



Knights of Columbus

Council 1684 • Santa Barbara, California



JULY - AUGUST 2016



Special Dates and Activities

June 30 11:00 PM
Hour of Adoration
of the Blessed
Sacrament, Chapel
of the Poor Clares.

July 10 3:00 PM
**Prayer Vigil to End
Abortion**, in front of the
Planned Parenthood
office, 518 Garden St.

July 22 5:30 PM
**Prepare Meal at
Transition House**

August 4 11:00 PM
Hour of Adoration
of the Blessed
Sacrament, Chapel of
the Poor Clares.

August 14 3:00 PM
**Prayer Vigil to End
Abortion**, in Front of
the Planned Parenthood
office, 518 Garden St.

August 26 5:30 PM
**Prepare Meal at
Transition House**

July 13 6:30 PM Officers Meeting
7:30 PM General Council Meeting
Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street

August 3 — 6
K of C Booths at Old Spanish Days
Location: As a fund raiser during Old Spanish
Days our Brother Knights will staff only one
booth (Pepsi drinks) at Mackenzie Park
(Mercado del Norte) - corner of State Street
and Las Positas Road.

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO STAFF THE
PEPSI BOOTH FOR ONE OF THE
FOUR-HOUR SLOTS: 11 AM—3 PM,
3 PM—7 PM, 7 PM—11 PM.**

August 10 6:30 PM Officers Meeting
7:30 PM General Council Meeting
Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street

NO DINNERS DURING JULY AND AUGUST

Financial Secretary's Report

While summer is a time to relax, enjoy the company of friends and family at picnics and outings, it won't be a slow time for our Council. Tuesday evening, July 13 and August 10, our Council will have its monthly General Meetings.

Our Council will again be doing a fund drive during the Old Spanish Days Fiesta. To raise funds for scholarships, our council has agreed to operate the Pepsi booth at Mercado Del Norte (Mackenzie Park). The Mercado will be opened from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM, Wednesday, August 3 through Saturday, August 6. We will need staff for the soft drink operation with teams of two people per shift (a third person will serve as "manager" making sure that the booth remains well-stocked with what it needs).

The Pepsi booth will have three four-hour shifts: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM, 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM and 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM. We will be calling on council members to volunteer for one of these 12 shifts. Wives and teenagers of council members are welcomed to help. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Mark Wietstock at 899-2729.

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

My Brother Knights,

As we come to the end of another Columbian year, I find myself often thinking about all the brother Knights I've had the pleasure to know and work with over the 20-plus years I've been a member of Council 1684 ... those we've known, loved and lost over the course of my membership ... our most experienced, senior officers and brothers who perform so many vital functions on our Council's behalf ... and all our more recent added members, who are only just beginning to learn how our Order helps to support us all in our individual journeys of faith, *e.g.*, by constantly presenting us with new opportunities to love ... to serve ... to be a "strong right arm" for the clergy, religious and lay ministers of our Parishes and Schools, and the very hands of Christ in our little part of the world.

Right now, I see our Council entering a phase of transition, in which the need for our more recently admitted members to come forward and accept new responsibilities and leadership positions will become more and more important, with each passing month. To paraphrase the challenge issued to the American people by the late John F. Kennedy, my

Brother Knights, "ask not what the Knights can do for you, but what you can do for our Council, our Order, our Community, and our World." As we ask ourselves this question, over and over again in the months and years to come, we should all be assured in the knowledge that all our efforts will be blessed by the steadfast guidance and support of our most experienced Brothers, on whose broad shoulders so much of this Council's good works have been carried for so many years.


As I return to serve once again as Grand Knight for K of C Council 1684, I want to thank you all in advance for your commitment to the spirit and works of our Order, and to one another. I want to remind us all of the four pillars of our Order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. These principles are alive, well and living in the hearts, minds and arms of the Brothers of K of C Council 1684. Each of us has a role to play in making these principles more real ... to ourselves, and to all those with whom we interact in the course of all our works.


Vivat Jesu, Brothers!

