



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL 1684 • SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 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. In some instances Masses may be said outside the church. There are also rules on receiving communion (bread and wine).

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

SEPTEMBER 25 5:30 PM
Prepare Meal at Transition House.

OCTOBER 23 5:30 PM
Prepare Meal at Transition House

SEPTEMBER 9 Council Meeting : 6:30 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.

OCTOBER 14 Council Meeting : 6:30 PM
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OCTOBER 23 & 24
Annual Villa Majella Fundraiser.
No additional information has been given other than the dates.

Financial Secretary's Report

We pray that you and your family remain in good health. At this time our Council is still unsure of a date for installation of officers. Page 4 of this bulletin has comments by our Grand Knight why the installation of officers must be postponed. While it's difficult to physically meet for meetings, our Grand Knight has made excellent use of a cell-phone application referred to as Zoom. We thank our Grand Knight for his efforts in keeping our Council united.

There is some important information that our members should read. First, Page 2 has a summary of a meeting that Mark Wieststock and District Deputy Chris Arnoult, and others, had with Bishop Robert Barron; discussing ways of handling threats of physical damage to the Mission and parishes in our community.

Page 4 has two e-mail addresses where members can give their input to City Council members for keeping St. Serra's statue secure and a link for contributions to "Save Serra Fund."

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**Grand Knight
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**THIS SECTION PROVIDES COMMENTS ON COUNTERING DESTRUCTIVE
DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST ST. JUNIPERO SERRA STATUES, OUR MISSION
AND LOCAL CHURCHES HERE IN SANTA BARBARA**

The following comes from a discussion that Mark Wieststock and District Deputy Chris Arnoult, and among others, had with Bishop Robert Barron. .

Good evening brothers:

Our brother trustee, PGK Mark Wieststock and our DD Chris Arnoult among others were able to attend today's zoom meeting by Dn Chris Sandner at the request of Bishop Robert Barron. Please read Mark's email below. It is time to take peaceful action and support our Catholic churches and missions. If you do have a RV or trailer to camp out near the mission, please contact myself and/or any of our officers. Thank you and God Bless

Hank Peterson, GK

E-mail from Mark Weiststock:

I attended this afternoon's Zoom meeting which was convened by Deacon Chris Sandner at the request of Bishop Robert Barron. The meeting was called by the Bishop to engage in a discussion with as many representatives of the K of C Councils of our region, to see what ideas/assistance we might be able to offer on the subject of protecting the property and artifacts of Missions and other Catholic parish properties throughout the northern reaches of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. The names of those in attendance I noted were: Bishop Robert Barron, Deacon Chris Sandner, myself, Dominic Costanzo, Joe Gray, Mike LoCollo, Robert Tarn, David Waage, Paul Calloway, Rodger Brennan and Chris Arnoult.

The Bishop's particular focus was on some kind of "demonstration" now planned for Mission Santa Ynez on **Sat. August 22** by some of the same groups/individuals who have been attacking our Church for years, and agitating for removal of all public displays of statues or other artifacts that memorialize the important role(s) our Church and its leaders have played in the earliest settlements and development of California, and continue to play today in supporting the daily lives of all people living in our communities. The target of this particular demonstration is apparently a statue of St. Junipero Serra located on the Mission property at Santa Ynez.

First, Bishop Barron wants to know what the Knights can do to help with organization/attendance at a **counter demonstration on that date** to show, e.g., our support of the Mission and ALL its artifacts, including its Serra statue, and demonstrating our resolve to protect our Missions and other parishes against vandalism and other malicious acts by a tiny minority of people who routinely defame our Church and its historic leaders, and who have most recently gotten much more aggressive in their attempts to malign the Church, and deface/destroy its properties.

Secondly, Bishop Barron wants to know if there are any men among us who would be able/willing to assist with creating a schedule for peaceful overnight surveillance at our Missions/parishes, just to demonstrate to any of these would-be evildoers that the Church environs are
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being watched, and hopefully deter, e.g., acts of loitering and vandalism by those who come to these places, typically in the middle of the night, only to do harm..

Any presence/assistance would be welcomed, but would have to be coordinated/approved with each pastor. Our initial thought was that the brothers best suited to offer such assistance would be those with, e.g., RV's or other self-contained camping vehicles, who would stay overnight at locations convenient for them, and as their schedules/resources permit, on whatever rotating schedule(s) that could be arranged among the willing/able.

