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Council 1684 • Santa Barbara, California

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2013

100th Anniversary

Special Dates and Activities

Jan 3 11:00 PM
Hour of Adoration
of the Blessed
Sacrament, Chapel
of the Poor Clares.

Jan 13 3:00 PM
Prayer Vigil to
End Abortion, in
front of the Planned
Parenthood office,
518 Garden Street

Jan 25 5:30 PM
Prepare Meal at
Transition House

Jan 31 11:00 PM
Hour of Adoration
of the Blessed
Sacrament, Chapel of
the Poor Clares.

Feb 10 3:00 PM
Prayer Vigil to
End Abortion, in
Front of the Planned
Parenthood office,
518 Garden Street

Feb 22 5:30 PM
Prepare Meal at
Transition House

January 9	6:30 PM	Officers Meeting
	7:30 PM	General Council Meeting
	Location:	Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street
January 23	6:00 PM	Clergy & Religious Appreciation Dinner
	Location:	Bishop Diego High School 4000 LaColina Road, Santa Barbara, CA
February 13	6:30 PM	Officers Meeting
	7:30 PM	General Council Meeting
	Location:	Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street
February 27	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...

The most important event for January 2013 is the upcoming Clergy & Religious Appreciation Dinner being held at Bishop Diego High School on Wednesday, January 23. Ticket sales are very slim. We need to increase our ticket sales to make this a successful event. Page 9 of this bulletin provides a formal announcement. Cost is \$15 per person. Clergy, religious and spouses of deacons are free. Our guest speaker for the dinner is Bishop Curry. I will accept payment by mail provided the person encloses a self-addressed envelope for mailing the tickets. Reservations are accepted with payment made at the door. Members can sponsor clergy and religious with a donation. They are not required to attend.

At the Memorial Mass on November 14, Fr. Charles Talley, our Chaplain said the mass honoring our brother Knights and Catholic daughters who had died during the past year. I thank all that attended, and the Borgatello family for providing the meal.

On December 5, our Council held a Second Degree Ceremony. Congratulations to brothers Jim Sturnot Jr., Dale Olmstead, and Augie Morales of Council 1684, and to brothers Catarino Valenzuela and James Deharuin of Council 5300. A Third Degree Exemplification is scheduled to be held in Moorpark on Sunday, February 17.

The Christmas Dinner was a happy occasion for those that attended. For a change in menu, Lasagna was the main dish. The Treble Clef Singers provided entertainment.

Since Ash Wednesday falls on February 13, our Valentine's Dinner for brother Knights and there spouses will be held on February 27. Dinner is free for brothers and spouses.

Ray Charpentier

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Grand Knight
Steve Romofsky

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January Birthdays

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- 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
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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



Steve Romofsky

Brother Knights I am composing my thoughts on the last Thursday of Advent. Advent offers us a chance to reflect back on the year and remember our blessings. Take a moment and count the blessings you have received this year, numerous they will likely be. I consider one of my blessings to be the men of Council 1684 and the brotherhood we share.

An example of this brotherhood is the Memorial Mass, celebrated every November. This year our Chaplain, Father Charles Talley, OFM, was the celebrant. Those that attended were not only enriched by Fr. Charles' homily but they received some acolyte training regarding the arcane vestments worn by the clergy. Thank you Fr. Charles.

Another example of our brotherhood is our degree ceremonies. The Second Degree ceremony that we held on the 5th of December advanced Brothers Augie Morelos, Dale Olmstead, and Jim Sturnot to the Second Degree. We dedicated this ceremony to Mario Borgatello in recognition of his service to Council 1684. I want to extend an invitation to these newly exemplified brothers and all other Council brothers with a Second Degree to sign up with Brother Ray Charpentier for the upcoming Third Degree ceremony that will be held in Moorpark on Sunday, February 17th. Achieving to the third degree affords a Knight the opportunity to participate in Council activities to a greater level. Council 1684 has the privilege of conducting both first and second degree exemplifications. A small group of brothers have performed these functions for many years. Next year we will be recruiting new members for this honor with the goal of holding both of our degree ceremonies on a scheduled basis. If you are interested please let me know. Having been involved with both first and second degree exemplifications I can attest that it is a rewarding experience.

