

## Special Dates and Activities

Sept 6 11:00 PM Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Chapel

of the Poor Clares.

Sept 9 3:00 PM Prayer Vigil to End Abortion, in front of the Planned Parenthood office, 518 Garden Street

Sept 28 5:30 PM Prepare Meal at Transition House

Oct 4 11:00 PM Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Chapel of the Poor Clares.

Oct 14 3:00 PM Prayer Vigil to End Abortion, in Front of the Planned Parenthood office, 518 Garden Street

Oct 26 5:30 PM Prepare Meal at Transition House

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Grand Knight

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## Knights of Columbus

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## September—October 2012

September 12 6:30 PM Officers Meeting

7:30 PM General Council Meeting

**Location:** Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street

September 26 September Dinner Meeting

6:30 PM Cocktails 7:00 PM Dinner

**Location:** Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street

October 10 6:30 PM Officers Meeting

7:30 PM General Council Meeting & Home Association

**Meeting and Financial Report** 

Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street

October 24 Knights' Nite Out - Annual Charity Dinner

6:30 PM Cocktails 7:00 PM Dinner

**Location:** Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street

This is Council 1684's annual charity event where \$750 grants are given to several church-affiliated and community-based organizations. Cost of a ticket is \$125. This buys you two dinners and a chance to be a winner in the

reverse raffle.

#### Financial Secretary Notes...

With the ending of summer our Council returns to its regular schedule of monthly meetings and dinners. For our September 26 Social, Bruce Garcia will be our major chef, specializing in a Mexican dinner.

October 24 is our Annual Knight's Nite Out. This is our fund raiser for several local charities in the City of Santa Barbara. Tickets are required for the dinner and the reverse raffle. Call me if you need a ticket. Price is \$125 for a dinner of two. I also have tickets available for the Religious & Clergy appreciation dinner scheduled for Wednesday, January 23, 2013.

Our fundraiser during the Santa Barbara Fiesta earned close to \$7,000. We extend our gratitude to all our brother Knights and close friends that took time out to work in the souvenir booth and the Pepsi wagon.

Recently Fr. Paul Devot announced that he will be leaving Our Lady of Sorrows and the City of Santa Barbara. We thank Fr. Paul for his service to our Council as Chaplain. We are happy to announce that Father Charles Talley, new pastor to St. Barbara Parish, and a new member to our Council, has agreed to become our Council Chaplain. Fr. Talley is a member of the Franciscan Order at the Old Mission. We welcome Fr. Talley to our Council.

Ray Charpentier

#### **GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT**

Prother Knights, it seems like we were just celebrating the beginning of summer. Now it's the end of August and you wonder where the days have gone. Tempus fugit. What has happened to all that time since the 4<sup>th</sup> of July?

No doubt some of that time was spent with Fiesta. Hopefully you had a chance to work with your Brother Knights selling soft drinks or souvenirs at Mercado del Norte. Under the watchful eyes of Brother Mark Wietstock, this has traditionally been one of our strongest fund raising events and the proceeds from our efforts fund many good works in the coming year. Thank you to Mark and the legions of Knights that helped this year. If the chance to serve slipped by, make a note on your calendar for next year because I have found it to be an enriching and enjoyable experience. Viva la Fiesta.

Some of our brothers helped other organizations with their Fiesta activities as well. Holy Cross on the Mesa has been involved with Fiesta for a few years and this year chose to take the lead role in a Mercado de la Guerra food booth. Working in the booth for my parish has always been a rewarding experience and a chance to get to know fellow parishioners. The added duties of set-up and disassembly proved to be challenging but manageable. I cannot say enough good things about the rewards that a man receives when he helps another.

Speaking of helping others, the West Alta Mesa residents were given just such an opportunity earlier this week. Starting Monday, August 20 at about 5:45 p.m. and continuing on till just past 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 21, 190 households

endured an extended Southern California Edison outage. Greater numbers of Edison customers experienced the initial outage but as service was restored to most later Monday evening the West Alta Mesa folks were literally left in the dark. What do you do when something like this happens? The answers are automatic, check on your family and home then help your neighbors. And who is your neighbor you might ask. I think the Samaritan has shown us the way. Let us all be Good Samaritans.

