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Council 1684 • Santa Barbara, California

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2019

Special Dates and Activities

September 5 6:00PM

Hour of Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, Chapel of Poor Clares.

September 8 3:00PM

Prayer Vigil to End Abortion, front of Planned Parenthood office, 518 Garden St.

September 27 5:30PM

Prepare Meal at Transition House

October 3 6:00 PM

Hour of Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, Chapel of Poor Clares.

October 13 3:00 PM

Prayer Vigil to End Abortion, in Front of Planned Parenthood office, 518 Garden St.

October 25 5:30 PM

Prepare Meal at Transition House

September 11
Wednesday

Council 1684 - Degree Ceremony
6:30 PM Officers Meeting
7:15 PM Registration
7:30 PM Second Degree Ceremony
Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street

September 16
Monday

Annual Blue Mass
Mass at St. Raphael's Church 6:00 PM
Dinner St. Raphael's Hall - Tickets \$20/Person
For Tickets call St. Raphael's Rectory 1-805-967-5641 or Frank Donohoe 1-805-698-6102

September 25
Wednesday

September Dinner Meeting
Cocktails 6:30 PM Dinner 7:00 PM
Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street

October 9
Wednesday

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

October 23
Wednesday

October Dinner Meeting
Cocktails 6:30 PM Dinner 7:00 PM
Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street

October 26
Saturday

Villa Majella of Santa Barbara - Fall Festival
Time: 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street, Santa Barbara
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Grand Knight
Hank Peterson

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2019 FIESTA MACKENZIE PARK – THANKING VOLUNTEERS

Our Council thanks the following people that volunteered their time to sell Pepsi drinks during a four hour shift at MacKenzie Park Wednesday July 31 through Saturday August 3. When needed some members of Council 1684 worked a second shift: Al Anglin; James Garland (two shifts); Charles McChesney (Charlie worked the 3-7 shift all four days); Bruce Garcia; Brian Regan; Mitch Molitor; Alvin Bentajado; Hank Peterson (1.3 shifts - Hank had a family emergency and wasn't able to cover all of the first of his two shifts); Matt Najera (two shifts); Frederic Cogburn; Hector Rodriguez and his daughter Sierra Rodriguez, a student at Bishop; Brian Simolon; Steve Romofsky; Christiano Fernandes (two shifts) and Jacques Benoit. Sierra Rodriguez volunteered for Friday 11-3, an unfilled slot needing a volunteer.

Mark Wietstock

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

I cannot believe another summer is ending and autumn is nearby. Children are back in school and shorter days are approaching. Of course, that means football season is here which is always good! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and is ready to have a great year with the Knights. We are so bless to have so many good knights and new officers joining us this past year. Please continue helping bring new knights especially family men into

our council and promoting families to participate in our socials. Lets continue the charitable tradition of great work that we do as knights and appreciate what has been given to us by our past knights. We are so grateful and blessed of our brotherhood! May God bless you and keep your autumn safe and untroubled.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

Hank Peterson

Grand Knight

BLUE MASS AND DINNER

As an expression of our appreciation to our local police, firefighters, and military, all Knights and their families are encouraged to join in the annual "Blue Mass" at **6:00 PM** and dinner following on

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 16

St. Raphael's Church.

Tickets for dinner at St. Raphael's Hall is **\$20/Person** and may be purchased from St. Raphael's Rectory (**Phone 1-805-967-5641**) or from Frank Donohoe (**Phone 1-805-698-6102**).

Financial Secretary's Report

The Council officers extend their appreciation to all the Council Brothers, relatives and friends that volunteered their service during Fiesta at Mackenzie Park. A special thank you goes to brother Mark Wietstock for his leadership in managing the Pepsi trailer during the four days at Mackenzie Park.

The next two months will be busy for Council 1684. On Wednesday September 11, our monthly Council meeting will be replaced with a Second Degree. For members taking Second Degree, registration begins at 7:15 PM with ceremony at 7:30 PM. On Monday, September 16 is the Annual Blue Mass at St. Raphael's Parish Church, Goleta, sponsored by Junipero Serra Assembly of the Knights of Columbus. This annual event honors Police, Fire, and Military in uniform. Further information can be found on Page 2 of this bulletin. On Wednesday September 25 is our monthly dinner at Serra Hall open to our brother Knights as well as family members. We plan on making our dinners more family oriented. On Wednesday October 9 is our monthly Council meeting and on Wednesday October 23 is a monthly dinner.

