



Knights of Columbus

Council 1684 • Santa Barbara, California

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2018

Special Dates and Activities

January 4 11:00 PM
Hour of Adoration
of Blessed Sacrament,
Chapel of Poor Clares.

January 14 3:00 PM
Prayer Vigil to End
Abortion, front of
Planned Parenthood
office, 518 Garden St.

January 26 5:30 PM
Prepare Meal at
Transition House

February 1 11:00 PM
Hour of Adoration of
Blessed Sacrament,
Chapel of Poor Clares.

February 11 3:00 PM
Prayer Vigil to End
Abortion, in Front of
Planned Parenthood
office, 518 Garden St.

February 23 5:30 PM
Prepare Meal at
Transition House

January 10 6:30 PM Officers Meeting
7:30 PM General Council Meeting
Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street

January 31 Clergy & Religious Appreciation Dinner
Hosting is K of C Council 5300
No Host Bar 6:30 PM Dinner 7:00 PM
Location: St. Raphael Community Center
For more information and to purchase tickets contact
St. Raphael's Rectory at (805) 967 - 5641

February 14 Annual Valentine's Dinner for Council 1684
6:30 PM Cocktails 7:00 PM Dinner
Dinner Free for Knights & Spouses
Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street

February 28 6:30 PM Officers Meeting
7:30 PM General Council Meeting

Financial Secretary's Report

On November 8 our Council shared our memorial service with the Catholic Daughters of America remembering the loss of brother Knights and Catholic daughters having passed away during 2016 - 2017.

We began December with our Council meeting on the 6th discussing the Council's schedule of events for January and February of the New Year. On the evening of December 13, we celebrated our annual Christmas Dinner and the winners of the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. Three winners were chosen from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Grade School and three winners from Notre Dame School. Each winner of the contest was awarded \$50. Parents of winning children were our guests. Entertainment was provided by Gilda Sahagun and her daughter Jessica offering our dinner guests Christmas music. The singers and their music were well received.

The most important event for January 2018 is the upcoming Clergy & Religious Appreciation Dinner being held by Council 5300. The date is set for Wednesday, January 31 with doors opening at 6:30 PM, dinner being served at 7:00 PM. Our guests for this dinner are priests, deacons, sisters as well as family members serving the Goleta-Santa Barbara-Carpinteria area of our county. Guest speaker has yet to be announced. Tickets for the dinner can be purchased at St. Raphael's Rectory. For more information and to purchase tickets contact St. Raphael's Rectory at (805) 967 - 5641.

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Deacon's Corner:

FOR CHRISTIANITY

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY HAVE SEVERAL IMPORTANT DATES

As we move from the Christmas season into ordinary time, let's not be complaisant that our current time is simply ordinary.

During this season we first celebrate two feasts: on January 26 which is the feast of Timothy and Titus, and the Presentation of our Lord on February 2 as well as many other saints who have served as God's messengers and lived lives as examples for us all to emulate.

On January 22 we celebrate a day like no other in the liturgical calendar. In the United States it is the anniversary of the Supreme Court Ruling in the case *Roe vs Wade*. This date is designated as a day of penance for the act of abortion. Although Catholics recognize abortion as an evil and murderous act, we also are to be forgiving people; we are called to love people regardless of their past, and pray for their future.

In 1908, an Episcopalian priest named Paul Wattson proposed an octave of prayer for the return of the separated churches to Rome. Wattson proposed the week from January 18 through January 25, which is the feast of the conversion of St. Paul, who we know was the

minister to the gentiles, and united people of many nations as followers of Christ. In 1965, after Vatican II, the Catholic Church collaborated with other Christian churches to organize this week of prayer which continues to this day. We are called to pray for all Christians to unite in our fundamental ideals in the understanding and followings of Christ's teachings.

This time of year also offers an opportunity to invite non-Catholics to consider becoming in full communion with our faith through the RCIA program in our local parishes (although this is available year around). If you know of any person who may show interest in becoming a follower of Christ within the Catholic Church, please don't hesitate to offer an invitation or even become a sponsor for someone who may be seeking the relationship with God that we enjoy every day.

