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FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION 02/13/06



Pictured above are the new brother knights we welcomed at our business meeting of February 13. Pictured (*left to right*) are Dwight Morey, Carlos Cohen (a 2nd degree member who reactivated his membership), John Luzader (a member of the Coast Guard who transferred from Connecticut), Antonio Martinez (Council 1684), Pete Martinez and Richard Schiada (who took his 2nd degree on February 22nd). Congratulations to our new knights!

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

By Chris Arnoult, Grand Knight



Dear fellow Brother Knights of Columbus,

Month of March, Ash Wednesday, Lent, Friday fish fry's, a blood donation drive the last Sunday of the month, seven weeks until Easter; man, time is certainly flying by. February was a busy month for our Council with a 1st Degree Exemplification during our regular business meeting, the Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner and our pancake breakfast on the last Sunday of the month. I especially want to extend a welcome to the five new Knights, three who joined and took their 1st Degree, one gentleman who transferred to our council and another who reactivated. Welcome to you all: Dwight Morey, Richard Schiada, Pete Martinez, Carlos Cohen and John Luzader. Also, four Knights of our Council completed their 2nd Degree Exemplification at the ceremony organized by Council 1684. Congratulations to Fr. Cyril Nnadi, Ed Barrier, Bill Thorpe and Richard Schiada.

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Program Director's Report

By Stephen Schlesselmann, Deputy Grand Knight

Food for Thought

We will be celebrating St Joseph's feast day on March 19, 2006. As **St Josemaria de Balaguer** states in **the Way**: "Speaking of St. Joseph in her autobiography, St. Teresa writes: 'Whoever fails to find a master to teach him how to pray should choose this glorious saint for a master; and he will not go astray.'" This advice comes from an experienced soul. Follow it." (**page 139 of the Way/Furrow/the Forge by St Josemaria de Balaguer**).

Past Activities

- 1) February 13, 2006 – During the business meeting, a 1st degree took place. As noted on page 1, 4 new members were initiated into the knights, 1 was reactivated and another attended his first meeting as a transfer. Welcome to all the new knights!

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March, 2006

03/01/06	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday
03/03/06	Friday	Lenten Fish Fry/Adoration, 9:00 PM to 7:35 AM
03/06/06	Monday	K of C Officer's Meeting, 8:00 PM
03/10/06	Friday	Lenten Fish Fry, 6 PM to 8 PM
03/13/06	Monday	K of C 5300 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM
03/17/06	Friday	Lenten Fish Fry, 6 PM to 8 PM
03/19/06	Sunday	Papal Award Ceremony at Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral, 10 AM
03/24/06	Friday	Lenten Fish Fry, 6 PM to 8 PM
03/26/06	Sunday	Pancake Breakfast after 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses/Blood Drive
03/31/06	Friday	Lenten Fish Fry, 6 PM to 8 PM

April, 2006

04/03/06	Monday	K of C Officer's Meeting, 8:00 PM
04/07/06	Friday	Lenten Fish Fry, 6 PM to 8 PM / Adoration-9:00 PM to 7:35 AM
04/10/06	Monday	K of C 5300 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM
04/16/06	Sunday	Easter
04/30/06	Sunday	Pancake Breakfast after 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses/Corporate Communion

May, 2006

05/01/06	Monday	K of C Officer's Meeting, 8:00 PM
05/05/06	Friday	24 Hour Adoration
05/08/06	Monday	K of C 5300 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM
05/14/06	Sunday	Mother's Day Orchids
05/28/06	Sunday	Pancake Breakfast after 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses
05/29/06	Monday	Memorial Day Picnic



District Deputy's Report
Cherif Khoury, District Deputy

Brother Knights,

The second degree held February 22nd at Serra Hall was blessed by the presence of Fr Cyril. The 4th degree Color Corps participation in the degree added some class to the ceremony. Commander Paul Coyne was ably assisted by Jose Meza and Al Meckelborg. Jack Turney took pictures of the candidates. Our Chapter President and Faithful Navigator Brian Klinge also was present.

