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MAY - JUNE 2014

Special Dates and Activities

May 1 11:00 PM

Hour of Adoration
of the Blessed
Sacrament, Chapel
of the Poor Clares.

May 11 3:00 PM

**Prayer Vigil to
End Abortion,** in
front of the Planned
Parenthood office,
518 Garden Street

May 23 5:30 PM

**Prepare Meal at
Transition House**

June 5 11:00 PM

Hour of Adoration
of the Blessed
Sacrament, Chapel of
the Poor Clares.

June 8 3:00 PM

**Prayer Vigil to End
Abortion,** In Front of
the Planned Parenthood
office, 518 Garden St.

June 27 5:30 PM

**Prepare Meal at
Transition House**

May 9 6:00 PM Chapter Testimonial Dinner in honor of State Deputy Timothy Carvahlo.

Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street
Dinner is tri-tip or chicken. Cost of \$20 per person, \$35 per couple. This is a fundraiser for St. John's Seminary.

(Note: We need volunteers for greeting people at the door, serving dinner, doing cleanup.)

May 14 6:30 PM

Officers Meeting

7:30 PM

General Council Meeting

Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street

May 28 6:30 PM

**Social Hour 6:30 PM 7:00 PM Dinner
Council 1684 - Scholarship Dinner**

Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street
Council 1684 presents scholarships to students attending Bishop Diego, Notre Dame and Mt. Carmel School.

June 11 6:30 PM

Officers Meeting

7:30 PM

General Council Meeting

Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street

June 21 9:00 AM

**Latin Mass & Installation of Officers -
Begins with a Latin Mass at Serra Chapel, Old Mission Santa Barbara.**

10:00 AM

Followed by District Warden Installation and the Installation of Officers of both Council 1684 and 5300, also held in Serra Chapel .

11:00 AM

Pancake Breakfast at Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street

Financial Secretary Notes

Both March and April have been busy months for our Council. On Wednesday, March 12 our Council celebrated St. Patrick's Day with dinner and entertainment provided by Willie Quinn and his ensemble. There were 48 people at the dinner.

On March 26, we held a First Degree Ceremony for both Council 1684 and 5300. New members of Council 1684 taking their First Degree are Kevin Cheung, Walter de Jesus, Walter de Jesus Jr, Mathew Doyle and Justin Mack. Kevin is a member of St. Barbara Parish while Walter senior, Walter Jr, Mathew and Justin are members of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish. From 5300 taking his First Degree was Brian Fittipaldi, a member of St. Raphael Parish.

On April 9, six brother Knights, four from Council 1684 and two from Council 5300 took their Second Degree. Included are Brothers Kevin Cheung, Walter de Jesus, Walter de Jesus Jr, and Justin Mack from Council 1684, and Brothers Chuck Owen and Brian Fittipaldi from Council 5300. Council 1684 provided the Second Degree Team.

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



Steve

Worthy Brother Knights, we have recognized another pair of Essay Contest winners from the Seventh Grade classes at Notre Dame School and Our Lady Of Mount Carmel School at our April Dinner. This year's essays were particularly well written. I had the pleasure of serving on the review committee this year. Many thanks to Deacon Nick Curran for coordinating this contest. Thanks also to Brothers Ray and Mitch who served on the review committee with Nick and me.

In May we will acknowledge the Scholarship Winners at our Dinner Social. Deacon Nick Curran will again preside over this ceremony. Please plan to attend to honor the worthy students from Bishop Garcia Diego High School, Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, and Notre Dame School. One of our main charitable works is the support of Catholic Education and our scholarship program is a major part of this effort. June signals the end of the Columbian Year, which means Officer Installation. Last year, the Installation was incorporated into our Centennial Banquet. This year, we launch a new tradition, Latin

Mass and Officer Installation. Our Centennial Latin Mass was so well received that it seemed we should celebrate one each year and it just seemed appropriate to incorporate the Officer Installation ceremony. The solemnity of the Mass will serve to enhance the Installation as we march forward into our second one-hundred years. The Latin Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 21 in Serra Chapel. The Installation will follow the Mass. A Pancake Breakfast in Serra Hall will follow the Installation. Please plan to attend and join your Brother Knights for an enriching morning. Bring a guest or bring a man that you think would be interested in joining the Knights of Columbus.

