baptisms, family reunions, as well as vacations, and visits to love ones.

Spending time with family is usually a great gift, and a time to share memories and future plans, support and wisdom, compassion and love; but of course there are sometimes difficult moments.

We all know, those we love the most are the most capable of making us angry and hurting us. Too often we have difficult times letting go of past pains and hurts which may have been caused by those closest to us. Rarely do these situations work in only one direction, as said in the old cliché, *"it takes two to tango"*.

Every time I perform a funeral or burial, I ask all those in attendance to take a moment to ask the deceased for forgiveness for anything we may not have had time to sort out prior to a death or sickness, and

everybody nods and grins. Then I ask that we also forgive the deceased for anything they may have done that we didn't offer forgiveness, and the looks on people's faces grow quite grim.

It seems many of us are living our lives with forgiveness in our hearts but not able to express it to those who not only deserve it, but need forgiveness to overcome whatever pain and guilt they may be living with.

We are taught that God and Jesus forgive our sins and this is true and necessary, but equally as important is that we replicate Jesus, and be forgiving, loving and compassionate; not only to those we meet on the streets, but to those who know us best; to those who know our weaknesses and our egos. The people, who are the most capable of hurting us, are also those who can offer us the most support and love in our lives.

I pray we all have time this summer to cherish moments with our families and love ones, and enjoy the beauty of God's creation in our little piece of paradise on Earth, in Santa Barbara.

*Deacon Randy*

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**GENERAL MEETING OF  
COUNCIL 1684  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2015**

Thirteen members were present when Grand Knight Steve Romofsky called the Council meeting for March to order at 8:12 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 February meeting were not read because the Recorder brought the wrong Minutes, but they did appear in the Bulletin.

The Worthy Grand Knight reported on the following items:

- The Worthy Grand Knight welcomed three new Knights following a First Degree Exemplification. New brothers David Fedorko, Mike LeBaron, and Patrick Gildea are all now members of Council 5300, and enjoyed great support present from their Council to welcome them including Worthy Grand Knight Jim Bradbury. He also invited Council 5300 to attend our Latin Mass and Pancake Breakfast in June.
- The Essay Contest Social is coming April 22. Be sure to attend and support our young essayists. Brother José Naranjo will be providing the food.
- Worthy Grand Knight Jim Bradbury of Council 5300 made some remarks at the request of Worth Grand Knight Steve Romofsky. He thanked Council 1684 and the Degree Team for holding this exemplification. He also wanted members to know that the last fish fry of Lent will be this Friday, March 27, and that Council 5300 will hold their annual Memorial Day Picnic on May 25 at Tucker's Grove.

Under the Treasurer's Report, the Treasurer had no report.

The Financial Secretary reported four bills paid. The St. Patrick's Day Social showed income from the bar at \$82, the raffle at \$80, and dinner sales of \$356 for a total of \$518. Entertainment, bar, and food expenses were \$575.05. The cost to the Council was \$29.05 for 39 guests.

Under Membership, a Second Degree Exemplification will be held at prior to the business meeting on April 8.

Under Communication, the Council received communication from Brother Steve Riffero of the Blue Jacket Teenage Club explaining to the Council that they had incurred an expense of \$449.39 in taking a charity trip to Tijuana, Mexico. He was interested in any help the Council could give his organization. We also received the Lent/Easter Newsletter from the Poor Clare Sisters.

Under New Business, the 2015-2016 Council Calendar was presented to the Council.

Under Old business, the Worthy Grand Knights presented an amended 2014-2015 budget for the second reading. It passed unanimously.

Under the District Deputy's report, District Deputy Ray Centeno, Jr. thanked Council 1684's Degree Team. Then he thanked Brother Brian Klinge for making a difference in his journey as a Knight.

- He urged Knights to attend the Third Degree Exemplification on April 26. Check -in is at 12:15 with a 2 p.m. start time for the ceremony.
- The State Convention is coming up in May.
- He touted the Special Olympic World Games coming to the Coliseum in August. The Knights support Special Olympics.
- He admonished officers to be present or get another Knight as a substitute for the Officers' installation in advance.