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Grand Knight

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Deacon's Corner:

WHAT A GREAT TIME OF THE YEAR

What a great time of the year...the fourth of July is upon us; when we celebrate our country's independence, and our right and freedoms, our rights to worship, to speak freely, and to life liberty and justice.

Fiesta- "Old Spanish Days" is not far off. This celebration as well celebrates our heritage on a more local level, but none the less honors our traditions as free people who celebrate our love and compassion for one another.

Summer in Santa Barbara is about the greatest place in time one could be placed. I encourage everyone to enjoy the beauty of our great community and the surrounding areas. Try if you can to turn off the TV, the radio and computers for a time this summer. It seems we are being inundated with negative vibes from people who pay money to be heard by the masses.

It's no surprise we find ourselves in the midst of the ugliest presidential and congressional campaigns in at least 4 years. It seems to occur about that often, but every year seems worse than the years before.

Rarely am I conflicted as to which candidate I support, but many people have mixed ideas and ideals, as no candidate can offer everything anybody wants or expects. I do ask that we all take a moment to examine both sides of every conflict and issue in our lives.

What our Lord reminds us of is that, as citizens, we have an obligation to render to the state whatever material and personal services are required for the common good of society. Christians are called upon to obey the just laws of the state, to vote for those who seek public office, to participate as well as we can in the po-

litical and social life of the community.

I hope we all choose to support and vote for a candidate we feel will serve the common good without looking for personal gain. They have to legislate and govern with the greatest respect for the natural law and the rights of people. This includes the protection of life from the moment of conception until natural death, the defense of marriage and the family, ensuring religious liberty, and safeguarding the rights of parents regarding the education of their children.

I offer my prayers for all those who serve our communities, whether as elected officials or volunteer workers, and God Bless America!

Blessings

Deacon Randy

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**GENERAL MEETING
OF COUNCIL 1684
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2016**

Eight members were present when Deputy Grand Knight Hank Peterson called the Council meeting for May to order at 7:37 p.m. Upon closing the meeting doors, membership cards were verified. Deputy Grand Knight Hank Peterson led the opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no quorum for the April meeting and no Minutes. Please attend your Council's regular business meetings on the second Wednesday of each month (unless otherwise noted).

The Worthy Deputy Grand Knight reported on the following items:

- The Essay Contest Social was a big success. The students read and discussed their award winning essays in front of the audience – and the food was great.
- The menu for the Scholarship Social on May 25 will include tri-tip, chili beans, salad, green beans, bread, and a dessert. It is always thrilling to watch the Council give away thousands of dollars in scholarships to deserving students from Notre Dame, Mt. Carmel, Bishop, and St. Therese Academy. Our Council is known for supporting Catholic education..
- Preparations are underway for the Installation of Officers and pancake brunch on June 25. The installation begins at 9 a.m. in Serra Chapel on the grounds of the Old Mission Santa Barbara. Please enter through the 2300 Garden Street entrance guarded by two sandstone pillars. The installation is followed by the pancake brunch at Serra Hall.
- Council 1684 will join the Catholic Daughters in honoring students from Notre Dame and Mt. Carmel schools with outstanding deportment.
- The Special Olympics Eighth Annual In Spire Greatness Luncheon will be held on Thursday May 19 at the Santa Barbara County Courthouse.

Under the Treasurer's Report, the Council collected \$468 and expenses of \$355.37 for food. The budgeted expense for Essay prize-winners was \$700.

The Financial Secretary had no report.

Under Membership, there was no report.

Under Communication, there was no new communication.

Under Old Business, The slate of officers was given the second reading and will be voted upon at the June 8

meeting. They are:

Grand Knight Mark Wietstock, Deputy Grand Knight Hank Peterson, Chancellor Luis Pelayo, Treasurer Bruce Garcia, Recorder Al Anglin, Advocate Richard Rink, Warden José Naranjo, Outside Guard David Chávez, Inside Guard Jim Bauer, One-Year Trustee John Green, Two-Year Trustee Steve Romofsky, Three-Year Trustee Nick Curran.

