



Knights of Columbus

Council 1684 • Santa Barbara, California

MAY-JUNE 2016

Special Dates and Activities

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

May 8 3:00 PM
Prayer Vigil to End
Abortion, in front of the
Planned Parenthood
office, 518 Garden St.

May 27 5:30 PM
Prepare Meal at
Transition House

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

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

June 24 5:30 PM
Prepare Meal at
Transition House

May 11	6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Officers Meeting General Council Meeting & Home Association Meeting Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street
May 25	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 8	6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Officers Meeting General Council Meeting Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street
June 25	10:00 AM	Latin Mass & Installation of Officers - Begins with a Latin Mass at Serra Chapel, Old Mission Santa Barbara.
	11:00 AM	District Warden Installation and the Installation of Officers of both Council 1684 and 5300, also held in Serra Chapel .
	11:45 AM	Pancake Breakfast at Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street

Financial Secretary's Report

Fr. Charles, our Chaplain, is leaving St. Barbara Parish for a new assignment in Danville, CA. We wish him the best at his new appointment. Fr. Charles will always have a special place in the hearts of our brother Knights. Taking Fr. Charles place as Chaplain is Fr. Larry Gosselin, Co-pastor at St. Barbara Parish.

March and April were busy times for our Council. On March 9 we celebrated our St. Patrick's Day Social and Dinner with 42 adults and children. Mark Wietstock offered entertainment along with John Green and Bruce Garcia serving corn beef and cabbage. At our March Council meeting two members took their First Degree; Brad Gosney from San Roque Parish, a new member to Council 5300 and Alexis Herrera from Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, a new member to Council 1684. At our April Council meeting, we held both First and Second Degrees. From Council 1684 was Arthur Najera taking both his First and Second Degree. Brad Gosney from 5300 joined Arthur in taking his Second Degree. There was no formal Council meeting. On April 27 we will be holding our monthly dinner as well as celebrating our essay contest winners from Notre Dame and Our Lady of Mount Carmel grade schools. This is a great time for the students, their parents and teachers.

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**Deacon
Nick Curran**

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

These last two months of the Columbian Year enable us to look back at some different ways our Council tried to serve our people, as well as looking to the upcoming Columbian Year brimming with hope and promise.

Please save the date of Wednesday, May 25, for the Annual Scholarship Dinner at Serra Hall. Students from our four local Catholic schools and their parents will be honored. The head of school, headmaster and principal will be there, proud of their students. They will give a report to all in attendance how things are going.

I hope all brother Knights appreciate these gifted school leaders. When we meet with them privately, we hear their concerns about keeping student attendance up, the tuition cost as affordable as possible, maintaining a strong faculty, and above all, the quality of Catholic education. Fund raising is also always a concern. Thank you, school leaders. Our Council is proud to award \$29,000 to deserving students.

Thanks to all the brother Knights who made my job easier. There is not enough space to single out everybody with all the details of those who take their Knighthood seriously and perform above and beyond the call of duty.

But among them, Ray Charpentier is unique. He goes about his business so quietly, so humbly, many may not be aware. Seeking advice, he was always the first caller. He opens Serra Hall before business meetings and social dinners, sets up, breaks down, and locks the door. As financial secretary, he processes the many forms and has done so since the mid-1990s. He is the Council's greatest recruiter of new members. He is doggedly persistent when he sees a candidate for Knighthood. And his loving wife Henrietta is always at his side. His home is the location of more Council business than any other home. He and Henrietta, and their dog Chico, welcome everybody with warmth, wisdom and refreshments. Thanks, Ray.

Another unsung hero is Kevin Cheung. He is not an officer, but his help is boundless. Last fall when the Council was gathering signatures to try to overturn the physician-assisted suicide law,

Kevin was so focused it seemed like a one-man crusade. When the parishes of our Council had submitted their signatures, and Kevin felt it fell far short of what is needed, he became creative. He drove to retirement homes, hospitals, and other facilities seeking more signatures. He dropped off forms at locations where nocturnal adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is observed, then returned to pick them up. He knew it was an uphill battle, but felt the cause justified the sacrifice, and kept pushing until the final day in December.

There are two students at Notre Dame School, Pedro Vargas and Elizabeth Velasquez, whose artwork posters in our first Keep Christ in Christmas competition went all the way to the California state finals. Students like these are our hope of the future.

