



Knights of Columbus

Council 1684 • Santa Barbara, California

MARCH - APRIL 2018

Special Dates and Activities

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

March 11 3:00 PM
Prayer Vigil to End
Abortion, front of
Planned Parenthood
office, 518 Garden St.

March 23 5:30 PM
Prepare Meal at
Transition House

April 5 11:00 PM
Hour of Adoration of
Blessed Sacrament,
Chapel of Poor Clares.

April 8 3:00 PM
Prayer Vigil to End
Abortion, in Front of
Planned Parenthood
office, 518 Garden St.

April 27 5:30 PM
Prepare Meal at
Transition House

- March 14 Council 1684 - St. Patrick's Day Social & Dinner**
Social Hour: 6:30 PM, Dinner: 7:00 PM.
Location: Serra Hall
- March 28 6:30 PM Officers Meeting**
7:30 PM General Council Meeting
Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street
- April 11 6:30 PM Officers Meeting**
7:30 PM General Council Meeting
- April 25 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

At our February Dinner on February 28, we will celebrate our Annual Valentine's Dinner for Council members and their spouses. Dinner is free to brother Knights and their wives. The date was changed since Ash Wednesday fell upon February 14.

At our March Dinner, Wednesday March 14, we will 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 28 is our business meeting night with Officer's Meeting at 6:30 PM, Council Meeting at 7:30 PM. On April 25 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 11 is our business meeting night.

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

As I write this message, we've just started Lent with Ash Wednesday, followed by our first Friday of the season, and then our first Sunday of Lent. As you all probably know, during

Our Lenten Masses, the "alleluia" (another way of saying, e.g., "rejoice!") is neither spoken nor sung. The Gloria is omitted from the opening rite of prayers. These small changes in the celebration of the Mass are designed to help us recall the subject of this Sunday's gospel, and the basis of our own Lenten observances: Jesus' 40-day sojourn in the desert and temptation by the Devil.

Just as Jesus needed to get away from his fast-spreading fame and popularity by spending time alone, fasting and praying in the desert, we also need to shake up our routines and give a little more of our time and thoughts to God during Lent, and hopefully make some overdue improvements in our spiritual lives. As Brother Knights, we should lean on, pray for, and support one another in this effort, so that when the magnificent celebration of Easter arrives, we can look back at our footprints in the sand of the desert we've crossed, find true joy in

the distance we've traveled, and rejoice with full hearts at what our risen Lord has accomplished for us ... and IN us.

For well over 20 years, Brother Ray Charpentier has dutifully served all the Brothers of K of C Council 1684 as our Financial Secretary ... primary director for all communications with the Supreme Council office in Connecticut. This year, Ray will be succeeded in this very important post by Brother Steve Romofsky, who we also thank for his willingness to take the baton from Ray. My Brothers, this marks the end of a wonderful era for Council 1684, and the beginning of a new one. Brother Ray has traveled a great distance in service to our Council, and has never faltered, bringing nothing but great honor and distinction to his office and to our Council in the process. My personal gratitude for Ray's many years of service is boundless, and our expressions of our thanks to him are only beginning.

May God continue to bless and protect you all throughout this Lenten season and beyond.


Vivat Jesu, Brothers!

Mark R. Wietstock

Grand Knight

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Deacon's Corner:

OUR LENTEN PRACTICES

We are about half way through our Lenten Season, and as I pray for all my brother Knights, I am confident you are doing the same.

This season brings us an opportunity to become closer to God on many levels. We all know about fasting, prayer and alms giving, but I'm often asked to what end are these disciplines practiced.

Through fasting we attempt to realize that material things in our life are far from the more important aspect that God has offered us, our relationship with Him. Through fasting we are called to prayer as well; to become closer to God, to communicate, both to pray for others and to improve our own character. Prayer is not a time to ask for what you want from God,

but what God wants from us. Prayer is also a time to listen to God's message that he has for us.

If we take a moment to listen to God, it's very clear, just as Jesus taught us, God's desire for us to care for those around us. As we fast, we should keep in mind those around us who everyday have little to eat, people that struggle through life with no luxuries what so ever.

