

Knights of Columbus

Council 1684 • Santa Barbara, California MARCH - APRIL 2017

Special Dates and Activities

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

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

March 24 5:30 PM Prepare Meal at Transition House

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

April 9 3:00 PM Prayer Vigil to End Abortion, in Front of the Planned Parenthood office, 518 Garden St.

April 28 5:30 PM Prepare Meal at Transition House

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Mark Wietstock

Send correspondence to Ray Charpentier 2412 Calle Soria Santa Barbara, CA 93109 Phone: (805) 845-1978 March 8 Business Meeting 6:30 PM Officer's, 7:30 PM Council.

Location: Serra Hall

March 22 Council 1684 - St. Patrick's Day Social & Dinner

Social Hour: 6:30 PM, Dinner: 7:00 PM.

Location: Serra Hall

April 12 Business Meeting 6:30 PM Officer's, 7:30 PM Council.

Location: Serra Hall

April 26 Dinner & Essay Contest Winners

Social Hour: 6:30 PM, Dinner: 7:00 PM.

Location: Serra Hall

Annual Banquet Introducing Essay Contest Winners

Financial Secretary's Report

January and February have been busy months for our Council. Our major event for January was the Annual Clergy-Religious Appreciation Dinner held on Wednesday, January 25. While our Council had a net loss on the event, having the opportunity to show our appreciation to the clergy and religious within our area of Santa Barbara County is for us an evening well spent meeting the members of our Church that have sacrificed their lives in religious service. We thank Fr. John Love for stepping in at the last moment as our guest speaker. Many thanks go out to our brother Knights and others that made this a successful event. In February was the St. Valentine's dinner, an event where husbands and their spouses are honored for many years of devotion to the sacrament of marriage. Again we extend our gratitude to Brother Bruce Garcia on organizing and serving as head chief for the evening. On February 22, we held a First Degree having accepted into the brotherhood Neil Chew as our newest Knight.

At our March Dinner, Wednesday March 22, we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The Social Hour starts at 6:30 PM, Dinner at 7:00 PM. While we are not all Irish by birth, we have the opportunity to celebrate being Irish in our heart. March 8 is our business meeting night with Officer's Meeting at 6:30 PM, Council Meeting at 7:30 PM. On April 26 we hold our annual banquet for essay contest winners, grade school children plying their verbal skills to win first and second place. Represented are winners, their parents and teachers from grade schools Notre Dame and Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Wednesday April 12 is our business meeting night. Plans call for holding a Second Degree ceremony. Members that have taken their Second Degree but not the Third Degree are encouraged to register for the Third Degree scheduled for Saturday, April 22 at Queen of Angels Parish Hall, Lompoc. Call me for further information.

Also in this issue District Deputy Edward Barrier and Field Agent David Nordella discuss the Domestic Church Program - what it can do to strengthen the Catholic identity of our families, further the mission of a new evangelization, transmit the practice of our faith to our children and grandchildren, and revitalize parish life. Ed Barrier also discusses the Safe Environment Program aimed at Councils that have either a member running a Youth Program or members running Youth Activities at their Parish.

Ray Charpentier



GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

y Brother Knights,

Mark Wietstock

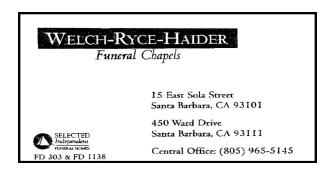
As we approach the season of Lent, and another return to our meditations on our Lord's Passion and His triumphant Resurrection, let's also consider our own, personal journeys ... as men ... as husbands ... as fathers ... as Knights of

Columbus. St. Thomas Aquinas famously prayed that God would help him to "order his life wisely," and I think we would all benefit from making our own, similar prayers to God this Lenten season. Just as God has numbered every hair on our heads (and for some of us, that number is a lot smaller than others), He also knows how the daily living of our lives would best be ordered ... both for our welfare, and for His greater glory. Most of us knew little of the Knights when we took our First Degrees and embarked on this journey in our brotherhood. Some of us are more attentive to it than others. Some of us have more time than others to commit to the works of our Order. All of us are imperfect, and utterly dependent on God's infinite mercy and patience. But we are all still "brother Knights," embarked on this noble journey together, and the journey goes on for as long as we have air to breathe, legs to carry us, and arms to (as St. Vincent de Paul observed) "do the good that presents itself to be done." May God continue to guide, bless and protect you all, through this Lenten season and beyond.

Vivat Jesu!