The Knight's Nite Out event is no longer being held, having retired it from our annual schedule of events.

Steve Romofsky

Deacon's Corner:

What are you going to teach our Children?

As we find yet another summer coming to an end, the tourists are dwindling in numbers, Fiesta and the local celebrations are fading memories, it is time for our faith to find added strength and welcome the young members of our Church to a new year of Religious Education.

Many of you may remember the Baltimore Catechism of old, when we memorized the responses to all the worlds' questions: Who made the world? Who is God? What is man? Etc.

Throughout the world and even in the Church today, our youth are taught much differently than a generation or two or even three ago. Our children today have access to so much information via, the internet, television and just by the sheer number of people they come in contact with every day.

The fact is that our children are learning about Christ and his mission for us, in a far different manner than we ever imagined. Volunteers are primarily teaching our youth, and they are more than likely parent or grandparent, who have experienced Christ in the World just as you and I do every day.

Today's Catechesis consists of far more than memorizing the appropriate responses to 1400 questions of the Baltimore Catechism; it helps our children and teens to live a life as a disciple

of Christ, to deal with the difficult questions of life when confronted with conflicts and questions of conscience, we teach our children not just "God is everywhere," but God is present in all that we encounter and can become truly present in our own actions and in the eyes of others by the way we treat everybody we meet and interact with.

With the rapidly declining number of clergy and religious, the job of catechizing our youth needs to become a community wide endeavor.

If you don't have the energy or think you have the knowledge to assist in your parish's Religious Education, consider how important the story of your own faith journey may affect a child or even a young volunteer teacher.

The children of today may act and dress differently than we did, but the need of Christ in their life hasn't changed, and if anything it has become that much more important with the stresses of modern life and the vices they face from early life. Our children are our future, and the future of the Church; when you see them at Church, take a minute to say hi! And tell their family how happy you are to see them at Mass and being part of our community, and remember there was a time that you dressed funny and didn't know everything.

Deacon Randy



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**For September and October
 Happy Birthday to Brother Knights**

<u>September Birthdays</u>	<u>October Birthdays</u>
2 Matthew McCaffrey	3 Michael Aberle
3 Bradley Apodaca	5 Jerry Whitefoot
5 Msgr. Rafael Marin-Leon	7 Bro David Bobincheck
6 Steven Romofsky	8 Dn. Nicholas Curran
7 Giuseppe Arnoldi	8 John Klink
7 Anthony Karleskint	17 Matthew A. Najera
16 James Sturnot	19 Rev. John Love
23 Justin Mack	22 Neil Chu
25 Hank Gomez	26 Thomas Anglin
	30 Arthur W. Barron



Mike Engler

BLOCKBUSTER MOVIE IS SHOWING COUNTLESS PEOPLE THAT ABORTION IS BRUTAL, BASED ON LIES

“Unplanned” was unexpected.

The last thing that Planned Parenthood ever expected was millions of people watching a movie that exposed the horrors that take place daily inside the abortion giant’s “clinics.” But “Unplanned,” the story of Planned Parenthood “clinic” director Abby Johnson’s conversion to a pro-life activist, is doing just that.

More than 1,500 theaters have shown the movie in the USA alone, where it grossed \$18 million in 19 weeks. What’s more, on its first day of DVD release, “Unplanned” became Amazon’s Number One-selling DVD. Before its official release, people had already bought some 235,000 copies.

“Unplanned” tells how Abby Johnson was a rising star in a Texas Planned Parenthood center. She believed that peddling contraceptives prevented abortions, and that aborted babies couldn’t feel what was happening to them. Asked to assist with an abortion one day in 2009, she saw to her horror that the baby on the ultrasound screen looked just like her unborn baby had, and squirmed desperately to escape death.

Shaken, she quit her job, wrote the book *unPLANNED* about her change of heart, and has become one of the world’s leading pro-life activists. She’s helped 430 abortion workers to quit their jobs. Abby and her husband now have seven children and have become Catholics.