Helping in the degree were from Council 1684 Mark Wietstock and Ray Charpentier, from the Carpinteria Council David Farebrother and from Council 5300, Larry Stigney. Council 1684 GK Jack Nelson, Chancellor Robert O'Brien and Council 1684's editor, Frank Newton also participated.

Ten candidates advanced from 3 councils and are one step from full Knighthood. Congratulations to all who participated and attended the degree. I hope that in future degree exemplifications, sponsors of candidates will attend the degree as well. It has always been advisable and strongly recommended that the sponsor assist the candidate until he reaches the third degree. The GK of every council should encourage the sponsors to attend the degree with the candidates.

Wishing you all during this blessed lenten season a healthy and prosperous journey.

Cherif Khoury



Financial Secretary's Report
Ralph Wengler, Financial Secretary

we did it ! We Did It! We Did It ! **WE DID IT !**

Joe Darga, our Worthy Treasurer, wrote the tenth and final \$10,000 check to St Raphael's Church, completing the Council 5300 pledge of \$100,000 toward the Community Center Building Fund. We now need a suitable event for a presentation to Father Bruce. We did it without a single car wash event, which I predicted might be necessary. But that was ten years ago. At that time, we did not have the parish supported monthly breakfasts or the Lenten fish fries. There have been a few other annual events which also were good fund raisers.

This capability to raise \$10,000 per year for charity should be maintained. The Worthy Grand Knight, Chris Arnoult, has already started a series of meetings in an attempt to determine which charities will get the most enthusiastic support from the membership.

Knight Alert forms have been prepared and will be sent to delinquent members after the Worthy Trustees sign them. The Council needs a Retention Chairman to personally call each delinquent member. We are remiss to the delinquent members if we do not question the reason for the delinquency. If there is hardship, the problem may warrant applying for a Columbian Charities Grant.

FYI: Every member and every widow of a member is entitled to receive Columbia Magazine. If you are not on the mailing list for the magazine, please notify me and I will attempt to get the problem corrected.

Fraternally, Ralph, F.S.





Chancellor's Report
John Kestel, Chancellor

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

John Lima, son of Joe Lima (12/10); May God grant him peace and comfort.

Please pray for Brother Knights who are ill or recovering from illness:

Jesse Garcia; Leonard Mooy; PGK Chuck Burke; Fred Cota; George Romich; John Sternot; George Gritt; Sam Alfano (back surgery on 7/28); Mario Borgatello Sr.(at home recovering from surgery); Vince Filippello, (blood clot in leg); Val Taylor (requests no visitors).

Other persons for whom prayers are requested:

Eleanor Cahill, wife of Fritz Cahill; Nancy Herrera; Anne Marie McBeth, daughter of PGK Max Keller; Patrick Donohoe, son of PGK Frank Donohoe; Ellen Velasco, granddaughter of Bruce Velasco; Harriet Burke, wife of PGK Chuck Burke; the mother of Mark Christman; Teresa Meza, sister of Jose Meza; Michael T. McGrew, grandson of Tom Cordeiro; Glen Sliger, father of Terry Sliger; Barbara Vogel, mother of PGK John Vogel; Barbara Friedrich; Tony Gonzales, brother-in-law of PGK Felix Sanchez; Betty Benn, wife of Don Benn; the mother-in-law of PGK Ralph Wengler; the niece of PGK John Vogel; Bill Kestel, brother of John Kestel; Steve Schlesselmann's sister's family; Donna Abels, wife of Jim Abels; Joel Wenzinger, son of PGK Dale Wenzinger; Judy Klinge, wife of PGK Brian Klinge; Larry Torres Jr (at home waiting for liver transplant), son of Larry Torres; Kathleen Meckelborg, wife of Al Meckelborg; Steve Schlesselmann's father (leg surgery).



Report of the 4th Degree
Brian Klinge, Faithful Navigator

Because of the wonderful acceptance of our two previous LADIES NIGHTS OUT, we are trying to schedule one more LNO in this Columbian Year, perhaps in Mar-May (??). Any ideas??

In our March NAVIGATOR newsletter, I researched and wrote about the reasons why the FOURTH DEGREE was formed in 1900, only 18 years after THE KNIGHTS had been formed by Fr. McGivney. The least of these reasons was to fight the basic ignorance and anti-catholicism of competing organizations at the turn of the century.

