



Knights of Columbus

Council 1684 • Santa Barbara, California

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2012

Special Dates and Activities

Jan 5 11:00 PM
Hour of Adoration
of the Blessed
Sacrament, Chapel
of the Poor Clares.

Jan 8 3:00 PM
Prayer Vigil to
End Abortion, in
front of the Planned
Parenthood office,
518 Garden Street

Jan 27 5:30 PM
Prepare Meal at
Transition House

Feb 2 11:00 PM
Hour of Adoration
of the Blessed
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the Poor Clares.

Feb 12 3:00 PM
Prayer Vigil to
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Feb 24 5:30 PM
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Grand Knight
Bruce Garcia

January 11	6:30 PM	Officers Meeting
	7:30 PM	General Council Meeting & First Degree
	Location:	Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street
January 25	6:30 PM	Casino Night Social
		Meal \$5, Chips \$3
	Location:	Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street
February 8	6:30 PM	Officers Meeting
	7:30 PM	General Council Meeting
	Location:	Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street
February 22	Annual Valentine's Dinner for Council 1684	
	Cocktails: 6:30 PM	Dinner: 7:00 PM
	Dinner is Free for Knights & Spouses	
	Location:	Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street

Financial Secretary Notes...

I want to thank our Brother Knights, their spouses and family for their support at our Memorial Mass on November 9 and our Christmas Dinner on December 14. Sixty people attended our Memorial Mass while 70 people attended our Christmas Dinner. We extend our gratitude to Fr. Devot for providing the Memorial Mass and to David Borgatello and his wife Louise for providing the food. I also extend my thanks to all that help in clearing, folding, and storing the tables and chairs after every dinner event.

On January 11, we will have a First Degree Exemplification at Serra Hall. It's important that our brothers attend this ceremony showing support of our candidates becoming Knights and for the Knights of Columbus.

K of C Goleta Valley Council 5300 will be hosting the Clergy Appreciation Dinner at St. Raphael's Parish Hall on Friday, February 3. This dinner expresses our gratitude to the priests, deacons, sisters and brothers that serve in our Catholic community. Cost is \$15 per person. Doors will open at 6:30 PM. For information on purchasing tickets in advance, see Page 6.

Ray Charpentier



GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Dear Brother Knights,

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas. We have had many fine and very enjoyable gatherings this past year. I am thankful for all the help during these past years as Grand Knight. I hope and pray we have a successful year in all we do for the Church, our families and the community.

These are tougher times for many, and this is where our faith in God will help us to reach out to those less fortunate than ourselves. There will always be people who are better off than us financially and always people who aren't.

I pray that we continue to grow in wisdom and our level of understanding of our faith in God. Let us stay motivated in our commitments and efforts to serve our God, Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and each other.

During this election year, I pray everyone will vote pro-life, and I hope we can rid our country of those with pro-abortion, socialist ideas.

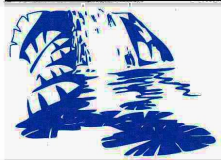
Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe. - Saint Augustine

God is even kinder than you think. - St Theresa

I wish you a happy and prosperous New Year and May God bless you all,

Bruce Garcia, Grand Knight

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by David Farebrother

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For January and February
Happy Birthday to Brother Knights

January Birthdays

1 Robert Luis
1 Edward Vigil
3 Ray Charpentier
11 Raymond Jarrard
14 Richard Rink
17 Bishop Thomas Curry
18 James Garland
19 Mark Wietstock
21 Michael Devaney
25 John Froelicher

February Birthdays

2 Charles Bellfeuille
2 Arturo Gonzales
5 Mario Borgatello
6 Raul Navarro
6 David Rink
8 Edward Corral
16 Mike Engler

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**GENERAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 1684
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2011**

There was no general meeting due to the lack of a quorum – only seven members and officers attended. However, there was an Officer's Meeting, the highlights of which are as follows:

The Officer's Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. with a prayer by Grand Knight Bruce García.