Supreme has required the Council to disband the Home Association. It will be re-formed as a trust for the Council with the same amount of money in it. This will be happening soon.

Under New Business,

- Worthy Grand Knight Nick Curran and Worthy Financial Secretary Ray Charpentier will attend the State Knights Convention in Santa Clara on May 17.
- Brother Mark Wietstock reported that Fiesta preparations for this year's Fiesta is progressing better than usual, with the exception that the Council will not be vending souvenirs this year, due to changes coming from the Fiesta Committee.

Under the District Deputy's report, District Deputy Tim Coe informed the members of a Heroes team event at the Camarillo Airport on June 25. Teams will pull a WWII bomber as far as they can.

Under the Field Agent's report, Brother David Nordella was unable to attend.

There was no Lecturer's presentation this month.

Under Good of the Order, Brother Al Anglin thanked Council members for prayers offered for his Brother-in-Law, Past Grand Knight Alex Saucedo, over the years and after his death in March. He also thanked the members who attended his Mass at Mt. Carmel. Brother Al's Mother-in-Law, Connie Saucedo, also died in March.

Prayers for the Sick or Distressed:

- For Brother Luis Valenzuela

Following a closing prayer by Deputy Grand Knight Hank Peterson, the Council meeting for May adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Anglin

Recorder



Mike Engler

Pro-Life Report

Abortion, Euthanasia are the Gravest Issues, Archbishop Gomez Reminds Catholics

What issues facing our country are the most urgent and important? Most people would probably name “jobs,” “fighting terrorism,” “immigration” or similar issues. But in his column in *The Tidings* (June 3), Abp. José H. Gomez of Los Angeles explains why protecting the lives of unborn babies and vulnerable patients must be our highest priorities.

Some Catholics, he notes, say abortion, assisted suicide and euthanasia are just three issues among many others. This line of thinking “can lead to a kind of moral relativism that renders serious social issues as more or less equivalent... .”

“But the hard truth,” he points out, “is that not all injustices in the world are ‘equal.’ We can understand this perhaps better about issues in the past than we can with issues in the present. For instance, we would never want to describe slavery as just one of several problems in 18th-century and 19th-century American life.” Some evils “are so grave that Christians are called to address them as a primary duty.”

“Among the evils and injustices in American life in 2016,” Abp. Gomez states, “abortion and euthanasia are different and stand alone. Each is a direct, personal attack on innocent and vulnerable human life. Abortion and euthanasia function in our society as what the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* calls “structures of sin” or “social sins... .”

“Abortion and euthanasia raise basic questions of human rights and social justice,” he adds, “questions of what kind of society and what kind of people we want to be. Do we really want to become a people that responds to human suffering by helping to kill the one who suffers? Do we really want to be a society where the lives of the weak are sacrificed for the comfort and benefit of those who are stronger?... .”

The Archbishop continues, “That is why any approach that essentially tolerates abortion and euthanasia or puts these issues on a par with others, not only betrays the beautiful vision of the Church’s social teaching, but also weakens the credibility of the Church’s witness in our society... .”

“Abortion and euthanasia are ‘fundamental’ social issues,” he adds, “because if the child in the womb has no right to be born, if the sick and the old have no right to be taken care of, then there is no solid foundation to defend anyone’s human rights, and no foundation for peace and justice in society.”

“How can we claim to speak for the marginalized and disenfranchised,” he asks, “if we are allowing millions of innocent children to be killed each year in the womb?”

Too many Catholics vote for politicians who support abortion, assisted suicide, euthanasia and other forms of murder. It’s high time that ends. Let’s keep our shepherd’s words in mind when we choose whom to vote for, and whom we influence our family and friends to vote for.

Mike Engler, Pro-Life Chairman

GENERAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 1684
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2016

Nineteen members were present when Grand Knight Nick Curran called the June Council meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. Upon closing the meeting doors, membership cards were verified. Grand Knight then led the members in prayer followed by a Pledge of Allegiance. On call of officers, eleven were present with four excused.