As Knights, we need to remain vigilant to the dangers presented to our Church in the world today and not become complacent. We must continue to show solidarity with all of our Clergy.

All Fourth Degree Members are encouraged to attend and be active in our Council's Third Degree Meetings; we all do belong to the same Order!

Due to the timing of our business dinner schedule, I do not know if anyone has yet won our MEGA CASH ATTENDANCE AWARD; I will advise next month. We'll see...Winners must be present and alive.

I want to welcome our two new candidates to the Fourth Degree, Teo Nungaray and Ugo "Butch" Arnoldi. Butch is a candidate for SB County Sheriff. The two of them shall go through the Exemplification in November of this year, which will take place again in "Exciting" Visalia.

As I have stated before, *Recruitment* into the Fourth Degree is an on-going process. Our District Deputy Cherif Khoury and I will remind you often, lest you forget!

MAY GOD LOVE AND CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU!

Brian Klinge, FDD
Faithful Navigator, Junipero Serra Assembly



Insurance Agent's Report
David Farebrother, Field Agent

LONG-TERM CARE

Since its addition to the Order's product portfolio in 2000, long-term care insurance has provided us with an excellent opportunity to further serve Knights and their families. And for our long-term care clients in the United States, a K of C Care policy brings added value.

That added value is in the form of a service called "Provider Pathway," a program offering access to a network of long-term care providers at discounted rates. The network covers: home health care, personal emergency response systems, adult day care, assisted living, skilled nursing facilities and durable medical equipment.

Eligibility for participation in this program is open to Knights of Columbus Long Term Care Insurance policyholders, their spouses, dependent children, parents and parents-in-law. All providers are fully credentialed and meet state licensing requirements.

If you are not currently an LTC policyholder and you would like more information on how you can avail yourself of this benefit, give me a call.

To contact me with regards to this or any of your insurance needs, please email me at dlfarebrother@aol.com or call me at either of the numbers listed below. I look forward to hearing from you.

Fraternally,

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Clergy Appreciation Dinner

Sam Alfano, Membership Director



On Wednesday evening, February 15, 2006, Councils 5300, 1684, 13756 and the Serra Club cosponsored the annual Clergy & Religious Appreciation Dinner held at St. Raphael's Church Hall. Forty five Clergy and Religious were in attendance representing members of the Santa Barbara Regional Area. One hundred forty members, representing Knights their spouses and Serra Club members and their spouses were also in attendance. We were extremely pleased to have a number of widows in attendance.

The sumptuous dinner prepared by Chef Jim Bradbury, included a crisp green salad with a dinner roll as the first course. The main course included Tenderloin of Pork, wild long grain rice and a green vegetable medley. The dessert was a Chef Bradbury "Cherry Delight" prepared by a special team for the dinner.

Assisting the "Chef" were members of Council 1684 & 5300. Members from the St. Raphael's Youth Group coordinated by Knight John Peyton very ably served the meal in a most efficient and pleasant manner. Serra Club president Garvan Kuskey and his wife, assisted by Gloria & Fred Orr greeted the attendees as they came into the hall.

GK Chris Arnoult welcomed the Clergy & Religious and other diners. He introduced GK (1684) Jack Nelson and his wife, GK (13756) Ruffino Murillo and his wife. The president of the Serra Club, Garvan Kuskey, and his wife were also

introduced. Father Paul Respond, Chaplain for Council 5300 gave the dinner blessing.

The evening entertainment was provided by Sir Knight Francisco Cabrera, his wife and their dance ensemble. The group wearing authentic colorful costumes and dancing to lively Hispanic music led to a joyful dinner interlude.

After dinner Sister Alicia, of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, spoke about the nearly 150 year history of her Sisters' presence in Santa Barbara and their beneficial works throughout the community. Sister spoke of the new development taking place on the property owned by the Order. Living quarters are being built to accommodate the needs of single parents, affordable units for families and housing units for the elderly.

Father Paul followed Sister Alicia and spoke about the early history of the Knights of Columbus dating back to its early beginnings on Oct. 2, 1881 at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut. Our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney realized there was a pressing need to form a fraternal society of Catholic men. That society has now grown to 1.7 million strong.

