



Knights of Columbus
Council 1684 • Santa Barbara, California
NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2019
Happy Thanksgiving Day and Merry Christmas to all of our Brother Knights and to their Families

Special Dates and Activities

Oct 31 - Nov 1 6:00PM
Hour of Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, Chapel of Poor Clares.

Nov 10 3:00 PM
Prayer Vigil to End Abortion, front of Planned Parenthood office, 518 Garden St.

Nov 22 5:30 PM
Prepare Meal at Transition House

Dec 5-6 6:00 PM
Hour of Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, Chapel of Poor Clares.

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

Dec 27 5:30 PM
Prepare Meal at Transition House

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| November 6 | Memorial Service 6:00 PM | Serra Hall |
| | Remembering our brother Knights and sisters of Catholic Daughters of America that have passed away during 2018-2019. | |
| December 4 | Officers Meeting 6:30 PM Council Meeting 7:30 PM | Serra Hall |
| December 11 | Christmas Dinner-- "Keeping Jesus in Christmas" Poster Contest Winners for grade school students at Notre Dame and Our Lady of Mount Carmel; free admission for children of our Knights. Entertainment: St. Therese Academy Choir singing traditional Christmas music. Social Hour 6:30 PM Dinner 7:00 PM | Serra Hall |

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Financial Secretary's Report

September offered our Council the opportunity for having a Second Degree ceremony. One of our members taking the Second Degree is Brian Simolon. On Wednesday September 25 our Council held its social, emphasis being a family event. With the "Knight's Nite Out" no longer holding its annual fund raiser, its been replaced by a monthly social for brother Knights and their families, held on Wednesday October 23. Add to this list is Villa Majella's annual fundraiser for 2019 held at Serra Hall on Saturday October 26. Not only did our Council help arrange the facilities for Villa Majella, several of our members helped with cooking and serving the dinner for this annual fundraiser. At the October General Meeting, brother Knights attending the meeting approved unanimously four dissolution documents pertaining to the directive by the California State Supreme Council of Knights of Columbus dissolving our Council's Home Association.

On Wednesday November 6 we again will have our Memorial Service for

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Again this year I am writing the November-December Grand Knight's report in shorts and a t-shirt. It is hard to believe that the Holiday Season is in front of us with these beautiful summer days in October. November is still one of my favorite months, because it is a month to be grateful and appreciative for all the wonderful things in our lives. First it starts with All Saints Day giving thanks to these amazing souls and hoping that they guide us in the right direction with our lives. Then we have All Soul's Day, which is a beautiful day to remember and pray for our beloved ones. Following week, we have Veteran's Day appreciating all the brave, courageous men

who have protected and fought for our fabulous country. And then at last, we have Thanksgiving, the day of gratitude of everything that we have been blessed with.

After Thanksgiving, of course, we celebrate the Advent Season. It is a time of joy and celebration of Christ's birth and the coming of Christ into our lives. I am so grateful and appreciative for the knights especially our council who continues to do amazing work every year!! May God bless you and keep you and your family safe during the Holiday!

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

Hank Peterson

Grand Knight

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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. November is the only month that our Council has no council meeting. December 4 will be our next date for officer and Council meeting while December 11 is our Annual Christmas Dinner with Christmas music provided by St. Therese Academy Choir singing traditional Christmas hymns. Keep in mind that children of Knights are free. Included at this dinner is 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." Winners and their parents are invited to this celebration.

Steve Ramofsky

Deacon's Corner:

ADVENT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR?

We are rapidly approaching the end of our liturgical year and that of course that means Advent and eventually Christmas will be upon us.

But let's not get ahead of ourselves; first we have to finish up our season of Ordinary time. This year we have been hearing the Gospel account primarily of St. Luke.

If we remember way back in January and every three years, we hear in St. Luke's account that Jesus's "Messiah-ship" begins prior to his birth.

The Jewish people had been, waiting and preparing for the Messiah for generations, sometimes much more devoutly than other times, not much differently than we do progressing though our liturgical year. Sometimes we are much more in-tune with the Sunday and daily readings and Gospel

passages. Finally, we do get to the feast of "Our Lord Jesus Christ the King", when we have come full circle and enter back into our Advent season.

