

the Poor Clares.

Prayer Vigil to End

Abortion. in Front of

office, 518 Garden St.

Prepare Meal at

Transition House

the Planned Parenthood

June 11

June 23

3:00 PM

5:30 PM

Knights of Columbus Council 1684 • Santa Barbara, California **MAY - JUNE 2017**

Special Dates and Activities	May 10	Business Meetings: Officer's 6:30 PM First Degree Ceremony. Location: Serra H	Council 7:30 PM all	
May 411:00 PMHour of Adorationof the BlessedSacrament, Chapelof the Poor Clares.	May 24			
May 143:00 PMPrayer Vigil to EndAbortion, in front of thePlanned Parenthood	June 14	Business Meetings: Officer's 6:30 PM Location: Serra Hall	Council 7:30 PM	
office, 518 Garden St. May 26 5:30 PM Prepare Meal at Transition House June 1 11:00 PM Hour of Adoration	June 24	District Warden Installation & Installation Installation Councils 1684 & 5300 Pancake Breakfast Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street (Corner of Garden and East Los Olivos Str Wives, children, close relatives are welcome	Time: 9:00 AM Time: 10:00 AM reet)	
of the Blessed Sacrament, Chapel of		Fínancíal Secretary's Re	eport	

Inancial Secretary's Report

March and April were busy times for our Council. On March 8 we celebrated our St. Patrick's Day Social and Dinner with adults and children. On March 22 be had our business meetings. At our April Council meeting on Wednesday April 12, we held a Second Degree Ceremony for Neil Chu from Holy Cross Parish and Douglas Vail from Mission San Buenaventura Parish in Ventura. On April 26, we held a monthly social celebrating first place essay contest winners from Notre Dame and Our Lady of Mount Carmel grade schools. This was a great time for the students, their parents and teachers.

Our monthly Council meeting for May is scheduled for Wednesday the 10th. This meeting will include a First Degree Ceremony for new members. On May 24 we will celebrate our annual scholarship dinner presenting scholarships to students attending Bishop Diego, Notre Dame and Mount Carmel School. On Wednesday June 7 we have our Council meeting, and on Saturday, June 24 at 9:00 AM we will celebrate with Council 5300 the installation of officers for the Columbian Year 2017-2018. Following the installation ceremony, a pancake breakfast will be served at 10:00 AM. Both the installation ceremony and breakfast will take place in Serra Hall. The installation ceremony and breakfast is open to family members.

We also extend a warm welcome to a new member that transferred into our Council, **Douglas Vail.**

Ray Charpentier

K of C Council 1684 **Grand Knight** Mark Wietstock

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Mark Wietstock

GRAND KNIGHT'S Report

ast Sunday (April 23), I had the great privilege of assisting with prayer of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, in song, at Our

Lady of Sorrows Church. The event was very wellattended, by large numbers of people who have come to love this particular prayer/adoration, which came to us from the writings of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska ... a young, uneducated nun who lived in the convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland during the 1930's. The tradition of veneration of the "Divine Mercy" portrait of Christ that St. Faustina saw in a vision, and later commissioned an artist to paint for her, is one that brings hope to the very hardest, lost and distant of all sinners. It is a devotion that reminds and reassures all of us, that no matter how low and separated from Christ, the Church we may feel, Christ's divine nature and His incomprehensible sacrifice always intercedes for us, and keeps open the "narrow path" to our own salvation. All we need to do is keep walking that path, and asking that Christ continue to be with us, lighting our way. Divine Mercy says, in effect, "I love you with all my heart, my child, and when you venerate me in this way, my nature makes it impossible for me to refuse you ..."That is the essence and profound mystery

of Christ's infinite love, my Brothers ...completely beyond our fallen, human understanding.

As Knights of Columbus, we are given many opportunities Tobe of service in one small way or another, and while the small tasks that we perform individually, in and of themselves, don't amount to much, the sum total of our combined efforts results in a great benefit indeed, not only to the people and organizations our charitable works touch, but each other as well. In our service, we learn about ourselves and our capacity to love. We learn about each other, and we come to respect and appreciate the unique gifts and talents that God has entrusted to each of us. However, most importantly, in our fraternal service to God and our community, we are given an opportunity to put our gifts and talents to good use while we live, and thus, build our confidence that on the inevitable day of our judgment, we will not be caught short in our "accounting" before God. As we enter a new Columbian year and look forward to all our usual meetings, socials and fundraising efforts, I want to encourage all our brothers, especially our newest members, to regularly attend our business meetings and embrace as many opportunities to be of service as reasonably possible. As mere individuals we are weak, but together, we are strong!