Officers not taking this to heart might not be seated.

- He introduced Brother David Nordella as the new Field Agent.

Under the Field Agent's report, Brother David said that the ethical rating the Knights of Columbus insurance and financial arm is among the industry's highest. He also mentioned that we have over 100 billion dollars' worth of coverage now and encouraged the new Knights to participate.

Under the Good of the Order, Brother Mark Weitstock reminisced about his time in Catholic school with nuns as teachers. His point was that we need to be that person who lifts others up and helps them reach their goal.

Brother Bruce Garcia encouraged Brother Mike Engler to tell the Council about the "40 Days of Life" program. Those interested can come to sit and pray at the Planned Parenthood site - 518 Garden Street at 3 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month.

Under Prayers for the Sick or Distressed,

- Brother Mike Engler for Garvin Kuskey who is suffering from cancer.
- Brother Jim Bauer for his brother Joe Bauer who is still suffering from the effects of an auto accident.
- District Deputy Ray for his father, Ray, Sr., who is recovering from a fall.

Following a closing prayer by Worthy Grand Knight Steve Romofsky, the Council meeting for March adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

The next Council 1684 business meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

***Al Anglin***

Recorder

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## *Pro-Life Report*



### **Sen. Jackson’s “physician-assisted suicide” bill endangers all our lives—act now to stop it**

*Nor shall any man's entreaty prevail upon me to administer poison to anyone; neither will I counsel any man to do so.* (Part of the Hippocratic Oath taken by physicians, Fifth Century B.C.)

**Mike Engler**

If we Knights don't stop (California) Senate Bill 128, we, our loved ones or countless other Californians might someday be murdered by doctors.

That's because SB 128, co-sponsored by Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson, would legalize “physician-assisted suicide” in California. The next step, obviously, will be legislation to let doctors directly kill their patients, with the patients' consent. (Sen. Jackson herself once sponsored a bill to allow such murders.)

Eventually, lawmakers or judges will let doctors kill patients against their will, a horror that's already a reality in the Netherlands and England.

“Assisted suicide” tramples on Catholic teaching, which says no one may ever target an innocent human life, whether by murder, by suicide or by aiding and abetting those crimes.

What's more, “assisted suicide” is an appalling attack on the most fundamental purpose of law, which is the protection of innocent lives, especially those who are the weakest and most vulnerable—elderly people, poor people, minorities, people with no family to defend them, and people without health insurance.

Plus, it perverts physicians, turning them from protectors to predators. For 2,500 years they've served life, not death, but “assisted suicide” makes them killers. It poisons the doctor-patient relationship, injecting fear where there should be trust.

It's hard to imagine something more sinister than calling death a form of healthcare. People will feel obliged to commit suicide so they won't be a burden on their family, to save money for their heirs, to free up hospital beds. Even worse, inheritance-lusting children will pressure parents to “terminate” themselves.

Thank God, we CAN fight SB 128. Please phone Sen. Jackson's local office at 965-0862 and let her know your family opposes that bill. Then, visit [noassistedsuicideca.org](http://noassistedsuicideca.org) and [AHardPill.org](http://AHardPill.org) to learn more about the dangers of “assisted suicide” and other ways you can combat it. The life you save might be your own.

**Mike Engler**  
**Pro-Life Chairman**



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**GENERAL MEETING OF  
COUNCIL 1684  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2015**

Eleven members were present when Grand Knight Steve Romofsky called the Council meeting for April to order at 8:25 p.m. following a Second Degree Exemplification. 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 approved as read.

The Worthy Grand Knight reported on the following items:

- The Worthy Grand Knight welcomed three new second degree Knights following an Exemplification; Brother Luis Pelayo of Council 1684 and brothers Mike LeBaron, and Patrick Gildea of Council 5300.
- The Essay Contest Social is coming April 22. Be sure to attend and support our young essayists from Notre Dame and Mt. Carmel schools. Brother José Naranjo and Walter De Jesus will be providing tasty Mexican food.
- Our annual Officers' Installation Gala will be held June 20. All Officers on the slate must make arrangements to be there or have another Knight take their place.
- There will be a Home Association meeting held in conjunction with the next business meeting on May 13.