Father Paul spoke of his own Paulist Order and how it began. Unfortunately the Paulists will be leaving their University assignment in July due to the lack of incoming priests into the Order. Father Paul and the Order's beneficial influence on the university students as well as St. Mark's parishioners will be missed.

Father concluded the evening with the closing prayer.

Special thanks to Past Grand Knights John Vogel and Felix Sanchez for bar tending. Our thanks also go to the many who sold tickets for this event. Thanks are in order for those who set up the tables and to Cecelia Marks who supervised the decorating crew. Thanks also to our photographer, DGK Steve Schlesselmann.

Sam S. Alfano, Dinner Chairman

Harold 'Fritz' Cahill to Receive the Pope Benedict XVI Award, 'Pro Ecclesial et Pontifice' at Special Parish Ceremony

Joe T. Kovach, Former Knightline & SPIRIT Editor



Harold Benjamin "Fritz" Cahill, a 3rd Degree Knight of Council 5300 since June 1992, has been honored by Pope Benedict XVI with the Pro Ecclesial et Pontifice Award (for the Church and the Holy Father) for exceptional service to the Church and for helping the hungry and needy in the community by delivering food and staples daily to the Catholic Charities Pantry in Santa Barbara for the past 24 years.

Cardinal Roger Mahony will be making official presentations on Sunday, March 19th at the Cathedral of the Angels to other recipients in the Archdiocese. Pastor Bruce Correio, who made the recommendation to the Cardinal who then forwarded it to the Pope, will be making the presentation to Cahill in late March or in April at an 11 a.m. Mass. Cahill will be unable to attend the March 19th ceremony as his wife Eleanor is ill. Carlos Valenzuela, who will be receiving the Benemerenti Award for serving with distinction his Church, Family and Community, will be accepting Cahill's Papal Award for him.

The Cahill family has been involved with the food collection since 1982. Eleanor was the original founder of this community 4H project (Goleta Center Club) with guidance and help from Frances and Frank Diani. "Rosemary and Deacon Tony Varesio helped us start the project as "Food for the Poor" at St. Raphael's," remarked Fritz. From the beginning St. Raphael's parishioners have responded immediately and generously in donating food, staples and clothing to Catholic Charities on a

daily basis and to Goleta's needy during Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter holidays. What started as a 4H program, has grown into a dynamic community outreach where today St. Raphael's parishioners provide hundreds of pounds of beans, rice and other food items each month. Cahill's two sons, Tom and Steven, ages 42 and 39, also have been assisting them for years...an 'all in the family' example of Christian charity and service to the needs of people in our Parish and wider community.

After retiring from the U.S. Forest Service in 1990 the smiling Fritz made Catholic Charities his main priority. His kindness, dedication, energy, time and other attributes are tributes of his generous character. Cahill is very thankful to all of the parishioners, St. Vincent de Paul members, St. Raphael's School and English and Spanish Religious Education students, and the Knights of Columbus who contribute food items and financial assistance each month. This enables him to buy large amounts of food items at special prices. He exclaimed that St. Vincent del Paul members have helped him collect and distribute food for the needy since 2001.

"This past Thanksgiving Food Collection at St. Raphael's was the biggest food delivery I have ever made to Catholic Charities in the past 23 years," beamed Cahill. It took four trucks full of food to deliver the groceries (turkeys, hams, potatoes, rice, beans and all sorts of canned food items). This was after 64 local families were able to pick out the groceries they desired in two or three bags.

Cahill served with the U.S. Army during the Korean War (1953-55) at Fort Scott in San Francisco. The native of Salinas, Calif., married Eleanor Purcell on November 16, 1963 at Sacred Heart Church in Salinas. After working at Forest Service sites in Los Padres, Tahoe, Inyo, Sequoia, and Inyo again, Fritz worked locally for 20 years for Los Padres Forest.

