



# Knights of Columbus

## Council 1684 • Santa Barbara, California

### MARCH - APRIL 2015

#### Special Dates and Activities

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

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

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

**April 2 11:00 PM**  
**Hour of Adoration**  
of the Blessed  
Sacrament, Chapel of  
the Poor Clares.

**April 12 3:00 PM**  
**Prayer Vigil to End**  
**Abortion**, In Front of  
the Planned Parenthood  
office, 518 Garden St.

**April 24 5:30 PM**  
**Prepare Meal at**  
**Transition House**

**March 11** Council 1684 - St. Patrick's Day Social & Dinner  
Social Hour: 6:30 PM Dinner: 7:00 PM  
Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street

**March 25** 6:30 PM Officers Meeting  
7:30 PM General Council Meeting  
Second Degree Ceremony  
Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street

**April 8** 6:30 PM Officers Meeting  
7:30 PM General Council Meeting  
Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street

**April 22** Council 1684 - Dinner & Essay Contest Winners  
Social Hour: 6:30 PM Dinner: 7:00 PM  
Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street  
Annual Banquet awarding essay contest winners

#### Financial Secretary Notes

**B**oth January and February were busy months. On Wednesday January 21 we held the Annual Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner at Bishop Diego High School. Msgr. Michael Jennett, Regional Episcopal Vicar was the guest speaker. On Wednesday February 11 we celebrated Valentine's Day by providing a free dinner for our brother Knights and their wives. Photos of these two events can be found on Pages 9 and 10 of this bulletin. On Wednesday February 25, we welcomed Bradley Apodaca and Alvin Bentajado as new members, both taking their First Degree. We also welcome Brother Mark Henry who recently transferred into Council 1684.

On Wednesday March 11 we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day with a dinner for brother Knights, their family and guests. Dinner will feature Irish stew by the incomparable John O'Green. On Wednesday March 25 we will hold a Second Degree Ceremony for new brothers that have recently taken the First Degree. It's important that our brother Knights support our new members on taking the Second Degree by attending this ceremony. On Wednesday April 21 we will have our Annual Essay Contest Dinner for Catholic grade school students. This is a noted event for both students and their parents.

Also, during the January and February, our Council supported local veterans on Cabrillo Blvd by donating two new wheelchairs. Another item showing Knights in action is \$500 that our Council donated toward ultrasound equipment offering expectant mothers the opportunity to see their unborn babies.

*Ray Charpentier*

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## GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Steve

Worthy Brother Knights, we have entered the Lenten season, a time of reflection, which prepares us for the Resurrection.

The end of winter is in sight, followed by the beginning of spring. The time change will be here before we know it and with it comes longer daylight hours. It is the perfect time to take stock. Find a quiet place and pray. Count your blessings.

For me one of my many blessings is membership in our order and the chance to spend time with my Brother Knights. This week we just finished our February Officers' and Business Meetings. During these meetings, we transact the business of the Council, plan upcoming events, review past activities, and evaluate programs in which the Council will participate. Both of these meetings provide us with the opportunity to pray, we have opening and closing prayers, we also offers prayers for Brother Knights in need. There is something very powerful about a group of men praying together in a common voice. I invite you to come to a meeting and pray with us.

The monthly meetings are also times for degree ceremonies, like the First Degree we had this week and the Second Degree we will have next month. All Brother Knights with First Degrees should plan to attend. Each of us has our own memories of our degree ceremonies. Plan to attend a ceremony and rekindle your memories. Attending degree ceremonies shows your support for our Brother Knights as they advance to full knighthood in our order. One last comment on degree ceremonies, there will be a Third Degree in April, in our area, so all Brother Knights with Second Degrees can become full members of our order.

Another essential element of our monthly meetings is the social time. We are all busy men. Many things take our time. I invite you to join us for the social time after the monthly meetings. The spirit of our brotherhood is very much alive. The conversations are lively and diverse. You can meet the new Brother Knights and you can renew old friendships. Please make the time, if not for yourself then for your Brother Knights.

This past January, in conjunction with our Brothers from Council 5300, we held the annual Clergy and

Religious Appreciation Dinner. I want to thank Bishop Diego High School for allowing us to use their gymnasium for the evening. The event was well attended and a good time was had by all, based on the comments I have received. There was even an amazing brown shoe story that will no doubt become an element of classic homilies in our parishes. Everybody has a brown shoe story if you ask.

