



# Knights of Columbus

Council 1684 • Santa Barbara, California

## SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2013

### Special Dates and Activities

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

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

**Sept 27 5:30 PM**  
**Prepare Meal at**  
**Transition House**

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

**October 13**  
**Celebrate Columbus**  
**Day at 9 AM Mass -**  
**Old Mission Santa**  
**Barbara**

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

**October 18-19 Fund**  
**Raiser Villa Majella**

**October 25 5:30 PM**  
**Prepare Meal at**  
**Transition House**

- Sept 8** Council 1684 will be holding Third Degree Ceremony. Plans include morning Mass at Serra Hall followed by Pancake Breakfast. More information will soon be announced.
- Sept 11** Officers Meeting 6:30 PM  
General Council Meeting 7:30 PM  
Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street
- Sept 25** September Dinner Meeting  
Cocktails 6:30 PM Dinner 7:00 PM  
Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street
- October 9** Officers Meeting 6:30 PM  
General Council Meeting 7:30 PM
- October 13** Columbus Day Mass 9:00 AM - Saint Barbara Church  
Old Mission Santa Barbara  
Our Council celebrates Columbus Day
- October 23** Knights' Nite Out - Annual Charity Dinner  
Cocktails 6:30 PM Dinner 7:00 PM  
Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street  
This is Council 1684's annual charity event where 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...

**T**he next two months will be busy for Council 1684. On September 8, our Council will host a Third Degree Exemplification for Brother Knights from Ventura, Oxnard, Carpinteria and Santa Barbara. The exact schedule for the ceremony is to be announced.

With September begins our monthly social dinners for members and their spouses. September social dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25. In October, three dates are important to remember. On Sunday, October 13 our Council will celebrate Columbus Day by attending the 9 AM mass at St. Barbara Church, Old Mission Santa Barbara. On the weekend of October 19-20 is the annual fund raiser for Villa Majella. On October 23, our Council again celebrates "Knight's Nite Out," our annual charity event for local church-affiliated and community-based organizations. A ticket for a dinner for two and a chance to be a winner in the reverse raffle and is still \$125.

Congratulations for the following new members taking their first and second degrees on the evening of August 14: Alex Castellano, Ricardo Lemos, Armando Rivera Jr. (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>); and Eduardo Cue (2<sup>nd</sup>).

Please remember Mario F. Borgatello, who passed away on Thursday, August 15, and Joseph A. Kunze who passed away on Saturday, August 17.

*Ray Charpentier*

## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



*Steve Romofsky*

**W**orthy Brother Knights, summer is winding down, school is winding up, and the beat keeps going on for the Knights of Columbus. Tempus fugit. We are well on our way into another Columbian Year.

In August we witnessed the passing of Worthy Brother Knight Mario Borgatello and the outpouring of respect from the community. It is impossible for me to provide a perspective on this event because I have been a Knight for a mere fraction of the time that Mario was a member of our order. I would just like to say that we will miss him and our prayers and support are with the Borgatello family at this time of mourning. God bless all of you.

August also brought us Fiesta with all the accompanying reverie. Mark Wietstock championed this event for our Council, which is a major fund raiser for our charitable works. I worked the booth in my now traditional Friday night time slot. Hopefully you had the opportunity to work beside a Brother Knight during this worthy event. Thank you Brother Mark and all the Knights that supported this effort.

During August we also celebrated coincident First and Second Degree Ceremonies. Thank you to our degree

teams for their fine performance of these ceremonials. You will read more about that later. We have a Third Degree Ceremony scheduled for Sunday, September 8. I am extending an invitation to all of our Second Degree brothers to avail themselves of this opportunity for advancement, which will occur right here in Serra Hall.

September brings the return of our dinner socials. Please join your Brother Knights for these fun evenings and bring the family or bring a friend. We await you with open arms.

October is our annual fundraising extravaganza, Knights' Knight Out. I am asking that all the Brother Knights participate in this wonderful event.