A third example of the brotherhood is our dinner socials, like the Christmas Social, held on December 12. We enjoyed a delicious Italian meal coordinated by Past Grand Knight Bruce Garcia, ably assisted by several volunteers. For entertainment we listened to the Santa Barbara Treble Clef Chorus.

They delivered a wonderful show and allowed us to sing along. We have signed them up for next year so keep that in mind when we publish the yearly calendar this summer. Past Grand Knight Mark Wietstock won the raffle for a bottle of an adult beverage and the host for the evening's merriment won the 50/50 raffle.

The Knights of Columbus is an organization of good works. Our gifts to non-profit organizations and the scholarships we provide each year illustrate that point. The Knights also recognize the value of the Catholic Clergy and Religious. Each January we host a Clergy Appreciation Dinner with Council 5300. This year the dinner will be on Wednesday, January 23rd. Tickets are on sale now, contact Ray Charpentier. Each Knight should buy or sell at least two tickets so we can assure good attendance at the Dinner. Take a few with you to church next Sunday. Promote the Knights, honor our Clergy, and meet someone new at Mass.

The first half of 2013 is shaping up to quite a year. Check the calendar. Our dance card is full. How could we possibly squeeze in anything else? Well we will see. Keep an eye on our Centennial Celebrations. We turn 100 this year. Mark your New Year's calendar.

Christmas blessings for each of you my Brother Knights. Celebrate the New Year and participate in the Epiphany festivities in your parish, which bring the Christmas Season to a close and begin our journey to Ash Wednesday, Lent, and Easter.

Vivat Jesus

Steve Romofsky, Grand Knight

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GENERAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 1684 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2012

Twenty-three members were present when Grand Knight Steve Romofsky called the Council meeting for December to order at 8:10 p.m. following a Second Degree Exemplification. Upon closing the meeting doors, Warden James Bauer verified membership cards.

The minutes from the October Council Meeting were approved as read.

The Grand Knight reported on the following items:

- The menu for the December social will be a lasagna dish, vegetables, bread and salad. The entertainment will feature the incomparable Treble Clef Singers.
- Brother Knights need to purchase their tickets for the January 23 Clergy Appreciation Dinner at Bishop Diego Garcia High School at 6:30 p.m. – \$15 per ticket.
- Worthy Grand Knight Steve Romofsky remarked about how successful the Knight's Nite Out and the November Memorial Mass were. Our new Chaplain Father Talley impressed all in attendance presiding over the mass.
- We need to get our Centennial Year Celebration into the Resolutions at the Knight's State Convention.

Under membership, there was a Second Degree Exemplification prior to the business meeting. Brothers Jim Sturnot, Dale Olmstead, and Augie Morales of Council 1684 advanced to the Second Degree along with Catarino Valenzuela and James Denaruin of Council 5300.

Under communication, the Council received letters of appreciation from our dear Poor Clare Sisters, Transition House, Catholic Charities, and Visiting Nurse and Hospice Care for the \$1000 donation made at the Knight's Nite Out.

Under the Treasurer's report, Treasurer Bob Roux was in the hospital. Brother Ray Charpentier gave his report: the Council's December balance was \$7,411.80 after deposits of \$1,071.72 and withdrawals of \$8,852.78.

The financial secretary reported four bills paid.

There was no unfinished business and no new business.

Under the District Deputy's report, District Deputy Mike Ohler attended the Second Degree Exemplification and Council meeting along with District Deputy Warden Mark Schuetz. He reiterated our council membership and insurance goals, and offered any assistance he can provide. There is officially no District 68. All of those Councils are now part of District 70. A Third Degree Exemplification will be held in Moorpark on February 17.

Under the Field Agent's report, Field Agent Jehan Fernando spoke to the Council briefly about the benefits of Knights insurance and financial tools.