Vivat Jesu! *Mark R. Wietstock* Grand Knight



Deacon's Corner:

EASTER SUNDAY AND BEYOND

The fifty days from Easter to Pentecost are unlike other Liturgical Seasons, in that the Easter Season is to be celebrated as one feast day, a seven week long Sunday, it has often been called the "*Great Sunday*".

Easter is a season for rejoicing and celebrating in the new creation God has brought about in the resurrection of Christ. That doesn't mean we are supposed to pretend that there is no longer darkness and evil out there, waiting to tempt us. Easter is not about leaving suffering behind, but by finding hope and joy in the presence of Christ during our difficult times. Just as Easter does not fully consume evil, neither should evil consume Easter after the season. Every Sunday we are called to celebrate and relive the Easter miracle in the liturgy.

In 1998 Pope John Paul II wrote an apostolic letter, *Dies Domini*, on keeping the Lord's Day holy. He describes Sundays as not only *Dies Domini*, but also *Dies Christi*, Christ's Day, the day of new creation.

Although, for many it may be getting more difficult to attend Mass on Sundays, with busy work schedules and commitments; but we should remember it probably wasn't easy for the first century disciples to get together on the first day of the week to celebrate the resurrection either.

For over 2000 years we, Christians, have not forgotten the sacrifice Jesus made to save his Father's people, and only through our renewed and relived weekly and even daily celebrations will we be able to maintain our courage and strength to keep the light of the risen Christ in our lives during Easter and beyond.

Deacon Randy



FOR MAY AND JUNE Happy Birthday to Brother Knights

MAY

- 4 Mark Henrie
- 5 Joseph Corsaro
- 7 John O'Dea
- 19 David Borgatello
- 24 William Sangster
- 25 Jose Contreras
- 30 Paul Maxwell

JUNE

- 1 Roberto Najera
- 3 Frederic Cogburn
- 12 Marc Russo
- 15 John Green
- 17 Ricardo Herrera
- 17 Paul Smith
- 22 Walter DeJesus Jr.
- 29 Randy Saake

General Meeting of Council 1684 Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Prior to the business meeting, the Officers Meeting was held at 6:45 pm followed at 7:40 pm with a Second Degree Ceremony. Seventeen members were present when on April 12 at 8:35 pm Grand Knight Mark Wietstock called the Council meeting to order. 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. On attendance of officers, ten were present.

On failure to have a quorum at the March meeting, no minutes were read.

Under Worthy Grand Knight's Report:

- On the Dissolution of the Home Association, Grand Knight and Dn. Nick Curran met Bill Yingst at Morgan Stanley. While at the present the Council holds two trusts, placing all accounts under a single Charitable Trust may not be workable for our Council in how it presently operates. More investigation needs on merging funds as well as question on tax implications.
- On the Essay Contest for grade school children, the submitted essays have been read and winners have been selected. Announcement of winners will be made at the Council's Social Dinner Wednesday, April 26. Only family members of first place winners are invited.
- Scholarship Dinner is being held Wednesday, May 24. Since our Council's income has increased for our Columbian Year 2016-2017, more funds are available for scholarships.
- Old Spanish Days Fiesta is scheduled for August 2 6. Our Council will again be selling soft drinks and bottled water at Mercado del Norte (Mackenzie Park) August 2 – 5. Volunteers are needed to staff the Pepsi Van.
- Our Council representatives for the State K of C Convention May 18-20 are Brothers Matthew Najera and Mark Wietstock.
- Installation of officers for Columbian Year 2017-2018 is scheduled for Saturday, June 24. Agenda: 9:00 am Installation Ceremony – no Mass, 10:00 am Pancake Breakfast. Location for installation ceremony and breakfast is Serra Hall.
- Third Degree Ceremony is scheduled at Lompoc, Saturday April 22. A First Degree Ceremony is scheduled at Serra Hall on Wednesday May 10.