Born on July 3, 1930, Cahill credits his late mother Josephine as the model for all his charitable work. "I remember my mother doing all this during the Depression," he stated, recalling times when desperately hungry people would show up at the

doorstep of their Salinas Valley home. She would give them sandwiches and coffee. Fritz said, "Feeding the poor is a way to honor her and profess his faith." He added that it was his next door neighbor who started calling him Fritz at age two and the name has stuck all these years.

Fritz's concluding statement, "As in all things many people working together can do many extraordinary things for the less fortunate."

Relieving Fritz in recent months is 3rd Degree Knight and parishioner John Meagher who has been doing the daily collections for Catholic Charities.

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I hope everyone who attended the Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner enjoyed the event and enjoyed the opportunity to socialize with our clergy and religious personnel. I want to say thank you to Brother Sam Alfano for all his effort in organizing the event, to Brother Jim Bradbury for being the chef, to the Cabrera family for providing the folk dance entertainment and also to everyone who helped put on a successful dinner. Great job!

Council 5300 reached a major milestone last month, February. Our Council issued the check for the last \$10,000.00 payment to St. Raphael's Building Fund. We hope to present this check to Fr. Bruce at some auspicious time in the near future. Ten years ago Council 5300 made a bold decision to support St. Raphael's Church with a pledge of \$100,000.00. Making good on this pledge has taken a great deal of work running Fiesta Coke booths, cooking pancake breakfasts, sponsoring dinners, working at polling places, running Lenten fish fry's and many other activities. But it worked. You made it happen and now we have a proven capability to earn \$10,000.00 per year to fund our charitable activities. So now the question is, "What will we do next?" We need some challenging goals to work towards.

To try to answer this question, I and a few other Brother Knights met last week to brainstorm some ideas. Some suggestions were made and discussed without arriving at a conclusion. Among those suggestions were: scholarships for seminarians, assistance for St. Raphael youth groups, additional

monies to Special Olympics (in addition to Tootsie Roll collections), facilities development at St. Raphael's and St. Marks, scholarships for students at St. Raphael's school, more money for college age retreats at St. Marks.

It seems to me that without the driving force of a big commitment, ala a building fund pledge, that it will be difficult to maintain the motivation and the energy to earn the monies. Also, without a specific and probably written commitment, it would be easy to allow many small demands for charitable funding to erode our earnings. This could nickel and dime away the money and leave us with little to show for our efforts.

So here is my suggestion; let's make a commitment to support vocations. This is the most desperate need of the Church at this time. Choose an amount of money. Be conservative, say \$5,000/year, and make the commitment in writing to the Bishop or to a specific seminary. Any income beyond the \$5,000/year and up to the \$10,000, should be put into a special fund, our Charity Fund for example. From this fund other charity requests can be provided for from time to time during the Columbian year. The monies could be invested (see Brother Ricardo Roberto at Edward Jones) and grown over a period of years, say ten years, to be large enough so that the income from the fund can pay for some charitable activities.

I have the bully pulpit here, but it does not make my idea the best, so your inputs are requested. I will try to schedule another committee meeting to discuss more about the Council's future financial goals and objectives. If you are interested in helping please give me a call or e-mail me.

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- 2) February 15, 2006 – The clergy appreciation dinner took place this evening (for details see Sam's article elsewhere in this bulletin).
- 3) February 22, 2006 – A 2nd degree took place at Serra Hall. Council 1684 along with several members of Junipero Serra's 4th degree color corps helped about 10 1st degree members from 3 councils advance toward their ultimate goal of

full knighthood in our order. Council 5300 1st degree members that took their 2nd degree were Fr Cyril Nnadi, Ed Barrier, Richard Schiada and William Thorpe. Congratulations to all our new 2nd degree members!

- 4) February 26, 2006 – The knights hosted their usual delicious pancake breakfast after the 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Masses.

