



Knights of Columbus

Council 1684 • Santa Barbara, California

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2015

Special Dates and Activities

Jan 1 11:00 PM
Hour of Adoration
of the Blessed
Sacrament, Chapel
of the Poor Clares.

Jan 11 3:00 PM
Prayer Vigil to
End Abortion, in
front of the Planned
Parenthood office,
518 Garden Street

Jan 23 5:30 PM
Prepare Meal at
Transition House

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

Feb 8 3:00 PM
Prayer Vigil to End
Abortion, In Front of
the Planned Parenthood
office, 518 Garden St.

Feb 27 5:30 PM
Prepare Meal at
Transition House

January 14 6:30 PM Officers Meeting
7:30 PM General Council Meeting
Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street

January 21 Clergy & Religious Appreciation Dinner
7:00 PM Cocktails 7:30 PM Dinner
Location: Bishop Garcia Diego High School
Price: \$20 per person
For tickets contact Ray Charpentier at (805) 845-1978

February 11 Annual Valentine's Dinner for Council 1684
6:30 PM Cocktails 7:00 PM Dinner
Dinner is Free for Knights & Spouses
Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street

February 25 6:30 PM Officers Meeting
7:30 PM General Council Meeting
Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street

Financial Secretary Notes

The most important event for January 2015 is the upcoming Clergy & Religious Appreciation Dinner being held at Bishop Garcia Diego High School. This year our Council is responsible for sponsoring this important event. The date is Wednesday, January 21 with the doors opening at 7:00 PM, dinner being served at 7:30 PM. Our guests for the dinner are the priests, deacons, sisters as well as family members that serve the Goleta-Santa Barbara-Carpinteria area of our county. Tickets for the dinner are \$20 per person. If you need a ticket, give me a call at (805) 845-1978.

At the Memorial Mass on November 12, Fr. Larry Gosselin, Associate Pastor at St. Barbara Parish Old Mission, said the Mass honoring our brother Knights and Catholic daughters who died during the past year. We thank all the people that attended, and the Borgatello family for providing the meal.

On December 3, our Council held a First Degree Ceremony for three new Knights. Congratulations to Knights José Aguirre from St. Raphael Parish, and from Council 13756 at St. Joseph Parish in Carpinteria Arturo Magallanes and Larry Donovan.

The Christmas Dinner on December 10 was a happy occasion for those that attended. The Treble Clef Singers again provided the entertainment. At this dinner District Deputy Ray Centeno presented Council 1684 with the Fr. Michael J. McGivney Award for 2013-2014 fraternal year.

In celebration of Valentine's Day, our February dinner will be held on Wednesday, February 11 starting at 6:30 PM. This is our annual Valentine's Dinner for brother Knights and their spouses; free to brothers and their wives. Our February Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 25.

Ray Charpentier

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K of C Council 1684
Grand Knight
Steve Romofsky

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Steve

GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Brother Knights, it is evening on the last Sunday of Advent and I am considering not only the Liturgical Year, which has just begun, but also the pending Christmas Season and the start of another calendar year. We are half way through our Columbian Year as well. Let us take stock. Let us count our blessings. Let us share good tidings with our fellow man.

Among the blessings that I count are my Brother Knights in Council 1684. This is a phenomenal group of men. Just look at the many varied things we accomplish each year. We give freely of our time and our resources to support Catholic education, to feed needy families in our City, and to fund the non-profit organizations doing good works in the fields of our community. Each Brother can count these blessings along with the many more and varied gifts from God.

Essential to the good works of our Council is the supports of Brother Knights and their families in times of need. Whether it is monetary support, prayers, or just kind words, we are here for our Brothers. Our annual November Memorial Mass is but

one way that we support our Brothers. The Mass was celebrated this year by Fr. Larry Gosselin with Deacon Nick Curran. Mark Wietstock was the Music Minister. Fr. Larry set the tone for us as we honored Brother Knights that had passed away during the preceding 12 months. Thank you Fr. Larry. Thank you to the Borgatello family for arranging for the dinner that followed the Mass. The Memorial Mass is an annual event for our Council. Plan to join us next year.

We held a First Degree ceremony on December 3rd during which we added three brothers to our Order. I appreciate the good work of the Degree Team on this splendid ceremony. We will be scheduling another First Degree later in the Winter Season with a Second Degree following shortly thereafter.

