



Knights of Columbus

Council 1684 • Santa Barbara, California

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2017

Special Dates and Activities

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

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

Nov 24 5:30 PM
Prepare Meal at
Transition House

Nov 30 11:00 PM
Hour of Adoration of
Blessed Sacrament,
Chapel of Poor Clares.

Dec 10 3:00 PM
Prayer Vigil to End
Abortion, in Front of
Planned Parenthood
office, 518 Garden St.

Dec 22 5:30 PM
Prepare Meal at
Transition House

- November 8 Memorial Service 6:00 PM
Remembering our brother Knights and sisters of
Catholic Daughters of America that have passed away.
- December 7 Officers Meeting 6:30 PM
Council Meeting 7:30 PM
- December 14 Christmas Dinner-- Poster Contest Winners; free
admission for children of Knights. Zoila Diaz and daughter
Vanessa will entertain the Knights and families with dazzling
Christmas Music song in English and Spanish.

Financial Secretary's Report

Both September and October saw the Council busy with Council meetings on September 13 and October 11, a Dinner Meeting for members on September 27, and on October 25 our major fund raiser Knight's Nite Out, providing each of eight different local charities with a check of \$1,000. The eight charities receiving a check were Transition House, St. Vincent's School/Housing, Catholic Charities, Friendship Center, Poor Clares, Lay Intermediary/Assistant - Visiting Nurses Association/Hospice, St. Vincent De Paul Society Old Mission Santa Barbara and Teddy Bear Cancer Fund. Add to this list is the cooking that several of our Council members did for Villa Majell's annual fundraiser held at Serra Hall on October 14.

On Wednesday November 8 we again will have our Memorial Service for deceased members of our council and deceased members of Catholic Daughters of America. Memorial service begins at 6:00 PM sharp. It's important that our brothers attend this event. A lite luncheon will be served after the service, hosted by the Borgatello Family. December 6 will be our monthly officer's and Council meetings while December 13 is our Annual Christmas Dinner with Christmas music provided by Zoila Diaz and her daughter Vanessa. Zoila and Vanessa gave us an outstanding performance at our 2016 Christmas Dinner. Remember that children of Knights are free. Included at this dinner are winning posters placed on display submitted by children from two of our Catholic grade schools: Mount Carmel and Notre Dame. Principal theme of each drawing: "Keep Christ in Christmas."

As for this issue of the Council bulletin, there are several items that may interest brother Knights. Page 2 has our spiritual message written by Deacon Randy Saake. Topic *Love Endures*— we should never forget that our love can conquer all evil. On Page 4 Mike Engler speaks about a new Shingles vaccine not made of aborted babies. On Page 5 our Field Agent discusses long-term-care insurance offering peace of mind. On Page 8 is a message from our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and on Page 9 some added history about the Knights of Columbus.

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Deacon's Corner:

LOVE ENDURES

It's been quite a summer and fall for America, we've survived multiple hurricanes doing unprecedented damage and loss of life and property, an earthquake rocked Mexico creating damage that may not be repaired for a decade, and the fires in California have ravaged people's homes, lives and memories.

The people of ancient Israel would blame such catastrophes on the sins of their ancestors or even on their own wrong doings. We have come to understand that nature has a way of wreaking havoc in a way that we sometimes just don't understand and have no control over.

Other times we face disasters which are man-made, murderous people who have little or no regard for human life; this is not a cause of nature, but by the hands of an individual.

God's desire was not to create evil, but to create love. Love that we can all share among one another, love that can be reciprocated, and appreciated, and live through the generations, but what is love for, if evil still exists?

God gave us the greatest gift of forgiveness, but first he gave us the choice of free will. If we were forced to love God that would hardly be of any solace to us or God but simply a way to satisfy

God's ego, which we are to understand doesn't exist. God gave us free will to love him on our own terms at our own time and in a way we can understand. This is not to say we are not to love God with all of heart, strength and mind, but we are limited in our abilities. We are not forced to be good, and thus evil survives.

People do indeed turn from God from time to time, some never return, few never falter.

When we are faced with evil in the world the only retaliation is to love one another. Evil is real and can be destructive but love will prevail over evil every time.

