



Knights of Columbus

Council 1684 • Santa Barbara, California

MAY – JUNE 2019

Special Dates and Activities

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

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

May 24 5:30 PM
Prepare Meal at
Transition House

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

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

June 28 5:30 PM
Prepare Meal at
Transition House

- May 8 Business Meeting:**
6:30 PM Officer's 7:30 PM Council Meeting
Location Serra Hall
- May 22 Dinner & Scholarship Winners|**
6:30 PM Social Hour 7:00 PM Dinner
Location Serra Hall
Presentation of scholarships to students attending Bishop Diego,
Notre Dame and Mt. Carmel School.
- June 12 Business Meeting:**
6:30 PM Officer's 7:30 PM Council Meeting
Location Serra Hall
- June 22 District Warden Installation & Installation of Officers for**
Councils 1684 & 5300 Time: 9:00 AM
Pancake Breakfast Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street
(Corner of Garden and East Los Olivos Street)
Wives, children, close relatives are welcome to attend.

Financial Secretary's Report

Our next monthly Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 8. We encourage members to attend our Council meetings to share in decisions that need to be made as well as sharing in the friendship with fellow Knights.

On May 22 we will celebrate our annual scholarship dinner presenting scholarships to students attending Bishop Diego, Notre Dame and Mount Carmel School. On Wednesday June 12 we have our last Council meeting for the last half of Columbian Year January 2019 – June 2019, and on Saturday, June 22 at 9:00 AM we will celebrate with Council 5300 the installation of officers for the Columbian Year July 2019 - June 2020. 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 extend congratulations to Christiano Fernandes on completing the Second Degree at our April 10th Council Meeting. Christiano is from Brazil, he is married with two children, the family being members of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish.

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Happy Easter! And Halleluiah! During these 50 days of Easter season, it is time to rejoice and be merciful. Mercy is such a powerful word. To me it means to love, to forgive, have compassion, have justice, to be kind, and to understand. I am just returning back from Our Lady of Mount Carmel annual trip to Tijuana, Mexico, building a home to a less fortunate family. At the end of the day as tears come rolling down the eyes of the young couple holding the keys of their first home and their father blessing all of us for this amazing charitable offering, I cannot think of a better

way to rejoice and be merciful for this family. I also thank Jesus for dying for us; he has given us endless love so we are able to share this love to this family.

This is why the Knights of Columbus is such a wonderful organization. Our continuous generosity of charitable work throughout the year is an amazing gift. I cannot thank my brothers enough for all that they do. We are all so bless and thank God for his divine mercy!

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

Hank Peterson

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AN HOUR OF ADORATION A ROMAN CATHOLIC EUCHARISTIC DEVOTIONAL TRADITION

Brother Knights, how many times do you scan the first page of our Bulletin, look at the Special Dates and Activities section along the left-hand side, and wonder, what is an Hour of Adoration and who are the Poor Clares?

To answer the first question, an Hour of Adoration is a Roman Catholic Eucharistic devotional tradition of spending an hour in prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. To answer the second question, the Poor Clares are an order of contemplative nuns that live lives of prayer, community, and joy. They live in monastic communities and we are fortunate to have a community here in town at 215 East Los Olivos Street.

For many years our Council has been active in the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel of the Poor Clares. The adoration occurs in conjunction with the first Friday of each month. The service begins at on Thursday at 6:00 p.m., and concludes at 6:00 a.m. Friday. The current schedule is as follows:

- 6 to 7 pm: VACANT
- 7 to 8 pm: Mary Ellen Rivera, Matthew Najera
- 8 to 9 pm: VACANT
- 9 to 10 pm: Dr. & Mrs. Art Najera,
- 10 to 11 pm: Matt Swider
- 11 to 12 am: K of C 1684, Mike and Dan Engler and all other Council 1684 members
- 12 – 1 am: Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Stewart
- 1 – 2 am: Peter Da Ros
- 2 – 3 am: Kevin Cheung
- 3 – 4 am: Bruce & Tina Garcia
- 4 – 5 am: Matt McCaffrey
- 5 – 6 am: VACANT

Note that there are many Brother Knights participating in the Adoration, however, more are needed. The vacant time slots need to be filled and each hour should have more than one participant. Our goal is to have at least two people for each hour.

We need Brother Knights to fill the vacant time slots and to join those already participating in the Adoration. Please consider this invitation. Check your schedule. Talk to your family and friends. Pick a time. Commit to being there for one year. It sounds like a long time but it is only twelve hours. Time spent in Adoration will fill your soul and clear your mind. Try this for one year. Our entire Council will benefit. If you cannot commit to a specific schedule, join the 11:00 p.m. hour with Mike and Dan Engler when you can.