Advent is a time to really focus on ourselves, and evaluate where we are in own lives, journey and our preparedness to receive Jesus when he returns, but shouldn't we be doing that all year long and not just the month before Christmas?

Our faith is comprised of much than just our liturgical year alone, and I'm pretty certain Jesus doesn't follow a calendar or a schedule, so perhaps we should be in a state of "Advent" throughout the entire year, waiting and preparing for the final judgment, when Jesus will truly and completely again be with us

Deacon Randy

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For November and December Happy Birthday to Brother Knights

November Birthdays

- 1 Jose Martinez
- 6 Anthony Dal Bello
- 7 Reuben Rey
- 9 Edsel Herrera
- 14 Shawn Forry
- 21 Joel Morelos
- 22 John Coyle
- 27 Dwight Peterson
- 27 Dn. Christopher Sandner
- 27 David Whitefoot
- 29 Charles McChesney

December Birthdays

- 1 Ricardo Lemos
- 5 David Farebrother
- 9 Albert Trejo
- 11 John Balster
- 15 Dn. David Munoz
- 16 Steven Von Dollen
- 18 Rev Salvador Parisi
- 21 Steve Riffero
- 23 Alvin Bentajado

**General Meeting of Council 1684
Minutes for the Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 11, 2019**

Call to Order:

With only six officers present, in the absence of Grand Knight Hank Peterson, Deputy Grand Knight Mark Wietstock called the September Council meeting to order at 8:20 p.m. While this meeting was called to order as a General Meeting, it failed to have a quorum, and for this reason no voting took place. The Grand Knight led the members in an opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. Taking minutes was Advocate Richard Rink.

Roll Call of Officers:

Absence Grand Knight, Chancellor, Recorder, Inside Guard, Financial Secretary, Second and Third Year trustees.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

With minutes of the August 14, 2019 published in the Council's September-October bulletin, reading of the minutes was waived.

Grand Knight's Report:

- Home Association Report – other than documents mailed to council members, nothing to report.
- September Social – September 25 - desire to make it a family affair for both children and parents. Discussed menu and activity.
- October Social – October 23, replaces Knight's Nite Out – discussed menu and activity. Halloween theme for kids and adults.
- Villa Majella of Santa Barbara – October 26 - Council needs volunteers with cooking and serving meals.
- Memorial Mass November 6 – need a priest to say memorial Mass.
- Christmas Social – December 11, need a choir, someone to take charge of *Keep Christ in Christmas* Poster Contest.
- Clergy Appreciation Dinner – date, time, place to be set by Council 5300.

Membership:

A Second-Degree Exemplification for two brother Knights came before the business meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning balance as of August 1 was \$1,616.59,

deposits of \$5,712.65, payments of \$3,757.31 with an end balance on August 31 of \$3,571.93.

Financial Secretary's Report: None

Old and New Business: None

District Deputy's Report:

Chris Arnoult provided a lengthy report dealing with Fourth Degree Blue Mass, Third Degree Exemplification, Los Padres Chapter Installation Dinner, Los Padres Chapter, Safe Environment Training, Intellectual Disabilities Programs, COCUS and UCSB – St. Mark's University Parish, Essay & Poster Contests, B-Ball Freethrow, and St. Raphael Parish Festival.

Field Agent's Report: None

Prayers for the Sick and Distressed:

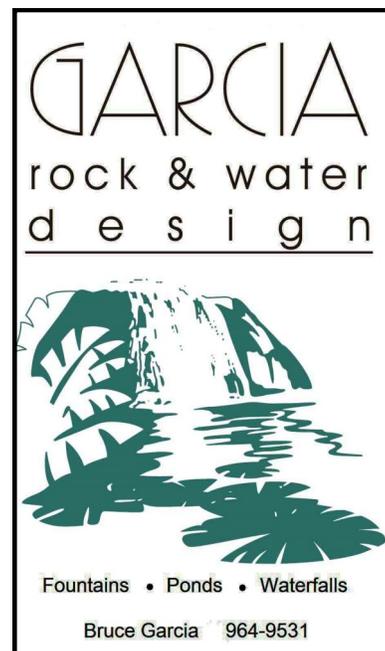
- Hank Peterson on the passing of his mother;
- Mark Wietstock's father-in-law having heart problems along with stress being placed on Mark's mother-in-law.