Incoming Grand Knight Mark Wietstock made a big sacrifice, too. We needed musical entertainment for the St. Patrick's Day dinner. He had never performed publicly with Irish music. He is also not really Irish, but his colorful cap made him look like one. His wife Tina admitted he spent almost a month of his spare time practicing. "Danny Boy" always seemed ideal for a tenor or soprano voice. Mark's rich baritone voice set a new benchmark.

We made plans for a new musical group for our Christmas Dinner next December 14. The emphasis will change. Religious music in Spanish and English will be emphasized.

Thanks to all our officers, the degree exemplification teams, all on the Call-Out Committee, the cooks, the bartenders, the judges of the scholarship applications and essays, and especially my wife Eileen for allowing me the time to serve the Council. Among our ranks are many Knights with leadership qualities to grow Council 1684. Thanks to all for giving me the opportunity to experience the role.

Deacon Nick Curran
Grand Knight

Report ...

In May our monthly Council meeting will be on Wednesday the 11th. This meeting will include a Home Association Meeting. On May 25 we will celebrate our annual scholarship dinner presenting scholarships to students attending Bishop Diego, Notre Dame and Mount Carmel School. On Wednesday June 8 we have our Council meeting.

On Saturday, June 25 at Serra Chapel, Old Mission Santa Barbara, Council 5300 will join us with Mass followed by installation of officers for the Columbian Year 2016-2017. Following the installation ceremony, a pancake breakfast will be served in Serra Hall. The Mass and installation ceremony is open to family members.

We also extend a warm welcome to a new member that transferred into our Council, Greg Stephens.

Ray Charpentier

Deacon's Corner:

THE GIFT OF MARRIAGE

On March 19 (The Feast of St. Joseph) Pope Francis released; *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love).

At the writing of this article I haven't been able to read the entire Exhortation, but have read a portion and certainly heard many of the Bishops' comments including our own Archbishop Gomez.

In these days of Supreme Court rulings and the seemingly loss of respect for life and the institution of Marriage; many people were thinking it was just about time for the Catholic Church to reform, and modernize their views on marriage preparation, marriage and, divorce.

Although Pope Francis did indeed include a marvelous section on forgiveness and inclusiveness for all people, he also assures us that the overall teachings of the Church on marriage and family life have not changed.

In February, Michelle and I attended a joint Regional Pastoral Council gathering on marriage. Archbishop Gomez and Bishop Baron both shared

their views and concerns on marriage and marriage preparation. A primary concern is that many people just aren't being sufficiently prepared for marriage.

In one of our workshops we further discussed the importance of collaboration between all the ministries in our Parishes and in our homes, to teach our family members about marriage from an early age. I know in many homes, the topic of marriage isn't a prime topic of discussion; it seems to almost be taken for granted. The love between man and woman, and their children is one of greatest gifts God has given us; it should be celebrated at every opportunity possible. We all must share our gifts with those closest to us, so they will learn by example to live a loving and holy life as part of a loving and holy family unit.

The entire letter from Pope Francis is available online free at <http://www.vatican.va>

Blessings

Deacon Randy

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**GENERAL MEETING
OF COUNCIL 1684
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2016**

After a First Degree Exemplification was completed, present a quorum, at 8:40 pm Grand Knight Nick Curran called the March Council meeting to order.

On reading of the minutes, the acting recorder moved that the minutes of February 24 Council meeting be accepted as published in the March-April issue of the Council's bulletin. Motion approved.

The Grand Knight provided a short report to the members:

- Announced that Father Charles, the Council's Chaplain and Co-pastor, will be leaving Santa Barbara Parish for another assignment by the Franciscan Order.

On the Financial Secretary's Report, Brother Ray Charpentier on March St. Patrick's Day Dinner: income of \$584, expenses of \$511 with a profit of \$73.

Under the Treasurer's Report Brother Bruce Garcia elaborated on the March 9 Dinner. Income dinners brought in \$420, bar \$110 and raffle tickets \$55 with a total of \$585. Expenses included \$311.93 for dinners, \$200 for music for a total of \$511.93, leaving an exact profit of \$73.09.

Under Old Business, Grand Knight thanked Brother Mark Wietstock for the outstanding musical performance at the St. Patrick's Day Dinner.