Mark R. Wietstock

Grand Knight









Deacon's Corner:

FORTY DAYS OF LENT

ent is the forty-day liturgical season of fasting, special prayer and almsgiving in preparation for Easter. The name "Lent" is from the Middle English Lenten and Anglo-Saxon Lenten, meaning spring; its more primitive ecclesiastical name was the "forty days".

The number "forty" is first noted in the Canons of Nicaea, from the Council of the same name in 325 AD, likely in imitation of Jesus' fasting in the desert before his public ministry much like we heard in the Old Testament of Moses and Elijah.

By the fourth century, in most of the West, it referred to six days of fasting per week for six weeks (Sundays were excluded); in the seventh century the days from Ash Wednesday through the First Sunday were added to make the number forty.

Important Dates:

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1. Palm Sunday is April 9. Holy Thursday is April 13. Good Friday is April 14. Holy Saturday is April 15. Easter Sunday is April 16.

Deacon Randy

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FOR MARCH AND APRIL HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS

April Birthdays March Birthdays 4 David Medina 1 Armando Rivera 8 Mathew Doyle 3 Javier Briones 9 David Nordella 5 Edward Cue 11 Kenneth Fitzpatrick 7 Lewis Valenzuela 15 Michael McGrath 14 James Bauer 16 Jose Naranjo 16 Robert Soto 20 Rodolfo Rios 17 Bruce Garcia 28 Oswald DaRos 19 Jose Villareal 28 Paul Jarchow 21 Thomas Salgado, Sr. 30 Thomas Watts 30 Ruben Corral 30 Walter Dejesus 31 David Chavez

General Meeting of Council 1684 Wednesday, January 11, 2017

Eleven members were present when Grand Knight Mark
Wietstock called the Council meeting to order for January Under New Business: at 7:38 pm. Upon closing the meeting doors, Acting Warden Ray Charpentier verified membership cards followed by the Grand Knight leading the members in the opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by the acting recorder to accept the Minutes of December 7 as published in the January-February bulletin. Motion was seconded and approved.

The Worthy Grand Knight reported on the following items:

- Plans were reviewed for the Clergy-Religious Appreciation Dinner scheduled for Wednesday January 25.
- Announced that the Valentine's social is free to Brother's and spouses.
- Welcomed the new District Deputy Edward Barrier Ed, taking over Tim Cole's position as District Deputy.
- Reviewed the committee assignments with respect to the Essay Contest and Scholarship Awards.
- Discussed the process for Dissolution of Council's Home Association. The Council will need to consider a plan that will continue to provide support of the Council's scholarship • program as well as equal funding between a trust and the Council. This requires that a charitable trust be established having authority for supporting the scholarship program as well providing funds outside of the trust for the Council. What plan the Council decides to follow will require approval by our Council's membership as well as State Supreme giving permission for the Council to proceed.

Under the Treasurer's Report:

- The treasurer report for December had a balance of \$5,659.06. After deposits of \$3,187.65 and withdrawals of \$2,813.51, the ending December balance was \$6,033.20.
- Christmas Dinner, funds collected totaled \$375.00 (50/50 Raffle \$80, Bar \$75, Dinners \$220). Expenses totaled \$432.01 (food \$232.01, entertainment \$200), for a loss of \$57.01. Attendance were 68 persons (45 paid, 23 guests).

Under Communication:

• Brother Steve Riffero sent a letter describing what the Blue Jacket Teen-age Club has been doing by way of community service projects as well explaining their annual fund-raiser. As approved in the Council's annual budget, the Blue Jackets will be receiving a check for \$300.

Under the Financial Secretary's report:

• Brother Ray stated that only 50% of the members have paid their dues as of January 11. In addition, Brother Ray made a motion for added funding of the Clergy-Religious Appreciation Dinner. The Grand Knight requested the motion be made under unfinished business.

Under Old Business:

• Brother Ray discussed why additional funding for the Clergy-Religious Dinner goes beyond the initial \$500 approved in the annual budget. Brother Steve Romofsky made a motion that the Council be allowed to spend up to \$2,200 for food and supplies. Motion was seconded and approved.

• Brother John Green announced his decision to stepdown from bookkeeping and filing information reports as tax material for the Council. John reviewed what bookkeeping is needed for the Home Association.

Under Field Agents Report:

• David Nordella announced that the Knights of Columbus placed another \$8 Billion of insurance inforce. Insurance inforce is the dollar amount of contracts outstanding that protect Brothers and their families. The total amount of insurance inforce is \$108 Billion. He also praised Council 1684 on having real functional leadership.