February brought our Valentine's Day Dinner. Our goal is more audience participation. We offered spouses the chance to share the stories of how they met. We also allowed brave souls to demonstrate their comedic talents. Successful joke tellers received prizes. Three good jokes earned three prizes.

March means the St. Patrick's Day Dinner. Expect more tomfoolery. April means the Essay Contest. Expect to be amazed by the student entries. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Vivat Jesus,

**Steve Romofsky**

Grand Knight

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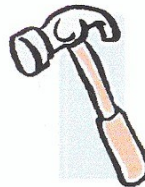
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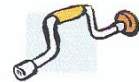
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## Deacon's Corner:

### *LENT*

Every year I hear of people making New Year's resolutions only to break them a few weeks later.

I resolved years ago not to wait for New Years to try and improve my personal imperfections and my personality flaws. Regardless of how often we try to improve ourselves, at times it seems futile; whether it's to lose weight or exercise, or be more patient or prayerful, or to reconcile an old riff with a family member or friend, we realize year after year that we are always in need of some serious maintenance. Lent gives us an opportunity to be reminded of things far more important than our waste lines or desire for another piece of pie, or chocolate. It gives us the opportunity to strengthen our relationship with our creator, our Father and Jesus Christ, who died so we could be reconciled, and continue to live in our imperfect selves, while we try work out our shortcoming.

Dealing with our sinfulness is not something we take on gladly; it's not something we do with enthusiasm. To admit that there is evil in our lives is already distasteful. To try to eradicate it is harder still. Yet unless we are realistic about our condition, we will remain detached

from the life that the Lord intends us to live; we will remain weakened in our sharing in the life of Christ.

We say that we are confident that God will forgive us our trespasses, but we must also be able to forgive those who trespass against us. Only through our love for one another, will we be able to receive God's love.

Lent is a season, of prayer, fasting and alms giving. Prayer to bring us closer to God; fasting, to offer a time for examination of confidence; and alms giving to share God's love with those around us and those in need.

Just as Jesus took on full humanity to experience our fears and shortcomings, being a Catholic Christian believer involves living the life of Christ.

During Lent the Church invites us to live with Jesus in his desert experience, to undergo trial with him and to come out of the desert at the end, ready to share the time of fulfillment with him in the Kingdom of God.

*Deacon Randy*

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**GENERAL MEETING OF  
COUNCIL 1684  
WEDNESDAY,  
JANUARY 14, 2015**

Fourteen members were present when Grand Knight Steve Romofsky called the Council meeting for January to order at 7:25 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 December meeting were approved as read.

The Worthy Grand Knight reported on the following items:

- The Clergy Appreciation Dinner on January 21 is \$20 per person with catering by Country Catering. A few volunteer Knights are requested to be at Bishop Diego Garcia High School at 6:00 p.m. to help set up since we have no earlier access. There will be a three bottle raffle.
- Please welcome Brother Mark Henry who has transferred into Council 1684.
- The Valentine's social will feature a taco bar with Brother Bruce making the arrangements. This social is presented at no charge for Knights and their spouses. It will not be boring with Worthy Grand Knight Steve Romofsky running the show. There will be a raffle.
- Brothers Hank Peterson and Alex Castellanos will be getting the Knights basketball challenge underway shortly.

Under the Treasurer's Report, the

Treasurer reported a beginning balance of \$4, 103.79 with deposits of \$2,847.90, withdrawals of \$2,216.20, for and ending balance of \$4,735.49.

The Financial Secretary reported four bills paid. The December Social had income of \$510 and expenses of \$494.39, resulting in a profit of \$15.61 to the Council. This represented 35 paying guests and 7 guests at no charge.

Under Membership, a First Degree Exemplification will be held at the February 25 meeting with a Second Degree to follow in March. The first reading was given to prospective Knight Bradley Apocaca.

Under Communication, the Council received communication from Brother Steve Riffero of the Blue Jacket Teen-Age Club requesting participation of the Knights in their annual raffle. Every \$20 has the chance to win one of four Trader Joe's \$50 gift certificates.

The Council also received communication from Bishop Thomas Curry thanking the Council for the invitation to the Clergy Appreciation Dinner, but declining. Also received was the newsletter from the Poor Clares.

Under Old Business, there was no Old Business.