At 7:40 p.m. the Grand Knight relinquished the podium to David Borgatello, Home Association President for conducting a meeting of the Home Association. On completion of the Home Association meeting at 8:23 p.m., the Grand Knight resumed the Council meeting.

Under the Financial Secretary's report three bills were paid.

Under Treasurer's Report, the May Dinner collected \$591.00 with an expense of \$507.51 for a profit of \$83.49. One hundred and twenty-eight people attended the dinner. For April 30 through May 31, Council's bank account had a beginning balance of \$8,890.44, deposits of \$29,717.65, checks paid of \$28,508.09, with an ending balance of \$10,100.00.

Under Unfinished Business there was nothing to report.

Under New Business:

- District Deputy Tim Coe read the names of the slate of officers for approval for the 2016-02017 Columbian year. Given that there were no objection or further nominations, slate of officers were approved.
- District Deputy read the nomination of Alvin Bentajado as a Second Inside Guard. There being no objection or added nominations, Brother Alvin were approved as Second Guard.
- Brother Steve Romofsky reviewed the Council's budget for Columbian Year 2016-2017. There being no further discussion, motion was made to approve the budget as proposed. Motion passed.
- With June 25 set as the date for the installation ceremony of the new slate of officers, time of the installation ceremony still was not finalized. Mass remains scheduled for 10 a.m.
- Brother Mark Wietstock reviewed the Council's involvement in Old Spanish Days Fiesta at MacKenzie Park. This year all souvenir concessions will be managed by Old Spanish Days. Our Council will only be operating the Pepsi soft drink concession at MacKenzie Park. While our income may be less compared to previous years, the change should not be large. Our Council still needs volunteers for selling soft drinks for the three shifts over four days, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. and 7 p.m. – 11 p.m., August 3 – 6. Brother Mark suggested that we set up tables next to our soft drink trailer for distribution of pamphlets providing information about the Knights of Columbus.
- The Grand Knight briefly commented on the need for the Council to consider fund raising projects during 2016-2017.

- Brother Ray Charpentier read a letter from the President of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference at the Old Mission asking for a contribution to support sending children to the St. Vincent de Paul Circle V Ranch summer camp opened from late June through early August. A motion was made to provide a check for \$850. On discussion the motion was amended for contributing a check of \$1,275 matching the funds donated in 2015. Motion passed.
- The Council sent Fr. Charles a cash gift of \$200 and a card. Fr. Charles replied with a card thanking the Council, stating that our Council will be in his prayers, asking us that we remember him in his new role within the Franciscan Order.
- David Borgatello announced that he and his wife will provide the monthly dinner for September. For the Knight's Nite Out in October, a caterer has been selected.

Field Agent Report: Field Agent David Nordella had no report.

Under Good of the Order, District Deputy Tim Cole congratulated the newly elected officers. He spoke about his close working relationship with the present Grand Knight, and feels comfortable with working with the new Grand Knight Mark Wietstock. Also he thanked the outgoing officers for their devotion and hard work. He announced that for members having completed their First and Second Degree, a Third Degree Ceremony has been scheduled for Serra Hall on Saturday, August 27. More information is forthcoming. He ended his report by stating that Bishop Barron, strong supporter of the Knights, wants to address key members of the Councils of Knights. More information is coming.

Brother Mark Wietstock took the gavel, thanking Nick Curran for severing as Grand Knight. As a gift of appreciation, the Council has given Brother Nick a new jacket carrying the K of C logo. Brother Nick thanked the Council for their generous gift.

Prayers for the Sick or Distressed:

- Brother Ray Sanchez, suffering from a health problem, resting at his home.
- Brother Edward Corral, having health problems
- Brother George Herold and his family, recently deceased
- Ida Borgatello, aunt to Brother David and Mario Borgatello, on the passing of Ida at the age of 99.

Mediation with our Lecturer Deacon Chris Sandner speaking on "A New Dark Age".