Upcoming Activities

- 1) March 1, 2006 – Ash Wednesday.
- 2) March 3, 2006 - 24 hour adoration will take place in the church. During Lent, the time will be changed to 9 PM to 7:35 AM to accommodate various Lenten activities that take place in the church during the day.
- 3) March 3, 10, 17, 24, 2006 – Our Lenten fish fries for 2006 will again take place in the parish hall. Both the times and costs are the same as last year. The dinner will be held from 6 to 8 PM and it will cost \$7 for adults and \$4 for children.
- 4) March 13, 2006 – We will have our regular business meeting.
- 5) March 18, 2006 – St Joseph's Dinner - Our St Vincent de Paul group will be hosting their annual St Joseph's dinner during the evening. All proceeds from the event go to aiding the St Vincent de Paul in their work of helping our neighbors in need. For tickets to the dinner, please contact Brother Sam Alfano or the parish office.
- 6) March 19, 2006 – Brother Carlos Valenzuela will be receiving his Benerementi award from Cardinal Roger Mahony at our Lady of the Angels Cathedral. As Joe Kovach has stated in his article about Fritz Cahill, Carlos will be receiving the Pro Ecclesial et Pontifice Award on Fritz's behalf since Fritz cannot attend the ceremony.
- 7) March 26, 2006 - Pancake Breakfast – We will have our usual delicious pancake breakfast after the 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Masses.
- 8) March 29, 2006 – Founders Day!

Thank you.

From the Knightline (Dec 28, 2005-Vol. 22, #18)
Once They Were Knights

Why do members decide to withdraw from the Order? There could be any number of reasons behind their decision.

There was a time when former and inactive members once thought enough of the Order to join it. For whatever reason, they went their separate ways, however, there is still a number of them that have held the Knights of Columbus in high regard. By talking to them and bringing out the feelings that they had when they first joined, would give you a opportunity to bring back and readmit a member who, with their knowledge of the Knights of Columbus, makes the ideal recruitment prospect.

Sit down and talk with them. Find out why they left; and tell them how the Order has grown since they left. Ask them to come home again and join your council as it goes about the task of creating the Experience of a Lifetime.

Remember, reactivated insurance members count as additions for both the Father McGivney and Founder's Award quotas. Reinstatements, readmissions and reapplications also qualify for membership additions toward the Father McGivney Award.

Before approaching past members, your council should start by appointing a committee specifically charged with recruiting new members. The committee can:

- Obtain lists of former members and inactive insurance members from the Department of Fraternal Services.
- Review the list to learn which prospects are still in the area and are eligible for membership.
- Prepare information for the prospects that highlights changes in the Order, new programs, activities, member benefits and council achievements.
- Order informational items from the Supreme Council Supply Department including various flyers.

- Organize a "Come home again" reception and invite the prospects.
- Contact each former member by phone to invite him to the reception or arrange a personal visit.
- Refer to the Grand Knight's Handbook membership procedures section for the correct way to recruit former members.
- Don't forget to ask every former member attending the reception and those who received a personal visit to sign a Membership Document (Form #100).

From the Knightline (Jan 9, 2006-Vol. 23, #1)
Focus on Our Founder

During March, councils are asked to focus on our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, especially on or near Founder's Day, March 29. Your council celebrations shouldn't be only for Knights. Just as Father McGivney intended to protect all Catholic men and their families, your celebrations should be open to families, priests and religious, and the community at large to show who we are and what we do.

Here are just a few ideas to honor our founder this March:

- ❖ Hold a Founder's Day banquet for your parish or the entire community.
- ❖ Show *The Life and Legacy of Father McGivney* video to members, families and guests at any Founder's Day events.
- ❖ Promote the Order through new recruitment materials such as: *The Greatness of a Man* flyer, the *Faith-based Recruitment* flyer, *Our Order's Future* flyer and the *Make a Difference* recruitment poster.
- ❖ Publish and distribute a council history to all council members.
- ❖ Help young people discover their calling to a priestly or religious vocation.
- ❖ Distribute *Father McGivney Prayer* cards and

The Spirituality of Father Michael J. McGivney flyer to young people in your area.

- ❖ Ask your local and state/provincial governments to issue a proclamation declaring March 29 as Knights of Columbus Founder's Day.
- ❖ Gather together in prayer on that day as a council.
- ❖ Hold an awards banquet to honor outstanding contributions to your service activities, people who have shown perfect attendance to meetings and events, and to those who have recruited the most members.

South Dakota Legislature bans nearly all abortions

BY CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE

By adopting legislation that would prohibit all intentional abortions except those to save a mother's life, the South Dakota Legislature moved toward a direct challenge of the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision.