“Unplanned” has been screened in theaters in Canada, the UK and the Philippines as well. Audiences in much of Latin America are seeing it, as will moviegoers in Pakistan. It’s available at Walmart and other retailers, on Blu-ray Disc, and on demand on Amazon Prime Video.

The movie’s revelations about the abortion business have converted many pro-abortion or neutral viewers to pro-life. And only God knows how many babies’ lives it’s saving. Co-director Cary Solomon told the *Daily Signal* that a mystical experience explains its success. At first, the producers were “very worried, very scared” about making it, she said, but then “we had a Holy Spirit moment: The Spirit dropped on us and basically said, ‘Do not be afraid. This is for My glory.’”

Mike Engler
Pro-Life Chairman



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**Officers Meeting Council 1684
Wednesday, July 10, 2019**

Ten Council members were present when at 6:36 PM Grand Knight Hank Peterson called the July officer's meeting to order, the meeting beginning with a prayer. Visiting the officer's meeting was the Council's Life Insurance Field Agent George Majoue.

Reviewing Last Month's Activities:

Grand Knight discussed the combined installation officers from Council 1684 and 5300, held on Saturday morning, June 22. The installation was followed with a breakfast provided by Steve and our cooks Shawn, Brian and Bruce. While previous renters of the hall left it in somewhat of a mess, several of our members were able to reorganized the hall placing it in good order for the installation.

The Agenda for the July Meeting:

Officers discussed the Council's plans for Fiesta 2019 at MacKenzie Park, July 31 – August 3. Brother Mark Wietstock stated that everything was in order; this included receiving the county certificate for the sale of bottled Pepsi products. For this year, the order for bottled drinks was reduced, keeping the quantity in line with what our Council sold over the last two years. Volunteers were still needed to fill some of the four-hour slots Wednesday through Saturday. Mark announced that the previous MarBorg location for storing the Council's Pepsi trailer has been restored.

Under New and Continuing Business:

- a) Bruce Garcia reported that the slots for Nocturnal Adoration (Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Poor Clares Chapel) for August 1, 6-7 PM and August 2, 6-7 AM still

- need volunteers.
- b) Fund Raising for Intellectual Disability Drive – Council needs to provide a contribution.
- c) September Social (September 25) – need ideas for making the dinner a family event, getting families to attend (parents and children), ideas on how we can keep children occupied.
- d) Insurance Field Agent George Majoue provided a report on the rules for a council to earn the status of Star Council. Brother George provided each member attending the meeting a copy of the "Fraternal Planner for 2019-2020." The requirements for earning Star Council Award are on the back cover of the Fraternal Planner. George would like to see all eight councils in his insurance territory become Star Councils. His request is that all officers of each Council be insured members, each council have a website, and recruit new candidates for membership.
- e) Mark Wietstock reviewed documents for dissolution of the Council's Home Association. These documents will be sent to all Council members to review, and if necessary Council members can submit comments and/or questions. A later date will be made for voting approval by all the members of the Council.
- f) Field agent George Majoue announced his plans for retirement either in December 2019 or June 2020. Members thanked George for his service to the Knights.

Following a closing prayer the officer's meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM. Having no quorum, no general meeting was conducted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Rink
Acting Recorder

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General Meeting of Council 1684
Minutes for the Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 14, 2019

Call to Order:

Fourteen members, representing a quorum, were present when Grand Knight Hank Peterson called the August Council meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. The Grand Knight led the members in an opening prayer.

Minutes of the Previous General Meeting:

Minutes of General Meeting June 5, 2019 was published in the July-August monthly newsletter. Lacking a quorum, there was only an Officers Meeting Wednesday July 10.

Roll Call of Officers:

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

Grand Knight's Report:

- **Fiesta:** Brother Mark Wietstock stated that all of the four-hour shifts had the proper number of volunteers. Sales of bottled Pepsi soft drinks were fair. Predicted earnings will be \$3,000.
- **Service Program Personal:** Checks background information on Council members. So far this program is proceeding with no difficulty.
- **Nocturnal Adoration:** There may still be some vacancies in the Council's assigned hours of adoration at the Poor Clare's Chapel. Members can call Brother Bruce Garcia for information on participating.
- **First reading of documents for Home Association Dissolution:** This will be discussed under old business.
- **Second Degree:** Council is planning on having a Second Degree Ceremony, Wednesday September 11. It's important that brother knights attend the Council Meeting on September 11, 7:30 pm.
- **September Social September 25:** Possible BBQ for families; parents and children. Focus on getting families to attend.
- **Family Social October 23:** Make this a family night, possibly having family members wear costumes.
- **Memorial Mass November 6:** In need of a priest to conduct the mass.