On December 10th, we marked the season with our annual Christmas Dinner. We enjoyed a delicious meal followed by a most enjoyable performance by the Santa Barbara Treble Clef Chorus. Along with the festivities, we raffled off two bottles of spirits with the proceeds going towards a mobile ultrasound unit for the Los Padres Chapter area.

Our Council continues to be 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 21st. 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. You have received the tickets with your membership renewal. Please take the time to pay your dues and buy your tickets. Take a few tickets with you to church next Sunday and ask your fellow parishioners to buy them. Promote the Knights, honor our Clergy and Religious, and meet someone new at Mass.

The first half of 2015 will be busy. Check the calendar. How could we possibly squeeze in anything else? Well we will see. Look for something new.

Christmas blessings for each of you Brother Knights during this wonderful time of the year. Participate in the Epiphany festivities in your parish, which bring the Christmas Season to a close. Cast a watchful eye towards Ash Wednesday, Lent, and Easter.

Vivat Jesus,

Steve Romofsky

Grand Knight

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Deacon's Corner:

CHANGE IN THE CHURCH

I hope we are all enjoying the new year and I'm certain none of us have broken any New Year's resolutions, to make us all better and new people.

It's often funny how we always want to change ourselves, but we don't want anything around us to change; although we complain about the local and national government and the traffic and the nightly news casts, we for the most part are pretty complacent people.

For Almost two years Pope Francis has been our Holy Father and we should offer our prayers often for him and his mission as Pope. I hear many people praise and yet many people seem skeptical at the same time of Francis's policies and ideas, as *new*, and too *radical*. Many people seem concerned that the Pope is ready to "change" the Catholic Church.

Let us not forget that there was time in the Church that the Diaconate was a new idea, long before the priesthood was in itself a new innovation, and celebrating the Eucharist in churches, rather than in peoples homes was a whole new idea. The papacy we know today developed over a long period of time, with many high and low points, before it became the current universal office of the Church.

Individual confessions were an innovation of Irish monks and took centuries to be acceptable. Several of the religious orders we know today were established in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, with university and indulgences following years later. At one point even celibacy for the clergy was a whole new idea.

In our own time we have seen since the second Vatican Council, and even more recently, communal penance and anointing services. The new Catechism has taken the place of the one based on the council of Trent, or as we may have known the Baltimore Catechism, and just 4 years ago we received the revised missal in our own English language.

Newness and change are integral in the Church's life. No doubt there are many new, wonderful and challenging things on the horizon for the Church's future. Even if some changes aren't initially embraced I hope we all have open minds and try to understand the changes and in time grow patient with change in the Church that is indeed Worldwide and affects several billion people, not just our own Parish Churches.

Deacon Randy

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**GENERAL MEETING OF
COUNCIL 1684
WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 3, 2014**

Sixteen members were present when Grand Knight Steve Romofsky called the Council meeting for December to order at 8:25 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 October meeting were accepted as read with gratitude to Acting Recorder Richard Rink.

The Worthy Grand Knight reported on the following items:

- The Grand Knight thanked the degree team for their grand efforts exemplifying three new Knights.
- He also thanked the team who put together the November Memorial Mass as well as Fr. Larry Gosselin who was the celebrant and Deacon Nick Curran who assisted.
- The Christmas social, featuring the Treble Clef Singers, is December 10. Our foragers are scouting for the finest ham in the land while Soto Catering will provide the rest of the feast. The cost is only \$10 per person.
- The Clergy Appreciation Dinner will be held at Bishop Diego Garcia High School on Wednesday, January 21 at 7 p.m. Country Catering will bring the food for the nourishment of our bodies while we celebrate those who nourish our spirits. Tickets are \$20 per person and the festivities begin at 7 p.m.
- Worthy Grand Knight Steve Romofsky

called on our former District Deputy Mike Ohler to make a presentation to the Council regarding a new ultra sound machine and the Knights Wheelchair Program. Brother Mike is asking that all Councils pitch in to support the purchase of a \$120,000 ultra sound machine. A vehicle has already been donated to carry it to those in need. It has been shown that when new mothers see their babies in such great detail they are less likely to have an abortion. He also touted the need for wheelchairs for the needy and our veterans.

There was no Treasurer's Report.

The Financial Secretary reported twelve bills paid.

Under Membership, a First Degree Exemplification was held prior to the business meeting. Council 1684 welcomed new Knight José Aguirre, and Council 13756 from Carpenteria welcomed new Knights Arturo Magallanes and Larry Donovan.