On the District Deputy's Report:

- Ed Barrier discussed attending his first District Deputy meeting held on Ontario. Emphasis is being placed on new membership: One new member per council per district per
- Important are members being involved in service programs such as the poster contest "Keeping Christ in Christmas."
- Plans are being made for Fourth Degree. Third Degree members should be urged to take the Fourth Degree. Ed also announced a car pool being arranged for the "One Life Event" in Los Angeles, Saturday January 21.

Brother Matthew Najera was offered the floor to discuss a special event being held at Serra Hall, Thursday January 12. Saint Therese Academy will host speaker Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers. He will be speaking on the timely topic of parents as primary educators, modeled by Saints Louis and Zelie Martin, the parents of St. Therese, the little flower.

Brothers Sick or Destressed:

- Pastor at Holy Cross, Fr. Raphael suffered injuries from a serious fall.
- Passing of Richard Aberle, member of St. Barbara Parish and son of our brother Michael Aberle.
- Grand Niece of Grand Knight suffering from brain cancer, is recovering with positive outlook, should soon be leaving the hospital. Thanks everyone that prayed for niece's recovery.

Good of the Order:

• The Council recognized brother knights that have done good works during the past several months: Bruce Garcia, Matthew Najera, Ray Charpentier, Mark Wietstock, John Green and Steve Romofsky.

Following a closing prayer by Worthy Grand Knight, the Council meeting for January adjourned at 8:16 pm.

The next business meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Rink

Acting Recorder

Mike Engler

Pro-Life Report

YOU CAN SAVE BABIES FROM ABORTION THIS LENT—HERE'S HOW!

"This kind [of demon] can be driven out only by prayer and fasting" --Words of Our Lord (Mk 9:28)

ent, our Church's annual season of sacrifice and reflection, is here again. If you're looking for a new way to please God, do a great work of charity and grow spiritually this Lent, taking part in an exciting project called 40 Days for Life (www.40daysforlife.com) is ideal.

Founded by Texas pro-lifers, 40 Days for Life has saved 12,668 babies (and their parents) from abortion, caused 143 abortion workers to quit their jobs, and closed 83 abortion centers! It's so successful that an ACLU spokesman called it the "greatest threat to choice [i.e., abortion]."

Forty Days for Life is the biggest international pro-life mobilization in history, helping people in local communities to save babies' lives through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and peaceful vigils outside the abortion centers. **During this Lent, 40 Days for Life campaigns will take place in 340-plus cities worldwide, including Santa Barbara.**

Knights from Councils 1684 and 5300 urge you to join them and other Christians in our local 40 Days for Life campaign this Lent, from March 1 to April 9. To take part, you need only pray (any prayers you prefer) in front of Planned Parenthood (518 Garden Street), anytime Monday through Saturday. If you can commit to praying at the same hour each week, that would be wonderful, but doing some praying there anytime will be priceless. If you can add some fasting, your prayers will be even more powerful.

Pope Francis, via the Vatican Secretariat of State, says, "The Holy Father greatly appreciates the dedicated work that you and everyone involved in 40 Days for Life are engaged in to promote respect for the lives of all unborn children. His Holiness assures you of his prayerful support for you, your colleagues and all those whose prayer, fasting and sacrifices are saving countless lives and giving glory to God."

Archbishop José Gomez adds, "I recommend to you the peaceful, prayerful witness of 40 Days for Life. This interfaith, international movement invites people to pray and fast for 40 days to end abortion and to work for a culture in which all human life is welcomed as sacred. This program has proven effective in saving the lives of unborn children and sparing women and men the pain and sorrow of abortion."

Our local campaign begins on Tuesday, February 28 with a Kick-Off Rally at 6:00 p.m. at the County Courthouse, a Candlelight Procession to Planned Parenthood at 6:30 p.m., and a Prayer Vigil there with Fr. John Love at 6:45 p.m. (bring a candle and flashlight). For more information about our local campaign, visit www.prolifesb.com.

Mike Engler, Pro-Life Chairman

GENERAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 1684 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2017

Welve members were present when Grand Knight Mark Wiestock called the Council meeting for February to order at 8:25 p.m. Upon closing the meeting doors, Acting Warden Ray Charpentier verified membership cards, and the Grand Knight led the opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no Minutes of the January meeting due to the absence of the Recorder.