So as we put the wraps on summer and prepare for another Council year it is time to gaze forward and chart our course. On the horizon is the September Social, which marks the first official celebration of our Centennial. Just over the horizon but still in this hemisphere are the Knights' Night Out and the Memorial Mass. Put a star on your calendar to set aside each one of these events to gather and break bread with your Brother Knights. Look forward to seeing you.

Vivat Jesus Steve Romofsky, Grand Knight



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#### **Knights Insurance Notes**

#### Greener Grass?

Te all know the old adage – the grass seems greener on the other side of the fence. When it comes to replacing your existing Knights of Columbus life insurance with coverage offered by another company, the adage holds true. Perceptions are deceiving. A move to the other side of the fence might seem like a good one, but it can leave you with less green in your wallet – in some cases, a lot less. That's why it pays to remember another old saying – Read the fine print.

There are many reasons to keep your existing Knights of Columbus coverage in force. Focus on the potential pitfalls of replacing coverage here – pitfalls that an agent trying to convince you that the grass actually is greener might neglect to mention.

First, all life insurance contracts contain a contestability period, which allows the insurer to contest claims made for a period, typically two years, after the contract is issued. Chances are this is no longer an issue with your current Knights of Columbus coverage.

Second, it's unlikely that you can obtain the same amount of coverage, for the same premium, that you were able to obtain with your existing contract. The two factors that determine how much you'll need to pay for life insurance coverage are age and health. Certainly, you're older now than you were when you took out your current coverage. There's no way around that one. And you have to ask yourself, has your health changed during that time? Is your blood pressure the same? What about your cholesterol? Have you gained weight? All these factors affect the amount of coverage you'll get for your premium dollar.

If someone encourages you to replace – or worse, drop - your existing coverage with the Knights of Columbus, please call us. We can show you how your existing coverage is working for you and why replacement is rarely in your best interest. To contact someone with regards to this or any of your insurance needs, call Steven R. Owens, General Agent, at (310) 212-5632.

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

#### **September Birthdays**

- 2 Matthew McCaffrey
- 5 Marin-Leon Rafael
- 6 Steven Romofsky
- 7 Ralph Karleskint
- 7 Giuseppe Arnoldi
- 10 Armando Vasquez
- 10 Frank Umanzio
- 11 Miguel Unzuetta
- 12 Robert Roux
- 15 Paul Rayas
- 17 George Bourgeois
- 18 Kevin Connor
- 25 Hank Gomez

#### October Birthdays

- Michael Aberle
- 4 George Begg
- 4 Michael Sackett
- 5 Jerry Whitefoot
- 8 Nicholas Curran
- 8 John Connolly
- Joe Manzo
- 10 Juan Ramon Castro
- 10 John Klink
- 11 Lawrence Huard
- 18 Dennis Douville
- 21 Donald Randles
- 24 Bob Sanchez
- 26 Thomas Anglin

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#### GENERAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 1684 WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2012

Welve members were present when Grand Knight Bruce García called the Council meeting for July to order at 7:48 p.m. Upon closing the meeting doors, Warden James Bauer verified membership cards. The Worthy Grand Knight lead the Council in a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Officers' role was called, after which Grand Knight Bruce García presented the gavel to incoming Grand Knight Steve Romofsky who assumed control of the Council.

The new slate of officers was then seated and the roll called again. Ten officers and Trustees answered the roll call.

The notes from the June Council Meeting were accepted as read.

The Grand Knight reported on the following items:

As the first order of business, the Grand Knight made the presentation of a handsome wood and brass plaque to Past Grand Knight Bruce García for his inspirational leadership during the last three Columbian years followed by a grand ovation from the Knights in attendance. He then thanked PGK Mark Weitstock for his role as a forceful leader and being a role model for future Grand Knights.

Under membership, there were no new membership applications.

Under communication, no new communication was read.