Treasurer's Report:

For July worthy Treasurer Bruce Garcia reported a beginning balance of \$2,121.34; deposits of \$2,500.00. Checks paid at \$2,470.75; withdrawals \$500 and fees paid of \$34.00. Ending balance for July is \$1,616.59.

Financial Secretary Report: With clos

The Worthy Financial Secretary Steve Romofsky reported eight bills were paid.

Membership:

Financial Secretary received letter of a brother Knight showing interest in joining Council 1684. Secretary also reported on correspondence of two brother Knights having moved out of state.

Old/Continuing Business:

As a First Reading Brother Mark Wietstock read the following four documents in the order listed, dealing with the dissolution of Santa Barbara Knights of Columbus Home Association: 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. Mark explained the importance of each document.

Brother Mark was thanked by the Grand Knight for the time he has taken in preparing the documents.

As part of the minutes copies of all four documents appear on Page 8 of this bulletin.

New Business:

A motion was made by the financial secretary as a formal recognition of the work that Brother Mark has done in preparing the dissolution documents, management of the Pepsi trailer at fiestas and past service as Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight. Motion was approved.

Communication: Nothing to report.

Field Agents Report:

Field Agent George Majoue discussed possible changes that the Knights of Columbus National Supreme is considering with respect to membership and insurance. Areas being considered are fraternal and insurance, membership and insurance growth, as well as incentives for membership and insurance growth.

District Deputy's Report:

District Deputy Chris Arnoult provided the following information: K of C Chapter Installation Dinner as a fund raiser for St. John's Seminary in Queen of Angels Parish Hall, Lompoc, August 24. As a contribution toward St. John's Seminary our Council purchased 10 dinner tickets for \$250. K of C Fourth Degree Assembly 44 is having a dinner on Monday August 19 at St. Raphael's Parish Community Center.

Good of the Order:

Christie Green, John Green's wife died on July 19 from a prolonged illness. John and Christie were married for 59 years. Council members are asked to keep John in your prayers.

Prayers for the Sick and Distressed:

Mark Wietstock asks prayers for his father in-law who is ill. Hank Peterson asks prayers for his mother who is ill.

With closing prayer of Hail Mary and Our Father, Grand Knight adjourned the August 14 Council meeting at 8:25 p.m.

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Rink Acting Recorder

SANTA BARBARA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FIRST RESOLUTION RE DISSOLUTION

WHEREAS "Santa Barbara Knights of Columbus Home Association" was duly organized and incorporated under California law on September 9, 1922 as California corporation No. C0100280 (hereinafter "the Home Association"), for the purpose of ownership and management of real property for the benefit and use of Knights of Columbus Santa Barbara Council No. 1684 (hereinafter "the Council");

WHEREAS the need for any independent ownership, use and/or management of real property for the benefit and use of the Council ended in or around 2009, with assumption by Santa Barbara Mission of all such activities in connection with the Council's present meeting location at Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street, Santa Barbara, California, and with such assumption on the Mission's part continuing to the present, and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has instructed e. . in that certain "Handbook for Councils Using Home Corporation Facilities" published under the direction of Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and Supreme Advocate John A. Marrella, among other things, that any local Councils operating Home Associations that no longer own or manage any real property for the benefit/use of their affiliated councils should dissolve these organizations and transfer their assets to their respective councils, to be managed/controlled directly by such councils' duly elected/appointed officers,

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED, by majority vote of the Home Association's membership, that the Home Association be dissolved, and that all assets thereof be transferred to the Council and thereafter managed/controlled directly by the Council's duly elected/appointed officers in accord with their regular duties, and in further accord with such other and further resolution(s) they, and the Council's membership, may deem suitable, necessary and proper.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 20 __, at Santa Barbara, California.