Join us for a meeting; we would really enjoy seeing you again. Attend a social; there is no finer time than that spent with your Brother Knights. Bring a friend to a dinner. Show him what the Knights are about, introduce him around, and ask him to join. Remember the first time you attended a Knights of Columbus meeting. New members are the life of our organization.

Hope to see all of you either at church, the Third Degree, a dinner social, around the town, or at a business meeting. Enjoy your time as summer slides into fall.

Vivat Jesus,

*Steve Romofsky*

Grand Knight

### REMEMBRANCE OF JOSEPH A. KUNZE

**J**oseph Kunze of Goleta, age 83, a longtime member of Council 1684, died on August 17. Funeral mass for Joe was conducted at 10 a.m. on Thursday, August 29 at St. Raphael Catholic Church. Online condolences can be made at [www.wrhsb.com](http://www.wrhsb.com). Arrangements were done by Welch-Ryce-Haider Funeral Chapels. Council 1684 extend its condolences to the Kunze family.

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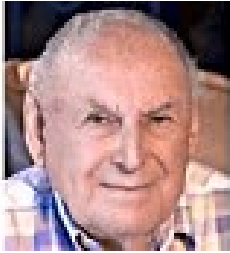
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## Remembering of Our Late Brother, Mario Borgatello SK



**M**ario (Hammer) Borgatello passed away peacefully on August 15th at the age of 95. He was born on April 18, 1918 in Santa Barbara, California, the youngest of five children born to Secundo and Josephine Borgatello. He graduated from Santa Barbara High School, Class of 1936. Mario and his buddies attended many dances in Santa Ynez Valley where he met the "love of his life" Peggy Saulsbury. He would come up from Santa Barbara every weekend just to dance with Peggy. After dancing their hearts out they decided to marry in September of 1941 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Las Vegas. Mario and his wife settled into a simple, but beautiful life together in Montecito where they raised their two beloved sons, David and Mario.

Mario and Peggy continued to make weekend trips to the Santa Ynez Valley tending to their ranch where he raised corn, fruits and vegetables for the family to enjoy! He also enjoyed many fishing trips to the High Sierras, driving to Las Vegas to try his luck at the tables.

The value of hard work was instilled in Mario by his parents from a very young age. Mario's father passed away when he was six months old, leaving his mother to raise five young children by herself. The young family was hard working and resourceful in their efforts to support themselves, leading to the creation of a small trash company. After graduating from high school, Mario worked full time picking up trash in Montecito. Later, along with his two sons, Mario created what is now known as MarBorg Industries. Mario had tremendous pride in his small company; adored watching his sons and numerous grandchildren carry on his passion and commitment for doing hard, honest work. His dedication to MarBorg was felt by numerous employees both past and present, affectionately referring to him as "Papa Mario." He continued to make his daily rounds at the facility; his last day being Monday, August 12th.

Community involvement was an important part of Mario's life. He joined the Knights of Columbus (Council 1684) at the age of 18, serving as an active member until his passing. Also, he was involved in the Santa Barbara Catholic High Booster Club, Montecito Lions Club, Meals on Wheels and the Poor Clares Monastery monthly adoration. He was generous with his time giving much to the community he loved.

Mario was a devoted and committed Catholic, his life reflecting the values of faith, honesty and humility. He was deeply involved in the formation and development of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. As a young man, he was an altar server at the first mass celebrated in the church in 1936. Mario and his wife, Peggy, were active parishioners of Mount Carmel finding many beloved friends among this community.

Close to Mario's heart was his loving family. He led his family with strong values and a commitment to each other. His legacy will live on through his two sons, David (Louise) and Mario (Judy), sisters, Laura and Ida Borgatello, Augusta Borgatello Lord (son Denny (Laura) Lord), sister's-in-law Nancy Barnett (Richard), Martha Saulsbury, Lynette Saulsbury, brother-in-law James Saulsbury (Darlene). He was blessed with seven grandchildren who affectionately called him "Papa" and 21 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, and his canine pal, Bodie.