Brother Bruce Garcia has been overseeing the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for some time. Please contact him at gar317@yahoo.com to sign up.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Steve Romofsky
Financial Secretary

Deacon's Corner:

LUKE CALLS US TO ANSWER THE “MASTER’S CALL”

As we approach the end of our Easter season and return to “Ordinary Time”, we will be focused primarily on the three-year ministry of Jesus as accounted by the evangelist St. Luke for the remainder of our Liturgical year.

Luke’s account of the Gospel is the longest, and certainly the most detailed of the Gospel accounts and the work Luke put into getting dates and geography correct becomes obvious early in the Gospel.

Luke certainly shows how God’s promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus and how the salvation promised to Israel and accomplished by Jesus has been extended to the Gentiles.

Luke’s focus in the Gospel as well as St. Paul’s efforts in Acts of the Apostles, to bring the word of God to the Gentiles reminds us that our Catholic “Universal” Church is not for a select chosen few or those who are baptized in a church, or

attend Mass every Sunday; the Word of God is for all the people of God’s glorious creation.

When we encounter others, who haven’t heard or don’t follow the teachings of Jesus, do we pass judgment on them while perhaps we are the ones who have failed. Perhaps we have let them down by not bringing the word to them and others, either through words or actions, or deeds.

As we reflect on Jesus’s teaching and ministry through the eyes of St. Luke, let’s put ourselves in the place of those he wrote to so many years ago and still today where Luke calls upon the Christian disciple to identify with the master Jesus, who is caring and tender toward the poor and lowly, the outcast, the sinner, and the afflicted, no matter where they may be found and encountered.

Deacon Randy

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FOR MAY AND JUNE HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO BROTHER KNIGHTS

MAY

4 Mark Henrie
7 John O’Dea
19 David Borgatello
22 Joseph Corsaro
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 Schmitz
22 Walter DeJesus Jr.
26 Hector Rodriguez
29 Randy Saake



Mike Engler

PREPARE FOR PERSECUTION FOR DEFENDING MARRIAGE AND LIFE, BISHOP SAYS

Bishop Thomas Olmsted of Phoenix has urged Catholics in the USA to defend marriage and human life, “despite the real risk of persecution” for doing that (LifeSiteNews, April 25).

At the National Catholic Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C., on April 22, he summoned Catholic couples to go “all in” on their marriage vows and be open to having children. He also said Catholics must protect babies targeted for abortion and rapped politicians who won’t protect babies who survive abortions.

“Brothers and sisters in Christ, we can do this,” he said. “We were made for such a time as this. God destined us for these historical circumstances.”

The prelate said Christ has been calling him to speak the truth the Vatican II document *Gaudium et Spes*, 51, which brands abortion an “unspeakable crime.” He spotlighted the “vociferous opposition” to the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, which would require doctors to care for babies who survive abortions. Democrats in the U.S. Senate and House won’t let the bill come to a vote.

“Christ calls us to stand up for each child and where no human heart has been ready to receive the new life,” Bp. Olmstead declared. He noted the decline of the U.S. birthrate to record lows in 2018.

The shepherd also upheld the age-old Church teaching embodied in the encyclical *Humanae Vitae*: “The disaster invited by theologians, bishops, priests and laity who rejected Pope Paul VI’s [prophetic] letter [against contraception] is upon us,” he explained, calling the fruits of the sexual revolution “a plague of misery on a scale never known before.”

“Enough!” he thundered. “Husbands and wives, mothers and fathers, you are called to have great hearts here, counter-cultural and brave. You can build something better, freer, more generous, and nobler, beginning in your own home.”

God calls us not to complacency but to greatness, the shepherd reminded listeners. He calls us to be saints “with lives full of the Holy Spirit, women and men who live heroic virtue.” The bishop urged Catholics to “lead your family,” and follow anywhere else the Lord asks, “with deep and childlike faith in Him.”

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General Meeting of Council 1684
Minutes for the Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Call to Order:

Twelve Officers and members were present when Grand Knight Hank Peterson called the April Council meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. following the officer's meeting and Second-Degree Exemplification. The Grand Knight led the members in an opening prayer

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

For lack of a quorum there was no Council in March.

