

# **Exights of Columbus** Council 1684 • Santa Barbara, California MARCH - APRIL 2014

Council 1684 - St. Patrick's Day Social & Dinner March 12 **Special Dates** Social Hour: 6:30 PM Dinner: 7:00 PM Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street and Activities March 6 11:00 PM March 26 6:30 PM **Officers Meeting** Hour of Adoration 7:30 PM **General Council Meeting** of the Blessed Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street Sacrament, Chapel **First Degree Ceremony** of the Poor Clares. April 9 **Officers Meeting** 6:30 PM 3:00 PM March 9 7:30 PM **General Council Meeting Prayer Vigil to** Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street Location: End Abortion. in front of the Planned April 23 Council 1684 - Dinner & Essay Contest Winners Parenthood office. Social Hour: 6:30 PM Dinner: 7:00 PM 518 Garden Street Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street March 28 5:30 PM Annual Banquet awarding essay contest winners Prepare Meal at **Transition House** Financial Secretary Notes... 11:00 PM April 3 • ongratulations to three bother Knights that took their Second Degree on Hour of Adoration Monday, January 27 at St. Raphael. Included are Ramon San Vicente and of the Blessed Mario Cervantes of Council 5300, and Jose Naranjo of Council 1684. Sacrament, Chapel of Two important dinners will take place in March and April. On Wednesday, the Poor Clares. March 12 our Council celebrates St. Patrick's feast day with an Irish meal. On 3:00 PM April 13 Wednesday April 23, it's our Annual Banquet celebrating student winners of our **Prayer Vigil to End** Essay Contest from Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Notre Dame School. Abortion, In Front of Note that at the Council meeting on Wednesday March 26, we will be holding a the Planned Parenthood First Degree. As a brother Knights, you are encouraged to attend, demonstrating office, 518 Garden St. your support of new applicants to the Knights of Columbus. You need to read the Grand Knight's report. Grand Knight Steve Romofsky 5:30 PM April 25 raises two important questions. First, how can we as Knights become more visible Prepare Meal at within our local parishes? Second, how can council members become more active in **Transition House** doing good works beyond what we already do as members of the Knights of **Columbus?** © 2014 You also must read Mike Engler's Pro-Life Report, lawmakers decreeing the K of C Council 1684 death penalty for sick children. Going beyond adults - there is an element in our **Grand Knight** society wanting to practice euthanasia on sick children. Steve Romofsky Also, read our spiritual message for Lent and Easter on Page 3. It discusses the Send correspondence to: meaning of the words "lead us not into temptation." This was one of Fr. Tom **Ray Charpentier** Messner's last spiritual messages before his death. 2412 Calle Soria Last read Mike Rachford's editorial on Page 9 why the K of C stands strong on Santa Barbara, CA 93109 ethical ground. Phone: (805) 845-1978

Ray Charpentier

## **GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT**



Steve Romofsky

Worthy Brother Knights we are looking forward to longer daylight hours, the time change, the coming Spring, and hopefully rain. Much has happened in the last two months and much is planned for the next two.

January saw our fellow Cath-

olics gather at to show their appreciation for the Clergy and the Religious that serve in our community. More than 140 of us attended the annual dinner, sponsored by Council 5300 in conjunction with our Council. Were you there? We shared each other's company, told a few jokes and stories, dined well on a delicious dinner, and were thoroughly entertained again this year by Samuel de Palma, a master vocalist.

The months ahead will bring the St. Patrick's Day Dinner, The Essay Contest, and the Scholarship Dinner. Check for dates in the Bulletin and mark your calendars. March will bring a membership drive. Supreme has given us a goal of nine new members this year. All Knights in the Council must help us reach this goal. We all know men in our parishes that would be good Knights. Ask them to join. Give them an application form, Brother Ray has copies for you. Sign them up and welcome them into the Council. We have our own Degree Team and can schedule a First Degree Exemplification as soon as we have candidates. In fact one is planned for the end of March

Two subjects are visible on the horizon for this Council. The first is improving the visibility of the Knights of Columbus in the six parishes that we serve. Knights are active in all of the parishes in a variety of ministries. We are Deacons, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Religious Education Teachers, Music Ministers, and Greeters. We serve on parish councils and finance councils. We volunteer for parish fundraisers and we bring our tools when repairs are required. How could we be more visible than that you ask? Please give me your thoughts regarding this important topic.

