



# Knights of Columbus

COUNCIL 1684 • SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

**JULY - AUGUST 2020**

## *Special Dates & Activities*

### NOTE:

The public Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has been temporarily suspended until further notice from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. This applies to the Hour of Adoration of the Poor Clares of Santa Barbara.

Some parishes have begun to hold Saturday and Sunday Masses, but with rules on the number of people allowed to attend and arrangements on how people attending will sit. There are also rules on receiving communion (bread and wine).

The following dates are tentative and may change or be cancelled.

JULY 24 5:30 PM  
Prepare Meal at Transition House.

AUGUST 28 5:30 PM  
Prepare Meal at Transition House

- JULY 8 Council Meeting : 7:00 PM  
Because the Archdiocese has temporarily suspended all public meetings until further notice, our Council will again hold its Council meeting byway of the internet using Zoom. Officers will be contacted with further information.
- JULY 22 **Installation of Officers - Date has been changed from June 27. More information will be sent to Council officers.**
- AUGUST 12 Council Meeting : 7:00 PM  
Because the Archdiocese has temporarily suspended all public meetings until further notice, our Council will again hold its Council meeting byway of the internet. Officers will be contacted with further information.

### AUGUST 5 - AUGUST 10 SANTA BARBARA FIESTA 2020

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, our Council will not be doing a fundraiser at Mackenzie Park during the Santa Barbara Fiesta. Many of the events for the Fiesta are to be presented in other ways - live presentation possibly by television and or by way of the internet.

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## *Financial Secretary's Report*

**M**y greetings go out to all of our brothers of Council 1684. We pray that COVID-19 has not touched you or any members of your family. So far we have not received any reports of Council members infected or deceased by this disease. We are experiencing a time in our lives and within our world of a historical magnitude not confronted since the Spanish Influenza of 1918.

It certainly has been an interesting three months - April, May and June. Normally we would have celebrated two important dinners: April dinner for essay contest winners and the May

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

**D**uring these weird unconventional times of COVID-19, it has truly changed my life on a traditional regular basis, and I am sure most of you. Usually at this time, we look forward for Fiesta, summer travels, and a New Year for the Knight of Columbus Calendar. Well, Fiesta is cancelled, traveling is most likely not happening, and even our traditional Officer meetings and socials have changed or cancelled. We are now doing everything we told our kids not to do. "Stop being on the computer and using social media! Go out and socialize with your friends playing games, sports or

something!" This all has come to a halt and now we are using social media (e.g. zoom meetings) and not socializing much. Yikes!

With all this said, however, one thing that does not change is our faith and our love towards God! Thank God that we have our trust in Jesus! COVID-19 can kill our body but it cannot take away our soul. Only the evil one can destroy our body and our soul. We shall not fear and continue our love towards God!

May God Bless and Vivat Jesus

**Hank Peterson**

Grand Knight

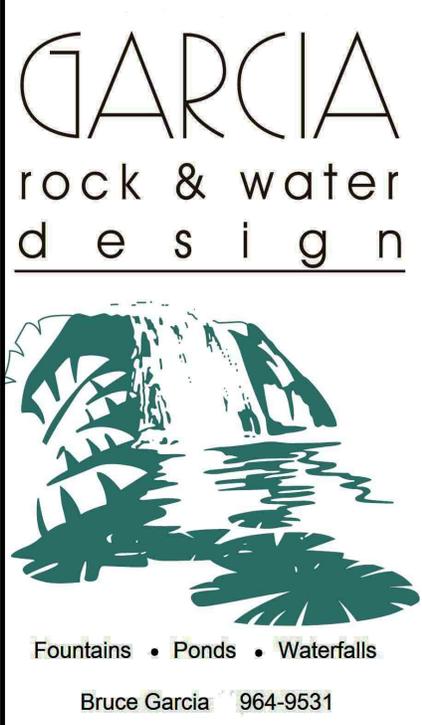
### *Financial Secretary's Report Continued:*

dinner for scholarship winners. Unfortunately the two dinners were cancelled owing to the pandemic. While we were unable to meet the candidates, our editor has posted the names and schools in this issue of the bulletin of both essay and scholarship winners. Congratulations to all the students that have worked hard to become winners.