Under new business, Grand Knight discussed the

following:

- Plans for the Formation Exemplification, formerly called Second Degree Ceremony, at Serra Hall on Wednesday April 13.
- Plans for the Essay Contest Awards Dinner at Serra Hall on Wednesday April 27. Grade schools Mount Carmel and Norte Dame have been sent applications. Three winners will be chosen from each school with all winners reading their essays at the Awards Dinner. Parents and close relatives will be invited to the dinner – the charge for family of a winning student capped at \$20.
- Plans for the Knighthood Exemplification, formally called the Third Degree Ceremony, District 75 on Saturday, April 30 at St. Louis de Montfort Parish in Orcutt.
- Plans are being made for scheduling Monthly Business Meetings and events for July through December 2016.
- Our Lecturer Deacon Chris Sandner is preparing his fourth presentation on *New Dark Age*.


In memory of the life of Brother Alex Saucedo and on his passing from Parkinson Disease, Grand Knight asked for a moment of silence in remembering Brother Alex.

Council meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm with the Grand Knight leading the brothers in three Hail Maries.

Respectively Submitted

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**FOR MAY AND JUNE
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO BROTHER KNIGHTS**

MAY

4 Mark Henrie

5 Joseph Corsaro

19 David Borgatello

24 William Sangster

25 Jose Contreras

30 Paul Maxwell

JUNE

1 Roberto Najera

3 Frederic Cogburn

12 Marc Russo

15 John Green

17 Ricardo Herrera

17 Paul Smith

22 Arthur Coats

22 Walter DeJesus Jr.

Pro-Life Report

CA Att’y Gen’l Raids Pro-Life Hero’s Home, Seizes Files That Exposed Planned Parenthood Horrors



Mike Engler

Satan doesn’t like it when people reveal the horrors that go on in abortion “clinics.”

LifeNews (April 8) reports that on April 5 agents of Attorney General Kamala Harris invaded the Orange County apartment of David Daleiden, who shocked the world with a dozen undercover videos showing Planned Parenthood (PP) officials discussing their lucrative sales of unborn babies’ body parts. The 11 agents hauled off a computer and hard drives filled with David’s videos.

AG Harris is pro-abortion and is running for the U.S. Senate. She’s going after David and his Center for Medical Progress (CMP), even though the videos contained evidence that it was PP that was breaking the law by modifying its abortion methods so it could get intact organs to sell.

PP has poured \$81,000 into AG Harris’s political coffers, a flagrant conflict of interest that the pro-abortion news media are hiding from the public. The pro-abortion National Organization for Women also backs Harris’s candidacy, praising her for promising to target the CMP and to keep our tax dollars flowing to PP’s already fat bank accounts.

David told Fox News that “We’re still assessing the extent of what they took, and what kind of backup copies might be available. They took — they took everything, including footage that has not seen the light of day yet.”


“To storm into a private citizen’s home with a search warrant is outrageously out of proportion for the type of crime alleged, said Matt Heffron, a former federal prosecutor. “It’s a discredit to law enforcement, an oppressive abuse of government power.”

Life Legal Defense Fund (LLDF), which is defending David in court, told LifeNews that “Kamala Harris is a staunch supporter of Planned Parenthood and has received campaign donations from numerous Planned Parenthood affiliates. These affiliates are the beneficiaries of millions of dollars in state and federal funds annually—a portion of which is funneled into political campaigns so the billion-dollar abortion cartel can call in favors as needed.” LLDF attorney Katie Short spoke at our Council’s St. Valentine’s Day dinner about the abortion industry’s attacks on freedom of speech.

David is suffering other assaults as well—including three lawsuits. What’s more, a grand jury in Texas indicted him and his colleague Sandra Merritt for peddling babies’ organs! Facing up to 20 years in prison, David rejected a deal for probation on the ludicrous charges. This young -courageous Catholic vows to fight every attack on his—and our constitutional right to freedom of speech.

David is a true hero. He deserves the prayers of every Knight and K of C family, every day

Mike Engler, Pro-Life Chairman



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**David
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As a member of this council, you know how important spouses can be to the charitable works of the Order. If you're married, your wife is probably involved in a few of the many events that happen each fraternal year. This support adds great value and impact to what a council can achieve.

When the Order was founded in 1882, Father Michael J. McGivney and the other brave men were setting out to protect Catholic families, but especially wives and children. Today, we remain committed to this mission by offering insurance products and fraternal benefits designed with that goal in mind. One specific policy rider that you may not know about is called Spousal Waiver of Premium. This rider is unique to the Knights of Columbus philosophy of

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REMEMBERING OUR DEVOTED BROTHER ALEJANDRO SAUCEDO



Born June 16, 1939, in Santa Rita, New Mexico, Alejandro (Alex) Saucedo passed into the eternal care of the Lord on March 4th, 2016 after a few days at Serenity House. He is at peace after his 32 year struggle with Parkinson's and finally, Lewy Body Dementia. Born in Santa Rita, New Mexico, the family moved to Santa Barbara in 1948. His humble beginnings in Santa Barbara included his paper route and shoe shine enterprise on lower State Street, having the opportunity to deliver newspapers to Pearl Chase. He was a popular student at Santa Barbara High School (always a Don) playing football and also the drums in the orchestra and the marching band. After graduating in 1957, Alex joined the Marine Corps Reserve, took basic training, and served his six months active duty. He then attended Santa Barbara City College, Cal Poly Pomona, and graduated from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a degree in Ornamental Horticulture.