Our Lenten season begins in mid-February, but there is a lot of work to do in the meantime. I hope we can all celebrate the love of Christ in our lives, and remember all those who have served our faith throughout the centuries.

Deacon Randy

Secretary's Report Continued...

On February 14 we again celebrate our Annual Valentine's Dinner for Council members and their spouses. Dinner is free to brother Knights and their wives. Wednesday February 28 is our monthly Council meeting. Understand that it's important for our members to attend our monthly Council meetings. Our Council faces financial decisions requiring approval by the membership. It's during our Council meetings that financial resolutions are proposed, discussed and approved. Without a sufficient number of members in attendance, our Council cannot meet its commitment to our brother Knights. As a brother Knight make it a New Year's resolution to attend the Council's meetings on regular basis.

Best wishes to you and your family for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Ray Charpentier



Mike Engler

Lack of Babies Causing Financial Problems, Powerful Politician Warns

For years, pro-lifers have warned that dwindling birth rates worldwide are creating a nightmarish future, but nearly all U.S. politicians have been silent on the problem. Recently, though, Rep. Paul Ryan, Speaker of the House, said families should have more children.

Micaiah Bilger (LifeNews.com, Dec. 16) reported that Ryan “was discussing the problems caused by an increasingly elderly population and low birth rates. These issues have government leaders throughout the world concerned about the future of their economies, their increasingly elderly citizens and more.”

“People—this is going to be the new economic challenge for America: people,” Ryan warned. The father of three said, “I did my part, but we need to have higher birth rates in this country. Meaning, baby boomers are retiring, and we have fewer people following them in the work force.”

“We have something like a 90 percent increase in the retirement population in America,” he added, “but only a 19 percent increase in the working population in American. So what do we have to do? Be smarter, more efficient, more technology—still going to need more people. And when we have tens of millions of people right here in this country falling short of their potential - not working, not looking for a job, or not in school getting a skill to get a job - that’s a problem.”

“[U]nderpopulation has become a huge concern in many European and Asian nations,” the article noted. “Disability rights advocates and pro-lifers fear that the trend could lead to an even stronger push for euthanasia than what society already is seeing.”

The story added that Joseph Chamie, former head of the UN Population Division, “sees the problem snowballing in every region of the world except Africa, where raising families is still highly valued. Chamie calls it the ‘Historic Reversal’: whereas throughout history there have been more young people than old, now the world will witness more old people than young.

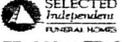
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You won't regret that you did. David Nordella

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District Deputy's Report
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Dear Brother Knights,

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I would like to thank everybody for their prayers concerning my cancer operations: my brother Knights and the parishes of Our Lady of Sorrows, St. Raphael's and Padre Serra. Both were successful, and I am on track for a speedy recovery.

As we approach the holidays and the mid-point of this Columbian Year, now is the time for Council Officers to reflect on their Council's recent accomplishments and goals for this Columbian Year. Are there any areas that need to be improved? One of the areas that Councils can improve upon are recruitment of new members. Other than one on one recruitment and Church recruitment drives, what other ways can Councils recruit new members? One idea that Supreme suggests is the concept of an "In-House" open house.

An Open House event can be hosted by one or two recruiters and their wives. Invite at least three to five prospects and their wives. The host recruiters can then talk about different Council Socials and Service Projects that they have participated in and how their families benefit from such participation and how they help the Parish. For more info on what materials are needed to conduct an Open House, please contact me or your Council's Membership Director.

As part of the benefits of being a member of the Knights of Columbus, recruiters and members who are asked about the Order should mention the many benefits of membership:

- 1) Free monthly subscription to the Columbian Magazine, examining issues that concern Knights, Catholics and families.
- 2) New members receive Rosaries upon completion of the First-Degree Exemplification, blessed by the Supreme Chaplain.
- 3) Daily Mass of Remembrance is held at the birthplace of the Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Connecticut for deceased members and their wives.
- 4) Knights of Columbus Insurance, which offers affordable life insurance, long term care and annuity products for members and their families.
- 5) Scholarship Programs for higher education available to members, their spouses and children.
- 6) Participation in Family Youth and Religious Activities conducted by local councils.