Mario was preceded in death by his parents Secundo and Josephine Borgatello, wife Peggy, brother Charles A. Borgatello and many other dear friends.

Funeral service, held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, included recitation of the rosary on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, and a funeral mass on Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Mario was laid to rest at Calvary Cemetery. He will be greatly missed by all that new him.

Gifts in his memory may be made to Bishop Diego High School Scholarship Fund, Mount Carmel School Scholarship Fund or to the donor's charity of choice. Funeral services were handled by Welch-Ryce-Haider.

## **GENERAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 1684**

### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2013**

Twelve members were present when Grand Knight Steve Romofsky called the Council meeting for July to order at 7:40 p.m. Upon closing the meeting doors, Warden James Bauer verified membership cards, and the Grand Knight led the opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the June meeting were accepted as read.

Grand Knight welcomed a visiting Knight, Hans Verhaagen from Arizona.

The Worthy Grand Knight reported on the following items:

- August 14, Council meeting will hold first and second degree ceremonies.
- Our Counsel will host a third degree ceremony. September 8 was agreed upon as a possible date.
- With ending of the Council's Centennial as of June 2013, our Council needs to review its direction for the next 100 years.
- Committee will generate a scrap book on what represents the Council for the last 100 years.
- The recorder will be asked to summarize what our Council has done from July 2012 through June 2013. What work has our Council done in supporting the community through various charities?
- Council needs to establish a website. For doing this, our Council needs a volunteer to administer the site. This will require posting a link for the Council's calendar, link for monthly bulletin, costing the creation of the website, establishing a budget, and determining if the Council needs to outsource creation and maintenance of the website.
- Establish a program for our Council to connect with local parishes within the City of Santa Barbara.
- Establish a budget for doing special works at parishes in the City of Santa Barbara. Pastors could depend on the Knights for helping with special projects.
- Announced a District Deputy Meeting scheduled for July 16, 7:00 PM.
- Monthly social has been set for September 25. Knight's Nite Out has been set for October 23.

Under communication,

- Acting recorder read a letter from the Bluejacket Teenage Club requesting help of \$300 for liability insurance.
- Letter was received from Dr. Paul Harrington, thanking the Council for its generous contribution of \$16,000 to Bishop Garcia Diego High School.

Under the Treasurer's report, Brother Bruce Garcia reported a checkbook balance of \$1,964.37. Receiving no financial statement for June, there was no report on the Council's income and expenses.

The financial secretary reported five bills paid.

Brother Ray provided the Grand Knight and members with

a Centennial Report, income and expenses. Total expenses are \$3,353.39, total income \$4,418.00 with net to the Council of \$1,064.61.

Under new membership, Brother Ray provided a first reading for Alex Castellanos, and a second reading for Ricardo Lemos.

On the second reading of Ricardo Lemos, a motion was moved by Brother David Chavez and second by Brother Mark Wietstock to approve of Ricardo's nomination for membership. On call of the question, motion was approved.

Under Old Business:

- Brother Mark reviewed plans for Old Spanish Days Fiesta, July 30 through August 3, 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM.

Under New Business,

- A letter was received from Fr. Charles offering the Council the opportunity to celebrate Columbus Day by having the members of Council 1684 attend the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, October 13 at St. Barbara Church, Old Mission Santa Barbara. A motion was made by James Bauer and second by David Chavez to accept the offer.
- Brother Richard Rink suggested that the Council publish a special issue of the Council's bulletin celebrating the Council's Centennial. Brother Richard provided an outline of its content. Grand Knight stated that Brother Richard is approved to move ahead with the project.

There was no Field Agent's report.