Under the treasurer's report, the Council's July balance was \$2,414.29 after deposits of \$374.22 and withdrawals of \$4,379.70. The June dinner earned a profit of \$17.51 on attendance of 27 members and 10 guests.

The financial secretary reported five bills paid.

Under unfinished business:

- The 2012-2013 budget was given the second reading, whereupon its passage was moved and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Brother Bruce García volunteered to do the food for the September social, possibly Mexican food.
- Brother Mark Weitstock presented the changes in our Fiesta booth costs and procedures. The short version is that everybody wants more mon-

ey from vendors like the Knights, but this is our major fundraiser, so we will press onward. The signup sheets were put before the members in attendance and are available to all members by calling Brother Mark. Please sign up for a shift and support your brother Knights.

#### Under new business:

- Changes to the amount of money given to each charity were discussed in relation to the budget. After much discussion, it was moved and seconded that the amount given to each invited charity be reduced to \$750. The motion failed. (The new amount set by a motion passed at the May 9 Council meeting raised the amount to \$1,000 from the previous amount of \$500.)
- There was a discussion about which charities would continue to receive our support and which would not. It was moved and seconded that we should remove the Cancer Center and the Rehabilitation Center from our list. The motion passed unanimously.
- There was further discussion regarding removal of charities which resulted in a motion and a second to remove the Alzheimer's Association from our list. The motion passed.
- The Centennial Committee decided that a Latin Mass should be said at our May Council meeting which marks the month of our Council's founding. Brother Bruce will be in charge of making that happen.
- Brother Ray Charpentier told members that he has tickets for the Clergy Appreciation Dinner scheduled for January 23, 2013, and that members can purchase them for \$15 per person at any time by contacting him.

There was no District Deputy's report and no Field Agent's report.

Under the Good of the Order, there was nothing.

Prayers for the Sick or Distressed:

- Brother Mark for Brother David Chávez.
- Brother Steve for Brother Richard Rink who recently had eye surgery.

The Council meeting for July adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

The next business meeting is August 8, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Al Anglin**, Recorder

#### Mike Engler

### Pro-Life Report

# College Student Lays Down Life for Unborn Babies

In a project called Crossroads Walk, pro-life young people trek across the entire United States every summer to raise awareness of the plight of the babies. On August 11, 40-some young Crossroads Walkers completed their journey by attending Mass at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

But this Mass was bittersweet, because it was in memory of one of their fellow walkers, Andrew Moore, who died instantly when a car struck him in Indiana on July 20. He was praying the Rosary at the moment he died. (No charges were filed in the accident, and Andrew's companions ask for prayers for the driver.)

Andrew, who was just 20, was from Concord, California, and was a student at Thomas Aquinas College in Santa Paula. At home, he attended Mass daily and prayed outside an abortion mill almost every day. He was discerning a call to the priesthood. After Andrew's death, one of his uncles, Paul Brilliant, flew over from the UK and joined the walkers in Andrew's place.

After the Mass for Andrew in Washington, his friends prayed at an abortion mill near the White House, then walked to Capitol Hill for a final rally. Starting in May every year since 1995, young pro-lifers have walked across the USA, starting on the West Coast, to witness publicly for the right to life. Their destination is Washington, D.C. Along the way, they visit churches, pray outside abortion mills, and counsel women and girls at those places of death.

Andrew's Dad, Joseph, shared these thoughts in a tribute to his son: "...on a much deeper level, [Andrew] understood that embracing the truth meant, ultimately, embracing the Cross. There is a heavy price to pay for loving people."

These words of Archbishop Charles Chaput (from his recent Fortnight for Freedom homily) apply to Andrew:

We need to "speak out," not only for religious liberty and the ideals of the nation we love, but for the sacredness of life and the dignity of the human person — in other words, for the truth of what it means to be made in the image and likeness of God. We need to be witnesses of that truth not only in word, but also in deed. In the end, we're missionaries of Jesus Christ, or we're nothing at all. And we can't share with others what we don't live faithfully and joyfully ourselves.

Pray for us, heroic Andrew Moore!