Jesus came into our lives to show that love of brother and sister will never be overpowered by evil. We have seen examples of love in the aftermath of terrible tragedies in the past months, ordinary people doing extraordinary things, mostly in the name of God and of love for our fellow man.

Let's not ever forget that our love can conquer all evil. When we have a bad day, or a tough time, remember love and forgiveness will always be the answer.

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Mike Engler

SHINGLES VACCINE NOT MADE FROM ABORTED BABIES IS OK'D FOR USE BY PUBLIC

**Have you thought about getting a shingles vaccine shot?
Now you can do so without being involved in abortion.**

Most people probably have no idea that some vaccines are produced using cells from embryonic humans. Children of God for Life (CGL), which monitors such evils, says a morally produced shingles vaccine has received FDA approval for licensing in the USA (see story on Christian Newswire, 10-25-17). Glaxo SmithKline's new Shingrix comes from yeast cells, unlike Merck's Zostavax, which uses aborted babies' cells.

"Until now, people wanting to have protection from shingles have had to either use Merck's aborted fetal version or abstain entirely," stated Debi Vinnedge of CGL. "We are absolutely thrilled that GSK has finally given the US a moral option!" Shingrix won approval in Canada, too.

Besides not being morally tainted, GSK's Shingrix is much better than Zostavax. It's 97.2 percent effective in people 50-plus. It's 90 percent effective in people 70 and older, with 95 percent immunity after four years. Merck's Zostavax works only 38 percent of the time in people 70-plus, and its immunity is a mere 40 percent after four years.

Debi Vinnedge hopes GSK will also make a moral version of the chicken pox vaccine. "There is absolutely no reason to use the remains of aborted babies to produce vaccines," she pointed out. In June, 2005, the Vatican's Pontifical Academy for Life stated:

Doctors and fathers of families have a duty to take recourse to alternative vaccines, putting pressure on the political authorities and health systems so that other vaccines without moral problems become available. They should take recourse, if necessary, to the use of conscientious objection with regard to the use of vaccines produced by means of cell lines of aborted human fetal origin. Equally, they should oppose by all means the vaccines which do not yet have morally acceptable alternatives, creating pressure so that alternative vaccines are prepared, which are not connected with the abortion of a human fetus, and requesting rigorous legal control of the pharmaceutical industry producers.

In April, 2015 the U.S. Conference of Bishops noted that, "The Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities agrees with the National Catholics Bioethics Center, the Catholic Medical Association, and others that manufacturers should be urged to make alternative vaccines more widely available so that Catholics and others will not face this moral dilemma."

"I commend GSK for the development of Shingrix," said John F. Brehany of the National Catholic Bioethics Center. "And I commend the thousands of people who by their prayers and petitions have helped to bring about this day. I hope they will redouble their efforts. Safe, effective, and ethical vaccines can and should be provided by the pharmaceutical companies. And everyone who respects human life and dignity should make use of these ethical alternatives."

To learn more about vaccine issues, contact Children of God for Life at www.cogforlife.org

Mike Engler, Pro-Life Chairman

**General Meeting of Council 1684
September 13, 2017**

Twelve members were present when the Deputy Grand Knight Hank Peterson called the September Council meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. Acting Warden verified membership cards Deputy Grand Knight led the members in an opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, eight officers were present.

On the reading of the August Council minutes, motion was approved to accept the Council minutes as published in the Council's bulletin.

The Deputy Grand Knight's Report:

- Plans for the September Social on September 27 were discussed
- Roll call is needed by way of Council phone teams contact our Council brothers.
- Knights Nite Out is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25 at Serra Hall. Tickets have been printed.
- Volunteers are needed for Annual Villa Majella Fundraiser scheduled for October 12-14.
- New chairs for Serra Hall should be arriving in October.
Approval given for donating the old chairs.
- Membership Status: no new members; present membership stands at 142.
- Comment on Chapter installation and testimonial on October 21 and Chapter State Form on October 24.

Under the Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer reported on beginning August balance, deposits, withdrawals and ending balance.

Under Membership nothing to report.

Under Communication nothing to report.

Under Financial Secretary's Report three bills were paid.