Under the District Deputy's report, Brother Ray Centeno provided the following comments:

- Thanked Council 1684 for their enthusiasm as knights.
- Introduced Brother Bruce Garcia as Ray's new District Warden for our area.
- Provided the Grand Knight with a Grand Knight Planner.
- Announced special dates: Saturday, July 13 – installation of State Officers, Simi Valley; Tuesday, July 16 – District Deputy's Meeting, St. Joseph Parish in Carpinteria; Friday, July 26 – Chapter Officer's Installation, St. Joseph Parish in Carpinteria.
- Recognized the Council's successful newsletter, and Mark's hard work in using the Pepsi wagon during the Fiesta as a fund raiser.
- Applauded our Council's willingness to conduct second and third degree ceremonies.
- Stated the importance for councils filing their IRS 199 forms.
- Stated that communication is important as a foundation for any organization.
- He announced that he will be a regular attendee at our council meetings.

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## *Pro-Life Report*

### **Pope Francis gives pro-life / family / freedom marching orders to Knights**

**Mike Engler**

**O**ur Order has received its orders! Pope Francis recently urged us to defend human life, marriage, normal sexuality, and the rights of believers.

Vatican Secretary of State Tarcisio Cardinal Bertone sent a letter expressing the Pope's thoughts to our annual convention in San Antonio. "Conscious of the specific responsibility which the lay faithful have for the Church's mission," it says, "[Pope Francis] invites each Knight, and every Council, to bear witness to the authentic nature of marriage and the family, the sanctity and inviolable dignity of human life, and the beauty and truth of human sexuality."

What's more, the Pontiff appreciates "the clear public witness offered by the Knights of Columbus in protecting the right and duty of believers to participate responsibly, on the basis of their deepest convictions, in the life of society." No doubt he was thinking of current grave attacks on Catholics' religious freedom, such as Obama's "HHS mandate" that will force Catholic (and other) hospitals, colleges and businesses to provide abortion-causing drugs to their workers or pay millions in fines.

Before he became Pope, he reminded society of its top priority by declaring, "The right to life is the first among human rights. To abort a child is to kill someone who cannot defend himself." In 2012 he said, "Abortion is never a solution. We listen, support and [give] understanding from our place to save two lives: respect the human, being small and helpless, [then] they can take steps to preserve your life, allow birth, and then be creative in the search for ways to bring it to its full development."

In 2007, as Cardinal Bergoglio, he noted with irony that "in Argentina we have the death penalty. A child conceived by the rape of a mentally ill or retarded woman can be condemned to death." He joined all the bishops of Latin America in issuing the Aparecida Document, which declares, "people cannot receive Holy Communion and at the same time act or speak against the commandments, in particular when abortion, euthanasia, and other serious crimes against life and family are facilitated. This responsibility applies particularly to legislators, governors, and health professionals."

Let each of us resolve to say *Yes!* to the Vicar of Christ by doing more to save the preborn babies, newborn babies, embryonic humans, and sick and elderly people whom our "post-Christian" society is killing. Let's pray more and educate more. Let's help moms to refuse abortions. Let's vote 100 percent pro-life. And let's join the too few Knights who take part in the Prayer Vigil to End Abortion at 3:00 p.m. (the hour of the Crucifixion) on the second Sunday of every month at "Planned Parenthood," 518 Garden Street. Pope Francis would be delighted.

**Mike Engler**  
**Pro-Life Chairman**



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*Council Meeting—July 10...*

- Announced that soon there will be a field agent serving our life insurance needs as well as attending our council meetings.
- On recruitment, councils will be under a new rule: *Recruit one new member per council per month.*

Under the Good of the Order,

- Brother Mark Wietstock discussed his experience with liturgical music at several local parishes.

Under Prayers for the Sick or Distressed, we are asked to pray for Bobby Sanchez.

Following a closing prayer led by Worthy Grand Knight Steve Romofsky, the Council meeting for July was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

The next Council 1684 business meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

***Richard Rink***

Acting Recorder

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***GENERAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 1684  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2013***

Twenty-one members were present when Grand Knight Steve Romofsky called the Council meeting for August to order at 7:45 p.m. Upon closing the meeting doors, Warden James Bauer verified membership cards, and the Grand Knight led the opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the July meeting were accepted as read.