Council participation opportunities: Looking for something new activities to stimulate more Council involvement and increased membership? Here are a few suggestions from the Supreme Council:

- Participate in Persecuted Christians Awareness Week
(see <https://www.kofc.org/uns/en/charities/christian-relief/index.html>).
- Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge.
- Plan Christmas Activities in your parish (i.e. Advent Celebration) and participate in the Keep Christ in Christmas Initiative.

A few due date reminders for Council Officers:

- ◇ January 1: Council per capita Tax, Catholic Advertising Fund and Culture of Life fund levied by the Supreme Council.

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- ◇ January 31: The following forms are due:
 - ⇒ Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (different form from the one due December 1)
 - ⇒ Partnership with Special Olympics Profile
 - ⇒ Free Throw Championship Participation Form
 - ⇒ Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest Form

◇ February 2: Essay Contest deadline

Finally, I would like to pass on to our Fourth Degree Members regarding the new Uniform from our Worthy Master of the St. Junipero Serra Province, Sir Knight (SK) Ken Rose:

“YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PURCHASE THE NEW UNIFORM to be in the Fourth Degree!

However if you choose to remain in the Honor Guard you will need the NEW UNIFORM by **June 30, 2019.**”

For other specifics regarding the new uniform for Fourth Degree Members, please contact me or the Faithful Navigator for Santa Barbara and Goleta Assembly, SK Patrick Donohoe.

Vivat Jesus,

Edward Barrier

Knights of Columbus District Deputy - District #80

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- 1 Edward Vigil
- 3 Ray Charpentier
- 5 Scott Maier
- 7 Kevin Cheung
- 11 Raymond Jarrard
- 14 Richard Rink
- 17 Bishop Thomas Curry
- 18 James Garland
- 19 Mark Wietstock
- 19 Gregory Stephens
- 25 John Froelicher

February Birthdays

- 2 Arturo Gonzales
- 5 Mario A Borgatello
- 6 Raul Navarro
- 6 David Rink
- 8 Edward Corral
- 16 Mike Engler
- 21 Paul Overstreet
- 27 Thomas Goodwin



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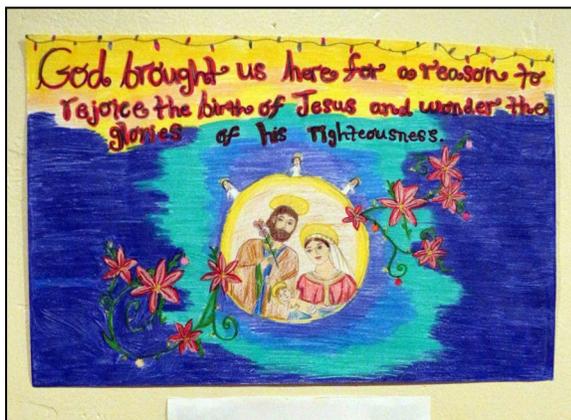
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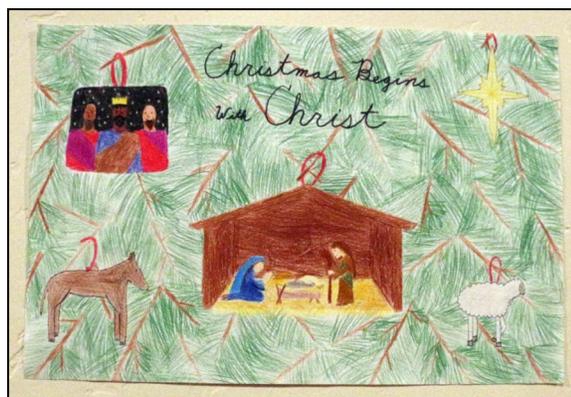
Posters of the Winners "Keep Christ in Christmas - December 13, 2017



