



Knights of Columbus

Council 1684 • Santa Barbara, California

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2016

Special Dates and Activities

Nov 3 11:00 PM
Hour of Adoration

of the Blessed
Sacrament, Chapel
of the Poor Clares.

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November 9

Memorial Mass 6:00 PM

Remembering our brother Knights and sisters of
Catholic Daughters that have passed away.

December 7

Officers Meeting 6:30 PM

Council Meeting 7:30 PM

December 14

Christmas Dinner-- Poster Contest Winners; free
admission for children of Knights. Zoila Diaz and
daughter Vanessa will entertain the Knights and
families with dazzling Christmas Music song in
English and Spanish.

January 25

Clergy-Religious Appreciation Dinner - 6:30 PM,
Bishop Garcia Diego High School. Keep this date
open for you and your family to enjoy.

Financial Secretary's Report

Both September and October saw the Council busy with Council meetings on September 14 and October 12, a Dinner Meeting for members on September 28, and on October 26 our major fund raiser Knight's Nite Out, providing each of eight different local charities with a check of \$1,000. A special thank you goes to Brother David Borgatello and his wife Louise covering cost of the catering service for our September dinner meeting. Add to this list the cooking several our members did for Villa Majell's annual event in Serra Hall October 15.

The eight charities receiving a check at Knight's Nite Out are Transition House represented by Kathleen Bauschke, Executive Director; St. Vincent's School/Housing represented by Molly Corbett, Vice President of Development; Catholic Charities represented by Brian Clark, Regional Client Services Coordinator; Friendship Center represented by Marti Correa, Member, Board of Directors; Poor Clares represented by Peter DaRos, Lay Intermediary/Assistant; Visiting Nurses Association/Hospice represented by Rick Heath, Executive Director, VNA/Hospice Foundation; St. Vincent De Paul Society Old Mission Santa Barbara represented by Cherif Khoury, Vice President and past President, and Boy Scouts of America represented by Peter McClintock, Executive Director for Los Padres District.

On Wednesday November 9 we again will have our Memorial Mass for deceased members of our council and deceased members of Catholic Daughters of America. Mass begins at 6:00 PM sharp. It's important that our brothers attend this event. Our lite luncheon after the Mass is being hosted by Brother David Borgatello and his wife Louise. Thanks to David and Louise for their generosity. December 14 is our Annual Christmas Dinner with Christmas music provided by Zoila Diaz and daughter Vanessa. Children of Knights are free. We also will celebrate the contestants and winners of the Poster Contest.

Last, we welcome two new members to our Council, John O'Dea and Paul Overstreet.

Ray Charpentier

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

My Brother Knights,
As we bid farewell to the Summer of 2016, and look forward to the coming holidays, it's a good time to meditate upon our roles as "Knights" in the troubled and chaotic world around us. Many

Americans feel a sense of foreboding and uncertainty that they've never known before, as one of the most divisive and discouraging Presidential election cycles in American history draws toward its tumultuous conclusion. Do not fear, Brothers ... and do not falter. As the late John F. Kennedy once said, "It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness." Our Order was born in adversity, and it has thrived and grown in the face of it, to become the single largest and most successful support organization for Catholic men/families that currently exists on the face of planet Earth.

Times like these challenge us all to focus anew on the core principles that make us Knights, and to continue to demonstrate those qualities to all those with whom we come in contact:

Charity -- in our many volunteer works, undertaken for those less fortunate than ourselves, often at great sacrifice of our own scarce time and resources.

Unity -- in our resolve to stand as one and fight for our common beliefs and the common good, in a society that often seems openly hostile to such efforts.

Fraternity -- in our unique devotion and care for our brother Knights and their families.

Patriotism -- in our commitment to support of our nation, its laws and institutions.


We have a role to play in this life, Brothers, and we should play it, to the best of our ability. We can never know the many ways our efforts to be true to our ideals benefit and encourage people around us, but we can be quite sure that each failure on our part to do so benefits no one. Christ calls us to a dynamic life ... one that has an impact for the good on others. He calls us to be the leaven that makes the loaf rise ... salt for the earth. Each and every one of us can answer Christ's call in this respect by being better Knights. As the holidays approach, let's all keep this in mind, and do all we can to make Christ more present to those around us.


Vivat Jesu, Brothers!