In the Beatitudes, Jesus tells us to pray for those who are sick or imprisoned, feed the hungry and clothe the naked. Lent gives us a chance to reflect on if we are doing as Jesus asks us to today.

Deacon Randy



**FOR MARCH AND APRIL
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS**

March Birthdays

- 1 Armando Rivera
- 3 Javier Briones
- 5 Edward Cue
- 7 Lewis Valenzuela
- 14 James Bauer
- 16 Robert Soto
- 17 Bruce Garcia
- 19 Jose Villareal
- 21 Thomas Salgado, Sr.
- 30 Ruben Corral
- 31 David Chavez

April Birthdays

- 4 David Medina
- 8 Mathew Doyle
- 9 David Nordella
- 11 Kenneth Fitzpatrick
- 15 Michael McGrath
- 16 Jose Naranjo
- 20 Rodolfo Rios
- 28 Oswald DaRos
- 28 Paul Jarchow
- 30 Thomas Watts
- 30 Walter Dejesus



AN IDEAL ACTIVITY FOR THIS LENT: COME SAVE BABIES FROM ABORTION AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD

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

Mike Engler

Did you know 30 unborn babies are being killed at Planned Parenthood (PP) every week? An ideal Lenten activity for us Knights and our families is to help save their lives. The latest local 40 Days for Life campaign is now under way, and you’re invited to help rescue babies from abortion.

40 Days for Life is an amazing movement that has saved 14,068 babies (and their parents) from abortion, caused 170 abortion workers to quit their jobs, and closed 94 abortion centers! It’s so effective that a spokesman for the pro-abortion ACLU called it the “greatest threat to choice [i.e., abortion].”

40 Days for Life is the biggest international pro-life effort in history, helping people to save babies’ lives through peaceful prayer vigils outside abortion centers. **This Lent, 40 Days for Life campaigns are taking place in 741 cities worldwide and 41 cities in California, and Santa Barbara is one of them.**

Knights from Councils 1684 and 5300 urge you, your wife and your children to join them and other Christians in our local 40 Days for Life campaign, now through March 25. **To take part is simple:** you only need to pray (any prayers you prefer) in front of PP (518 Garden Street), anytime 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Mon—Fri, or 8:00—12:00 noon Sat. If you can commit to praying at the same hour each week, that’d be wonderful, but doing some praying there anytime will be priceless. (If you can add some fasting, your prayers will be even more powerful.) **When someone is praying outside an abortion center, 75 percent of the women and girls inside decide not to have the abortions.**

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 program has proven effective in saving the lives of unborn children and sparing women and men the pain and sorrow of abortion.”

Please come and join our local campaign and save babies. For more information, contact Brother Knight John Kirk at jkirkjr@aol.com or Rita Duley (886-8555) or Gisela Cooper (Español / 886-3732), and visit www.prolifesh.com

Mike Engler, Pro-Life Chairman

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Life Insurance Message

FATHERS PLAN, FATHERS PROTECT

From the beginning, the Knights of Columbus has been a family-first organization. Father McGivney was striving to find Catholic men who could come together to protect and support the families in their communities who needed it most – including their own.

Today, the mission remains the same. And, as we celebrate Fathers' Day here in the United States, it's a great time to evaluate how we're doing.

As we approach the beginning of 2015, the Knights of Columbus has more than \$96 billion of life insurance in force, covering the lives of hundreds of thousands of our members and their families.

Knights across North America continue to trust their Order to protect them and to see to it that their loved ones are well taken care of once they're gone.

And the numbers keep increasing. The year 2014 marked the 14th consecutive year of increased new business life insurance sales.

More and more members are preparing to leave behind legacies of protection for their loved ones.

But how are each of us doing on an individual level? How well protected are our families? Are we certain that the insurance that we have in place is enough to cover their needs? Is it enough to allow those left behind to remain in their homes, to attend college, to continue to live the lives their accustomed to? Would we even know how to begin calculating and projecting those needs?

There are a lot of moving pieces and parts that go into calculating just how much your life is worth in dollars and cents. You're worth far more to your family than simply a number on a page, of course, but you do provide for them. And, if you're no longer able to, you want to make sure that their lives are not further devastated by your absence.