After praying a Hail Mary and an Our Father, for September 11, 2019 Deputy Grand Knight Mark Wietstock adjourned the Council meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Richard Rink

Acting Recorder, Advocate





COURT RULES LITTLE SISTERS OF POOR MUST GIVE OUT ABORTION DRUGS

Court rules Little Sisters of Poor must give out abortion drugs. Satan hates babies. He hates the Catholic Church. He hates sisters who serve Jesus. So he must really love the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Mike Engler

On October 22, that notorious federal court in San Francisco ruled that the Obamacare law requires religious entities, including the Little Sisters of the Poor, to provide “birth control” to their employees via their health insurance - even though the sisters’ Catholic Faith teaches that using artificial birth control is a mortal sin, and even though many “contraceptives” cause early, silent abortions.

A three-judge panel of the Ninth voted two to one to block President Trump’s attempts to make religious entities exempt from the deadly Obamacare mandate.

In a National Review online story (October 22), Mairead McArdle reports that “the Health and Human Services Department, Labor Department, and Treasury Department adopted the birth control exemption rules in 2017, and the rules were finalized in 2018 but have not yet gone into effect. The previous Obama administration rules required employers to provide birth control coverage with no co-payment.”

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra, who says he’s Catholic, had asked the court to strike down the President’s protections for the sisters and other Christians. “Today will serve as a reminder to the Trump Administration,” he crowed, “that politicians and employers certainly have no business interfering with women’s reproductive healthcare.” He didn’t explain how not giving a woman a baby-killing drug harms her healthcare.

Judge Andrew Kleinfeld dissented from the other judges. He noted that “No woman sued for an injunction in this case, and no affidavits have been submitted from any women establishing any question in this case about whether they will be deprived of reproductive services [sic] or harmed in any way by the modification of the regulation.”

The Little Sisters of the Poor, whom St. Jeanne Jugan founded in 1839, now care for more than 13,000 elderly poor people in 30-plus countries. Their community in the USA is threatened with more than \$70 million in federal fines, which could force it to close its doors, throwing thousands of sick old people out on the street. Let’s pray daily that the sisters gain victory over this anti-Catholic, anti-life persecution.

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**FATHER MCGIVNEY'S VISION REMAINS AS RELEVANT AS EVER IN THE
CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES OF TODAY'S CHURCH AND SOCIETY.”
POPE JOHN PAUL II**

Is now the time for an American parish priest to be declared a Catholic saint?

In Father Michael McGivney (1852-1890), born and raised in a Connecticut factory town, the modern era's ideal of the priesthood hit its zenith. The son of Irish immigrants, he was a man to whom "family values" represented more than mere rhetoric. And he left a legacy of hope still celebrated around the world.

In the late 1800s, discrimination against American Catholics was widespread. Many Catholics struggled to find work and ended up in inferno-like mills. An injury or death of the wage earner would leave the family penniless. The grim threat of chronic homelessness and even starvation could fast become realities. Called to action in 1882 by his sympathy for these suffering people, Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, an organization that has helped to save countless families from the indignity of destitution. From its uncertain beginnings, when Father McGivney was the only person willing to work toward its success, it has grown to an international membership of more than 1.8 million members.

At heart, though, Father McGivney was never anything more than an American parish priest, and nothing less than that, either - beloved by children, trusted by young adults, and regarded as a "positive saint" by the elderly in his New Haven parish.

In this incredible work of academic research, Douglas Brinkley and Julie Fenster re-create the life of Father McGivney, a fiercely dynamic yet tenderhearted man. Though he was only thirty-eight when he died, Father McGivney has never been forgotten. He remains a true "people's priest," a genuinely holy man - and perhaps the most beloved parish priest in U.S. history. Moving and inspirational, Parish Priest chronicles the process of canonization that may well make Father McGivney the first American-born parish priest declared a saint by the Vatican.