Everyone in attendance informed the Bishop/Chris that they would immediately report the subject of the meeting to their respective councils/officers, and then return for a follow-up Zoom conference this Thursday, July 30, also at 3:00 p.m..

Financial Secretary's Report Continued:

Page 5 has a short message by Deacon Randy why this time of our lives is not a new norm. Page 8 has Mike Engler's Pro-Life Report on devil-worshippers admit that abortion a satanic ritual.

Pages 10-12 has a letter by Archbishop José H. Gomez to the faithful for the memorial of St. Junípero Serra, its contents addressing the recent controversies surrounding public monuments to St. Junípero Serra, asking the faithful of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles to invoke the saint's "intercession for this nation that he helped to found."

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

What a strange COVID-19 summer we have experienced as we approach autumn next month. Most people are experiencing difficult times right now either emotionally, socially, and/or economically. Teachers and our children are definitely among these. May God bless the teachers and administrators teaching new ways to our children and may God bless the children adapting new ways of learning. We as knights

must stay strong, like Peter, and support our churches and Catholic schools. Let's hope that this new year we will overcome COVID and get back to "normal" times. I hope and pray that everyone stays healthy, hydrated and cool as we approach more hot days in front of us. May God bless everyone of you!!

May God Bless and Vivat Jesus

Hank Peterson

Grand Knight

COMMENT ON INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Our Worthy District Deputy Chris Arnoult has informed me that an in-person Installation of Officers must be postponed until we receive clarification from the State of California and some relaxation of the Covid-19 isolation actions. Especially with the increase spike of COVID cases lately, I must agree with Chris. Therefore, we will cancel the installation or postpone it to a later date. I'm sorry about the inconvenience and any confusion of our calendar events that has been happening for the past four months!

Meanwhile, keep support of our Catholic faith, our brothers in need, and our local churches and schools. Here are links to support St. Serra's statue:

Please take a few minutes now to write and send to the City Council your support for keeping St. Serra's statue [here!](#)

Link for offering financial contribution:

https://www.gofundme.com/f/save-serra?utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=chat&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1

Thank you and God Bless
Hank Peterson, Grand Knight



Deacon's Corner:

THIS IS NOT THE NEW NORM

Our parishes are open, our youth and RCIA catechumens are receiving the sacraments, and we are able to go to Mass if we choose.

Our State and local governments may be making it difficult, but as the people of God we will find a way.

Some members of our government have been fighting the entire thought of religion for generations, but we continue to endure because of the very issue they despise, that is, government can't fix all our problems, only we can, through determination, hard work and our faith.

I've been doing my best to stay in touch with my confirmation students and many other members of our parish and I hope we all are doing the same.

We are one community, one body of Christ, even if we are physically separated, we should maintain our prayer life and try to stay in touch with ones we love.

Stay safe, and stay vigilante, we will be back in the pews sooner than later.

Deacon Randy

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**General Meeting of Council 1684
Minutes for the Council Meeting
Wednesday, July 8, 2020**

Following is the agenda for Officers Meeting held Wednesday, July 8 at 6:30 PM byway of the internet application Zoom video.

1. Meeting began with an opening prayer led by Grand Knight, Hank Peterson.
2. Last Month Review:
 - a) Officers have been elected – list appears on the last page of the July-August bulletin.
 - b) Service Program Personnel has been installed (Brian Regan., Matt Najera, and Jim Garland need to finish their safe environment online training).
3. New and Continuing Business:
 - a) Will Fittipaldi, KOC member Eagle Scout, replacing irrigation system to Old Mission Santa Barbara. Asking for monetary help. Unanimous vote to donate \$200 to Will's project (Eagle Scout, BDHS outstanding student, and son of KOC member) for replacing the irrigation system of Old Mission of Santa Barbara that is much needed.
 - b) Installation of the Officers "LIVE" July 22nd at Serra Hall 6:30 PM with Council 5300 keeping COVID compliance.
 - c) KOC Roundtable – Our Lady of Mt Carmel -Hank Peterson, Our Lady of Sorrows, - Bruce Garcia, Old Mission of SB -Al Anglin, San Roque - John Green, Hold Cross -Steve Romofsky, and Our Lady of Guadalupe - ? (any takers me let me know)
 - d) First Response Team - Protecting or helping out our local churches and schools from vandalism or any other hatred abuse. Grand Knight will contact Fr Tom regarding St. Junipero Serra's monument.
 - e) Other or new business.