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Deacon's Corner:

STAY AWAKE

As we are approaching the end of Pope Francis's Jubilee Year of Mercy; what have we done to serve our neighbors and those who are in the most need of Christ's love and compassion? Have we acted as Christ would have?

What can we do to prepare ourselves and our families for Christ's coming on Christmas, in the Eucharist, and at any other time in our lives?

These are questions we should ask ourselves every morning, and at the end of every day. Jesus tells us very clearly to, "Stay Awake", stay awake to his presence in our lives.

Staying awake is a frequent and important Advent theme. Jesus mentions being awake in the Gospels, on several occasions.

We are called to ready ourselves to encounter him at the end of our mortal life and again in the Final Judgment at the end of time. Like a soldier or sentry who stands over the flock or a guard who protects the entry gate, we are to be

vigilant and on constant guard, people are counting on us, "For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."

In ancient times, it was common place to have a servant posted at the door to protect you through the night and to watch over the house and all your belongings in your absence. At times we are called to be the guard to protect others. I hope we too will stay vigilant to protect those loved ones who are absent or not prepared for Christ.

I hope we will begin our Advent preparations by receiving Christ in the Eucharist, St. Paul says: "For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed" Jesus is not far away but very near. He enters our hearts in the form of bread and wine. Are you ready, or will he catch you by surprise?

Deacon Randy

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GENERAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 1684
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

A quorum was not present. The meeting opened at 7:35 p.m. after the close of the Officer's Meeting with a prayer from Worthy Grand Knight Mark Wietstock.

Brother Mark gave a Fiesta re-cap that noted declining sales for the Council, declining attendance at Fiesta Del Norte, and more food vendors selling drinks with their food. He will raise these issues with the Fiesta Committee.

Re-cap of degrees and Membership Activities:

- The August Third Degree was a success.
- There will be a Third Degree at Queen of Angels in Lompoc on October 29th.

The monthly review of our progress on the dissolution of the Home Association revealed slow, but meaningful progress.

Planning for Council social events:

- September 28th social – Menu is under construction.
- Tickets of the Knights Nite Out are available for \$125 that includes dinner for two and entry in the reverse raffle. This event will be catered.
- The Fourth Degree Blue Mass will be September 19th.
- Villa Majella will hold their annual event in Serra Hall on October 15th. Our Council will provide the food, as always.

- The annual Memorial Mass is November 16th at Serra Hall.
- The Christmas social is December 14th – perhaps a taco bar
- The Clergy Appreciation Dinner will be at Bishop High School on January 25 and will be catered.

New/Continuing Business

- District Director Tim Coe gave the Council information on the Special Olympics on October 22nd. Brother David Chávez volunteered to barbeque for that event – what a guy!
- A review of the Committee assignments for this season was discussed: Essay Contest; Scholarship (Brother Justin Mack); and Free Throw (Brother Hank Peterson).
- Brother Ray Charpentier brought up recruiting for members in the Guadalupe Parish, as they are in our area and under-represented in our Council.

Following a closing prayer by Worthy Grand Knight Mark Wietstock, the Council meeting for September adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Anglin

Recorder





Mike Engler

Pro-Life Report

NO CATHOLIC MAY VOTE FOR A PRO-ABORT CANDIDATE, SAYS SUPREME KNIGHT

What's the Number One issue that must determine how we vote this year? At the 2016 Supreme Convention, our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, said abortion is the most important moral issue in the presidential race and that Catholics may not vote for a pro-abortion candidate (see report by Lianne Laurence at LifeSiteNews on August 3, 2016 citing David Gibson in the *National Catholic Reporter*).

Abortion “has resulted in more than 40 million deaths,” he reminded us, and isn’t “just another political issue.” “What political issue could possibly outweigh this human devastation?” he asked. “Abortion is different. Abortion is the killing of the innocent on a massive scale.” “We need to end the political manipulation of Catholic voters by abortion advocates,” the head of our Order insisted. “It is time to end the entanglement of Catholic people with abortion killing. It is time to stop creating excuses for voting for pro-abortion politicians.” “We will never succeed in building a culture of life if we continue to vote for politicians who support a culture of death,” he told his listeners, including 11 cardinals, 95 bishops and numerous priests. Many bishops have stated that it’s a sin to vote for pro-abortion candidates.

It’s shocking that one prominent candidate for President constantly proclaims her support for unlimited abortions. She gushes praise for abortion giant Planned Parenthood (PP), whose foundress, Margaret Sanger, used insulting names for Hispanics, Blacks and Italians, and said Catholics shouldn’t be allowed to “breed.” PP has killed seven million unborn babies and even sells babies’ body parts.