These calculations and determinations are not ones that you need to make on your own. I can help you identify what you need to do in order to adequately protect your family.

The Knights of Columbus provides members a comprehensive, complimentary needs analysis titled "Profiles & Forecaster," a proven industry tool that helps you determine your needs.

I will gladly perform this custom analysis for you and your family absolutely free.

It's a fraternal benefit that costs you nothing, but could tell you a lot. The Profiles & Forecaster analysis will help you identify surpluses and shortages, insurance and income replacement needs, final expenses, and more.

How could you turn down a free comprehensive analysis from one of the "World's Most Ethical Companies?" Why would you pass up on a complete review from North America's most highly rated life insurer?*

Helping your family to prepare for life without you is one of the most selfless actions you can make.

So, this Fathers' Day, as your family shows you how much they love you and how much you mean to them, show them how much they mean to you. Make an appointment with me for your custom analysis, and begin to build an insurance portfolio that will guarantee their protection after you're gone.

General Meeting of Council 1684
January 10, 2018

Fourteen members were present when Grand Knight Mark Wietstock called the January Council meeting to order at 8:32 p.m. Warden Neil Chu verified membership cards. The Grand Knight led the members in an opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, eight officers were present.

There were no Council Minutes published for December in the Council Bulletin due to the lack of a quorum.

The Grand Knight's Report:

- Nothing new on the Home Association Dissolution.
- The Council welcomed new First Degree member Eduardo Sánchez.
- The Clergy Appreciation Dinner sponsored by Council 5300 will be held at St. Raphael Community Center on January 31.
- The February business meeting will be on the 14 and the social (free for members) will be on the 28. This will allow people to eat meat since the 14 falls on Ash Wednesday. Pizza, salad and desert will be served at the dinner.
- The St. Patrick Day dinner will be on March 14 and the business meeting on March 28.
- The April Essay Contest Social will be on April 25.

Under the Treasurer's Report:

- The December 2017, bank statement stated:

Beginning Balance	\$ 4,366.67
Deposits	\$ 1915.25
Checks Paid	\$ 2701.04
Ending Balance	\$ 3,580.88
- Christmas dinner was served to 52 people at the December 13 social:

Income	\$ 360.00
Expenses	\$ 846.20
Cost to Council	\$ 486.20

Under the Financial Secretary's Report, Brother Ray Charpentier reported three bills paid.

Under Membership, a First Degree Exemplification held prior to the Council meeting resulted in welcoming Brother Eduardo Sánchez into Council 1684.

Under Communication, the Council received communication from:

- Faculty and staff of Bishop Garcia Diego High School

sent a card containing handwritten thank you note for our continued support from Taylor Woodward.

- Thank you note from Mary Stern, Board Member, of Transition House regarding our \$1000 donation to their program.
- Thank you letter from Friendship Center regarding our \$1000 donation.
- Thank you note from Brother Steve Riffero regarding \$300 donation to the Teenage Blue Jacket Club.
- Thank you note from the Poor Clare Sisters regarding our "generous offering" to the Sisters. Intentions for the Council and their families are in their daily prayers.
- Thank you note from Brother Matt Najera regarding our support through the gift of chairs for the St. Therese Academy and all the heavy lifting assistance from Brothers Ray Charpentier and Steve Romofsky.

Under Old Business, no report.

Under New Business:

- The Council's investment report was prepared and given by Brother Deacon Nick Curran. As of December 31, 2017, the value of the Council's combined accounts at Morgan Stanley stood at \$1,138,527. After all expenses in 2107, the net gain was \$62,405. In order to determine funds available for the Council's operating budget for the coming Columbian year, 5% deduction is made of the average annual account value. The figure for the new budget is \$54,423.
- The Grand Knight will begin arranging for the Council's attendance at the State Convention in Sacramento.

District Deputy is stranded in Ventura – no report.

Absence of Field Agent, no report.