Under Communication, the Council received letters of gratitude from: the Poor Clare Sisters, Sister Margaret Keaveney of St. Vincent's, Kathleen Baushe of Transition House, Rick Keith of Visiting Nurse and Hospice Care, and Hannah Miller of Catholic Charities for our \$1000 donation during the Knights Nite Out. Also received was a letter of gratitude from Kelly at Villa Majella for the use of the hall and the fabulous barbeque that made their Fall Music Festival such a success.

Under Old Business, Financial Secretary Ray Charpentier made a brief

presentation regarding the financial and social success of Knights Nite Out.

Under New Business, the Council donated \$300 to designate a wheel chair for a veteran through the American Wheelchair Foundation.

Under the District Deputy's Report, District Deputy Ray Centeno, Jr. spoke to the new members about following through on this auspicious beginning by attending Council meetings and events and to join the Knights insurance programs. He spoke to the rest of the Council about the Good Shepard Program to retain our membership and reminded the Council that every Sunday is a membership drive. Let's find more new Knights among the members of our own parishes.

There was no Field Agent's Report.

Under Good of the Order, Brother Mark Weitstock spoke of Advent being the season for improving relationships with our brothers and neighbors.

Prayers for the Sick or Distressed:

- Brother Ray Charpentier for Brother Garvin Kuskey.
- Brother Mike Ohler for Michele.

Following a closing prayer by Worthy Grand Knight Steve Romofsky, the Council meeting for December adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

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

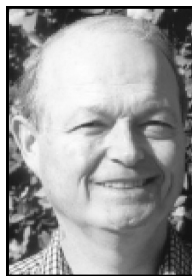
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Pro-Life Report



Stone Age People were Pro-Life and Loving — Unlike Many “educated” People Today

Did you hear about the discovery that scientists made recently in Alaska?

Mike Engler While excavating a Stone Age site on the Upward Sun River in Central Alaska, archaeologists found the graves of three children buried 11,500 years ago, including a stillborn premature baby and a five-week-old baby buried side by side. Interred with the babies, both of whom appeared to be female, was a “relatively costly” trove of carved hunting spears and other implements. (*Los Angeles Times*, November 13, 2014)

So it seems that an Alaskan mom and dad who lived 115 centuries ago recognized the obvious: that their unborn baby was just as human and precious as a born baby. What’s more, they loved her so much that they buried a hoard of valuable objects with her.


These facts tend to debunk the widely held view that prehistoric folks were ignorant and stupid, and that today’s “educated” people are much wiser and smarter. Yet few of our thousands of grade schools, high schools, colleges and universities teach students that unborn babies are human beings with the same value as born babies. The anti-unborn-baby mindset infects many “Catholic” campuses as well.

We’re spending billions on schools that turn out graduates who scorn unborn babies as “blobs of cells” or “fetuses” who are fit only for the garbage can or the incinerator. Never mind that “fetus” is Latin for “young one” or “little one.” Never mind (in the case of Catholic schools) that Greek translations of the New Testament use the same word, *brephos*, for babies born and unborn, and that Latin translations use *infans* for both.

Our “civilization” is in a bad way when it’s controlled by people who are more ignorant than cave-men.

Thank God, our Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative (www.kofc.org/un/en/prolife/ultrasound/index.html) is helping to provide ultrasound machines to hundreds of pro-life clinics across North America. These machines are showing countless modern moms and dads what a Stone Age mom and dad knew so long ago: that their unborn baby is a little human whom they should love and safeguard.

Mike Engler
Pro-Life Chairman



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INSURANCE CHECKUP FOR 2015

Where did 2014 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and Easter was last week.

I hope you and your family had a great finish to 2014. Hopefully, you've established a few goals for this year. I've learned a great tip regarding resolutions. First, write them down. It's not too late if you haven't already done this. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. It may not make sense at first, but I'm sure you have heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. I recommend that you have a team of experts help you, and I would love to be the first you sit with. Let's schedule some time to meet together, and I, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, will provide an "insurance check-up" (at no cost!) that will evaluate any gaps in your family's life insurance protection. Now might be the perfect time to fill those gaps, not later. Keep in mind that unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did I mention my check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could provide value to you and your family for generations? Call me today.