If signed into law it would become the most sweeping ban on abortion adopted in any state since 1973.

The South Dakota House of Representative passed the bill Feb. 24 by a vote of 50-18. The Senate had approved it Feb. 22, by a vote of 23-12, after slightly amending an earlier version adopted by the House. The House vote Feb. 24 incorporated the Senate's amendment.

The amendment, an addition to the introductory legislative findings of the bill, said the Legislature finds that "the guarantee of due process of law under the constitution of South Dakota applies equally to born and unborn human beings" and that the mother and her unborn child "each possess a natural and inalienable right to life."

The bill, called the Women's Health and Human Life Protection Act, specifically exempts women from any criminal conviction or penalty for obtaining an abortion. But it says that anyone who

performs an abortion except to save a mother's life commits a Class 5 felony, which is punishable by a fine up to \$5,000 and up to five years in prison.

The legislation says the law does not apply to medical treatment "that results in the accidental or unintentional injury or death to the unborn child."

In 2004 Gov. Mike Rounds vetoed, on technical grounds, an anti-abortion bill that also contained an exception for the health of the mother. But he recently said at a news conference that he would "look favorably" on any bill that meets the concerns he raised about the 2004 legislation. He said it was his understanding that the new legislation sought to address those concerns.

The new legislation strikes some current South Dakota abortion restrictions that would no longer be relevant in light of the broader ban, but it also provides that if implementation of the new statute is enjoined, suspended or delayed by a court order, or if the new law is found unconstitutional, the laws it replaces will automatically be reinstated.

Planned Parenthood, which runs the only abortion facility in South Dakota, said it would file suit to block the legislation if the governor signs it.

According to LifeNews.com, legislators in at least four other states – Georgia, Indiana, Ohio and Tennessee – have proposed legislation that would prohibit most or all abortions.

In the 1990s Utah, Louisiana and Guam, a U.S. territory, passed laws prohibiting most abortions. They were struck down in lower courts and the Supreme Court refused to review the cases, letting the lower-court rulings stand.

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What follows is a media advisory from the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC) in Washington, D.C., issued on February 21, 2006, regarding today's announcement by the U.S. Supreme Court that it has accepted the Bush Administration's request that it review a lower-court ruling invalidating the federal Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.

**U.S. SUPREME COURT AGREES TO REVIEW
FEDERAL PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN
ACT**

WASHINGTON (February 21, 2006) -- Six years after its much-criticized ruling that *Roe v. Wade* fully protects the brutal practice of partial-birth abortion, the U.S. Supreme Court today agreed to take another look at the issue.

The justices announced that they would review a lower-court ruling that has blocked enforcement of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, a bill signed into law by President George W. Bush on November 5, 2003. The Bush Administration had urged the Court to accept the appeal, most recently in a brief filed by the Solicitor General on February 14.

The Court will hear arguments and decide the case during its next term, which begins in October....

In 2000, five justices of the Supreme Court, including recently retired Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, ruled that the abortion right originally created in *Roe v. Wade* allows an abortionist to perform a partial-birth abortion any time he sees a 'health' benefit, even if the woman and her unborn baby are entirely healthy. (*Stenberg v. Carhart*, June 28, 2000) This ruling struck down the ban on partial-birth abortion that had been enacted by Nebraska, and rendered unenforceable the similar bans that more than half the states had enacted.

Nevertheless, in 2003 Congress approved and President Bush signed a national law, the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act. When he signed the ban, the President called partial-birth abortion "a terrible form of violence [that] has been directed against children who are inches from birth." He spoke the literal truth.

The federal law bans "partial-birth abortion," a legal term of art, defined in the law itself as any abortion in which the baby is delivered "past the [baby's] navel outside the body of the mother," OR "in the case of a head-first presentation, the entire fetal head is outside the body of the mother," BEFORE being killed....

Three different federal courts of appeals have ruled that the federal law conflicts with the 2000 Supreme Court decision, and they have blocked enforcement of the law. The Supreme Court today agreed to review the first of those appeals court rulings, a July 2005 ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (*Gonzales v. Carhart*).