On Sunday April 27th, we welcomed four of our Brother Knights, Kevin, Walter, Jose, and Walter to full membership in our order with a Third Degree Exemplification. Joining our Brother Knights were Brothers Brian and Mario from Council 5300 along with about 70 other Brothers. Our Worthy District Deputy, Ray Centeno, was the organizer for this event. Thank you to Council Brothers Ray and Marc for joining me at the Ceremony and for providing transportation services.

For those of us that have received the Third Degree, I ask that you reflect on its focus, fraternity. A wonderful bond was

created on that day as we bystanders sat in witness while our Second Degree Brothers crossed over into full membership. Do you remember your Third Degree? Of course you do. For our Brothers with First and Second Degrees, I ask you to advance in our order. Take the next step.

During the Ceremony, the Conferring Officer told us about a tradition that many Councils are adopting, asking each member to attend one degree ceremony each year. That seems like a challenge that we should accept. For our Council it would be easier than you think because we host our own First and Second Degree ceremonies. Please consider this challenge in the coming Columbian Year.

We will be discussing our Council goals during our business meetings this summer. Attend a meeting and share your thoughts. We need your input to address the needs of the Council and we will all be better served if you participate.

Lastly, I offer Easter blessings for each of you my Brother Knights as we look forward to Pentecost.

Vivat Jesus,

Steve Romofsky

Grand Knight

Financial Secretary...

On April 23 we had our annual Essay Contest winners from Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Notre Dame School. More information as to the winners and their essays can be found on Pages 8-9. On Sunday April 27 the following members Kevin Cheung, Walter de Jesus, Walter de Jesus, Jr. and Jose Naranjo took their Third Degree in Oxnard.

As for May and June, K of C State Convention is being held on the weekend of May 16 thru 18 in Santa Clara. Both our Grand Knight Steve Romofsky and Trustee Mark Weitstock are attending as the Council's representatives. On Wednesday May 28 is our Council's annual scholarship Dinner, and on Saturday June 21 we will celebrate a Latin Mass followed by installation of officers from Councils 1684 and 5300. This will follow with a pancake breakfast in Serra Hall.

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Deacon's Corner:

EASTER MESSAGE - IT'S GOOD TO REFLECT ON OUR OWN ATTITUDES

These days it seems more and more difficult to get through a day without reading or hearing about some violent or painful situation; people being beaten or killed for protesting an unjust situation in their countries, or about the threat of the use of nuclear bombs by an unstable ruler.

There are stories about homes and lives being destroyed by natural disasters or of a company who has to lay off too many of its employees due to the poor economy. A child is killed or our gets a brain tumor, or needs a heart transplant.

Often people wonder why there is so much suffering and why a merciful God does not intervene.

Our faith in the Resurrection means that we believe God brings good out of suffering and evil and that the way to overcome sin is only by love. This, of course, is not a popular stance in today's environment where there is so much hatred, politics and violence in our world and, sadly, sometimes in our homes.

As we have wrapped up this season of Lent and are celebrating the Easter season, it may be good to reflect on our own attitudes. Do we feel justified in wanting to punish hatred with more violence? What are our thoughts about the death penalty (which is what Jesus died under)? Do we ever pray for the conversion of our enemies, even cruel dictators and terrorists? Sometimes it can be easier to forgive people "out there," rather than those who have hurt us personally.

We must be willing to go deeper and discover the roots of evil and then use love to conquer it.

On the feast of Easter we celebrate and proclaim that we believe, as in the case of Jesus, God can and does bring good out of suffering and that His life conquered sin and evil.