Grand Knight's Report:

- The Essay contest report showed that some more work is necessary before the April 24th dinner announcing the winners, but the Committee has a plan, and all will be well. Brother Bruce and his merry band of helpers will be serving tacos: al pastor, asada, and chicken.
- John Green has the May 22nd Scholarship Social under control. Brother Bruce Garcia and his merry band of helpers will prepare a menu of chili beans, tri-tip, salad, and bread are on the menu. This social is the hallmark of our Columbian year – giving to support Catholic education. Don't miss it!
- The Notre Dame School sign was vandalized, and Brother Bruce Garcia is leading an effort to replace it. (Brother Bruce sure does a lot of work for us!)
- New officers will be installed in June.
- Brother Ray Charpentier and Brother Kevin Cheung will be representing Council 1684 during the State Knights of Columbus Convention in San Diego.
- The Home Association Resolutions (3) will be voted on at the May meeting.

Membership:

A Second-Degree Exemplification came before the

business meeting. A Third-Degree Exemplification will be held on June 1 in Lompoc at Queen of the Angels.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning balance as March 1: \$ 6,878.38
Additions: \$ 1,748.10
Checks paid: \$ 1,815.05
Ending balance as of March 31: \$ 3,498.28

Financial Secretary's Report:

The Worthy Financial Secretary reported three bills paid.

Field Agent's Report:

In the absence of the Field Agent George Majoue no report was given.

District Deputy's Report:

In the absence of the District Deputy Chris Arnoult no report was given.

Prayers for the Sick and Distressed:

- Brother Al Anglin for Brother David Borgatello who received a knee replacement.
- Brother John Green for his wife Christie who is now in Hospice Care.
- Brother Matt Najera for his mother who has skin cancer.

Good of the Order:

Nothing to report

Grand Knight Hank Peterson led the meeting in a closing prayer followed by adjournment of the Council meeting at 8:32 p.m.

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Anglin Recorder



Life Insurance Message



WHAT ABOUT EARNING POWER?

Dear Brothers and Families:

I'd like to start by asking a question...What's your biggest asset? Some of you may say it's your home. Others who own a business may say that's their biggest asset. There may be some who have saved well and put aside a substantial amount of money for retirement in a fund like an IRA or a 401K.

George J. Majoue

But I would suggest that your **earning power** is your most valuable asset. Consider this: a 35-year-old who makes \$50,000 a year will earn \$1.5 million dollars before retirement at age 65. That's quite a sum, but consider this: With only a 3% increase in pay each year, that figure grows to nearly 2.5 million dollars before retirement! But...you say, that's all well and good, what are the chances I'm going to become disabled and unable to work? According to United States government statistics a staggering 1 in 4, yes, 25%, of 20-year-olds will become disabled before reaching age 67. And, according to the Social Security Administration, 95% of those disabilities happen outside the workplace...so worker's compensation will not pay.*

Some companies generously give disability benefits to their employees. If you are one of those lucky ones...congratulations! Now the question is...how long are those benefits payable and how much of your income is covered and how much of that benefit is taxable? Seven of 10 Americans say they would feel a financial pinch in a month or less without their paycheck.**

Fortunately, I can help sort out all these issues. The Knights of Columbus offers a flexible disability income insurance policy. It can be tailored to supplement what you currently have through work or it can stand alone to safeguard your paycheck and provide protection against catastrophe. I can help you design a plan with the right monthly benefit, the right benefit period and all the other variables that go into customizing a plan that is right for you and your family. And our policy pays benefits regardless of whether or not the disability is work related.

So, what if your last paycheck was your last paycheck? Let's make sure that doesn't happen by scheduling a time meet and review your specific situation. I know the time will be well spent.

Vivat Jesus!

George

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* "Social Security Fact Sheet," United States Social Security Administration, accessed April 5, 2018, www.ssa.gov/news/press/factsheets/basicfact-alt.pdf.

** "What do You Know about Disability Insurance?" Life Happens, accessed April 5, 2018, <https://lifehappens.org>

KNIGHTS FIGHT NEBRASKA FLOOD

3/25/2019

By Joe Pappalardo

Knights bring relief following historical Midwest flooding



A damaged road is seen March 16, 2019, after a storm triggered historic flooding in Niobrara, Neb. Gov. Pete Ricketts and the Nebraska National Guard surveyed flooded farms, homes, bridges and highways, damage Ricketts called "devastating" and perhaps the worst seen in a half-century. (CNS photo/Office of Governor Pete Ricketts handout via Reuters)

Knights of Columbus members are bringing relief to those impacted by major and historical river flooding in Nebraska. Nebraskan Knights are volunteering to distribute supplies and feed some of the hundreds of families stranded by the flood waters in North Bend, Neb.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Council in New Haven, Conn. donated \$30,000 to disaster relief efforts as well as 500 cases of water, 301 \$100 gift cards and food for 3,000 people.