The Worthy Grand Knight reported on the following items:

- The Worthy Grand Knight selected delegates for the Knights State Convention in San Diego May 18 – 20.
 Brothers Hank Peterson and Matt Najera will accompany the Grand Knight if their schedule permit.
- The Clergy Appreciation Dinner went very well considering that Father John Love had to step in at the last minute as the speaker and the weather was inclement.
 Many thanks to the Knights and others who helped make this a successful event.
- The Valentine's Social went off very well thanks to the efforts of our many volunteers lead by Brother García.
- The March Officers and Council meeting is scheduled for March 8, and the St. Patrick's Day Social is scheduled for March 22. Corned beef and cabbage is the likely suspect for the entrée.
- Brother José Naranjo is working on the Essay Contest.
- The Home Association dissolution is still a work in progress. Our Grand Knight is working hard to make sure that the Council gets just what it wants in protection for Home Association funds and maximum benefit to the Council and its charity commitments.

Under the Treasurer's Report:

- For January ending balance of \$5,450.61 after deposits of \$1,632.80 and withdrawals of \$2,215.39.
- The Clergy Appreciation Dinner had income of \$1,955 and expenses of \$2,900 for a net loss of \$945.
- The February Valentine's Social had expenses of \$204 and income of \$169 for a net loss of \$35. Not bad for a FREE dinner.

The Financial Secretary reported 4 bills paid.

Under Membership:

- A First Degree Exemplification was held prior to the business meeting. The Council is expecting a to receive another new member. The Council welcomes Brother Neil Chew as our newest Knight.
- There will be a Second Degree Exemplification prior to the April 12 business meeting.
- Third Degree will be held on April 22 at Queen of Angels Church. Registration begins at noon.

Under Communication:

 The Council received communication from the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul expressing their gratitude to the Council for the Clergy Appreciation Dinner invitation. They had fun.

No Old Business or New Business was presented to the Council.

Under the District Deputy's report:

- District Deputy Ed Barrier spoke about the Safe Environment/Youth Protection Program. He will meet with Brother David Nordella and Brother Simione regarding officers' training on March 9 at St. Raphael's.
- He noted that Council's annual Lenten Fish Fry will commence on Friday March 3rd and continue through March 31.
- There will be a Chapter meeting on February 28 at St. Joseph's Church.

Under the Field Agent's report, Brother David Nordella spoke about the Building Domestic Church Program, and requested information be placed in the bulletin. (More information can be found on Page 8 of this issue of the bulletin and in the District Deputy's Report Page 9)

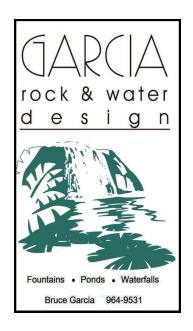
Under Good of the Order:

- Brothers Steve Romofsky and Mark Weitstock spoke about how good it feels to pray with our group of dedicated Knights.
- Brother Bruce García is looking for a replacement for the Hour of Adoration at the Monastery of Poor Clares, held on the first Friday of each month. Please contact Brother Bruce if interested.

Following a closing prayer by Worthy Grand Knight Mark Weitstock, the Council meeting for February adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

The next Council 1684 business meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2017.

Respectfully submitted, Al Anglin, Recorder



Field Agent's Message

Ways to Pay for Whole Life



David Nordella

We live in a world of options and we are constantly bombarded by choices. Some of these make our lives more complicated, but many of these choices are created with our satisfaction in mind.

At the Knights of Columbus, every product we offer has been designed solely for the benefit of our members and their families. When I present an option to you, it's because a team of experts has discussed it at length to be certain it serves your best interest.

We have a few options on how you can provide and pay for the whole life coverage that your family needs. Many whole life policies call for premiums to be paid for your entire life or to age 100. But we also offer permanent life coverage with guaranteed cash values (and the potential to earn dividends, which are not guaranteed) through policies that offer a limited period of premium payments.

First, we offer "10 Pay Life" and "20 Pay Life." Consider paying premiums for 10 or 20 years, and never having to pay for the coverage again. The plan is "paid up" and no more premiums are due. The plan stays in force, the death benefit remains intact and the guaranteed cash value continues to grow.

A plan with similar benefits is "Life Paid Up at 65." The difference over 10 or 20 Pay Life plans is that this permanent product requires you to pay premiums until age 65. Then, premiums stop (just in time for retirement), but the plan remains in force.

Finally, the ultimate in limited pay is our Single Premium Life product. Imagine buying life insurance — permanent life insurance — and only paying one single premium? It's possible.

To learn more about these products, our long-term care insurance, disability income or retirement products, please call me today.

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DOMESTIC CHURCH PROGRAM

Brother Matthew Najera and I are embarking on opening a Building the Domestic Church Program for Father Cesar at Our Lady of Sorrows. This is a service program designed for the Knights of Columbus to serve our parishes under the Pastor's guidance.