Just imagine what our lives would be like if every Christian in the world would really live the commandment of love. There would be much less war, hatred and violence. People would ask for and offer forgiveness. No one would be hungry because people would share with one another. The only news to report would be good news...and I sure could use a little good sometimes.

As Christians we believe in the Resurrection, we must strive to be models of love and hope. Our good works during Lent must continue throughout the rest of the year. We have a mission to make Christ known by our love. We must express our belief that, even in the gloomy, dark time, as well as the joyful days of Easter, God will not abandon us - just like He did not abandon His Son, Jesus. Each of us is called to go out to all the people in our own little world and proclaim this good news.

And if current events sometimes make it hard for you to believe that God is still present in all of this, ask Him to deepen your faith and to help you to remember when He brought you out of difficulties in your life. Easter tells us that God never leaves us in our pain and often brings good out of evil.

Deacon Randy

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**GENERAL MEETING OF
COUNCIL 1684
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2014**

Fourteen members were present when Grand Knight Steve Romofsky called the Council meeting for February to order at 8:37 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 February meeting were approved as read.

The Worthy Grand Knight reported on the following items:

- The Grand Knight thanked the degree team and encouraged the new members to get involved by attending the Knight's Hour of Adoration at the Poor Clares on the fourth Friday of every month. New Knights are also needed to help with the setup and cleanup of socials, the bar, manning our Fiesta booth, and helping Knights serve a monthly meal at Transition House.
- The Essay Contest social will be April 23 with the honorable Ralph Karleskint catering.

Under the Treasurer's Report, the Council's March bank statement reflects a balance of \$6,213.38 after deposits of \$527.90 and withdrawals of \$1,460.24.

The St. Patrick's social showed income of \$380 (38 paying guests) and expenses of \$551.54 for entertainment and food resulting in a loss of \$50.54.

The Financial Secretary reported four bills paid.

Under Membership, the Council gave the second reading to the applications of Walter de Jesus, Walter de Jesus, Jr., Justin Mack, Matthew Doyle, Javier Briones, and Kevin Cheung during the Officer's meeting.

The Council welcomes new members Walter de Jesus, Walter de Jesus, Jr., Justin Mack, Matthew Doyle, and Kevin Cheung inducted during a First Degree Exemplification prior to the business meeting. Brian Fittipaldi of Council 5300 was also inducted with three members of that Council attending.

A Second Degree Exemplification will be held prior to the April business meeting.

Under Communication, the Council received an acknowledgement for the \$1,000 donation to Transition House and Catholic Charities. The Council also

received correspondence from Brother Steve Riffero of the Bluejacket Teen-age Club reporting on their activities and more thanks for our support. Under Old Business:

- Brother John Green read the resolution proposed at the February meeting for the second time. 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 motion passed unanimously.

There was no New Business.

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

- Council 1684 exceeded its membership goal but still needs three new policies for insurance or financial programs. He encouraged the new Knights to take advantage of this opportunity.
- There will be a Chapter Testimonial Dinner held at Serra Hall on May 9.
- There will be a Third Degree Exemplification on Sunday, April 27 at Mary Star by the Sea church in Oxnard.

- The Council and Chapter finals for the Free Throw Contest were held, and Riley Peterson, daughter of Brother Hank Peterson, won. A good time was had by all at the Council's first Free Throw Contest, and the Council will participate again next year.
- Our distinguished District Deputy became even more distinguished after receiving the District Deputy Growth Achievement Award for his exemplary leadership in California.

Under the Field Agent's Report, Field Agent Michael Rachford welcomed the new Knights and explained that our insurance and financial programs leader the industry in strength and security. New Knights can take advantage of this program by purchasing annuities for as little as \$100 during their first year. What a great way to start a retirement program!

Under the Good of the Order,

- Council 5300 will continue to have a fish fry every Friday at 6:00 during Lent – only \$10 per person.
- 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's 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 talks about fatherhood and fathers as role models for the family by demonstrating their faith and participating in their parishes.