The second subject on the horizon is good works by this Council. We are a very generous Council and we already do many things for those in need, however, more must be done. One avenue to explore is Habitat for Humanity. Habitat is involved in another building program to provide housing for families in need. What better place for a Knight to be than immersed in that process. Please contact Marc Russo if you are interested in participating. Also, let me know if there are other good works that you think that the Knights can address.

Look forward to Lent and Easter Vivat Jesus,

## Steve Romofsky

Grand Knight



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## Spiritual Message to Live By:

## LENT AND EASTER

When we are praying the Our Father there is the ending that we all repeat: "lead us not into temptation." Some of us may conclude that God must be the one who tempts us. But in the Scriptures, St. James in his letter puts the kibosh on this baseless idea. God never tempts anyone. St. James says that the origin of all temptations comes from within us based on our desires- of course the inordinate ones, desires gone haywire.

Well we are now in the midst of the season of Lent and this is certainly a very good time to look at our desires and establish a priority, fulfilling our good desires and curbing those desires which are out of whack. We are often susceptible to the suggestions of the media or wide-open to the pressures and influences of other people. God on the other hand pours his many graces upon us so that we can withstand and conquer any kind of temptation. As I'm sure you have read in Scripture or heard before "his grace is sufficient for us." St. Paul testifies to the truth of this fact. It's really a cop out and a false excuse when we blame it all on the devil. We need to look deep within ourselves and search the desires controlling us, especially the hidden desires of our hearts. Of course the purpose of all this is so we will grow in holiness and thus have a very worthwhile lent which will enrich our joyful celebration of Easter. That's when we share in the Resurrection Christ by having new life. ALLELUIA!!

May your Lent be meaningful and Easter Grand. Along the way, remember to pray for the many catechumens who are preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening.

Late Fr. Tom Messner



#### **NOTICE**

The Council will be publishing its Membership Directory for 2014-2015. If you have changes that need to be made as to your name, address, phone and/or e-mail address, contact:

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### General Meeting of Council 1684 Wednesday, January 8, 2014

E leven members were present when Grand Knight Steve Romofsky called the January Council meeting to order at 7:38 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 December meeting were approved as read.

The Worthy Grand Knight reported on the following items:

- The Worthy Grand Knight commended the Knights who helped with the preparation and the Treble Clefs' performance, but noted that we need to do a better job of getting our brother Knights out to our socials as attendance was poor.
- The Clergy Appreciation Dinner is being sponsored by Council 5300 and is to be held at the St. Rafael's Parish Hall at 6 p.m. on January 22 for a cost of \$15 per person. Tickets will be available at the January 8 Council meeting or at the door.
- The Valentine's Dinner social will be on February 5, tickets are free for Knights and their spouses. The February business meeting will be held February 26. Remember to mark your calendars.

Under the Treasurer's Report, the Council's January bank statement reflects a balance of \$8,153.17 after deposits of \$3,135.70 and withdrawals of \$2,796.61.

The Christmas social showed income of \$524 and expenses of \$604.03 for a loss of \$80.03.

The Financial Secretary reported five bills paid.

Under Membership, Council 5300 will host a Second Degree Exemplification in February.

Under Communication, Council 1684 received Christmas messages and well wishes from Visiting Nurse & Hospice Care, Bishop Diego García High School, and the Poor Clares. The Council also received a thank you letter from Brother Steve Riffero for the donation made to the Blue Jacket Teenage Club.

Under Old Business,

- Brother Mark Weitstock is taking care of the resolutions to mark membership milestones for Brothers Mario Borgatello and "Ski" Wesolowski.
- The calendar of meetings and socials for the rest of this Columbian year was discussed and approved.
- The Call List for Knights is being updated.
- The Directory is being updated with new members' information.