Following a closing prayer, the Council meeting for June adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

The next two Council business meetings are scheduled for July 13 and August 10.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Rink

Acting Recorder

Field Agent's Memo

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**David
Nordella**

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For July and August Happy Birthday to Brother Knights

July Birthdays

11 Mitch Molitor
12 Miguel Rodríguez
14 Augustine More-
los
19 Jean Paul Downs
25 Luis Pelayo
29 Peter Da Ros

August Birthdays

2 Rev. Ludo DeClippel
6 Dan Engler
8 John Petrini
15 Mathew Najera
16 Ugo Arnoldi
16 Sean Connolly
27 Brian Regan

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REMEMBERING OUR DEVOTED BROTHER GEORGE HEROLD



August 1, 1928-May 12, 2016

George Andrew Herold never wavered in his selflessness, integrity, belief in God, and devotion to his family. For 56 years he and his wife, Maria, celebrated a love that began when they met at a Newman Club event in Santa Barbara; the young soldier was on his way to service in Korea and the young woman was a recent arrival to

California from her native Switzerland. They conducted a romance by correspondence, during which he proposed. They were married at the Old Mission on August 3, 1953, and later became longtime parishioners at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church.

As an English literature teacher, first at San Marcos High School and then at Santa Barbara High, George was known for his dry wit; among his six children, his wordplay was a never-ending source of delight. Upon his retirement he returned to an early interest in art, setting up a home studio in which he created plein-air landscapes and ink renderings of his and Maria's travels in Europe and Canada, turning the latter into Christmas cards that were treasured by all.

He would rise at the crack of dawn to make golf reservations at Santa Barbara Golf Club, where he enjoyed regular rounds with several of his children. And with those of his family who shared his passion for art and for teaching he was a gracious cheering section. He and Maria participated in many charities, including Meals on Wheels, and were active supporters of the Catholic schools their children and grandchildren attended. He will also be missed at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, where he attended daily Mass and served as a sacristan.

Born in Lima, Ohio, George was raised in Indiana, where he attended St. Meinrad Seminary. He received his bachelor's at Arizona State University and completed postgraduate work at UCSB. He also took a year off from teaching to study at Brooks Institute, using his beloved children as models for his photography. He is preceded in death by Maria and survived by his children Ann Herold, of Los Angeles; Matthew Herold, of Santa Barbara; Christina DaRos (Peter), of Santa Barbara; Mark Herold (Mary), of Templeton, Monica Christensen (Eric), of Tucson, and Joseph Herold (Dianna), of Templeton; daughter of his heart Kathleen Gale (Ernie), of Tucson; grandchildren Katie O'Toole, Rachel and Marianna DaRos, Zoe Herold, Karl Christensen, Luke, Erin, and Marissa Herold, and great-grandchildren Gabby and Alexis Herold. A Mass for the repose of his soul was held on May 31 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School, Bishop Garcia Diego High School, and Catholic Charities.

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BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT - MAY 14 - 15

Knights Help Bishop Students in a Basketball Tournament

Deputy Grand Knight Hank Peterson and Third Degree Knight Alvin Bentajado gave it their all in the Fifth Annual Ron Boeddeker Memorial Basketball Tournament.

Fortunately, no player on any team suffered bone fractures or excessive bleeding in the 3-on-3 competition May 14-15 at Bishop Garcia Diego High School's gym. But the intensity of play created constant contact, plus applause and smiles from the audience as the players did their best to imitate Steph

Curry and Draymond Green. If there were referees, everyone would have fouled out.

But it was for a great cause. Corporate sponsors and private donations generously helped deserving students attend Bishop High.

Council 1684's team, which included outsider Ethan Shapiro, split two games, holding one opponent to just two points. The Knights were then scheduled for an elimination 8:30 Sunday morning game, but went to Mass instead. Their subs lost.

Deacon Nick Curran

ESSAY CONTEST COMPETITION

Williams, Ornelas Win Essay Contest Competition

by Deacon Nick Curran, Grand Knight

Students at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School and Notre Dame School turned in exceptional essays this spring, after being asked to reflect on what Pope Francis' proclamation on the Extraordinary Year of Mercy means to them. All were seventh graders.