Mike Engler Pro-Life Chairman

#### **BLUE MASS AND DINNER**

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

#### **MONDAY SEPTEMBER 17**

at St. Raphael's Church.
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#### **Deacon's Corner:**

#### What are you going to teach our Children?

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

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

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

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

the World just as you and I do every day.

Today's Catechesis consists of far more than memorizing the appropriate responses to 1400 questions of the Baltimore Catechism; it helps our children and teens to live a life as a disciple of Christ, to deal with the difficult questions of life when confronted with conflicts and questions of conscience, we teach our children not just "God is everywhere," but God is present in all that we encounter and can become truly present in our own actions and in the eyes of others by the way we treat everybody we meet and interact with.

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

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

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

Deacon Randy Saake



#### GENERAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 1684 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2012

Twelve members were present when Grand Knight Steve Romofsky called the Council meeting for August to order at 7:39 p.m. Upon closing the meeting doors, Warden James Bauer verified membership cards. The Worthy Grand Knight lead the Council in a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from the July Council Meeting were amended to include the following full list of the eight remaining charities supported by the Knights Nite Out: Catholic Charities, St. Vincent's Home, Visiting Nurses and Hospice Care, Poor Clares, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Transition House, Friendship Center, and Boy Scouts.

The Grand Knight reported on the following items:

- There will be a meeting of the Centennial Committee at 7:00 p.m. August 15, at the Grand Knight's house. This will help firm up plans for our first centennial event at the September 26 social.
- Brother Bruce García is in the process of confirming a date in June, 2013, at Bishop Diego High School for our Centennial celebration. He is also working on the Latin Mass for May.
- Brother Ray Charpentier has tickets for the Clergy Appreciation Dinner scheduled for January 23, 2013, and members can purchase them for \$15 per person at any time by contacting him.

Under membership, there were no new membership applications. However, Father Charles Talley, St. Barbara Parish's new pastor, transferred his membership to Council 1684.

Under communication, a letter of appreciation from Bishop Diego High School regarding the Council's \$16,000 donation was read. The monthly newsletter marking the celebration of the eighth centenary of the Poor Clares was received.

There was no treasurer's report.

The financial secretary reported two bills paid.

Under unfinished business:

 Brother Mark Wietstock reported the results of the Fiesta fundraising effort. Preliminary results of the drink booth show a net profit of about \$7000 and the souvenir sales netted about \$700. Brother Mark thanked all of the brothers who helped. He was roundly applauded in turn by the Council for his magnificent leadership.

#### Under new business:

- Brother Mark thought it might be a good idea for the Council to develop some talking points regarding our centennial so we can make presentations to the media at some point.
- Brother Mark presented a resolution to the Council giving access to \$2000 in special expenses for our centennial activities. The resolution, as seen below, was given its first reading:

Council 1684 celebrates its 100-year centennial in 2013 and the council has resolved to observe multiple anniversary and such events requiring special funding. Therefore, we propose that the council allocate special funding in an amount reasonably required for this purpose, not to exceed an aggregate of \$2,000.00. Witnessed by Mark Wietstock, John Green, and Hank Peterson.

There was no District Deputy's report and no Field Agent's report.

Under the Good of the Order, there was nothing.

Prayers for the Sick or Distressed:

- Brother Mark for Brother Bobby Sánchez on the death of his son Matt.
- Brother Ray for Brother Robert Brierton who has been ill.
- Brother Dan Engler for Brother Robert O'Brien who is now in a wheelchair.

The Council meeting for August adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

The next business meeting is September 12, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Al Anglin**, Recorder

## **Photo Section**

#### FIESTA AT MACKENZIE PARK



Mark Wiestock, on the left, is having a pleasant discussion with Tom Salgado and Paul Maxwell.



Tom Salgado on the left and Paul Maxwell on the right were the first two Knights to dispense soft drinks.



Managing the Souvenir booth is David Chavez on the right and Steve Riffero on the left. Steve is celebrating his 60th year as a brother Knight and as a member of our Council.



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