There is a Zoom Rosary Prayer group every Friday around 7 PM -contact Jim Garland
Our next meeting will be 'LIVE" outside Serra Hall Wednesday 08/12 at 6:30 PM
4. Closing Prayer

Thanks to everyone for their willingness to be of service.

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

Our 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.

**General Meeting of Council 1684
Minutes for the Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 12, 2020**

Call to Order:

Four Officers and members were present when Grand Knight Hank Peterson called the August Council meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. The video meeting was held on Zoom.com due to Coronavirus restrictions. The Grand Knight led the members in an opening prayer. District Deputy Chris Arnoult attended.

Reports:

The Officers are working on a hybrid Installation/Zoom (virtual) of Officers and our Social to be held September 23rd. Details are to be determined. There are members who will not attend an event in person without being vaccinated.

The October event for Villa Majella is still on. Stay tuned (alert) for details.

The Santa Inez Mission requested assistance from the Knights. We are waiting for more details.

Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Jim Garland's dear wife Pam recently died. Please keep Jim and his family in your prayers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Anglin
Recorder





Mike Engler

DEVIL-WORSHIPERS ADMIT ABORTION A SATANIC RITUAL

For decades, pro-lifers have compared abortion to a satanic rite. Years ago, a priest listed the chilling parallels between abortion and the hideous satanic ritual called the Black Mass, which involves a naked, supine woman and the sacrificial murder of a baby. Once I even saw a bumper sticker that read, “Abortion: Child Sacrifice / Ritual Murder.”

Now, at last, the devil’s disciples are admitting that abortion is a satanic rite — in fact, they’re trumpeting it. Christian Life Daily reports that the Satanic Temple, a growing cult, said recently that murdering an unborn baby is a religious ritual “similar to communion or baptism for Christians.” (God forgive that blasphemy!) The group, as “a federally-recognized religion,” says the Religious Freedom Restoration Act should exempt first-trimester abortions from “unnecessary regulations.”

A cult video declares, “The Satanic Temple is proud to announce its Religious Abortion Ritual, a ceremony rooted in our deeply-held beliefs.” “Thyself is thy master,” it blares. “Hail[,] Satan!” The cult’s ritual, which the group details, asserts that “one’s body is...subject to one’s own will alone” — the same line that radical feminists have always used to justify killing their babies’ bodies.

Arguing against state laws that give some protection to unborn babies, cult spokeswoman Jane Essex says, “No Christian would tolerate [a law] that insists...counseling is necessary before someone can be baptized. Our members are justly entitled to religious liberty in order to practice our rituals as well.”

Besides denying and trampling unborn babies’ rights, former Satanist Zachary King points out, the ritual is a sacrifice to Satan himself: “...to get Satan’s approval, to give you something that you want, killing something is the best way to go.” “Killing something is the ultimate offering to Satan,” he stresses, “and if you can kill an unborn [baby], that is his ultimate goal.

When the world’s public officials let millions sacrifice their unborn babies to Satan, yet in the name of public health prevent million of Masses and billions of Holy Communions, you know our world is in a desperate situation. May God have mercy on us, through the intercession of His Holy Mother Mary!

Mike Engler
Pro-Life Chairman

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

September Birthdays

- 2 Matthew McCaffrey
- 3 Bradley Apodaca
- 5 Msgr. Rafael Marin-Leon
- 6 Steven Romofsky
- 7 Giuseppe Arnoldi
- 7 Anthony Karleskint
- 16 James Sturnot
- 23 Justin Mack
- 25 Hank Gomez

October Birthdays

- 3 Michael Aberle
- 5 Jerry Whitefoot
- 7 Bro David Bobincheck
- 8 Dn. Nicholas Curran
- 8 John Klink
- 17 Matthew A. Najera
- 19 Rev. John Love
- 20 John Calandro
- 21 Donald Randles
- 22 Neil Chu
- 26 Thomas Anglin
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Hank Peterson: Here is an outstanding letter of St. Junípero Serra written by Archbishop Gomez

**Letter to the Faithful for the Memorial of St. Junípero Serra
Archbishop José H. Gomez - New World of Faith
June 29, 2020**