You're Brother Knight Michael Rachford PGK



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FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO BROTHER KNIGHTS

January Birthdays	February Birthdays
1 Robert Luis	2 Arturo Gonzales
1 Edward Vigil	5 Mario A Borgatello
3 Ray Charpentier	6 Raul Navarro
7 Kevin Cheung	6 David Rink
11 Raymond Jarrard	8 Edward Corral
14 Richard Rink	16 Mike Engler
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Editor's Note:

Below is a letter that our Grand Knight received from Matthew A Najera. Matthew is a brother Knight in Council 1684 as well as Co-founder and President of the newly established Saint Therese Classical Academy. Saint Therese Classical Academy has been established as a response to the call of Jesus Christ by families seeking a classical liberal arts education faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Saint Therese Classical Academy is open to all qualified students without regard to race, color, nationality, or ethnic origin. It has an admissions policy that decreases the amount of tuition based on the number of children a family has at the school. Grades levels include 7th through 12th. Further information can be found at www.sainttheresecclassicalacademy.com

Dear Brother Knights,

On behalf of the students and staff of St. Therese Classical Academy, I thank you again for your spiritual and financial support. I would also like to offer a brief update on the goings-on at the academy, which also may be suitable for publication in the next newsletter.

We recently enrolled our twelfth student, which for any seminal Christian apostolate is a great number with which to start. Another recent addition is a highly qualified and experienced teacher who will be forming our classical choir and teaching our literature classes. Her name is Karen Schindler and how she got on our radar is an amazing story in itself where you don't have to look too hard to see the hand of God at work. Our student choir is looking forward to receiving an invitation from the Knights to perform. Besides our solid classroom curriculum - other recent activities have included attending a chamber orchestra, school tours of the Old Mission, Courthouse, and LA Cathedral (where a play on the life of St. Therese our patroness was performed). We've been enjoying many outdoor activities including horseback riding, participating in local civic celebrations on national holidays, and the State Street Guadalupe procession. One of the more amazing outings as part of our art curriculum was to the Getty museum to see Peter Paul Ruben's massive tapestries "The Triumph of the Eucharist" exhibit. Here our students had the opportunity to interpret authentic renaissance artwork and numerous Latin phrases such as "*Hoc est corpus meum*."

On an outing to the Christian Service-4-Life rally (a pro-life event), we ran into the Superintendent of Catholic High Schools Monsignor Sal Pilato. After chatting with us and meeting our students, he extended a personal invitation to all our staff to participate in the diocesan high school faith formation day at Bishop Garcia Diego High School. So, last month our teaching staff had the honor of joining all the regional Catholic High Schools from Santa Maria to Oxnard for a day of thoughtful reflection and fellowship.

While getting this academy up and running has been a daunting task and has come with great sacrifice on the part of many of our families and staff, the rewards have been even greater. In all sincerity, I have never enjoyed teaching as much as I have this year and I have never had the privilege nor pleasure of working with a more grace-filled and passionate group of educators. Where else can you find eight gifted Christian men and women so committed to realizing a dream and serving the Lord that they are willing to work for a year with little or no pay? God is good and we are blessed!

On the business side, we received our determination letter from the IRS in November. So, we can officially call ourselves a 501(c)(3) federal non-profit corporation. Now there's no excuse for any of my brother knights to not send a few personal tax-deductible dollars our way. Please continue to support us through prayer and word of mouth to any families who are looking for a solid and dynamic Catholic education for their junior high and high school children.

Your brother in Christ,
Matthew A. Najera

P.S. The attached pictures are at the diocesan Christian Service-4-Life Rally with keynote speaker Immaculee Ilibagiza (Rwandan Holocaust survivor).

The other is during a recent class on etiquette - table settings and table manners, preceded by a cooking lesson.

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Photo at Diocesan Christian Service-4-Life Rally.



Photo of a class learning dining etiquette.

Photo Section



FIRST DEGREE

From left to right our new brother Knights Larry Donovan and Arturo Magallanes from Council 13756 at St. Joseph Parish in Carpentaria, and José Aguirre from Council 1684. All three took their First Degree on December 3. Photo by R. Rink

MEMORIAL MASS

On the evening of November 12, brother Knights along with members of Catholic Daughters participate in a light luncheon after completion of the Memorial Mass. Photo by Steve and Karen Romofsky

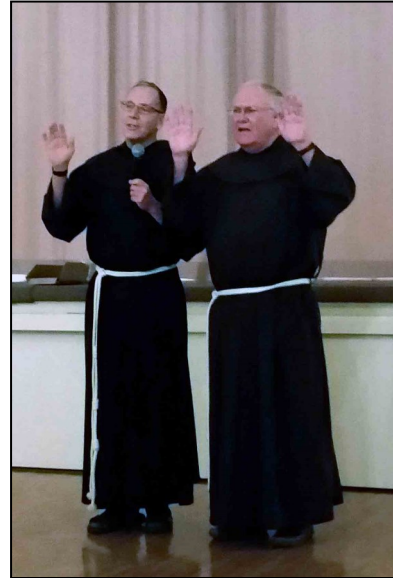


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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER



District Deputy Ray Centeno presents Council 1684 with the Fr. Michael J. McGivney Award for 2013-2014 fraternal year. This award is granted to Councils meeting their membership quota.