Under Prayers for the Sick or Distressed:

- Brother Dan Engler for Brother Bobby Sánchez
- Brother Mark Wietstock for Brother John Green's wife Christy
- Brother Ray Charpentier for John O'Day

Following a closing prayer by the Grand Knight, the Council meeting for January was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Anglin, Recorder

Dear Council Brothers and Friends,

On Page 8 is the sad news from Armando's nephew and relayed to our Council, that our Council brother Armando has left this world at age 86. We have all missed "Army" over the past several years, but now we can remember him with Masses and our prayers. What a fine Knight he was, a hard-working Catholic and veterans' volunteer, and U.S. Marine combat veteran and Purple Heart recipient.

Armando loved to attend Eucharistic Adoration, including at the Monastery of Poor Clare nuns here. For example, for years he and Council brother Kevin Cheung attended Adoration at the Poor Clare's beautiful chapel on the eve of every First Friday, in the hard-to-fill, lonely hours in the middle of the night. It was so good of them to keep Jesus company in the Blessed Sacrament.

Armando was also devoted to the right to life, and he faithfully prayed with other pro-lifers outside the Planned Parenthood abortion facility on the Lower Eastside. Longtime pro-lifers say that every time pro-lifers are outside abortion centers, babies' lives are saved. This is because many women and girls are praying for a sign from God that they should not abort their baby, and when they see even one pro-lifer in front of the abortion center, they know that this is their sign from God. We are certain that Armando saved many babies' lives (and thus helped their moms) by his prayerful presence on the sidewalk.

"Vaya con Dios, Armando!"

**We Welcome Our New Brother
Knight Eduardo Sánchez**



**Brother Eduardo is a member of Our
Lady of Sorrows Parish. He took his
First Degree on Wednesday,
January 10.**

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DEVOTED KNIGHT ARMANDO VASQUEZ - REMEMBERING A DEAR FRIEND

Armando Patrick Vasquez (1931-2018) passed away peacefully at the age of 86. He attended Bandini Elementary School in San Diego, St. Boniface Indian School in Banning, CA, and St. Augustine High School in San Diego where he graduated from in 1950.

After high school, Armando joined the Marines in January 1951, and served in Korea as an infantryman. Armando fought along the 38th parallel in some of the Korean's major battles. In 1952 he was wounded in action in Kajon-ni. After recovering from his wounds, he continued serving in the Marines until 1954. He left active duty as a corporal and spent an additional two years in the Marine Reserves. Armando received the Purple Heart, Good Conduct medal, National Defense Service medal, Korean Service medal with one star, and the United Nations Service medal.

After leaving the Marines, Armando entered the seminary receiving training as a Jesuit Brother in both San Francisco and later in the Midwest. After graduating from the seminary, Brother Armando worked at the Catholic Church's Christian Brothers Winery in Napa Valley.

After a decade producing wine at Christian Brothers, Armando left the winery to serve the public directly in Santa Barbara. Armando ministered and volunteered in the communities surrounding Santa Barbara and his activities included being the volunteer chaplain for VFW 1649 in Santa Barbara. He was active in the American Legion Post 56, Knights of Columbus Council 1684, volunteered at the Old Mission Santa Barbara, St. Vincent de Paul Conference Old Mission Santa Barbara, as well as many other affiliations.

In his younger days, Armando developed lifelong friendships with children from the Pala Reservation in San Diego County and would return there annually to volunteer at the Mission's annual fiesta, as well as for other events. After a lifetime of devotion to his church and tireless dedication to his country, family and community, he passed away quietly in his sleep.

Armando Patrick Vasquez is survived by brother Robert of Sacramento, and his sisters Ninfa 'Connie' Alonzo and Hope 'Espie' Buelna of San Diego, many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, for whom he was an outstanding role model.

A viewing and rosary service was held for Armando at the Cypress View Mortuary on Thursday, January 18, 2018. A Catholic Mass and funeral service with military honors was held on Friday, January 19, 2018, at Holy Cross Cemetery in San Diego.

Special thankyou goes to his nephew Armando Buelna for submitting this message about dear friend Brother Armando.