Under New Business,

- Brother John Green will be planning a meeting to discuss our Endowment Fund management and direction.
- The Council will send in its annual donation for the Tootsie Roll Contest.

Under the District Deputy's report, District Deputy Ray Centeno, Jr. reported that:

- Council 1684 is on track to earn a Star Council Award.
- This year's Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held in Monterey.
- The State Convention will be held in Santa Clara.
- There has been a change in the Third Degree stating that each Council is charged only \$6 for the medallion given to new Third Degree Knights; no other expense to Councils. There will be a Second Degree Exemplification on February 6 in Camarillo.
- Knights need to know that they can sign up on line for the McGivney Guild. This helps advance the cause of canonization for Father McGivney. There is no charge for signing up and donations are strictly voluntary.
- The District Deputy thanked Council 1684 for sending in its Chapter dues.
- DD Ray Centeno, Jr. will be serving as the Council's District Deputy for at least one more year. He again thanked the Council for our support and commitment while commenting on how easy we are to work with.

There was no Field Agent's report.

Under the Good of the Order,

- Brother Jim Garland gave the Fourth Degree update. The Color Corps is looking for a new Commander.
- Brother Bruce Garcia notified the Council that Bishop Curry will be giving a Mass for the unborn at Our Lady of Sorrows at 9 a.m. on February 19.

Under Prayers for the Sick or Distressed,

- Brother Bruce Garcia for his daughter.
- Brother Jim Garland for his daughter who is still recovering from spinal surgery after a year and still has significant pain.
- Brother Steve Romofsky for his mother who is 83.
- Brother Hank Peterson for his father, who has dementia and his mother as they move to a home.

Following a closing prayer by Worthy Grand Knight Steve Romofsky, the Council meeting for January adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

The next Council 1684 business meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

### Al Anglin

Recorder

## Pro-Life Report



## Lawmakers Decree Death Penalty for Sick Children

I f a criminal murders or rapes someone in Belgium, he needn't worry: years ago, that country abolished the death penalty for even the most savage crimes. But on February 13 Belgium's parliament decreed the death penalty for the "crime" of being a sick child

Mike Engler 13 Belgium's parliament decreed the death pena who's in pain.

Euthanasia killings of people over 18 have been legal in Belgium since 2002, but now the killing will spread to minors, and there's no minimum age. (In the euthanasia-ridden Netherlands, doctors already may kill boys and girls as young as 12.)

Supposedly, Belgian doctors may kill only children who ask for death with parental consent. But a doctor may also kill young children who ask for death if doctors say the boys or girls understand what they're requesting.

"This is the horrific logic of euthanasia," said anti-euthanasia expert Wesley J. Smith. "Once killing is accepted as an answer to human difficulty and suffering, the power of sheer logic dictates that there is no bottom."

Anti-euthanasia leader Alex Schadenberg told *LifeSiteNews* that "Euthanasia has been really out of control in Belgium for quite some time. We know from studies that about 32 percent of euthanasia deaths go without requests [from the patients]. Over half of euthanasia deaths are not reported."

The *Los Angeles Times* ran two opinion pieces that favored Belgium's child-killing law, calling its opponents "paranoid" and "death-squeamish."

Pioneering pro-life sociologist Fr. Paul Marx wrote a booklet, *The Mercy Killers*, describing the growing euthanasia movement in our country spreading its views among doctors and intellectuals. **He wrote this 40 years ago**. You can imagine how many powerful, influential people favor euthanasia today, considering how belief in the Christian doctrine of the sanctity of innocent human life has declined since then.

Over the years California lawmakers, including our own Hannah-Beth Jackson, have introduced bills that would let doctors murder sick people in California. We Knights must strongly oppose all such attempts to destroy a bedrock principle of civilization: that nothing ever justifies the deliberate killing of an innocent human being. We must pray...stay informed (e.g., via the Internet)...write and call our lawmakers...write letters to the editor...and spread the word among our family and friends.

It's later than we think. The lives we save might be our own.

Mike Engler Pro-Life Chairman





March - April 2014

### General Meeting of Council 1684 Wednesday, February 26, 2014

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

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as read.