Because of the pandemic, our Council will not be doing a fundraiser at Mackenzie Park during Santa Barbara Fiesta 2020. From what has been announced many of the events for the Fiesta will be presented in other ways using live presentation by television and the internet. The Historical Parade will be reimagined (creating something anew), with a goal for entertaining fans of the parade while honoring and paying tribute to the health care workers on the front lines. I understand that a more detailed plan is in the works.

Listed in this issue of the bulletin is the schedule of Council events for the months July through December. Given the present public health issues, the events are considered tentative.

*Steve Romofsky*



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## Deacon's Corner:

### LIFE IS ANYTHING BUT ORDINARY

I often write about the liturgical season called "Ordinary Time."

I have emphasized that the word ordinary is by no means to imply "nothing special."

Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturing, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate even more deeply into our understanding and living out the teaching and ministry of Christ in our everyday lives.

I've heard frequently in the past few months that we are living in very difficult times...I wonder.

For anyone, even remotely familiar with history knows full well, there has rarely been a time when there wasn't some crisis in the world or in our country and especially in our own lives; does it not always feel as though the present crisis is always the most severe? Probably because it is happening in the here and now; all those other crises seem to fade from our memories as fast as they appeared.

Our spiritual life should mirror the events of the day, the highs and the lows, the difficult and the ordinary. As we continue to put our faith in God regardless of what our world and society brings us, we will be much better prepared to endure the difficult times than those who fail in the face

of adversity and struggles.

Because of the gift of free-will, God can't make the world a perfect place for everybody, as we all have different opinions of what a "perfect world" looks like, but with God, through the love of Christ we can learn to accept all peoples views and lifestyles, we can and will survive natural and manmade disasters. Although we mourn and pray for those we lose, we try to become better people and stronger together because of the struggles we endure together as people of all political views, faiths and races.

There's the old saying, "when the going gets tough the tough get going."

Let's make sure we are prepared for the next crisis in our lives which is more than likely, right around the corner. Let's make sure we keep Christ in the forefront of our lives, even when it seems difficult, even when there are obstacles, and certainly when we experience personal doubts and questions of Christ's presence, we should take a deep breath, reach out to our creator and remember his glorious creation is one of love and anything but ordinary.

*Deacon Randy*

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**SUMMARY OF ITEMS DISCUSSED AT  
MAY OFFICER'S MEETING**

The agenda for Officers Meeting held Wednesday, May 13 at 6:30 PM using the internet application Zoom video.

1. Opening Prayer
2. Last Month Review:
  - a) Essay winners of the 3 schools – Report by Brian Simolon.
  - b) Fiesta trailer moved! Thank you to Mark and Steve.
  - c) Chapter Meeting -virtual
3. New and Continuing Business
  - a) State Convention Virtual Online (May 16th) Ray and Hank.
  - b) IRS and Franchise Tax Board 2019 Information Returns have been mailed. Thanks to John Green.
  - c) Scholarship winners (schools need their \$\$\$). Thanks to John and Ray and Jim.
  - d) Scholarship social May 27<sup>th</sup> (discussed postponed vs cancelation)
  - e) Installation of the Officers June 27<sup>th</sup>
  - f) Fr. Lawrence has invited us to do a mass/officers installation at OLMC if approved by the Archdiocese by late June.
  - g) Other or new business
4. Closing Prayer

Thanked everyone for their willingness to be of service.

**SUMMARY OF ITEMS DISCUSSED AT  
JUNE OFFICER'S MEETING**

The agenda for Officer's Meeting held Wednesday, June 10 at 6:30 PM using internet application Zoom video.

1. Opening Prayer
2. Last Month Review:
  - a) Scholarship money was delivered to the principals; the amounts of the awards announced within their virtual meetings.
3. New and Continuing Business:
  - a) Scholarship social postponed vs cancelation? Possible date July 22?
  - b) Installation of the Officers June 27<sup>th</sup> – outside with members 6 feet apart wearing masks? Will Council 5300 come? Should we have a breakfast?
  - c) Like to hear how knights are helping out with local churches during this time of COVID (ie Fr. Lawrence at OLMC asked us knights to help set-up, clean-up and usher “Mass on the Grass” last Sunday for two masses – Brian Simolon and Chris Fernandes.
  - d) Other or new business
4. Closing Prayer

Thanked everyone for their willingness to be of service.