The Worthy Grand Knight reported on the following items:

- A Third Degree Exemplification will be held on Sunday, September 8 in the Serra Chapel Old Mission Santa Barbara with a pancake breakfast to follow.
- The Worthy Grand Knight thanked everyone who participated in our successful Fiesta fundraiser, especially Brother Mark Weitstock whose exceptional leadership was the backbone of another triumph.

Under the Treasurer's report,

- The Council's August bank statement reflects a balance of \$5,608.17 after deposits of \$5,030.00 and withdrawals of \$4,915.64.
- The Council's July bank statement reflected a balance of \$5,493.81 after deposits of \$1,351.00 and withdrawals of \$6,024.48. The financial secretary reported five bills paid.

The financial secretary reported four bills paid.

Under membership, there were no new applications. A First Degree Exemplification dedicated to Brother Mario Borgatello was held prior to the meeting in which Alex Castellano, Ricardo Lemos, and Armando Rivera, Jr. were accepted into the Council. A Second Degree Exemplification followed where Alex Castellano, Ricardo Lemos, Armando Rivera, Jr. and Eduardo Cue becoming Second Degree Knights. The Second degree was dedicated to Brother Gene Wesolowski.

Under Old Business, Brother Mark gave a preliminary report on our Fiesta fundraising efforts at MacKenzie Park. Despite cooler than normal weather, sales were good and our brother Knights filled the time slots necessary for success. Brother Mark lauded the assistance of Brother Charles McChesney who worked all four days. Exact figures will be available next month.

Under New Business, Brother Jim Garland began the Fourth Degree update by relating that Father Larry Gosselin will be featured at a dinner on Monday night where all Third Degree Knights are invited - \$12 per person at St. Rafael's Hall, 6 p.m. The annual Blue Mass is set for September 15, 6 p.m. at St. Rafael's Hall.

There was no Field Agent's report.

Under the District Deputy's report, District Deputy Ray Centeno, Jr. kept his remarks brief to facilitate the Second Degree Exemplification to follow.

Good of the Order: None.

Under Prayers for the Sick or Distressed,

- Brother Hans Verhaagen visiting from Arizona, asked prayers for Stuart Rocheford whose cancer has returned.
- Brother Mark Weitstock for Brother Gene Wesolowski.
- Brother Dan Engler for Brother Bobby Sánchez.
- Brother Steve Romofski – a special prayer of thanks.

Following a closing prayer by Worthy Grand Knight Steve Romofsky, the Council meeting for August adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The next Council 1684 business meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

***Al Anglin***

Recorder



## Deacon's Corner:

### *WHY GO TO CHURCH*

Someone wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them.

So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

It went on for weeks until someone wrote this:

*I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 30,000 meals. Last night, as always, she provided me with one of the best meals I've ever eaten. But for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise,*

*if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today."*

Cannon Law says we are supposed to attend Mass every Sunday, unless there is reasonable cause; and to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist at least once a year, preferably in the Easter Season.

I hope we all take time to attend our local parishes or find a Church, even while on vacation, or visiting another town for business or pleasure, and attend Mass; regardless of how anxious we are to get to the Big Game, the business meeting or Disneyland, or just sleep in, just this once...

We can always find Mass times and locations anywhere we travel at: [MassTimes.org](http://MassTimes.org) or check the local phone book and/or newspapers.


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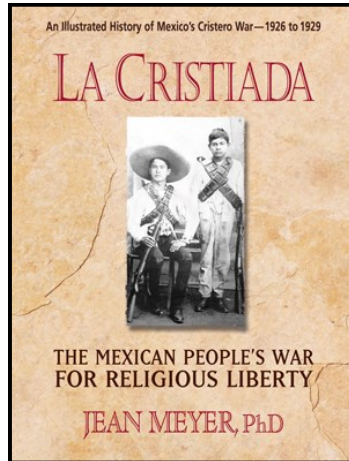
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## La Cristiada: The Mexican People's War for Religious Liberty



The little-known 1920s persecution of Mexican Catholics that reached a fever pitch 87 years ago this month—and the civil war that followed – are the subjects of the newly-released book *La Cristiada: The Mexican People's War for Religious Liberty* by Jean Meyer, PhD (Square One Publishers: 2013).