Under the Treasurer's Report, the Treasurer had no report.

The Financial Secretary reported four bills paid.

Under Membership, a Third Degree Exemplification will be held at St. Raphael's on Sunday, April 26. Please attend to support your brothers.

Under Communication, the Council received communication that will be read at the next meeting.

Under New Business,

- The slate of officers for the new Columbian Year: Grand Knight Hank Peterson, Deputy Grand Knight (?), Chancellor Marc Russo, Recorder Al Anglin, Treasurer Bruce Garcia, Advocate Richard Rink, Warden José Naranjo, Inside Guard David Chávez, Outside Guard Jim Bauer, One Year Trustee John Green, Two Year Trustee Mark Weitstock, Three Year Trustee Steve Romofsky, Chaplain Father Charles Talley, Lecturer Mitch Molitor
- The Carpinteria Council has requested \$510.55 to expunge a

current debt to Supreme. After discussion, it was decided to loan this amount to the Carpinteria Council, but a quorum was not present to take the vote. A motion was made to waive the quorum requirement. It was seconded and passed. A motion was made to loan the money to the Carpinteria Council. Under discussion, another motion was made to make this a secret ballot. This motion passed. Ballots were prepared, distributed and the votes counted. The motion to loan \$510.55 to the Carpinteria Council passed.

- Brother John Green presented the Council's tax returns. Everything was in order, as usual.

There was no Old Business.

Under the District Deputy's report, District Deputy Ray Centeno, Jr. thanked Council 1684's Degree Team.

- He urged Knights to attend the Third Degree Exemplification on April 26. Check-in is at 12:15 with a 2 p.m. start time for the ceremony. There is concern in our district about retention level. We must be good shepherds.
- The State Convention is coming up in May.
- He touted the Special Olympic World Games coming to the Coliseum in August. The Knights have purchased the last leg of the torch run to show the depth of our support.

Under the Field Agent's report, Brother David Nordella stressed that membership and retention are our long term goals. He also committed to join Council 1684. Way to go Brother David.

Under the Good of the Order, there was nothing to report.

Under Prayers for the Sick or Distressed,

- Prayers for Brother Garvin Kuskey who is suffering from cancer, Brother Ray Charpentier's son, and for Brother David Chávez who is in the hospital.
- District Deputy Ray for his father, Ray, Sr., who is recovering from a fall.

Following a closing prayer by Worthy Grand Knight Steve Romofsky, the Council meeting for March adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

The next Council 1684 business meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

*Al Anglin*

Recorder

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## Field Agent's Memo



**David  
Nordella**

### A FOUNDING NOTION: PROTECTING THE BREADWINNER'S INCOME

**W**hile jobs may be safer in 2015, accidents, injuries, and illnesses that can impact your ability to work still happen. Most, in fact, do not happen on the jobsite or place of employment. Did you know that a 2011 study revealed that more than 95 percent of the long-term disability claims on file were not work related?

The Knights have always sought to protect members' families from the "loss" of a breadwinner. I'm sure you know all about Father McGivney's vision for our insurance program. But you may not know that Father McGivney also wanted to find a way to help members who couldn't work because of an illness. After all, the "loss" of the breadwinner does not have to mean that person's death; it can also mean the loss of the breadwinner's income.

Consider that loss for a moment. How would your family fare if a source of income suddenly stopped? Could a dual-income family manage on one income stream? What about young families with a working father and a mother who cares for the children? What if his income halted due to an accident or illness?

I've heard some people say they have coverage at work, but too many aren't sure what this coverage entails, how much income it would provide or for how long. Having this protection counts for something, certainly, but it isn't "yours"; it's provided by the company for which you work at their discretion. It could be eliminated tomorrow.

That's where a personally-owned disability income insurance product, like Income Armor, comes into play. It can offer valuable income replacement in the event of an injury or illness. If you have a job, you must know about this coverage.