Under Old Business nothing to report

Under New Business:

- Council's refrigerator may need to be re-

paired or replaced.

- Mike Engler reviewed several items: pro-abortion license plate turn down by California State Assembly; State Supreme Court of New York ruled that our Nation's Constitution does not establish the right for assisted suicide; beginning of 40 Days of Life starting on Wednesday, September 27.

On the absence of Field Agent, no report.

Under Good of the Order:

- Happy Birthday to Mark Wietstock's wife.
- Statue of Saint Junipero Serra at the Old Mission Santa Barbara being vandalized, raising the question if the vandalizing was a hate crime? Should there be a press release issuing a public statement on the issue of the desecration of the Junipero Serra statue?

Under Prayers for the Sick or Distressed:

- Brother Ed Barrier and his wife
- Bobby Sanchez
- For the people suffering from the recent hurricane in Texas

Following a closing prayer read by the Deputy Grand Knight, the Council meeting for September was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Rink

Acting Recorder



For October, Council failed to have a quorum for a Council Meeting. It did have an officer's meeting.

Field Agent's Message

LONG-TERM CARE PLANS OFFER PEACE OF MIND



David Nordella

Since its addition to the Order's product portfolio in 2000, long-term care (LTC) insurance has provided the Knights of Columbus with an excellent opportunity to further serve members and their families. And, for our long-term care policy holders in the United States, there's an added bonus.

It's called "Provider Pathway," a program offering access to a network of long-term care providers at discounted rates. The network includes discounts on products, such as hearing aids, diabetic supplies, personal emergency response systems, and durable medical equipment, as well as skilled nursing facilities, assisted living, and adult day care.

Eligibility for participation in this program is open to Knights of Columbus long-term care insurance policyholders, their spouses, dependent children, parents and parents-in-law. All providers are fully credentialed and meet state licensing requirements.

If you haven't yet spoken with me about long-term care insurance, you owe it to yourself to do so. There are a few decisions to make in choosing a "plan" — a comprehensive plan that covers care whether you're at home or in a facility, or one that covers facility only; daily benefit amounts and benefit durations (how much and how long it will last); and the length of the elimination period (waiting period) before benefits kick-in.

Having a professionally trained agent — and a brother Knight you can trust — to help guide you through the process is yet another valuable benefit that comes with your membership. Take advantage of it; contact me today.

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**For November and December
 Happy Birthday to Brother Knights**

<u>November Birthdays</u>	<u>December Birthdays</u>
1 Jose Martinez	1 Ricardo Lemos
6 Anthony DalBello	5 David Fairbrother
7 Reuben Rey	8 Joseph Connolly
9 Edsel Herrera	9 Albert Trejo
13 Robert Luis	11 John Balster
13 Gene Manriquez	15 David Munoz
19 Oswald Moreno	16 Steven Von Dollen
20 Antonio Medina	18 Louis Diaz
21 Joel Morelos	21 Steve Riffero
22 John Coyle	23 Alvin Bentajado
27 Christopher Sandner	24 John Corcoran
27 Dwight Peterson	
27 David Whitefoot	
29 Charles McChesney	

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THE WITNESS OF FRATERNAL COMMUNION

9/1/2017

by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

Through our practice of charity and fraternity, we are called to bring the joy of the Gospel to others.

IN MY COLUMN last month, I discussed some of the ideas I proposed in my keynote address to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops sponsored Convocation of Catholic Leaders. I would like to follow up in this column with some additional thoughts.

In July, approximately 3,000 Catholic leaders from organizations and dioceses around the country met on the topic of “The Joy of the Gospel in America.” The convocation was inspired by the apostolic exhortation of Pope Francis titled *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel).

There were many impressive aspects of the convocation. But to me, one of the most important was the evidence that the Knights of Columbus in every diocese throughout the country is already bringing the “joy of the Gospel” to millions of our fellow Catholics and to those outside our Church through our works of charity.

In *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis calls Catholics to be “an evangelizing community” that is “filled with joy” (24), a community that is “permanently in a state of mission” (25), and a community that practices a “fraternal communion and missionary fruitfulness” (89).