In the following letter, Archbishop José H. Gomez addresses recent controversies surrounding public monuments to St. Junípero Serra and asks the faithful of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles to invoke the saint's "intercession for this nation that he helped to found." Ahead of the saint's July 1 feast day, he urges prayers especially for "an end to racial prejudice and a new awareness of what it means that all men and women are created equal as children of God." Archbishop Gomez also offers an original spiritual meditation that he composed almost entirely from words drawn from St. Junípero's sermon and letters.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Recently, statues to the Apostle of California, St. Junípero Serra, were torn down in San Francisco and in the plaza outside our first church, Nuestra Señora Reina de los Ángeles, in downtown Los Angeles. Up and down the state, there is growing debate about removing St. Junípero memorials from public lands. Ventura officials have announced that they will hold a public hearing July 7 to debate whether to take down his statue from in front of Ventura City Hall.

Faced with the possibility of vandalism, we are taking increased security precautions at the historic missions located in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Unfortunately, we will probably have to relocate some statues to our beloved saint or risk their desecration.

These developments sadden me. I have been thinking and writing about St. Junípero for many years now.

I understand the deep pain being expressed by some native peoples in California. But I also believe Fray Junípero is a saint for our times, the spiritual founder of Los Angeles, a champion of human rights, and this country's first Hispanic saint. I was privileged to celebrate his canonization Mass with Pope Francis in 2015. I rely on his intercession in my ministry, and I am inspired by his desire to bring God's tender mercy to every person.

The exploitation of America's first peoples, the destruction of their ancient civilizations, is a historic tragedy. Crimes committed against their ancestors continue to shape the lives and futures of native peoples today. Generations have passed and our country still has not done enough to make things right.

In the family of God here in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, we have worked hard to atone for past errors and wrongs and to find the path forward together. We honor the contributions that native peoples made to building the Church in Southern California and we cherish their gifts in the mission of the Church today.

Over the years, I have come to understand how the image of Father Serra and the missions evokes painful memories for some people. For that reason, I believe the protests over our history in California, and the broader protests that have started elsewhere in the country over historical monuments,

are important.

Historical memory is the soul of every nation. What we remember about our past and how we remember it defines our national identity — the kind of people we want to be, the values and principles we want to live by.

But history is complicated. The facts matter, distinctions need to be made, and the truth counts. We cannot learn history's lessons or heal old wounds unless we understand what really happened, how it happened, and why.

Our society may reach a consensus not to honor St. Junípero or various other figures from our past. But elected officials cannot abdicate their responsibilities by turning these decisions over to small groups of protesters, allowing them to vandalize public monuments. This is not how a great democracy should function.

Allowing the free expression of public opinion is important. So is upholding the rule of law and ensuring that decisions we reach as a society are based on genuine dialogue and the search for truth and the common good.

In this regard, how the City of Ventura is handling the debate over its Serra monument can be a model for thoughtful and respectful public discourse that includes civil authorities, indigenous leaders, representatives of the Church, and the community at large.

In other cases, it is clear that those attacking St. Junípero's good name and vandalizing his memorials do not know his true character or the actual historical record.

The sad truth is that, beginning decades ago, activists started "revising" history to make St. Junípero the focus of all the abuses committed against California's indigenous peoples.

But the crimes and abuses that our saint is blamed for — slanders that are spread widely today over the internet and sometimes repeated by public figures — actually happened long after his death.

It was California's first governor who called for "a war of extermination" against the Indians and called in the U.S. Cavalry to help carry out his genocidal plans. That was in 1851. St. Junípero died in 1784.

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The real St. Junípero fought a colonial system where natives were regarded as “barbarians” and “savages,” whose only value was to serve the appetites of the white man. For St. Junípero, this colonial ideology was a blasphemy against the God who has “created (all men and women) and redeemed them with the most precious blood of his Son.”

He lived and worked alongside native peoples and spent his whole career defending their humanity and protesting crimes and indignities committed against them. Among the injustices he struggled against, we find heartbreaking passages in his letters where he decries the daily sexual abuse of indigenous women by colonial soldiers.

For St. Junípero, the natives were not just powerless victims of colonial brutality. In his letters, he describes their “gentleness and peaceful dispositions,” he celebrates their creativity and knowledge; he remembers little acts of kindness and generosity, even the sweet sound of their voices as they sang.