Long-forgotten in the United States and little-known even in Mexico, the history of the Cristiada movement is well-documented and preserved within this book with an authoritative text amply illustrated by more than 300 photos and illustrations, many of which are from that forgotten time period.

The book follows the release of a major motion picture on the time period; “For Greater Glory,” starring Andy Garcia and Eva Longoria, was released in theaters last summer.

Popularly known as the “Cristero rebellion” or La Cristiada, the uprising and civil war that engulfed Mexico lasted for three years and reignited occasionally for decades thereafter. The situation escalated quickly in 1926, when in July of that year all Catholic religious services in the country were suspended.

The suspensions were in reaction to a severe government crackdown that curtailed the freedom of the Catholic Church, as well as that of members of the clergy and religious communities in Mexico. Public displays of religion were banned and foreign priests were expelled. Under Mexican President Plutarco Elías Calles, the government repression in the 1920s

turned increasingly vicious as many clergy and lay Mexican Catholics were summarily murdered for their faith.

In the United States, the increasingly brutal persecution of Catholics by the Mexican government was opposed by American Catholics and the Knights of Columbus. By contrast, it was endorsed by the then - powerful Ku Klux Klan.

The violent nature of the crackdown quickly resulted in a popular uprising chronicled in this new book, portions of which were first released by Meyer in Spanish.

Based in the United States but with members in Mexico since 1905, the Knights of Columbus worked hard to bring a peaceful end to the Mexican persecution in the 1920s by waging a public information campaign to inform Americans of the atrocities occurring just across the border. The organization also lobbied President Calvin Coolidge, seeking his help to end the violent persecution. Several members of the Knights of Columbus were martyred at the hands of the Mexican government, including six priests who were declared as saints by Blessed Pope John Paul II in 2000.

“While we in the United States are blessed to be in a country ruled by law where our differences are decided in courtrooms and voting booths, we should not forget that not all are so fortunate,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. “It is heartening that this forgotten chapter in North American history is finally getting the attention it deserves.”

The Knights of Columbus commissioned the book’s English edition, and the supreme knight also penned its Foreword.

*La Cristiada: The Mexican People's War for Religious Liberty* can be purchased nationwide at bookstores and online.

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** Originally from France, Professor Jean Meyer has lived in Mexico for decades and is considered one of the world’s leading experts on the period, with previous books published by Cambridge University and the University of Guadalajara. He has taught at major universities in France and Mexico, including the Sorbonne and the Colegio de México



# Photo Section

On the evening of August 14, Council 1684 held two degree exemplifications, First and Second. Candidates from Councils 1684 and 5300 participated in both degree ceremonies. For the Second Exemplification, newly installed District Deputy Ray Centeno, led the degree team composed of members from Council 1684. Below are two photos, on the left newly inducted Knights while on the right members having just completed the second degree ceremony.



**First Degree:** From left to right is James Mitchell Gannon, St. Raphael and Council 5300; Ricardo Lemos, Our Lady of Sorrows and Council 1684; Ray San Vilente, St. Raphael and Council 5300; Alex Castellanos, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Council 1684; and Armando Rivera, Our Lady of Sorrows and Council 1684.



**Second Degree:** From left to right Armando Rivera, Council 1684; James Mitchell Gannon, Council 5300, Ray Centeno, District Deputy; Eduardo Cué, Council 1684; Ricardo Lemos, Council 1684; and Alex Castellanos, Council 1684.

## 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  
12 Robert Roux  
15 Paul Rayas  
16 James Sturnot  
17 George Bourgeois  
18 Kevin Connor

### October Birthdays

3 Michael Aberle  
4 Michael Sackett  
5 Jerry Whitefoot  
8 Nicholas Curran  
8 John Connolly  
10 Juan Ramon Castro  
10 John Klink  
18 Dennis Douville  
21 Donald Randles  
24 Bob Sanchez  
26 Thomas Anglin  
30 Arthur T. Barron

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