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**FOR JULY AND AUGUST  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO BROTHER KNIGHTS**

**July Birthdays**

8 Rev Maurice Mahoney  
11 Mitch Molitor  
12 Miguel Rodriguez  
14 Augustine Morelos  
25 Luis Pelayo  
29 Peter Da Ros

**August Birthdays**

2 Rev. Ludo DeClippel  
6 Dan Engler  
6 John Petrini  
15 Matthew A. Najera  
16 Ugo Arnoldi  
18 Arthur Najera  
21 Scott Thomas  
23 Eduardo Sanchez  
27 Brian Regan  
29 Alex Castellanos

**Need to Contact K of C  
Insurance Agent?**

**O**ur previous K of C insurance agent George Majoue officially retired as of January 31, 2020. At this time our Council has not received word of a new representative.

George did comment in his last letter that after January 31, 2020, if an insurance agent has not yet been assigned to our territory, you can call the office of General Agent Steve Owens at (310) 212-5632. Either Steve or his wife, Dion, will make certain to respond to your needs and provide the service requested.





**Mike Engler**

## **WHY DON'T 20 MILLION ABORTED BLACK BABIES' LIVES MATTER?**

**D**id you hear what Black former Congressman Lt. Col. Allen West said recently? He noted that since the Supreme Court's *Roe v Wade* abortion decision in 1973, more than 20 million Black babies have been killed in their mothers' wombs. (In all, some 62 million babies have been killed.) He added that...

The organization mostly responsible...is Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood was founded by a known white supremacist, racist, a woman who spoke at Ku Klux Klan rallies—Margaret Sanger. Planned Parenthood has over 70 percent of their “clinics” located in black communities across America.

I have never heard Black Lives Matter speak up, speak out, or speak against Planned Parenthood. Why? Simple, the white progressive socialist masters who fund, resource, and enable Black Lives Matter don't give a darn about the lives of Black children.

Black Lives Matter (BLM) is not a civil rights group. It's a revolutionary outfit whose co-foundress, Patrisse Cullors, calls herself and co-foundress Alicia Garcia “trained Marxists.” BLM favors abortion and homosexuality. Col. West says it scorns the traditional, two-parent family as a “tool of white supremacy.” And BLM has praised Cuba's Communist regime, one of the most brutal dictatorships on earth.

Dr. Alveda King, niece of Martin Luther King, Jr., is another Black leader who's denounced the disproportionate killing of unborn Black babies.

“All abortion is genocide,” she told CNSNews.com . “All abortion is eugenics. It's designed for population control for various reasons,” “The numbers are higher in the African American community,” she noted, so that's certainly Black genocide.” Blacks make up about 13 percent of the U.S. population, but about 30 percent of all aborted babies are Black.

Fortunately, Dr. King said, pro-life Blacks have discovered that “once Black people are made aware of the genocidal eugenics by abortion, that the community will speak out and join us. And so what we do is to make sure that the message gets out.”

You can help Dr. King get the message out, too. Spread the word about how the abortionists are killing millions of unborn Black babies. And when you meet well-meaning people who support Black Lives Matter, tell them how they're supporting Black genocide..

***Mike Engler, Pro-Life Chairman***

**THE FOLLOWING LIST THE COUNCIL  
EVENTS FOR FIRST HALF OF THE COLUMBIAN YEAR  
JULY 2020 - DECEMBER 2020  
( SCHEDULES ARE TENTATIVE )**

July 8	Business Meeting	6:30 PM Officer's	7:30 PM Council Meeting
July 22	Installation of Officers		
August 12	Business Meeting	6:30 PM Officer's	7:30 PM Council Meeting
September 9	Business Meeting	6:30 PM Officer's	7:30 PM Council Meeting
September 21	Annual Blue Mass Dinner St. Raphael's Hall	6:00 PM Mass	St. Raphael's Church ( NOT FINALIZED )
September 23	Social Dinner	6:30 PM Serra Hall	
October 14	Business Meeting	6:30 PM Officer's	7:30 PM Council Meeting
October 23 & 24	Annual Villa Majella Fundraiser		
October 28	Social Dinner	6:30 PM Serra Hall	
November 11	Memorial Mass	6:00 PM Serra Hall	
December 2	Business Meeting -	6:30 PM Officer's	7:30 PM Council Meeting
December 9	Christmas Dinner -- Poster Contest Winners Free admission for children of Knights. 6:30 PM Serra Hall		



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## 2020 Essay Contest Winners