The Grand Knight reported on the following items:

- Council 5300 requested our help with a First Degree on December 19 – declined.
- David Muñoz and Luis Manuel Terron Cabrero received the first reading for their membership applications. There are between one and three more potential members.
- We will send the budgeted check of \$300 to Brother Steve Riffero for the Blue Jacket Club.
- Brother Ramon Castro will be preparing pork loins and the Treble Clef Singers will entertain at the Christmas Social on December 14 at 6 p.m.
- The annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner will take place on February 3, in the St. Rafael's parish hall at 6:30.
- Council 1684 will host its annual Casino Night Social on Wednesday, January 25 – the meal will be \$5 and the buy-in for chips \$3.
- The February Valentine's Day Social will be February 22 and is free for members and their spouse.

Under communication, the Council received letters of acknowledgement and thanks from: Poor Clares, Catholic Charities, the Friendship Center, the Alzheimer's Association, Cottage Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation, and the Cancer Center of Santa Barbara.

Under the treasurer's report, the Council's December balance was \$3,951.03 after deposits of \$177.00 and withdrawals of \$7,878.17.

Respectfully Submitted,
Al Anglin, Recorder

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Mike Engler

Pro-Life Report

ON JANUARY 15, SAVE BABIES FROM ABORTION THROUGH THE MOST POWERFUL PRAYER OF ALL

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places” (Eph. 6:12).

When he spoke those words, Our Lord might have been thinking of abortion—a demonic act if there ever was one. And, He warned us, “Some demons can be driven out only through prayer and fasting.”

In our personal efforts to end the “unspeakable crime” (Vatican II) of abortion, we Knights should rely first of all on prayer. The greatest prayer in the universe is Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, so it’s most welcome news that special Masses for the Unborn will be offered at Thomas Aquinas College on Sunday, January 15, at 9:00 and 11:30 a.m.

Nothing on earth can compare with the wonders of the Mass. During the Holy Sacrifice, Heaven itself opens and we take part in the eternal worship of Mary and all the angels and saints. Christ, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, becomes truly present—Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. Countless angels surround the altar, singing “Holy, holy, holy!” Cascades of graces, mercy and blessings pour down on us and our nation, as demons flee in terror.

This will be the third year that the College will be holding this event during January, the month when the U.S. Supreme Court forced abortion on our country through its infamous *Roe v. Wade* ruling in 1973.

The goals of the two Masses on the 15th are (1) to mark our personal and public commitment to defending the unborn babies and (2) to encourage college and university students to defend them. (The following weekend, students from Thomas Aquinas College and UCSB will travel to San Francisco for the annual West Coast Walk for Life.)

Please spread the word about these two Masses on January 15. Please encourage others, especially college students and families with children, to attend Mass at either 9:00 or 11:30 a.m. at Thomas Aquinas College.

By the way, if you’ve never visited the college, you’re in for a treat! You’ll worship in the campus’s magnificent new church, Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity Chapel, designed by renowned architect Duncan Stroik. You’ll enjoy the beautiful natural setting of the campus. And you’ll give thanks that the school is passing on the authentic teachings of our Church to so many bright young people. Some 10 percent of every graduating class pursues priestly or religious vocations!

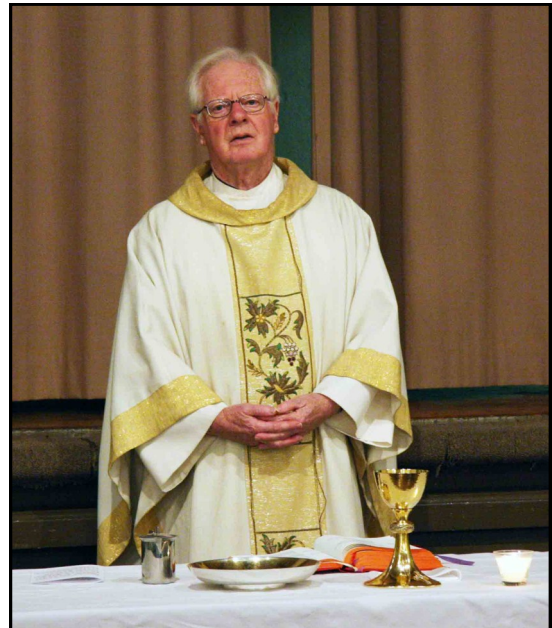
The campus is at 10000 Ojai Road in Santa Paula (805-525-4417). Web site for Thomas Aquinas College is www.thomasaquinas.edu