Prayers for our Council Brother Armando Vasquez:

*May the angels lead you into paradise,
may the martyrs receive you at your arrival
and lead you to the holy city Jerusalem.
May choirs of angels receive you*

HISTORY OF KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS - INTO THE MAINSTREAM: 1961-1978

The early 1960s marked a period of transformation and upheaval for the Church and society, as the Second Vatican Council convened and the civil rights movement emerged in full force. Both the universal call to holiness and the call for dialogue and justice in civic life found open ears in the Knights of Columbus. By embracing the challenge of authentic ecclesial and societal reform, while remaining faithful to timeless truths and traditional values, the Knights transcended the political divide.

At the 1966 Supreme Convention, Supreme Knight John W. McDevitt said it was time to see the Order as more than just “a fortress” for its members in a world hostile to the Catholic faith. In revising its admission policies and supporting a number of social justice initiatives, the Order took positive steps to eliminate racial discrimination within its ranks and in society at large. Recognizing the potential to share the Gospel through modern technology, the Knights also began a long history of support for the Church’s social communications initiatives, providing a shortwave transmitter for the Vatican radio station and funding the Vatican’s satellite “uplink” transmissions for worldwide broadcasts.

During this time, the Order’s insurance program also began a period of dramatic growth. The amount of insurance in force tripled from \$1 billion to \$3 billion from 1960 to 1975. And in 1969, the Knights built its seventh national headquarters, its current location, to better serve the Order’s members and their families.

- 1961: On Oct. 11, 1961, Supreme Knight Hart visits President John F. Kennedy — the first Catholic president — in the White House. Kennedy, a Fourth Degree Knight, reportedly greets Hart by saying, “Hello, Chief.”
- 1963: The Order finances installation of the carillon of 56 bells at the National Shrine.
- 1963: In the spring of 1963, Hart attends a special White House meeting of religious leaders to discuss civil rights.
- 1964: Supreme Knight John W. McDevitt takes office. His first priority is to amend the Order’s admission policies to counter charges of racial discrimination.
- 1964: The Knights provides funding for the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, which has conducted social scientific studies on the Church since its founding.
- 1965: In April 1965, the Order co-sponsors with the Archdiocese of Hartford a Conference on Human Rights at Yale University in New Haven. More than 2,000 people attend the conference on interracial justice.
- 1965: At the Supreme Council meetings of 1965 and 1966, McDevitt addresses how the Knights will respond to the Second Vatican Council and its call for renewal and reform within the Church and its organizations.
- 1966: Supreme Knight McDevitt visits the Vatican Transmitting Center for the blessing of a new shortwave radio transmitter donated by the Knights. Pope Paul VI blesses the transmitter.
- 1969: The present Supreme Council headquarters is completed. Its four 320-foot towers symbolize the Knights’ four principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.
- 1969: The Order contributes \$75,000 to the U.S. Catholic Conference’s Task Force on Urban Problems to help address poverty and discrimination. The Order publishes a booklet on *Humanae Vitae*, Pope Paul VI’s 1968 encyclical affirming the Church’s teaching on marriage and procreation.
- 1971: The Order marks the achievement of \$2 billion of insurance in force; today that figure is nearly \$86 billion.
- 1975: The Order agrees to fund “uplink” transmissions for major worldwide satellite telecasts from the Vatican; the program continues to this day with audiences estimated in the billions for Midnight Mass from St. Peter’s Basilica.
- 1977: Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant begins his administration with a visit to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, where he places his work under the Virgin Mary’s protection.
- 1978: Beginning this year, each new First Degree Knight receives a rosary blessed by the supreme chaplain, a practice that continues to this day.
- 1978: Pope John Paul I receives Supreme Knight Dechant and other K of C representatives in the pontiff’s first private audience after his election.

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

Dear Brother Knights,

As we enter the season of Lent and prepare ourselves for Easter, I would like to thank Brothers Joe Kovach, Bill Fuhrer and Richard Scholl of Council 5300 for having St. Raphael School and Youth Group participate in the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. The three finalists that have been selected will be sent to the State Council Essay Committee where one will win. Good luck to all the finalists and thanks to all that have participated in the essay Contest.