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#### FOR MAY AND JUNE HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO BROTHER KNIGHTS

##### MAY

5 Joseph Corsaro  
19 David Borgatello  
24 William Sangster  
25 Jose Contreras  
26 Juan Garcia  
30 Paul Maxwell

##### JUNE

3 Frederic Cogburn  
12 Marc Russo  
15 John Green  
16 Alex Saucedo  
17 Paul Smith  
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**Knights of Columbus**  
**Santa Barbara Council #1684**  
**Home Association Annual Meeting**  
**Wednesday, July 9, 2014**

President David Borgatello called the Home Association meeting to order at 9:05 p.m. Brother Deacon Nick Curran led the opening prayer followed by Brother John Green leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

A quorum of 18 members was present.

The membership approved the minutes of the April 10, 2013, meeting with a correction: Brother John Green had only one year left on his term when he replaced Brother Bob Roux last year.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer John Green reported a balance of \$252 in our checking account.

Investment and Financial Report:

Brother John distributed The Investment Portfolio Report as of July 7, 2014. It shows Net Assets of \$451,866. Brother John also completed the Home Association Tax statements.

Statement of Assets and Liability:

Brother John distributed The Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets which shows assets of \$452,118 as of July 7, 2014, with zero liabilities.

Old Business:

President Borgatello reported that nothing has changed regarding our arrangement to use Serra Hall, although there have been changes within the Mission administration.

New Business: None.

Nomination and Election of Board Members:

Brothers David Borgatello and John Green, whose terms expired, were nominated and re-elected for three more years. The rest of the Board will continue to serve as follows:

Nick Curran	1 year remains
Ray Charpentier	1 year remains
Steve Romofsky	1 year remains
Al Anglin	2 years remains
Mark Weitstock	2 years remains

President David Borgatello adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m. with a prayer by Deacon Nick Curran.

Respectfully submitted

*Al Anglin*  
Recorder

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AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## ANNUAL APPRECIATION DINNER FOR ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

### Kaitlyn Rodriguez and Aly Pakes Know Heaven

Article by Deacon Nick Curran

**K**aitlyn Rodriguez, a seventh grader at Notre Dame School, and Aly Pakes, a seventh grader at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, shined on April 22. They delivered their outstanding essays for the annual Knights of Columbus Essay Contest held at Serra Hall, demonstrating their faith, their creativity, and their perception of what Heaven is like.

They were the first prize winners for their respective schools being presented with checks for \$200 each. Aly's parents, Richard and Claudia, looked on proudly as their daughter delivered her essay. Alfredo Rodriguez, Kaitlyn's dad, stood proudly by his daughter as she read her essay on center stage.

Sr. Judy Flahavan, principal of Notre Dame School, and Mary Beth Lee, the seventh grade teacher at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, discussed how important the contest is to the spiritual growth of students.

From Notre Dame School Eliana Muniz was second prize winner receiving \$100 with Patrick Najera being third collecting \$50. At Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pilar Renteria was the second prize winner receiving \$100. Tristan Hicks was third place receiving \$50.

Thanks to our brother Knights who read all essays and selected the winners Jose Naranjo, Ed Cue and Marc Russo.



**Left Photo - Aly Pakes on the left with her parents Claudia and Richard Pakes and her sister Maia.**



**Right Photo - Kaitlyn Rodriguez with her father Alfredo Rodriguez on the left and Deacon Nick Curran on the right.**



**Left Photo - Mary Beth Lee, seventh grade teacher at Our Lady of Mount Carmel.**



**Right Photo - Sr. Judy Flahavan, principal of Notre Dame School.**

**The following are the essays from first prize winners.**

### Journey In Heaven

Aly Pakes

I awake and see a whole community smiling and waving. I hear the music of foreign tongues enter my ears but I can understand them all. They're saying, "Welcome" and "Hello". Everyone is happy, joyful, and sinless. Why can't it be like that on earth? Then I realized if that was the case Heaven wouldn't be special and we would not strive to get there.