David Borgatello, President/CEO Thomas "Al" Anglin, Secretary
John Green, Treasurer

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
SANTA BARBARA COUNCIL NO. 1684

SECOND RESOLUTION RE DISSOLUTION OF
SANTA BARBARA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOME ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS the Officers and Membership of "Santa Barbara Knights of Columbus Home Association" (hereinafter "the Home Association") have resolved that the Home Association should be dissolved by appropriate processes under California law,

WHEREAS, in connection with this dissolution, all assets of the Home Association shall be transferred to Knights of Columbus Santa Barbara Council No. 1684 (hereinafter, "the Council"),

WHEREAS, in compliance with a ruling by the US Internal Revenue Service, i.e., that any gains in Home Association assets causing its net asset value to exceed \$435,000 in any single year should be transferred to the Council, from approximately 1978 to the present the Council has carefully preserved, re-invested, managed, grown and thereafter used gains from all such investments to support the Council's Catholic school scholarship programs and all manner of charitable works/giving, and

WHEREAS the Officers and Membership of both the Home Association and the Council want this treatment of Home Association and Council investment resources to continue indefinitely under the future direction of the Council and its duly elected/appointed Officers, notwithstanding dissolution of the Home Association,

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

- 1. Brother John Green (or such other agent(s) the Council/its Officers may hereafter designate), shall manage the new Morgan Stanley investment account to be opened to receive the assets of the Home Association in conformity with that certain Council resolution enacted in August 2014, which, among other things, requires an investment balance of 60% equities and 40% fixed income, with an allowable variance of not more than 10%, unless these particulars are amended by further resolution(s) of the Council.
2. Said account shall have no checking signatories, and no withdrawals may be made, except as needed to transfer from said account to other Council account(s) any funds/assets required to maintain the net value of the former Home Association assets/account at approximately \$435,000 as of December 31 of each calendar year.
3. Amendment of this Resolution shall require a unanimous vote of the Officers of the Council, and concurring vote of not less than 75% of the Council's regular membership.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 20 __, at Santa Barbara, California.

Hank Peterson, Grand Knight Thomas "Al" Anglin, Recorder
Bruce Garcia, Treasurer

SANTA BARBARA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SECOND RESOLUTION RE DISSOLUTION

WHEREAS the Officers and Membership of "Santa Barbara Knights of Columbus Home Association" (hereinafter "the Home Association") have resolved that the Home Association should be dissolved by appropriate processes under California law, and

WHEREAS an orderly dissolution of the Home Association will require that various legal, financial and administrative tasks be assigned and performed to effect such dissolution on behalf of the Home Association and Knights of Columbus Santa Barbara Council No. 1684 (hereinafter "the Council"),

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

- 1. Attorney and Past Grand Knight/current Deputy Grand Knight Mark R. Wietstock shall prepare and submit all forms and documents required by the State of California for lawful dissolution of the Home Association, and keep the Officers of both the Home Association and the Council advised of status and expected closing date for the dissolution;
2. Treasurer John Green shall close the Home Association's books of account as/when appropriate and necessary, and file all required returns or reports thereof with the US Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") and State of California Franchise Tax Board ("FTB");
3. Treasurer John Green shall order that all securities heretofore held/managed by Morgan Stanley on behalf of the Home Association be transferred to a new account owned the Council;
4. Treasurer John Green shall close the Home Association's regular checking account at Union Bank, and deposit all funds remaining in such account into the Council's new
5. Treasurer John Green shall keep copies of the Home Association's books of account, IRS and FTB Information Returns and California Secretary of State filings from the last five (5) years, for an additional five (5) years after dissolution.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 20 __, at Santa Barbara, California.