Under the Good of the Order,

- Brother Bruce García reminded the Council that there is a prayer vigil every second Sunday of the month in front of the Planned Parenthood building at 3 p.m. It lasts about 40 minutes and is non-confrontational since Planned Parenthood is closed on Sunday.
- Brother Mark Weitstock reminds Knights to be mindful of prayer and purpose as we enter into a new liturgical year during Advent.
- Brother Jim Garland gave the Council an update on Fourth Degree activities including the Trustees dinner on December 15

Prayers for the Sick or Distressed:

- Brother Ray for our Treasurer Bob Roux.
- Brother Mark for PGK Bobby Sánchez.
- Brother Mike Engler for Dr. O'Brien.
- Brother James Bauer for former District Deputy Steve Schlesselman.
- Brother Al for the wife (Connie) of Brother Rafael Cárdenas who is battling cancer.

Following a closing prayer by Worthy Grand Knight Steve Romofsky, the Council meeting for December adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

The next business meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Anglin, Recorder



NOTICE

The Council will be publishing its Membership Directory for 2013. If you have changes that need to be made for you name, address, phone and/or e-mail address, contact:

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Pro-Life Report

40 Years in the Abortion Desert - Is There Hope?



Mike Engler

It's hard to believe: January 22, 2013, will mark the 40th anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision, in which the U.S. Supreme Court imposed abortion on demand on our beloved country. Since that day, abortionists have killed more than 54 million preborn boys and girls. Every day, 3,000 more babies die.

And just as pro-lifers predicted 40 years ago, abortion has led to euthanasia—the killing of sick, handicapped and elderly people. Under the new national healthcare law, countless elderly people will be killed by denial of needed care. The unelected Independent Payments Advisory Board will decide who lives and who dies.

Many pro-life Americans are feeling discouraged. But we must resist that temptation! One of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is fortitude, and one of His fruits is long-suffering. Jesus was not a quitter, and His followers shouldn't be, either!

“How small is your strength if you falter in times of adversity,” says the Lord of Life in Prov. 24:10. “The Spirit God has given us is no cowardly spirit,” we read in II Tim. 1:7. And let's take heart often from this verse: “I can do all things through Christ, Who strengthens me” (Phil. 4:13).

In 1979 Bl. Pope John Paul II admonished us, “It is easy to be consistent for day or two. It is difficult and important to be consistent for one's whole life. It is easy to be consistent in the hour of enthusiasm; it is difficult to be so in the hour of tribulation. And only a consistency that lasts throughout the whole of life can be called faithfulness.”

Take heart, because polls show that more people, especially young people, call themselves “pro-life” every year. Plus, in many states, parental-consent laws are saving thousands of babies. What's more, there are now three pro-life pregnancy-aid centers for every abortion mill, and the latter are dwindling in number. In addition, ultrasound imaging is proving to everyone that pre-born babies aren't “blobs of cells,” they're babies!

Let's resolve to do more in the New Year. Each of us can pray more for an end to abortion, support pro-life groups financially, help unwed moms, write letters to the editor, educate young Catholics about Church teachings on abortion and euthanasia, resolve to vote only for pro-lifers in the next election, and more. Abortion will end when America's 68 million Catholics make it end.

Mike Engler
Pro-Life Chairman

Photo Section

Memorial Mass - November 14, 2012

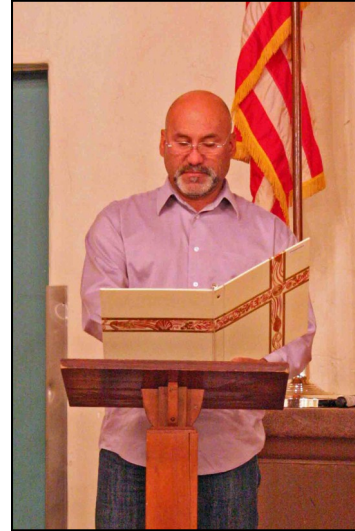
The Memorial Mass remembers Brother Knights and Catholic Daughters that have died during the past year.