People think Heaven is just a place in the sky where you fly on clouds and golden gates let you in. Everyone will be happy and you could have every toy. The gates won't be physical but in your spirit. The Holy Spirit will cleanse you. The love of the Holy Spirit will rejoice in me.

Today, in our world there is sin, sorrow and pain. But that is okay because there is also happiness, love, and hope too, and much of it. Sometimes we forget that there is hope. We need to find hope in difficult situations. Religious or not we can all find hope. Our lives are filled with regrets and sin, but God will forgive us for every single sin we have committed.

Heaven will be wonderful, phenomenal, and complete. After the people greet You, there will be angels singing. The crowd will sing along and dance. Everything will be perfect, literally. The grasp of a hand clutches mine. I look up and it is our Father. He will guide me through the town. Our last stop will be my house. Everyone in my family will be there, my pets too. This experience will be almost complete. After socializing with my family I will step outside to admire the sunset. I follow the sound of waves crashing. On the beach I see a man appreciating the sunset too. I stand beside him and one glance says it all. This man in front of me is Jesus. He saved us from sins, raised Lazarus from the dead, and turned water into wine. Then my thoughts are released and I start babbling all of my questions to Jesus. God the Father comes and sits next to us both. I am speechless; the one thing that comes into my mind is "thank you". Thank you for your love, hope and mercy. Thank you for plants, animals, food, and my life on earth.

For now I can only dream of this day and wait. I won't cry in sorrow when someone passes away. I will cry with tears of joy and remember they are not gone forever; their journey has just begun in the kingdom of God.

### What Do You Think Heaven Is Like?

Kaitlyn Rodriguez

I believe Heaven is where there is no suffering, pain, tears, hunger or sadness. Heaven is where you will have eternal life once you have died. It is where you can be free of any worry or pain that you feel on Earth; it is a place where everyone gets along and where there isn't any war or conflicts. I would imagine that Heaven is simply paradise.

Heaven isn't really a place but I believe that Heaven will be different for everyone. I think that Heaven is like the place you love being at the most on Earth. It will be whatever you love or what makes you happiest on Earth. I think the real beauty of heaven isn't just its appearance but the real beauty is that there isn't any pain or suffering for anyone. Heaven is just a perfect place.

I believe no one is disconnected or isolated but all are one. I would imagine that Heaven is a calm place where nobody is sick, old, or hungry. Everything in Heaven is beautiful and breathtaking. The people are free without pain or illness and the animals don't face dangerous encounters with cruel people. I imagine that Heaven is something beyond description. It is filled with some sort of beautiful light, people, flowers, angels, and is filled with indescribable joy.

I think Heaven is a vast space, and has a brilliant light that does not leave it. It is a life that we do not know here on earth. When I describe Heaven I imagine people walking, praying, singing, and doing all the normal things they would do on Earth. I imagine angels flying above and Jesus and God looking around at how happy and beautiful Heaven is.

I think that when you are about to die, your family members who have passed on appear to you in a bright light. Thinking about Heaven doesn't make me feel afraid about dying; when I think about death I think about the positives and how Heaven will look and how nice the people, Jesus, and God will be. Heaven will be where souls go after death, but only the souls that believe that Jesus is their Savior. Then that will be their "ticket" to Heaven.

## PHOTOS FROM ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER - MARCH 11



**Willie Quinn and his daughter provided both music and dancing to Irish tunes.**



**At everyone of our St. Patrick's Day Dinners, with people there will be food.**



**At this event the Grand Knight always solicits humorous stories and jokes for entertaining the dinner guests.**



**Waiting for the hall to fill.**

## PHOTOS OF MEMBERS TAKING FIRST AND SECOND DEGREES



**On March 25 these three gentlemen took their First Degree at Serra Hall. From left to right is David J Fedorko, Patrick H Gildea and Michael C Le Baron from Council 5300. Photo by Francis Arnoult.**



**On April 8, Council 1684 held a Second Degree Ceremony. Members taking the Second Degree from left to right are Michael Le Baron 5300, Bradley Apodaca 1684, Ray Centeno District Deputy officiating, Patrick Gildea 5300 and Luis Pelayo 1684.**



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