Prayers for the Sick or Distressed :

- Brother Kevin Cheung for Brother Armando Vasquez who is now in rehabilitation at the LA Veterans' Hospital.
- District Deputy Ray Centeno, Jr. for DD Danny Flores who had a stroke and has lost two sisters in the Philippines this year.
- Brother Ray Charpentier for his longtime friend Ken Karazian who died recently.

Following a closing prayer by Worthy Grand Knight Steve Romofsky, the Council meeting for February adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

The next Council 1684 business meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Anglin
Recorder



Pro-Life Report

Billions (Not Millions) of Babies Aborted Around the World

Mike Engler Pro-life researcher Dr. Brian Clowes reported last year that abortionists have killed more than 1.72 billion babies worldwide since the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decree (*Roe v. Wade*) that imposed abortion on all 50 states.

That means 43.25 million babies are being killed every year, or 118,493 every day. And it doesn't even include the millions of babies killed before *Roe* in foreign lands such as the Soviet Union, Sweden and Japan, and in states such as California and New York that already had legalized abortion.

Wait, it gets worse: Dr. Clowes says the global death toll of babies is growing, as more countries (often under pressure from the United Nations) legalize the killing of unborn babies in their mothers' wombs.

What country murders the most babies? Simon Rabinovitch, in his article "Data Reveal Scale of China Abortions," says abortionists in Communist China have killed 336 million unborn babies and inserted 403 million intrauterine devices (IUDs, which always cause early abortions) since 1971. The slaughter in China exceeds the entire population of the USA by more than 20 million.

Here in our country, which is dedicated to Mary under the title of the Immaculate Conception, abortionists have brutally killed more than 54.5 million babies since 1973.

But that figure reveals only a fraction of the death toll. Dr. Bo Kuhar of Pharmacists for Life International points out that when you include chemical abortions due to "contraceptive" pills, Ru486 abortion pills, "morning after" pills, etc., Americans have killed 220-275 million human beings.

For every "surgical" abortion, he says, people commit four to five chemical abortions. This means that since *Roe*, eight to nine billion young human lives have been snuffed out around the world. What is holding back God's wrath?

At Fatima, Mary implored us that we must pray the Rosary, make the First Saturdays, and offer sacrifices in reparation for the sins of the world, or we would suffer terrible punishments, including the annihilation of entire nations. In His messages to St. Faustina, Our Lord urged us to perform works of mercy, pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, venerate the Divine Mercy Image, and obtain the incredible Divine Mercy Sunday privilege, before God's Justice falls upon us. Let us resolve to heed these appeals from Heaven while there is still time.

Mike Engler
Pro-Life Chairman



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**GENERAL MEETING OF
COUNCIL 1684
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2014**

Twenty members were present when Grand Knight Steve Romofsky called the Council meeting for April to order at 8:43 p.m. Upon closing the meeting doors, Warden James Bauer verified membership cards, and District Deputy Ray Centeno, Jr. led the opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved as read.

The Worthy Grand Knight reported on the following items:

- The Essay Contest social will be April 23 with a world famous taco bar performed by Brother Bruce Garcia.

There was no Treasurer's Report.

The Financial Secretary reported four bills paid.

Under Membership, Brothers Walter de Jesus, Walter de Jesus, Jr., Justin Mack, and Kevin Cheung became Second Degree Knights at the conclusion of a Second Degree Exemplification prior to the business meeting. Also becoming Second Degree Knights were Brian Fittipaldi and Charles Owen of Council 5300. The Council will provide transportation to the Third Degree Exemplification in Oxnard on April 27, leaving from Holy Cross Church at 11:00 am.

There was no new Communication.

Under Old Business:

- Brother Mark Weitstock has carefully prepared a plan provide a trailer for Fiesta. In the past, the Council has procured the trailer from Pepsi, and that has become untenable. The

resolution was read for the second time that we purchase a trailer chassis and build the booth on top of it using talent from the Council. The resolution to spend \$2000 on this project passed unanimously.