Under Treasurer's Report:

• Income for March was \$2,426.08. After deposits of \$701.95 and withdrawals of \$2,286.42, ending March balance was \$841.61.

• Second Reading was given on the membership application of Marcos Rojas.

Under Communication:

• Brother Mike Ohler has requested the use of Serra Hall for a Chapter Meeting sometime in the future. His request did not specify if his meeting is intended for this Columbian Year (16-17) or next Columbian Year (17-18).

Under Financial Secretary's Report:

• Brother Ray reported four bills were paid.

Under Unfinished Business:

• No report was given.

Under New Business:

• First reading on the list of officers for the next Columbian Year 2017-2018: Grand Knight Mark Wietstock, Deputy Grand Knight Hank Peterson, Chancellor Alvin Bentajado, Recorder Thomas Anglin, Treasurer Bruce Garcia PGK, Advocate Richard Rink, Warden José Naranjo, Inside Guard Walter De Jesus, Outside Guard David Chávez, Trustees (1yr) John Green PGK, (2yr) Steve Romofsky PGK, (3yr) Dn. Nick Curran, Lecturer Dn.Chris Sandner.

Financial Secretary is elected by Supreme Council.

Under Field Agent's Report:

• In his absence no report was given.

Under District Deputy's Report:

• Brother Ed Barrier reported on a Third Degree Ceremony being held at Queen of Angels Hall in Lompoc April 22, pressure being placed on recruiting new members, Council 5300 having success offering Friday night fishfries over the Lenten season, and having fewer members in Fourth Degree volunteering for the Color Corps.

Under Brothers Sick or Distressed:

• Pray for John Petrini, our brother being in poor health, and we ask for prayers on the passing of his wife Vi.

Under Good of the Order:

• Grand Knight commented on having a Second Degree Ceremony during Holy Week is not being disrespectful to our Catholic faith. Rather, the ceremony reinforces the purpose of offering our lives in serving God the Father.

Following a closing prayer by Worthy Grand Knight, the Council meeting for April was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

The next business meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Rink

Acting Recorder

Under Membership:

Pro-Life Report



Mike Engler

On Their 100th Anniversary, Mary's Fatima Messages Are Especially Crucial Because of Abortion, Other Sins

May 13 will mark the centennial of one of the most momentous events in history: the first apparition of Our Blessed Mother to three children Fatima, Portugal in 1917. Her messages, which she revealed over six

months, seem even more urgent today, because so much of mankind is committing grave sins and so many millions have abandoned the Catholic Faith.

"I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins," Mary said. "They must not continue to offend Our Lord, Who is already deeply offended." "War is a punishment from God for sin," she added. She said World War I, which was raging, would end, but if people didn't stop sinning, a worse war (World War II) would break out.

<u>But that wasn't all</u>. Mary said she wanted the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart, and wanted people to make Communions of Reparation on five consecutive First Saturdays. "If my requests are granted," she revealed, "Russia will be converted and there will be peace. If not, she will scatter her errors throughout the world, provoking wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, and various nations will be annihilated....

In the end, though, Mary promised that "my Immaculate Heart will triumph, the Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me, Russia will be converted, and a certain period of peace will be granted to the world."

What "errors" did Communist Russia "scatter" worldwide? <u>She was the first country to legalize</u> <u>abortion</u>, and now, after 100 years, <u>abortionists have murdered literally BILLIONS of babies worldwide</u>. The Communists also pioneered atheism (especially in the schools), immoral "sex education," easy divorce and radical feminism.

Even though Red Russia is no more, her errors have led countless people worldwide into grave sins. Who will make reparation for all these offenses? Who will help Mary prevent nuclear war? <u>We</u> <u>Catholics must do it</u>. We must make the five First Saturdays. Mary also said, "Say the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world." Plus, she asked us to wear the Brown Scapular.

You can learn how to fulfill Mary's Fatima requests at the World Apostolate of Fatima USA: <u>https://wafusa.org</u> Plus, you can watch TV programs on Fatima on EWTN (Channel 151) all through 2017. And, on October 14, you can take part in a Fatima Centennial procession and prayer event at Our Lady of Sorrows Church. Let's all answer Our Mother's call for reparation!