We don’t often think of our local councils in precisely these terms. But if we do, we can see how our councils meet these criteria in so many different ways.

Elsewhere in *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis urges Catholics to “live in fraternity” (91) and to share “a fraternal love capable of seeing the sacred grandeur of our neighbor, of finding God in every human being” (92).

He writes: “I especially ask Christians in communities throughout the world to offer a radiant and attractive witness of fraternal communion. Let everyone admire how you care for one another, and how you encourage and accompany one another” (99).

Last month, I wrote that this is a special responsibility for every Knights of Columbus council throughout the world.

It is a special responsibility in two ways.

First, the pope’s words are a good way for us to measure how our councils are living up to our principles of charity, unity and fraternity. We should ask ourselves just how our councils offer “a radiant and attractive witness of fraternal communion” and how we care for each other as brother Knights and for our families. Many of our councils offer such a witness, but for others there may be room for improvement. In any event, every Knight should take these words of Pope Francis to heart as he approaches the work of his local council.

Second, we must make a greater effort to demonstrate within our parishes how the Knights of Columbus offers an authentic model of fraternal communion. We can offer a witness of fraternity to show how all of us as Catholics can do a better job of caring for one another and how we can encourage and accompany one another in our parishes.

It might be too much to say that Knights of Columbus are experts in building fraternal communities, but for more than 135 years, Knights have experienced a fraternal communion based upon the principles of charity, unity and fraternity.

The insights of *Evangelii Gaudium* can help us live those principles as brother Knights in a more profound and authentic way.

The convocation was a historic opportunity given to us by our bishops to respond to the pope’s call for “a new chapter of evangelization.” But its lasting importance will only be realized if enough Catholics respond to this opportunity and write a new page in the history of Catholicism.

Let each of us do our part in the days ahead.

Vivat Jesus!

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HISTORY OF THE KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS WAR AND PEACE: 1941 - 1950



During World War II, parts of St. Peter's Oratory, one of the K of C playgrounds in Rome, served as the headquarters for the Vatican's food distribution program for the Roman people.

By the time Pearl Harbor was attacked and the United States entered World War II in 1941, a K of C welfare program for servicemen had been well established by Canadian Knights, built and modeled on the Knights' World War I work. In the United States, the Order's outreach to soldiers was conducted through the National Catholic Community Service organization, which itself modeled many of its programs on the Knights' war efforts.

At the Supreme Convention in 1944, the Order established a \$1 million trust fund for the children of members who died or became disabled in World War I. Following the end of the war in 1945, the Order turned its attention to the growing threats of communism and fascism. To combat these dangers, the Knights

launched in 1946 the Crusade for the Preservation and Promotion of American Ideals, which published books and pamphlets to educate the public on "the perils of communism."

Meanwhile, the postwar years saw a membership boom for the Order in the Philippines. Jesuit Father George J. Willmann envisioned the Knights as the premiere lay society in the Philippines and set about establishing new councils and recruiting new members. He appealed to the Supreme Council in 1947 for permission to establish three new councils there and served as the country's first district deputy. By the time Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart visited Manila in 1955, the Order had expanded to include 50 Filipino councils.

- 1941: When the U.S. enters World War II, the Order's outreach to soldiers is conducted via the National Catholic Community Service organization. The NCCS models many of its programs on the Order's successful WWI efforts.
- 1944: The Order creates a \$1 million trust fund for the education of children of members who lost their lives in or as a result of World War II. This evolves into the current scholarship fund for use at Catholic colleges and universities in the United States and Canada.
- 1945: John E. Swift is elected supreme knight. Among his first initiatives is to authorize funding for full-page advertisements in 12 major U.S. newspapers and five Canadian papers highlighting the dangers of communism. The ad offers a free copy of Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen's pamphlet, "Communism, the Opium of the People."
- 1946: The Order launches its Crusade for the Preservation and Promotion of American Ideals. Educational pamphlets on communism and the dangers of secularism are published and distributed. By August 1948, there are more than 1,300 K of C discussion groups
- 1947: Several hundred radio stations broadcast K of C-sponsored programs with the titles "Safeguards of America" and "Foundations of Our American Ideals."

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