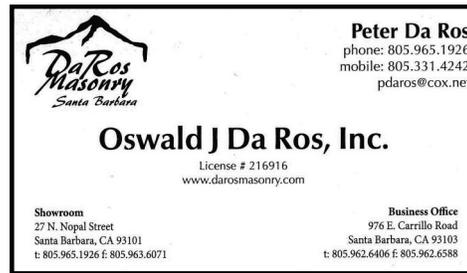
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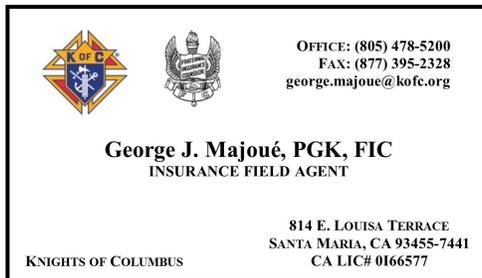
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George J. Majoue

November 2019



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MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR LIFE

Dear Brother Knights and Families:

As Thanksgiving approaches at the end of the month, I like to take stock of all the things I'm thankful for.

It's easy to say family and friends, those are blessing; and we sometimes take them for granted...but how about the little things in life. It might be that smile you get from person who hands you your cup of coffee in the morning; it may be relishing the crisp air on an autumn day. It may be a simple stroll in the park marveling at God's nature abounding; maybe the joy of helping an older neighbor with a chore. These are all little things to be thankful for.

When I think about helping older neighbors, I often wonder just how many members have taken advantage of help that they might need as they age. Some won't be able to do the simple activities of daily living. They'll need assistance, and with our mobile society may not have a relative nearby to help. That's where our Knights of Columbus Long Term Care Insurance plan might help.

Many people don't know how a long-term care insurance policy helps cover the costs of care when the policy holder has a chronic medical condition, a disability or a disorder such as Alzheimer's disease. You can receive care in your home, a nursing home, an assisted living facility, or an adult day care center.

LTC insurance helps protect all those assets you've worked so hard for over the years: your house, IRAs, savings, investments. They could all be wiped out with even a short stay in a nursing home. The website:

<https://longtermcare.acl.gov/costs-how-to-pay/costs-of-care.html> says that Home Health Care costs about \$22/hour, Assisted Living Facilities about \$4,245 per month and Nursing Home \$85,000 per year. More expensive areas of the country are more than that. Without LTC insurance many families would face a serious financial crisis.

Most people aren't eager to talk about long term care; but it's important to have a plan. Many people want to wait until they are in their 60s or 70s before they start to consider long term care. But at younger ages it's more likely you can qualify...and the price is less expensive when you're younger.

I can help design a plan to fit your needs...and your budget. With that you can have peace of mind that you will get the care you need, when you need and where you want it.

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**General Meeting of Council 1684
Minutes for the Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 9, 2019**

Call to Order:

Eleven Officers and members, plus a brother Knight providing written consent for the Advocate to vote in his place, representing a quorum, were present when Grand Knight Hank Peterson called the October Council meeting to order at 7:40 PM. The Grand Knight led the members in an opening prayer followed by Pledge of Allegiance. Taking minutes was Advocate Richard Rink.

Roll Call of Officers:

Of the 13 officers of the Council, six were absent.

Minutes of the Previous General Meeting:

Reading of the Minutes of General Meeting of September 11 were waived.

Grand Knight's Report:

- The September Social was a success with 14 paid guests and 16 unpaid. While there was a short time to advertise, it was a good turnout.
- At this meeting voting upon the resolutions to eliminate the Home Association will come under old business.
- Nocturnal Adoration: Most of the slots on October 3 and 4th were covered.
- Readings of documents for Home Association Dissolution: This will be discussed under old business.
- Request by St. Mark Parish for support of University students attending a student retreat, Council will support three students – cost of \$480.
- Council will provide the purchase of three wheel chairs for Vets – cost \$450.
- Family Social October 23: Make this a family night, possibly having family members wear costumes.
- Memorial Mass November 6 at 6:00 PM. Need a priest to conduct the mass, any suggestions?
- Third Degree is scheduled for October 20, 2019 at San Buenaventura Parish, starting 12:15 PM.
- Villa Majella will have a fund raiser at Serra Hall on Saturday October 26. Council 1684 responsible for cooking and serving the meal to those attending this advent.
- Christmas Social is scheduled for Wednesday December 11. "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest will again be repeated for grade school students at Notre Dame and Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Entertainment will be provided by St. Therese Academy Choir singing traditional Christmas hymns.