This presidential candidate vows to give us Supreme Court justices who’ll keep abortion legal. She also vows to kill the Hyde Amendment, which has saved two million babies’ lives by barring the use of our taxes for abortions. She says pro-life religious beliefs “must be changed.” Plus, she backs assisted suicide, homosexual “marriage,” and forcing all girls to register for the military draft. Her running mate is almost as pro-abortion as she is.

The other leading candidate says he’s pro-life, pledges to give us pro-life Supreme Court justices, and promises to end all tax funding for PP. His running mate is strongly pro-life and says the two will send the 1973 Supreme Court ruling that legalized abortion to “the ash heap of history.” Both men promise to defend our religious freedom against attacks such as the Obamacare “death mandate,” which will force Catholic institutions to provide abortion pills to their employees. Their party’s 2016 Platform opposes euthanasia, assisted suicide and “gay marriage.”

Millions of lives — *including yours and mine* — are at stake. Before God, we must vote only for pro-life candidates at all levels of government: national, state, county, and city.

Mike Engler, Pro-Life Chairman

Field Agent's Memo

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I would suggest that a principal reason that we were able to achieve those accolades is because we remain steadfastly committed to the vision of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney by providing life insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights.

That commitment is an essential core value of the Knights of Columbus, and our core values permeate all levels of our organization. We pledge to serve our brother Knights, and their families, according to our Golden Rule: "In all my professional relationships, I pledge myself to the following rule of conduct: I shall, in light of all conditions surrounding those I serve, render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself."

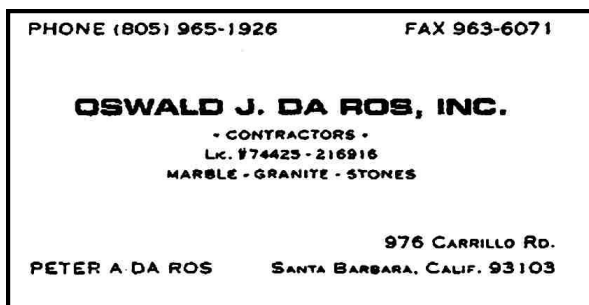
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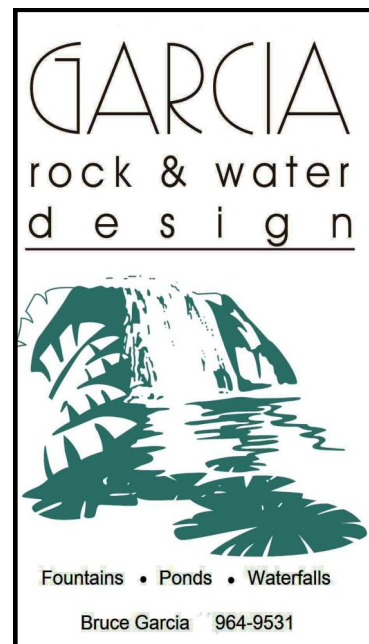
For November and December Happy Birthday to Brother Knights

November Birthdays

1 Jose Martinez
6 Anthony DalBello
7 Reuben Rey
9 Edsel Herrera
13 Robert Luis
13 Gene Manriquez
19 Oswald Moreno
20 Antonio Medina
21 Joel Morelos
22 John Coyle
27 Christopher Sandner
27 Dwight Peterson
27 David Whitefoot
29 Charles McChesney

December Birthdays

1 Ricardo Lemos
5 David Fairbrother
8 Joseph Connolly
9 Albert Trejo
11 John Balster
15 David Munoz
16 Steven Von Dollen
18 Louis Diaz
21 Steve Riffero
23 Alvin Bentajado
24 John Corcoran



Congratulations to Raul Navarro and Lou Verna Peery

Congratulations to our brother Knight Raul Navarro and his new bride Lou Verna Peery on joining in the Holy Sacrament of Marriage, Friday evening, September 16, 2016 at Saint Barbara Parish Old Mission. Fr. Charles Talley, OFM, presided over the blessed event. It was a happy occasion not only for bride and groom, but for many of the guests that have shared a special friendship with Lou and Raul. On Saturday afternoon, September 17 the lovely couple held a reception at Serra Hall near the Old Mission with music, food and drinks. It was a fun time for all that attended the event.



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