David Borgatello, President/CEO Thomas "Al" Anglin, Secretary
John Green, Treasurer

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
SANTA BARBARA COUNCIL NO. 1684

FIRST RESOLUTION RE DISSOLUTION OF
SANTA BARBARA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOME ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS the Officers and Membership of "Santa Barbara Knights of Columbus Home Association" (hereinafter "the Home Association") have resolved that the Home Association should be dissolved by appropriate processes under California law, and

WHEREAS, in connection with this dissolution, all assets of the Home Association shall be transferred to Knights of Columbus Santa Barbara Council No. 1684 (hereinafter, "the Council"),

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

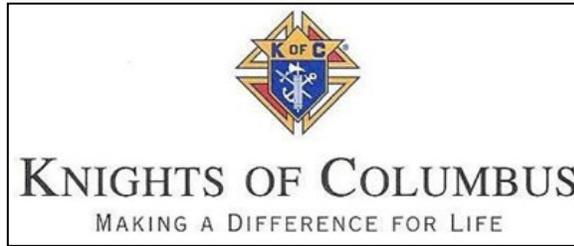
- 1. Brother John Green shall act as agent for the Council in effecting transfer of all securities or other assets of the Home Association into a second investment account to be opened with Morgan Stanley, in the name of the Council.
2. This account shall be designated "Council 1684 No. 2" (or such other, convenient designation which will identify and maintain the new account as separate and distinct from any existing investment or other Morgan Stanley account(s) owned by the Council).
3. This account shall thereafter be administered and managed in accord with the Council's resolution(s) regarding same.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 20 __, at Santa Barbara, California.

Hank Peterson, Grand Knight Thomas "Al" Anglin, Recorder
Bruce Garcia, Treasurer



George J. Majoue



Dear Brothers and Families:

Each August we look forward to the Supreme Convention and all the news about the prior Fraternal Year. This year is no different. Here are some predictions:

- The Order will set a new record in the amount of money we donated to charities.
- The Order will set a new record in the number of hours volunteered.
- We already know that our insurance program had another record year ending in December 2018; 18 consecutive years of growth! (And congratulations to the many of you who protected your families last year and helped set that record!)
- We will have given a substantial amount of money to Pope Francis from the Vicarius Christi fund
- Our Asset Advisors will have more dollars under management; managed, of course using the investment guidelines from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.
- We will add to our surplus, which means our strength to pay claims and weather poor economic times will improve.
- I predict that the Supreme Knight will report that the Order will have provided more money to rebuild homes for persecuted Christians in the Middle East. It donated more money to disaster relief in the wake of hurricanes, flooding and typhoons, and placed more ultrasound machines in service to save lives. It's given more support for religious freedom.

This organization, started by a simple, humble parish priest with men at St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Connecticut in 1882, has grown to spectacular heights. All of these efforts and worthwhile projects are a source of pride for us members!

But here's the reality: For the Catholic folks in this council and in the parishes we serve - you, my brother Knights...you, are the Knights of Columbus. When locals think about the Knights, they may have some general notion about all these good works we do and the Order's amazing impact around the world. But to the local parish and the community, you represent all that is good in this Order.

When you are volunteering at a Special Olympics event, when you are visiting the sick, helping your pastor, handing out coats for kids, selling Tootsie Rolls, raising money for a charitable cause right here in your own backyard - this is what people see; they see you; to them you are what it means to be a Knight of Columbus. When you lead with faith, protect your family, serve others and defend your values, you are a witness inspired by our founding principles.

Congratulations on another record-breaking fraternal year! I look forward to helping protect your families and reaching Star Council this next fraternal year!

Vivat Jesus!

George J. Majoue

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SENATOR BEN SASSE DEFENDS KNIGHTS AT JUDICIARY COMMITTEE HEARING



The hallowed halls of the U.S. Senate were the site of a provocative but important question by Sen. Ben Sasse to a judicial nominee: “Are you now or have you ever been involved in the organization of a fish fry?”

It was funny, but it wasn’t necessarily a laughing matter.

At issue was the recent move by some of Sasse’s colleagues to question judicial nominees about their membership in the Knights of Columbus.

At a recent U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee hearing, Sen. Sasse (R., Neb.) defended the Knights of Columbus in a series of

questions to Peter Phipps, a nominee for United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. Phipps is a Knight belonging to Edward Douglass White Council 2473 in Arlington, Va.

Sasse then asked Phipps if he had gotten questions for the record about being a member of the Knights of Columbus. Phipps said he had received questions during the process for his district court nomination back in May 2018.

Phipps is not the only judicial nominee to be questioned over his membership in the Knights. Last December, Brian C. Buescher was [questioned](#) about whether his Knights of Columbus membership would prevent him from “fairly and impartially” hearing cases on the U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska. Several senators stated that the organization had “taken a number of extreme positions” on the issues of same-sex marriage and abortion.