Mike Engler, Pro-Life Chairman

Field Agent's Message

THE PITFALLS OF REPLACING COVERAGE



David Nordella

Y ou know the old saying, "the grass seems greener on the other side of the fence," but we all know that it rarely is. The same holds true when it comes to replacing your existing Knights of Columbus life insurance with coverage offered by another company. Perceptions are deceiving. A move to the "greener" grass on the other side of the fence might seem like a good one, but it can leave you with less *green* in your wallet — in some cases, a lot less. That's why it pays to remember another old adage, "Read the fine print."

There are many reasons to keep your existing coverage in force, whether that coverage is with the Knights of Columbus or with another company. I'll focus on

the potential pitfalls of replacing coverage here — pitfalls that an agent trying to convince you that the grass actually is greener might neglect to mention.

First, all life insurance contracts contain a *contestability period*, which allows the insurer to contest claims made for a period — typically two years — after the contract is issued. Chances are this is no longer an issue with your current coverage.

Second, it's unlikely that you can obtain the same amount of coverage, for the same premium, that you were able to obtain with your existing contract. The two factors that determine how much you'll need to pay for life insurance coverage are age and health. Certainly, you're older now than you were when you took out your current coverage. There's no way around that. And you have to ask yourself, has your health changed during that time? Is your blood pressure the same? Your cholesterol? Have you gained weight? All these factors can affect the amount of coverage you'll get for your premium dollar.

If someone encourages you to replace — or worse, drop — your existing coverage, please call me. I'll show you how your existing coverage is working for you and why replacement is rarely in your best interest.

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Essay Contest Winners

W inners of 2017 Elementary School Essay Contest (7th Grade only) are:

Our Lady of Mount Carmel: 1st Place (\$200): Julianna Forry 2nd Place (\$100): Riley Peterson 3rd Place (\$50): Mateo Handell

Notre Dame School:

1st Place (\$200): Sophia Lubbers 2nd Place (\$100): Stephanie Ramirez 3rd Place (\$50): Sebastian Lopez

All the contestants were able to attend our April social, and the 1st place winners each read their essays aloud for those in attendance. Many thanks to Jose Naranjo and his sons Ricky and Alex for not only chairing and judging the contest, but also to Jose, again, for taking the laboring oar (with the help of Bruce and Steve) on preparing our "taco bar" dinner for the evening. The food was delicious! Second Degree Candidates April 12



On Wednesday April 12, we held a Second Degree Ceremony for Neil Chu on the left, from Holy Cross Parish, and Douglas Vail from Mission San Buenaventura Parish in Ventura. Congratulations to both for completing the Second Degree.

We also extend a warm welcome to Douglas Vail, a new member having transferred into our Council.

Mark Wietstock





District Deputy's Report Ed Barrier PGK Council 5300, PFN Junipero Serra Assembly No. 44

<u>Spiritual Thought:</u>

"As Joyful Servants of hope, we must announce the Risen One by our lives and by our love" - Pope Francis

I hope my Brother Knights within District 79 had a blessed Easter week. Thanks to Council 1684 for hosting the Second Formation Degree on April 12 at Serra Hall. Congratulations to Brothers Douglas Vail (a transfer from San Buenaventura Council 2984 to Council 1684) and Neil Chu (Council 1684) for advancing from their First Degree to their Second. I encourage all members to advance through their Degrees. Please see the Degree Dates schedule on Council 5300's Website: http://www.kc5300.org/district/degreedates.htm

Added comments from the State Council that I'm passing on:

1) Remember, one Admission Degree, Per Council, Per Month, even if it is only for one member. All members must participate in growing the Order by recruiting new members.

State Council and Supreme Council suggest Councils hold membership drives on the following dates:

August 6 and 7 (Quick Start Recruitment) October 8 and 9 (Columbus Day)

Councils can hold recruitment drives at any time. Even at Council events such as Fish Fries or Pancake Breakfasts.

One on one recruitment is also suggested and is the most effective.