- Brother Bruce Garcia reported on the status of the Council website. The domain name settled upon is www.kofccouncil1684.org. There is a onetime set-up fee and an annual fee of \$17 for the web hosting entity. Other details are being worked out.

Under New Business:

- Our Chaplain Father Charles Talley would like the Knights help with cooking for the St. Barbara Parish Barbeque on September 28. The Council readily agreed to furnish some volunteers.
- Father Talley also graciously extended an invitation to give Council 1684 special recognition during the 9:00 Mass on October 12 for Columbus Day. This will be the second annual event.
- There was discussion about the amount of scholarship money going to Catholic elementary schools and the new St. Therese Classical Academy. A resolution is being prepared for the next Council meeting.

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

- This class of new Third Degree Knights will be the class of the Venerable John-Paul 23 who is now just one short step from sainthood.
- Council 1684 only needs the purchase of three insurance policies or annuities to meet our obligation to reach Star Council status.
- The State convention is coming up soon.

- The upcoming Chapter Testimonial Dinner on May 9 in honor of State Deputy Timothy Carvahlo is very important and will be an outstanding event to attend. The dinner is being held in Serra Hall at 6:00 PM; serving tri-tip or a chicken dinner with a cost of \$20 per person or \$35 per couple. This is also a fundraiser for St. John's Seminary.
- Our distinguished District Deputy became even more distinguished after receiving the District Deputy Growth Achievement Award for his exemplary leadership in California.

Under the Field Agent's Report Field Agent Michael Rachford welcomed the new Second Degree Knights and spoke briefly about the insurance program and its value for the future of Knights.

Under the Good of the Order,

- Council 5300 will continue to hold the last fish fry of this Lenten season Friday at 6:00 – only \$10 per person.

Prayers for the Sick or Distressed :

- Brother Steve Romofsky for Council 5300 Grand Knight Bill Furer's son.
- District Deputy Ray Centeno, Jr. for Brother David Farebrother's wife Martha who has been ill.
- Brother Mark Weitstock for Brothers Bobby Sánchez and Armando Vásquez.

Following a closing prayer by Worthy Grand Knight Steve Romofsky, the Council meeting for April adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

The next Council 1684 business meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Anglin
Recorder

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Seventh Graders Shine With Outstanding Essays

By Deacon Nick Curran

Jillian Chierici, a bright and talented seventh grader at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School has thought a lot about what Heaven will be like.

Three years ago her beloved Aunt Annette passed away. Jillian, then 10, looked on sadly with her family as her aunt took her last breath. Then she buried her head in her mother Maria's arms and cried. Two of Jillian's grandparents and one great grandparent died not long before her aunt. This mature and sensitive young lady wrote such a beautiful essay on the topic that it earned first prize in Knights of Columbus Council 1684's annual essay contest.

She, her parents Maria and Alan,

and older sister Isabella were at Serra Hall on April 23 when Jillian was honored by members and guests, delivered her essay, and received a check for \$200.

Giovanna Alvarez was also expressing her creative interpretation of what she thinks Heaven is like. And the seventh grader from Notre Dame School penned an essay judged by the Council's committee as the best from her school. Giovanna, the daughter of Jesus and Marta Alvarez, will also receive a check for \$200.

The selection committee was extremely impressed by all entries this spring from the two elementary Catholic schools. The sentence structure, and grammar were excellent. The creative ways these young people articulated their views showed maturity and a strong faith.

Two other award winners were selected from each school. From Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, Madeline McEwen won second prize and received a check for \$100. And Brooke Johnson finished third and received a check for \$50.

At Notre Dame School, Annalise Rodriguez finished second and won \$100. Jose Angelo Esleta came in third and won \$50.