"The support that we're getting from Supreme is just overwhelming," Tony Hergott, Disaster Response Chairman for Nebraska said. "And the amount of volunteers we're getting in our communities is even more of a blessing."

This is a continuation of recent disaster relief efforts by the Knights of Columbus, which has raised more than \$1 million and volunteered hundreds of hours to help victims of natural disasters since the fall.

In Nebraska, rain and melting snow caused the Missouri River to flood, leading to three deaths and more than \$640 million worth of damage, which closed the region off to volunteers like the Knights until yesterday, March 26.

As the floodwaters recede, Knights will be power-washing affected areas, removing dirt left by the bloated Missouri River. In North Bend, this cleaning is the first stage of a day-long effort to clean up the area and feed hundreds of volunteers. After they finish cleaning, about 15 local Knights prepared a fish-fry dinner at St. Charles Borromeo Church to feed 150-200 volunteers at North Bend High School.

The flooding has also affected residents of South Dakota, Wisconsin and Iowa as well. Other councils are holding similar events to benefit victims of the Missouri River flooding, including Nebraska City Council 3152 at St. Mary's in Nebraska City.

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Knights from Council 7950 Make Supply Deliveries to Help Migrant Caravan in Tijuana Mexico

Knights of Columbus Holy Family of the Mountains Council 7950 in Crestline, CA, are over 130 miles north from Tijuana, Mexico. But Knights, including Chuck Abajian and Jim Brunetti, travel every 4 to 6 weeks to the city to deliver food, hygienic products and even education funds to the area.

Council 7950, which encompasses three parishes, sends supplies to St. Eugene de Mazenod Parish in La Morita, just outside of Tijuana, in conjunction with the outreach service group, Mother Cabrini Mission Circle of St. Frances Cabrini Parish in Crestline.

But late last year, when a caravan of over 5,000 Central Americans seeking asylum arrived in Tijuana, the Knights made a concerted effort to complete an unscheduled supply run to help the migrant caravan in spite of the potential danger.

“This was a humanitarian crisis that was too close to our home that we didn’t want to ignore,” said Abajian. “These people basically just had the clothes on their back and they’re living in a donated tent. ...They had nothing.”

In December, the Knights and other volunteers drove five trucks loaded with supplies down to Tijuana. On past trips, they had been turned back by Mexican customs agents because certain items were prohibited at the time, including clothes, sheets and shoes. The Knights expected to be turned away again this trip, but the Mexican customs agents were lenient.

“They didn’t even look at the load,” said Abajian. “Normally, they look at the load and charge us a tax, but we told them where it was going and they just let us right through.”

After multiple security checks, the Knights finally reached the migrants. Men were living in tents outside on an open, cement court, while women and children under 2 years old were sleeping on the floor in a local warehouse.

“They had tents, upon tents like you wouldn’t believe all over. High and low, all over this abandoned fairground,” said Brunetti. “There’s a lot of poverty. You can taste the poverty.”

During the supply delivery, each family received a food bag containing 10 pounds of potatoes, beans, rice, flour and sugar. The Knights also brought toys, small furniture and tools for children and parents to pick out. As Abajian described it, “Every family gets something.”

One man from Guatemala had racks of baked goods in his makeshift home. At night, he would sell the food around the migrant settlement. To help him support his family, the Knights brought him a 100-pound sack of flour.

Brunetti said he was awestruck by a 19-year old man, who had a wife and baby, because of his optimism despite the potential 8-month wait before meeting with U.S. immigration officers.

“He knew that he was there and that he was going to have a better future for his baby and his wife,” said Brunetti.

This optimism for a better future was a common sentiment among the migrants.

“They see this star, the United States, which its abundance and wealth,” said Brunetti. “They have this star of hope, which is a promise that is much greater than where they are living or their situation. They are willing to live in hovels or not much of anything just so they can perhaps have this opportunity for a better life.”

The Knights initially partnered with St. Eugene de Mazenod because of the poverty resulting from cartel violence. Most of the fundraising for supplies is supported by Council 7950’s weekly bingo. Last year, the Knights gave the parish \$2,000 for an education scholarship, which pays for a few semesters.

“Education is the only way out of poverty in Mexico, so we are trying to step it up,” said Abajian.

With a new caravan journeying to the border, members from Council 7950 are ready to assist those in need.

“It’s all about working together, and that is the thing about the Knights: it unites men with other people,” said Brunetti. “We are the organizers. We are the people that are the salt or the flavor that stimulate and get things started.”

The Knights of Columbus is the largest fraternal Catholic organization in the world with almost 2 million members, including in Mexico. Last year, the Knights collectively donated \$185 million and volunteered over 70 million hours.

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