Communications: None

Treasurer's Report: No report was given.

Financial Secretary Report: No report was given.

Membership: No report was given.

Old Business:

Brother Mark Wietstock reviewed the history of the Home Association as well as reviewing the four documents as published on Page 8 of the September-October 2019 Council bulletin. He stated that our Council no longer has the sufficient funds to purchase its own property, and has been directed by the California State Supreme Council of Knights of Columbus to dissolve the Home Association, being replaced by a new account being separate and distinct from an existing investment owned by the Council. The approval of the four resolution documents provide the legal steps to achieve what the State Supreme Council has requested.

1) First Resolution Re Dissolution, 2) Second Resolution Re Dissolution, 3) First Resolution Re Dissolution of Santa Barbara Knights of Columbus Home Association, 4) Second Resolution Re Dissolution of Santa Barbara Knights of Columbus Home Association, published in the September bulletin. Motion was made to accept all First and Second resolutions as listed above, approved unanimously by voice vote. Motion carried.

New Business: None

District Deputy's Report: Chris Arnoult was absent.

Field Agent's Report: George Majoue was absent.

Prayers for the Sick and Distressed:

- James Garland, prayers for his wife recovering from serious illness.
- Mark Wietstock's niece, who as an infant recovered from critical brain cancer.
- Chris Arnoult recovering from knee surgery.
- Grand Knight's family on the passing of Hank Peterson's mother.

Worthy Grand Knight Hank Peterson adjourned the Council meeting at 8:05 p.m. after praying the Our Father.

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted

Richard Rink

Acting Recorder, Advocate

ABORTION LIMITS FAVORED - 1/17/2018

New Marist Polls Find that Americans of all Political Persuasions Favor Substantial Abortion Limits

More than three quarters of Americans would limit abortion to — at most — the first three months of pregnancy, according to a new Marist Poll. That number has consistently been about three quarters or more for the past decade.

This year, the survey found that 76 percent of Americans want such limits. Strong majorities of Republicans (92 percent), Independents (78 percent) and Democrats (61 percent) agree, as do a majority of those who identify as pro-choice (60 percent).

While a slim majority of Americans (51 percent) identify as pro-choice, even 60 percent of those who identify as such also support substantial limits.

On specific policy issues, the poll also found that more than 6 in 10 Americans (63 percent) would ban abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy, while a similar number oppose using tax dollars to pay for abortion (60 percent).

“It is hardly surprising that after 50 million abortions in this country, an overwhelming majority of the American people want substantial limits,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. “This survey shows clearly that the ‘pro-choice’ label can no longer be assumed to mean support for abortion on demand. Nor can abortion be thought of as a partisan issue since majorities of Democrats, Independents and Republicans all agree that it should be substantially restricted. It is high time that our political debates reflected this national consensus and used it as a starting point.”

A majority of Americans continue to consider abortion “morally wrong” (56 percent). That number grows to almost two-thirds (64 percent) for abortions sought in the cases of unborn children with genetic issues like Down syndrome. And by more than 15 percentage points, a majority of Americans say that medical professionals and organizations with moral objections should not be forced to perform or provide insurance coverage for abortion.

In addition, the survey found that almost 8 in 10 Americans (78 percent) say that laws can protect both the mother and her unborn child, a number consistent with those in previous years’ surveys going back to 2009. By more than 20 percentage points, a majority of Americans also say that abortion does a woman more harm than good in the long run (52 percent to 29 percent).

About 4 in 10 Americans say abortion is a “major factor” in how they vote in presidential (42 percent), congressional (45 percent), and local (38 percent) elections.

Begun in 2008, the annual Marist Poll on abortion is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

The above presents the results of two recent Marist surveys sponsored by The Knights of Columbus. The first survey of 1,267 adults was conducted Dec. 4-7, 2017, and the second survey of 1,350 adults was conducted Jan. 8-10, 2018. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the continental United States were contacted on mobile or land-line numbers in English by telephone using live interviewers.

The December and January results are statistically significant within ± 2.8 percentage points and ± 2.7 percentage points, respectively.

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