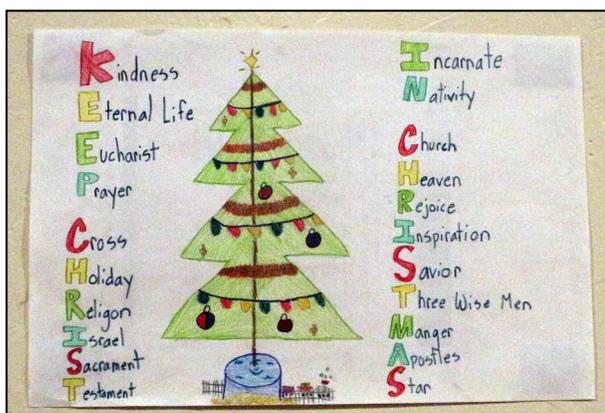
Notre Dame School—Grade 6 - 8
Elizabeth Velazquez



Notre Dame School—Grade 3 - 5
Lissette Diaz Hernandez



Our Lady Mount Carmel School —Grade 6 - 8
Aria Nafziger



Our Lady Mount Carmel School —Grade 3 - 5
Chloe Wessel



Our Lady Mount Carmel School —Grade K - 2
Nikolai Godinez



Diaz family with Lissette second from the right. To the left are Lissette's parents and to the right her brother.

HISTORY OF THE KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS "ONE NATION UNDER GOD": 1951 - 1960



A banner with the words of the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance is seen above the dais of the States Dinner at the 1955 Supreme Convention in Philadelphia.

The Knights of Columbus initiated a campaign in 1951 to lobby for the public adoption of the phrase “under God” in the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance. The Order’s Board of Directors had amended the pledge’s recitation at Fourth Degree assembly meetings and encouraged congressional representatives to adopt the same language nationwide. One year after Supreme Knight Hart took office in 1953, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a law that officially added the words “under God” to the pledge.

In the following years, the Knights made significant contributions to the Catholic Church in America. In 1953, a Catholic advertising program launched by Knights in Missouri was officially adopted by the Order as the Religious Information Bureau. Through the bureau, which later became known as the Catholic

Information Service when its operations moved to New Haven in 1969, the Knights printed and disseminated brochures and pamphlets about the Catholic faith. The program also included a correspondence course in which subscribers could learn about or clarify their knowledge of Church teachings.

Finally, the close of the 1950s saw the completion of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The Order contributed \$1 million toward the completion of the church’s bell tower, known as the Knights’ Tower, and more than 1,000 Knights formed an honor guard for the shrine’s dedication.

- 1951: The Order votes to fund the microfilming of irreplaceable documents from the Vatican Library, some dating to the pre-Christian era. The library at St. Louis University is named as the repository for the microfilm. By the 1956 opening of the Knights of Columbus Vatican Film Library at St. Louis University, 9.5 million manuscript pages have been microfilmed and made available for scholars.
- 1953: Luke E. Hart becomes supreme knight; he is the first supreme knight to move to New Haven to assume his duties, reflecting the development of the Knights as a corporation.
- 1953: The Knights of Columbus purchases for \$2.5 million the land on which Yankee Stadium is built. When news breaks of the Knights’ acquisition, councils and members send congratulatory telegrams to New Haven.\
- 1953: A Catholic advertising program launched by Missouri Knights in the 1940s is adopted nationally by the Order during Hart’s administration. The ads encourage readers to learn more about Catholic teaching by contacting the Religious Information Bureau, later the Catholic Information Service.
- 1954: On June 14, 1954, Flag Day, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signs a law that adds the words “under God” to the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance, completing an effort that Knights began three years earlier.
- 1959: On May 10, 1959, Pope John XXIII becomes the first pope to visit a K of C playground in Rome.
- 1959: On Nov. 20, 1959, the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., is dedicated with more than 1,000 Knights forming the honor guard. Knights contributed \$1 million, via a \$1.25 per-capita assessment over five years, for construction of the 329-foot bell tower.

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