Fr. Charles and Fr. Larry sing a Franciscan blessing at the beginning of the dinner.



Bruce Garcia and his wife Christine.



Father and daughter enjoyed the evening.



John Balster served beverages to attendees.



The Treble Clef Singers provided entertainment.

Knights of Columbus Council 1684 - August 2014

January - June 2015 Calendar

Business Meeting	January 14, 2015	
Dinner Meeting	January 21, 2014	Clergy Appreciation Dinner
Dinner Meeting	February 11, 2015	Valentine's Day Dinner (Ash Wednesday 02/18)
Business Meeting	February 25, 2015	
Dinner Meeting	March 11, 2015	St. Patrick's Day Dinner - Irish Music
Business Meeting	March 25, 2015	
Business Meeting	April 8, 2015	
Dinner Meeting	April 22, 2015	Essay Contest Dinner - NDS / OLMCS
Business Meeting	May 13, 2015	
Dinner Meeting	May 27, 2015	Scholarship Dinner - BDHS / NDS / OLMCS
Business Meeting	June 10, 2015	
Special Meeting	Saturday, June 20, 2015	Latin Mass / Officer Installation / Pancake Breakfast with Council 5300

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Richard Rink

Editor

Knights of Columbus Pledges \$1.4 Million for Special Olympics World Games in L.A.

The Knights of Columbus formally announced a donation to cover the costs of athletes from the United States and Canada during their time in Los Angeles as they participate in the 2015 Special Olympics World Games.

The Knights' \$1.4 million sponsorship will cover the costs of food, transportation and entertainment for every athlete from the two countries during their time in Los Angeles.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson made the announcement during a news conference on July 14, 2014 at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. Joining him at the announcement was World Games CEO and President Patrick McClenahan and Archbishop of Los Angeles José H. Gomez.

"The Knights of Columbus were there with Special Olympics and its founder, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, from the very beginning," said Supreme Knight Anderson. "Sargent Shriver, Eunice's husband, was a friend and a proud member of the Knights of Columbus, and like him, we are here today to continue those efforts on behalf of people with intellectual disabilities. Our support exemplifies our commitment to the dignity of every person, our dedication to assisting with our neighbors' needs whatever they may be, and our deep appreciation for the great work done by Special Olympics."

Anderson also announced that he is asking the leadership of the K of C in each U.S. state and Canadian province to increase the number of volunteer hours donated to Special Olympics this year.

In a 1986 letter, Eunice Kennedy Shriver reflected on the Knights' long involvement, observing, "When a great organization like the Knights of Columbus decides to support Special Olympics, I know that God is looking after his children."

Patrick McClenahan, president and CEO of Special Olympics World Games Los Angeles 2015, noted: "Anyone that is a part of the Special Olympics movement is deeply aware of the long and generous support by the Knights of Columbus, and today's pledge is another amazing milestone. We hope their donation inspires other organizations to be a part of what will no doubt be a life-changing experience for all involved in the 2015 Special Olympic World Games."

At Monday's event, the Knights were also named as a "Founding Champion of the World Games."

Also at that event, Archbishop José H. Gomez also announced the Archdiocese's spiritual support for the World Games.

"The Catholic community is happy and proud to welcome the Special Olympics to Los Angeles," Archbishop Gomez said. "The Special Olympics is a celebration of human dignity and a beautiful sign that our world is truly one family drawn from peoples of every race and language. We look forward to working with the Knights of Columbus, and we pray that this competition will promote solidarity and make all of us more aware of our common humanity."

In keeping with its long history of support for Special Olympics, K of C councils donated more than \$3.5 million to Special Olympics in 2013. Members also provided more than 250,000 hours of service at nearly 20,000 Special Olympics events. K of C councils also donated an additional \$13.5 million to a number of other projects assisting people with intellectual disabilities.

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