Please see the attachment below for details. I will be following this email to Father Cesar with phone calls to schedule a meeting with Father Cesar. We will explain the program to Father and listen carefully to what he needs to better serve the parish.

We will then set the program in place. A number of Brothers have expressed their interest in supporting the program at Our Lady of Sorrows. The attachment will provide greater detail about what the program is about and what we can do.

Of course, we won't know what we will do until we sit down with Father. I anticipate that if we get Father's blessing that we might be able to recruit more members from Our Lady of Sorrows. Please let our Brothers know that we will welcome their participation.

Thank you for your interest. It means a lot.

Your Brother in Christ.

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District Deputy's Report Ed Barrier PGK (2011-12), FN (2015-16)

Spiritual Thought: Here is a quote from St. Benedict of Nursia: "*Prayer ought to be short and pure, unless it be prolonged by the inspiration of Divine grace.*"

Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish Initiative and Safe Environment Program:

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson announced a new Order wide initiative called Building the Domestic Church While

Strengthening Our Parish. The purpose of the initiative is to strengthen the Catholic identity of our families, further the mission of the new evangelization, transmit the practice of our faith to our children and grandchildren, and revitalize parish life. To do this, the Knights of Columbus Councils will integrate their activities more fully into the sacramental and social life of parishes, particularly with their youth programs. Part of that integration will include meetings between the Grand Knight of the Council and the church pastor. The purpose of these meetings is to seek ways how Councils can more support parish youth activities. Some of these actions can include incorporation of the Soccer Challenge and Free Throw Championship programs into parish youth activities, supporting Catholic Scouting by members volunteering, and contributing financial support for scout troops under the pastor's guidance.

Another initiative that was started by the Knights of Columbus is called the **Safe Environment Program**. The Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program is a program aimed at Councils that have either a member running a Youth Program or members running Youth Activities at their Parish. Its purpose is to protect all forms of abuse and to ensure the safety and well-being of young people that are served through Knights of Columbus activities and their programs. **This program is in addition to all the safe environment/youth protection programs requirements established by the Archdiocese and its parishes.** The Knights of Columbus does not rely on other organizations to screen their own members taking on this responsible for themselves. *Praesdium*, an international leader in youth protection for more than twenty years, is the organization that runs the program in partnership with the Knights of Columbus. *Praesdium* was chosen by the Knight of Columbus owing to their experience in providing knowledge and tools that safeguard against sexual predators.

The Grand Knight and the Youth Director for the Council are required to take an online training course consisting of three modules and undergo a background check. The training and background check are valid for two years.

Policy and procedure violations can be reported to the Knights of Columbus Safe Environments Hotline at 1-844-563-2723.

For more information on **Building the Domestic Church Initiative** and the **Safe Environment Program**, connect to the following web links:

Domestic Church Initiative: http://www.kofc.org/en/domestic-church/parish-programs/cis.html

Safe Environment Program: http://www.kofc.org/un/en/members/programs/youth-activities/supportmaterial.html

Another item that I have been working on with Brother David Nordella, our K of C Insurance Agent, is to take advantage of an offer from K of C Fraternal Services for holding a Council Officers Training Class. The purpose of the class is to educate all Officers on the following: What the Officers duties are, how we can increase membership and retain existing members. The class will be held by Brother Patrick Maloney from K of C Fraternal Services and a Membership Program Consultant. The length of the class will be 90 minutes, which includes a Question and Answer session.

Brother Patrick, Dave and I have agreed that the class will also be open to general members of both Councils and not just Officers. Understanding the Officers duties, how the Councils can function more effectively, and how to increase membership can all benefit Council members. The date for the class: **Thursday**, **March 9**, **7:00 PM in the AB Room of St. Raphael's School**.

News from around the District:

<u>Council 5300</u>: Congratulations to PGK John Kirk from Council 5300, Pro-Life Chairman. Brother John is the recipient of the Columbian Award for Service Programs administered by the Council during his tenure as Grand Knight (2015-16).

March 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7: Council 5300 Lenten Fish Fries at St. Raphael's Parish Hall - 6:00 PM.

Council 1684: Has tentatively scheduled a Second Admissions (Second Degree) Ceremony on Wednesday, April 12.

<u>April 22</u>: Third Knighthood Degree - Queen of Angels Parish Hall, 3495 Rucker Road, Lompoc CA 93436 starting at 12:00 PM with registration/sign in. If you have taken your Second Degree, you are eligible for the Third Degree. To register contact District Deputy David Waage (District 75) Phone 805-588-8412 for registration. A banquet-reception follows the ceremony.



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