I would also like to thank GK Mark Wiestock and DGK Hank Petersen of Council 1684 for running the Christmas Poster Contest this past December. The Los Padres Chapter judged those entries last month. Two were picked from Council 1684 to be sent to State. Good luck to all the finalists and thanks to all that have participated in the poster contest.

During the 2017-2018 Fraternal Year, the Supreme Council conducted a limited online membership program in the US and Canada. It has been proven so successful, that the program has been expanded and is expected to be implemented by July 2018.

What is Online Membership?

Online Membership offers a new digital experience for certain men who are not ready for council-based membership. It is meant to be a low pressure, low commitment to the Knights of Columbus. Online enrollment reaches new prospective members to be more familiar with what the Knights of Columbus does.

The Online Membership particulars:

- It takes five minutes to join.
- It is meant to supplement, **not replace**, traditional membership.
- Does not change the requirements for membership.
- Does not eliminate Degrees.
- Does not eliminate Dues. Online members pay \$30.00.
- Online members access to Insurance Benefits, Columbian Magazine and the Online Membership Portal on the Web.
- Online Members receive Information of local council, state and national K of C events.
- Online Membership sets the stage for active membership.

Online members do not belong to local councils. They belong to state divisions. Each jurisdiction will have one state division. This state division will house all the jurisdiction's Online Members. The California one will be determined. More details will follow as we get closer to the July target month.

Congratulations to GK Jack Turney of Council 5300 for winning the Columbian Award for Programs during his term as Grand Knight. Congratulations to DGK Hank Petersen for receiving the Star Pin Recruiter Award for Council 1684.

A reminder to all Councils that the State Convention will be held in Sacramento, CA at the DoubleTree by Hilton from **May 17th through the 19th**. The deadline for reservations is May 1st. More info and tickets can be found at the California State Convention Website www.californiaknights.org/store.

Vivat Jesus,

Edward Barrier

Knights of Columbus District Deputy - District #80

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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

"The intimate community of life and love which constitutes the married state has been established by the Creator and endowed by him with its own proper laws. . . . God himself



is the author of marriage. The vocation to marriage is written in the very nature of man and woman as they came from the hand of the Creator. Marriage is not a purely human institution despite the many variations it may have undergone through the centuries in different cultures, social structures, and spiritual attitudes. These differences should not cause us to forget its common and permanent characteristics. Although the dignity of this institution is not transparent everywhere with the same clarity, some sense

of the greatness of the matrimonial union exists in all cultures. The well-being of the individual person and of both human and Christian society is closely bound up with the healthy state of conjugal and family life." (Catechism, 1603).

The Knights of Columbus considers marriage to be the basic building block of every society. Not only does marriage perfect the human love between spouses, it is also the only institution ordained to the procreation and education of children. For these reasons, marriage is recognized in the Church as a sacrament, established by God with its own purpose, shared between Christ and His Bride, the Church. Marriage, according to the Catechism of the Church, "strengthens two partner's indissoluble unity, and sanctifies them on the way to eternal life (1661)."

The Knights of Columbus thus believes marriage's fundamental nature is a life-long, indissoluble union between a man and a woman tending toward the fruitful communion of their persons. Marriage is not a mere instrument for the individual self to seek satisfaction in matters pertaining to sex and romance. It involves the total self-giving act of love, revealed to humanity in the form of the Crucified Christ, and inscribed into the nature of the human person as his fundamental and innate vocation. Only through "the personal willingness of the spouses to share their entire life-project, what they have and what they are," does marriage obtain its fulfillment and perfection (*Familiaris Consortio*, 19). Children, the precious gift of marriage, are the living reflection of this married love and a permanent sign of the conjugal unity shared between husband and wife. It is no exaggeration, then, to say that marriage is of its very nature responsible for the existence and perpetuation of the Church and of civilization.

With this in mind, the Knights of Columbus confidently supports public policies designed to strengthen marriage and families, and opposes those that disregard its fundamental nature. Our Order reiterates, alongside the Church and all the major cultures of the world, the truth that marriage is not just any human relationship. It is an indispensable institution established by the Creator with its own essential properties, purpose, and nature, and that civil laws are unable to alter

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