Luke Williams won first prize from Mount Carmel and a check for \$200. Nicholas Ortega was runner-up and

earned \$100. Errol B. Sullivan came in third and received \$50.

Marco Ornelas finished first at Notre Dame, earning \$200, followed by Savannah Larsen \$100 and Britney Perez \$50.

Thanks to the three members of Council 1684 who judged each essay -- Jose Naranjo, chairman; Javier Briones; and Ricky Herrera.

What follows are the two first-prize essays:

Topic: Matthew 6:7 says, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."

Essay by Luke Williams, Our Lady of Mount Carmel School

God shows us great mercy and love every day. His mercy and tenderness are replenished every day, but mercy is quite often overlooked and taken for granted. God forgives us every time we sin, and Pope Francis wants people to realize that we should be merciful like God is. That is why Our Holy Father has declared this year an Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy.

"Teach me to feel another's woes, to hide the fault I see, that mercy I to others show, that mercy show to me," said Alexander Pope.

People show their mercy in many different shapes and forms. The church uses the Works of Mercy to show people how to share love and mercy in their daily life. Some people show their kindness and mercy by helping a person get through a hard time, or doing something that another person may not be capable of doing.

I have shown love and mercy to my Grandma by

opening doors for her, and spending time with her, especially when she is sick. Whenever I help my Grandma, I always remember that eventually I will be old and unable to do my daily chores. Then I will need someone else's mercy.

"A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just," said Pope Francis. I think all of us should strive for one act of mercy every day.

We should be merciful to everybody. I believe that is God's will. If I ever get a job that requires strong leadership, I want to help those who are struggling. You never know what pain they may be experiencing. It may be a divorce, a job loss or health problems. If I'm losing patience with someone, I must remember the love and mercy God has given me.

Psalms 103:8 says, "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous"

As we progress through this year, we should all practice the Acts of Mercy, treat people like we would like to be treated, and embrace all people. Strive to make their day a little bit brighter. We must remember that God loves us and is always there for us.

Topic: Matthew 6:7 says, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."

Essay by Marco Ornelas, Notre Dame School

Mercy is a wonderful thing. It is "the ability to willingly enter into the difficulties of others."

Without mercy, we would seem heartless. When I was new to my school in the third grade, I couldn't speak English very well. Some of the kids would make fun of me. Then, when they saw it was hurting me, they stopped and showed respect.

Other times, I have been able to show mercy to others. When my friend's Mom was diagnosed with cancer, I saw his pain and helped as much as I could.

Another time, my friend Luke's Grandfather died. I knew exactly how he felt. My own Grandfather died a month earlier. I told him how I got through the loss. I told him his Grandfather had a good life and is now in a better place.

Another time, one of my classmates was ignored by all because he looked different. Often he was sitting by himself. I went to him and invited him to play with all of us. This made him so happy. It was a merciful thing to do.

We should be merciful to others throughout all our life. One example now, my 10-year-old cousin is getting bullied at school because of his weight. I tell him to ignore them. You don't need their approval. If they were real friends, they would not judge you.

My heart always goes out to homeless people who have to beg for food or money. I want to help all I see who are hurting. Mercy, forgiveness, compassion -- all important themes we need to have throughout our Catholic life.

Just imagine a world without mercy. There would be chaos. Now imagine a world where everyone shows mercy whenever they can. That's my kind of world!

Photos



On the right Mary Beth Lee, seventh grade teacher, along with students from Our Lady of Mount Carmel.



Grand Knight Nick Curran on the left along with students from Notre Dame School.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Scholarship Winners Shine at Awards Dinner by Deacon Nick Curran

A near capacity crowd at Serra Hall on May 25 watched with joy, respect and much laughter as 24 students from four local Catholic schools received scholarships from Council 1684 for the school year 2016-2017.

The students combined gratitude, honesty, creativity and much light heartedness as they shared \$29,000 in awards. But what stood out the most was the originality of their career dreams.