He learned their languages and their ancient customs and ways. St. Junípero came not to conquer, he came to be a brother. “We have all come here and remained here for the sole purpose of their well-being and salvation,” he once wrote. “And I believe everyone realizes we love them.”

I like to think that his deep reverence for creation was influenced by his conversations and observations among this land’s first peoples.

St. Junípero became one of America’s first environmentalists, documenting California’s diverse habitats in diary entries and letters where he described mountains and plains, the blazing sun and the effects of drought, the overflow of brooks and rivers, cottonwood and willow trees, roses in bloom, the roar of a mountain lion that kept the missionaries awake at night.

St. Junípero also understood that the souls of indigenous Americans had been darkened with bitterness and rage at their historic mistreatment and the atrocities committed against them.

In 1775, when Kumeyaay attackers burned down the mission in San Diego, torturing and murdering his dear friend, Father Luis Jayme, California’s first martyr, St. Junípero was not outraged. He was concerned for the killers’ souls. He pleaded with authorities to have mercy.

“As for the culprits, their offense should be forgiven after some slight punishment,” he said. “By doing so they would see we were putting into practice the rule we teach them — to return good for evil and to pardon our enemies.”

This may be the first moral argument against the use of the death penalty in American history. And St. Junípero was arguing against its imposition on an oppressed minority.

St. Junípero was 60 years old when he traveled 2,000 miles from Carmel to Mexico City to protest the injustices of the colonial system and demand that authorities adopt a “bill of rights” that he had written for the native peoples.

That was in 1773, three years before America’s founders declared this nation’s independence with those beautiful words: “all men are created equal ... endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights.”

Pope Francis called St. Junípero “one of the founding fathers of the United States.” He recognized that the saint’s witness anticipated the great spirit of human equality and liberty under God that has come to define the American project.

Yet in online petitions today we find St. Junípero compared to Adolf Hitler, his missions compared to concentration camps. No serious historian would accept this, and we should not allow these libels to be made in public arguments about our great saint.

Despite their many flaws, the California missions were similar to some of the other communes and “communitarian” societies we find in early American history.

The missions were multicultural communities of worship and work, with their own governments and a self-sustaining economy based on agriculture and handicrafts. Living and working together, Natives and Spaniards created a new, mestizo (“mixed”) culture reflected in the distinctive art, architecture, music, poetry, and prayers that came out of the missions.

It is sadly true that corporal punishment was sometimes used in the missions, as it was practiced throughout late 18th-century society. It is also true that some natives died of diseases in the missions.

But the tragic ruin of native populations occurred long after St. Junípero was gone and the missions were closed or “secularized.” Serious scholars conclude that St. Junípero himself was a gentle man and there were no physical abuses or forced conversions while he was president of the mission system.

St. Junípero did not impose Christianity, he proposed it. For him, the greatest gift he could offer was to bring people to the encounter with Jesus Christ. Living in the missions was always voluntary, and in the end just 10-20% of California’s native population ever joined him.

My brothers and sisters, this is the truth about St. Junípero.

In this hour of trial in our nation, when once again we are confronting America’s shameful legacy of racism, I invite you to join me in observing St. Junípero’s feast day, July 1, as a day of prayer, fasting, and charity.

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Let us ask St. Junípero's intercession for this nation that he helped to found. Let us pray with him for healing, reconciliation, an increase in empathy and understanding, an end to racial prejudice, and a new awareness of what it means that all men and women are created equal as children of God.

Every true reform begins in the human heart, and St. Junípero would tell us that only mercy and pardon and true contrition can move us forward at this moment in our history.

I have spent these recent days praying and reflecting on his life and writings and I have prepared a spiritual med-

itation composed almost entirely of words from St. Junípero's sermons and letters.

I offer this meditation, along with this letter, for your prayer and reflection as we work together to promote the healing of memories and an end to the racism that still plagues our nation's systems and institutions.

Pray for me and I will pray for you. May God grant peace to you and your families. I entrust all of us to the Immaculate Heart of Mary our Blessed Mother.

Most Reverend José H. Gomez
Archbishop of Los Angeles

On Mercy of God, Spiritual Meditation from the Writings of St. Junípero Serra

O Lord, You are complete mercy, complete love, and complete tenderness toward all men and women, even toward the most ungrateful sinners.