Thanks to the Selection Committee, along with Grand Knight Steve Romofsky, Past Grand Knight Ray Charpentier, and Mitch Molitor. And thanks to all students from both schools who took the time to submit an application. There were many outstanding entries.

Essays of the first place winners appear below and on Page 9.

An Unknown Chapter By Jillian Chierici

"What is heaven?" Heaven is pictured differently by everyone. It's like an unknown chapter that humankind can't wrap its head around. Would you like to hear about my unknown chapter? It's not a slow turn of the pages, but it's not fast, either. It's a gradual transition from chapter thirteen to a chapter no one knows.

Once the life goes out of my body and when I am as cold as ice, my spirit is lifted. I am floating, but I am walking. I feel lighter than I have ever felt before, and in this moment, I remember something. In the ninth chapter of my life a woman told me something important. When we die, our bodies stay behind, but our spirits are enlightened and raised up to join God. She said that we are hands with gloves on. Our spirits are the hands and our bodies are the gloves. Our bodies are mere reflections of our spirits.

It feels like a weight has been lifted off of me. My soul and my spirits are lifted. I am so high in the sky. I didn't think it was possible to be up this high. I stand in front of a golden gate. The gate isn't locked or

closed. It's wide open. There is nothing but white and clouds. Then a voice breaks the silence. It's not harsh or quiet. It's welcoming and sounds like silk. I move closer to the voice and see two men standing there. One man is standing in the center of the room, and the other man is to his right.

I realize that these two men are the Father (in the center), and Jesus, on the right. I am filled with joy at the sight of them. Jesus walks slowly to me, holds out His hands, and says, "Welcome." The second He hugs me, I feel like a clean slate.

A door opens and all my loved ones who have passed come to me happier and brighter than I have ever seen. I am at peace, but overwhelmed by all the new things I have to take in. But I mostly feel at peace and at home.

This chapter never ends, and heaven will never end. Jesus didn't go to earth to suffer, die, and go to hell so that our sins could be forgiven and that heaven would be open temporarily. He did those things so that heaven will be open forever. This is my unknown chapter, and it keeps on going forever. So what's your unknown chapter?

What Do You Think Heaven Is Like?

By Giovanna Alvarez

The concept of an afterlife has been thought of, written about, and even portrayed in art for centuries.

Though we may not know what it is like, we can get an idea from what the Bible says. "And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine on it. For the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof." (Revelation 21:23.) From there, our imagination can continue to create an image.

Since we won't have bodies like the ones we have on earth, we can't expect to connect to our environment in the same ways we do here on earth.

Jesus did promise us eternal life and happiness in heaven. There will be no sin or suffering when we are

with God. I imagine being accepted into heaven like when you get a welcoming hug from your Mom, making you feel relaxed, cared for, and safe.

To get an idea as to what heaven is like, I look to the things that make me feel safest and happiest here on earth. I relate heaven to the ocean. It is a giant, beautiful and peaceful place where there are so many amazing things to see, from the colorful fish to the ripples in the water.

Think of the most relaxing and beautiful place on earth, and fill it with your favorite sounds and smells. Now, make your body comfortable, and your minds safe, and released of worries and stress. Finally, make it feel like a dream that's become your eternal reality. This is the best way I imagine Heaven.

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25 Jose Contreras
26 Juan Garcia
30 Paul Maxwell

June Birthdays

3 Frederic Cogburn
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Knights of Columbus Annual Free Throw Competition

Since 1972, councils have sponsored the Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Championship for boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14 (starting in the fraternal year 2013-2014).

The championship is set up to have the contestants compete within their own gender and age group. All competition starts at the local level. Winners move on to the district, regional, and state or provincial levels. From there, some make it to the international level for championship competition in their group.

For a council to sponsor a competition, all the council needs is the Free Throw Championship Kit, a couple of basketballs, a hoop and a bunch of kids. It's a great way for a council to introduce itself to the public within the community as well as providing youths with a

rewarding activity that yields a chance for local, state or provincial, and international recognition.