Jesse Garcia asked that the following letter be included in the knightline:

Greetings from Santa Maria, California to all of our friends and family,

We started 2006 with the sale of our home in Goleta, California. Jesse and I had 40 wonderful years there. We raised our children and grandchildren there.

Jesse and I are looking forward to our new adventure. We are moving to a lovely 3 bedroom condominium.

Jesse continues to do well and I am hanging in there!! Selling a house after 40 years is no easy task.

We hope to see you all as you travel the Camino Real Highway. Now you have a place to stop and visit in Santa Maria, California.

As always,

Jesse & Dora Garcia

Our new address is: (Somerset Gardens), 2353 Timsbury Way, Santa Maria, CA 93455. (805) 925-4406. Directions: Highway 101 to Betteravia. Turn left on Betteravia to Broadway. Turn left on Broadway to McCoy. Turn right on McCoy to Timsbury Way.

Please remember to continue to pray for the victims of the Post Office shooting and their families. The tragedy has affected us all very deeply. Lent is a

good time to perform acts of reparation. Try to offer a few of them for the victims.



As stated in the district deputy's report, there was a 2nd degree held at Serra Hall on February 22nd hosted by Council 1684. Pictured above are the candidates who took the degree along with members of the color corps, and some of the degree team.



Brother Richard Schiada (pictured above) is getting involved in a hurry! Here, Richard is seen helping with the pancake crew on Sunday, February 26, 2006. Other members that helped were Brothers Don Aubrey, Al Meckelborg, Jim Bonsell, John Kestel, Vince Filello and John Peyton.

The charity fund increased \$1,100 due to a generous contribution by Kay Donohoe after she sold a house to Sam Alfano's son. The new balance in the charity fund is now \$2,207.75.



Don't forget the fish fries! Every Friday from now until April 7th, we will be hosting the fish fries from 6 to 8 PM in St Rapahel's parish hall. Cost is only \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children.

Due to a "mistake" by your editor, the February issue shrunk to a smaller size. This "mistake" had the beneficial side effect of cutting the cost of printing the bulletin in half. Therefore, this bulletin will again be printed in the reduced size. Please contact me and let me know your thoughts about the new size.

March Birthdays

Dennis I. Paulazzo	03/01
Mansfield H. Turney	03/01
Thomas L. Cordeiro	03/02
William B. Regis	03/03
David T. Varesio	03/04
Jack E. Ward	03/05
Lawrence W. Torres	03/14
Frederick W. Brokaski	03/25
William McNamara	03/26
Joseph P. Bishop	03/31

Article Submissions

All articles are to be submitted to the Grand Knight, Chris Arnoult (francisarnoult@cox.net) (805) 964-6324 and Stephen Schlesselmann (805) 968-9440 (sjschlesselmann@cox.net). Articles need to be in by the 20th of the month. Thank you.

PHOTO GALLERY

Pictures from the Clergy Appreciation Dinner at St. Raphael's Hall-February 15, 2006



A picture of one of the many religious orders that attended the event.



Brothers Paul Coyne, Ray Charpintier (Council 1684), Jose Mesa & John Kestel help serve the salads.



Brothers Jim Bradbury & Jim Bonsell cutting the pork.



Brother Sam Alfano & Sister Alicia Martin make sure Sister's fellow nuns are seated.



Brother Rich Scholl with his friends, Ginny & Donna.



Brother Ed Page & his wife, Janet, enjoying their salad.



Our grand knight, Brother Chris Arnoult, his wife, Mary & Fr Paul Rospond.



Brothers Richard Rink & Raphael Cardenez (both from Council 1684) and Raphael's friend, Connie & others enjoy their meal. Raphael will be transferring to our Council in the near future.



A picture of the wonderful dessert: "Cherry Delight".



Brothers John Vogel & Jose Mesa in the kitchen.



Brother Francisco Cabrera and Sophia Avilar perform a traditional Mexican dance.



Fr Paul Rospond talks about the Paulists.

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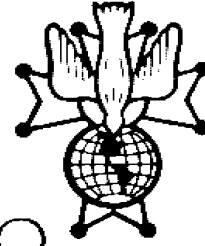
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