Under New Business,

- Brothers Steve Romofsky and Bruce Garcia will be attending the State Convention in May. A Resolution covering Brother Mario Borgatello and other deceased Knights will be

presented.

- A meeting with the Friars is coming up soon and was discussed.
- Brother Ray Charpentier asked the Grand Knight and the Council for clear for dropping Knights for unpaid dues.

The calling list was discussed. Perhaps the calls could be made to keep in touch with Brother Knights who don't come to meetings.

There was no District Deputy's report, District Deputy Ray Centeno, Jr. was unable to attend.

There was no Field Agent's report.

Under the Good of the Order, Brother Ray Charpentier noted that he will be retiring as Financial Secretary in three years. This news was received with much wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Under Prayers for the Sick or Distressed,

- Brother Ray Charpentier for his brother Edgar in Boston whose health is failing.
- Brother Steve Romofsky for the Morelos family who just lost Brother David Morelos.

Following a closing prayer by Worthy Grand Knight Steve Romofsky, the Council meeting for December adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The next Council 1684 business meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

***Al Anglin***

Recorder

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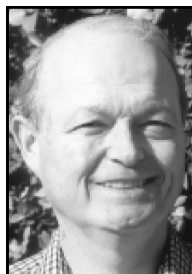
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## *Pro-Life Report*



**Mike Engler**

### **HOW TO DO PENANCE FOR OUR SINS *AND* SAVE BABIES' LIVES THIS LENT**

**I**t's Lent, when we must do penance for our sins. And once again, God has sent us a unique opportunity do penance—one that will not only help atone for our sins, but will save unborn babies from brutal death by abortion.

It's a simple but highly effective project called 40 Days for Life, and it's sweeping America and other countries. Our bishops endorse it and encourage us to take part. Here are some of the wonders that God and His Mother have brought about through 40 Days for Life:

At least 9,738 babies have been saved from abortion . . . at least 19,476 moms and dads have been spared the pain of abortion . . . 61 abortion centers have closed . . . other abortion centers have lost much business . . . 107 abortion workers have quit their jobs, including the head of Planned Parenthood in the city where 40 Days started . . . entire churches have become activated for the babies . . . and more than 650,000 people have taken part in local 40 Days campaigns.

Planned Parenthood (PP) of Santa Barbara kills 30 unborn babies every week - 1,560 babies every year (God, have mercy!). By taking part in 40 Days for Life, you can save babies in our community.


This project couldn't be simpler: Catholics and other Christians are praying peacefully on the public sidewalk in front of PP (518 Garden St.) during as many "business" hours as possible, through Saturday, March 28. John Kirk of Council 5300 asks us to sign up for one hour each week, then pray any prayers you choose at PP during that hour, through March 28. Or, if you prefer, you can just drop by PP any time. Local leaders are counting on us Knights and our families to do our share.

Fr. Frank Pavone of Priests for Life says many women who approach an abortion center are looking for a sign from God that they shouldn't kill their baby. [You can be that sign!](#)

So far 3,336 40 Days for Life campaigns have taken place in 559 cities in all 50 states and 27 countries. To read more about the amazing results, visit [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com)

In the Bible, Jesus asks us, "Could you not watch one hour with Me?" How pleased He and His Mother will be when you pray at the modern-day Calvary, where Jesus is re-crucified in the person of His innocent babies! You'll save babies . . . save moms and dads . . . convert abortion workers . . . and bring down God's Mercy on our nation. To learn more and to sign up, call John Kirk at (805) 966-1952 or Mrs. Rita Duley at (805) 886-8555.

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**GENERAL MEETING OF  
COUNCIL 1684  
WEDNESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 25, 2015**

**T**hirteen members were present when Grand Knight Steve Romofsky called the Council meeting for February to order at 8:18 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 January meeting were approved as read.

The Worthy Grand Knight reported on the following items:

- The Worthy Grand Knight praised all who helped make the Valentine's social such a grand event. None of the jokes bombed.
- The March 11 St. Patrick's Day social will feature Irish stew by the incomparable John O'Green. There will be a booze raffle.
- Brother José Naranjo will be preparing the Essay Contest social on April 22. Don't miss Chef José's Council debut.
- Worthy Grand Knight Steve Romofsky welcomed new Knights Bradley Apodaca and Alvin Bentajado who had just completed their First Degree Exemplification.