Bishop John Barres of Allentown, Penn., a former collegiate basketball player at Princeton University, is a strong supporter of the Free Throw Championship. He sees the focus and discipline required to achieve athletic excellence as being valuable in the faith formation and character development of young people. In addition, healthy competition helps young people to handle both good fortune and adversity with grace and dignity.

On Sunday, March 2 our Deputy Grand Knight Hank Peterson took charge of this event for our Council. For all the councils within our District, Santa Barbara Council had three out of five competitors advancing to the Regional finals. For our Council, winners by age and gender are Boys/Age 10: Miguel Unzueta, Jr.; Girls/Age 10: Riley Peterson and Boys/Age 13: Luke Peterson.



Photo Section

March 12 - Celebrating St. Patrick's Day



There were 48 people attending the St. Patrick's Day dinner. The food was appetizing and the entertainment was liked.



Willie Quinn and his Irish crew provided extraordinary entertainment playing Irish melodies throughout the evening.



During dinner, our Grand Knight searched for some extraordinary Irish jokes.



Oh what a handsome looking Irishman.

March 26 - First Degree Candidates

The following candidates took their First Degree at Serra Hall on Wednesday, March 12. From left to right is Mathew Doyle, Brian Fittipaldi, Kevin Cheung, Walter de Jesus, Walter de Jesus Jr. and Justin Mack. Brian is a member of St. Raphael Parish, Kevin a member of St. Barbara Parish, while Walter, Walter Jr., Mathew and Justin are all members of Our lady of Sorrow Parish.

Photo by Chris Arnoult, Council 5300.



April 9 – Second Degree Candidates



These six brother Knights took the Second Degree at Serra Hall on the evening of August 9. From left to right is Chuck Owen, Kevin Cheung, Brian Fittipaldi, Justin Mack, Walter de Jesus, and Walter de Jesus Jr. Chuck and Brian are members of Council 5300 while Kevin, Justin, Walter and Walter Jr. are members of Council 1684.

April 23 - Essay Contest Dinner



From left to right is Grand Knight Steve Romofsky, Mary Beth Lee (instructor Our Lady of Mount Carmel School), Deacon Nick Curran, winner Jillian Chierici, and Jillian's parents Maria Chierici and Alan Chierici. Mary Beth Lee is Jillian's Seventh Grade teacher. Photo by Bruce Garcia.

PRAYER FOR THE UKRAINE

The Knights of Columbus has been following the events unfolding in Ukraine. Pope Francis said: “I assure the Ukrainian people of my closeness and pray for the victims of the violence, for their families, and for the injured. I urge all parties to cease every form of violence and to pursue harmony and peace throughout the country.”

In solidarity with our Holy Father, and with the Catholic Bishops and Church in Ukraine, the Knights of Columbus is asking all of our members around the world to pray the Prayer of St. Francis that there may be a renewed dialogue and respect and a peaceful resolution to the situation in Ukraine.

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,

Grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled, as to console;

To be understood, as to understand;

To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



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A TIMELY CONTRIBUTION TO THE NEW EVANGELIZATION: STATEMENT OF SUPREME KNIGHT CARL ANDERSON



Having attended as an auditor the 2012 Synod on the New Evangelization, whose work touched on many of the themes raised in this Apostolic Exhortation, I wholeheartedly welcome our Holy Father's Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* as an important and timely contribution to the cause of the New Evangelization. Specifically, this exhortation shows us Pope Francis' missionary spirit. It highlights his belief that the Gospel message and loving outreach of the Church are for everyone, that the Church must go outside itself and welcome those on the margins with love and healing in the spirit of Christ himself. Finally, it shows clearly the importance of the Marian dimension to the New Evangelization - calling her, again, the “Star of the New Evangelization.” If this document is embraced by the Church throughout the world, it could mark a key moment for a reinvigorated New Evangelization of our culture, which too often has forgotten the Good News of the Gospel, which is central to our faith. (11/26/2013)

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