Listed by school are the following essay contest winners for 2020. Topics written are “Well Being for All, Virtue, and Charity.” School grades are six, seven and eight:

Our Lady of Mount Carmel:

Elijah Dunn	First Place Winner
Nicholas Forry	Second Place
Tara El-Aaidi	Third Place

Notre Dame:

Olivia Lubbers	First Place Winner
Natalie Rodriguez	Second Place
Emiliano Cuevas	Third Place

St. Theresa Academy:

Siena Ancona	First Place Winner
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## 2020 Scholarship Winners

A total of 14 students from the following four Catholic schools here in Santa Barbara are winners of scholarships donated by Council 1684: Bishop Garcia Diego High School, Mount Carmel, Notre Dame and St. Therese Classical Academy. Total dollar amount of scholarships shared by all four schools is \$30,050. What follows are the names of students by school earning scholarships:

Bishop Garcia Diego High School:

Paul Zohtoski	Charlie Fittipaldi	Emily Whitney
Lily Simolon	Noah Peterson	

Mount Carmel:

Lauren Doyle	Nicholas Forry	Joaquin Ganoa
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Notre Dame:

Natalie Rodriguez	Amari Jones	Angeline Pacheco
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St. Therese Academy:

Barbara Najera	Faviola Olivo	Eddie Mora
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## DAD'S BIG DAY — AND INFLUENCE

### STEP UP YOUR SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP WHILE SHELTERING AT HOME

By Soren Johnson (6/1/2020)



Soon after Father's Day 2018, my dad called to share the news of his stage 4 cancer diagnosis. Four months later, I was standing at his graveside, praying for his soul and thanking God for his life and the role he played in mine.

Father's Day is a chance for every man to reflect on his father's legacy — and his own. As Knights, we should strive to hand down to our children our most precious possession, the fullness of the Catholic faith. According to researchers, 56% of kids whose relationship with their dad is "warm and close" will share his degree of religious commitment. If that relationship is weak, the child is 20% less likely to follow his father's faith. I was blessed to be close to my dad and experience his outsized influence in this area. Only as an adult did I learn how close he came to rejecting faith.

Growing up as the son of a Protestant preacher, my dad chafed at his own father's aloofness from the family. Instead of playing catch in the backyard, his dad often holed up in the study, preparing his next sermon. By the time he reached college, my dad was angry at God and at his parents, and he nearly flunked out. Yet rather than blame others, he began to read the Bible cover to cover. Years later, he told me that despite his academic failures, he found the pearl of great price: a "personal faith" in Jesus Christ that I would witness throughout my life. He forgave his father and set out on the path to becoming a man of faith and service.

As a child, I often found my dad reading Scripture or spending time in prayer on the front porch.

To this day, I treasure one his Bibles, filled with his own marks of various words and verses. My experience reflects social science research, summarized by Bishop Thomas Olmsted of Phoenix in his apostolic exhortation "Into the Breach": "If a man's children see him read the Scriptures, they are more likely to remain in the faith."

Dads are works in progress and, we pray, saints in the making. Throughout my childhood, I saw my dad's shortcomings and his struggles with his temper, impatience and bouts of depression. But his faith, his love of God, was the through line of his life. Attending church was a priority. His spiritual leadership in the home — marked by a deep love for my mom and us kids — set the tone. On our kitchen wall, a framed cross-stitch cross read, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Citing a 2000 report in the journal *Population Studies*, author Eric Sammons observes, "Only 2% of kids whose fathers don't practice the faith will end up practicing that faith!" While many studies highlight the significant influence of mothers in other areas, research points to a distinctive edge that dads have on their children's religious outlook. If dads disengage from faith, their kids are prone to dismiss it.

This Father's Day — a Father's Day like no other in the confinement of the pandemic — is a fitting time to reflect on our spiritual influence. Living in close family quarters for months, you have a unique opportunity to build a house of prayer and peace, based on an awareness of life's bigger issues. In 20 years, your kids will no doubt tell stories about the pandemic of 2020; what you do now will determine whether they look back with a roll of the eyes or fond reminiscences of a loving dad who humbly led with faith.

Picking up my dad's Bible recently, I came to a verse with dark red underlining. "You are my beloved Son," he had marked, "with you I am well pleased." I stared long and hard at the words and gave thanks for my beloved dad, for the legacy he gave me, and for the opportunity I now have to guide my children heavenward.

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