Mike Engler, Pro-Life Chairman

Photos from the Memorial Mass



Members of the Catholic Daughters and the Knights wait for Mass to begin.



Father Paul Devot from Our Lady of Sorrows says the Mass.



Mark Wietstock leads the members in singing the hymns and responses.

Clergy Appreciation Dinner

*For all the clergy and laity serving the Santa Barbara Pastoral Region
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus*

Guest Speaker: Bishop Thomas Curry

Tickets: \$15.00

Date: Friday, February 3, 2012

Location: St. Raphael's Parish Hall
5444 Hollister Avenue
Santa Barbara, CA 93111

No-Host Cocktails: 6:30 PM Dinner: 7:00 PM

For more information and to purchase tickets in advance contact:

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Memorial Mass photos are continued on Page 8.

Deacon's Corner:

KEEPING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ALIVE

In the Gospel of Mathew, we read: “When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the East arrived in Jerusalem saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at it’s rising and have come to do him homage.”

It always strikes me how short our summers seem, here, in Santa Barbara, perhaps because there will inevitably be three to four weeks of fog in June or July. Either way the darker months of winter seem to drag on for what feels like an entire year. Fortunately we are blessed to have the “Feast of all Feasts” right in the middle of the darkest time of our year.

I can only imagine how the Israelites must have felt, after three thousand years of waiting for their Messiah in a type of darkness. Word had it that the Messiah had actually arrived, and the three strange magi had traveled many days and weeks to tell the people of the great light that had entered the world.

So here we are, more than two thousand years later, and I wonder if the light the magi had spoke of is still burning as brightly as the one that they had seen in the distance and had followed to Jerusalem, and in turn to the house where Mary and the baby Jesus were.

It seems as though many people around us are still living in darkness, or have simply stopped seeing the great light, that is the salvation Christ has offered all of us. Each year we are called to “Rejoice” in the presence of Christ in our lives, and year after year we renew the faith of our salvation in the Kingdom of Heaven.

This Christmas season and throughout the New Year I hope everyone keeps the bright light of Christ burning in their hearts, as well as offering a spark to those living in darkness, by example and good deeds. Jesus offers us salvation only by practicing the deeds he spelled out so clearly in the Gospels. We are called to help those in need; to visit the sick and those who are imprisoned by bars, emotion or addiction, to feed those who are hungry, whether for nourishment or spirituality, clothe those who are cold or vulnerable. This year I wish most of all we are peacemakers, among our neighbors, our families and friends, and even in our parishes. We are called not to judge one another, not to gossip about things we have no facts, and certainly not to harm others who are already hurting.

Most of all we are all called to keep the light of Christ alive, and see it as the magi saw it, the greatest light shining in the darkest sky, and followed it to the one and true salvation.

Deacon Randy Saake





One of our senior Knights, Mario F. Borgatello has a conversation with a close friend.



These kids are enjoying the opportunity for having a dinner away from home.

Photos from the Christmas Dinner



At the Christmas Dinner, everyone enjoyed the variety of Christmas songs sung by the Treble Clef Singers. These ladies have entertained the Knights for the past several years..



Ray Charpentier and Bob Roux enjoy what they are doing - greeting members and collecting money.



Our Grand Knight makes the rounds talking with members and their wives.

Christmas Dinner photos are continued on Page 9.



Simply said, these ladies enjoy singing, and they enjoy entertaining the public.

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Glenice and Ron Mathews were big winners at the Christmas Party. They first won the bottle of liquor followed by winning the 50/50 raffle.



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