Under the Treasurer's Report, the Treasurer reported a beginning balance of \$4,735.49 with deposits of \$2,938.80,

withdrawals of \$6243.40, for and ending balance of \$1430.89.

The Financial Secretary reported five bills paid. The Clergy Appreciation Dinner had income of \$2416 and expenses of \$2437.90, resulting in an expense of \$21.90 to the Council. The February social had income of \$325 and expenses of \$575.04 for an expense to the Council of \$251.04. Good considering that it was free of charge to Knights and their spouses.

Under Membership, a First Degree Exemplification was held at prior to the business meeting where the Council welcomed Bradley Apodaca and Alvin Bentajado as new Knights. A Second Degree Exemplification will be held at the March 25 Council meeting.

Under Communication, the Council received communication from Barbara Najera on behalf of the Catholic Daughters thanking the Council for setting up the hall and offering any assistance needed.

Under New Business,

- Brother John Green presented the Councils balance sheets for 2014 and explained them to members new and old.
- The Worthy Grand Knights presented an amended 2014-2015 budget. This was necessary to reflect the Council's intentions with regard to scholarship funds. The amended budget was

given the first reading.

- The 2015-2016 Council Calendar was presented to the Council.

There was no Old business.

There was no District Deputy's report. District Deputy Ray Centeno, Jr. was unable to attend .

There was no Field Agent's report.

Under the Good of the Order, Brother Mark Weitstock spoke about the Lenten season and its meaning to Catholics and our Brother Knights.

Under Prayers for the Sick or Distressed,

- Grand Knight Steve Romofsky for the soul of Brother Ray Charpentier's brother Edgar who recently passed away.
- Brother David Chávez for his son who recently had surgery.
- Brother Mark Weitstock for Pauline Muñoz.

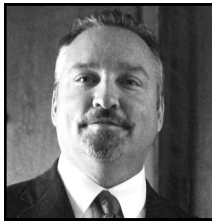
Following a closing prayer by Worthy Grand Knight Steve Romofsky, the Council meeting for February adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The next Council 1684 business meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

***Al Anglin***  
Recorder

## Field Agents Memo



**David  
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### **FOR MARCH AND APRIL HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS**

#### **March Birthdays**

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

#### **April Birthdays**

- 5 Jacques Benoit
- 8 Mathew Doyle
- 11 Kenneth Fitzpatrick
- 15 Michael McGrath
- 16 Jose Naranjo
- 28 Oswald DaRos
- 28 Paul Jarchow
- 30 Thomas Watts

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## In Memory of David Raphael Morelos



David Morelos 67, passed away unexpectedly on December 30, 2014. David was the second born, of 14 children, on March 7, 1947, to Jesús and Mildred Morelos. He attended local schools in Santa Barbara, graduating from Santa Barbara High School before enlisting in the United States Navy. David served a four-year tour and completed multiple tours in Vietnam. He met the love of his life, Dana, in Santa Barbara, married to her on September 15, 1973. David was blessed with four sons of whom he was especially proud, Jeff, Albert, Kevin and Stephen. He worked diligently on becoming a plumber and in 1977 became the owner of "Jerry the Plumber."

David was a member of the Elks, the Knights of Columbus and several other organizations. He was always thinking of others and gave so much of his time, talents and knowledge to help them succeed. He was loved by all of his family and by all who knew him. David's family was unquestionably the center of his world. He always made sure that his wife, sons, mother and family were taken care of. He greatly enjoyed taking care of his five grandchildren and attending their activities. David had a great sense of humor.

David is preceded in death by his grandparents, father and brother, Lionel. He is survived by his beloved wife of 41 years, Dana, his four sons, Jeff, Albert, Kevin and Stephen; grandchildren, Emily, Dylan, Deven, Aliya and Bria; his siblings, Yolanda, Dennis, Ricardo, Mildred, Linda, Dolores, Augustine, Joel, Raphael, Cathleen, Raúl and Carolyn; and his mother, Mildred.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, January 10, at Our Lady of Sorrows followed by interment at Calvary Cemetery.

## In Memory of Joseph William Connolly



Joseph Connolly, 79 years old of Manchester, England went to Heaven on Monday January 19, 2015. He passed away at his home in Santa Barbara of natural causes. Joseph was born on December 8, 1935 to Peter and Mary Connolly of Monaghan, Ireland. He married Doreen Hallett and together they had a daughter Sharon Kathryn Connolly. Sharon was the light of Joe's life. Being a father was the most precious thing to him and throughout his life it brought him the most joy. He was an extremely devoted and a very loving father. Joe was a blessing to all of us. He was a true gift from God, an example to all of us of how to live our lives in gratitude every day, loving one another unconditionally.