The Worthy Grand Knight reported on the following items:

- Council 1684 representatives met with Brother Brian of the Mission who has taken the place of David Wells regarding the Knight's use of Serra Hall. The meeting was cordial and several areas of mutual interest were discussed with more communication to follow.
- The Valentine's Day social was a big success. The Grand Knight thanked all those involved with setting up, cleaning up, serving and cooking. The flowers given to the ladies were an especially good touch.
- The St. Patrick's Day social will be on March 12, while the business meeting will be held on March 26. John Green's world famous Irish stew will be drawing a crowd from far and wide, so come a little early to get a seat.
- The Essay Contest Committee needs volunteers to help process and judge the essays.
- The Scholarship Committee, consisting of Brothers Mark Weitstock, Ray Charpentier, Nick Curran, and Steve Romofsky, is hard at work.
- Our Council website is almost complete, thanks to Brother Matt Najera and Brian Romofsky. The selection of a web hosting company and some final details will see our site up and running soon.
- A new Catholic high school named St. Therese Classical Academy located in Carpinteria will open August 25, 2014, with an expected enrollment of 15 students. Brothers Matt Najera, Bruce García, and Hank Peterson have been instrumental in this process. In order to support this important step for Catholic education in our area, Council 1684 will be giving \$2,000 in scholarships to the school. With tuition of only \$5,000 per year, it is sure to draw attention. www.thereseacademy.com

Under the Treasurer's Report, The Council's February bank statement reflects a balance of \$7,145.72 after deposits of \$1,110.50 and withdrawals of \$2,117.95.

The Valentine's social showed income of \$218 and expenses of \$183.49 for a profit of \$34.51.

The Financial Secretary reported four bills paid.

Under Membership, the Council gave the second reading to the applications of Javier Briones and Matt Doyle. There will be a First Degree Exemplification prior to the next business meeting on March 26.

Under Communication, the Council received an acknowledgement for the \$1,000 donation to the Boy Scouts of America.

Under Old Business,

• Brother John Green reported on the meeting held to discuss the direction of the Building and Equipment Fund investments. The Committee proposed a resolution, which was given its first reading. The Resolution reads as follows:

Whereas the Council now has investments in the Building and Equipment Fund partly in equities, withdrawal of income from the Fund must be controlled with a discipline and understanding of the stock market, if the Council is to have a steady income from the Fund going on into future years.

Therefore, we propose that a Building and Equipment Fund Management Committee of five members come together each Columbian year. Two of the members are appointed by the Grand Knight. The five members making up this Investment Management Committee would be the Following Knights: the Grand Knight, the Financial Secretary, the Treasurer, the Agent authorized to make transactions on the investment account with the broker at Morgan Stanley, and a Knight of the Council who has an understanding of investment management.

And further it is proposed that present officers and appointees fill the positions for the remainder of this Columbian year.

And further this Committee will be diligent in managing the investments and will meet at least once a year prior to the incoming Grand Knight's need to prepare a budget to determine the income that will be available for the budget.

Submitted February 26, 2014 by John Green; seconded by Mark Weitstock, Al Anglin, and David Chávez.

- The calendar of meetings and socials for the rest of 2014 was presented (*See Page 7 for list of dates March through December 2014*).
- Brother Hank Peterson was obliged to cancel the outdoor Knight's Free Throw Contest due to predicted inclement weather. It was rescheduled to Sunday, *Continued on Page 7*