Phipps explained to Sasse that the Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal organization dedicated to uniting men of faith. He noted that it was founded in the late 19th century to help provide for families at a time where many men faced dangerous working conditions.

“It’s a charitable organization,” Phipps said. “It’s an organization that has social and recreational activities that many members of my family have really enjoyed and really benefitted from.”

Sasse then provided for the record a number of facts about the Knights:

- Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic fraternal service organization in the world.
- In 2017 the Knights volunteered and contributed more than \$185 million to charitable organizations and activities.
- Also in 2017, Knights volunteered more than 75,600,000 service hours.
- The Knights have a proud tradition of standing against the forces of prejudice and oppression such as the Ku Klux Klan.

Sasse expressed his concern that questioning over membership in the Knights is “becoming common practice on the committee.”

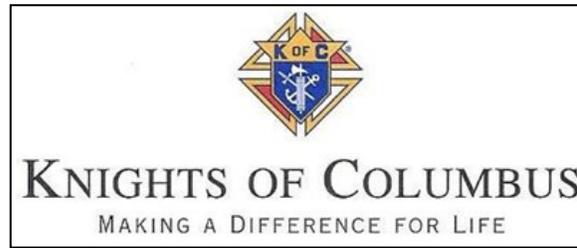
“I really hope we reconsider this new tradition on this committee of asking people about their religious commitments.”

This is not the first time Sen. Sasse has come to the aid of the Knights. In January of this year, he introduced a resolution adopted by unanimous consent that “disqualifying a nominee to federal office on the basis of membership in the Knights of Columbus” violates that anti-religious test clause of the U.S. Constitution.

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Dear Brothers and Family Members:

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. It's the one month each year that the life insurance industry coordinates a campaign aimed at educating folks about the importance of life insurance and helping them get the coverage they need. I don't want to bore you with lots of statistics, but a recent survey from LIMRA (Life Insurance Marketing Research Association) found that only 59% of Americans own life insurance and about half of those are underinsured. (Although this report didn't say it, I've got to think these percentages are pretty much the same in Canada.) So that means that 70% of the population either has no life insurance or has too little life insurance.

So, what does that have to do with the Knights? The historian, Christopher Kauffman, spent several years at the Supreme Office and at the Museum, researching the book that he wrote on the 100th anniversary of our founding. That book, Faith and Fraternalism, notes on page 13, "...he [Fr. McGivney] was deeply interested in pursuing the topic of a Catholic fraternal insurance society among groups of Catholic laymen of New Haven." Then on page 35 Mr. Kauffman goes on, "...he [Fr. McGivney again] spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature...his emphasis on business was his pastoral concern for the social and financial security of the family."

Fr. McGivney lived both the social and the financial *insecurity* of a desperate family, with the breadwinner suddenly taken, that had to be supported. He left the seminary to work and support his mother and siblings. He didn't want other Catholic families to find themselves in such a predicament. That, and uniting men of faith, was the impetus for establishing our Order. Everyone who joined in those first years was insured; that was part and parcel of being in the organization. Now every member has a choice and every member should know what we do, and how we do it. Here's the process I use when I meet with families:

1. **Discover** – Identify & prioritize your financial goals
2. **Gather Data** – Collect facts & figures based on your current situation
3. **Analyze** – Input data, run calculations, identify shortfalls
4. **Recommend** – Propose a financial strategy designed to satisfy your goals
5. **Implement** – Choose a financial strategy and implement
6. **Periodic Review** – Review regularly, measure success, make adjustments

As you can tell, this is a painless process. But it can help any family, at any age, determine if they have blind spots in their coverage. It can help you avoid the pain of being underinsured. With a variety of life insurance products we offer we can help just about any person within any budget.

I don't know about you, but I don't want to buy life insurance...I want to buy what life insurance provides: no change in lifestyle for the survivors...in the house where they want to be. It'll pay for a daughter's wedding, a child's college education and much more. What does life insurance provide? Peace of mind, security, freedom from anxiety, a safeguard from the unknown.

That's where I can help. I am only a phone call away.

Vivat Jesus!

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