Joe is survived by his daughter Sharon, Matt Russell, Joe's sister Mary, his brothers John, Tony and Kevin, sister-in-laws Maureen, Yvonne, Pam and Joyce and brother in law Harley. Joe also leaves behind many nieces, nephews and cousins that he loved dearly and was very proud of. Family and God were the two most important things in Joe's life. He had a tremendous faith in God. He was a man of God who loved and is loved.

Life is the greatest gift God has given us. Death is only a bridge towards eternal life with God. Certainly Heaven is rejoicing, for another precious soul has reached his way home.

A funeral service was held on Friday January 30, 2015 at the Old Mission Santa Barbara.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to [St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#) or any charity of your choice.



# Photo Section

## 2015 CLERGY & RELIGIOUS APPRECIATION DINNER



The Annual Clergy & Religious Appreciation Dinner was held on Wednesday, January 21 at Bishop Diego High School. The master of ceremony was our Grand Knight Steve Romofsky (left) with the guest speaker for the event being Msgr. Michael Jennett, Regional Episcopal Vicar (right). Country Catering provided the dinner for the evening with Serina Soto, owner and baker of Nibble-it Sweet Treats, serving deserts. This year's appreciation dinner was coordinated by Council 1684.



Thanks to our brother Knights that managed the bar.



Country Catering provided an excellent chicken dinner.



As you can see from the photo, Nibble-it Sweet Treats provided an array of different delicious desserts; these delights being at the end of serving table for the dinner.

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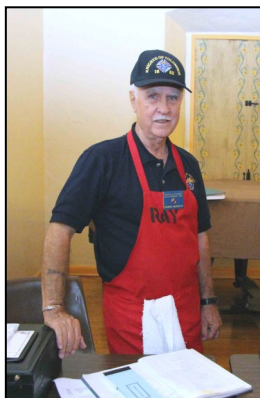




Thanks to Ray Charpentier, he always there greeting people at the door.



## PHOTOS FROM VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER—FEBRUARY 11



## COLLEGE KNIGHTS CONTINUE LEGACY OF CARDINAL O'CONNOR

By Louis Cona, PDGK Georgetown University Council #6375

On Saturday, January 24, 2015 young people from across the nation gathered at Georgetown University to participate in the 16th annual Cardinal O'Connor Conference on Life. The conference provided the opportunity for hundreds of pro-lifers to participate in a forum of serious intellectual discourse, as well as the chance to connect with hundreds of like-minded participants from across the country. Through the keynote speech and the



various breakout sessions that followed, participants not only gained the necessary intellectual tools to publicly defend human life at all its stages, but also had the priceless opportunity to develop new friendships in the pro-life movement. Participants left the conference with renewed hope, enthusiasm, and zeal.

The Cardinal O'Connor Conference, the nation's largest student-run pro-life conference, has a rich history with the Knights of Columbus. The conference was founded 16 years ago by Stephen Feiler, who was then-grand knight of Georgetown University Council 6375. To this day, the O'Connor Conference has been sponsored by both Georgetown and Supreme Council.

The conference was named in honor of His Eminence John Cardinal O'Connor, the late archbishop of New York and a Georgetown University alumnus. Cardinal O'Connor was renowned for his courage as a champion of the unborn, and the Cardinal O'Connor Conference on Life seeks to continue his mission of defending the sacredness of all human life.

This year's conference featured a keynote address from Cardinal Seán O'Malley and a panel conversation featuring Richard Doerflinger, Mary Hasson, Mona Charen and Father Joseph Koterski, S.J. Past speakers have included Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, Raymond Cardinal Burke, Archbishop Charles Chaput, Helen Alvaré, Robert P. George and Hadley Arkes. Archbishop John Kurtz of Louisville, KY, president of the USCCB, celebrated the closing Mass.

Inspired by the courage and vision of Cardinal O'Connor, the Knights of Columbus constantly strive to be living witnesses of our faith and defenders of the most vulnerable among us. It is our duty as Knights and Catholic men to speak for the voiceless and come to the aid of the oppressed. We hope you can join us next year to build a country of life and for life!

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