## **Council's Calendar of Events March - December 2014**

Dinner Meeting	March 12, 2014	St. Patrick's Day Dinner
Business Meeting	March 26, 2014	Su I utilen 5 Duy Dimer
Business Meeting	April 9, 2014	
Dinner Meeting	April 23, 2014	Essay Contest
Chapter Testimonial Dinner	May 9, 2014	Lissay Contest
Business Meeting	May 14, 2014	
Dinner Meeting	May 28, 2014	Scholarship Dinner
Business Meeting	June 11, 2014	Scholar ship Dhinei
Special Meeting	June 28, 2014	Latin Mass &
Special Meeting	June 20, 2014	
		Officer Installation
	T L O 2014	Breakfast with Council 5300
<b>Business Meeting</b>	July 9, 2014	
Old Spanish Days	July 30-August 3, 2014	Volunteers needed
<b>Business Meeting</b>	August 13, 2014	
<b>Business Meeting</b>	<b>September 10, 2014</b>	
Dinner Meeting	<b>September 24, 2014</b>	Program TBA
<b>Business Meeting</b>	October 8, 2014	8
Villa Majella	October 17 & 18, 2014	Annual Fundraiser
Dinner Meeting	October 22, 2014	Knight's Nite Out
Memorial Mass	November 12, 2014	Celebrant TBA
Business Meeting	December 3, 2014	
Dinner Meeting	December 10, 2014	Christmas/ Dinner &
Dimiter wreeting	December 10, 2014	Treble Clef Chorus

March 2 at the Boys and Girls Club. It will precede the District Free Throw Contest.

There was no New Business.

Under the District Deputy's report, District Deputy Ray Centeno, Jr. was not able to attend the February Council meeting, but conveyed his message through District Warden Bruce García.

- Council 1684 is only short two new members for Star Council status, and we have two new applications for a March Exemplification. We also need some new policies for the insurance program.
- There will be a Chapter Testimonial Dinner held at Serra Hall on May 9.
- Habitat for Humanity and any programs that feed the hungry are great service projects for Councils.
- Knights need to know that they can sign up on line for the McGivney Guild to help advance the cause of canonization for Father McGivney. There is no charge for signing up and donations are strictly voluntary.

There was no Field Agent's Report.

Under the Good of the Order,

• Brother Bruce García reported that there will be a Men's Retreat at the Brewer Center of Our Lady of

Sorrows Church on Saturday, March 2 from 8:00-1:00 for only \$10 per person, including lunch. The recently attended Women's Retreat was a great success.

- Knights are reminded of the Nocturnal Hour of Adoration at the Poor Clares on the first Friday of every month from 8:00 9:00 p.m. It is a good thing to do.
- Brother Mark Weitstock noted a passage from our Supreme Chaplain Archbishop Lori's column in this month's *Columbian*. It refers to the fear inspired by hearing a lion's roar at close range. "As followers of Christ, it is through the sacrament of reconciliation that we 'run to the roar' and confront the barriers between us and God."

Prayers for the Sick or Distressed : None.

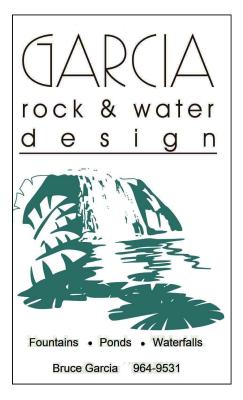
Following a closing prayer by Worthy Grand Knight Steve Romofsky, the Council meeting for February adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

The next Council 1684 business meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

#### Al Anglin

Recorder



### For March and April Happy Birthday to Our Brother Knights

#### March Birthdays

- 1 Armando Rivera
- 5 Steve Mazurek
- 5 Edward Cue
- 7 Lewis Valenzuela
- 7 David Morelos
- 14 James Bauer
- 16 Robert Soto
- 17 Bruce Garcia
- 18 Ernest Morales
- 18 Ernest Moral
- 18 Jose Naranjo
- 19 Jose Villareal
- 21 Thomas Salgado, Sr.
- 30 Ruben Corral
- 31 David Chavez

#### **April Birthdays**

- 5 Jacques Benoit
- 11 Kenneth Fitzpatrick
- 15 Eugene Wesolowski
- 28 Oswald DaRos
- 28 Paul Jarchow
- 30 Thomas Watts





Insurance Note from Our Field Agent Michael Rachford P.G.K.

# We Stand Strong on Ethical Ground

S ome people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side that they see so often in the news and in movies...

At the Knights of Columbus, we know this isn't true. A business can be both ethical and successful. We are.

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The photos on this and the next page were taken at the Valentine's Dinner on February 5. It's said that a photo is worth a thousand words. After dinner our MC Steve Romofsky ask some inquisitive questions. Your left with reading responses from facial responses and postures.

















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