Alex was recruited right out of Cal Poly to work for Velsicol, an agricultural chemical company. He moved to San Francisco and later to Chicago while also maintaining offices in New York City.

Knowing he wanted to return to Santa Barbara, Alex started buying income properties here in 1969 and joined the Santa Barbara Rental Property Owners Association. He was on the board for many years, served as President, and was awarded their highest recognition. In 1972 he moved back to his beloved Santa Barbara with his wife and young daughter Gina, bought a lot on East Mountain Drive in Montecito, drilled for water, and built a home and guest house.

After Gina enrolled at Mt. Carmel School, Alex fought to keep the school open when faced with an effort to close it. He helped found the Dad's Club and served on the school's Board of Education. Alex was also one of the founders of Villa Majella, a home for unwed mothers.

He went to work selling real estate in Santa Barbara and the rest is history. He became an expert in land and apartment markets and was deeply respected and loved by his fellow realtors. After a divorce, Alex met Debbie Boldt in 1988 while caravanning for Real Estate. They married in 1989 and recently celebrated their 25th anniversary at Mt. Carmel followed by a joyful celebration with family and friends. Alex was always a supportive and loving husband deeply rooted in his faith and love of God.

Having Parkinson's, Alex never took one single day for granted: He and Debbie traveled the world, including walking the Camino de Santiago in Spain, touring Machu-Picchu and the Amazon, and running with the gazelles and wildebeests in Africa. When they stuck closer to home, Alex was always trimming oak trees, painting, tending his orchids, maintaining rental properties, and working in his succulent garden, keeping him in good physical shape. Daily, he got up at 5a.m. to hit the gym and played golf regularly with Debbie and loved their nightly walks on Butterfly Beach. Some of their fondest memories were golf trips across the U.S. and tournaments with family and friends, not to mention his official hole-in-one.

Alex was a long time member of Montecito Country Club, a Past Grand Knight in the Knights of Columbus, and Past President of Catholic Charities.

Alex was preceded in death by his father Pablo, his brother Ray (Nito), and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. He is survived by his beloved wife, Debbie; mother, Consuelo Saucedo; sister, Evangeline Herrera; brother-in-law, Al Anglin; and daughter, Gina Saucedo.

A celebration of Alex's life was held on March 12 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. Donations in Alex's name can be offered to Villa Majella, Visiting Nurse and Hospice Care, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School, or the Parkinson's Association of Santa Barbara.

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Photo Section

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER - WEDNESDAY MARCH 9

March was a busy month for our Council. On March 9 we celebrated our St. Patrick's Day Social and Dinner with 42 adults and children. Mark Wietstock offered entertainment along with John Green and Bruce Garcia serving corn beef and cabbage. Here are several photos of the event.



Mark Wietstock provided the entertainment.



How about a closer look at Mark's shirt. What's the message on the shirt? "Eat Drink & Be Irish"



Grand Knight Nick Curran was our master of ceremony.



View inside Serra Hall with Grand Knight Nick Curran greeting the dinner guests.

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Photo Section



Servers on the left served those lined up on the right.



This fine gentleman is John Balster. John attends the Council's bar at socials and dinners serving beverages to members and guests. Thank you John.

FIRST AND SECOND DEGREE CANDIDATES

Here are some photos of brother Knights having taken their First Degree (Admission Degree) on March 23 and Second Degree (Formation Degree) on April 13.



First Degree Candidates - March 23: On the left is Alexis Herrera from Our Lady of Sorrows Parish becoming a new member of Council 1684. On the right is Brad Gosney from San Roque Parish becoming a new member of Council 5300.



On the left is Brad Gosney from Council 5300 taking his Second Degree on the evening of April 13. On the right is Arthur Najera, a member of Our Lady Sorrows Parish. Arthur took both his First and Second Degree on the evening of April 13, becoming a new member of Council 1684.



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