Elijah Mack of Notre Dame School wants to be a missionary priest in Japan. Classmate Leonela Vargas hopes to become a veterinarian.

Julianna Forry of Our Lady of Mount Carmel School dreams of becoming a pediatrician or physical therapist. Classmate Errol Sullivan want to be an actor. (In many ways, he already is.), and Kent Winston Dunn's aspiration is to be a pro golfer.

Lupita Olivo of St. Therese Classical Academy hopes to be a surgeon. Maila de Jesus Hernandez of Bishop Garcia Diego High also wants to be a veterinarian, and classmate Ann Bentajado dreams of being a missionary doctor.

Karen Regan is leaving Our Lady of Mount Carmel School after eight years as principal. In addition, Dr. Paul Harrington is stepping down after six years as head of Bishop Garcia Diego High School. Each received a well-deserved standing ovation.

COMPLETE LIST OF SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Notre Dame School -- Barbie Najera \$1,250; Elijah Mack \$1,250; Leonela Vargas \$1,000; Valerie Mendoza \$1,000.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School -- Riley Peterson \$1,500; Julianna Forry \$1,000; Errol Sullivan \$1,000; Kent Winston Dunn \$1,000.

St. Therese Classical Academy -- Lupita Olivo \$1,000; Sofia Van Wyk \$1,000; Maria Leslie Rios \$1,000; Deliane Olivo \$500; Karina Carachure \$500.

Bishop Garcia Diego High -- Ann Bentajado \$2,000; Adela Molitor \$2,000; Celine Rivera \$2,000; Chloe Redit \$2,000; Maila de Jesus Hernandez \$2,000; Mitchell Cota \$1,000; Edgar Perez \$1,000; Vanessa Murillo \$1,000; Michael Romero \$1,000; Gabriel Rodriguez \$1,000; Alicia Lopez \$1,000.



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Charitable Records Set

For the 17th year, Knights' charitable giving and volunteer hours grow

The Knights of Columbus set a new all-time record last year for charitable donations and service hours with \$175,079,192 in donations and more than 73.5 million hours of service. The numbers were announced at the closing session of the annual Organizational Meeting of State Deputies in New Haven.

"We are very proud of these Fraternal Survey numbers," Supreme Knight Anderson said. "These are a clear indication that we are keeping faith with Father McGivney's principle of charity and also of unity, not only among ourselves, but with those in need. This is what we call a charity that evangelizes. This is what makes Knights of Columbus different."

Supreme Knight Anderson went on to say that these records of giving perfectly illustrate the point made by Father Tomasz Kraj, Poland Associate State Chaplain and Theologian in Residence at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine, in his homily during the Mass that preceded the closing session. Father Kraj said that the world needs more men who pay witness through their actions to what it means to be a Catholic.

We are answering Pope Francis' call to go to the peripheries," the supreme knight said. "We can reach half way around the globe to help those in need and we can reach to our neighbor next door. And we do that every day. That makes us witnesses to the faith."

The number of service hours rose by more than a million over the previous year's total, according to the Knights of Columbus Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity for the year ending Dec. 31, 2015. Donations grew by more than \$1.5 million since 2014, achieving an increase in giving for the 17th consecutive year.

The top ten jurisdictions in charitable giving (from highest) were: Texas, California, Florida, Quebec, Illinois, Michigan, Ontario, New York, Missouri and New Jersey. For volunteer hours, the top ten were: Luzon North, Texas, Illinois, Florida, California, Luzon South, Ontario, Michigan, Visayas and Pennsylvania.

Supreme Knight Anderson pointed out that while these numbers are impressive, jurisdiction leaders need to focus now on ensuring that the Order grows in charitable giving and volunteer service during the coming 2016-17 fraternal year.

The Knights continued to support their local communities in 2015 through such programs as aid to Christians at Risk, Coats for Kids, the Food for Families initiative and blood drives. Knights also gave assistance to Habitat for Humanity, the Global Wheelchair Mission and other large-scale charitable organizations.

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