2) All Councils have the potential to achieve Star Council. There are now 120 days left to become a Star Council. Councils can review what programs held during the Columbian year qualify in the major service categories: Church, Community, Council, Culture of Life, Family and Youth.

After identifying these programs, submit Form #SP-7 (Columbian Service Award Application) to the Supreme Council Office. Remember to qualify for the Columbian Award, at least four of the programs must also be designated as Domestic Church activities.

Some quick, simple project ideas can be found on the Supreme Council website: www.kofc.org/service

- 3) The State Convention will be held in San Diego at the Town and Country Inn from May 18 -21. All Councils must send in their delegates names to the State.
- 4) All Councils should have ready an Officers' Slate to vote on for the next Columbian Year.

News from Around the District:

Council 1684

- Continuing with their Citizenship Essay Contest with three participating schools (Notre Dame, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Bishop Garcia Diego High School). Their Essay Social will be held at Serra Hall on April 26.
- 2) Planning for the May Scholarship Social has begun for May 24.

Council 5300

- 1) Recently completed the final week of Lenten Fish Fries. Grand Knight Jack Turney is considering extending the Fish Fries beyond Lent. A trial Fish Fry is planned for Friday, June 23.
- Plans are underway for the following events: Mother's Day Orchids (Sat and Sunday Masses)/Pancake Breakfast (May 14) Memorial Day Picnic at Stow Grove Park (May 28)

June 24 – Officer's Installation:

Joint Officers Installation (Councils 1684 and 5300) at Serra Hall. Time: 9:00 AM Ceremony, 10:00 AM Breakfast. Installation Ceremony will not have a Mass.

HISTORY OF THE KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS - THE FOUNDING: 1882-18

Late-19th century Connecticut was marked by the growing prevalence of fraternal benefit societies, hostility toward Catholic immigrants and dangerous working conditions in factories that left many families fatherless. Recognizing a vital, practical need in his community, Father Michael J. McGivney, the 29-year-old assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn., gathered a group of men at his parish on Oct. 2, 1881. He proposed establishing a lay organization, the goal of which would be to prevent Catholic men from entering secret societies whose membership was antithetical to Church teaching, to unite men of Catholic faith and to provide for the families of deceased members.

As a symbol that allegiance to their country did not conflict with allegiance to their faith, the organization's members took as their patron Christopher Columbus — recognized as a Catholic and celebrated as the discoverer of America. Thanks to Father McGivney's persistence, the Knights of Columbus elected officers in February 1882 and officially assumed corporate status on March 29.



The Feb 8, 1882 edition of the New Haven Morning Journal and Courier provides a short announcement for the first meeting of the Knights of Columbus. In addition to the Order's stated benefits, Catholic men were drawn to the Knights because of its emphasis on serving one's Church, community and family with virtue. Writing in The Columbiad in 1898, a year before he was elected supreme knight, Edward L. Hearn wrote that a Knight should live according to the virtues of loyalty, charity, courtesy and modesty, as well as "self-denial and careful respect for the feelings of others." Fraternity and patriotism were added to the Knights' founding principles of charity and unity in 1885 and 1900, respectively.

- 1882: The Knights of Columbus is born on Feb. 6, 1882, when the first members choose Columbus as their patron. Immediately after the Order's March 29 incorporation, Father McGivney sends the first diocesan-wide appeal for new members to his fellow priests.
- 1886: By the end of his four-year tenure as supreme knight, James T. Mullen personally presides at the institution of 22 of the first 38 councils. John J. Phelan is elected to succeed him and is the first supreme knight to sense the Order's destiny as a national society.
- 1890: Father McGivney dies Aug. 14, 1890. His funeral Mass is celebrated in Thomaston, Conn., four days later.
- 1892: The Order passes laws allowing noninsurance or associate members to join.
- 1892: 6,000 Knights march in the New Haven Columbus Day parade to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Columbus' discovery of the New World.
- 1895: The Vatican's first acknowledgment of the Knights comes when Archbishop Francesco Satolli, apostolic delegate to the United States, writes a letter extolling the "merits of this splendid Catholic organization" and giving the Order his apostolic blessing.

• 1897: On Nov. 25, 1897, Canada's first council — Montreal Council 284 — is chartered.

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