**Fr. Charles Talley OFM,
Pastor of St. Barbara
Parish conducted the
memorial mass.**



**During the mass Brother Mark lead the
members in singing.**



**Brother Bruce led the
members in prayer.**

THANKING THOSE THAT HELP PUBLISH OUR BULLETIN

Our appreciation goes to the following brothers that have contributed messages, editorials and announcements during 2012: Bruce Garcia, Ray Charpentier, David Farebrother, Al Anglin, Mike Engler, Dan Engler, Deacon Randy Saake, Steve Romofsky, Borgatello Family, Richard Rink, and Deacon Nick Curran. Our gratitude also goes to our advertisers: Nicolas and Eileen Curran – Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, MarBorg Disposal Company, Garvan Kuskey D.D.S., Pueblo Del Rey Funeral Services, Alex Saucedo, Mark Wietstock – Lawyer, Garcia Rock & Water Design, Karleskint Catering Company, Oswald J. Da Ros Inc., Castro Cleaning Service Company, Benoit Construction, Welch-Ryce-Haider Funeral Chapels, R. J. Carroll & Sons Inc., and Randy Saake Home Repairs.

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**After mass, members and spouses joined in
conversation as well as a light meal.**



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Deacon's Corner:

Quality and Strength of Our Faith

I wish you all a very blessed and safe New Year's; and I hope you will continue to acknowledge this year as the "Year of Faith" as decreed by our Holy Father, Benedict XVI.

This whole year should be a time for asking about the quality and strength of our faith.

"Our faith in Jesus Christ must be the light that fills our whole lives — all our hearts and minds and strength. Our faith should be transforming. It should be lived with a sense of gratitude — because faith is a gift from God. It should be lived in relationships of love — love for God and love for others. And our faith in Jesus Christ should involve us deeply in his Church — the family of God that he is building in history and in society." - Archbishop Jose Gomes

The very centre of our faith is in knowing that we belong to God's family — that we are sons and daughters of God who is our Father.

Our whole religion can be understood in that; we are a people who believe that a certain moment in history, the living God sent us his only begotten and beloved Son.

His Son was conceived and born in a mother's womb and raised in a human family. And Jesus came to proclaim among us the good news of our own divine relationship—the good news that God

is our Father.

When Jesus was baptized, God spoke these words: "This is my beloved Son!" And we believe that when we were baptized God said the exact same thing about us. In this Year of Faith, we need to make time to deepen our sense of our identity as beloved sons and daughters of God.

We need to make this year a time for a new conversion. Conversion is first of all a conversion to Jesus Christ. In him we see the perfection of human nature. We see what a true child of God looks like. Conversion means accepting the gifts of grace that God gives us in his Word and in the sacraments and striving every day to be more like Jesus.

Let's keep one another in prayer this year. Let's try to really pray for one another as sisters and brothers in one family of God. How beautiful it would be if every day each one of us would try to pray for the person in our parish and community, who needs God's help the most.

Learn more how others are practicing the quality and strength of their faith. Read the Tidings online: <http://www.the-tidings.com/>

Yours in Christ and Service,

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Photo Section

Second Degree - December 5



These are the candidates that took the Second Degree on December 5. It appears that everyone is smiling but Columbus. From left to right are Jim Sturnot Jr. 1684, Augie Morelos 1684, James Denaruin 5300, Catarino Valenzuela 5300, and Dale Olmstead 1684.

Christmas Dinner Wednesday - December 12



Entertainment was provided by the Treble Clef Singers.



From left to right are Fr. Charles Talley OFM, Pastor St. Barbara Parish at the Old Mission, Fr. Larry Gosselin OFM, Associate Pastor at St. Barbara Parish, and Grand Knight Steven Romofsky.



Serving dinner are brothers Ray Charpintier, Jim Bauer and Bruce Garcia.

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*Clergy & Religious
Appreciation Dinner
January 23, 2013*

*Guest Speaker - Bishop Thomas Curry
Sponsored By
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**The purpose of this dinner is to honor the clergy and religious
serving in our parishes, schools, and homes.**

**Bishop Diego High School
4000 LaColina Road, Santa Barbara, CA
Dinner will be served in the Main Gym**

**Doors Open - 6:30 PM
Dinner Served - 7:00 PM
Cost of Ticket - \$15 per person
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