You wish all people to attain the ends for which You compassionately created us. You yearn that we might believe that You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and advance toward the salvation You will for us.

You are sweet and gentle, and You call us in the gentleness of Your divine voice, in the sweet and gentle tones of a Father addressing his favorite child. You extend the golden bonds of Your goodwill and love, You pardon us in your mercy.

Father of all mercy and consolation, pour forth the abundance of Your love with mercy. By your mercy, conquer every type of malice. Help us to leave not only our faults, but the bad habits and situations in our lives which lead to these faults, that we might love You alone.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening with a contrite heart. Help us to begin right now to realize the truth! To be entirely animated by love of You, Help us begin to live a holy life, with a burning love and zeal for the salvation of our neighbors.

Make us more gentle, more calm, more nurturing and strong. Remind us of Your gentle goodwill, O Lord. May we never be severe or harsh.

May we see in everyone, a child whom You have created and redeemed with the most precious blood of Your Son. Teach us to know that You value kindness, that love is the best way to attract people to You.

May we always help others to taste and see the sweetness and gentleness of Your love.

Let us bear every hardship for the love of You and the salvation of souls.

In our trials, may we know that we are loved as Your own children. To a willing heart all is sweet, so grant us love and patience, and conform us always to Your will, O God.

We entrust ourselves to the Ever-Immaculate Queen Mary and say with the Angel, "Hail Mary."

THE KNIGHT WHO LAUNCHED BEATLEMANIA

HOW ED SULLIVAN, A KNIGHT, HELPED CHANGE THE LANDSCAPE OF MUSIC, COMEDY AND THEATER

By Andrew Fowler

It was Sunday, Feb. 9, 1964. More than 73 million Americans gathered around their television sets for *The Ed Sullivan Show*. Audiences had already witnessed iconic moments since it began in 1948, including a breakthrough performance by Elvis Presley on Sept. 9, 1956, which still holds the record for largest audience share for a series episode in television history with 82.6 percent of the national TV audience. But this night was different. This night the American public would see a band from across the pond that would initiate an international phenomenon.

With five words, host Ed Sullivan — a member of the Knight of Columbus — launched what would become known as Beatlemania. “*Ladies and gentlemen, The Beatles!*”

Almost drowned out by the screaming, adoring fans, the Beatles played “All My Loving,” “Till There Was You,” “She Loves You,” and then concluded the broadcast with “I Saw Her Standing There” and “I Want to Hold Your Hand.” This debut American performance influenced the course of music and television history. The popularity of The Beatles skyrocketed and those who witnessed the show, including future rock n’ roll stars like Tom Petty, Gene Simmons, Billy Joel and countless others, point to the *Ed Sullivan Show* as an influential moment that made them want to become musicians.



The Beatles would appear several more times on the *Ed Sullivan Show*, a program that continued to be a make-or-break touchstone for other musical acts such as The Doors, the Rolling Stones, Marvin Gaye and The Supremes as well as comedy like for Rodney Dangerfield, George Carlin, Carol Burnett and Richard Pryor. A few years prior to The Beatles’ first appearance on the show, in 1957, Ed Sullivan invited then-Supreme Knight Luke Hart to accept an introduction from the studio audience to mark the Order’s 75th anniversary. As Supreme Knight Hart would say in his address at the Supreme Convention that year, he accepted Sullivan’s offer and called him “brother,” signifying that he was a fellow Knight.

“It is said that [Sullivan] had an audience that night of forty million and I can well believe it, for the next day, I received many messages from people who had seen it — some from points as far distant as Seattle, Santa Fe, Houston, Jacksonville and Montreal,” Hart said.

Members of the Knights of Columbus, from Babe Ruth to President John F. Kennedy, have been stewards of culture, leaving a momentous mark on American society. Ed Sullivan’s show was voted number 31 in *TV Guide Magazine*’s 60 Best Series of All Time, after it ended its 23-year run on June 6, 1971.

Ed Sullivan, and other Knights’ impact on history, is explored in the new book *The Knights of Columbus: An Illustrated History*. The book features inspiring stories from more than 135 years of charity and fraternity paired with hundreds of the best photos from the Knights of Columbus archives.

Influencing everything from local parish life to international pop culture, the more than two million Knights around the world continue to leave their mark.

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